International students to pay new government fee

BY TASHA KATES
Staff Writer

International students may soon have to pay the federal government a fee to offset the cost of a program that will track them in the United States.

During the final week of October, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced that all international students would be required to pay a one-time $100 fee to the government.

The fee will be used to fund the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, an Internet program that tracks international students while they are studying in the U.S.

"SEVIS will increase the government's ability to track and monitor foreign students and exchange visitors in order to ensure that they arrive in the United States, show up and register at the school or exchange visitor program, and properly maintain their status during their stay as valued guests in this country," Cronin said.

The government is expected to get more than $50 million for the program from the fees. The law that created SEVIS states that federal money would not be used to pay for the operating costs.

"SEVIS states that federal mon­ey shouldn't collect the fee at all. If it actually changes, it's going to be a huge problem," Hussein said. "A hundred dollars is a lot. It would be a big burden." Hussein said. "If the department comes up with better ways to control their system rather than put their students through government can find a different way to fund SEVIS. JUNIOR RHONA HUSSEIN, center, comes from Bangladesh and serves as a resident assistant. She plays cards with residents Megan Atchley, left and Kaile Ambroster, right, in the West Tower.

Senior Rhona Hussein, who is from Bangladesh, said she believes the government shouldn't collect the fee at all. "If the department comes up with better ways to control their system rather than put their students through this," she said. On Dec. 26, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will set a deadline will be set for SEVIS payments. Colleges will be asked to collect the fee, unlike visa fees, which are paid directly to the government.

BY KATIE MOORE
Assistant News Editor

The senior class went for the gold when it chose this year's Commencement speaker.

Scott Hamilton, an Olympic gold medalist in figure skating and a cancer survivor, will address the class of 2004 at Commencement May 10.

"We wanted somebody that students can relate to," said Melissa Ferraro, senior class president. "We wanted somebody that people could look at and say, 'Wow, that could be me one day.'"

Ferraro said the executive board included Hamilton on its top 10 list of speaker possibilities after members of the senior class and the board suggested him.

Shortly after the senior class executive board was elected last year, it began soliciting suggestions through the senior class list­serv, a poster campaign and word of mouth.

Last year, graduates and audience members gave Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream a less than sweet review after the two used the podium as a pulpit for their political views. In order to avoid a similar situation this year, Ferraro said the board tried to avoid selecting another political speaker.

"What came out of that last year was that a commencement speaker should be inspirational and motivational," she said. "I think that Scott Hamilton is in that sense exactly what Ithaca College wants when looking for a commencement speaker." But senior Ben Vucic said he expected a more impressive speaker.

"I don't know too much about Scott Hamilton, but I was hoping for more than a figure skater in my graduation speech," he said. "I've seen him on the television a couple times, but other than that, I just don't know. It could be an awesome speech, or it could suck." Senior Mike Feeney said he hopes Hamilton's message will be one that congratulates the graduates for their accomplishments and challenges them to use what they've learned to make an impact in their world.

"As long as he keeps it non-political and upbeat, I'll be happy with it," he said. Ferraro said she expects Hamilton's experiences with adversity and defeat will be just as uplifting as his success story.

In addition to beating cancer, Hamilton also worked through a debilitating illness as a child that stunted his growth and raised doubts about his ability to participate as an athlete. When he began skating at age nine, the symptoms of his disease gradually disappeared.

"Throughout his life, personally and professionally, he has faced numerous challenges and achieved many triumphs," said President Peggy R. Williams. "Along with members of the Class of 2004 look forward to his inspirational message."

Ferraro said the challenges Hamilton has faced bring out his true humanity. He faced down a more humane level and will make him easy for students to identify with. She added that the way he be has turned his tough experiences into something positive will complement the college's message about serving the community.

"He's turned that around turned it into his own personal philanthropy to give back to people something he felt he needed," she said.

College examines role of TAs

BY MEG REYNOLDS
Staff Writer

The Academic Policy Committee is looking toward defining the place of under­graduate student assistants, more commonly known as teaching assistants, in classes.

Concerns regarding professionalism of the college's teaching staff and privacy as a right of students has led the Academic Policy Com­mittee to address the roles of TAs. A new policy, expected to take effect in the 2004 academic year, would offer a clear outline of the role, which does not currently exist.

In an effort to comply with accrediting agencies, as well as the Family Education­al Rights and Privacy Act, Ithaca College is defining the duties of TAs.

The TAs in sociology professor Stephen Sweet's courses play a fundamental part in the structure of his large lecture classes. Sweet said that TAs run individual discussion classes using lesson plans he works with them to design. TAs also assist in grading student papers.

"TAs will grade reflection papers and exams that are multiple choice and mini-essays," he said. "They are given concrete guides on how to grade papers and assign points." Sweet provides his students with the guidelines TAs are to follow when grading pa­pers. See APC, page 4
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BREMER RETURNS TO THE U.S. FROM IRAQ

Paul Bremer, the U.S. civilian administrator in Iraq, is returning unexpectedly to Washington for high-level consultations amid continued frustration with the performance of Iraq’s U.S.-appointed Governing Council, administration officials said Tuesday.

The Bush administration is considering changes in the structure of Iraq’s transitional self-government, including a new Iraqi constitution and elected government, said an administration official involved with Iraq policy in Washington.

In September, Bremer outlined U.S. goals for Iraq: sovereignty, "it's beginning to be realized that it's not going to follow that path," the official said. "And we need some kind of provisional government that we can give some kind of authority to. The whole political piece is a work in progress. He's got a lot of work to do."

The Bush administration appears to be backing away from its earlier insistence that a constitution must be written and ratified by nationwide referendum before Iraq gains significant sovereignty.

Report details Iran's nuclear program

Iran manufactured small amounts of enriched uranium last year in secret for 18 years, according to a confidential report released Tuesday.


Class of 2004 seeking input for memorabilia room name

The class of 2004 is currently accepting name suggestions for the senior class gift, a memorabilia room to be located in Campus Center.

The proposed room will serve as a special gathering space that reflects the history and tradition of the college and the identity of the student body, and represents the variety of experiences of the college community.

Suggestions can be submitted for consideration by the senior class and the college's Naming and Endowment Committee at ithacafund@ithaca.edu. The deadline for suggestions is Dec. 1.

The Staff Development Committee of the College Student Development office is sponsoring a free event to help staff and faculty interested in learning more about living successfully with hearing impairment or are interested in learning more about living successfully with hearing loss.

Professor of higher education to offer advice at luncheon

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For more information, contact Liz Begg at 274-3734.

NEWS

PLANTING POPPIES

Students can avoid the holiday shopping rush by purchasing a ticket to Bargain Hunter Heroes, which will take place at Fynna Hall Sunday from 6 to 9 p.m.

A $10 ticket gives exclusive access to the mall and includes free food from the Cafe Square Wholes and special discounts and gift giveaways at participating merchants.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. A list of participating merchants is available at the American Red Cross of Tompkins County.

For more information, or to purchase a ticket, contact the Community Service Program at 274-1380 or volunteer@ithaca.edu.

College's choir to perform world premiere composition

The Ithaca College Choir will perform the world premiere of Daniel Dott's "The Colours of Creation" Saturday at 7 p.m. in Ford Hall in the Whalen Center.

The event will feature performances by six high school choirs and an opportunity for their members to attend rehearsals and collaborate with the college choir.

Invisible Histories presents film about life on a reservation

"Skins," a 2002 Sundance Film Festival success, will be shown Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Textor 102.

The film chronicles the hardships of life on the Oglala Sioux Indian Reservation at the site of the Wounded Knee Massacre in South Dakota. It was made by Cheyenne/Arapaho filmmaker and director Chris Eyre, whose prior works include "Smoke Signals" and "Skinwalkers."

The event is sponsored by the Invisible Histories Project.

For more information, contact Brooke Olson at 274-1755 or boolson@ithaca.edu.

Fair to address questions of staff and faculty benefits

Ithaca College faculty and staff are invited to attend the Fourth Annual Ithaca College Benefits Fair today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Emerson Suites A and B.

Representatives from the college's health, dental, and tax-sheltered annuity vendors will be on hand to answer questions about benefits and options.

Many community organizations will also be on hand to provide information about their services. There will be free giveaways, door prizes and refreshments.

No registration is necessary to attend the fair.

Club for hearing impaired to hold first campus meeting

Self-Help for Hard of Hearing People will hold its first meeting at Ithaca College on Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Williams 323.

The guest speaker will be Linda Stock from Cortland. She will share her experiences with a cochlear implant and will provide helpful resources for finding information about hearing loss on the Internet.

SHHH is a national advocacy group for individuals with hearing loss. Meetings are free and open to all students, faculty, staff and community members who either have a hearing impairment or are interested in learning more about living successfully with hearing loss.

All meetings will be hearing accessible with captions and induction hearing loops available.

For more information, contact Liz Begg at 274-3734.
BY KELLI B. GRANT
Special Projects Manager

For Rent: “Now leasing for the 2004-2005 academic year.” “Rent early and save.”

Around town, the signs go up in late September—less than a month after most students have moved into their off-campus housing, but just in time for Homecoming and Parents’ weekends.

Some students already have housing, or are almost finished with the search process. Junior Matt Zielinski found housing earlier this month without much of a hassle.

“My friend decided to squat her apartment, and asked me to live with her next year,” he said. “I really didn’t have any problems.”

Other students, like junior Jillian Farmer, are in the midst of their search for off-campus housing. Farmer said she left it to her roommates to do most of the looking. “It seems like there are a lot of options,” Farmer said. “I wanted something semi-close to campus, and hopefully have my own room.”

People who have experience with living off campus and the search process had the following pieces of advice for students who are looking to leave South Hill.

Ensuring eligibility

According to Residential Life policy, only those slated to graduate during the next academic year are guaranteed the chance to get off campus.

“No one else at this point should be signing any kind of lease,” said Housing Coordinator Lindsey Richardson. “There’s no guarantee that they’ll be off campus.”

Richardson said signing a lease now does not guarantee or in any way enhance a student’s chances of leaving campus. She said it’s also a big risk. If the office does not then approve the student to go off campus, the student is then stuck with an apartment, room and board for the college.

Exploring options

There are numerous housing options available. The types of housing vary greatly by configuration, location in the county, furnishings, utilities cost, and the most important factor—rent.

