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Local colleges respond to flu outbreaks with seasonal shots

BY ITHACAAN STAFF

As seasonal flu shots are being administered this week at Ithaca College, 99 determined cases of the H1N1 virus — commonly known as swine flu — have been reported since the beginning of the semester at the college, according to Dave Maley, associate director of media relations.

The Hammond Health Center began giving out seasonal flu vaccinations Monday to faculty and staff. Cecchi Cecconi, associate professor in speech language pathology and audiology, received his flu shot yesterday. He said he normally gets his flu shot every year, and this year was no different. “I don’t anticipate that this year will be any different than most other years,” he said. “The flu is always potentially dangerous.”

Cecconi also said he is happy that he can get his flu shot taken right at work. It’s fantastic that Ithaca College offers this, he said. “And it’s free, too.”

Shots for students are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Health Center. There is no charge and no appointments are necessary, but students must present their college ID cards to receive the shot. Shots will also be given again from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Health Center.

Last Friday, Warren Schor, a Cornell University student, died of the H1N1 virus at Cayuga Medical Center. Schor was Tompkins County’s first death of the H1N1 virus. Claudia Wheatley, director of publications and marketing department at Cornell, said since Schor’s death, no procedural changes have been made in dealing with the flu by the Gannett Health Center. Wheatley also said there have been about 620 flu-like cases reported at Cornell, though most of the cases are recovered.

“These cases have been recorded since the school year began,” Wheatley said. “And after a few days of rest, most of the students feel fine.”

Maley said a letter was sent out to all families of students to inform them of the latest updates of H1N1 at the college, including symptoms of the flu and what students should do if they feel sick. The letter was also posted on the college’s Web site.

The Campus Community Coalition, led by staff from Cornell, Tompkins Cortland Community College and the college, will hold a public information meeting at 7 p.m. tonight at Ithaca High School. Campus Health Center staff will answer questions and offer information about the flu. Off-campus health professionals will also be available. David Newman, director of the Health Center, will speak on behalf of the college.

“We want all the information we can give to be out there for everyone,” Maley said.

According to a survey conducted by the American College Health Association, there have been 13,434 suspected cases of swine flu reported at 253 colleges since Aug. 22. Last Friday’s weekly report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site said 11 states — mostly in the Southeast — were “widespread” with flu cases. The report also said 98 percent of those flu cases are the swine flu.

The CDC’s Web site said it expects there will be a swine flu vaccine by Oct. 15. Terri Hradiski, Ithaca College staff members wait to receive their flu shots Tuesday afternoon at the Wellness Clinic. Shots for students begin tomorrow. By Jacqueline Palochko

Rochon forms new diversity committee

BY JACQUELINE PALOCHKO

President Tom Rochon announced Friday the creation of a one-year committee to develop a diversity plan that will focus and guide the institution’s efforts over the next five years. The committee, reviewed and approved by the board of trustees, will meet for the first time today to decide which areas the college should focus its diversity efforts on.

Rochon said he created the committee in order to update the college’s efforts to address diversity issues. The Diversity Task Force, created in 2004 by former President Peggy Williams, was the last committee to focus on this issue. Rochon said while some of the objectives of the task force were met, others were not, or some are now outdated.

“The objectives are a bit stale,” he said. “Some have been achieved, and some have not been achieved. It’s time to refresh our strategic goals in the areas of diversity.”

In May, the committee will give a list of recommendations to Rochon to be carried out until 2015. The recommendations will be published and made available to the campus community. After getting Rochon the proposal, the committee will then dissolve.

First in the family

Students motivated to attend college despite parents not receiving degrees

BY LEAH TEDESCO STAFF WRITER

Sophomore Jessica Hulse was motivated from a young age to go to college because her parents and grandparents didn’t get a college education. Hulse is the first in her family to attend college. She said she made the decision to get a degree after watching her parents struggle — with only a high school diploma — to provide for her and her sister with the same opportunities as their friends.

Hulse, from Jackson, N.J., said her father is an electrician and her mother is a store manager at Stop and Shop, a supermarket. Hulse also works at Stop and Shop during school breaks to earn some spending money.

“My dad works outside in the heat, rain and snow,” she said. “And he is so tired when he comes home. I want to be more successful, make them proud and one day be able to turn around and pay them back.”

If it weren’t for the scholarships, loans and the FAFSA, Hula said she wouldn’t be attending a private college.

“I got into the University of Delaware, and we didn’t even consider it when I didn’t get the aid,” she said.

According to a Pell Institute study done this summer, only 11 percent of first-generation college students earn a bachelor’s degree within six years, compared to 55 percent of their peers. In a private four-year institution, only 43 percent of first-generation students earned their degree.

Eric Maguire, vice president of enrollment management, said out of the 2,000 freshmen this year at Ithaca College, about 20 percent are first-generation college students. The office uses the four-year college benchmark of a parent’s educational attainment to determine if a student is first-generation or not. A two-year degree is not considered when calculating first-generation students, Maguire said.

Maguire himself is a first-generation college graduate. The Pell Institute study also found that first-generation students were nearly four times more likely to leave college after the first year than their peers. Maguire said the college recognizes what research has indicated regarding first-generation students having more challenges of retention than other students.

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Got milk?

Men sit on a tank and look on as dairy farmers spray milk onto a field yesterday in Ciney, Belgium. The farmers dumped almost 800,000 gallons of fresh milk on a field to protest the current rock-bottom milk prices in Europe. Because of the low prices, many European farmers cannot make a living.

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Tompkins class to teach on Ithaca wine culture

A winemaking class and discussion about local agriculture will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday at the Tompkins County Cornell Cooperative Extension at 615 Willow Ave., in Ithaca. The program will focus on the agricultural revolution that has attracted tourists to the area. The cost is $3 per person or $5 per couple at the door. For more information, contact For more information, contact Lester McNaill at 262-0848 or e-mail freewillavenues@yahoo.com.

College seeks students to be resident assistants

The Office of Residential Life will hold an information session for students who are interested in becoming resident assistants from 7 to 8 p.m. tonight in Trestle 101. During the information session, Residential Life will answer questions about the position and application process. Attendance at the information session is not required to apply. Apply for an RA position online at www.ithaca.edu/ri by Oct. 9.

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Gay marriage to be topic of Constitution Day panel

A panel discussing “Approaching the Constitutional Threshold: Ending the Heterosexual Marriage Monopoly?” will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Textor Hall 102. In observance of Constitution Day 2009, the event will commemorate the Sept. 17, 1787, signing of the U.S. Constitution.

The panel will be moderated by Beth Harris. Panelists include Mariette Golden, a law professor at Ithaca College, and Richard Stumbar, partners in the local law firm of Schlather, Stumbar, Parks & Stumbar, who served as co-counsel for the New York state appellate court challenge of same-sex marriage.

The event, sponsored by the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Department of Behavioral Studies, is free and open to the public.

Water for Sudan asks students to donate meals

Water for Sudan will be tabling from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and tomorrow in the Campus Center. The student organization will be asking students to sign a menu on Sept. 24 to raise money to build a well in Sudan.

Students wanting to sign away a meal must have a meal plan and bring their ID number. Each meal signed away will be $2.25 donated to the organization.

Water for Sudan aims to raise awareness about water access issues throughout the world, with particular interest in Sudan, where portable water is extremely limited. According to the organization, its goal is $5,000 and a well will be built in southern Sudan in the name of the donor.

Grief support group helps those with sudden loss

Registrations are now being accepted for a grief support group beginning Sept. 15. The group is being organized as a collaborative effort between Suicide Prevention and Crisis Services and Hospicare.

Participants will explore grief compounded by the added complexity of sudden, unexpected loss. This support group will address some of the experiences that accompany sudden, traumatic loss.

Registration is required, as the number of participants is limited. The group will meet for six weeks from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 124 E. Court St., beginning Sept. 23. To register, call Donna George at 272-0412 or Deb Parker Traumstein at 272-1055.

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Correction

Longtime opposition leader Yukio Hatoyama took office as prime minister yesterday, naming a new cabinet and vowing to rebuild the economy and refocus Japan’s place on the world stage with his largely untested party.

Hatoyama’s victory over the conservatives, who have governed Japan almost nonstop since World War II, marks a major turning point for Japan, which is facing its worst postwar economic slowdown with unemployment at record highs and deflation intensifying.

But concerns run deep over whether the new government will be able to deliver.

Hatoyama has promised to cut government waste and to roll back the national bureaucracy and to restart the economy by putting a freeze on planned tax hikes, removing tolls on highways and focusing policies on consumers and small businesses.

He also has pledged to improve Tokyo’s bumpy ties with its Asian neighbors and forge a foreign policy that is more independent from Washington.

Syrian and Turkish leaders hold talks

President Bashar Assad of Syria met with Turkey’s prime minister yesterday in Istanbul to discuss ways to revive the stalled peace process between Syria and Israel, after a talk with Iraq collapsed.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been offering help to restart the talks, which were conducted through Turkish mediators last year. Israel and Syria hold four rounds of indirect talks, but the contacts broke down and have not been revived since a more hard-line government came to power in Israel in March. Turkey has also been trying to diffuse a recent spat between Syria and Iraq. Erdogan has been urging both countries to make peace.

The prime minister of Iraq, Nouri al-Maliki, has made a number of overtures to Syria, but Assad is said to be wary of the overtures of the prime minister. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in Emerson Suites.

Graduate and Professional School Fair

The event will begin at 8:30 p.m. in the African Latino Society

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More students seek employment on campus

BY MICHAEL FISCHELL
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Competition for student employment has risen this fall with the arrival of the largest freshman class in Ithaca College’s history, resulting in students not finding jobs or having shorter shifts than they had wanted.

Sylb Conrad, assistant director of the Campus Center, said it was clear that with 2,050 freshmen on campus, finding student employment for everyone would create some complications.

"The largest freshmen class so was, there just weren’t enough work-study jobs to accommodate everyone who was promised employment as part of their financial aid package," Conrad said.

As these complications arose, the Department of Human Resources designed a lot of the shifts at our information desks. That created more jobs.

