Safety officers to vote on union

BY SARAH HOFIUS
Staff Writer

Ithaca College may have its first employees union if law enforcement officials in the Office of Public Safety vote in favor of joining on Dec. 13. A majority of the eligible 26 staff members, which include patrol and security officers, dispatchers, investigators and members of the traffic department, would have to vote in favor of the union in order to become part of the International Union of the Police and Security Officers of America. A majority of eligible employees showed an interest in unionizing when they filled out union interest cards in late October, said Jay Armstrong, a union organizer from UG- SOA.

Concerns from the staff that have prompted the vote include communication problems, favoritism in the office and job security. Armstrong said. Officers are also seeking more consistency in disciplinary decisions, equipment upgrades, expansion of training opportunities and a consistent promotions policy.

If the officers decide to vote for the union, it will give them a chance to sit down on more equal grounds with management, and it will give them the ability to collectively negotiate over wages, benefits and terms and conditions of employment, Armstrong said.

In a letter regarding the possibility of a union sent to employees in the Office of Public Safety by President Peggy R. Williams on Nov. 25, Williams said the reason the college hasn’t had unions is because it is viewed by most as a good place to work, and most employees would rather speak directly to their supervisor instead of through a union.

The Public Safety staff members tried to unionize in 2000 for similar reasons, but they did so on their own, without the national union’s support, Armstrong said.

After that attempt, the administration made commitments to the staff to address some of the problems, the union was voted down 5-13, he added.

Two officers spoke to The Ithacan on the condition of anonymity.

Though the administration began to make the changes it had promised before the union vote, said. See OFFICERS, page 4.

Former professor loses discrimination lawsuit

BY ANNE K. WALTERS
News Editor

A judge has ruled in favor of the college in a sexual harassment lawsuit brought by Carolyn Byerly, a former professor of television-radio.

Frederick J. Scullin Jr., chief United States district judge for the Northern district of New York, ruled in favor of the college on Nov. 11.

Byerly, who primarily taught journalism courses, filed the suit in December 2001 after being denied tenure the previous spring.

In her lawsuit, she alleged the college said the decision to deny tenure was based solely on Byerly’s teaching ability.

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In an e-mail response to The Ithacan, Byerly said her lawyer, Jonathan C. Moore of the Law Offices of Jonathan C. Moore, plans to file an appeal in the case.

Byerly refused to comment further and referred any additional inquiries to her lawyer, who did not return repeated phone calls.

Byerly is currently a visiting assistant professor in the department of communications at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Nancy Pringle, vice president and college counsel, said although she has not formulated a response with President Peggy R. Williams, "I assume we will continue to defend ourselves vigorously."

Pringle said the cost of these types of lawsuits is covered by the college’s insurance.

Special Assistant to the Provost Thomas W. Boehm, who was dean of the Roy H. Park School of Communications at the time of the tenure decision, declined to comment.

College to address copyright

BY ANNE K. WALTERS
News Editor

Ithaca College is working on a policy that would outline how faculty, students and staff use copyrighted material. Some faculty have already expressed concerns about the impact this could have on the use of course reader packets.

The packets of photocopied articles and book chapters are vital to many professors, who use them to complement or replace textbooks.

The college is working on a policy that would allow small portions of copyrighted material to be used for non-commercial educational use. Chip Gagnon, assistant professor of politics, said he is concerned about the impact the policy will have on the course packets he used in his politics courses.

Gagnon said he includes a variety of articles in his packets that usually cost students $8 to $10. He said that as long as the readers are not sold for profit, their use should legally fall under the fair use guidelines of copyrighted materials.

Nancy Pringle, vice president and college counsel, said the policy was developed in order to provide guidelines to assist faculty, staff and students in dealing with copyrighted material.

"We need to operate within the parameters of the law," she said.

She said she hoped to develop a user-friendly document by working with the copyright policy committee.

Committee member Barbara Adams, assistant professor of writing, said the proposal is still in the draft phase, but that the college might establish venues to make obtaining permission easier.

"Few faculty members have the time to 
Gore endorses Dean for President

Even before bagging the biggest endorsement of the political season so far, Howard Dean was already in the driver’s seat in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

For Dean to succeed, he must build bridges and re-relationships with centrist Democrats, mainstream Democrats,” said Robert Zimmerman, a Democratic National Committee member from Long Island who is supporting Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass. “To have a national leader is the Democratic party who represents a centrist orientation [Gore] combine with the Dean forces is very important.”

Gore’s endorsement hardly clinches the nomination for Dean. Several observers noted that some of Dean’s rivals, have piled up endorsements from party leaders and elected officials, yet still trail him in the polls. They also suggested that voters in early primary states such as New Hampshire are not for show-me skepticism and a penchant for spending front-runners.

Suicide bombing near Kremlin kills 6

A bomb went by a woman nearing the Russian Parliament building exploded within sight of the Kremlin towers Tuesday morning, killing six people including the bomber and injuring 14 others.

The incident was the latest in a string of more than a half dozen suicide bombings in Russia this year, which authorities have blamed on rebels from Chechnya. A week ago, a suicide bomber set off an explosion on a train in southern Russia, killing 44 people. But none of the other blasts has come so close to the Kremlin, the symbolic center of Russia’s power.

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Honors program in works

BY CHRISTA LOMBARDI
Chief Copy Editor

Students from all five schools at Ithaca College may soon have the opportunity to participate in a new honors experience if plans for a college-wide program are approved.

In an effort to advance the Institutional Plan by developing an all-college honors program, an ad hoc committee — including the provost, associate provost, staff members from the Student Affairs and faculty representatives appointed by deans of each school — was formed last November, said Garry Brown, director of New Student Orientation and interim dean of the Roy H. Park School of Communications.

“We were looking at how we become distinctive,” said Brown. “I believe the dean of the School of Health Sciences and Human Performance and member of the committee, How does an honors program support the type of students that we’re looking for here at Ithaca? ... the strategies they see might be high in every area that we’re looking for — academics, school-life, and public service.”

Currently the School of Humanities and Sciences has no honors program of approximately 150 students, but students from other schools cannot enroll in it.

“I would say that the students in the other schools outside of H&S can see something in their own schools because we just don’t have it,” said Jim Swafford, director of the Humanities and Sciences honors programs.

After reviewing honors programs offered at comparable institutions, the committee created a draft proposal and distributed it to faculty members. The committee is in the process of evaluating feedback and developing a program that will be presented for formal review through the Academic Policies Committee.

Brodhead said the new program would not displace the current honors programs. “I think traditional honors students would still be able to do the H&S honors program if they wanted,” he said. “This program would just have different goals.”

Graeme Mac, associate provost and a member of the committee, said while classroom experiences would be important, the college-wide program would be more for people who want to apply what they see in the real world.

“As long as both programs are communicating well to the prospective students and people know exactly what they’re getting into, I think students will sort of self-select themselves,” said Megan Sullivan, student co-director of the Humanities and Sciences honors program and Government Administration vice president of academics.

If plans for the all-college honors program are approved, the committee hopes to advert in next year’s literature and begin the process for the Fall 2004 semester. Brodhead said it will complete an application process, and 10 to 15 from each of the schools would be selected to participate.

The prospective program would allow for students from all disciplines to initially take foundation courses together and eventually focus on courses more specific to their majors. While academic interests would be a component, Brodhead said, the larger goal would be to develop a program oriented toward promoting leadership and community and civic activity.