The Ithacan, The Ithaca Times and The Journal offer classified ad sections for an apartment for next year.

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Checking out the community

Richardson said learning more about a new living arrangement is key. She said not only will it yield good connections—many neighbors are permanent Ithaca residents—but also help students get a better idea of whether the housing is a good option.

“It’s important to get a sense of what kind of services they’ve gotten from their landlord, what are some of the things that have popped up by surprise,” Richardson said.

Reviewing the lease

Students should read the lease carefully and have at least one other person look at it, ideally someone who has good knowledge of what a lease should contain.

Senior Laura Pease said she learned the hard way about reading a lease thoroughly. Pease did not set a strict move-in date, and was told she couldn’t move in. When she arrived at the house in August, she was told she couldn’t move in.

“The house was destroyed, and they only had a few days to clean it up,” she said. “So I had all my stuff in my car.”

While her landlords tried to repair the previous tenants’ damage, Pease spent 10 days staying with a friend in the College Circle Apartments.

Landlords can alter a lease before signing, so just make sure to get all the changes fully documented on both your and your landlord’s copy of the lease.

Meeting with the owner or super

Mizerak said she spoke to the building manager on the phone and then met with him in person to get a formal tour and ask questions.

“I learned so much more about the property that way,” she said, adding that it also helped cement a good landlord-tenant relationship.

For further resources after signing the lease, visit: http://www.ithaca.edu/reslife/OC/Handbook.html#Advocacy

Legal language

Security deposit:
An amount of money, usually equal to a month’s rent, paid to the landlord upon signing of the lease to be held in trust as security against late rental payments, property damage or other disputes. Barring incidents, deposit will be returned at end of lease.

Super (also known as landlord’s rep or building manager):
One who is responsible for supervising and maintaining the rented property, serving as a liaison between the tenant and landlord.

Right of entry:
Landlord’s right to enter dwelling unit in certain conditions.

Liability:
Landlord’s and tenant’s responsibilities in cases of lost, stolen or damaged property, and the right of the landlord to enter the dwelling unit.

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- Date of signing
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A list of furniture in a furnished apartment.

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Checklist

BASICS

- Under Residential Life guidelines, are you guaranteed the opportunity to move off campus?

MONEY

- What utilities are included?
- Are phone service, cable or Internet connection included?
- Is your lease for 10, 11 or 12 months?

SAFETY

- Are smoke alarms installed? Working?
- Do the upper floors have a fire escape or ladder available for each bedroom?
- Are fire extinguishers available? Working?
- Does the Ithaca Fire Department inspect the building regularly for safety?
- What is the owner’s policy and method for correcting safety problems in the building?

AMENITIES

- Is the apartment furnished or unfurnished?
- What responsibilities are your landlords responsible for (example: trash and snow removal, recycling, maintenance)?
- Is parking provided?
- Is laundry free? Is there a washer/dryer on premises?
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- Subletting guidelines
- Limit of occupants
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APC defines teaching assistants' roles

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GERMAN TEACHING ASSISTANT senior Maria Stoianova assists senior Amanda Hick and sophomore Sarah Deane with foreign language skills.

As such, she held weekly TAs cannot have exam material prior to the examination, photocopy exams prior to grading key, so that it does not require interpretation from the graders, which would result in too much grading. Grading of term papers or exams relies heavily on the use of graduate TAs in the classroom and in lessening the load of professors.

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The future of Ithaca College will be determined in the next few months as the college launches two national searches to find new deans for the School of Business and the Roy H. Park School of Communications.

The business school's search committee has already begun meeting and plans to begin interviewing candidates in January. The communications school's search committee will meet for the first time today.

The college has hired the consulting firm Academic Search Consultants, which specializes in upper-level academic searches, to assist in the search for the new deans. The college used the firm during the 2001-2002 communications school's search committee the Roy H. Park School of Communications. has already begun meeting and plans to begin interviewing candidates in January. The college will meet for the first time today.

The business school's search committee is awaiting applications. The business school has already started searching for a new dean. An ad was placed in the Chronicle of Higher Education and the National Association for Management Education.

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In the communications school, Chris Wheatsley, search committee member and manager of radio operations, said the school needs to find a dean with a progressive mindset. "Higher education is going through tremendous change, and the field of communications is changing even more rapidly than the field of higher ed," Wheatsley said. "We need to enhance change and not be afraid of change to keep up with the way the field is going."

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Enrollment figures begin to stabilize

BY MEG REYNOLDS
Staff Writer

The Office of Enrollment Planning has increased its control of class size and overall student enrollment. The size of freshman classes has been reduced over the past few years, contributing to Ithaca College's efforts to stabilize enrollment patterns.

Larry Metzger, dean of enrollment planning, said that the decreased freshman enrollment was a planned change this year. "Our enrollment targets really haven’t changed, but our abilities to control those numbers has improved," Metzger said. "There is no intent to grow the institution beyond its current level. In fact, there is a feeling we should probably pull back slightly."

There are plans to stabilize freshman enrollment at a constant level of approximately 1,550 to 1,660 per year, and the 1,585 admitted this year fell within that range. In 2001, the freshmen class was 1,755, causing overcrowding in residence halls and classrooms.

"The targets we have set have planned for a slight decrease in enrollment to bring us in line with the institutional plan," Metzger said. "Enrollment numbers should remain fairly stable—now through the foreseeable future years."

In order to protect the academic and co-curricular experience of students on campus, and stabilize the college enrollment, acceptance standards for incoming freshmen have been raised.

"It definitely has become more competitive in recent years," said Metzger. "The profile has been increasing, so it's the strongest academic profile in the history of the institution in terms of the quality of students that we are now admitting."

In a report presented to the faculty council last month, Registrar Christopher Kaever said the college's retention rate has increased. Additionally, Ithaca College's retention rate of 83 percent for freshmen is above that of the national average of 74 percent.

Metzger said the retention is a "reflection of how well-matched the students are with their expectations of the college."

Current goals focus upon retaining freshman and sophomore students. Metzger said if students remain at the college during their sophomore year, in most cases they stay through graduation.

Another goal the enrollment office has been working on for years is increasing diversity on campus. Metzger defined diversity as domestic students of color and international students.

"Diversity continues to be a high priority for us, and we had some success this year in improved diversity coming through our admissions efforts," Metzger said. "It is very important to the educational environment here to bring together students that have come from different perspectives and different cultures. That really supports an educational dialogue."

The college has also focused on increasing college enrollment in Ithaca College's London, Los Angeles, international and walkabout programs. These programs allow the college to increase enrollment, Metzger explained, without impacting the quality of academic and co-curricular environment on campus.

PRIMPING FOR THE PLAY

SOPHOMORE LAUREN ROMEO, left, and junior Lauren Ash-Morgan help each other get ready before the last rehearsals of Triple Threat Theatre's "Into the Woods" on Sunday. The women starred as Cinderella's two ugly step-sisters, Lucinda and Florinda.
Reservist trades in bullets for textbooks

IC grad student heads back to college after preparing to go to the Middle East

BY SARAH HOFIUS
Staff Writer

At the end of March, graduate student Amber Lederhouse was prepared to go to war. As a sergeant in the Army Reserves, Lederhouse and the rest of the 277th Quarter Master Unit of Niagara Falls were scheduled to be deployed to the Middle East.

But after five and a half months of waiting at Fort Drum, N.Y., Lederhouse, who received her undergraduate degree from the college in 2001, was sent home along with the rest of her unit.

While she was excited to go home, it was already the middle of August and she had a lot of decisions to make before she returned to the college for the fall semester, she said.

Because she took all incomplete grades for her spring classes, Lederhouse didn't want to chance having to take incompletes again in the fall because she thought she might be called back to active duty. She decided just to finish up her classes from last spring instead of becoming a registered student again.

Lederhouse had a 90-day window where she could have been called up and could have had to report again within 96 hours. The window was over on Tuesday.

Lederhouse has faced problems because she's not a registered student. She isn't able to get a parking permit, so she has received numerous parking tickets. In addition, she can't receive benefits from the Montgomery G.I. Bill, a program introduced after World War II to provide educational and non-educational, for veterans, or get health insurance because she's not a registered student.

In January, Lederhouse will only have to take two more classes to graduate, but she'll still be on call.

"There's a strong chance we can still get called up," she said.

Lederhouse is a petroleum supply specialist and a lot of the support efforts in the Middle East are petroleum-based, she said.

"We don't know if or when," she said. "Somehow you just have to put that mentality into your life without letting it control you."

Shortly after spring break last semester, Lederhouse learned that she was supposed to mobilize and spend a year of active duty in the Middle East. Lederhouse reported to Fort Drum after taking incomplete grades for all of her classes, writing out a will and finding a place to keep her houseplants and dog.

Lederhouse had to get immunizations to protect her from everything from anthrax to smallpox and hepatitis.

"I think I had something like 17 shots in one day," she said.

She was also outfitted in a bulletproof vest and received her hot-weather equipment. Lederhouse went through more weapons training and made sure her gas mask worked by visiting the fort's gas chamber, she said.

"When the dates were pushed back, motivation declined," she added.

Lederhouse's deployment date was pushed back three times, so she and her unit just had small duties to perform on base, which took up a fraction of each afternoon.

"At first, everyone was anxious and pumped up and morale was high," she said. "After the dates were pushed back, motivation declined."

Five and a half months after originally reporting to Fort Drum, Lederhouse was allowed to go home after her commander's request for demobilization was granted.

Lederhouse joined the Reserves in 1999 after her sophomore year of college because she wanted to experience something new and different. The financial benefits for school were the deciding factor, but four and a half years ago, she said she didn't think there was any threat of war.

Although Lederhouse is in the clear for now, she remains prepared to participate in operations in Iraq if called to serve.
Students of SUNY Cortland and Ithaca College:

Officials from both colleges recently met to discuss the November 15th varsity football game being hosted this year at noon at Ithaca College. This year’s game is the 62nd meeting of our varsity football teams vying, of course, for possession of the Cortaca jug. We are all very proud of the accomplishments of both teams and believe that the game this year will once again be a great one.

As a fan, you can expect to see an outstanding contest on the field. Both teams and the coaching staffs have worked hard since late August to have successful seasons. The Cortland vs. Ithaca game will provide the players and coaches with a great challenge and the fans with a fun-filled, exciting afternoon.