Conrad said taking on the employees assigned from Human Resources was a great deal for the Campus Center, as it strengthened the workforce at no extra cost. "Technically, and financially speaking, we didn’t add any staff between last year and this year," Conrad said. "But this fall we have more students working for us than we did in the spring."

Conrad said even with all the new jobs created in the Campus Center, 10 or more students seeking employment still could not find jobs in Campus Center. Conrad also said the next time Campus Center puts out applications, she expects at least 80 people to express interest in what will only be about 10 vacant positions.

"I was surprised to hire about 150 more students were hired in the dining services at most," he said. "But then I received an e-mail with an offer of a job assignment and I accepted."

Mark Coldren, assistant vice president of the Department of Human Resources, said one of the main priorities for the college this year was to help students who received an offer of student employment as part of their financial aid package first.

"It’s a financial commitment our school has made," Coldren said. "We want to make sure we follow through on that."

"A lot of my friends did a lot of job hunting for off-campus work when he arrived here in August," she said. "I went down there the next day and was told I could definitely have the job — they even signed me up for hours."

Andrews then learned he would need to go through the Ithaca College Employment Office in order to officially obtain the position. "When he arrived at the office the next day, Andrews was told he was too late: He was to be number 130 on a waiting list lucky to reach 70."

The office suggested Andrews started checking for job availability within Dining Services.

"I’m working more a two-hour shift every Wednesday," Andrews said. "And I’m very fortunate to have even gotten that."

Students become mentors

BY JEFFREY PERDOMO
THE ITHACAN

Ithaca College students are set to start a mentoring program with Asian, Latino, African-American and Native American students at Ithaca High School this year to prepare high school students for the college experience.

The new student organization, Leadership Enterprise for Achievement and Diversity in Education, consists of eight students so far who are interested in giving ALANA students from the Ithaca City School District an opportunity to use resources not currently available to some students. This includes free SAT prep and workshops aimed to build skills for leadership roles.

"Senior Sharlene Nichols, spokesperson of LEAD in Education, said the executive board was interested in 10 to 15 of these seniors and two sophomores this year in the hopes of continuing the program into the next couple of years."

"We need student who could be seen as positive role models so that the high school students could see themselves on college campuses," Nichols said. "We don’t want any of the members of our organization to be like, ‘I was the exception’. We want them to be the rule."

The mentoring program is mostly for ALANA high school students and college students willing to spend time this year helping teenagers.

Mentors are required to have at least a 2.5 GPA and attend biweekly meetings at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. The first mentor/mentee meeting is yet to be announced. Interested participants need to fill out an application, due at 5 p.m. tomorrow, and mentors will be chosen around Sept. 26. The date of the first mentor training session will be Oct. 3. There will also be an interview process for both mentors and mentees.

Junior Natasha Tanner was one of the eight who attended the informational session. Tanner said she wanted to continue her mentor experience, stemming from her time tutoring first- and second-graders in high school and her time with the college’s Youth Bureau.

She also said she is hoping to mentor with the students she works with in this program.

"I’m hoping to get a long-lasting relationship with some of the students, and if not, to just make some sort of impact," she said. "If we don’t go in, no one else will."

Don Mills, principal of Ithaca High School, said he is excited to see Ithaca students help out local teenagers.

"I’m a big fan of helping out in the community," he said. "Anything from Ithaca and Cornell is great."

Freshman Malaka Omenib, who tutored first- and second-graders in high school, said she is interested in becoming a mentor because she wants to help disadvantaged youth have the opportunity to attend college.

"A lot of my friends did a lot of the college application process on their own without any help," she said. "It’s so much easier when you have the assistance of someone that has been through it before and knows what they are doing."

Russell Martin, assistant director for the Office of Student Engagement and Multicultural Affairs at the college, said he supports the mentorship program and would like to see more students get involved.

"It’s good when young people help others in the community and make their own on without any help," Martin said.

Trish DeGaray and freshman Greg Fulton work yesterday afternoon in La Vinita in Campus Center. The large freshmen class resulted in 150 more students working for Dining Services. MICHELLE BOELE, THE ITHACAN

The 2009-10 Center for the Study of Conflict, Race and Ethnicity speaker series at Ithaca College will focus on Race and Immigration. The series will aim to explore political changes and the treatment of immigrants in response to these changes.

Faculty assistant professor in the CSCRE, said the theme of race and immigration is relevant to the United States.

"Unless you are one to two percent of indigenous population in this country, everybody has an immigrant story, voluntarily or involuntarily," he said.

The first lecture in the series, "Contesting Imperial Belonging," will be given by Nefertiti Tadjar, professor of International Relations at Barnard College and director of the Center for Critical Analysis of Social Difference at Columbia University, at 7 p.m. today in Clark Lounge.

Faculty in CSCRE put together a list of speakers, ranging from professors to artists, who will be coming to campus to discuss expertise within the theme of race and immigration. Eversley Bradwell said the goal was chosen based on their ability to present ideas and discuss them, not to just lecture about immigration.

"We’re trying to identify speakers who are involved in really ongoing work and who can participate in conversation because it’s not a lecture series — it’s a discussion," Eversley said.

"We’re expecting all of our speakers to engage in the audience in a conver- sation after their presentations."

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More students show concern for H1N1 virus

 administrative assistant at the Health Center, said once the H1N1 vaccine is available, students will be able to receive it for free.

Hradiski also said the Health Center has been making more announcements this year. For example, the flu shots so more students will realize the importance of receiving the vaccine.

Theresa Lyczko, director of the Health Promotion Program at the Tompkins County Health Department, said the best way to avoid the flu is to limit the touching of the face, eyes and mouth and to stay home when feeling sick. She also said those with underlying conditions, such as diabetes or lung disease, should get a flu shot immediately.

“College students especially need to do this to keep their hands clean and away from their face,” Lyczko said. “And if you’re sick, just stay at home. The quicker you do it, the quicker you can get well.”

Freshman Chris LeVan said even though one of his friends was sent home this week by the Health Center for having the flu, he is not concerned about getting sick.

“I don’t believe in those flu shots,” he said. “Because I think I’m just as bad as the actual flu,” he said. “We don’t have to close the whole school down.”

Students who are feeling sick can receive a “Flu Kit” from the Health Center. The kit consists of medication to reduce fever, a thermometer, alcohol-based hand sanitizer and tissues. The Gannett Health Center at Cornell is also offering the same kits for students.

Freshman Shanae Beforus said she gets her flu shot tomorrow. She said so far, she thinks the Health Center is doing a good job in dealing with the flu cases.

“It’s not like the Health Center can force people to wash their hands,” she said. “Offering warnings and flu shots are fine with me.”

Freshman Anna Kimble said she has already been vaccinated for the seasonal flu and plans to receive the H1N1 vaccination. Kimble said she has noticed other students missing in her classes.

“I didn’t really think about the flu, but now a bunch of people in my English class have it,” she said. “It’s kind of freaking me out.”

For students at the college, H1N1 has been a routine part of discussion lately. Assistant Professor Alexandra Walittsch said the more she reads and hears about swine flu, the more she thinks about it.

“I’m pretty concerned about swine flu,” she said. “I feel like it’s inevitable that we’re going to get some point.”

But not all students are worried. Sophomore Megan Booth said she is not concerned about getting the swine flu.

“I won’t be getting the flu shot,” he said. “If I get sick, I get sick. Life goes on.”

“Students motivated by their families COLLEGE

Sophomore Jessica Hulse studies in her dorm in Hilliard Hall on Sunday afternoon. Hulse, a first-generation college student, said she went to college because her parents did not.

“It could be financial circumstances [or] the fact that they didn’t transition well,” he said.

Brian McAree, vice president of student affairs and campus life, will serve as chair of the committee. McAree, who served as the co-chair of the task force as well, said the committee plans to develop a strategic plan.

“We will certainly signal to the campus community the importance of diversity on a campus college,” McAree said.

Rochon said he chose the members based on their leadership positions and for the areas they work in.

“This is a leadership committee where work will be taken very seriously,” he said. “The members come from all areas that will be very important for our diversity efforts.”

Committee members will include: Travena Byrd, associate and director of equal opportunity compliance; Mark Coldren, associate vice president for human resources; Sue DuRhea, administrative assistant in residential life and chair of the staff council; senior Jeff Goodwin, president of the Student Government Association; Carol Henderson, associate provost for academic policy and administration; Leslie Lewis, dean of the School of Humanities and Sciences; Annette Levine, assistant professor of modern languages and literature and chair of the diversity awareness committee; Roger Richardson, associate vice president and dean for academic student affairs and chair of the president’s advisory council for diversity; Stan Seltzer, associate professor of mathematics and chair of the faculty council; and Gerard Tubide, director of the Office of Financial Aid and student admissions.

McAree said the committee will meet regularly throughout the academic year and decide on the recommendations they will give to Rochon in May.

“The committee will also decide on a definition of diversity, something Levine said will be discussed at the meeting.

“There needs to be a more precise definition about what the college will be focused on,” he said.

“Diversity” is such a broad definition that we need to prioritize it,” he said. Though the committee will have full say regarding where issues of diversity need to be improved, Rochon said there are definitely areas for re-evaluation.

“If I was content with where diversity is at Ithaca College, I wouldn’t be creating this committee,” he said.

Goodwin said when Rochon asked him to join the committee, he did not hesitate.

“Diversity is an issue where there can always be more done,” he said.

Goodwin said he was impressed when Rochon said he wanted to update the diversity efforts.

“Rochon has a good idea that current policies and plans are outdated,” he said.

Rochon said even though the committee is not being formed because of a certain incident, it is still an important issue to discuss.

“It says something terrific about Ithaca College that we’re taking this initiative now in a moment of crisis, like a hate crime,” he said. “We’re doing this in a somewhat normal moment as a reflection of our ongoing commitment to diversity day in and day out.”

“Nobody is doing this,” he said. “The Ithaca College students have to put it in their hands.”