Peter Bardaglio, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said an all-college honors program could lower the walls between the schools. “The program could be a very powerful recruiting tool,” he said.

While certain aspects mirror programs in comparable institutions, the proposed program would be unique. “If we’re going to have an honors program,” Sconifordi said, “we can either follow the pack or be different and take the lead — have something that’s going to move above and beyond what we normally do.”

College offers hunters gun storage

BY MARC KLEIN
Staff Writer

It’s hunting season in New York and, although New York is a gun-free zone on college property, the Office of Public Safety offers a limited numbers of student hunters that allows them to store their firearms on campus.

“We’re open 24 hours a day, and you bring your weapon here when you arrive on campus,” said Sergeant Steven Yale, operations coordinator for Public Safety. “We sign it in and sign it out. We inspect it every time you drop it off and every time you take it away.”

It is illegal to possess weapons of any kind on a college campus under New York State penal law. This includes anything from slingshots and paintball guns to firearms. The Office of Public Safety will store any legal weapons for students.

Junior Jeff Spiegelman enjoys hunting while he’s at school, but he hasn’t found the time yet this semester.

“I’m here in this really is a great place to find some hunting land and that way I can get right from my dorm door,” said Spiegelman.

Spiegelman keeps his gun at a friend’s hunting camp. It’s easier for him to try to off campus, but he does admire Public Safety for offering the service.

“I wouldn’t recommend it for me, but I didn’t have this place off campus. I store the gun, I would store it on campus,” Spiegelman said. “I think it shows a good amount of foresight that this campus has this policy that instead of saying if you’re going to come here, you can’t bring guns. It’s something that the school allow the freedom for the people on campus who hunt.”

Yale said that Public Safety is only storing a few guns this year, but it has been much more popular in the past.

“We do store some weapons for off-campus students up here because they feel more safe having them locked up here. I would offer that up to any student if they’re living on campus or off campus,” he said.

Mike Mainetti was not familiar with the program. He hunts at his home, but would not consider hunting while at school.

“He said, ‘I wouldn’t do that, where I would actually bring a firearm to campus to hunt, but I know them some people on campus who would.’”

The service is also available for faculty and staff.

“We actually have a pistol in here that we’ve had for several years,” Yale said. “A professor went on sabbatical and never signed it out. He calls and checks on it, but he doesn’t know where it is here.”

Yale said that students usually understand the rules.

“If everybody knows the rules pretty well now, but we have had cases in the past where they’ve brought guns on campus, but just not understanding that they can’t do that,” he said. “There was no malice in it, they just didn’t realize. We have arrested people in the past for having firearms on campus, that does happen, not very often, but it does happen.”

The process to store a weapon is simple. Students fill out a form to register their gun with Public Safety, and then they can sign it out whenever they want. Once the firearm is in their possession, they have to leave the campus immediately, and it must be returned before coming back on campus.

Congress considers Pell Grant

BY MEGAN REYNOLDS
Staff Writer

Despite likely tuition increases at colleges nationwide next year, a current budget proposal in Congress that would end the maximum of student financial aid supplied through the Pell Grant at the same levels as this year.

Congress is still uncertain about the grant levels, though, and college administrators are encouraging students to contact their local representatives to make their concerns known.

The Pell Grant, which is received by 1,141 Ithaca College students for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, the maximum Pell Grant remained at $4,180.

Despite the President’s request to maintain the maximum Pell Grant, Congress has yet to vote on the budget. In past years Congress has increased the Pell Grant beyond the levels proposed by the President.

President Bush’s proposal, the maximum Pell Grant has increased $1,050, or an average of about $210 each year.

Congress will likely see an increase in the Pell Grant program, said Larry Chambers, director of the Government Association vice president of government affairs.

“I think everybody knows the rules pretty well now, but we have had cases in the past for having firearms on campus. But it does happen.”

Chambers said that despite the desire to raise the maximum Pell Grant, there are other factors affecting the level of the grant.

President Bush requested a $100 increase in the maximum Pell Grant, and Congress passed a $50 increase. If Congress has had success in persuading Congress to provide more financial aid than requested by the President.

Senior Kaye Angley, who traveled to Albany last year to lobby against budget cuts, said she would have decreased financial aid, stressed the importance of activism.

“I think it’s really important for the future of the nation, and it is important for them to be active in government,” she said.

Chambers and President Peggy R. Williams both expressed the importance of student activism on issues such as federal financial aid. During a meeting on Dec. 2, Williams told SGA representatives of the importance of voting and educating themselves about the current issues in Congress, including Pell Grant changes.

Chambers also said that students’ activism plays an important role in the way in which Congress votes on issues such as financial aid. “I am a strong supporter of student activism and it needs to happen at grass-roots levels,” Chambers said. “Congressmen listen to their constituents. It is much more powerful for a student to share a story about what an aid program means to him than it is for me as a financial aid director.”

Other recent proposed Pell Grant changes include a reduction in the way in which it is calculated and who establishes the maximum grant level.

Chambers explained that there was a proposed change in the way in which eligibility was to be calculated which would result in some students receiving Pell Grant aid, they would have in the past. Chambers said he was unprepared for the reduction Finance wasn’t enacted by Congress at this time.

Students who wish to get in touch with their representatives in Congress can find contact information at www.congress.org.
**Rules may affect course readers**

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get 30 permissions," she said. Gagnon said that the cost of paying for use of each article would make the cost of the packets prohibitive.

The packets allow students to experience a variety of viewpoints first hand, he said. If the cost of the packets becomes too high, he said it would be forced to leave the articles on reserve in the library.

Pringle said the proposal is still in the early draft stages, but the plans to have a policy approved by next fall. She said she hopes it will not have a major impact on what professors are doing in the classroom.

Stetzer, associate professor of mathematics and computer science and chairman of Faculty Council, said the Faculty Council will discuss the policy at its meeting in January.

**Flu increases demand for vaccine**

By Tasha Kates

An especially brutal flu season is predicted for this year and already Ithaca College's health center has run out of influenza vaccine.

The vaccine, which prevents certain strains of the virus, is in high demand due to a brutal flu season.

Senior Brenden Sullivan found out the hard way when he went to the center on Monday morning. He was unable to receive the shot because the center was out of vaccine.

"I've had a runny nose and sore throat all of last year and I got the flu after I got the vaccine," Sullivan said. "But I got one once, and then I got the flu.""Sullivan said he has never had much faith in the vaccine developed by the manufacturers which doesn't take into account a newly mutated version of the virus.

Dr. David E. Newman, director of health services, said everyone still can benefit from getting the vaccine.

"Real influenza can be a lethal disease in the elderly, young and immuno-compromised," Newman said. "Still, the vaccine is very good protection against the virus.

However, this year's flu vaccine is ineffective against the new strains, Newman added.

"The vaccine that was developed and produced this year isn't providing really great protection against influenza," Newman said.

"We will have a more severe flu season."

Sullivan said he has never had much faith in the vaccines because he got the flu after the last vaccine he got.

"My mom told me it would be a good idea to get one this year," Sullivan said. "But I got one once, and then I got the flu."

Newman said people also can avoid the flu by washing their hands.

"If you shake hands with someone who has it, then you might touch your nose or eye and infect yourself without even knowing it," he said.

This season Ithaca College was the first organization in the state to report a flu case.

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in 2000, the changes slowly tapered off, one officer said.

"I think they made an honest effort, but as time went on and the whole issue of the union got past us, they failed to continue to follow through," the officer added.

