Student dies in car crash

BY KATIE MASLANKA
Assistant News Editor

Icy road conditions were the cause of a fatal accident that took the life of an Ithaca College student on Saturday.

Senior Erika Watson, 21, died Saturday morning from injuries sustained in a car accident near the intersection of Route 13 and Hanshaw Road in Dryden.

Watson, an art major and psychology minor and a native of Middletown, Conn., was driving her Honda Accord north on Route 13 when her car collided with an oncoming car in the southbound lane of State Route 34 in Lansing.

Calling hours for Watson will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at Dillon-Baxter Funeral Home, 1256 Berlin Turnpike, Wethersfield, Conn. A funeral service is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Third Congregational Church, 94 Miner St., in Middletown.

Burial will be private.

Erika Watson's father, Stan Watson, encouraged anyone planning to attend ceremonies memorializing his daughter to wear bright colors.

When several of Erika Watson's friends died in a car accident during her high school years, she wore yellow to their funerals, Watson said. "It would be fitting for Erika's friends to follow her example," Watson said.

College officials are planning a memorial service and will announce the date and time once the details are finalized.

Students who need help coping with grief can contact the Counseling Center at 274-3136 or speak with the college chaplain.

"She was just always so happy"

BY JOE GERAGHTY
Editor-in-Chief

Erika Watson was happy. Happy to work with young children, happy to study in Ithaca and happy to live each day.

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Public Safety officers vote to unionize

BY SARAH HOFIUS
Staff Writer

Public Safety employees became the first group on campus ever to unionize after a vote on Dec. 19 that went 18-7 in favor of unionization.

The 26 patrol officers, security officers, dispatchers, investigators and members of the traffic department are now Local 507 of the International Union of United Government Security Officers of America.

College President Peggy R. Williams, in a press release issued after the vote and in remarks made at an all-college staff meeting, said that she was disappointed the Public Safety employees decided to unionize.

"The vote came as a surprise and disappointment, quite frankly: an outcome and message we didn't anticipate," Williams said in her remarks.

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Nation & World
Bush assesses state of the union

Constrained by record budget deficits and election-year realities, President Bush Thursday night proposed a short list of relatively inexpensive domestic proposals in his annual State of the Union address Tuesday night. He include job-training, an altered immigration policy, a plan to promote sexual abstinence, and efforts to speed gay marriages and the use of illegal drugs.

For the most part, the domestic agenda Bush laid out, with its heavy emphasis on job costs and jobs, repackages proposals from earlier in his term based on conservative orthodoxy that lawmakers have resisted in the past. Despite ongoing pain in the cost of health care a "critical issue," Bush called on Congress to act quickly to make health insurance more affordable.

His proposed solutions, however, are measures that the Senate and, in a few instances, the House already have rejected. Those proposals include tax credits to help uninsured people buy private coverage and new premium incentives for or a plan that would allow small companies to band together to offer health coverage that bypasses existing insurance regulations.

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Iraqis demand to try Saddam

For the second day in a row, Shiite Muslim demonstrators took to the streets in Baghdad Tuesday, demanding that U.S. officials allow captured president Saddam Hussein to be tried and executed in Iraq rather than treated as a prisoner of war.

About 5,000 protesters staged a peaceful, "We want Iraq to be a peaceful, united state for all ethnic groups — Shiites and Sunnis, Kurds and Christians and Turks," said Karim Darazi, 43, a merchant from a com-

U.S. delegation visits N. Korea

North Korea invited an unofficial delegation of Americans to tour its nuclear facility at Yongbyon earlier this month as a way of providing confidence that they have reprocessed spent fuel rods into plutonium, said Siegfried Hecker, a former director of Los Alamos Nuclear Laboratory who was part of the delegation.

Hecker said in an interview that "for the most part it looked like the U.S. and perhaps many other countries didn't believe" the North Koreans had actually taken 8,000 reds — which the coun-

College & City

Award-winning author to visit for distinguished writers series

Author George Saunders will visit the college for three days next week as the writing department's distinguished visiting writer.

Saunders was the winner of the 2000 National Book Award for his debut collection "Very Persistent Gappers of Frip." His new novel, "Enlighten Me," was named a Notable Book of the Year by The New York Times Book Review and a Notable Book of the Year by The Washington Post.

Saunders will read from his works "The Very Persistent Gappers of Frip." On Thursday, 7:30 p.m. in Emerson Suite B titled "Anti-Mastery: Openness and the Art of Fiction." For more information about the workshops, contact Terry Beckley at 274-1967. Questions regarding registration and continuing education credit can be answered by the Division of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions at 274-3143.