For Cortland fans traveling to Ithaca, you will note that the New York State Police, the Tompkins County Sheriff’s Department, as well as other agencies will be patrolling the highways and will be working at the game. In recent years, police officials in Tompkins and Cortland counties have set up check points before and after the game to apprehend those who are drinking and driving. If you are over 21 years old and choose to drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation and please do not drive! Further, no one will be allowed in the game venue with beverages of any kind. Neither backpacks, bags, nor containers of any kind will be permitted in the stadium, and security personnel will ask spectators to open coats for inspection. Items confiscated will not be returned. Numerous electronic video and audio recording devices will be in place throughout the stadium for this game, and potential law breakers are forewarned that these recordings will be made available to law enforcement authorities should the need arise.

As a football fan, your behavior at the game will reflect on your college. You should be supportive of your team, cheering good play and encouraging the players to do their best. You should not be involved in behavior that will embarrass yourself or your college. Cheers that include vulgarity, demean players, coaches, officials or fans have no place at this or any other game. Throwing objects on the field, at players, coaches, officials or fans will not be tolerated. In addition, fighting or other serious acts will result in criminal arrest and, when appropriate, on-campus judicial action to include possible suspension or expulsion.

This game has a long and wonderful history. The players and coaches have worked too hard to have the game tarnished by the actions of a few fans. Good sportsmanship on and off the field will make this an event that we will remember fondly for years to come.

Sincerely,

Raymond D. Franco
Vice President for Student Affairs
SUNY Cortland

Brian McAree
Vice President for Student Affairs and Campus Life
Ithaca College

November 2003
Parental bonding goal of new group

BY GREGORY BEYER
Staff Writer

And while the association is focused on parents, there are benefits to the student population as well. The Career Development Committee, which will allow parents to share information about career opportunities and experiences. "Many parents are willing to talk with students about their particular jobs or companies," Policello said. Pierce added that many parents have proven to be exceptionally generous and said the strengths of parents might provide internships and recruitment opportunities for students. "There are a lot of parents out there who are knowledgeable of particular careers and have a lot of access to opportunities," she said. And the interest parents have already demonstrated in student affairs seems to suggest the plausibility of those prospects, she said. Although Pierce said the association does have a Parent's Fund Committee, soliciting funds is not a primary focus of the group. "In the big picture of the Parent's Association it isn't that big of a component," she said. A reception held during Family Weekend in October generated substantial interest. 

Interested parents can contact Pierce at 274-1396.
More than half of freshmen come from outside N.Y. state

BY ANNE K. WALTERS
News Editor

New York state colleges attract more out-of state students than any other state in the country, according to a study by Postsecondary Education Opportunity.

Eighty-three percent of those students attend public colleges, like Ithaca College.

Larry Metzger, dean of enrollment planning, said the percentage of out-of-state students in the freshman class has grown since last year.

This year 57 percent of freshmen were not from New York, compared to 54 percent last year.

"We've been growing," he said. "We've made conscious efforts to recruit students."

College admissions officers have traveled throughout the United States and internationally to visit high schools and college fairs to attract students from a wide variety of areas, he said.

Students from 45 other states, three U.S. territories and 69 countries attend the college.

Metzger said he believes it is the outstanding quality of the educational institutions in the state that has drawn so many out-of-state students to the region.

Junior Jessica Jaworski, who is from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, said she chose Ithaca College because of its film program. She first discovered it when researching colleges and universities that had film programs.

"I avoided the thing of having people from high school at college," she said. "I also got to experience a slightly different culture than in Florida."

There are currently 6,260 students at the college. Approximately 3,210 students, 31.3 percent, are not from New York.

Last semester's data reveal that the greatest number of out-of-state students came, from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. The college has seen notable growth in the number of students from Illinois, Texas and Colorado.

According to the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities, of the 428,000 students attending college in the state, 68 percent are New Yorkers, 25 percent are from out-of-state and 7 percent are international students.

Metzger said he believes one of the greatest advantages to having students from many areas comes in the diversity of life experiences it brings to the college.

"It enhances the breadth of perspective that students bring to the quality of the educational environment," he said.

Sophomore Arianni Massengale, who is from Anchorage, Alaska, said, "I have met people who've had different lives than I have." Massengale said that although she cannot pinpoint specific differences between people from different regions of the country, she does notice them.

She said she did not even consider out-of-state schools on the East Coast when she first began her college search. Massengale, an organizational communication, learning and design major, said she heard about the college through mailings and decided to apply for a Park Scholarship.

"As the process went along, I realized it made sense," she said.

Receiving the scholarship made a difference in her decision. Massengale would have had to deal with not only high tuition, but high dorm prices as well.

Bringing students into the state from other areas also has financial repercussions for the New York economy. The Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities estimates that out-of-state students contribute $1.32 billion to the economy during four years at college.

THE STATES THAT SEND THE MOST

1. New Jersey - 567 students
2. Pennsylvania - 529
3. Massachusetts - 521
4. Connecticut - 306
5. New Hampshire - 144

THE STATES THAT SEND THE FEWEST

1. Alabama - 1 student
2. Nevada - 1
3. South Dakota - 1
4. Louisiana - 2

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Public Safety Log Incidents

Oct. 23

• Fire alarm
Location: West Tower
Summary: Fire alarm caused by burned food. System reset. Patrol Officer Richard Curtiss.

• Criminal mischief
Location: Terrace 12
Summary: Caller reported unknown persons damaged parked vehicle. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Richard Curtiss.

• Life safety hazards
Location: Court
Summary: Officer reported a vehicle leaking gasoline. Vehicle towed and spill was cleaned up. Sgt. Steve Yapel.

Oct. 24

• Criminal possession of stolen property
Location: E-lot
Summary: Parking enforcement officer reported a parked vehicle with a lost/stolen parking permit. Vehicle towed and student referred for judicial action. Sgt. Ronald Hart.

• Making graffiti
Location: Lannick Hall
Summary: Caller reported unknown persons wrote a bias-related/homophobic message on residence hall room door. Pending Investigation. Patrol Officer Bruce Holmsticke.

Oct. 25

• Motor vehicle accident
Location: D-lot
Summary: Officer reported a two-car MVA with property damage. Patrol Officer Jerry Lewis.

Oct. 26

• Criminal mischief
Location: G-lot
Summary: Caller reported unknown persons damaged a parked vehicle. Pending Investigation. Patrol Officer Erik Merlin.

• Conduct code violation
Location: College Circle Building 6
Summary: Caller reported noise complaint. One student judicially referred for providing alcohol to minors and possession of a keg. Patrol Officer Richard Curtiss.

• Criminal mischief
Location: Terrace 12
Summary: Officer reported unknown persons damaged a parked vehicle. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Richard Curtiss.

• Conduct code violation
Location: College Circle Drive
Summary: Two students judicially referred in separate incidents for underage possession of alcohol. Sgt. Frederick Thomas.

• Medical assist
Location: East Tower
Summary: Officer reported a person sustained a cut to the hand. Officer transported the student to Cayuga Medical Center. Patrol Officer Richard Curtiss.

• Unlawful possession/marijuana
Location: Terrace 12
Summary: Caller reported the odor of marijuana. One student judicially referred for possession of marijuana. Patrol Officer Richard Curtiss.

• V&T violation
Location: L-lot
Summary: During a traffic stop, officer arrested the operator for V&T. Officer issued three traffic tickets for Thrope Town Court. Student was then transported to the Health Center. Sgt. Frederick Thomas.

• Unlawful possession/marijuana
Location: L-lot extension
Summary: Officer reported people in possession of marijuana. Officer issued three appearance tickets for unlawful possession of marijuana for Ithaca Town Court. Individuals were also restricted from the college campus. Sgt. Frederick Thomas.

Oct. 27

• Criminal mischief
Location: College Circle parking lot
Summary: Caller reported people damaging parked vehicles. Officer located the individuals responsible. Officer arrested one and issued one appearance ticket for two counts of criminal mischief for Ithaca Town Court. Two other students were judicially referred for disorderly conduct. Patrol Officer Craig Reynolds.

• Unlawful possession/marijuana
Location: Hilliard Hall
Summary: Officer reported people with marijuana. Four individuals were restricted from campus. Patrol Officer Erik Merlin.

• PublicDwitness
Location: College Circle Building 32
Summary: Two students judicially referred for public urination. Security Officer Michael Hall.

• Conduct code violation
Location: Lyon Hall
Summary: One student judicially referred for possession of alcohol. Security Officer Fred Stickane.

• Criminal mischief
Location: G-lot
Summary: Caller reported unknown persons damaged a parked vehicle. Pending Investigation. Patrol Officer Erik Merlin.

• Found property
Location: Terrace 2
Summary: Caller found a cell phone and turned it over to Public Safety.

Oct. 28

• Found property
Location: Gannett Center
Summary: Officer found a watch and turned it over to Public Safety.

• Unlawful possession/marijuana
Location: Hilliard Hall
Summary: Caller reported odor of marijuana. Two students judicially referred for possession of marijuana and a controlled substance. Sgt. Keith Lee.

Oct. 29

• Criminal tampering
Location: Lyon Hall
Summary: Officer reported a person had passed out. Ambulance transported the student to Cayuga Medical Center. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Doug Gordiner.

• Computer crimes
Location: Emerson Hall
Summary: Caller reported a person had damaged a parked vehicle. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Richard Curtiss.

• Medical assist
Location: Fitness Center
Summary: Caller reported person sustained an ankle injury. Officer transported student to the Health Center. Patrol Officer Doug Gordiner.

• Computer crimes
Location: College Circle Building 18
Summary: Caller reported a computer on the college network sharing copyrighted material. One student judicially referred. Investigator Thomas Dunn.

• Medical assist
Location: Fitness Center
Summary: Caller reported person sustained an ankle injury. Officer transported student to the Health Center. Patrol Officer Doug Gordiner.

Oct. 30

• Found property
Location: West Tower
Summary: Officer found two keys and turned them over to Public Safety.

• Larceny
Location: College Circle Community Building
Summary: Caller reported unknown person had taken items from office. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

• Assist other agency
Location: All other/Rochester
Summary: Caller reported information regarding harassment that occurred on Oct. 17 at the University Rochester physical therapy clinic. Pending Investigation. Investigator Laura Dunn.