In the letter sent to Public Safety staff members, Williams encouraged the employees' unionization efforts by explaining some of the risks involved with unionizing.

Williams noted that being a union member can be a risk because UGSOA strikes have happened in other places, and strikes can have a devastating effect on affected workers and their families.

There are approximately 8,000 UGSOA members in 100 local unions throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Strikes by UGSOA unions have occurred in Cleveland, St. Louis and Philadelphia. The most recent strike happened in 2000 when 70 security guards in Denver went on strike against Am-Gard Inc., a company that holds government contracts for federal facilities.

Commenting on the 2000 union vote, Williams told The Ithacan that the majority of individuals in Public Safety who explored the idea concluded that working together, without an outside representative, was optimal and they will reach a similar conclusion this time.

The administration has responded to talk of unionization by setting up weekly meetings with the Public Safety staff. There will have been six meetings before the union vote.

"We value the opportunity to work differently and collaboratively with all members of our college community," Williams told The Ithacan. "We are optimistic the upcoming vote will allow us to continue to do so with these particular employees.

Other college public safety unions, national and independent, exist in the country, including an independent one at Cornell University.

The Cornell Police Union formed in 1982 and since then has provided its members with a voice and a vote in the workplace, said Jan Morrisette, president of the Cornell Police Union.

In the Cornell Police Union, management holds the members accountable, the members hold the union accountable and the union holds management accountable.

"All people who understand dignity and workplace democracy can appreciate this symmetry," Morrisette said.

Members of the Ithaca College Office of Public Safety hope to see the same thing happen here.

"I think with going back and doing something formally, I think it makes everybody step up to the plate a little bit," the first officer said.

If the union fails to pass again, the second officer said, he hopes the college will take a look at the whole picture and see where the problem is coming from.

"This is definitely a big decision ... it can only enhance and make our work environment only better for both parties," the first officer said.

When students return to campus after winter break, Public Safety will still have the job of protecting the college community, whether the officers vote to unionize or not.

"Either way we have to go to work [the day after the vote] and still work with each other," the second officer said. "Good relationships, bad environment, ups and downs, we still have a job to do, and we have to do it the best that we can."
 BYU SHANE DUNN  
Staff Writer

The salary of President Peggy R. Williams fell slightly below the average salaries of presidents at comparable institutions, according to data provided by the Chronicle of the Higher Education.

President Williams earned $212,000 in 2001 according to the HERI 900 form provided to The Ithacaian by the college. The most recent data available is from 2001.

In recent years, President Williams’ salary has been consistently on par with the average of schools the college compares itself to.

There are several factors that allow the college to remain competitive, including budget committee for the college’s plan. President Williams earned $8,000 less than the average salary. The median salary for ANAC institutions was $220,000. President Williams earned $8,000 less than this figure.

The ANAC consists of 19 mid-size private comprehensive colleges and universities located in all regions of the United States.

In comparison to other colleagues, the college has remained extremely competitive with comparable institutions, Pringle said.

The president of Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn. earned $186,250 in 2001 while Albert J. Simone of Rochester Institute of Technology earned $293,865.

"The President’s salary is not the sole determining factor in gaining a higher national profile," Pringle said. "What is most important is the quality, breadth and depth of the faculty, our academic programs and our student body."

Zoning plan passes
College to adhere to conservation ordinance

BY WENDI DOWNS  
Senior Writer

The Ithaca Town Board unanimously passed new zoning ordinances Monday that contain a provision labeling 253 undeveloped acres of the college’s land a conservation zone.

College officials said the new zoning will not interfere with any college plans for development.

"Based on our recent discussions, I would say the college is in agreement," Kanter said. The approved zoning ordinance allows for special permissa for educational development, such as educational housing, on the land. Educational use was not listed under special permit uses in the draft version of the zoning ordinance released last January.

"After the April 1 public hearing, we realized that was missing," Kanter said.

Fred Vanderburgh, assistant director for construction and facilities maintenance at the college, said the zoning ordinance will not interfere with the college’s plans.

"We furnished the town with a description of each parcel of land the college has sent onto the property have not been able to identify the rare species, he said. But according to the General Environmental Impact Statement, there are rare plants— such as the dwarf cherry and the dwarf goldenrod— in the land zones that have been listed as endangered.

The college has been working on this comprehensive zoning ordainice since 1996.

"We really tried to strike a balance," he said. "Nothing can be perfect, but this strategy was not arrived at in a vacuum."
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Public Safety Log

 Incidents

Nov. 28 • Accidental property damage Location: Clarke Hall Summary: Officer reported a slow leak from the sprinkler system. Physical Plant corrected the problem. Patrol Officer William Kerry.

• Trespass Location: College Circle parking lot Summary: Officer reported person going through recycling bins. Officer issued warning. Patrol Officer William Kerry.

Nov. 29 • Fire alarm Location: Terrace 2 Summary: Fire alarm caused by burned food. System reset. Patrol Officer Erik Merlin.

Dec. 1 • Computer crimes Location: Terrace 10 Summary: Caller reported a computer on the college network illegally sharing copyrighted material. Pending investigation. Investigator Thomas Dunn.

• Larceny Location: Williams Hall Summary: Caller reported unknown persons stole a table. Pending investigation. Sgt. Ronald Hart.

• Conduct code violation Location: G-lot Summary: Parking enforcement officer reported a vehicle with an altered parking permit. Student judicially referred for possession of fraudulent parking permit. Sg f. Keith Lee.

• Follow-up investigation Location: Terrace 10 Summary: One student was judicially referred for violating copyright law, reported this date. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

• Follow-up investigation Location: Landon Hall Summary: One student was judicially referred for violating copyright law, reported on Nov. 25. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

Dec. 2 • Criminal mischief Location: Terrace 9 Summary: Caller reported unknown persons broke a light fixture. Pending investigation. Patrol Office Bruce Holmstock.

• Criminal tampering Location: Bogart Hall Summary: Fire alarm caused by unknown persons maliciously activating a pullbox. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Erik Merlin.

• Found property Location: Smiddy Hall Summary: Found keys were turned over to Office of Public Safety.

• Fire alarm Location: Collegetree Athletic Center Summary: Fire alarm caused by Physical Plant cleaning heat system. System reset. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Ronald Clark.

• Fire Location: East Tower Summary: Caller reported a microwave oven fire which had been extinguished. Environmental health and safety officer investigated the cause. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Ronald Clark.

• Motor vehicle accident Location: E-lot Summary: Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

Summary: Caller reported a two-car property damage/MVA. Incident was investigated. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

• V&T violation Location: G-lot Summary: Caller reported a known vehicle struck a parked car and left the scene. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Erik Merlin.

Dec. 3 • Fire alarm Location: Smiddy Hall Summary: Fire alarm caused by a broken water pipe. The system was reset and Physical Plant was notified to make repair. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Doug Goodner.

• Medical assist Location: Terrace 10 Summary: Caller reported that a lighter flared in a student’s face. Student was transported to the Health Center. Patrol Officer Bruce Holmstock.

Dec. 4 • Conduct code violation Location: Emerson Hall Summary: Caller reported loud noise. Two students judicially referred for alcohol and noise violations. Patrol Officer Justin Benson.

• Unlawful possession/marijuana Location: Terrace 12 Summary: Officer reported odor of marijuana. Four students judicially referred for marijuana use and possession. Sgt. Frederick Thomas.