Art gallery's first spring exhibit to open with reception today

An opening reception for "From Dust to Daylight: Selections from the Permanent Collection," the college's first art exhibit of the spring semester, will be held at the Handwecker Gallery today from 5 to 7 p.m.

Curated by 11 students in the art history department's Introduction to Museumology course, the exhibit will feature over 40 works from the gallery's permanent collection.

The curator will give a gallery talk at 12:10 p.m. on Tuesday, and the exhibit will be on display through Feb. 15.

Annual concerto competition to take place in music school

The music school will hold its annual concerto competition finals on Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. in Ford Hall in the James J. Whalen Center for Music.

The competition is open to students enrolled in private lessons with a music school faculty member. Registration forms will be available at the Board of Elections.

The event is free and open to the public, and attendees are welcome to stay for any portion of the event. The competition will continue until all the student finalists have performed.

Deadline for voter registration for primary elections approaches

The deadline for voter registration for the primary elections is Friday, Feb. 6. Presidential primary elections will be held on Tuesday, March 2.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Board of Elections, located at 123 E. Buffalo, the Finger Lakes Independence Center or any public building. A list of offices to be filled can be obtained at http://www.co.tomkins.ny.us/Boo/.

Provost's office seeking team for science-based competition

The Office of the Provost is seeking interdisciplinary student teams and faculty advisors interested in representing the college in team competition for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's P3 Award: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability.

All students and faculty members interested in a competition for the P3 award are invited to attend an informational meeting from noon to 1 p.m., Thursday in the Forum Room 274.
Weather causes pipe nightmares

Ithaca gained a few more waterfalls over the weekend as 11 broken pipe gushed water in buildings across campus.

Junior Autumn Daer Miller found out firsthand when she stepped out of her College Circle apartment bathroom after a shower Friday. Fire sprinklers were spraying water everywhere and the apartment was flooding — fast.

"The scene in the apartment was incredible," said senior Scott Goldner, who lives with Miller. "When I got there, it was like the Titanic," he said. "It just seemed like water was coming out of everywhere." Miller and Goldner were two of 17 students whose apartments and dorm rooms were damaged when 11 pipes on campus burst due to the freezing weather.

"Parting the Waters," a Pulitzer-prize winning book in a trilogy covering the story of the Civil Rights Movement and the problems he encountered when he traveled to Southern churchs, schoolhouses and homes to encourage voter registration.

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First union surprises college

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against the union 5-13, Armstrong said. The officers decided to take another vote this year because they did not believe the college addressed their concerns.

The UGSOA represents more than 8,000 armed security officers and has nearly 100 local unions nationwide. The vote made the public safety staff the first local different sides of the issue.

The two women went to London to gather for a semester and traveled all over Europe.

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Harry McCue, chairman of the art department, remembered Erika as a standout student in the class she took with him her sophomore year.

He said her outgoing nature and warm personality made a big impact on everyone in his department.

"I called all the professors when I heard, and each one of them said the same thing: 'Not Erika. Not her.'" Stan Watson always knew Erika was special, and he said as difficult as her loss has been for family and friends, it just confirms what he suspected all along.

"We raised an angel," he said. "She had everything going for her, and it was just so unfair." People with that much energy and happiness, he said, "do amazing things." "We raised an angel," he said. "She had everything going for her, and it was just so unfair."

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Students honor King through acts of service

BY ANNE K. WALTERS
News Editor

While the Polar Plunge has been a tradition at the college for four years, this year the community service event became another way for students to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

More than 50 students volunteered at the State Theatre, the YMCA, Challenge Industries and other organizations throughout the community.

Deborah Mohlenhoff, coordinator of community service and leadership development, said she tried to focus the day on King and his commitment to service.

Participants discussed King’s service and how their service related to him.

Senior Alison LaGarry, who led a team of volunteers that painted hallways at Challenge Industries, said, “It gives us a more active role in the goals presented by Dr. King.”

LaGarry said that not only was the volunteer work itself rewarding, but learning about Challenge Industries showed her more of the work being done in the community.

This was also the first year faculty and staff were invited to participate in the event. Eight staff members spent the day volunteering with students, Mohlenhoff said.

She said she hopes to include more staff and faculty in next year’s Polar Plunge.

Kelly Stevens, associate director of the Center for Student Leadership and Involvement, worked with students at the State Theatre.

She said the event provided her with a chance to see students she wouldn’t normally see and interact with them in a different environment.

Stevens said it made sense to include the Plunge in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations.

“Often we do the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration and leave out the service components,” she said.

“continues a passive event.”