• Fire alarm
Location: Smiddy Hall

• Solicitation
Location: all campus
Summary: Caller reported people handing out fliers. Officer restricted three people from campus. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

Nov. 1

• Criminal mischief
Location: College Circle parking lot
Summary: Caller reported that an unknown person damaged a parked vehicle. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Richard Curtiss.

• Unlawful possession/marijuana
Location: Lyon Hall
Summary: Officer reported intoxicated person with marijuana paraphernalia. Student was escorted to the Health Center and judicially referred for violation of the drug and alcohol policy. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

• Criminal mischief
Location: L-lot
Summary: Caller reported unknown person had damaged four parked vehicles. Pending investigation. Sgt. Ronald Hart.

• Criminal tampering
Location: L-lot
Summary: Caller reported unknown persons let the air out of four tires on a parked vehicle. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Terry Opporty.

KEY
ABC - Alcohol beverage control law
CMC - Cayuga Medical Center
DWI - Driving while intoxicated
IPD - Ithaca Police Department
MVA - Motor vehicle accident
TCSD - Tompkins County Sheriff's Department
V&T - Vehicle and traffic violations.
**Editorials**

**ITS is not to blame**

Office still could do more to curb slowdown

Information Technology Services at Ithaca College has endured a rough fall semester. Clearly, there are recurring problems with the campus computer network, but ITS is not entirely to blame. Throughout the semester, ITS has made an effort to do the best it can with the resources it has been given. Those same highly trained people could solve more problems by cleaning viruses off their own computers with the ITS-offered software and encouraging others to do the same.

One way to do this is to attend the open forum being held today at 10 a.m. in Ford Center to discuss NetNertz. This would prove to be an effective gauge of student concern and should provide ITS with insight into students' needs.

More can be done to improve the campus computer network — the network should be secure enough that viruses on individual student computers should not affect the connectivity of every student on campus.

Before anything productive can be accomplished, students must clean up their computers and ITS must keep an open mind to student concerns.

**Don’t jeopardize Jug**

Annual rivalry must be kept under control

Cortaca Jug weekend has become an excuse for students to let loose and enjoy themselves to the fullest. It is not to blame.

This year, the Cortaca Jug game is for more than just bragging rights: If the Bombers defeat the Red Raiders, it will jeopardize the traditionally lenient attitude toward Information Technology Services at Ithaca College.

It is a shame that a large number of students purposely get up early on Cortaca Saturday for the sole purpose of bashing each other for reasons even locals can remember.

It is not ITS’s fault. Student descendents of schools must curb their boorish behavior and focus their pride on the game, not on the consumption of copious amounts of alcohol.

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Another Angle

Trying to make a living in the City of Angels

In August I moved to a city with a 6.7 percent unemployment rate located in a bankrupt state with the largest time of relocation, was embroiled in a costly gubernatorial debacle that had every other state in the union laughing. My primary objective: to find a job. So like so many others who have made the pilgrimage to Los Angeles, (you are hard pressed to find a native, L.A.-er), I sought the excitement of a fast-paced life in the innovative mecca of the world. And fast-paced is what I got. While you may hear stories of the laidback California lifestyle, in my opinion, L.A. moves quickly.

Upon arrival, I didn’t know how to get anywhere. A simple attempt at grocery shopping often turned into an hours-long project, a magazine I thought lasted hours as I struggled to cross freeway lanes, make left turns and simply remember how to get back to my house.

But I learned from every wrong turn that was made and my turns that was taken, and eventually I did find the ones that would navigate my way through the sprawling maze of LA. I have found that with reasonable efficiency, I then set out to find a job.

I began by going to newstands and perusing such a replica of newspapers that I could imagine myself working for. I called several of the publications that I deemed worthy and, for the most part, was unsuccessful. I managed to get one or two interview, but nothing came of them.

In the meantime, I became a frequent visitor of job websites. But none of these sites appeared almost in desperation that I would be the first to respond to a new job posting. Searching the Internet, making phone calls, rewriting cover letters and sending facsimiles became my routine. One day I would be following a promising lead, the next I would be sitting hopefully in front of my computer wondering why I couldn’t get an interview. At times I felt my efforts were in vain, but my friends reassured me that everything I was doing would eventually pay off.

And sure enough, it did.

My break finally came when a friend of a friend talked to a friend who wanted to change and things I wanted to change and things I had known for two days, I knew my entire life. We went to sing the tastelessness industry’s praises, to the word has been around since the mid-90s, it didn’t make its way into Webster’s until last summer. Since then, the term and its connotations have sparked some unrest among the big shots at McDonald’s.

In fact, the fast food chain’s CEO, Jim Cantalupo, in an interview with "The Wall Street Journal," last week, expressing his discontent with the dictionary’s decision to include such a negative entry for McJobs.

Of course, one might argue that the term McJobs are generally low-paying, tedious and degrading. These jobs attract workers for hours and working conditions, while rewarding them with barely livable wages and hardly any job security.

Of course, most McJobs aren’t necessarily dead-end jobs, few of us are working 40 hours per week of part-time positions filled by high school and college students, most of whom rely at least partially on their parents for financial assistance. Though every one from single parents to elderly adults is resorting to McJobs to make ends meet, many of us college students are especially familiar with these low-paying temporary jobs.

After a few short years in food service and McJobs, few of us are willing to spend the rest of our lives employed at Wal-Mart, Old Navy or McDonald’s. Realistically, many of us actually come to college in a sort of desperation, hoping that college degrees will save us from lifetimes of McJobs. But maybe service jobs aren’t really so bad, Cantalupo claims that we’re simply arrogant and condescending, that our lusting for fast-food employment is perhaps due to our inability to find better paying service employees. However, it seems that there’s a bit more to it.

The term McJobs, devised by a group of fast-food employee haters and a dictionary writer, is a term that does not refer to service employees. Does it even matter if Webster’s recognizes a word that recognizes this problem?

Just a Thought

Don’t blame McJobs on Ronald McDonald

Do you have a McJob? That is, do you think you’re stuck in a monotonous, minimum-wage position that involves washing dishes, folding sweaters or asking, “Would you like fries with that?” Don’t blame your dictionary, because McDonald’s and the fast-food workers’ unions don’t blame anything to do with it.

According to the most recent edition of Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary, a McJob is a paying job that requires little skill and provides little income. The word has been around since the mid-90s, it didn’t make its way into Webster’s until last summer. Since then, the term and its connotations have sparked some unrest among the big shot at McDonald’s.

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The Way I See It

Leadership retreat exceeds expectations

Coming, N.Y. is a small city by most people’s standards, but it is a place that will hold special meaning for me for the rest of my life. It is in this tiny town that I made 40 new friends in three days.

The Cross-Cultural Leadership Retreat, hosted by the Center for Student Leadership and Involvement, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, took place over the weekend in Coming last year. It was an event that I have almost completely forgotten, but the experience has stayed with me.

It was an incredibly wonderful experience, but not in the way you might think or she is. It is extremely difficult to expose the things we strive most not to be in ourselves, and I learned things I never would have discovered otherwise. I accepted prejudices I held against people of my own background, as well as those of other cultures. Culture does, after all, encompass every aspect of life, not solely race and ethnicity.

That first day I learned so much that I never even considered or knew previously. However, by Saturday it became obvious we still had all far to go. We spent the weekend together, brainstorming and bringing an entirely different approach to cultural education. We played a game called "Who’s the Boss?" during which class and power were important previously. However, we all still had far to go.

The level of openness among us was incredible, an atmosphere that is hard to recreate in normal social interactions. We were able to question others as well as ourselves without fear of repercussion or insult. If someone asked a question it was to learn, not to offend.

We developed a sense of community and came together as a family, one with which I never had before. I found things I wanted to change and things I hated about myself. I truly realized that no matter how open-minded and selfless one wants to be there is always room to improve.

That night, as many of us had the prior evening, we had time for informal discussion at a local pizzeria. Some of these talks with other participants were the most rewarding of the weekend.

FRESHMAN KRISTEN LEISING and sophomore Handrix Mabaya worked together to understand diversity last weekend. After a few short years in food service and McJobs, few of us are willing to spend the rest of our lives employed at Wal-Mart, Old Navy or McDonald’s. Realistically, many of us actually come to college in a sort of desperation, hoping that college degrees will save us from lifetimes of McJobs. But maybe service jobs aren’t really so bad, Cantalupo claims that we’re simply arrogant and condescending, that our lusting for fast-food employment is perhaps due to our inability to find better paying service employees. However, it seems that there’s a bit more to it.

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The Cross-Cultural Leadership Retreat, hosted by the Center for Student Leadership and Involvement, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, took place over the weekend in Coming last year. It was a gathering of Ithaca College students from varied backgrounds, cultures, religions and any other differences one can contemplate.

Thirty-three, six peer leaders and four Ithaca College staff members were invited to participate. I knew only one other individual attending. Many other questions in the community, as I and a few had already met.

The first day began with icebreakers, National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) training. These workshops promoted the realization and acceptance of prejudices each of us has, no matter how open-minded one might think or she is.

It is extremely difficult to expose the things we strive most not to be in ourselves, and I learned things I never would have discovered otherwise. I accepted prejudices I held against people of my own background, as well as those of other cultures. Culture does, after all, encompass every aspect of life, not solely race and ethnicity.

That first day I learned so much that I never even considered or knew previously. However, by Saturday it became obvious we still had all far to go. We spent the weekend together, brainstorming and bringing an entirely different approach to cultural education. We played a game called "Who’s the Boss?" during which class and power were important previously. However, we all still had far to go.

The level of openness among us was incredible, an atmosphere that is hard to recreate in normal social interactions. We were able to question others as well as ourselves without fear of repercussion or insult. If someone asked a question it was to learn, not to offend.

We developed a sense of community and came together as a family, one with which I never had before. I found things I wanted to change and things I hated about myself. I truly realized that no matter how open-minded and selfless one wants to be there is always room to improve.

That night, as many of us had the prior evening, we had time for informal discussion at a local pizzeria. Some of these talks with other participants were the most rewarding of the weekend.

FRESHMAN KRISTEN LEISING and sophomore Handrix Mabaya worked together to understand diversity last weekend. After a few short years in food service and McJobs, few of us are willing to spend the rest of our lives employed at Wal-Mart, Old Navy or McDonald’s. Realistically, many of us actually come to college in a sort of desperation, hoping that college degrees will save us from lifetimes of McJobs. But maybe service jobs aren’t really so bad, Cantalupo claims that we’re simply arrogant and condescending, that our lusting for fast-food employment is perhaps due to our inability to find better paying service employees. However, it seems that there’s a bit more to it.