• Conduct code violation Location: Terrace 2 Summary: Caller reported intoxicated person. Student was transported to the Health Center and was judicially referred for irresponsible use of alcohol. Security Officer Michael Hall.

• Motor vehicle accident Location: Route 96B & the main entrance Summary: Caller reported a two-car property damage/MVA. Incident was investigated. Sgt. Ronald Hart.

• Forgery Location: Terrace 11 Summary: Caller reported that a known person took personal checks from caller’s room, forged signatures and overdrew account. The person responsible was identified and will pay restitution. No further action needed. Sgt. Ronald Hart.

• Larceny Location: Friends Hall Summary: Caller reported theft of a TV/DVD/VHS unit. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

• Motor vehicle accident Location: Main campus road Summary: Caller reported a two-car property damage/MVA. Incident was investigated. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

Key

ABC — Alcohol beverage control law
CMC — Cayuga Medical Center
DWI — Driving while intoxicated
IPD — Ithaca Police Department
MVA — Motor vehicle accident
PIA — Resident assistant
TCSD — Tompkins County Sheriff’s Department
V&T — Vehicle and traffic violation

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Editorials

Rethink advising

Advising current system provides little mentoring

A dvising at Ithaca College has fallen into disrepair and the problem lies in how the college is structured to provide it. The recent suggestion that advising should be required each semester does nothing to address the heart of the problem. Advising at Ithaca during the academic planning sessions, should be the goal of the campus community.

True advising should involve more counseling and less scheduling. The college’s advising process should create a structure that allows faculty-student relationships to form naturally over time. Therefore, two changes need to be made:

All first-year students should be required to meet with a faculty member in their major to discuss their schedule and plans for their degree. This would ensure that a new student doesn’t worry about finding the right classes until they have the right people on hand.

Secondly, the Registrar should check to make sure students are on track to graduate on time after they register for the fall of their senior year.

Most importantly, students must take responsibility for their own academic growth and build relationships with professors who they respect. Students who get the most out of college are those who have a faculty member that they can go to outside the classroom, and that is the environment the college should strive for.

Quiet and accessible

Recent library changes are improvements

The Ithaca College library, under the direction of new librarian Lisabeth Chabot, has begun to make significant improvements in the way it serves students and the college community.

One is the expansion of the library’s computers and the addition of programs like Microsoft Word has made the computers much more useful. Now students can work on essays and term papers in the library just like they can in computer labs.

These improvements have created an increase in student demand for the use of the library’s computers, and that demand is not being met. During busy hours it is hard to find an open computer to browse the library’s catalog. The primary function of the library should be re-visited and the main tool for research, computers with catalog access, is unavailable, something must be done.

If the library plans to continue offering these services, more computers and access to the Internet. The library must also examine the noise level on its main floor and cell phone use throughout the building.

The library needs to adopt clear policies that will ensure it continues to be a place of solace for students seeking a quiet and accessible place to study.

Letters

Advising is examined

"College to examine advising" was an appropriate headline in last week’s use of The Ithacan.

The discussion of advising that is occurring on campus de-velops policies for registration clearance to be very healthy. I hope that students, faculty, staff and administration working together can develop a program of academic advising at Ithaca that will be a standard of excellence in higher education.

I am pleased to tell you of an important initiative in this regard. At the re-quest of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Faculty Council has appointed an ad hoc Committee on Academic Advising, which had its first meeting last week. Its charge is to define academic advising, determine what training and other measures faculty members need to be effective advisers and develop means to measure and re-ward excellence in advising. The committee has been asked to make a report by April 23, 2003.

Meanwhile, I hope that faculty and students in each school and division will think about the advising relationship.

Research on college students’ development conclusively demonstrates that the colleges and universities that have the greatest impact on students are those with significant contact between students and faculty outside of class. Thus I think we should do all we can to improve communication between advisers and advisees. I personally support the goal of at least one meeting each semester, which in some cases could be a group meeting by class year.

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Student responsibility

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Dear Tom:

I would like to express my disap- pointment with the way The Ithacan handled the story in the Nov. 20 issue on fire alarms and the subsequent request for a correction to the errors in that article. The single correction that was published in the Dec. 4 issue gives no context for readers to understand ex- actly what was being corrected. Addi- tionally, while the original article is available online, The Ithacan does not put corrections on its Web site, there- by giving online readers no way of knowing that the article is inaccurate.

To point out some of the article’s errors that were not noted in the correction:

• Contrary to the headline and lead par-agraph, there has actually been a de-crease in the number of fire alarm ac- tivations from last year to this year. • The terms “false alarm” and “fire alarm” are used interchangeably throughout the article. An alarm set off by smoke from burnt popcorn is not a false alarm. • While the article discusses “fire alarm,” it only focuses on alarms from activated smoke or heat detectors, and

the statistics cited are only for alarms in residence halls rather than the total for all campus buildings and residence lo-ca tions.

If there were a release of enough chemical vapor or gas to set off the a “false” alarm.

The Environmental Health and Safety unit of the Office of Public Safety provides fire prevention and education through student assistant trainings, residence hall floor programs, staff and faculty trainings and safety fairs as well as the malicious fire alarm tester program. Anyone with questions about fire safety is encouraged to visit www.ithaca.edu/safety/index.htm or call EMHS at 274-3353.

DAVE MAYER
Director of Media Relations

RHA thanks crews

The Residence Hall Association would like to extend its gratitude and appreci-ation to the Physical Plant crews that spent countless hours Saturday and ear-ly Sunday morning plowing, shoveling, and salting the campus roads and walk-ways this weekend.

These crews’ work ethic and perfor-mance prove that Ithaca College is dedicated to providing a residential campus accessible all year.

We thank you for the work you did this weekend and continue to do on a daily basis to keep our com-munity clean.

SCOTT GOMBER '04
For the Residence Hall Association

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**Another Angle**

President Bush this week signed the largest increase in Medicare spending since the Great Society program in the 1960s with support in Congress and among angry dissent from Democrats. This re-affirms the "large-government conservatism" of the Bush administration. It is a choice of fiscally irresponsible measures that will be paid for by our generation as we leave Ithaca and enter the world.

The bill, the Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003, provides a prescription drug benefit to those in Medicare, but also creates Health Savings Accounts, rural hospital reimbursemences, and preventive health care measures, among other things.

This benevolent-sounding program will not, however, pay for itself as we can know. Based on historical precedents, the new prescription drug program will easily exceed Congress' $400 billion estimate, and one generation will feel its effects. When the Medicare Hospital program was passed in 1965, the Congressional Budget Office predicted it would cost $9 billion by 1970. The Medicare program cost $56 billion in that period. The 1987 Medicaid Special Hospitals Subsidy was estimated to cost $100 million in one time and the treasury paid over $11 billion during that three year time span.

A compromise made in the bill was the provision for Health Savings Accounts. Any money can be set aside into these new market-based savings system, a provision that I would make most of those who I leave of our generation to pay for health care. The accounts may also create a vehicle to depart from extensive insurance bureaucracy and move toward more competition among health care providers.

Republican Senator Chuck Hagel of Nebraska wrote an interesting column that "no one was more of two Republicans to vote against the bill. It sends an important message to students uninsured Americans, those who are homeless, and anyone who needs help with their health care costs."

Only time will tell if Medicare changes, but our generation must oppose short-term and costly solutions to the essential problems facing the country today.