Freshman Ameerah Brailsford returned to school for the Polar Plunge after participating in the Community Plunge during the fall.

She said that spending the day mopping and beating the dust out of theater chairs at the State Theatre was rewarding.

“I think it's good because they don't have a lot of money to restore the place, so every little bit counts,” she said.

State Theatre general manager George Holton said this was the third group of volunteers from the college that has done work at the theater.

“It makes a big impact,” he said. “It helps us get some stuff done that we don’t have the resources to do.”

The cleaning was especially needed due to recent construction dust, he said.

The historic State Theatre was reopened in 2001 after years of disrepair, and remodeling work has continued since then.

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The business school will take one of the final steps toward accreditation when representatives from the accrediting agency visit campus later this semester. Accreditors from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business will arrive on campus the third week of February to evaluate the school. The AACSB board must then meet to make the final decision on accreditation. For the past five years, the business school has made improvements that will lead to accreditation, an acknowledgement by an outside group that the school has met high achievement standards.

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As the school has prepared for accreditation, enrollment has grown and the SAT scores for incoming freshmen have increased, he said. The school started a Master of Business Administration degree program and added new faculty members, he said. The school has also improved its use of technology. When surveying alumni and graduating seniors the school used to hear that there was not enough emphasis on technology, he said.

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Loan default rates at lowest in decade

BY CHRISTA LOMBARDI
Chief Copy Editor

For seniors graduating from expensive institutions like Ithaca College, the reality of repaying student loans can be intimidating. However, figures from the U.S. Department of Education offer hope for individuals who rely on loans to fund their education.

The number of students who default on their loans — by not repaying them in the assigned time period — has reached new lows for the past decade, prompting officials to believe previous default problems have been eliminated.

But a report from the Office of the Inspector General suggests that the method of determining default rates may not provide an accurate assessment of borrowers' behavior.

The report indicates that the decreased default rates may reflect a modification of guidelines more than a change in rate of repayment. In 1998, Congress adjusted the window for identifying a borrower in default from 180 days to 270 days.

Larry Chambers, director of financial aid at Ithaca College, said while the extension may have some bearing on default rates, borrowers seeking deferment are usually students who decide to further their education or meet other specific qualifications. The government must repay loans for individuals in default — the most severe outcome.

Sophomore Alicia Arnold is already feeling the burden of taking out student loans. "I forgot I had them," she said. "But I do remember last semester when I was looking at my financial aid when it came and counting the Stafford loans, saying, 'Oh, I'm X amount of dollars in debt already, and I haven't even finished my second year of school.'"

Chambers said reality sets in for most students when they are required to complete on-line exit interviews, which can be accessed through the Office of Financial Aid's Web site. He said this is when the responsibilities of the loans are communicated and students realize the consequences of default.

"It's kind of a scary thing because it's an adult thing," Arnold said. "As a freshman, you're like, 'Oh, I'm in college — this is great' ... and then as you get older you realize ... you're going to have all of these things to pay back, and you're only in your mid-20s."

To avoid default, Chambers recommends that students borrow the least amount of money possible, use loan calculators on the Internet to estimate their monthly payments based on the total amount they think they will borrow, and determine whether they will have enough money after all of their loans and repay them over a longer period of time.

For more information, students should visit www.finaid.org or www.ithaca.edu/finaid.

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Church aims to inspire change

BY CHRISTA LOMBARDI
Chief Copy Editor

It's six o'clock on a bitter, snowy Sunday evening. While most students are in their rooms finishing up last-minute homework or socializing, 16 people from Ithaca College, Cornell University and the local community gradually file into the Muller Chapel. Soothing music fills the room as each person settles into a seat and begins to defrost. Minister Zach Williams stands at the front of the room, welcoming the worshippers, urging them to stand and clap. After members of the congregation greet each other and exchange hugs, Williams reminds them, "We're not just about pure numbers — we're about changing people's lives."

This is just the second meeting of the Empowerment Church at Ithaca College. Rooted in the African and New World Christian tradition, the initiative is influenced by the book "The Empowerment Church," by Carla F. Stewart, who calls for "a new type of a church that incorporates and understands different cultures, but also really targets various ages and groups," said Williams, who is an assistant professor at the Center for the Study of Culture, Race and Ethnicity.

After arriving at the college in August, Williams said he recognized a need to have religious services that reflect more diversity of cultures and worship experiences.

Before joining the Empowerment Church, seniors LaToia Hosey and Tiffany Jackson had attended several different services on and off campus since their freshman year, but said they never found them fulfilling. "The Empowerment Church is more than just a service," Williams said. "We're trying to create a lifestyle of empowerment for people, a community of people that interact more than just at the surface. As people in the church are empowered, then they will feel empowered to go out and change conditions in society."