“I’m definitely going to make my kids go,” she said. “It definitely doesn’t stop here.”
Hillel begins school year with anti-Semitism lecture

By Lily Oberman
Contributing Writer

Hillel, Ithaca College’s Jewish community, hosted a “Confronting Anti-Semitism” workshop Monday to examine how to effectively and appropriately respond to anti-Semitic or anti-Israel acts. About 20 students showed up to participate in the discussion led by Ariella Saperstein, the assistant director of the Anti-Defamation League’s New York regional office, and Stacey Popowsky, director of the ADL’s Campus and Confronting Anti-Semitism Initiatives.

At the workshop, students were separated into small groups of three or four people. In these groups, students examined different case studies in which potentially anti-Semitic or anti-Israel events occurred. A mock “apartheid wall” on a college campus and examples of anti-Semitism on the Internet were used to discuss how to handle anti-Semitic acts.

“The workshop was very productive,” junior Josh Vorensky, Hillel’s vice president, said. “It definitely met my expectations.”

The workshop kicks off Hillel’s programming for the school year. This semester, the group’s agenda will focus on social justice.

“In past semesters, we’ve kind of been an organization without a goal … so the executive board decided that our theme would be ‘Judaism and the world of social justice,’” junior Molly Wernick, programming director for Hillel, said. “A lot of our programming will be geared towards charity and community service.”

Michael Faber, director of the college’s Jewish community, said the student executive board has planned an ambitious agenda for the fall. Hillel will be holding its annual Inch-a-Thon, where students can cut and donate their hair for the organization Locks of Love and donate money to a similar Israeli organization. On Sunday, students picked apples at a local orchard and donated most of them to Loaves and Fishes, a community kitchen located in Ithaca. Wernick said that the group also plans to bring students 18 years and older to a casino in Syracuse, which Faber wants to tie in with the theme of social justice.

“My definition of gambling is ‘I have money to throw away,’” Faber said. “People ought to be aware that we’re going to take some percent of the money you’re going to throw away and put it in the charity box to benefit the food bank.”

Wernick said she also hopes that this year’s “Maccabeat” — a concert which was supposed to be held at the Lost Dog Lounge last year but was canceled because of a snowstorm — will be successful. She plans to find a venue, either on or off campus, and get performers to play at the event. Proceeds will go to charity.

“It’s going to be not just for the Jewish community, but for the entire campus,” Wernick said. “Everyone’s welcome to everything we do. We’re trying to grow and change and have programs that both nurture our own community and programs that also reach out to campus as a whole.”

The “Confronting Anti-Semitism” workshop was open to both the college and Cornell University students, Jewish and non-Jewish. Wernick said the Hillel at Cornell contacted her over the summer, asking if the two schools could collaborate on the event. Two students from Cornell attended the event. Faber said he wanted to try to bring students at the college and Cornell together on South Hill “for a change.”

Cornell student Eleanor Carmeli said she and other Cornell students are excited to work with students from the college this year.

“There was a lot of great energy at the workshop,” Carmeli said. Hillel member senior Samantha Rapaport, said the ADL held the workshop to prepare students in case there is ever any feelings of anti-Semitism at the college.

“If people don’t know how to defend themselves, they’re just going to sit there and feel uncomfortable,” Rapaport said. “How do you deal with hatred in your home?”

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By Mary Apesos
Contributing Writer

Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit has contracted with the vanpooling company VPSI Inc. to provide a service where a group of people living in the same vicinity can ride to and from work together. Passengers can get their work done, relax or eat breakfast while saving money and helping the environment.

The service is geared towards people who work in Tompkins County, mostly at Ithaca College and Cornell University, and commute more than 30 miles round-trip each day.

VPSI, based out of Michigan, is the largest commuter vanpool provider in the country and caters to areas similar to Ithaca that promote sustainable practices.

A vanpool is a group of five to 14 people who commute together on a daily basis and one person serves as the primary driver. Drivers must be at least 25 years old and have a clean motor vehicle record. They are responsible for picking up and dropping off passengers on time at a mutual location along with completing a monthly report.

Besides a few basic rules, such as no smoking in the car or talking on cell phones while driving, Jesse Kafka, business development executive of VPSI, said the vanpool is purely self-organized.

“It’s an exercise in sharing because you share the cost, you share the driving, you share the rulemaking,” he said.

College employees will receive $20 a month towards the cost of vanpooling, a free college parking permit for the van, TCAT bus passes and a “Just in Case” Ithaca Carshare membership. Currently, employees at the college can save even more if they sign up for the vanpooling service with incentives such as a $700 subsidy through TCAT.

The cost of the ride depends upon the amount of people in the vanpool and the distance they are commuting.

“The more people you have and the farther distance you commute, the more you’re going to save,” Kafka said.

VPSI will also provide a range of customer services including roadside assistance and emergency rides home.

Charlie Brundza, TCAT’s superintendent of operations, said interest in this program is already high.

“When we first put out the notice for this, we got 200 to 300 e-mails within a couple of weeks,” he said.

Marian Brown, special assistant to the provost and special projects assistant in the Sustainability Initiative, said vanpooling will be beneficial to many in Tompkins County.

“There are a number of people out in those communities who come in this far to come to work because IC is a great place to work,” she said. “It’s just a hard place to get to.”

Brown said the program will be another transportation option to use to get around Ithaca.

“Right now in this economy, people are trying to figure out, ‘OK, how do I keep my car on the road longer?’” he said. “Here’s a good way — leave it at home.”

To sign up for a vanpool to commute to work, visit www.VanRide.com.

Reflecting on 9/11

Graduate student Dana Barrett plays her bagpipes Friday afternoon outside Textor Hall to commemorate the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001. At the Peace Pole on the chapel pond, a small crowd also gathered to remember the 8th anniversary of the attacks.

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AUGUST 31

MVA / PROPERTY DAMAGE
LOCATION: J Lot
SUMMARY: Caller reported a one-car MVA, Report taken. Patrol Officer Jeffrey Austin.

MVA / PROPERTY DAMAGE
LOCATION: Flora Brown Drive
SUMMARY: Person reported a two-vehicle MVA, Report taken. Master Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE / INJURY RELATED
LOCATION: Terrace
SUMMARY: Caller reported a person sustained a finger injury. Person transported to the Hammond Health Center and then transported to CMC. Master Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

SEPTEMBER 1

ASSISTANCE / OTHER DEPARTMENTS
LOCATION: Garden Apartments
SUMMARY: Caller reported a person committed reported, compulsive behavior. Sergeant Ronald Hart.

PUBLIC LENDNESS
LOCATION: Garnett Center
SUMMARY: Caller reported an unknown person was masturbating in public. Investigation pending, Master Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

LARCENY
LOCATION: J Lot
SUMMARY: Caller reported unknown person stole cash from a vehicle. Investigation pending, Investigator Tom Dunn.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE / ILLNESS RELATED
LOCATION: Ceracche Athletic Center
SUMMARY: Caller reported subject has a small puncture on the thumb. First aid applied and further medical assistance declined. Fire and Building Safety Coordinator Ronald Clark.

LARCENY
LOCATION: Towers Concourse
SUMMARY: Person reported that an unknown person stole cash from a purse. Investigation pending, Investigator Tom Dunn.

MVA / PROPERTY DAMAGE
LOCATION: P Lot
SUMMARY: Caller reported a one-car MVA, Report taken. Patrol Officer Jeffrey Austin.

HARASSMENT
LOCATION: Garnett Center
SUMMARY: Person reported being followed by an unknown person. Investigation pending, Master Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

SEPTEMBER 2

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA
LOCATION: East Tower
SUMMARY: One person judicially referred for unlawful possession of marijuana. Patrol Officer James Landon.

FIRE ALARM
LOCATION: Terraces
SUMMARY: Fire alarm activation with unknown cause. Zone disconnected and system reset. Master Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE / ILLNESS RELATED
LOCATION: Clarke Hall
SUMMARY: Caller reported a person fainted. When located, person was conscious and alert and declined medical assistance. Person escorted to the Hammond Health Center, Sergeant Ronald Hart.

FIRE ALARM
LOCATION: M Lot Temporary
SUMMARY: Caller reported a vehicle fire. FD extinguished fire, and the vehicle was towed from campus. Master Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

CASE STATUS CHANGE
LOCATION: Office of Public Safety
SUMMARY: Person arrested for public noise resulting from incident that occurred Sept. 1 in Garnett Center. Person arraigned at Town of Ithaca Court and remanded to Tompkins County Public Safety Building. Person was restricted from campus. Master Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

SEPTEMBER 3

FIRE ALARM
LOCATION: Dininghams Center
SUMMARY: Fire alarm set off because of an activated smoke detector caused by paint fumes from contractors. System reset. Fire and Building Safety Coordinator Ronald Clark.

FIRE ALARM
LOCATION: Upper Quad
SUMMARY: Caller reported cigarette and trash receptacle fire. The fire was extinguished with water. Possible cause was a cigarette tossed in the trash section. Fire and Building Safety Coordinator Ronald Clark.

CASE STATUS CHANGE
LOCATION: Office of Public Safety
SUMMARY: After an interview, person was issued an appearance ticket for unlawful possession of marijuana for incident that occurred Aug. 30 in wooded area. Master Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA
LOCATION: East Tower
SUMMARY: Officer reported a semi-conscious person who was ill. Person was transported to CMC by ambulance and was judicially referred for unlawful possession of marijuana and irresponsible use of alcohol. Sergeant Bill Kerry.

SEPTEMBER 4

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA
LOCATION: J Lot
SUMMARY: Two people judicially referred for unlawful possession of marijuana. Patrol Officer Jeffrey Austin.

CCV / CAUSING FIRE OR EXPLOSION
LOCATION: Circle Apartments
SUMMARY: Officer reported people burning a paper cup. Two people judicially referred for causing a fire and dangerous condition. Fire Protection Specialist Enoch Perkins.

CCV / IRRRESPONSIBLE USE OF ALCOHOL
LOCATION: East Tower
SUMMARY: Person transported to CMC by ambulance and judicially referred for irresponsible use of alcohol. Patrol Officer Daniel Bechtold.