Despite the gains made by this administration in national security and the War on Terror, domestic programs have been overlooked. The opportunity for meaningful, long-term, market-based reforms of health care is knocking, but this administration has chosen not to answer. Why not allow the market to create more affordable health care for millions of uninsured Americans, or provide the resources to students, doctors and nurses to truly need it through tax incentives and governmental backing?

**The Way I See It**

**My time here at Ithaca was well worth the trip**

During my time in Ithaca, I have developed a love/hate relationship with this place. It not only has been an incredible experience, but it has been a difficult world to accept more than I was supposed to. Leaving makes me as sad as seeing a homeless person with a T-shirt that says: "Hey, I can do this!" feeling.

The stunning colors in autumn, the quiet, undisturbed feeling of a center with no beer. People will think. But then walking away allows self-righteous givers and guilty shoppers to make room in our closets, and drop others onto our resumes, donate old clothes to stores, gas stations and Wal-Mart just before "Black Friday rolls around."

As credit cards meet the season of giving, they are solving the problem of world hunger. But we all must realize that generosity isn't all it could be.

**The Season of giving isn't all it could be**

Franatic shoppers are waiting in long lines when they are hoping their way through aisles full of toys - the season of giving is with us once again.

As credit cards meet Christmas, we cross our fingers in hope that shoppers are feeling even more generous than last year, that they're planning to spend even more money on gifts for their friends, family members, pets and everyone else on their holiday lists. But retailers aren't the only ones who depend on holiday-season generosity.

Like retailers, most charities take in more money, during the fourth quarter than during the other three combined. A variety of non-profits, from small local groups to big national agencies, solicit donations at stores, offices and even schools during the holiday season. The Salvation Army ringing cups set up outside shopping malls and grocery stores, gas stations and Wal-Mart just before "Black Friday rolls around."

In addition to sparking monetary contributions, holiday-season generosity brings many people to give food, clothing, books, and most importantly, time. Many people don't even understand any less important once wrapping paper is in the trash and sweaters are on the clearance racks.

Let's hope that holiday generosity doesn't carry over to the rest of the year. Indeed, it is too bad. At the same time, it's not particularly surprising. Why bother with generosity year-round when it seems as if a good December will get you off the "black list" for good deeds?

Few people are truly selfless givers. Volunteers at soup kitchens to pad our resumes, to make room in our closets, and drop others onto our resumes, donate old clothes to stores, gas stations and Wal-Mart just before "Black Friday rolls around."

Don't get me wrong. Many donors do contribute with admirable intentions and do, in the end, make a difference. Still, most donations are merely symbolic acts of generosity impelled by charities' seasonal fundraising efforts. A back or two in a collection can represent someone's generosity, self-proclaimed do-gooders want to believe they possess. Unfortunately, many people haven't even considered where their money is going or why it needs to go there. Attempting, writing a check and then walking away allows self-righteous givers and guilty shoppers to do symbolic good without ever getting personally involved. The problems these charities are trying to solve remain as distant as ever, but the donors walk away believing they personally solved it. The rest of us are standing by, feeling even more distant as we spend the rest of our money on things we need.

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Registration is in-person in the Division of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions, 120 Towers Concourse. (Sorry, online registration is not available for winter session courses.) Payment is due at the time of registration. Tuition is $696 per credit hour. Note that winter session courses are not part of the fall or spring semester and are not covered in full-time tuition payments for either semester.

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Students develop virtual reality software
to treat children with motor impairments

BY ELIZABETH QUILL
Assistant Accent Editor

Williams 209 has the potential to take you to a different universe—a farmer’s field, the scene of an accident or a medieval castle. But when you first open the door, all you see are white walls, five black computers and hanging wires. A closer look reveals a head-mounted display resting on the table. But, with the goggle on, a few magnetic sensors and the right code, you can transform your surroundings. This is virtual reality. But it’s no game with lights and loud noise. It’s research.

“We wouldn’t get grants if we were just developing games for entertainment,” junior Evan Suma said. “We are doing specific research projects, not just for the money, but because it is exciting and we get to help people.”

Suma is developing the software that makes virtual reality possible at Ithaca College. He said he fell into computer science. “I had always sort of been a computer nerd, so I figured I would try Principles of Computer Science I,” Suma said. Suma was a journalism major, but he decided to take Principles of Computer Science II.

“I said, ‘What the hell am I doing?’” Suma said. “I found something that I am good at and that I love, why am I not in that department?” So I switched out.”

Suma said Sharon Stansfield, assistant professor of computer science and mathematics, invited him to work with her in the virtual reality laboratory as part of an internship.

Stansfield said the hardest part of virtual reality is making all the technology work together.

“Nothing is easy in VR because nothing exists before you start,” Stansfield said. “You have to program all of it.”

Suma said the fall got a head start because Stansfield brought VR Station software to Ithaca College under a research license two years ago. The software is responsible for the graphics display—what you see. Students at the college took the next step and developed VR Sim—the software that makes things move.

A look of Suma’s time is devoted to code writing. He said virtual reality is written in C++. “Web sites are written in much simpler languages,” he said. “This stuff is a lot more powerful.”

Suma is developing a simpler language so less code has to be written. What he calls VR Constructor is a shortcut that packages complicated codes under a simpler label.

He said he is working with equipment that is rarely available at the undergraduate level.

“I think this is one of the best-kept secrets at Ithaca College,” Suma said.

Stansfield worked with virtual reality at Sandia National Laboratory in New Mexico prior to coming to Ithaca College.

“Virtual reality is a very interesting technology, but for it to be truly exciting it has to be put to use,” Stansfield said.

She said virtual reality can be used to cure people with phobias such as arachnophobia, fear of spiders, and agoraphobia, fear of wide-open places. Virtual reality can also be used to help people perform tasks that may be too dangerous for them to perform in the real world.

“If someone is afraid of height and they are having trouble making dinner, having them make dinner in their kitchen may not be the best way to go,” Stansfield said.

The technology is also used to train medical personnel. Stansfield said a study at Sandia showed that when paramedics were working in the virtual world, they acted the same way they would with a real patient. She said paramedics are never tricked into believing they are in the real world, but that isn’t the point.

“The goal is to get enough realism that you are willing to suspend your disbelief and participate in the virtual world,” she said. “If you have ever read a good book or watched a good movie, you know that you can get a suspension of disbelief without it being some actual representation.”

In a similar way, she said virtual reality can be used to train occupational therapy students by having them treat virtual patients.

She hasn’t gotten to that yet, though. Students are concentrating on programs for children who need occupational therapy.

When Stansfield came to Ithaca College in 2001, she teamed up with profes­sionals in the occupational therapy department to put virtual reality to use.

“I wanted to continue my work here and offer that opportunity to students,” she said.

Stansfield and her collaborato­rs received a $190,000 grant from the National Science Foundation that helped them put the VR lab here.

Carole Decontis, assistant professor of occupational therapy, said she developed a way to apply virtual reality technology in therapeutic treatment.

“I knew virtually nothing about virtual reality,” Dennis said. “I had experience with the technology—computers used for patients performing specific tasks. This technology can help children with poor motor performance.”

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BY EMILY GALLAGHER
Contributing Writer

The Rock and Roll Preserve, a small, hole-in-the-wall tucked along a city street, Ulyana, provided a warm indie rock haven for Hot Hot Heat, The French Kicks and the Unicorns Saturday.