The term McJobs, devised by a group of fast-food employee haters and a dictionary writer, is a term that does not refer to service employees. Does it even matter if Webster’s recognizes a word that recognizes this problem?

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**Investigative Journalism as a Tool of Democracy**

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**LIVE**
BY MICHELLE THEIS
Staff Writer

The games were already beginning, and it was only 10 a.m. Saturday at Cornell's Bartels Hall. One man stretched worn arms as another jogged easy laps around the AstroTurf perimeter. Across the Richard M. Ramin Room, a young woman opened a large, dark duffle bag, extracting clubs that looked like bowling pins and a set of brightly colored balls like magic tricks from a hat. Music thumped, diablos tumbled and a green-haired unicyclist crossed the room.

This circus-like spectacle was the seventh annual Big Red JuggleFest, sponsored by the Cornell Juggling Club last weekend. From Oswego, Philadelphia, California and even Russia, about 200 jugglers traveled to Ithaca to share their love of tricks, tosses, shows and stunts.

The festival included open juggling, professional workshops and a performance at the State Theatre Saturday night. Most important, the festival fostered a tight-knit environment for learning and sharing.

Sixty-six-year-old professional juggler Jackie Erickson shared his 24 years of experience with novices at a workshop in the afternoon. A former teacher, professional bowler, basketball player and soccer referee, the Philadelphian said he noticed at age 42 that his physical abilities were declining. He decided he wanted to find a way to stay active following his retirement.

“I wanted to be able to do something when I was 85,” he said.

He began looking through "The Encyclopedia of Sport" and found juggling, so he sought out a teacher. Today, Erickson teaches others – he estimated 10,000 to 15,000 people in his lifetime. He said jugglers tend to be highly educated – most have their master's degrees – and that's why he loves teaching them.

Known professionally as Mr. E, Erickson engages workshop audiences like the one at JuggleFest. And when he sends three white balls cascading from hand to hand, the motion is so smooth that attendees don't even notice the aged hands that move them.

After more than two decades of practice, Erickson said these workshops are stress-free. "This is like shooting fish in a barrel," he said.

But for newer jugglers, the skills Erickson teaches can be more difficult.

Ithaca College sophomore Jim Klimek, member of the Cornell Juggling Club, has been juggling for eight years – a relatively short amount of time compared to Erickson.

"I just got five balls in the air two years ago, so generally, that's pretty recent," he said.

His new best trick is even more advanced. When Klimek holds two wooden sticks connected to each other by a piece of string, he can whirl an hour-glass shaped device called a diablo into the air from behind his back and then catch it again – a real audience-pleaser, Klimek said.

Klimek said events like JuggleFest give jugglers the opportunity to showcase these interesting tricks and learn new ones from others.

"It's just picking up something new and trying to do it," he said.

Across the expansive Ramin Room floor, JuggleFest attendees did just that. Beside the entrance, a man stooped down to teach a group of three excited children how to juggle scarves. Pink and yellow hoops hovered above them as they cheerfully tossed – and dropped – each sheer cloth.

A young man stood staring intensely at the miniature performers, a club in each hand. He looked from the joyful jugglers to his own two hands and tossed, for what looked like the first time, two bright clubs before him. Clunks and slams and plunks and thwacks echoed in the chaos, and colored objects streaked through the air.

Cornell senior Nicholas Burlett, treasurer of the Cornell Juggling Club, stood at the front table, gazing out at the jubilant crowd. He remembered the excitement of learning the juggling skill. In seventh grade, he constructed makeshift cardboard tubes as devil sticks.

"My friend and I didn't have any money, but we wanted to try them," he said. "We had fun and decided to actually go out and get real ones.

Moving from cardboard to clubs, fire and even knives, Burlett used festivals, shows and clubs like Cornell's to learn skills from others and build his repertoire of tricks.

"It's a good way to relieve stress, have fun, be creative," he said.

But when it comes time to organize a festival, Burlett knows the no-stress factor can disappear. He and the club's president, Adam Benlifer, spent the last two and a half months putting JuggleFest together – a task they said cost more money than they had available.

The club members had to apply for funding from Cornell, and they weren't sure they would receive the money until October. With an event that costs about $5,000, Benlifer said Cornell's financial contributions were vital, but they didn't even pay for the entire festival. The club – and sometimes individuals who want to keep the balls flying – helped fund JuggleFest.

"My sophomore year, we laid personal money on the line and were lucky enough to make it back," Burlett said.

Though admission to the festival is free, the show at the State Theatre brings in some revenue. But Burlett said the high-quality performers the club usually enlists are worth the personal donations.

Ithaca's own Skinny German Juggling Boy, Hilly, was the master of ceremonies at the State Theatre this year. He provoked laughter with his three Chinese box juggling routine and awed the audience by catching a bowling ball in a pinata – as he balanced it on his face.

World record-holding jugglers Vova and Olga quickly maneuvered a handful of balls between their left hands as they simultaneously played difficult numbers on the piano with the right. And Ivan Pecel wowed audience members with rings, balls and a hatchet.

"As jugglers like Erickson, the night-time performance was an amazing product of lessons and patience," Jen Slaw, a student he said he took under his wing when she was 14, performed a sultry but stylish three-ball number – as the 2002 International Jugglers Association three-ball champion.

"He taught me everything I know," Slaw said.

MEGHAN MAZZELATI/EITHACAN
LEE KOLINSKA SWIRLS A ball around an umbrella, demonstrating the variety of stunts that are considered juggling.

MEGHAN MAZZELATI/EITHACAN
FLIPPING STICKS, Nathan Chun fumbles a diablo, like many who tried tricks for the first time at the JuggleFest workshops.
Students meet in cyber space

BY EMILY MILLER
Staff Writer

A nervous Mike Prentice entered the ABC Cafe in Collegetown to have brunch with a local female student whom he had never met in person. It was over fruit salad and omelets that Prentice's anxieties faded as he and his date discussed shared interests in person rather than through e-mail.

In January, Prentice took time off from Cornell University to work. He was having a difficult time meeting new people, so he decided to try his luck on Yahoo! Personals. Months after he had forgotten all about his personals ad on the site, he received a response and began getting to know his current girlfriend.

"It's a good way to, I guess, present people," he said. "And it's a good way for people to know right away what your interests are, and you know right away what their interests are. Plus, the biggest advantage is that you both know that each other's looking for someone to date."

Taking services like Yahoo! Personals and adding an innovative twist, Friendster.com emerged on the Internet scene in March. This new online craze serves as a place for people to meet new friends and potential dates through mutual friends in their online "networks." Those outside of people's networks of friends are not allowed to contact them, making the Web site safer and more intimate.

Profiles listing members' favorite bands, movies and descriptions of themselves are the basis of Friendster's appeal. It is through these profiles that a person can connect to a friend's profile and have access to that friend's friends, and so on. The site operates on the assumption that shared interests make for good relationships.

Students also find Friendster.com to be convenient for just staying connected with close friends or getting to know someone better whom they have met in person through a mutual friend.

Junior Emily Miez uses Friendster.com to keep in touch with friends and to meet new ones. "If you kind of know someone and you want to set them up, you can connect them as your friends and then the next time you see them," Miez said. "It's a lot less awkward.

Instead of using the Website for social reasons, senior Jon Todd finds Friendster.com useful for professional purposes.

"I think it's really cool because I'm looking for a singer for my band and I could, with all the people I'm connected to, probably find someone right now that would want to sing in the band," Todd said.

Similar to Friendster.com, Jdate.com is an online social service for Jewish singles who are looking to meet friends or romantic interests. According to the Web site, it has more than 500,000 members and will help people cultivate real relationships.

Senior Megan Linden uses Jdate.com mainly because his graduating senior year.

"I don't know where in the country I'm going to be," Linden said. "It's cool to get to know people from all over the place. It's easy. It's an automated way to find people with the same interests as you." Jdate.com has also been used as a teaching device. Sophomore Amanda Homing used the Web site last semester in her Hebrew class. Homing's teacher had the class use it as a resource because students' profiles are written in both Hebrew and English. They accessed Jdate.com to learn Hebrew words to describe physical features and hobbies.

She stopped using the service after her Hebrew class finished because of a lack of interest and time. She also said that she isn't interested in using the Internet for the purpose of meeting new people.

Although Homing talked to one person on Jdate.com when she didn't know, because

JOY BOSTROM
PHYSICAL THERAPY
2005

Hometown: Schenksville, Penn.

If you could change Ithaca's mascot, what would the new mascot be?
Ithaca Steakheads.

What's the nicest thing your roommate's ever done for you?
She stole me candy apples from the dining hall.

Do you have your bets on Cortland or Ithaca? Ithaca, 54-0.

What's the worst song to be awake up to?
I think the really annoying beep is the worst of all.

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What's the best place to go on a date in Ithaca? I don't really go out on dates ... but if anyone wants to show me the hot spots ...
jumping off this 1,450 foot drop. Viewers can
TAKE A HIKE: Wendy and Andrew
Dubois pause during the challenging
hike back up to the top of the canyon.

Ithaca, but they won't find daredevil peers
few days of missed class, students and fam-
ilies from this part of the country can trav-
el just more than two hours to the Penn­
sylvania Grand Canyon, also known as the
Pine Creek Gorge.

Gorges are no mystery to students from
Ithaca, but they won't find daredevil peers
jumping off this 1,450 foot drop. Viewers can
take in a vast expanse of rolling land, a shal-
low torrent of water and a few scattered hous-
es the size of peanuts. This makes even look-
ing down forbidding, never mind taking the
leap. Pine tree-covered slabs of land just in
front of each other, extending into meandering oblivion.

The sound of the remaining leaves rustling against each other is accompanied by a low gurgle coming from within the canyon. The digestive hum is caused by the wind, which echoes inside the depths.

Visitors have the option of reversing their view by taking the one and a half hour hike to the bottom of the canyon on the Turkey Path Trail. The three mile trail offers cascading waterfalls, moss covered rocks and
groves of trees.

A thin, stony road follows the winding stream at the bottom. The water laps against the flat rocks above the surface. The feeling of vertigo returns only when looking at the top of the canyon. The steep hike back makes Buttermilk Falls seem like the walk to the bottom of the canyon on the Turkey Path Trail. The three mile trail offers cascading waterfalls, moss covered rocks and
groves of trees.