While several plans for community outreach and activism are in the works, Williams said currently the primary objectives are to get people to attend the services and to initiate a bible study. "Building a diverse fellowship which will allow people to worship in many different ways, is not a simple task. Worshippers are encouraged to be as vocal as they choose and worship includes different types of music and praise dancers." "There might be cultural misunderstandings as to what we're doing and just the challenges of overcoming apathy that a lot of churches go through," Williams said. "He also said cynicism from people who are used to traditional religious experiences will be another obstacle to overcome, but he's not worried."

"I do think that the diversity that will come will be a strength of the church, and it's going to distinguish it from other groups," Williams said. The Empowerment Church is designed to bring together people of different cultures, races, genders, ages and classes. An elders board composed of Williams and several students meets regularly to discuss plans for the future of the church.

"The whole idea is to provide a place, to create community, to create a family and fellowship among various peoples, and I believe we're going to do that," Williams said. "It may take some time, but time is all we have."

Hosey said she thinks that as members of the congregation spend more time together at the services and during outreach programs, they will begin to feel more comfortable and get to know each other better. Even after the second gathering, Jackson said this is already occurring. "Everyone stayed after and talked to each other," Jackson said. "We really felt that we were welcome here."

Whether it's an alternative to, or an addition to, their regular services, all students, faculty and community members are encouraged to participate.

"That's what we're about — connecting people and challenging a lot of different problems out there, trying to grapple with and understand a lot of issues like interracial issues," Williams said, "because the church should be at the forefront of helping to resolve a lot of these problems, and what better place than in this atmosphere, in a place like Ithaca." Services are held Sundays at 6 p.m. in the Muller Chapel.

"Everybody is welcome," Jackson said. "If you want to come and worship with us, we won't turn you away."

"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We would like to thank all POLAR PLUNGE 2004 participants for giving up a full day on Friday, January 16th, and dedicating their day of service to the honor of Dr. King.

Look for more volunteer opportunities at http://www.ithaca.edu/volunteer.
Public Safety incident log

Dec. 19
Fire alarm
LOCATION: Terrace 8
SUMMARY: Call reported a fire; a napkin caught on fire while person was cooking. Sgt. Keith Lee.

Dec. 20
Criminal mischief
LOCATION: Terrace 3
SUMMARY: Officer reported unknown persons. Two exit signs damaged. Pending investigation. Sgt. Frederick Thomas.

Dec. 22
Larceny
LOCATION: Job Hall
SUMMARY: Call reported theft of a carpet with the college seal on it. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Richard Curtiss.

Jan. 5
Unlawful possession/marijuana
LOCATION: Garden Apartment 27
SUMMARY: Environmental Health and Safety Officers reported finding drug paraphernalia while conducting fire safety inspections. One student judicially referred for responsibility of guest and one person restricted from campus. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

Jan. 9
Conduct code violation
LOCATION: Lyon Hall
SUMMARY: Call reported finding a weapon while cleaning room. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

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Editorsials
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Upon my return from a restful month’s vacation, I was greeted Friday by some diagnostic “Cold” — especially when you’re wearing that T-shirt in mid-January. So insist that the chilly city of ours. Apparently, though, Ithaca will be second to none. While the roving Spirit landing site in Gusev crater was 12 degrees, Ithaca was hovering just above zero.

But don’t get too depressed. The temperature at Gusev crater fell to negative 130 at night. Over the past couple weeks, upstate New York has only dropped to about negative 20. Our bitter January evenings won’t likely be nearing Mars’ nighttime negatives anytime soon.

Among them was former Vice President Al Gore, who in a speech attempted to give a compelling speech about global warming to a frosty New York audience.

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Why? Would it hurt to forge the fashion statement and opt for a bit of practicality? Would it be so bad to turn down the furnace and throw on some warm socks and an extra sweater? For those of you who really think it’s warm outside, slip on a pair of snowfall, and stick with the shorts. And if you really like wearing high heels in snow, go for it. But don’t blame the weather for your frosted toenails or your tummy into the slash.

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All students, regardless of year, major and experience, are invited to come and find out more!
Behind closed doors

BY EMILY KEIZER
Staff Writer

Artwork. Grades. Sineary finger-paint masterpieces signed by professors’ five-year-olds. A trip down the halls of Muller Faculty Building is almost like visiting a museum featuring an eclectic Gilbert-Plath-Van Gough exhibition.

Mary Ithaca College instructors regard door decorations as a time-honored tradition. Psychology professor David Williams said that the variety of door décor translates to a variety of personalities.