V&T VIOLATION / DWI
LOCATION: Coddington Road
SUMMARY: Caller reported a one-car MVA. During investigation one person was arrested for DWI. Person was issued uniform traffic tickets for Town of Ithaca Court for DWI. DWI greater than .08 percent blood alcohol content and inadequate brakes. Person was issued a campus summons for failure to obey a traffic control device. This person was also judicially referred. Patrol Officer Chris Tenbury.

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KEY
- CMC - Cayuga Medical Center
- CCV - College Code Violation
- DWI - Driving while intoxicated
- P/D - Ithaca Fire Department
- PDP - Ithaca Police Department
- MVA - Motor vehicle accident
- SAAP - Student Auxiliary Safety Patrol
- V&T - Vehicle and Transportation

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**PREPARING FOR A PANDEMIC**

The administration must inform the campus community about H1N1 to help prevent campuswide outbreak.

H1N1, or swine flu, has become the most prevalent strain of the flu in the country. The predicted second wave of the virus has hit Ithaca College.

More students are reporting flu-like symptoms every day, and the Hammond Health Center has confirmed 18 cases of the H1N1 virus as of Sept. 9. Warren Schor, a junior at Cornell University, passed away Friday because of complications with H1N1.

As more students at the college report flu-like symptoms, the college has been playing catch-up in an effort to inform the campus community about the virus. At the end of August, college officials used Ithaca.com announcements about H1N1 and did not do so again until last week. The college also did not send out a formal alert after students on campus had been diagnosed with H1N1. Cornell started preparing for an outbreak last spring, and the university maintains a flu hotline and Website. Tompkins Cortland Community College gave a free influenza vaccine to all students in order to prevent coinfection of the common flu and H1N1.

Steps to prevent or control the H1N1 virus should have been taken immediately — not after students were already infected. At this point, it is crucial that the college continues raising awareness of symptoms and the status of the H1N1 virus on campus through Intercom, the Health Center’s Website and e-mail alerts.

The college should also closely monitor all students who report flu-like symptoms, or are diagnosed with H1N1, by calling or e-mailing them to check their progress like Cornell has done. Students are advised to get a flu shot and report any symptoms to the Health Center. It is important for the entire campus community to monitor their health and stay informed so as to keep the virus ‘spread under control at the college.

**CLASS SIZE WOES**

While the administration puts caps on class sizes, space remains an issue despite the largest incoming freshman class in Ithaca College’s history, the student-to-faculty ratio has remained the same and most class sizes are not exceeding caps, according to the administration. In order to maintain the college’s educational experience, more class sections have been added and additional part-time faculty members are helping to accommodate the surplus of students.

Even though some class sizes have reached the caps that were adjusted last year, before the extra students were admitted — which is appropriate for larger lecture classes where having more students will enhance the learning experience — a major issue caused by the over enrollment still remains. Students are being asked to sit in chairs without desks because many room assignments cannot adequately hold the number of students in the course.

Regardless of whether a class is at or exceeds its cap, no student should be without a desk, or be unable to hear a professor who is too far away, at this institution. Students who attend the college expect — and deserve — an educational experience on par with what they were promised and what they paid for.

The college’s foresight to add more sections and hire additional part-time faculty to keep the student-to-faculty ratio low was a smart move to advertise a possible class-size problem, but the administration is urged to find appropriate classrooms for larger lectures. The college should ensure that adequate space is found and used so that the educational experience of all students on campus is not compromised — something the college, literally, cannot afford.

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Ithaca is for students What makes Ithaca one of the best college towns in the country?

"Ithaca's a really great college town because there are a lot of places kids can hang out to collegetown where there are a lot of great restaurants and shops. There's Ithaca college and there's cornell, so it's a really nice area." — Maya Beshara, '13 Communication, Art and Design

"Obviously the two colleges makes the whole place a youthfully full atmosphere. But aside from that the town is in such a great location, and there's just so much history behind it. It's a very kind little place, it's like a big city, concentrated in such a small area, that's really nice." — Tim Schmitz, '11 Philosophy and Religion

"The cultural atmosphere here is phenomenal — the music scene, the artist scene, and the theatrical scene. It's all really great. And it's surrounded by this natural beauty that I think is kind of unparalleled in the northeast and maybe even in the whole country — it kind of prevents that boredom, laying around in your dorm room situation that people in so many colleges tend to encounter." — Jennifer O'Connor, '10 Drama

"It's beautiful. Ithaca is gorgeous. You have so many things you can do. You have the commons, and college town, and stewart park and all the state parks and waterfalls. It has a great atmosphere." — Matt Prigeon, '13 Drama

"I'd say it's one of the best because it's got a lot to offer whatever your interests are, you can find something that you'll like, there's a good music scene, it's got a good party scene, there's a nice downtown area, and there's a lot of people in the population our age." — Anthony Deleonzo, '10 Social Studies

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Ithaca's economy not immune to recession

You may have seen the bumper sticker that guarantees “Ithaca is a community surrounded by reality.” For many of us, the place really does hold a magical quality. But the laws of physics still apply in the hilly 10 square miles, as do the laws of economics. Ithaca’s economy is unique. We have a responsible and socially aware community. We have a vibrant farmers market and tourist industry. Heck, we’ve even got an alternative currency. But the local economy is not diverse. Half of the jobs in the Ithaca metropolitan area are in one category: educational and health services. And about half of the remaining jobs can be tied directly to the health and education industries.

There had been a widespread notion that the local economy was recession-proof since the institutions of higher education, including Tompkins Cortland Community College, were so vibrant. However, careful observers have known for years that the local economy is not immune to national economic trends. Consider the short national recession that began in July 1990. Though only eight months long, the recession pulled the national unemployment rate up to 7.6 percent. Here in Ithaca that recession started sooner and lasted longer. The local unemployment rate topped out at 5.7 percent, but that is severe for us. The only time the unemployment rate has been as high is right now.

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Many of the industries that support our institutions of higher education do not pay premium wages. This explains why Ithaca has a relatively low unemployment rate in the state. Currently, there are 3,500 Ithacans looking for work who cannot find anything at all. This translates into 6.3 percent of our labor force. The local economy is a recession.

It would be so like Ithaca to come up with creative, alternative remedies for its economic woes. And the city might, but for the most part, the community’s hands are tied. Unlike the national government, state and local governments are prohibited from running deficits to stimulate the economy. And despite “Ithaca Hours,” we cannot manipulate the supply of money in the local economy.

That is why it is critical for the federal government to pass funds down to state and local governments as part of the stimulus spending package. Without those funds, important programs will have to be scaled back just at the time they are needed most. Economic development agencies like Tompkins County Area Development are to be commended for the work they do, especially with regard to maintaining and developing manufacturing jobs.

History tells us that we will come out of this recession. Let’s work on the assumption that we will come out of this recession and start preparing now. The only right way to prepare is to have a plan for economic development. We need to focus on what we can control.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Greek life remains an active part of campus culture

On a quick tour around the school, students can experience Greek life firsthand. Passing by a case near IC Square, they will find artifacts dating back to when Wayne College was still in the making. Passing by a case near IC Square, they will find remnants of the Greek life that has been so prevalent on this campus.

Ithaca residents walk around and shop on The Commons, the city’s pedestrian-only shopping area. Despite Ithaca’s alternative remedies for riding the recession, unemployment remains high.

The college’s philanthropic branch, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Philanthropies Inc., provides funding for music notation software, vision-impaired and music programs for developing countries (just to name a few projects), as well as dozens of scholarships, grants, loans, internships and overseas performance programs for sisters. The Epsilon chapter at the college just celebrated its 100th anniversary since being chartered in 1909. The college’s chapter consists of 27 sisters from different majors and musical experiences. Members do not need to be music majors but must have a sincere love of music and have taken one music class at the college. There are also a 27 minimum GPA requirement, and members must be at least a second-semester student.

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Yes, there is Greek life on campus. It has been there for more than 100 years — and it will remain for many more.

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Members of Mu Phi Epsilon, a coed music fraternity, participate in the Inter-Fraternity Council’s rush night Monday in the Whalen Center for Music. Andrew Burdick/ITHACAN

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Students say smoking on campus is liberating

BY KELSEY FOWLER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A haze hovers over Textor Hall on the Ithaca College campus, the sky with cigarette ash and smoke. On any given weekday, especially between classes and during lunch, small clusters of smokers light up in front of the entranceway to Friends Hall. Not only is the area outside of Friends almost always occupied with smokers, but across campus other smoking stations are busy as well.

The social aspect of smoking holds a strong draw for college teens, especially those who might not have had the opportunity to smoke at home.

Sophomore Melanie Connor started smoking at age 15. Connor said she began smoking more when she started college.

“It was easier to smoke at school because my parents don’t approve of smoking,” she said. “So I hid it when I’m home.”

She said she can understand why a lot of students, especially freshmen, might start smoking at college.

“On campus it’s easier to smoke,” she said. “If your parents don’t approve at home, they can’t really stop you here.”

David Newman, director of the Hammond Health Center, said he understands the enduring popularity of smoking cigarettes.

“Over the generations, smoking has maintained the image of coolness,” he said. “That seems to still be a factor for a portion of society.”

Sophomore Melanie Connor smokes a quick cigarette before class Tuesday by the Textor Ball. Many students flock to the platform outside Friends Hall for cigarette breaks every day.

“[College] can be stressful. Smoking’s an easy way to relax,” he said. “[College] can be stressful. Smoking’s an easy way to pass the time. When I drink, it’s nice to have a cigarette. It’s short-term euphoria.”

While it is easy to smoke on the college campus, it soon may become difficult to smoke downtown. A proposed ordinance from the Ithaca Legislative Committee would soon, if passed, make it illegal to smoke downtown.

“I’d be in favor of smoke-free walkways,” she said. “But junior Tatiana Herold said that for her, having designated smoking spots wouldn’t make a difference. She said coming to college never affected her decision to smoke.

“It seems ridiculous to think that people would want to start smoking simply because they see others around campus doing it and feel more comfortable or encouraged now that they are in a college environment,” Herold said.

