A learning curve
Meeting special needs on campus

BY KELLI B. GRANT AND MICHELLE THEIS
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With 18 credit hours this semester, senior Kristin Samplere has carefully planned out her homework schedule. Although she'd much rather be out with her friends on Friday nights, she often stays in to make sure her workload doesn't become overwhelming. 

"I have dyslexia," Samplere explains. "It takes me longer to do homework than the average person. It takes me longer to read, longer to write essays. ... I plan it into my schedule." 

Samplere is one of 525 students at the college who use services from the Office of Academic Support Services for Students with Disabilities. 

Samplere was diagnosed with dyslexia when she was in fifth grade, and has spent years overcoming her disability. She does a lot of reading on her own to increase her reading speed and ability, and works over her papers several times to create more flow in her writing.

"I've definitely come up with ways to cope with my disability," she said. "People don't realize talking to me every day that I have dyslexia." 

To help her excel academically, Samplere uses several services from the Office of Academic and Support Services. 

At the beginning of the semester, special-needs students must self-identify and provide a psychological or a learning disabilities specialist. The reports have a list of nationally-approved criteria that must be included.

"It has to be really well-documented," Samplere said.

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Fewer students join bunkers

BY MEGAN REYNOLDS
Assistant News Editor

Fighting fires was what Ithaca College sophomore Benjamin Schnurle trained so hard for, and he was excited and proud to be one of the first firefighters to arrive at a storage-building fire on Sunday.

"It was the biggest fire I had ever been to," he said. Schnurle and senior Cory Giroux responded to a fire on 360 East King Road with other firefighters from the South Hill Fire Station.

"As we were driving toward the fire our anticipation built," said Schnurle. "A large plume of smoke was coming from the area, and we knew we were going to be the first truck there ... The barn was completely engulfed when we got there. A propane tank exploded." 

Schnurle is one of 12 members of the Ithaca Fire Department's bunker program, which is designed to offer students free dormitory-style living at local fire stations while they work as volunteer firefighters.

"In the past, there was an employee who would train as a firefighter, and then work two 14-hour shifts due to budget cuts and increased state mandates for bunkers," Lt. David Burbank said.

"In the past, there was an employee who would train as a firefighter, and it really was a full-time job. In the program, it's a week here, a week there," Schnurle said.

The bunker program, which has a capacity for 32 bunkers, has experienced a decrease in student interest over the past few years. Schnurle and Giroux are currently the only two Ithaca College students participating in the program.

Schnurle said he made four best friends through the program. "We train together, eat together, study together, live together and work together," Schnurle said.

The decreased interest, Lt. David Burbank said, is due to budget cuts and increased state mandates for bunkers.

"As a child," senior Kristin Samplere wrote, "I never imagined I would become a learning disabilities specialist. The reports have a list of nationally-approved criteria that must be included.

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Cliff jumpers take the plunge

BY KATIE MOORE
Assistant News Editor

With her toes curled over the rocky ledge, junior Brooke Aldrich peered down at her friends swimming in the water 55 feet below. Convinced by their coaxing calls, she took a short step, a deep breath and a final look as she leapt into the gorge.

"It felt like I was in the air forever," she said. "Your stomach just drops." 

Aldrich said she thinks it is the adrenaline rush of free falling that draws dozens of students to the several area waterfalls during warm weather weekends. Those who take the plunge say the mid-air fear is part of the thrill of the jump.

"You're jumping and even though everyone went before you, all you see is the rocks," Aldrich said. "And you're just hoping nothing goes wrong." 

Some of the most popular places to jump are Six Mile Creek, Buttermilk Falls and Pinnacle Rock. Though there are posted signs that clearly prohibit jumping and swimming at these locations, the illegality and safety risk do not seem to be enough to deter students.

Dan Davis, New York State Park assistant director of the Finger Lakes Region, said the park police regard the practice of cliff jumping as illegal and issue tickets and court appearances to those caught violating the law.

"It is very rare, I believe, that we have anyone do it because it is enforced firmly." See THRILL, page 4
The National Weather Service issued a hurricane watch from Little River Inlet, S.C., to Chincoteague, Va., including the Pamlico and Albemarle sounds, the Chesapeake Bay south of North Beach, and the tidal areas of the Potomac River. At 5 p.m. Tuesday, the center of Isabel was about 570 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras, N.C. and traveling north-northwest at 8 mph. The storm's winds died down a bit — a small sign that Isabel's dome is weakening. The hurricane center in Miami reported that although further weakening is expected, "some increase in strength is possible prior to landfall." Islanders had an eerie premonition of the storm's coming month or two.

"It's still a serious storm," said Carolyn McCormick of the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau. "We don't feel it's as dangerous, but — by God — it's still very dangerous."

WTO conference marred by controversy

Faced with a disappointing setback in global trade talks, U.S. officials vowed this week to push forward on bilateral and regional border-opening agreements to create a coalition of the economically willing countries that are enthusiastic supporters of the United States' trade agenda.