For visitors who can't spot a soaring ea-
gle or vulture on their hike down the
canyon, Animaland, located less than a mile
from the canyon, can help them increase their
daily nature intake. The zoo has staples like
buffalo and emus.

As more exotic animals like kangaroos,
frequent rest stops where climbers can sit on
campsites inscribed with couples' names and
admire the changing view.

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After seeing the sights that nature offers,
guests can see how humans have turned
Wellboro, Pa., into a tourist attraction. The
name of nearly every store, restaurant,
campground or park makes use of some
kind of pun on Canyon Country or calls it
self "Wellboro's finest." The town is lo-
cated 12 miles from the canyon, and its
business owners are proud of their town's
national natural landmark, officially des-
ignated as such in 1968. Racks of postcards
and souvenir T-shirts and hats sit in the cor-
ners of small shops along the downtown's
Main Street.

The main drag is packed with similar shops,
towering stone churches and historic buildings. Founded in 1906, the town pays homage to its
past with statues of its writers and politicians,
signs signifying landmarks and town events,
like the annual "fabulous 1890s weekend" in
September and the "Wellboro's Dickens of a
Christmas" celebration on Dec. 6.

Wellboro is one of those towns where
chain stores like Eckerd and Subway blend in with the locally owned stores because they
are smaller and don't have flashy signs. It all
gives the town a rustic, old-fashioned, New
England look.

One restaurant that stands out, however,
is the "famous" Wellboro Diner. Previous-
ly called the Sterling Diner, the entirely
porcelain dining car was made in 1938 by
the J.B. Junkins Co. in Merrimac, Mass. With
its row of faux red leather stools facing the
kitchen and bus station, the crowded diner
seems to have been cut out of a Norman
Rockwell painting. Regular customers,
homemade butterscotchies enclosed in glass
jars and a metal-rimmed clock enhance the
old-fashioned atmosphere.

Another self-proclaimed "Wellboro
Delight" is located next to the diner at 17
Main St. The Cellar Door (the most beau-
tiful combination of words in the English
language, according to the movie "Donny
Darko"), also boasts an impressive collec-
tion of pottery, china, crystal, ornaments and
figurines. The distinctly sweet smell of Yan-
tee Candles mixed with the fresh scent of
cedar accompanies two floors of parent-
friendly gifts.

While Wellboro makes Ithaca look like
a bustling metropolis, the canyon contin-
ues to draw people from hours away even
when the weather is chilly. Visitors can
warm up inside the reasonably priced
restaurants and easily find souvenirs to re-
member their hike.
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Waiting for sunset
Muslims sacrifice food and focus on faith

BY MATTHEW QUINTANILLA
Contributing Writer

Before the sun comes up over Pakistan
during the month of Ramadan, Muslims
wake up and eat their first meal only meal
of the day. When he was young, Zeeshan
Salahudin's mother would wake him up for
suhoor and send him back to bed.

Throughout the day, Muslims would go
to school where all of six students there
would not eat again until sunset, at which
time they would break the fast with the
Iftar meal.

Now, as a senior at Ithaca College,
Salahudin does Ramadan a little differently.
"Here, of course, there is no mom and
life is insane, so I don't really get to do any
of that," Salahudin said. "My primary way
of fasting is eating whatever I can at
dinner time, as late as about midnight, on
days I choose to fast."

Salahudin said that while his Muslim
faith is part of his heritage, he finds it
difficult to bring all of the parts of his faith
to the college.

Ithaca isn't exactly the best place
to celebrate Ramadan because there aren't
that many Muslims," Salahudin said.
He said there are fewer than 30 Muslims
on campus.

Following the lunar calendar, the holy
month of Ramadan started this year Oct.
26 at sunset. Ramadan marks the month when
the prophet Muhammad revealed the Quran, the
religious text that guides the Islam faith.
During the month, Muslims who follow
the tradition abstain from all food or drink,
as well as smoking, sexual activities and
backbiting or other negative arguing, from
dawn to sunset.

Junior Malikah Waajid fasts during
Ramadan. She said going to a school with
such a small Muslim population is more
difficult than not eating during the day.
Although she now plans to stay here, she
has thought about transferring.
"It's kind of difficult because there's not
a large community, and there's not a lot
of support for Muslim students," Waajid said.
"At Cornell, because there's already an
established Muslim nucleus of some sort,
people aren't as apprehensive about coming
out and observing it. Everything is a strug­
gle, but you make it work."

Waajid said fumi 'ab prayers are held for
Muslims at Muller Chapel every Friday at
1 p.m. She founded the Muslim Student
Association on campus last year to bring
Muslims together and provide education to
the entire student body about the religion and
the culture. When two of the four executive
board members graduated at the end of last
year, the group ceased to exist.

Waajid said the media's misrepresen­
ation of Islam misinforms some students. She
counters the negative perceptions with her
own insight on the religion.

"There's a lot of people who get their
information from the media, which isn't
skewed," Waajid said. "I think the most
important thing is getting real information out
there from the Muslim perspective, rather
than from a sensationalized story with
other motives."

Junior Sabik Enayet, an international
student from Bangladesh, had worried
about his classmates' reactions to his faith,
but has since found Ithaca to be more
accepting than most places.
Enayet, who is fasting for the entire month
of Ramadan, said living off campus has made
his practice a little more difficult.
"I walk around campus now and my
friends offer me cigarettes, and I have to tell
them, "No, not before sunset,"" Enayet said.
"The only problem I have is when I see
other people eating and I feel like eating."
Abstaining is not about punishment, but
sacrifice, Enayet said.
"People actually think it's pretty harsh
that I'm having to fast, and that maybe it's not
right on my religion's part that they're mak­
ing me do this," Enayet said. "This is an op­
portunity for us to realize that we have
people who do suffer." Ramadan isn't only about sacrificing food
and removing vices. Waajid said this month
is also used for giving back to the commu­
nity and focusing on one's spiritual life, which
includes reading the entire Quran.
"It's a time to re-center yourself,"
Waajid said.
Ramadan ends at the next new moon.

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE
DECEMBER 17, 2003.
By Emily Keizer

The skeleton of a whale the size of a school bus hangs in mid-air. One floor down, a set of 11,000-year-old mastodon bones strikes out from its skull. The Museum of the Earth, which houses these two artifacts, opened last month on Ithaca’s West Hill after nearly a decade of planning, fund-raising and construction.

Despite the presence of such imposing artifacts, the theme of the new museum is summed up best by the large rock at the entrance of the permanent exhibition hall, said Samantha Castillo-Davis, the museum’s community relations liaison. The rock is studded with fossils of everything from zebrafishes to mollusks.

“This is a rock, but it’s essentially a rock made up of living things,” Castillo-Davis said. “Often times, people separate the biological sciences from the earth sciences and the physical sciences. We think here that all these sciences are interrelated into a larger system that gives us the earth’s life.”

This multi-disciplinary approach to natural history makes for a combination of displays, art and hands-on activities that provide information about the last 3.5 billion years of life on Earth. As the public dimension of PRI, the museum shows only a fraction of the nearly three million plant and animal fossils in the research collection.

“It involves work that may sound mundane but is really important: washing and cataloging and those sort of things,” Ross said. “But it’s an opportunity to work with the real stuff.”

Even in the museum itself, Ross and his colleagues attempt to keep the emphasis as much on “real stuff” as possible. Take for example, the mastodon skeleton, for example, which features the actual bones instead of the plaster casts on display in some larger museums. Some of the brightly painted walls are dedicated to the fossils of the sponges, clams and trilobites that inhabited central New York 380 million years ago. And the quick-footed coelophysis, the only species of dinosaur to have been unearthed in the region, serves as the museum’s mascot.

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Back Beat

Bank account shrinks as stomach enlarges

I have eaten McDonald's six times in the last 15 days. Prior to those 15 days, I had not eaten a fast food item in a year. In fact, I don't even really like McDonald's food at all that much. I'm more of an Arby's guy. So why the sudden surge of fatty deposits and super-sized beverage consumption? What happened to me? McDonald's Mo- ney talks.

This ingenious marketing ploy utilizes Mickey D's, Best Buy and Parker Brother's finest games and a bit of all the name of consumerism and fat- ness. And while I recognize this rampant capitalism and gluttony, I can't help but get wrapped up in all its sticker-manuevering glory.

For those of you unfamiliar with the game, the entry fee is $1.00 for one large fry and Super Size Drink and fries, two gameboard stickers appear stick to the packaging. Be sure that you place them in their corresponding spots on the gameboard, which is provided free. If you obtain all six stickers in their respective colored section, you win the prize announce: a free plasma television.

For example, if you get Baltic Ave. and Mediterranean Ave. (the purples), you get 400 E. Miehle. Then flip over and flip over and flip five free games. Pretty sweet, I know. Eat a couple of fries, and you could have five free games. "Herbie the Catch: From what I can tell, no human being has ever won any of these prizes. Ever. This is the best thing I've ever seen anyone walk away with (besides bad acne and an enlarged heart) is a free McFlurry.

I can see this synergy of major cor­ porations is devilishly clever. As Chocolate and McDonalds themselves are not dance-oriented, a total deviation in the other side world only rarely intrudes. The characters are engaging enough to make the intimacy bearable, but it's not a play from which there is an easy escape, in the end. I'm hard to judge whether the characters act out of love or selfishness.

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Rap show is on the money

BY PAUL GIMBELG Senior Writer

Every hip-hop fan knows that there are two elements common to every show. First, no matter how hard the concert hall tries to get a show to go on, it never happens. Second, before a multi-platinum main act can grace the stage an opener of lesser caliber will take hold of it for the shortest amount of time possible. This was precisely what happened at the Nappy Roots and Ladisac. concert at Cornell’s Barton Hall on Sunday night was different.

Although Nappy Roots attempted to give their best performance, the audience was simply not there for them and, with a few exceptions, was unfamiliar with the bulk of the group’s songs. The highlights of their performance included “Yo Folks,” “Aawaw” and “Headz Up.” During the latter, Big V—a deep-voiced, hilarious member of the six-person group—handed various speakers on stage in between rapping and mocking the audience’s “hook.” “Show me where yo’ head at Sharry yo’ head at?”