Brown said either way students look at it, smoking is a conscious choice.

“We’re at an age where if someone is going to smoke, they’re going to smoke,” she said.
Hot or Not
This week’s hits and misses

The MTV Video Music Awards proved, yet again, to be an evening of flashy performances and award shockers. Staff Writer Alexandra Palombo ranks the best and worst moments of the epic show.

Hot
Lady Gaga’s “Paparazzi”
Considered by many as controversial, graphic and just plain weird, Lady Gaga’s performance of “Paparazzi” was by far the most original and surprising of the night. Starting with a few bars of her first single, “Poker Face,” Gaga launched a high-octane performance against the backdrop of a lavish castle. The number was full of masks, odd costumes and... bleeding. It ended with Gaga hanging above the stage with blood on her torso and the audience on their feet. It was nothing like any other performance of the night, making it the most interesting the VMAs has seen in quite some time.

Lukewarm
The Michael Jackson Tribute
The personal speech from Madonna was eloquent and moving, and Janet Jackson’s video dance with her brother was masterfully choreographed and performed. That said, the tributes to MJ seemed like overkill at this point. It’s been almost three months now; clearly the world knows it lost a great artist. Sometimes the most moving way to honor a legend is to let the work speak for itself, rather than making extravagant tributes. Maybe if this were a month or two earlier, it would have been more effective.

Not
Lil Mama crashing the stage
After Kanye West’s onstage blunder during Taylor Swift’s acceptance speech, the Internet flooded with commentary on the Louis Vuitton Don’s actions. A bit overlooked, though, was Lil Mama’s unscripted dance during Jay-Z and Alicia Keys’ performance of “Empire State of Mind.” Just because “Miracle Mack” doesn’t give her the right to... two-step her way into someone else’s spotlight.

Ride ‘em, cowboy!
Freshman Lucas Matheson rides a mechanical bull Saturday in Emerson Suites as part of IC After Dark’s annual Urban Cowboy event. The event, intended to offer students an entertaining alternative to drinking on the weekends, featured line dancing and Western music.

Charlotte Kramer, The Ithacan
Resident ducks make a splash

Two domesticated ducks make their mark on campus as friendly, personable celebrities

BY ANNE NORTGRAVES  STAFF WRITER

Frank and Whiskey spend most of their mornings making their way from the Public Safety pond to the Roy H. Park School of Communications among groups of students and faculty. The journey is long for their little, webbed feet, but the rewards are plentiful as the bold pair approaches people, begging for breakfast.

With their human-friendly behavior, these two mallard ducks have gained a great deal of notoriety in a short amount of time. Junior cinema and photography student Kristyne Fetsic, who began seeing the ducks this semester, said she already has an affinity for them.

“I’ve seen them outside just this year,” Fetsic said. “I call them Frank and Whiskey.”

Her name for the ducks would be more fitting if the two were male, but the lack of color on their heads and their overall muted coloring indicates that the two are, in fact, females.

Kit Straley, junior biology major, is especially interested in ducks and said she was shocked by the ducks’ interest in humans.

“One of the first days we were back … we were going to stop at Park, and they were just sitting outside,” Straley said. “I’ve always really liked ducks. I got really excited, and I slowly approached them, and then they just both stood up and ran over to us, which was a big surprise.”

This is the first semester these particular ducks have been seen by students. However, a pair of equally friendly ducklings were noticed this summer by junior psychology major Jacqueline Baum, who began seeing the ducks this summer by junior psychology major, said she noticed the deformed duck’s interest in humans.

“Since [the duck] couldn’t fly away when danger was approaching … basically it was stuck there,” Kanda says. “It started getting lots of food. And so its sibling said, ‘Hey, food!’”

“Some is it very tempting to feed these cute animals. However, doing so is not in the ducks’ best interest,” Straley said feeding bread to the ducks is not healthy. “It’s bad for them,” she said. “I still can tell they only ate bread.”

“Over time its [wings have] been sticking out a little bit less,” Straley said. “I still can tell which one’s which because they act very different. But in terms of their wings, they now look exactly the same.”

This is positive news for all those who have become attached to the birds.

“I like them,” Baum said. “They’re kind of like the Park mascots now.”

Another reason not to feed the ducks is the hope that they might return to normal habits and participate in this fall’s migration.

“We’ve had calls from people who’ve gone in [the building], and the ducks have walked in the building behind them,” Straley said. “They fold out and up and stuck up like little spikes on its back, instead of [lying] down flat.”

Animal ecologist and assistant professor of biology Leann Kanda also observed the ducks and believes the malformation — and subsequently their inability to fly from humans — led students to start feeding one of the ducks. When the other noticed, it began begging for food as well.

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Sergeant Ronald Hart of Patrol and Security Services said he has responded to several complaints that the ducks, while not dangerous, are a bother.

“They don’t bite,” he said. “They can’t harm you. They’re more of a nuisance. We’ve had calls from people who’ve gone in [the building], and the ducks have walked in the building behind them.”

Kanda said the ducks’ comfort around people is more understandable given that they live on a college campus.

“Birds on campuses, which are very human-dominated landscapes, are always much more domesticated,” Kanda said. “They get used to humans being around that aren’t hurting them.”

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Straley said the ducks are becoming quite famous, starring in parts of several student projects.

“I took pictures of them for intermediate photography, and someone else used them for a CP class for a film called ‘Duck Films,’” Straley said. “They’re like celebrities.”
Get ‘em while they’re hot

Hot dog vendor Louis Cassaniti loves hot dogs and conversation

BY MATTHEW HARVEY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Ithaca locals have no beef with Louis “The Hot Dog Man” Cassaniti. In fact, many of them have only positive things to say about the 65-year-old who has become a fixture on The Commons selling hot dogs for the past 19 years.

“Weather permitting, I stay until 5 p.m.” Cassaniti said, sporting an Ithaca College T-shirt and backward baseball cap.

Regulars on The Commons, like Dana Potenza, owner of the eyewear store Opti Vision, take advantage of Cassaniti’s stand for their lunch breaks.

“He cooks a good hot dog,” Potenza said. “I remember him being there since the 1980s. If you ever want to find anything out about anybody, he’s the guy to go to.”

Indeed, one would be hard-pressed to find a local who is unfamiliar with Cassaniti’s hot dog tent. Many, having gotten to know him through small talk, affectionately refer to him as “Lou.” He said the friendly atmosphere is something he actively cultivates.

“Talking and working are 50-50” Cassaniti said. “I like how fast-paced the job is. People are always in a hurry. "

Indeed, the job is a position he said he relishes. “Being the man people feel comfortable coming to with their questions is something Cassaniti treasures, even if it means he’s a huge Elvis Presley fan — and the Yankees. He said he once gave a patron some friendly jibes for being a Mets fan after his excitement over Derek Jeter’s proximity to Lou Gehrig’s all-time hits record.

Cassaniti also has community concerns. He routinely reminds customers of upcoming public events like the Apple Harvest Festival, and his stand displays a sign for a new art gallery opening on The Commons.

“I’m going to be doing a fundraiser for the SPCA in the first week of May,” Cassaniti said. “Animal rights are definitely a big concern for me.”

Giving back to the community is something Cassaniti treasures, he said. His favorite act of kindness is feeding the pigeons on The Commons with hot dog buns. He said the crowd he draws at his hot dog stand, whether it be customers or birds, always wants a piece of the action downtown.

Sometimes Cassaniti is visited not for his hot dogs but for advice. Being the man people feel comfortable coming to with their questions is a position he said he relishes.

“The two most common questions I get are: ‘Where’s the post office?’ and ‘Where’s the post office?’” he said.

From left, Dave Wrisley and his German shepherd Achilles look over snacks and buy two hot dogs from Louis Cassaniti on Saturday on The Commons. Wrisley and Achilles are Cassaniti’s best customers, visiting him every day.

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Hangar Theatre works to renovate performance building

BY WHITNEY FABER
STAFF WRITER

Water sloshes backstage at the Hangar Theatre as actors’ and crew members’ buried feet move across the flooded floor. In the lobby, the audience waits to be seated in the shabby seats of the theater. Small puddles accumulate in all corners of the room.

Lisa Bushlow, executive director of the Hangar Theatre, said water leakage is always a problem. "Our patrons are used to waiting in the lobby with water up to their ankles," she said.

With the coming renovations of the current building, however, the Hangar Theatre hopes to recreate an arts-and-education building for all seasons that will be both safe and sustainable by June 2010. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held Monday to honor the commencement of the building’s renovations.

Originally an airplane hangar built in 1934, the building was converted to the Hangar Theatre in 1976. Since then, the arts program has been growing in importance among the Ithaca community, but the building has been slowly falling into disrepair.

In June 2008, the theater went public with its capital campaign to raise $4.6 million — $4 million of which was approved to renovate the building; $600,000 will be used as an endorsement for the future upkeep of the building.

To date, the campaign has raised 81 percent of its goal, most of which has been raised by the Tompkins County community. The Hangar Theatre will continue to accept pledges through December 2010 to fully meet its goal.

People who gained their first experience in dramatic performance at the Hangar Theatre are also included in raising funds. Affectionately titled by the board, "alums and chums," the cast and crew members of past shows, played a large part in the campaign.

Shelley Semmler, co-chair of the community campaign and vice president of Institutional Advancement at Ithaca College, said the board decided to call on the "alums and chums" because of the importance of the Hangar Theatre to their current professional careers.

"The idea is that there are some very famous people in theater that got their start at the Hangar," she said. "We have people — actors, directors, designers, producers, costume designers — that we never asked for support before, so this campaign has really galvanized that effort."

Mary Beth Bunge, development director of the theater, said prior to raising the money, the board of the theater dedicated a lot of time to planning what would bring a lasting fix to the building’s problems by coordinat- ing ideas with Holt Architects.

"Like a lot of nonprofits, we have to Band-Aid a certain amount of things," Bunge said. "When we got into the ‘capital campaign,’ we took that planning time and said, ‘What is it going to take to fix the building’ and do it right — not patch it — but make it last a good, long time?"