A senior U.S. official said the United States was not looking to "place blame" for the failure of last weekend's World Trade Organization talks in Cancun, Mexico, but would push forward with trade liberalization if the global effort bogged down further because of "inconsistencies among rich and poor nations."

The WTO talks in the Mexican resort were abruptly halted Sunday after a group of about 90 developing countries represented by Zimbabwe refused to consider adding new issues to the agenda, contending the United States and the European Union had failed to live up to promises to slash their farm-subsidy programs.

Some African nations were particularly unhappy with the developed world's refusal to set a deadline for eliminating "catastrophic" farm-subsidy programs.(''


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Ithaca Planning Board OKs expansion of Circles parking

Students living in the College Circle Apartments will soon have more parking options, thanks to a decision by the Ithaca Planning Board. The board approved the construction of a new 107-space lot by a vote of 4-1 Tuesday morning.

The lot was originally planned to hold 95 spaces, but was expanded after residents at the College Circle East Apartments said they had trouble finding parking.

The lot will be located between the soccer field and the entrance to the apartments. It will include new walkway connections, landscaping, and improved drainage facilities.

The lot was originally planned to hold 118 spaces, but was reduced in size to avoid construction on the South Hill Swamp, a protected area.

Founder's Day celebration will feature college ensembles

The 12th annual Founder's Day Concert in the Park will take place on Sunday at 2 p.m. in DeWitt Park in downtown Ithaca.

The concert, which is a celebration of the college's partnership with the city of Ithaca since 1892, will take place in Ithaca Commons, the city's original "quad" at the corner of Cayuga and Buffalo streets.

The concert will feature the Ithaca College Concert Band, conducted by Mark Fothergill, and the Ithaca College symphonie orchestra, conducted by Henry Neubert.

The bands will play works by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Antonin Dvorak and John Philip Sousa. Complimentary refreshments will be available. If it rains the concert will be held at the James J. Whalen Center for Music.

IC Our World Festival to offer taste of cultural diversity

The IC Our World Festival, a celebration of cultures, will take place Friday at 4 p.m. on the Campus Center plaza.

The festival, which was formerly known as the Unity Festival, will offer a variety of music, food and crafts.

Groups including the Ithaca College Drum Band, Premium Blend, PANAnos and the Thunder Lizards are to perform. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to make rain sticks, African masks and worry dolls.

In case of rain, IC Our World will be held in Emerson Suites. Contact Stephanie Adams at 274-3381 for more information.

First Handwerker exhibition to show professor's works

The Handwerker Gallery's first exhibition of the 2003-2004 academic year, "Out of Place: New Color Photography by Janice Levy," will open today with a reception in the gallery from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Levy, associate professor and chair of the cinema and photography department, focused on the work she produced during her 2001 sabbatical in Madagascar and explored in impact on her current photography.

The exhibition will run through Oct. 12. There will be an artist's talk at 12:10 p.m. on Oct. 9. For further information, contact Cheryl Kramer, gallery director, at 274-3548.

Scholarships are available for students taking test prep

Four scholarships are now available for students who are taking a Kaplan test preparation course this year.

The scholarships, which are available through the Office of Career Services, are for students planning to take the GRE, LSAT, MCAT or GMAT exam.

Scholarship recipients may participate in the prep class of their choice at Ithaca's Kaplan office.

Applications may be picked up from the career services office at 1101 Gannett Center. All applications must be turned in by 5 p.m. Friday.

The scholarship program is sponsored by Career Services and Kaplan Educational Services.

Music professor to discuss works about baseball players

Members of the college community interested in the relationship between baseball and music may get their fill at a speech being given today by Timothy Johnson, associate professor of music theory, history and composition.


Johnson originally gave his talk in June at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. He is also currently working on a manuscript about the influence of baseball in composer Ives's life and work.

The book is expected to be published in late 2003 or early 2004.

CORRECTIONS

Once the clinical doctoral program in physical therapy is approved, it will replace the 5-year physical therapy masters program. Students who are freshmen and sophomores at the time the program is approved will have the option to switch to the program.

This information was incorrect in the Sept. 11 issue.

It is The Ithacan's policy to correct all errors of fact. Please contact Assistant News Editor Katie Moore at 274-5207.

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Prospective students seek help with needs

BY MICHELLE THEIS
Staff Writer

Finding the right college can be a daunting process for anyone, but for those with special academic needs, it can be overwhelming.

Katie Kindt attended Breast Preparatory School, a private school for students with special needs in Curandilla, Ill. With only months until graduation, she's on the prowl, searching for the perfect college. But while her peers are inquiring about majors and dorm rooms, Kindt's first query is: Can any of the colleges she's hoping to attend meet her needs?