Unlike Nappy Roots’ bringing up their usual pot-smoking response to tragedies like Sept. 11, Iraq, and the Atlanta Olympic Games, as shown by their performance of “Blowin’ Trees,” Ladisac did not set a somber tone.

After a crowd pleasing intro, Ladisac, sporting a grey jacket with prints of hundred dollar bills all over it, emerged from the smoke and burst into the first two tracks of his album, “Chicken N Beer.” He was blustering it with gangsta rap, rapping his own references about his goings around his neck featuring a diamond encrusted D-Town (The Peace) (DTF) emblem on it. “I am double 00, I’m not a rapper, I’m aSolution to the problem of undiscovered talent.”

The crowd moaned as he split his notoriously fast rhymes and especially when he made the essential remarks about the city he was performing in. “What’s up, Ithaca? Nappy Roots in the city.” Exclamations Ladisac before getting his get-high anthem, “Saturday (Ooh Ooh Ooh)”

SHOWING OFF RICHES and rapping skills, Ladisac entertained on Sunday at Cornell.

LARRY WESTLER/THE ITHACAN

With heads banging, hands in the air, everybody rapping (and dancin’) along, audience members remained on their feet and when they didn’t Ladisac taunted them to “Stand Up” and received the words to his latest hit. Forgoing the typical progression from old to new, Ladisac’s set was so perfectly fine-tuned that the songs flowed seamlessly in and out of one another. From “Acta Foxtrot to “Southern Hospi- tality,” to “Move B—UP” he made sure to get to every one of his many big club hits, sparing the audience of some from the slower and lesser-known tracks on his three multi-platinum selling albums. Ladisac was on top of his game, putting on one of the best hip-hop performances Ithaca has seen in recent memory. Showing incredible breath control, his distinct voice was unstoppable in evoking an aura of unnatural superiority and world-class rap skills. His high-time set didn’t let his ego get in the way of giving concertgoers the best of his witty dirty-mouth ATL flavor. His stage presence was immaculate and not surprisingly more commanding than the three one-linebacker-looking Keanu Reeves jersy-wearing DTF byype-men who shared it with him. Among them was fellow DTF member I-20, who performed his upcoming single, the catchy “Fightin’ in the Club.” His memorable deep voice was well-received by the audience. Of the many highlights of their performance, the DJ’s scratch interlude, which gave Ladisac and the DTF crew a nice breather. The crowd loved the lightning-speed record scratching performance, but Ladisac was not impressed. He told his DJ that he knew too much. Mary Anne, the disc jockey informed him that the ladies also wanted to see more. On his second attempt, the DJ tore up the wax while the crowd cheered for him.

The only disappointment of the night was the tediously long performance that Nappy Roots gave. Their segment of the show would have been perfect if they stuck to their popular songs and had a shorter set. Luckily, Ladisac was there to save the day.

Sequel to beloved action film falls flat

Movie Review

BY KELLY O’BRIEN Staff Writer

“The Matrix” series is not, in fact, a trilogy. It is actually two movies—“The Matrix” and “The Matrix: Reloaded”—plus an another an absurdly long sequel, cast in two convention咳. In- deed, “The Matrix Revolutions” is really just the second half of “The Matrix Reloaded.”

Not that there’s anything wrong with that; “Reloaded” did leave us hanging. The question is, does “Revolutions” give us a hand and put things right for us, or does it stretch our fingertips and send us scree- ming to the rocks below?

If it is possible to evoke both feelings simultaneously, then is that what “The Matrix Revolutions” is all about? While it is entertaining as an action movie, it is sadly lacking as the conclusion to a series that once held us spellbound.

The original “Matrix” was a perfect balance between a mind-blowing philosophical film and a cyber-punk action/adventure. It made you think deeply about the nature of reality while you were drooling over the cool clothes and cooler fight sequences. To its cred- it, it would have been difficult for the Wachowski brothers, the direc-

t, to deliver two more films of the same caliber. But no one could’ve tried a harder

Truthfully, the second two movies have very little to do with the first one. They feel like remakes that fail to capture the tone or inten-
ty of the original.

Where “The Matrix” used subtle philosophy, “ Reloaded” and “Revolutions” beat you over the head with it. After the release of the first film, there was discussion of Neo as a Christ figure. At that point there was still room for discussion. An hour into “ Reboled” it wouldn’t have been surprising if they had started calling Neo “Jesus-Boy.” But philosophical symbolism is only part of what the trilogy is all about. In the first film, the majority of the fight scenes served to further the plot in some way, but the sequences in “Reboled” and “ Reboled” seem endless and aimless. “ Reloaded” is guil ter than the two. The computer graphics and action scenes are so overpowering that it is difficult to concentrate on the story. But what makes the films especially disappointing is the fact that it takes place at height in the pouring rain. Also, the fight scenes with Seraph, the Ora-
cle’s man-at-arms, are fantastic, serving as a reminder to viewers that they do, in fact, like the series.

Keanu Reeves was convincing in the pivotal role of Neo, but Laurence Fishburne does well as Morpheus, though the “Revolutions” plotline doesn’t give him much to do. Carrie-Anne Moss also turns in a de-
cent performance. She made Reeves easier to watch— the two of them look good together.

Fortunately, the rest of the cast made up for what was lacking. Laurence Fishburne does well as Morpheus, though the “Revolutions” plotline doesn’t give him much to do. Carrie-Anne Moss also turns in a de-
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The acting that really needs recognition, however, is that of the secondary characters. The portray-
al of Will ( subsection) is particularly well-received by the audience. In the first two movies, the sage, cookie-baking soothsayer was played by Gloria Foster— and audiences loved her. She was wise and kind, but no one was ever sure what her motivation was. Sadly, before the movies finished filming, Foster died of diabetes. But due to the writing skill of the Wa-

chowskis and the acting skill of Fos- ter, their roles are well-cast. Mary Anne, the tran-
sition is smooth and believable.

While “Revolutions” is enjoyable as a sci-fi action movie, it falls to satisfy as the series’ conclusion.

“The Matrix Revolutions” was written and directed by Andy and Larry Wachowsky and produced by Bruce Berman. The film stars Keanu Reeves.
Event of the week
Don’t forget to cheer on the Bombers at the Cortica Jug on Saturday at noon at Butterfield Stadium.

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Bombers rip Wolverines 2-0

Win puts Blue and Gold in rematch with revenge-motivated Oneonta

BY JENNIFER BEEKMAN Staff Writer

Junior Rachel Tan found the perfect time to score her first two goals of the season — in Ithaca's 2-0 victory over Grove City in the first round of the NCAA tournament Wednesday.

The win sets up an encounter with Oneonta on Saturday, and the winner will advance to the quarterfinals of the national tournament. The Bombers are pleased with Wednesday's result, but they still have to make some improvements between now and Saturday.

"We played very well in the first 30 minutes of the first half," coach Mindy Quigg said. "In the second half, we played somewhat nervously. We've got to put together more minutes.

The Bombers opened strong against Grove City. Then scored Ithaca's first goal, heading a cross from sophomore Amy Pate into the back of the net.

Then increased the Bombers' lead in the 12th minute, scoring off an assist from senior Becca Berry. The assist was Berry's second of her career and ties her for first place in Ithaca's all-time points list.

Berry, who is playing with a stress fracture in her left shin and an injured rib, said the season on Saturday. Ithaca defeated the then-No. 3 Ithaca (23-18) and No. 2 RIT (24-17) in their appearance in regionals. Wednesday's game, but she stopped feeling the pain as the game continued. She said it's important that the Blue and Gold don't wait around and hope for the win. She said the team must go out on the field ready to play.

"We need to come in and fire it up," Berry said. "We need to think about us and not what's going through their heads. Thus she thinks the team is finally clicking and coming together. She said it's been a little bit of confidence.

"We'll be ready," she said. "They want revenge. We need to play our game, and we should come out on top."

For now, the Bombers are pleased with their appearance in regionals. Wednesday's win was the Bombers' first victory in NCAA tournament play since 1998. That year, Ithaca advanced to the semfinals, where the team fell to The College of New Jersey.

"In the postseason, you've got to do what you've got to do to win," Quigg said. "We look at it and say, 'All right, we're playing another game.' "

Sophomore Amy Pate (right) had the assist on Ithaca's first goal Wednesday against Grove City. The Bombers advance to play Oneonta on Saturday.

BY JENNIFER BEEKMAN Staff Writer

It was no surprise that it took unanimous five points for a seemingly comfortable 12-7 lead. But the Tigers still had some bite left. Just as quickly as Ithaca had tak- en a five-point lead, RIT countered with seven unanswered points to go ahead 14-12 — one point away from a ticket to the championship. On the other side of the court, Itha-ca's serve was out of control as the team committed 18 service errors — six more than their previous high for the season. Ithaca totaled just 15 serv- ice errors in the two previous matches against the Tigers this season.

Despite Ithaca's serving woes, the match was played evenly, as the teams alternated wins in the first four games.

"I don't think there are two teams who are more evenly matched up than Ithaca and RIT," Worley said. "It seems to come down to some lucky breaks. The team that is better able to respond to those breaks is going to continue on."

The Tigers advanced, but suffered a 3-1 loss to Nazareth in the final. Though the confidence loss elimi- nates the Bombers from the NCAA tournament, Ithaca received 14 bids for the ECAC Tournament to extend their season.

Bombers are seeded second and will have a bye in the 1st round along with No. 1 RIT. Ithaca will play either third-seeded Rochester or sixth-seeded Elmira in a semifinal matchup on Saturday at 1:30 at RIT.

Sophomore Meghan Morningstar (left) spikes the ball over the net. No. 5 against Oneonta.
BY JON ROTHSTEIN
Staff Writer

It has been almost a year, but senior Alex Hill cannot escape the memories. As hard as he tries, he still hears the whispers and the echoes of missed opportunities. Hill was one of three Ithaca offensive linemen (along with senior center Matt McMahon and senior tackle Turgi Ahmad) who started on the O-line during last year’s season finale against Cortland. The Bombers had eight chances inside the 10-yard line to score on Dragons’ 6-point advantage. The Bombers failed to convert every one of those and had one fumble on fourth down attempts. That turns deep inside me and I think about that every day. It’s pay-back time right now.