The tiny bar allowed fans and bands to socialize easily in a friendly atmosphere. The true ethic of independent music was apparent, as the bands dealt with their own equipment, set up their merchandise, and sound checked each other’s instruments. However, the crowd was clearly not filmed with fans alone. The audience consisted of about 70 people, and only a smattering of these, it seemed, were there intentionally. The cold air that these non-fans carried stirred some of the energy from the crowd, because classic and quizzical faces have no place at such a high-energy concert.

The Unicorns, with Alden Griger and Nick Diamonds on guitar, bass and drums, respectively, and Thompson on drums, were dressed to kill in 1950s-style soda pop, vests and capes for the first set of the evening. The band was slated for 10:30. Yet be not whimsical soul should consider the Unicorns’ im-patient nerves. The lead singer was reminiscent of a young Steven Malkmus, with shaggy hair hanging in his eyes, bad posture and absolutely awful behavior. Ginger invited an audience member to sing backup vocals on a number, but first insisted that the boy don a child-sized tux. While the kid’s friends were chanting for him to do it, Ginger grabbed the microphone and chanted, “Take off, take off, Ryan! Sing the song, Ryan!”

Following the Unicorns’ peal performance was an ex-tremely long wait for the French Kicks. It was not until an hour later that they began to play, and the audience was losing pa-tience. Singer Nick Stumpf barely addressed the audience at all. While the music was well performed, the set itself felt dis-tant. The French Kicks’ time fussing with equip-ment and only had time for seven songs in total.

Meanwhile, Hot Hot Heat sliced the stage, living up to its reputation for energetic and enthralling per-formances. Extremely char-ming and charismatic, lead singer and keyboardist Steve Bays held the hearts of everyone in the audience in his hot little hand im-mediately. His winning smile and upbeat aura proved to be re-freshing, and led his happiness dis-persed through the audience.

The crowd erupted into fre-netic dancing and singing. Bays, himself, showed his coordination, spewing the mi-crophone, tapping and using keyboard with his free hand. The set opened with the song “No No No,” their rhythmic and catchy dance tune. While Bays didn’t joke ex-cessively with the crowd, he did-need to. His performance style was incredibly tangible, honest and emoting personality, and his happiness in performing was absolutely contagious. The other band members were consumed by the music as well, and the interplay between guitarist Dante DeCaro and Steve Bays was lighthearted and fun. It was stuff to stand still as they performed most of the full-length album “Jump In The Boot Camp” and their most recent EP, “Knock Knock Knock.”

This was far from its original identity as an electro­-synth hardcore band, and a standard crowd for their earliest recording lurked in the audience. When a song was men­tioned from the first album, Bays boldly brushed the crowd off as a awk­ward moment of the concert and planted questions of what exactly happened to cause the genre switch.

If nothing else, Hot Hot Heat lived up to its name. They created a room full of sweat and excitement, and the catchy in­congruent even to those who listen to the music in general. One old man, who was clearly only at the show to see the concert in his drunken state. But it’s just impossible to stand still; I just gotta move!”

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And you can’t help but shiver to their sad ballads.

BY VAKESCH SCHNEIDER
Staff Writer

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**Epic about honor engages audiences**

**Movie Review**

**BY MATT HUNTLEY**  
Staff Writer

"The Last Samurai" is among the best of recent Hollywood epics. Director Edward Zwick designs his film so well that it absorbs viewers for its entire two and a half hour running time. Plenty of action and drama make "The Last Samurai" comparable to "Dances with Wolves," "Braveheart" and the best of recent Hollywood epics. Director Edward Zwick, a captain during the Civil War can fight against a rebellious group of two and a half hour running time. These are the emotions of the drama. The explanation alters the inconsistency of King Simonades' opinion of Pericles. A young woman wearing a feather crown that hovers in the corner of the stage while Pericles and also provides for a more convincing re.

**Seniors Eddie Cooper and Erin Frederick portray Pericles and Thaisa in "Pericles."**

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**Live Theater**

**Changies confuse classic**

**BY STACEY COBURN**  
Assistant Accent Editor

A young woman wearing a feather crown that stretches two feet above her head moves her fingers over a large glass bowl. She looks to the left and then back. She turns her quick head turns her gaze back to the bowl. She sweeps her hands upward, then tips a miniature boat over. She turns her head, bolted by senior Shelley Smith, controlled Pericles' fate by toiling with playing pieces in the bowl throughout Ithaca College Theatre's production of "Pericles." She hovers in the corner of the stage while Pericles and also provides for a more convincing re.

**Tom Cruise stars as Nathan Algren in "The Last Samurai."**

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**Movie Times**

The following is valid Friday through Thursday. Times are subject to change.

- **Cinematographe**  
  The Commons  
  7:15 and 9:30 p.m.  
  Weekend: 2:15 and 4:35 p.m.

- **Lost In Translation**  
  7:15 and 9:30 p.m.  
  Weekend: 2:15 and 4:35 p.m.

- **Full Circle Pictures**  
  1201 N. Tioga St.  
  772-1256

- **The Human Stain**  
  7:15 and 9:30 p.m.  
  Weekend: 2:15 and 4:35 p.m.

- **Radio River**  
  **Watching**  
  Weekend: 2 p.m.

- **Fences of April**  
  9:35 p.m.  
  Weekend: 2:15 p.m.

- **The School of Rock**  
  4:35 p.m.

- **The Red Glass**  
  Weekend: 2:15 p.m.

- **Ithaca 10**  
  Pyramid Mall  
  11:45 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.

- **Call of the Hat**  
  12:20 and 2:30 p.m.

- **The Last Samurai**  
  **1/2**  
  1:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

- **The Haunted Mansion**  
  12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

- **The Last Samurai**  
  12:45 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

- **Love Actually**  
  4:30 p.m., 7:25 p.m. and 10:25 p.m.

- **Love Don't cost a thing**  
  12:15 p.m., 2:40 p.m., and 5:15 p.m.

- **Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World**  
  12:15 p.m., 2:40 p.m., 5:15 p.m., and 7:40 p.m.

- **Something's Gotta Give**  
  1 p.m., 7:10 p.m., and 10 p.m.

- **Sluck on You**  
  12:50 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 10:05 p.m.
Faculty and staff raise their voices

BY CELIA STAHR
Staff Writer

 Usually, for faculty and staff, the end of a long Tuesday means finally heading home or laboring over paperwork in the office. But for a handful of Ithaca College community members, the end of the day means breaking into song.

These singers — professors, administrators and volunteers — members across campus are a part of Voices, Ithaca College's faculty and staff choir. The ensemble, led by music Professor Susan Avery, was formed two years ago by John Sigg, associate professor of exercise and sports sciences.

Filled with a passion for singing, Sigg sensed a need for a vocal group exclusively for faculty and staff. With the support of other faculty and the dean of the music school, Sigg tapped Avery to be the conductor of the new group.

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Avery said that the members' sense of humor, intelligence and genuine curiosity about how music works "keeps me on my toes." Though it's 4:30 p.m. on a Tuesday, Avery is what Belyea calls "a fountain of energy." She begins rehearsal with some stretching and small talk before taking each section through its parts. Throughout the hour-long practice, members chat and joke in between practices. "There are things that music does in all of these areas," she said.

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FACULTY AND STAFF members, left to right, Gladys Ward, Marian Brown and Jean Hardwick raise their voices at practice for the Voices holiday concert scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 14.

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Good luck with final exams, and enjoy winter break.