Kindt has many disabilities, including Attention Deficit Disorder and Asperger Syndrome. While ADD takes a toll on her academic life, making it difficult to focus for long periods of time, AS has also made an impact on her social life. The neurobiological disorder is similar to Autism and causes marked deficiencies in his ability to deal with boundaries.

While Kindt is still considering his college options, he tried the type of test-and-taking services that Ithaca College offers. Leslie Schettino, director of the Office of Academic Support Services for Students with Disabilities, said the office must accommodate him and get moving in the mornings, and her parents suggested she read the college's literature and contact Academic Support Services.

Joseph Onorato to tailor a program of services that fit her needs and the doctors' recommendations. By the end of her freshman year, Onorato was diagnosed with fibromyalgia. Fibromyalgia is a disorder that results in constant pain in the joints, muscles and tendons. If a student's disability requires accommodations beyond what the college can offer, Schettino said, then the office will assist that student in finding colleges that have programs better suited to that student's needs.

"We have to go beyond what the college can offer, Schettino said. "If we need it, they'll come up with the money," she said.

Senior Grace Onorato first found out about the college last semester, when she had been accepted. She had been experiencing physical problems that made it difficult for her to concentrate and get through the mornings, and her parents suggested she read the college's literature and contact Academic Support Services.

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"Quite the contrary," she said. "I think more students need to use these services. In my experience, it's usually after an F, or several Fs, that the student realizes that something is wrong." Patty Lynott, assistant professor of gerontology, said she has taught about 11 special needs students, but never one who abused the system.

"I've taught special needs students for 23 years," she said. "It's always been a pleasure, and they are often the top students in the class." Schettino said she is certain that a small percentage of students are misusing the services, but emphasized that it would be very few students. She said that providing the documentation can be "ridiculously expensive," some- times costing upwards of $1500.

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Meeting special needs

Support Services help students succeed

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Heop gives disadvantaged students an academic lift

BY MICHELLE THEIS
Writer

As a teenager, Linnette Edwards had a fairly normal life: She lived with her paren-nts, attended high school and earned good grades. Everything seemed to be going well.

But then her parents split up.

Edwards' grades declined, as did her chances of attending college. With a divided home and income and an academic record now marred by poor grades, she wasn't sure whether she should attend college.

It was during her second year of college's Education Opportunity Program that she was accepted into the college's HEOP Web site, the program that has highly motivated and talented New York State residents of any ethnicity who meet state-aid financial guidelines.

Recipients use some of the college's special education services, and are required to consult with hired academic counselors once a week for 30 minutes, attend a counseling session with HEOP every two weeks and attend all HEOP meetings.

Sue Van De Voorde, assistant director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs and project director for HEOP, said specific-ally chooses 15 to 20 students each year who meet what she called "opportunity factors."

"Backgrounds and factors like first-gen-eration college students, single-parent households, English as the second language in the household ... can contribute to not doing as well in college as possible," she said.

But students must show much more than a financial need and a disadvantaged background to participate in HEOP — they must also show potential.

"We make sure we're picking students who can succeed in the classroom," Van De Voorde said.

To help the students succeed, HEOP requires them to attend a four- or five-week pre-freshman orientation to help them make a smooth transition between high school and college.

In addition to academically supporting its recipients, HEOP makes college more affordable. The program offers students the New York State HEOP grant, the Ithaca College HEOP grant, New York State tuition assistance and work-study, among other things. It also assists students with loans.

Seniors Emily Lam and Amaris Garcia are two HEOP recipients whose financial aid packages make it possible to attend the college.

Garcia said she heard about the financial aid "by word of mouth," and thrived in the academic environment. "I really wanted to go to a small college," she said. "It's really helped me." Before coming to the college, she attended an all-girls Catholic high school in the South Bronx.

"I grew up very sheltered," she said. Because she attended the then five-week pre-freshman program and attended the college, she said, many of those students are choosing to continue their education at graduate schools. The program helps to cover those initial costs, including fees for the LSATS, GMEDS and Kaplan classes.

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Program battles lack of interest

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the past few years because of budget cuts, we lost that position, causing a decrease in the amount the program has been promoted," said Burbank.

The Ithaca Fire Department has been working without a budget increase, and to hold the standing, Burbank said, it has been forced to make cuts. Increased state mandates have also required students to make a large commitment to the station.

"A lot of what we expect is more mandated from the state government," Burbank said. "It requires a lot of time and work to train bunkers. We really would want a three-year commitment from the bunkers."

Each year, the department organizes three weeks of intensive training in August for all new bunker students. This training is very expensive, costing the department thousands of dollars, Burbank said. The department needs to get a good return on its investment in training through work the new bunkers will provide.

This year, for the first time since 1996, the Ithaca Fire Department did not bring bunkers in for training.

"We really don't have the money to bring bunkers in," said Burbank.

Last year, only one person applied to the bunker program, but Burbank said that if student interest suddenly grew, the department would make every effort to train additional bunkers.