The 16-12 loss to Cortland dropped the Bombers to 7-3 and cost them an opportunity at the NCAA playoffs. The scenario, the scenario, the scenario for the, except for one key component. A victory against the Dragons an NCAA bid, as well as a chance to host the first two rounds of the postseason and a return to Butterfield Stadium. “This is what it’s all about,” Ithaca coach Mike Welch said. “This offensive line has seen this season and are playing extremely well right now. They’re a year better, a year more experienced than last year’s.”

Aside from the obvious, although unquantifiable, experience factor, there is a definite trickle-down effect. All you have to do is pick up last week’s edition of the Blue and Gold to see the evidence. “Every single aspect of the game, from kicking to the defensive line, we’ve been more consistent. We’re just gonna have to put forth 110 percent.”

DOMINANCE ON THE LINES

As mentioned earlier, the Bombers’ offensive line has been one of the biggest keys for Ithaca to make its run to the NCAA playoffs on the line. “We have a tremendous offensive line,” Cortland coach Dan McNeill said. “They are one of the best offensive lines we have seen this season and are playing extremely well right now. They’re a year better, a year more experienced than last year’s.”

“Tutwiler is one of the best running backs in the conference,” Welch said. “We’re going to have to be aware of Cortland’s offensive game plan, the defense must be aware of Cortland’s offensive game plan, the defense must be aware of the Angry Bombers. We’re anxious.”

Week 9: Ithaca 41, Buffalo State 14

BY JON ROTHSTEIN
Staff Writer

The stage is set. Josh Felicetti made sure of that. Ithaca’s sophomore quarterback completed 17 of 29 passes for 232 yards and four touchdowns in a 40-14 win over Buffalo State. With the win, the Bombers improved to 6-1 heading into next week’s regular season finale against archrival Cortland. A win will put Ithaca into the NCAA playoffs for the second time in three seasons.

“I thought we controlled the game,” Ithaca coach Mike Welch said. “I think the first four or five times we touched the ball we scored, so we looked good.”

Junior receiver Jeff Welch caught six passes for 178 yards and three first-half touchdowns, which put the game out of reach as the Bombers took a 37-14 lead heading into the locker room. Sophomore receiver Justin Esposito added four catches for 41 yards.

Senior tri-captain Pete Celebre paced the running game on 19 carries for 113 yards and two touchdowns. The Bombers’ second touchdown, Celebre’s touchdown, gave the Blue and Gold a 14-7 lead with 6:24 remaining in the first quarter. Ithaca finished with 165 yards on 48 carries but also fumbled four times, losing one.

Senior tri-captain Robert Trump played his best all-around game this season at linebacker. Trump led the Bombers with 12 tackles, including four for loss of 14 yards and two for behind the line.

“We’re really able to turn things around since Springfield, you can’t beat it,” Trump said. Senior Pete Mayer and sophomore Bob Higgins each added an interception for Ithaca.

It’s an infectious pattern of speaking and thinking that spreads like a virus. We’re just gonna have to put forth 110 percent to stop it.
Blue and Gold have playoff bid at stake versus Cortland

BY CHARLIE ELLSWORTH
Sports Editor

With a win in the Cortaca Jug game Saturday, Ithaca would play a home game in the first round of the NCAA playoffs according to predictions by Pat Coleman, editor and publisher of Division3football.com.

D3football.com predicts the Bombers will be the No. 2 seed in the region and is therefore guaranteed to host a playoff game.

The Bombers and Cortaca Jug are in the same subdivision of the NCAA, and the winner of the Cortaca Jug game will probably be eliminated from the NCAA tournament.

The Cortaca Jug is a yearly football contest between Ithaca and Cortland. It is the longest running football rivalry in New York State.

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NYSCTC Championships

Bombers clinch state title

BY ALEX DE LOS RIOS
Staff Writer

Coach Bill Ware knew that his seniors were determined to win at states. But even he could not have predicted how well his runners would do at their biggest meet of the season thus far.

"The captains told me we were going to win," said Ware. "They pulled it off."

The Bombers capitalized on their captains' guarantee and came away with a victory at the NYSCTC Championships, upsetting eighth-ranked Geneseo by just two points.

Senior captain Amanda Laytham won the race for the second time in her career and earned the Empire 8's Athlete of the Year and the Top Runner of Year in New York awards.

"My goal was to win," said Laytham. "I felt good [Saturday] and I got in the lead pack and had a nice kick at the end to help me win."

The victory comes three years after Laytham won the same race as a freshman, and it marks the fourth time in four years that she placed either first or second at states.

Junior Bridgette Pilling, who finished fourth with a personal best time of 18:10, joined Laytham in the top 10.

"We really improved every race," said Pilling. "Our goal all season was to win at states and we came in really prepared to do well."

The cold and clear weather seemed to suit the Blue and Gold, Ware said. Five team members set personal records.

"The kids ran out of their gourd," Ware said. "It was just a super day."

Sophomore Staci Kasiannchuk and freshmen Rachel Blasiak and Susan Meyer ran alongside one another the entire race. In the last 500 meters of the course, the threesome completed three "Bomber Passes" - a move in which two Bombers pass an opposing runner by coming up on both sides and cutting off her path. The move helped the three to move up six spots and finish within six seconds of each other.

"We've been doing [that move] for years," said Ware. "But it's exciting to see our young people pick it up so quick."

Blasiak, who missed her personal record by three seconds, earned Empire 8 Rookie of the Year honors and praise from her teammates.

"I wasn't really surprised that she won the award," said Pilling. "She's out there every day working hard in practice and improving every meet."

The Bombers will travel to the NCAA Atlantic Region Championships Saturday.

Blue and Gold third at states

BY JACK KEHOE
Staff Writer

The Bombers chose the right time of the season to get hot.

On Saturday, the Blue and Gold finished third out of 15 teams at the NYSCTC Championships race in Saratoga Springs. Freshman Jacki Tobin finished 19th place with a time of 25:20 - a huge step up from the Bombers' opening competition in September when Geneseo beat Ithaca by 23 points.

"We're improving at the right time," coach Jim Nichols said. "We are running the best that we have so far.

This is the fifth-straight year the Bombers have finished in the top three at the NYSCTC Championships. Senior standout Mike Styrczynski placed second in 25:20 — his fourth top four finish in as many years.


The Bombers were declared the Empire 8 champions based on the results from the state meet. In the Empire 8, Styrczynski was named athlete of the year, while McGreal was named rookie of the year. Nichols received coach of the year honors.

Up next, the Bombers will travel to Letchworth State Park to compete in the NCAA Atlantic Region Championship. The Blue and Gold will need a top three to qualify for nationals.
Getting your own place

BY KELLI B. GRANT
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Around town, the signs go up in late September — less than a month after most students have moved into their off-campus housing, but just in time for Homecoming and Parent’s weekends.

Some students already have housing, or are almost finished with the search process. Junior Matt Zielinski found housing earlier this month without much of a hassle. “My friend decided to squat her apartment, and asked me to live with her next year,” he said. “I really didn’t have any problems.”

Other students, like junior Jillian Farmer, are in the midst of their search for off-campus housing. Farmer said she left it to her roommates to do most of the looking. “It seems like there are a lot of options,” Farmer said. “I wanted something semi-close to campus, and to hopefully have my own room.”

People who have experience with living off campus and the search process had the following pieces of advice for students who are looking to South Hill.

Ensuring eligibility According to Residential Life policy, only those slated to graduate during the next academic year are guaranteed the chance to get off campus.

“Now one else at this point should be signing any kind of lease,” said Housing Coordinator Jen Richardson. “There’s no guarantee that they’ll be let off campus.”

Richardson said signing a lease now does not guarantee one in any way enhance a student’s chances of leaving campus. She said it’s also a big risk. If the office does not then approve the student to go off-campus, they are in the midst of their search for the monthly rent as well as board and room for the college.

Exploring options There are numerous housing options available. The types of housing vary greatly by configuration, location in the county, furnishings, utilities cost, benefits and the most important factor — rent.

The Ithacan, The Ithaca Times and The Ithaca Journal offer classified ad sections for furnished apartments and houses. Richardson said Residential Life also offers several resources for apartment seekers, including listings on the office Web site and a bulletin board of openings in the Towers Concourse.

Senior Michelle Mizerak said although it’s hard to find a rental property with utilities included, students should at least try to find housing with heat included.

Mizerak, who lives in an apartment complex downtown, also advised students to take into account the distance from campus — especially if they don’t own a car. “In the winter it’s hell getting up the hill if you don’t have a car,” she said.

Checking out the community Richardson said learning more about a new living arrangement is key. She said not only will it yield good connections — many neighbors are permanent Ithaca residents — but also help students get a better idea of whether the housing is a good option.

“If it’s important to get a sense of what kind of services they’ve gotten from their landlord, what are some of the things that have popped up by surprise,” Richardson said.

Reviewing the lease Students should read the lease carefully and have at least one other person look at it, ideally someone who has good knowledge of what a lease should contain.

Senior Laura Pease said she learned the hard way about reading a lease thoroughly. Pease did not set a strict move-in date, and when she arrived at the house in August, she was told she couldn’t move in.

“The house was destroyed, and they only had a few days to clean it up,” she said. “So I had all my stuff in my car.”

While 19 landlords tried to repair the previous tenants’ damage, Pease spent 10 days staying with a friend in the College Circle Apartments.

Landlords can alter a lease before signing, so just make sure to get all the changes fully documented on both your and your landlord’s copy of the lease.

Meeting with the owner or super Mizerak said she spoke to the building manager on the phone and then met with him in person to get a formal tour and ask questions.

“She learned so much more about the property that way,” she said, adding just it also helped cement a good landlord-tenant relationship.

For further resources after signing the lease, visit: http://www.ithaca.edu/reslife/OCHandbook.html#Advocacy.

Legal language

Security deposit: At amount of money, usually equal to a month’s rent, paid to the landlord upon signing of the lease to be held in trust as security against late rent payments, property damage or other disputes. Barring incidents, deposit will be returned at end of lease.

Super (also known as landlord’s rep or building manager): One who is responsible for supervising and maintaining the rented property, serving as a liaison between the tenant and landlord.

Right of entry: Landlord’s right to enter dwelling, under certain conditions.

Liability: Landlord’s and tenant’s responsibilities, in cases of lost, stolen or damaged property, both that belonging to the landlord and to the tenant.
Women runners take States
Senior Amanda Laytham leads pack as Bombers run past competition for NYSCTC title.

Thau-ing out

Junior advances Bombers with first goals of season
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