Semmler said the renovations are necessary just to keep up with health codes.

"It’s become very unhealthy environmentally," Semmler said. "The bathrooms and back rooms are very substandard. The common remark of anyone that goes on a tour of the theater is it’s unbelievable grungy."

Much of the renovations will be dedicated toward making the building safe, including leveling and raising the floors to prevent flooding in the summers. The building will also have heating and insulation installed so that it can be used in the winter.

At present, the year-round education program has no permanent residence and must move to different areas of the college community.

Bushlow said this education is what has made the theater such an important part of town.

"Our mission is different from other theaters [in the area] in the fact of 50 percent of what we do is education-based," she said.

Bunge said she hopes the renovations raise the bar for performers.

"We’re really committed to offering a theater experience pretty much to everyone, regardless of age or income level," Bunge said. "Just by having a year-round facility, we’re only beginning to imagine what all other possibilities could be."

For more information on the theater’s capital campaign, go to www.hangartheatre.org.

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Blood splatters across the screen in a presentation of terror and tact as the gore of combat is exploited for audience’s amusement in the new release ‘Gamer’. Action movies are often suspected to be somewhat lacking in plot and character development, but ‘Gamer’ was missing more than just a good story. It was missing entertainment.

‘Gamer’, set in the future, is about a new virtual video game where players are able to control a real person, instead of a computer-generated character. The technology was originally used to create a world called “Society”, similar to the “Sim” computer game. Over time, the “game” progressed so that players could control people in live battle in a game similar to the popular shooter video game “Call of Duty”, but with death row inmates as the soldiers.

In the midst of the world’s craze for the game, Kable (Gerard Butler), a criminal only three battles away from his release from the game and prison, becomes a national icon, along with his controller Simon (Logan Lerman). Near the end of the game, secrets about the game’s creator Ken Castle (Michael C. Hall) begin to unravel as Kable and Simon find the true intentions behind the technology.

In an attempt to appeal to a male audience, ‘Gamer’ takes the saying “sex sells” to a new level. Half-naked women appear randomly throughout the film with no clear point or purpose. The same can be said for the gore and blood shown in the film.

In this film, the fighting sequences are the most difficult scenes to watch. The camera often darts and spins so quickly it creates a nauseating effect on screen. Trying to create a film style similar to playing a video game, the scenes often cut quickly from one place to another, making the battle sequences choppy and hard to focus on. In a largely action-driven movie, it was disappointing when the action in the film became hard to stomach.

One positive aspect of the film is its well-crafted sound track, most notably using Marilyn Manson’s remake of the song “Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)”. The rest of the film was made up of bass-driven beats that helped to fuel the numerous action sequences throughout the film.

Coming off of his success in romantic movies like “The Ugly Truth” and “P.S. I Love You”, Butler returns to the macho role he became famous for in “300”.

Directors Brian Taylor and Mark Neveldine are not stranglers to the pointless action film. Known as the writers and directors of “Crank” and “Crank 2”, the directing team created another set of action-packed films that hold little interest in story and attempt to entertain audiences through random blood and sex.

While few people expected ‘Gamer’ to be a wonderful, Oscar-nominated, dramatic masterpiece, the directors could have at least tried to make it a good action film. It’s guaranteed that some audiences will still find interest in the pointless action and sexual scenes, but others will leave the theater shaking their heads in utter dissatisfaction.

‘Gamer’ was written and directed by Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor.

Prison inmate Kable (Gerard Butler) fights and shoots his way through a scene in “Gamer.” Kable, who is controlled by Simon (Logan Lerman), is one of the many humans manipulated in a virtual world by real-life citizens.

BUTLER RETURNS TO ACTION-FILM GENRE TO NO AVAL
BY WHITNEY FADER
STAFF WRITER

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“Gamer”
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Brian Taylor
Starring:
Gerard Butler
Logan Lerman
Michael C. Hall
Willingness
RATING: ★★

The ‘king of hip-hop’ asserts his title
Rapper, mogul Jay-Z produces hit after hit on new album

BY SARAH MCCARTHY
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 13 years after his debut studio album, “Reasonable Doubt”, Jay-Z still serves as one of the most successful hip-hop superstars of the ‘90s. What makes Jay-Z’s music relevant a decade after his inception is his ability to fuse the old with the new.

Jay-Z’s 11th studio release, “The Blueprint 3”, delivers the same musical flow his fans expect, but his lyrics are smarter and more daring than ever. The final installment of the “Blueprint” trilogy does not disappoint and is arguably his best album yet.

As the reigning king of hip-hop, Jay-Z isn’t afraid to ruffle some feathers, most notably with his single “O.C.A. (Death of Auto-Tune),” which mocks rappers who rely too heavily on Auto-Tune sound correction.

Even if his songs have already made enemies — T-Pain and The Game to name a few — Jay-Z can still comfortably knowing he has the best of the industry on his side. He brings back his regular favorites Kany West, Rihanna, Pharrell and The Neptunes. But he also boasts some new friends on his roster. Alicia Keys, Kid Cudi and Drake lend their talents to his tracks.

The compilation of so many artists saves the album from possessing a generic, redundant sound. Anyone unaccustomed to Jay-Z’s still deliver great rhytmes at 39 needs to listen to the tracks “On to the Next One” and “Off That”. Both songs exemplify Jay-Z’s ability to rap faster and cleaner than most current artists. The key track off the album is his collaboration with Keys, “Empire State of Mind”. The song is a surrounded pleaser. Listeners will find it difficult to listen to the chorus without bobbing their heads to the beat.

While the meat of the album is one great song after another, the first and last tracks are wonderful ways to introduce and close the album. “What We Talkin’ About” is an average track, but it is a weak opening that fails to pull listeners in anticipation of the rest of the album. Jay-Z redeems himself by placing the slick “Thank You” next, and it’s smooth sailing until “Young Forever”, the dreadful closing track. “Young Forever” is a rendition of terrible 90’s pop tunes and features Jay-Z trying to convince the kids that he’s still got it.

Jay-Z has come a long way since “Reasonable Doubt” — he is no longer a struggling rapper trying to make it in the industry. However, he still retains the one trait that made his success: He is a talented and clever rapper that has managed to evolve with the game.

Overall, the album is one of the best hip-hop releases of the year and will surely be remembered as one of Jay-Z’s best. It’s clear that this album is a product of the best minds in the industry. “The Blueprint 3” is sure to satisfy both the casual and hard-core Jay-Z fan.
Animation stimulates audience, but post-apocalyptic script falls flat

BY MATTHEW REIS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Shane Acker’s first feature-length film, “9,” is a flawed, post-apocalyptic vision of the not-so-distant future. Based on a short film, also named “9,” the film has some thrilling moments but should have never been adapted for the big screen.

The film, set in a time of economic upheaval, depicts a dictator known only as the Chancellor who orders the help of a team of scientists to develop technologies that will allow the state to prosper.

The smartest scientist develops a machine so ingenious, fittingly called The Brain, that it gradually starts thinking for itself. Though the creator insists The Brain isn’t fully operational, it is put to use anyway by the Chancellor. The machine eventually begins to think for itself, ensuring the inevitable destruction of the world.

A seemingly simple story line prevents the film from becoming a great, dark fantasy in the vein of Tim Burton’s “The Nightmare Before Christmas.” Burton’s film’s producer, clearly shares a similar animation style with Acker. But Burton’s screenplay takes center stage over the arbitrary action present in “9.”

The survivors of the destruction are not human, but rag doll officially known as “stitchpunks.” They have in hiding, forced to pick up the pieces that mankind left for them. The filmmaking and storylines were creatively named No. 1 through No. 9. Some fighting exists between the stitchpunks, especially with the arrival of No. 9, the youngest of this oddly cute creatures.

The oldest and most conservative stitchpunk, No. 1, would rather wait and die in the stitchpunks’ hideout than fight the machines like No. 9. This tension reveals that “9” amazing backdrops primarily serves as filler for the thin storyline and mundane plot.

The film is advertised as a post-apocalyptic nightmare, but few will be scared while watching “9.” As a whole, it lacks a certain bizarre and grotesque quality and feels empty without emotional punch and maturity.

One of the unsentiments of this film is that its basic premise has already been seen. “The Matrix,” for one, deals with humanity rebelling against the machines that oppress them, like the rag dolls who find themselves at the mercy of these mechanized beasts. The character No. 9 is naive and reckless, and his behavior results in the death of a backup character. For a supposedly strong-willed hero, No. 9’s voice cracks at any sign of danger, but yet he gradually develops into a mature leader capable of fighting for the survival of life on Earth.

The movie’s storylines in spite of the first 30 minutes, paves the way for an exciting climax and conclusion. The film could have shed 25 minutes off of its runtime and still have gotten its point across. The fast-paced, yet unfinished beginning of “9” may annoy some people, but the upbeat ending nicely completes the movie. “9” lacks the magic to be a classic. If the film stopped trying to satisfy both preteen and adult audiences, maybe the story would have mattered. To save two and half hours of one’s time, just wait until “9” comes out on DVD.

By the way, Dancy, previously caught in the acting type of autism, but some people with Asperger’s can be brilliant, like Adam. Space is the one thing Adam feels comfortable talking about. This leads to full-screen shots of asteroids and the Milky Way galaxy. There are many interesting angles beside spectacular views of the night sky throughout the film, such as a simple shot of Adam's impression of macaroni and cheese collection.

One of the many things “Adam” gets right is the acting. Dancy, previously caught in the role of male romantic lead, is finally given the chance to truly show what he can do — and does he ever. Many times when an actor plays someone with a disorder, the character can end up overdosed and fake — a caricature of what people see. Dancy plays Adam as more than just a person with Asperger’s, giving the audience much more appreciation for Adam as a person. So far, this is Dancy's best performance of his career. And Byrne holds her own as Beth. She responds to him as many others would, with kindness and a bit of intrigue.

In the end, Adam shows the audience how a series of moments can change how one sees the world. This change comes from the script. Adam and Beth’s relationship is real, honest and avoids getting caught in the tangled web of a typical romantic-comedy relationship. The writing also helps to avoid turning Adam into a victim, which is a feat for any film writer.