Schnurle said that the commitment required of bunkers is manageable and "it makes sense that you train them to do it. You have to be able to manage your time for training." Burbank said it is important to take note of the potential obstacles, both in the water and coming out from the side of the cliff.

Rivard pointed to a submerged log in the water below the highest jump at Six Mile Creek dam as a major safety hazard.

"It's right under the water and I think that there are a lot of people who don't know about it," he said. "We always have someone mark it."

Aldrich said another obstacle to look out for is the presence of rocks where the pool of water may be shallow. Buttermilk Falls, another popular gorge, has varying depths of water, she said.

Sophomore Chris Whitcomb, an active skydiver, said he doesn't think the risks are worth the rush of cliff jumping.

"I don't want to end up like a vegetable for one little jump," he said. Whitcomb said he would never participate because there is too much room for human error. While an activity like skydiving providing training to spot and correct a problem, cliff jumping teaches the wrong way, he said.

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"You learn a great deal of responsibility here. You have to be able to manage your time — everyone relies on you to be here," he said.

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Davis said, "Our police are in and out of these areas all the time."

Despite strict enforcement of the zero tolerance policy, Sgt. Edwaj Gonzalez of the state park police said cliff jumping at the Buttermilk Falls and Pinnacle Rock state parks is a popular pastime among area youth, especially in the late spring. Gonzalez said those caught would be automatically arrested and possibly fined.

"The law [concerns] liability," he said. "It is illegal. We have to enforce these laws."

Six Mile Creek's no jumping, no swimming policy is enforced by the Ithaca City Police Department.

Sophomore Bobby Rivard said he thinks students ignore the warnings because it is rare that anyone is either caught or injured.

"Until anything actually happens, it is easy to say it won't happen to me," he said.

Rivard, who also laps off cliffs in his home state of Vermont, has never been injured, although he said he was faced with a potentially serious situation when a friend hit the water chest first after attempting a flip from 15 feet, the second-highest jump on Six Mile Creek.

"It was kind of scary at the time," Rivard said. "When he came up he was not in good shape. We went over to him and grabbed him by the arms to swim him to shore."

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"It is just such a rush," Aldrich said. "The fun outweighs the risk."
Senior class selects ‘Bomber Den’ as gift
Lounge area to feature college memorabilia

BY MATT HUNTELEY
Staff Writer

Members of the class of 2004 voted to show their appreciation and leave their mark on the Ithaca College campus by giving a “Bomber Den” as their senior class gift.

A record 549 seniors voted for the gift in the week leading up to homecoming.

Three hundred forty-three of the voters, or more than 60 percent, decided the Bomber Den was best among the five choices, which also included a endowed scholarship, an endorsement for Career Services, seating around the clock donated by the class of 2002, and a “wedge” bearing the college’s name at the entrance to the College Circle Apartments.

The den, which will most likely be located in the Campus Center near the Recreation Center or pub venues, will be a communal gathering room open to all students similar in design to Applebee’s or Planet Hollywood.

Memorabilia and donations from each school, ranging from alumni sweaters and yearbooks to musical instruments and the most meaningful things that went on and basically more of the campus life of Ithaca College,” said Jessica Toler, co-chair of the Senior Class Gift Committee.

Senior class president Melissa Ferraro believes the Bomber Den will be a welcoming place for students.

“I’ve been to so many other schools where their student unions and their campus centers are just so much larger and so much more inviting,” she said. “There’s more social space in them and I think that’s going to be something really beneficial for us.”

Other seniors believe the Bomber Den will inspire a much-needed sense of pride in the school.

“I’m really excited because it will enhance the class spirit... we want to show everyone else that they should be proud of what they’re a part of,” said Charlie Tranen, Senior Gift Committee.

“The Bomber Den is a really positive gift we can give to the future classes to show how much we care about the future of Ithaca College and how much we want to show everyone else that they should be proud of what they’re a part of,” he said.

The senior class will be campaigning to raise funds for the project throughout the academic year.

“The class hopes to top the class of 2003’s total of $26,000.”

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IN MEMORIAM

DURING A MEMORIAL SERVICE last Thursday, two of the eight Dillingham fountains were turned on to represent the World Trade Center towers as part of the college’s commemoration of the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

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Fight for the right to party
Students receive noise waiver from the Ithaca Town Board

BY ANNE K. WALTERS
Staff Editor

When senior Michael Fleming and his roommates started planning a birthday party for last weekend, they organized for more than just a few games of beer pong.

They asked the Ithaca Town Board for permission to be noisy.

Since they had seen many other parties broken up due to complaints from neighbors about excessive noise, Fleming said he and his roommates decided to file a noise permit application.

The board approved the noise permit request at its meeting Sept. 9.

Board member David L. Klein, who serves as the chairman of the codes and ordinances committee, said he cannot remember any other students who have requested a noise permit for a party in the past.

The town typically receives just two to four such requests a year, Klein said. Most are for community events such as the American Cancer Society’s fundraiser, held at the Ithaca High School every summer, or for events like weddings, he said.