Calendar

Today
Chaplain's Bible Study — Noon in Phillips Room, Muller Chapel.
Weekly IC Jazz Club Performance — Noon in the Pub, Campus Center
Biology Junior Research Symposium — 4 p.m. in CNS 112.
Fireside Chat/Mass — 8 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Muller Chapel.
IC VoiceStream Concert — 8 p.m. in Emerson Suites, Phillips Hall.
Ithaca College Symphonic and Concert Bands — 8:15 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.

Community
Leadership III Program — "Emotional Intelligence & Leadership Development," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the LaTourelle Country Inn.

Friday
Last Day of Classes
Shabbat Services — 6 p.m. in Muller Chapel.
Sports
Women's Basketball vs. St. Lawrence at 6 p.m. in Ben Light Gymnasium, Hill Center.
Men's Basketball vs. St. Lawrence at 8 p.m. in Ben Light Gymnasium, Hill Center.

Saturday
SAB Films — "Terminator 3" at 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m., and midnight in Textor 102.
Sports
Women's Basketball vs. Potsdam at 2 p.m. in Ben Light Gymnasium, Hill Center.
Men's Basketball vs. Potsdam at 4 p.m. in Ben Light Gymnasium, Hill Center.

Eccumenical Worship Service — 11 a.m. in Muller Chapel.
Mass — 1 p.m. and 9 p.m. in Muller Chapel.
Candlelight Service — 7 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

Sunday
Sideways Mass — 7 p.m. at the LaTourelle Country Inn.

Monday
Final Exams Begin at 7:30 a.m.
Midnight Mass — 11:55 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

ICTV Weekly Evening Schedule

All Angles
Tuesdays at 6:30

Beyond the Chords
Sundays through Thursdays at 6:30

Gridiron Report
Sundays at 7

Live on Tape
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays at 10:30

Newswatch 16
Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 and 10

Thirty Minutes
Thursdays at 10:30

Ultimate Utopia
Sundays at 6:30

Wednesday at 6:30

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Photo courtesy of Bernadette Johnston
A SOUTHERNAFRICAN girl plays with a hula hoop in Cape Town. This photo, "Kwezi: After School in the Township," was taken by senior Bernadette Johnston when she studied in South Africa in spring 2003. It won first prize in the People category in the International Photo Exhibition Photo Contest, which was held by the Office of International Programs.

The Student Union has issued publication for the winter break.

Not all Ithaca College events are listed in the calendar.

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS
A tale of two halves

Blue and Gold’s second-half rally stops rival Red Dragons, 62-43

BY JENNIFER BEEMAN
Staff Writer

After a lethargic first-half performance, Ithaca cruised to a 62-43 victory over Cortland Tuesday to snap the Red Dragons’ six-game winning streak.

The Bombers jumped out to an early 7-3 lead and seemed on the verge of a zone. They pressured the Bombers off.

“This year they played more man-to-man defense,” Raymond said. “Last year they played more of a zone. They pressured the ball, and that hindered our shot opportunities.”

But a break to recuperate was all the Bombers needed. From the outset of the second half, they dominated the Red Dragons.

Ithaca held Cortland to a mere six points in the first nine minutes of the half to open up 36-26 lead.

“We expect to win every game,” junior Stephanie Cleary said. “In the first half, they out-worked us — on every loose ball, every rebound. In the second half, we picked up our intensity.”

In the second half, defense became the spark plug of the Bombers’ offense. Ithaca began forcing turnovers and capitalizing on opportunities.

“That’s how we work,” senior Jennie Swatling said. “Our defense ignited and sparked our offense.”

Cleary, who led the team in scoring with 21 points, said one key to Ithaca’s defense against the Red Dragons was stopping them from running the ball, one of their strengths.

Through four games, Raymond said he is pleased with what he sees from his team. But there is also much room for improvement.

“When we look at previous years, they have three guards and two forwards,” Raymond said. “The post players need to figure out how to create shots.”

“In the past, the Bombers have struggled with mental lapses. Against the Red Dragons, the Bombers stayed strong mentally. Maintaining focus through 40 minutes of play will prove important as the season continues.

“We need to play two halves of basketball,” Raymond said. “We try to keep each other going.”

Cortland puts clamps on Schulz to beat Bombers in second half

BY JIM HAWVER
Staff Writer

Cortland coach Tom Spanbauer had a simple answer to shut down the production of senior Tyler Schulz after he scored 17 points in the first half: Slap him with a double-team.

Talk about a halftime adjustment.

The Red Dragon defense held Schulz to two points the rest of the way and came back with a seven-point halftime deficit to steal the Bombers’ home opener, 64-56.

“We were trying to guard him straight up in the first half with our straight man-to-man defense, and then in the second half we went to our post-double defense,” Spanbauer said.

“We were forcing them to kick the ball out.”

Schulz was tied up once the Red Dragons bound him with the double-team.

“I was able to try to get through with it, but I just missed some shots,” he said. “A couple times I would try to pass out of the double and I would make a sloppy pass.”

And that’s when the Blue and Gold’s offense crumbled.

After shooting 15 for 30 from the field in the first half, the Bombers nailed a meager nine for 32 in the final 20 minutes.

Ithaca coach Jim Mullins attributed the Bombers’ second-half offensive woes to their poor play on the other side of the ball — especially against the Cortland’s offensive two-headed dragon of Jos Roth and Frank Ranieri.

Those two had combined to average 32.7 points per game coming into the contest.

“There were two kids in the game, Ranieri for Cortland and Rother, who I thought we were forewarned about,” Mullins said. “We knew that they could hurt us, and the thing that is most disappointing is that the two kids that we targeted to shut down — nobody stopped them.”

Ranieri finished with a game-high 21 points, and Roth added 18 as the duo combined to score 24 of the Red Dragons’ 37 second-half points.

Junior guard Nane Thomas gave the Blue and Gold their first lead just more than five minutes into the contest when he hit a three-point shot, part of a 9-0 Ithaca run that spanned over three minutes.

But the Bombers weren’t able to pull away — they never led by more than 10 points — and eventually the Red Dragons came back. Cortland took the lead for good with just under four and a half minutes remaining off of a Ranieri three-point bucket, bringing the score to 57-54.

Schulz added his only score of the second period with just less than four minutes remaining, but the Ithaca offense couldn’t convert any of its last seven shots the rest of the way.

Cortland ended the game with a 7-0 run to seal the win.

“We were hitting our shots in the first half, but we just weren’t hitting them at the end when we had to,” junior guard Jesse Roth said.

Besides, Schulz, Roth’s 15 points made him the only other Bomber to score in double-digits.

In their game against the Big Red at Cornell, the Blue and Gold were not able to convert their free-throw attempts (2 for 11), but against the Red Dragons, they couldn’t even get to the line.

Schulz and Thomas were the only two Bombers who attempted foul shots, each hitting one of two attempts.

Cortland, on the other hand, made 12 trips to the line and was able to convert 10 for 11.

The Bombers out-rebounded Cortland, 41 to 36, including a game-high 10 for Schulz and nine for sophomore forward Brian Andruszkiewicz. Schulz also had four blocks.

The Blue and Gold fell to 2-3 on the year, while the Red Dragons won their third straight contest and improved to 5-2.

Ithaca will try to pull above .500 before winter break with home games against St. Lawrence on Friday night at 8 p.m. and on Saturday at 4 p.m. against Potsdam.
Engineers topple Bombers

Early defensive miscues help RPI knock Ithaca out of playoffs

Every team wants to end its season in the NCAA playoffs. Just not like this. Fighting blizzard conditions, Ithaca never got into an offensive rhythm and fell 21-16 to RPI in the NCAA East Regional final Saturday. The loss was the Bombers’ second quarterfinal defeat in the last three seasons.