Something else the movie gets right is the sound track. With a beautiful song by Chris Lennertz, viewers are transported into Adam’s world. Additional songs by Joshua Radin and The Weepies give the movie a relaxed vibe that contributes heavily to the understanding that Adam’s world isn’t really so far away.

Ultimately, “Adam” is the story of love and growth. The ending avoids being contrived, and the characters are so real they come off as one’s own neighbors. Overall, “Adam” shows that a stronger end might end up being one’s soul mate.

“Adam” was written and directed by Max Mayer.
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preparation

College athletes supplement diet to maximize effort

BY ANDREW WEISER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

When graduate student Matt Scalice arrived at Ithaca College to play football as a freshman, he brought an imposing 240-pound presence to the field.

Through a structured, nutritional regimen that complements numerous workouts and training routines, Scalice now brings his commanding stature to the team as a respected co-captain and as reigning Empire 8 Defensive Player of the Year.

Sustaining a healthy diet in conjunction with the rigorous training routines that athletes work with, and then finding a balance in maintaining their level of conditioning, can sometimes be difficult. One way athletes can ensure they are replenishing the essential nutrients and vitamins in their body is through the use of dietary supplements.

Dietary supplements are not illegal and are sold over the counter at pharmacies as well as from nutritional companies, such as the General Nutrition Center.

One concern that is associated with GNC: in particular is that they sell several products that are not FDA approved and have unidentified results. One product that has notably varying effects across the board is supplemental whey protein. Found in a wide variety of powders and shakes in different quantities ranging anywhere from $12 to $150, this supplement is something that some players turn to after workouts and training.

“A lot of guys on the team use protein, and it’s very important if you’re going to work out,” Scalice said. “Being a college student, it’s hard to get three meals a day and eat properly, so taking a nutritional supplement is vital.”

One reason behind athletes incorporating whey protein into their diets is found in the branched chain amino acids that contribute to the body by preserving stored glycogen in muscle, which can help reduce the breakdown and deterioration of proteins during exercise. Athletes commonly take whey protein when they are attempting to either bulk up or maintain a particular weight class.

“I actually just started [taking whey] this summer,” women’s soccer junior forward Kelly Gannon said. “I knew with the diet I was on and working out so vigorously that I was with weight lifting, I needed the protein in order to not deteriorate. So I decided to start taking it.”

The recommended daily amount of whey protein consumption falls between 31–93 grams, which translates to 130–700 calories, and 24–72 grams of protein.

The NCAA rules stipulate that an athlete’s normal caloric intake cannot exceed 30 percent from protein. After that point, programs that are providing their athletes with these supplements can no longer do so.

Since many powder-based supplements can require 6 to 8 ounces of water before consumption, hydration acts as an encompassing contributor in conditioning regardless of athletes’ supplementation.

“On the liquid level, [trainers] are always telling us to stay hydrated and always telling us to take fluids,” men’s soccer senior defender Michael Jordhamo said. “That’s one of the most important things a player can do is to stay hydrated to avoid any unnecessary injuries.”

But while trainers encourage athletes to stay sufficiently hydrated and sustain healthy eating habits, both Jordhamo and Gannon said that trainers don’t necessarily have any direct influence over what players are consuming. Rather, they leave it up to the athletes to be smart about what they are putting in their bodies.

“It’s all on my own, and [the trainers] have very little involvement,” Gannon said. “They tell us to eat healthy; we don’t really have any involvement whatsoever.”

As far as recommending what approach athletes should take to maximize their training efforts, some experts don’t condone the use of whey protein.

Allen Knehans, professor and chair of the nutrition sciences department at the University of Oklahoma Health and Sciences Center, discourages the use of whey protein.

Knehans researched and studied the use of whey protein in resistance training, from which he concluded there are healthier alternatives in attaining the desired results.

“My experience is those people who benefit from taking a protein supplement during weight training, what they’re really doing is adding additional calories,” Knehans said. “If there is additional benefit, that’s where it’s going to come from, and you can get additional calories a whole lot cheaper and a lot healthier if you just eat more food.”

“When it comes to the possible negative side effects related to taking added protein, potential problems can be associated with improper hydration in correlation with stress.”

“If somebody is dehydrated then maybe additional protein would put them at risk,” Knehans said. “It’s increasing stress on the kidney and fluid levels. If someone is under high stress and dehyrdrated already, that additional protein could put them over edge.”

The use of whey protein as a supplement isn’t specific to any sport or gender and can have potential benefits when used correctly with any physical activity. Scalice commented on its use in football, but also acknowledged its use outside of athletics.

“I wouldn’t see why not to take protein when being a runner or track athlete or any other sport that’s physically demanding,” Scalice said. “I know a lot of people that take protein who don’t play sports.”

In regard to the overall level of conditioning involved in Division III collegiate athletics, it’s understandable that some athletes use whey protein supplements and see different results, since it varies on a person-to-person basis.

“I haven’t noticed any difference,” Gannon said. “Because I’m not taking it to build more muscle, I’m taking it to just maintain. So I haven’t really noticed any notable changes.”

This can be common among athletes taking supplemental whey protein; the added protein doesn’t necessarily have any benefit whatsoever, Knehans said.

“I don’t think adding additional protein of any types is going to be of special value,” Knehans said. “Most people who consume your typical American diet have enough protein, and to add still more isn’t going to add value.”

But whether or not athletes choose to take dietary supplements, they will all agree when it comes down to it, maintaining a healthy nutrition regimen is the most effective supplement to maximizing players’ workouts.

“Nutrition is very important when it comes to preventing injuries and preventing colds and sickness,” Scalice said. "So nutrition is a huge part in being a college student and playing a sport."
Football faces adversity on the road

BY BRYAN SHAY
SPORT WRITER

He gets to the locker room, grabs his bags and sits in the first open bus seat. Earphones are in and the game-day playlist is on as he closes his eyes. He visualizes his assignments, concentrating on his job and his job only. A bus ride home is always more enjoyable after a win.

“I love playing on the road,” graduate student linebacker Matt Scalise said. “It is a time to calm down and time away to let your mind clear out and focus on the task at hand.”

Whether they like it or not, playing on the road is something the football team will have to get used to this season, as the team is scheduled to play only four home games in 2009 and none of those in the first half of the season.

Statistics show that the Bombers’ road-heavy schedule is a clear disadvantage, but Head Coach Mike Welch said he refuses to acknowledge this to be the case. He said it shouldn’t have any impact on his team.

“Whenever you are playing on the road, you just have to adjust,” Welch said. “You are playing in other people’s stadiums, and you can use it as an advantage or a disadvantage, but it doesn’t matter where we play. We still have to prepare the same way.”

Either way the stats don’t lie, and, as expected, the Bombers are historically more successful when kicking off on their own field. Ithaca College has an all-time winning percentage of .751 with a record of 234–76–5 at home, while the team’s all-time winning percentage on the road is just .565 with a record of 204–150–7.

In recent years, the Blue and Gold have truly established their dominance on South Hill. The team is 37–4–1 in its last 41 games played at Butterfield Stadium, dating back to the 2002 season.

The last time the Bombers traveled on a season where they had more road games than home games was back in 2002, when the team finished 7–3. The college finished the season with a perfect 4–0 record at home but was just 3–3 on the road.

The reasons behind the results at home as compared with performances on the road seem obvious, as the surface on most fields in any sport yield better outcomes when at home. Players have a comfort level of playing in a familiar place, a home crowd as moral support and the ability to relax before the game without the stress of travel.

But Scalise said there are a number of other factors that could weigh in as distractions for student athletes. These distractions include letting professors know about classes they may have to miss because of travel and having to pack and prepare for weekends with extensive road trips, along with long, tiring bus rides, such as the ride the Bombers have to make to Foothill, Md., on Oct. 17.

After starting the season with their first two games on the road, the Bombers returned home Saturday following an upsetting three-point loss at the hands of Union College. However, since 2002 the Bombers are 3–1 when returning home after a loss on the road.

Senior offensive lineman Mark Rodovick said taking care of business on the field is not a matter of location.

“Home or away, it’s a business trip,” he said.

Senior captain leads the way for field hockey team

BY KERRY BARGER
SPORT WRITER

Senior midfielder Annie Onzik said she came to Ithaca College on a whim.

“At first it wasn’t really in the scheme of what I wanted to do,” Onzik said. “It had an established physical therapy program, so I finally made the decision to come to school here."

With eyes set on starting college at Ithaca, Onzik decided that playing field hockey her freshman year was not an option for her — she never really considered playing a sport in college.

She settled on finishing out her playing career at Bishop O’Reilly High School in Shavertown, Pa.

But as her freshman year progressed, Onzik found she was missing the game. Though she was satisfied with her choice of college, she began to miss field hockey.

“It was throughout that first year that I realized how much I missed playing the game — being out there on a team,” Onzik said. “It really pushed me to step out for the team the next season.”

Onzik made the team as a sophomore in 2007 and became an immediate presence for the Bombers. She played in all but three games and scored herself as an important midfielder both on offense and defense.

It was in her junior year that Onzik stepped up as a central player to the Bombers’ success.

Playing in 14 games in 2008, she had seven goals and four assists, totaling 18 points. She helped the Blue and Gold achieve their best record since 2003.

Onzik was also recognized by the Empire 8 for her excellent play.

She was an All-Empire 8 second-team selection, giving Onzik her first all-conference recognition.

This year, both the Bombers and Onzik are out to a hot start.

Onzik may have taken a year off to start her college career, but ever since she returned to the game, she has lit up the field, playing aggressively and taking advantage of every scoring opportunity.

“Early and often,” that’s what she says before every whistle,” Brown said. “It’s always reassuring to have Annie behind you on the field and ready for anything that comes her way.”
Selfless senior aims to guide team to nationals

BY COLLIN SCHUCK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

He runs the back trails of Ithaca every Sunday morning. He makes headlines every Saturday at meets. He sweats and strains to improve every single day. Senior Curt Bell may be working to be the best he can be, but he's not in it for the individual glory.