He said the board took into consideration several factors when granting the students request, such as the feelings of neighbors and measures taken to limit excessive noise.

Fleming said his landlord wasn’t thrilled about the idea of the party after a large block party in the area was broken up earlier this semester.

One precaution that Fleming took to get the permit approved was to issue wristbands at the party for those over 21 to reduce underage drinking.

Residents who violate the ordinance can be fined up to $250 or be imprisoned for up to 15 days. More than one violation in five years can result in a fine of up to $500 and imprisonment for up to 30 days.

Fleming said he thinks about 300 people attended the party, but students who attended other parties on Pennsylvania Avenue caused problems when they started spilling over into the street outside his house.

He said he called the police, because he did not want those party-goers to cause problems for his event.

“We had ours under control and then so many people just started showing up,” he said.

Klein said the board could consider requests for noise permits from college students, but not on a weekly basis.

“If this party gets out of hand, it’s not as in control as we expected, that would weigh in when granting another party [requests],” he said. “If this works out, others could do it.”

Fleming advises other students who are organizing a special event to plan ahead, because completing the permit process can take several weeks.

According to the town’s noise ordinance, waivers will be granted only for a specific purpose and when there is minimal inconvenience to the neighbors.

The application requires residents to get the signature of the property owner, state the reason for the permit, provide a schedule, specify noise reduction measures and notify their neighbors of the event.
Protestant chaplain bonds women of faith

BY KAITLIN MCCARTHY
Contributing Writer

While traveling abroad in Finland during her undergraduate years, Ithaca College's Protestant Chaplain Allison Stokes had a chance to hear the words that moved her years earlier.

"Walk together, talk together, then and only then will there be peace," said Stokes, recalling the words that inspired her.

These words struck a chord with Stokes and her beliefs about women and faith.

Then ten years ago, Stokes had the chance to bring her visions of peace and women's role in religion together when she founded the Women's Interfaith Institute.

"I really think women have a particular way of crossing boundaries, making connections and building relationships," said Stokes. "I feel very strongly that that is the way that will lead to peace."

Stokes founded the institute in Massachusetts in 1992. In the fall of 2002, she established a second home for the Women's Interfaith Institute in Seneca Falls.

The institute is located downtown, where Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott held the first Women's Rights Convention in 1848.

Stokes' work with the institute and the legacy of women's rights in Seneca Falls came together Monday at one of the first events in the institute's new home – a seminar in honor of the 150th anniversary of the ordination of the first woman minister.

On Sept. 15, 1853, Antoinette Brown Blackwell became the first woman in history to be ordained as a Protestant minister.

According to the group's mission statement, the goal of the institute is: "Women, supporting women of diverse faiths in generating spiritual leadership, scholarship and service."

The institute is open to men and women of all faiths and the emphasis of the organization is on acceptance and tolerance.

"The institute is about promoting human understanding, cooperation, peace and women's leadership," she said.

Stokes believes that Seneca Falls is an ideal location for the institute because she said, "Seneca Falls is seen as the birthplace of human rights."

"We want to cross faith boundaries and go from the past into the future," Stokes said.

Stokes said she has many plans for the future. In addition to continuing her work at the college and the institute, she is working on a book on peace titled "Shalom, Salam, Peace."

"I'm coming of an age and thinking of the world my grandchildren will live in. I want to try to bring peace and an end to violence," said Stokes.

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WICB prepares for emergencies

BY STEPHANIE BERGERON AND JIM HAWVER
Staff Writers

A new generator will assure that WICB and Tompkins County will not be left in the dark in the event of an emergency. The construction and purchase of the generator were made possible through a grant to the Ithaca Fire Department. The station will use the generator to provide backup power during a blackout.

WICB will be the first radio station in Tompkins County to be capable of functioning without electrical power. Manager of Radio Operations Christopher Wheatley said WICB's first priority is to keep the public informed. He said that radio is traditionally the first place that people turn to in an emergency because it is live, local and personal.

In the event of an emergency, the station would broadcast information about bus schedules, shelter and water distribution locations.

While the station didn't have the generator during the Aug. 14th blackout that knocked out power to much of the Northeast, WICB still managed to be the only local station in the region to air because the college's power supply was never interrupted.

"We were able to keep listeners in the Ithaca area informed on the situation," station employee Amanda Horning said. "However, many listeners were upset because we did not have more information."

While the installation of the generator isn't related to the recent blackout, Station Manager Mike Schaffer said that the generator will help the station to be more prepared if another emergency occurs.

"This gives us a lot of added responsibility," he said. "Whenever there is news that needs to be dispersed to the public, different agencies are going to come to us first."

Horning said that WICB is capable of keeping the Ithaca area informed. She also said that because of the new generator, the staff is aware that they will be relied on more heavily in the event of an emergency.

Both Ithaca College radio stations, WICB and WVIC, are nationally recognized. In The Princeton Review this year, Ithaca was ranked sixth out of 351 college radio programs.