While the Blue and Gold’s defense was the staple of its two previous playoff wins, it wasn’t apparent early. The Engineers slughed away at the Ithaca defense for two touchdowns in the first five minutes, giving them a 14-0 lead with 10:17 remaining in the first quarter.

“The key to the game was RPI scoring early in the first quarter,” Ithaca coach Mike Welch said. “In this type of a game when weather conditions got worse, it’s certainly a big advantage.”

With a two-touchdown cushion, the Engineers cooed, nursing their lead throughout the game. Ithaca didn’t threaten back Josh Felicetti found classmates Justin Esposito for a 26-yard touchdown pass with 9:16 left in the third quarter, cutting the RPI lead to 14-9.

The Engineers answered with a touchdown drive of their own and regained a 12-point lead when RPI quarterback Dan Cole hit Jim Warwick on a 16-yard pass with 11:16 remaining. Skiff shouldn’t have shot. In fact, he was listening for the snap.”

Matthew Roth/ITHACAN

Sponsoring DUSTIN ROSS (44, far right), senior Robert Truman (29, far left), and senior Seth Molisani (15, center) swarmed RPI running back Otsi Williams (44, center) during Saturday’s contest.

Two weeks ago Nick Calandrino was out­side freezing at football practice. Last night, he was busy controlling his opponent on the wrestling mats.

The freshman had only practiced with the wrestlers for the last 10 days, but already placed second at the RIT Invitational last Saturday, Calandrino came out on the offensive against Aronowitz. Though he lost 137-pound, Ithaca’s 197-pound weight class at 65.1, to help the Bombers to a 26-13 victory over Oswego.

“I took more shots tonight,” Calandrino said. “The pin gave the Bombers an insur-

mentable 23-10 lead with two matches to go. Despite the large margin of victory, things didn’t start off positively for Ithaca. At 133, junior Lance Dolson lost 10-7 to All-American Tenkagye Agmom. That bout was followed by the 141-pound match-up where sophomore Scott Amnowitz lost 14-6 to Leon Henry.

The next match turned match the tide for the Bombers. Senior Greg Skiff was tied with Bob Gentile. But in a playoff system, they’d be able to unquestionably earn their way into the Bowl Championship Series. No matter how much they

continue to overtime. Nichols was yelling to Skiff, but the wrestler misheard.

“It was telling him to back off, but the crowd was screaming too and Skiff didn’t hear me,” Nichols said. “Skiff would have had him in overtime.”

After the Skiff loss, Ithaca ran off five straight wins, including the Calandrino pin. At 157, junior K.C. Beach pinned Mike Bobeck at 3:04. Beach took control of the match with a quick first period takedown and never looked back.

Junior Marc Israel beat Frank Petrucci 10-5 in a rematch of the final from the RIT Invitational, which Israel won.

In the 174-pound weight class, sophomore Matthias Keib controlled his match throughout and won by a 12-3 decision over Bob Gentile.

The 184-pound match was dominated by junior Robert Stubbles, who stepped in for the injured junior Jeff Edelme. Stubbles came on top 14-0.

After the Calandrino pin, junior tri-captain Bryan Petti moved up to the heavyweight division for the evening, wrestled J.J. Calkins. Starting senior heavyweight Erik Wisecup was cut with a knee injury. Petti held his own for much of the match, but Calkins earned a late takedown for a 3-1 win.

The Bombers had the meet victory in hand with the 125-pound match remaining.

Freshman Kyle Kemmerer continued to show off his ability, defeating John Spinner 2-1, with the deciding point coming by riding time.

A win in the opening dual meet of the season provides the Bombers with excitement heading into their two-week break.

“This gives us good momentum to come back to New York,” Nichols said. “We needed the win, and the boys stepped up.”
IC settles score with Alfred

BY CHRIS COLLELUORI
Staff Writer

The Bombers swam with a vengeance Tuesday. Squaring off against conference-rival Alfred, Ithaca remained a perfect 6-0 in dual meets, as the team beat Empire 8 and New York state champions 167-76 at home.

Tuesday's victory tasted sweet after Alfred edged Ithaca 1.219 to 1.177 at last year's state meet.

"They're our main reason for training as hard as we do," senior Sean Kavanaugh said. "We know what they stole from us last year.

Winning every event except two, the Blue and Gold pummeled the Saxons in a near-perfect performance. Alfred's Kevin Martin beat senior Geoff Buteau by two-tenths of a second in the 100-yard butterfly, and the Saxons (3-2) also pulled away in the 400-yard freestyle relay for Alfred's only two wins.

Ithaca's win comes just two days after it took third in the three-day Franklin & Marshall Invitational.

"We expected it to be a little closer to the time," coach Kevin Markwardt said. "I've never seen anybody do it. It feels like it's less pressure, so I rate it how it is and do as best I can."

The rest of the Bombers followed Yellin's lead as they cooled off first place in seven of the 13 events and had 13 other swimmer's finish second or third. The effort made up for the absence of Centrella and partial absence of Hughes, both due to injuries. Armitage said Shorette missed the meet for personal reasons.

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FRESHMAN CHARLES SUOZZI sprits for the wall in the 200-meter butterfly.

"What Barnes is doing, doubling up on the 1,000-free and 300-free, is almost unheard of," coach Kevin Markwardt said. "I've never seen anybody do it every meet and still win 99 percent of the time."

Senior captain Sean Kavanaugh continued his winning streak with first-place finishes in the 200-yard individual medley (2:00.04) and the 200-yard backstroke (1:57.93). Kavanaugh has not lost an individual event at a dual meet all season.

"The guy can swim almost any race," Markwardt said. "He's just always there and always doing great times. He's incredibly consistent."

Senior Sasha Kuznesov also added two individual wins, which gives him tight for the season. He won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.43 seconds, good enough for fourth in Bomber history and less than four-tenths of a second shy of the school record. He also posted a win in the 100-yard freestyle (47.58).

Kuznesov and Kavanaugh also joined forces with Buteau and senior Ryan Orser to capture first in the 400-yard medley relay.

Senior Mike Pietrasso swept the diving events with a score of 235.30 off the 1-meter board and 236.35 from 3 meters, contributing 18 points to the Blue and Gold victory.

The South Hill squad will be back in action Jan. 10 at the Rensselaer Invitational at RPI.

Bombers, freshmen blow past Saxons

BY ALEX DE LOS RIOS
Staff Writer

At 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, assistant coach Mike Armitage had no lineup for Ithaca's meet against Alfred. Senior Kristen Shorette and Katie Centrella were unavailable and senior Megan Hughes would be able to swim just two races.

Not that he was worried. The Bombers came away with a 152-91 win.

Armitage said before the race he felt the Bombers' depth would overwhelm the Saxons.

"It was a really good opportunity for our freshmen to get some experience swimming," he said.

But the upperclassmen did just fine, too.

Senior Michelle Yellin won the 500-yard freestyle on her first attempt with a time of 5:24.12, 19 seconds faster than the second-place finisher.

"If I swim the same event every week, I get a mental block," Yellin said. "It feels like it's less pressure, so I rate it how it is and do as best I can."

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Bomber Roundup

Men's aquatics
Friday—Sunday

The 5-0 Bombers took third place out of eight teams at the three-day Franklin & Marshall Invitational and placed fifth out of 22 teams in their first ever outing before Thanksgiving.

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