"My No. 1 goal is to get the entire team to nationals," Bell said. "It's been the goal since day one on campus. I just want to do my part to get the team to nationals. The team has brought so much to me. I can't think of anything better than going to nationals in my senior year!"

Bell earned all-division, all-league and team Most Valuable Player honors at Marcellus High School. This achievement, he said, came to the men's cross country team a little apprehensive.

"I really wanted to make the team," Bell said. "The first couple weeks here were not easy. It was significantly more mileage than I had in high school. There were some tough races early on, but after adapting, I started getting better!"

After a good freshman year, scoring in eight of his nine races, Bell continued pushing and improving training methods to better his personal performance. He received all-conference honors, placing sixth in the Empire 8 Championships, finishing 55th in the NCAA Regional Championships and placing 38th at the New York State Collegiate Track Conference Championships.

"The biggest thing was probably doing summer training before sophomore year," he said. "I knew what I was in for. I did quite a bit of work. And I made big improvements. I started doing Sunday morning runs — it's the sort of thing I've done a lot more of and paid more attention to."

Head Coach Jim Nichols said Bell is a dedicated athlete.

"He has been working hard to improve himself from the first day he stepped foot on campus," Nichols said. Last season, Bell had his best season so far as a Bumper. He qualified for the NCAA Championships, placing 128th in the nation. He was named to the all-Empire 8, all-state and all-region teams. He was also runner-up in the Empire 8 Championships and placed third in the NYSSCTC Championships. Though the accolades are incredible, Bell said individual goals weren't on his mind throughout his career.

Nichols said Bell had a great race at nationals, but knows he would rather see his team get there.

"He has had a taste of that," Nichols said. "I want to return with the team and share the experience with his friends."

In his first meet this year, Bell placed first at the Janette Bonrouhi-Zakaim Memorial Run in Ithaca. Nichols said Bell is the only runner who has broken 16 minutes on that course. His leadership on the course is evident, but his teammates also feel the off-the-course effects.

"He's a great leader," freshman Billy Savage said. "He takes his training seriously. He's the life of the team, and everybody looks up to him."

Nichols said Bell's teammates all appreciate the effort he puts in as a leader.

"He's a captain elected by his peers," Nichols said. "They show respect for him and his talent. The traits that he shows are traits of his dedication."

Savage said as a freshman, it's intimidating to be around upperclassmen, but Bell lightens the mood and makes him feel like there is a connection between all of the members of the Blue and Gold.

"He made me feel more confident in myself," Savage said. "He's someone I can look up to."

Ahead of the pack

Freshman Jenn Randall wins first career cross country race

BY NATHAN BICKELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Freshman Jenn Randall nervously stepped to the line at the Oswego Invitational on Saturday. Not only was it her first collegiate cross country race, it was her first cross country race of her life.

"I was nervous, a little intimidat-ed," Randall said. Whatever nerves she felt, Rand- all did not let them affect her race in the slightest, taking the lead from the opening gun and never looking back. After an opening mile of 6:26 she opened a small gap on the chase pack led by senior Amanda Boccio, and continued to power ahead to win the 4-C Invitational in 17:38.1 - 21 seconds ahead of Boccio.

"She has a lot of talent to be able to overcome her nerves and win her first career race," Boccio said. For her efforts at Oswego, Ran-dall was named Empire 8 Runner of the Week.

Randall grew up in a small town where her high school was also her middle school and elementary school — Cincin-natus Central School houses preschool through 12th grade all in the same building. Her graduat-ing class last year was only 55 students.

"Going to a small school was great because it was so personal and the community is so supportive," she said. "It is because of Cincin-natus' small size Randall's running career is just beginning. Her school did not have a cross country team and only started a track program her junior year. On the track team, she was the only female distance runner, so she usually ended up running with the men on the team. Despite those barriers, she placed ninth at the New York State Championships in the 1500-meter."

Randall said having teammates to run with on a daily basis is helpful.

"It's really nice as far as motiva-tion goes," she said. Randall was only lightly recruited out of high school — despite the po-tential she showed — mainly, she said, because no Division I coaches had heard of her high school.

At most meets in high school Randall had very little competition, which led her to develop the front-running style she used at Oswego. Despite her lead in the race, Ran-dall never looked behind her to see where her competition was. She was probably the only one in the race who didn't realize the gap she had opened up.

"I was always afraid someone was going to pass me in the end," she said. Head Coach Bill Ware was im-pressed by Randall's performance in her first race, but expects bigger and better things as the season progresses.

"She'll run better with competi-tion," he said. As for herself, Randall said she doesn't like to set long-term goals.

"I take it race-to-race and im-prove," she said.

Freshman Jenn Randall leads the pack at the women's cross country team's practice Monday on the cross country course. Randall finished first in her first-ever cross country meet with a time of 17:38 at the Oswego Invitational.
Hitting a stride

Women’s tennis team looks to extend four-year win streak

BY JEFF HABER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The women’s tennis team has a 34-game winning streak against Empire 8 teams and shows no signs of stopping. The Bombers have kept this winning streak going since 2005, when Head Coach Bill Austin was starting his fifth year coaching the team. Since the beginning of the streak, the team has been led by key players Lindsey Johnston ’09, Natalie Jenereski ’09, Alyssa Jeff e-09 and Michelle Duffy ’09.

“Those guys came in and that was a year after we lost in the finals to Alfred,” Austin said. “They were the core of the team in the next four years. They came in and dug in and created a whole bunch of wins for this team.”

Trying to keep the streak going now are seniors Sarah Hollis and Devera Reiman, junior Melanie Cohen and freshman Cristina Nunez. Hollis and Reiman have been a part of the team since they were freshmen and look to carry it on this year.

“I remember being a freshman and being so nervous in the Empire 8 tournament,” Hollis said. “Now I’m the captain, and I definitely feel stronger on the court. It’s good to see how far our team has come in the last three years.”

Austin said he has always taught the team about hard work, perseverance and always trying to do better the next time. During matches, the team is supportive and always looks to motivate one another.

“I have kids who love tennis and love to work hard and like to compete,” Austin said. “It’s the players — they love to play.”

Though Reiman said the team is proud of its winning streak, the Bombers are not thinking about it all the time. Their attitude is more focused on playing one game at a time. “We just focus at the task at hand and never like to look into the future,” he said.

Though the team is proud of its streak, every great streak has to come to an end at some point, Hollis said.

“No one’s perfect — it happens,” she said. “It happened to [Roger] Federer. It happened to the best player in the world.”

The Bombers were voted unanimously in the Empire 8 Coaches’ Poll to win the conference championship. Reiman said she recently thought about the streak and felt a little pressure.

“They might be feeling some pressure, but overall the team is confident and excited for its match today against Hartwick College, Hollis said.

“We have a good chance of winning, and we’re not going to let it get to our heads. We’re going to go out there and play our hardest,” she said.

The Los Angeles Lakers have the NBA all-time winning streak at 33 games, the college baseball winning-streak record is held by the University of Texas and Florida Atlantic University, both at 34 games, and the Philadelphia Flyers hold the NHL record for 35 consecutive games won. Austin said the Bombers’ record stacks up with those.

“It is a testament to the team,” Austin said.

The Bombers might not be the Lakers, but they do own a spot in the college’s history book. They are going for their 35th straight win against Empire 8 teams at 4 p.m. today at home against Hartwick.
**bombers to watch**

**JUNIOR**

**TINA ORLANDINNI**

Volleyball

In five matches at the 2009 Bomber Invitational, Orlandini recorded 97 digs and was named to the all-tournament team. In the championship match against Widener University, Orlandini paced the team with 26 digs, leading the Bombers to victory in four sets.

**SENIOR**

**PHIL ABBOTT**

Men’s Cross Country

In the Bombers’ regular season opener at the Oswego Invitational, Abbott was Ithaca’s top finisher at 11th overall. Abbott paced the team, and his time of 20:15 was a personal best, helping the team to a second-place finish of seven teams.

**FRESHMAN**

**BROOKE LLOBELL**

Golf

Last weekend at the St. Lawrence Invitational, Llobell posted a 41 on the front nine and finished the round with an 86. Her score is the lowest this season for any player and is the lowest round in school history.

**Breaking out the bats**

At bat, junior Anthony Guilianti makes contact during an intramural softball game at Yavits Field extension, while, from back left, teammates and juniors Ryan Gilpatrick and Brian Litman look on from the sideline.

**by the numbers**

**13**

The number of seconds women’s cross country freshman Jennifer Randall won her first collegiate race by.

See story on page 25.

**8**

The number of total points field hockey senior midfielder Annie Onzik has through four regular season games.

See story on page 24.

**they said it**

One thing I was preparing for was for [Ken Griffey Jr.] not to get the 200-hit ball because he would write silly things on it.

Seattle Mariners’ right fielder Ichiro Suzuki on becoming the first player in Major League Baseball history to record nine consecutive 200-hit seasons.

**the foul line**

Weird news from the wide world of sports

Professional sports seem to remain relatively unfazed by the current state of the U.S. economy. The Dallas Cowboys opened a new $1 billion stadium, the New York Yankees’ payroll is more than $200 million, and the Professional Golf Association tournament prize money is routinely upwards of $7 million an event. But for former New York Mets’ outfielder and World Series champion Lenny Dykstra, this doesn’t ring true. Recently Dykstra filed for bankruptcy because he owed more than $31 million while posting $50,000 in assets. Dykstra is auctioning off memorabilia from his 12-year professional career, most notably his 1986 World Series ring and trophy. Famed pawnbroker Yossi Dina co-signed the items to be sold by Dallas-based Heritage Auctions, with several pieces potentially fetching more than $20,000 each.

– Andrew Weiser

**where we stand**

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Overall Standings
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CAPTURING THE BOMBERS AT THEIR BEST
Thursday, September 17, 2009

Senior midfielder Gerard Lewis kicks the ball downfield as Hamilton College senior Sam Dwyer goes for the header in a 0–0 double-overtime tie Saturday at Carp Wood Field.

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