The Ithaca Fire Department secured a grant to pay for the installation of the generator and a National Weather Service transmitter to be used by the station. Once it is constructed, WICB will have full use of the generator in exchange for storing it.

ACTIVIST PAUL LOEB urges students to make a difference in the world during his speech Tuesday.

Loeb encourages action

BY LINDSAY PICCOTTI
Contributing Writer

Paul Loeb encouraged members of the Ithaca College community to stand up for what they believe in and make their voices heard during his speech Tuesday night.

Several hundred people attended the speech, which had to be moved to a larger location to accommodate the overflow crowd.

In his speech, "Soul of a Citizen: Living with Conviction in a Cynical Time," Loeb said many of the problems the world faces are a result of lack of social involvement. He believes people often don't get involved in issues they feel strongly about because they're taught by their culture that their actions don't matter.

To illustrate his point, Loeb used examples of both famous and ordinary people who stood up for their beliefs and made a difference in the world.

Loeb stressed it is often those who are "imperfect" who make the greatest impact. He said Mohandas Gandhi, who at one time was an attorney, lost all his court cases because he had a fear of public speaking. Despite his deficiency, Gandhi's example of civil disobedience is still used throughout the world today.

Loeb also said that citizens must learn to voice their opinions and not be afraid to take part in discussions.

"We often grow up believing we have no voices; we have no right to speak out," he said. "He said people must be persistent and passionate when it comes to an issue about which they feel strongly."

"You will discover the power we have and why we are on the planet," he said.

Freshman Kedon Willis agreed with Loeb's ideas.

Because of this generation's level of apathy, it is especially important to speak up, he said.

Loeb is an associate scholar at Seattle's Center for Ethical Leadership and board chair of Washington's Peace and Justice Alliance. He is the first speaker in the lecture series, "Engaging Democracy and Troubling the Waters," which will run all semester.

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Feminist filmmaker to speak about identity

BY SHANE DUNN
Contributing Writer

Filmmaker Su Friedrich tells a story with each of her films, which are generally autobiographical and personal experiences. She will share some of her stories when she screens two of her films today at 4 p.m. in the Park Auditorium.

Friedrich has been a major player in experimental cinema in America for more than two decades and her presence as one of the few female filmmakers in the industry has earned her high praise.

Friedrich has a new film which was scheduled to be shown at Cornell Cinema, so Crane thought it would be worthwhile to ask Friedrich to come to Ithaca College after her stop at Cornell.

Friedrich’s stops here and at Cornell are a part of a fall tour that will take her to Virginia, Ohio, New York and Canada.

Friedrich’s appearance will include a screening of two of her early films: “Sink or Swim” and “Rules of the Road.”

“The most important [reason] is that visual media representation of the LGBT community serves as a powerful tool to educate others,” she said.

Maurer also said she thinks successful artists serve as strong role models. The goal of Friedrich’s visit to campus is to “examine and enjoy the work of one of the few lesbian filmmakers,” said Maurer.

Cathy Crane, assistant professor of cinema and photography, said she also considers Friedrich to be a successful role model.

“In an educational aspect, Friedrich serves as a face to the history of gay and lesbian artists,” Crane said. “It is important for gay and lesbian artists to know that there is a history that has developed for decades.”

Crane, who is responsible for bringing Friedrich to the college, described her as “a formal film feminist.” Friedrich has new film which was scheduled to be shown at Cornell Cinema, so Crane thought it would be worthwhile to ask Friedrich to come to Ithaca College after her stop at Cornell.

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“Rules of the Road” tells the story of a love affair and its demise caused by the couple’s beige station wagon.

In “Sink or Swim,” 26 short stories tell of a long journey of childhood events that shaped a woman’s ideas about fatherhood, family, work and play.

“The reason these two films were chosen is that they explore personal expression, something we all need to be aware of,” said Crane.

Friedrich’s appearance is being cosponsored by the Department of Cinema and Photography and the Center for LGBT Education, Outreach and Services.

Crane said Friedrich’s works expose “the strong, independent spirit of this country, in that not every effort needs to be folded up into a corporate structure.”

FRESHMAN MATT PERNA gets into the spirit of Homecoming with a pair of pom poms at the bonfire Friday night. The event, which was held on the Campus Center quad, featured performances by Ithacappella and the alumni band Four Side Letter.
Latin community shares culture

Heritage month offers opportunities for education and celebration

BY SARAH HOFIUS Staff Writer

Senior Subsidiary Germosen learned firsthand the importance of the Latin American culture.

In a sociology class about the Dominican Republic taught by associate professor Hector Velez-Guadalupe, Germosen and her classmates traveled to the Dominican Republic for three weeks in May.

The group toured the country while learning about its culture, citizens and history.

Now Germosen will be one of the students on the panel discussion titled "An International Learning Experience" on Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in Klingensteinn Lounge. The goal of the panel is to make sure that other people know about the situation in that country, Germosen said.

The event is part of Latino Heritage Month, which will give the Ithaca College community an opportunity to learn about Latin American culture through a variety of speakers, activities and events.

The panel will be followed by the band Tambo Andino and a Latin dessert reception in Emerson Suite A from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

"There's such a rich history, rich culture associated with Latin America. It's something we definitely need to invest our time in," said Sue Van De Vooede, assistant director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the project director for the Higher Education Opportunity Program.

African-Latino Society spokesman Treston Rivera believes that the month will be beneficial to students.

Because the college has such a small population of minorities, the month will help students to get exposed to different cultures, Rivera said.

Larry Shinagawa, director of the Center for the Study of Culture, Race & Ethnicity, said he thinks that it's important for the college to address Latino experiences because in many ways the United States is shaped by the Latino population.

"We really live in a multicultural society," Shinagawa said. "If we really want to understand each other, we really do need to learn more about various communities."

On Sept. 25, the Center for the Study of Culture, Race & Ethnicity will present the month's keynote speaker, faculty fellow Ginetta Candelario, a professor from Smith College's sociology department and the program in Latin American Latino studies.

Candelario will discuss "Situating Ambiguity: Blackness and Dominican Identity Formations" at 7 p.m. in Clark Lounge. The speech is based on her new book, which explores the development of Dominican identity in immigrant communities.

Candelario will also discuss the development of Native American studies and Latino American studies programs at Ithaca College.

On Oct. 6, local activist Mary Ann Grady Flores will present a documentary and discussion entitled "Vieques: Un Pueblo Forjando Futuros - An Island Forging Futures." at 7 p.m. in Textor 103.

Grady Flores will share her experiences participating with hundreds of Puerto Ricans who acted as human shields to deter the U.S. Navy from using its practice bombing range on the island of Vieques.

The documentary, made by Grady Flores' friend Johanna Bumolnez, covers the struggles and arrests of the protesters.

The Latino community is not necessarily given front-page media coverage, Grady Flores said. "And yet they are a growing population within our community and their issues are very valid."

ALS will bring Carmen de la Luz to perform her one-woman show Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. She is renowned for her performances which includes poetry, characterizations and comedy.

Van de Vooede said Cornell University student groups have sent bus loads of students to see de las Luz perform in New York City.

The month is celebrated nationwide from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. It marks the anniversary of independence for the Hispanic counties of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, as well as the anniversaries of Mexican and Chilean independence.

In 1968, Congress set aside a week to celebrate the Latino community. In 1988, the event was expanded to an entire month.

"The Latino community is not necessarily given front-page media coverage," said Larry Shinagawa, director of the Center for the Study of Culture, Race & Ethnicity and the departments of sociology, psychology and modern languages and literatures.

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**Public Safety Log**

**Incidents**

**Sept. 2**

- **Criminal mischief**
  - Location: G-tot
  - Summary: Officer reported that an unknown object broke the windshield of a parked vehicle. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Craig Reynolds.

- **Harassment**
  - Location: College Circle Apartment 8
  - Summary: Caller reported harassment by a known person. Defendant's complaint-only request was for no further contact with the perpetrator. Officer issued restrictions and the situation was resolved. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

- **Assist other agency**
  - Location: All other
  - Summary: Person approached an officer regarding an ongoing harassment situation at Cornell. Cornell Public Safety was advised and handled the situation. Patrol Officer Craig Reynolds.

- **Unlawful posting/advertisement**
  - Location: West Tower
  - Summary: Caller reported unknown persons handing out flyers. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

- **Conduct code violation**
  - Location: Garden Apartment Road
  - Summary: Officer observed a person in possession of alcohol who was attempting to tear down stop sign. One student judicially referred for underage possession of alcohol and tampering with college property. Patrol Officer William Kenny.

- **Conduct code violation**
  - Location: Terrace 3
  - Summary: Officer observed persons involved in a verbal argument. One student transported to the Health Center and three students judicially referred for irresponsible use of alcohol. Patrol Officer Terry O'Pray.

- **Harassment**
  - Location: Health Center
  - Summary: Caller reported harassment. Student judicially referred for harassment. Patrol Officer Jerry Lewis.

- **Computer crimes**
  - Location: Garden Apartment 28
  - Summary: Two students judicially referred in separate incidents of sharing copyrighted material on a verbal network. Investigator Thomas Dunn.

- **Larceny**
  - Location: Center for Natural Sciences
  - Summary: Caller reported unauthorized charges placed on credit card. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Erik Martin.

- **Motor vehicle accident**
  - Location: Public Safety/parking lot
  - Summary: Caller reported minor MVA/property damage. Patrol Officer Jerry Lewis.

- **Criminal contempt**
  - Location: Muller Faculty Center
  - Summary: Officer observed a person in possession of alcohol. One student judicially referred for underage possession of alcohol. Security Officer Jeffrey Austin.

- **Theft of vehicle**
  - Location: College Circle Building 18
  - Summary: Officer observed a person in possession of alcohol. Officer issued an appearance ticket for Ithaca Town Court for underage possession of alcohol. One student judicially referred for responsible use of alcohol. Patrol Officer Terry O'Pray.

- **Conduct code violation**
  - Location: Emerson Hall
  - Summary: Officer observed a burning candle in a student room. One student judicially referred for violating college policy. Fire Protection Specialist Enoch Perkins.

- **Suspicious circumstance**
  - Location: East Tower
  - Summary: Caller reported a suspicious phone call in which the caller disclosed personal financial information to the unknown caller. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Erik Martin.

- **V&T violation**
  - Location: Land on Hall
  - Summary: One student judicially referred for possession of alcohol. Security Officer Aaron Price.

- **Computer crimes**
  - Location: Main Campus Road
  - Summary: Officer observed persons in possession of alcohol. Two students judicially referred for possession of alcohol. Security Officer Jeffrey Austin.

- **Theft of vehicle**
  - Location: Garden Apartment 29
  - Summary: Officer observed persons in possession of alcohol. Two students judicially referred for possession of alcohol and failure to comply. Security Officer Jeffrey Austin.

- **Criminal mischief**
  - Location: Main Campus Road
  - Summary: One student judicially referred for breaking a glass bottle. Security Officer Jeffrey Austin.

- **Criminal mischief**
  - Location: All other
  - Summary: Officer reported that Public Safety vehicle was "keyed" while assisting Tompkins County Sheriff's Office. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Craig Reynolds.

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- **Criminal possession/stolen property**
  - Location: College Circle Apartment 7
  - Summary: Officer observed people with a sign. Two students judicially referred for unauthorized possession of property. Sgt. Ronald Hart.

- **V&T violation**
  - Location: Campus Road
  - Summary: During a traffic stop, officer arrested the driver for DWI. Officer issued uniform traffic tickets for Ithaca Town Court. Subject took for immediate arraignment. The judge released the person on their own recognizance. Patrol Officer William Kenny.

- **Criminal tampering**
  - Location: Terrace 7
  - Summary: Caller reported unknown persons discharged a fire extinguisher. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Craig Reynolds.

- **Criminal mischief/throw away**
  - Location: General services
  - Summary: Officer observed a window smashed further investigation. Officers found one person inside the building. One student referred for judicial action for criminal mischief. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

- **Computer crimes**
  - Location: Main Campus Road
  - Summary: Caller reported compiler on the college network sharing copyrighted material. One student judicially referred for copyright violations. Investigator Thomas Dunn.

- **Conduct code violation**
  - Location: Land on Hall
  - Summary: Parking enforcement officer reported vehicle in possession of fraudulent permit. Vehicle was towed and one student judicially referred for unauthorized possession of property. Sgt. Ronald Hart.

- **Found property**
  - Location: Land on Hall
  - Summary: Staff member found CDs and a case. Property was turned over to Public Safety.

- **Computer crimes**
  - Location: Main Campus Road
  - Summary: Two students judicially referred in separate incidents of sharing copyrighted files on the college network. Investigator Thomas Dunn.

- **Solicitation**
  - Location: Terrace 11
  - Summary: Caller reported four people handing out flyers. People were warned and one student escorted off campus. Patrol Officer Jerry Lewis.

- **Information**
  - Location: All other
  - Summary: New York State Police arrested Ithaca College student for DWI after hitting a stop sign.

**KEY**

- ABC - Alcohol beverage control law
- CMC - Cayuga Medical Center
- DWI - Driving while intoxicated
- IFD - Ithaca Fire Department
- IPD - Ithaca Police Department
- MVA - Motor vehicle accident
- RA - Resident assistant
- TCSD - Tompkins County Sheriff's Department
- V&T - Vehicle and traffic violation
Actively participate

Students should use SGA to create change

"Engaging Democracy and Troubling the Water." Downtown Speaker Series is a welcome opportunity for students to learn about democracy on a campus which is virtually devoid of democratic participation and discussion.

This year an embarassing 6 percent of students voted to elect their Student Government Association representatives. Even more embarrassing is the fact that this turnout was twice the norm. This means SGA’s diversity is represented by a fairly large number of write-in candidates, who didn’t even collect the 30 signatures needed to get their names on the ballot.

The 2003-04 executive board, led by Student Body President Julie Zeldin is enthusiastic and ambitious. But, so far low voter turnout leaves SGA with a stagnant without active student interest.

Furthermore, until SGA takes concrete action that positively affects students, it can continue to expect little interest. The average student is not aware of much, no matter how hard Zeldin and her cabinet work. This new speaker series should be a welcome opportunity for students to learn about democracy on a forum like SGA can yield. By the same token, it is up to the student body to realize the results a $385,000 budget will be managed by a fairly large number of students.

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