"You almost have different types - political radicals who have stuff that’s anti-status quo, people who have lots of junk up there, people who try to be informative," he said. Despite the variety, humor is a common theme in many campus hallways. According to Williams, field-related cartoons or wisecracking Internet satires can help to bridge the gap between 40-something professors and their 20-something students. Humor also makes the office door a little less forbidding to students lined up to talk to a professor or discuss a grade.

"The loneliest hour of the day is the office hour," Williams said. "Whatever strange things people do to their doors in most cases is to make knocking on that door easier."

T he most attention-grabbing section of Liz Begley’s door is a “stress kit” poster with a large circle and the instructions “Bang Head Here.” The clinical assistant professor of speech-language pathology and audiology prefers her magnetic poetry to any head-banging action that might occur, however. She said she likes that students interested in language can play with them.

Students also contribute by writing on the communication board at the bottom of the display. The picture-and-word-covered board, which a nonverbal person could use to express herself, is a spoof on Begley’s own state of perpetual happiness. Words like “lively” and “blissful” and “on cloud 9” populate the board. Still, attention often returns to the “stress kit.” When asked if anyone has ever actually banged a head on the sign, Begley laughs. "Not very hard. And never about my classes, or never that they tell me. People always look at it and ask why it is posted so low. It's because I'm only five feet tall!"

Psy chology professor Carla Golden isn’t bothered by the fact that her fiercely personal and political door lands to stir up emotions. Anti-Bush stickers and cartoons poking fun at people is misunderstanding about feminism serve at the very least as discussion-starters. "I think it’s important to take stands on major social issues of the day," Golden said. "It’s difficult to walk past the office of Scott Hamula, assistant professor of television-radio, without noticing the poster on his door. The centerpiece of a display that features everything from grinning “Simpsons” characters to announcements about advertising competitions, the poster is a two-by-three-foot photo of a nerdy man sitting in his boxers with a cluster of medals around his neck.

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One thing Barr isn’t neutral on is the Macintosh vs. PC firestorm. A strong Mac advocate, Barr uses his door to tout Macs - which he describes as "the computer equivalent of a BMW because of its subtle features and refinements. In the center of the display is a photo of a glossy beetle emblazoned with the words ‘Free bug with every Microsoft product.’"

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China: four new words, a billion new people

Checking in for my flight from Beijing to Shanghai, I felt like I was on the receiving end of a Chinese food handout. And riding the bus to work, I feel like I'm in the mob at a rock concert.

There are 16.7 million people in Shanghai. China, with more than a billion people, is incredibly different from my home country of Norway (population of four million).

Here, I feel like I'm in Chinatown without an exit, though it's a fascinating place to do a two-month newspaper internship.

Making the transition somewhat more confusing is the complexity of the Chinese language — a language I, as of this writing, only speak four words of ("hello," "goodbye," "thank you" and "you're welcome") — which is easy to remember because it sounds just like saying "Booker T."!

The Chinese written language looks like a jigsaw puzzle to the untrained eye. However, the system goes back thousands of years and keeps a strong link to the rich history of the Chinese people.

That is also what appealed to me about coming to China. It is a historically rich, large culture that has come a lot further than I have. Both countries have been through periods of great struggle.

As a result, the friendliness of the Chinese people regardless of occupation and social status is quite amazing. It is a generally warm country. It is in the south, but temperatures in the north reach well below freezing. Buildings are often built for coping with the heat and not the cold. I'm wearing nearly as much clothing indoors as outdoors now.

However, the warmth and the friendliness of the Chinese people doesn't seem to suffer, despite the lack of privileges that Americans take for granted, such as freedom of the press and free speech, aren't discussed much around here — these rights are nonexistent. The media follow the government line.

Take the Taiwan issue. Call me ignorant, but I thought of Taiwan as an independent country. But my style and reference guide for the weekly paper I work at clearly states: "Taiwan is a province and an inalienable part of China. It should never be referred to in a way that might suggest it is an independent country or that there might be one China and one Taiwan."

"In a country where, ideally, the nation comes before everything else, a Puritan frontier sense of opportunity comes before everything, a Puritan style and lifestyle clings on. Small things we take for granted in the United States, such as freedom of the press and free speech, aren't discussed much around here — these rights are nonexistent. The media follow the government line."

The ruling communist government lets business run free, but personal freedom is more restricted. As a result, there are things you don't do or discuss.

If I wrote this column for the Chinese paper I work at, I'd probably be leaving the country quicker than I could say "Booker T." Despite all this, China is an immensely interesting place with a real frontier sense of opportunity.

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FRESHMAN RYAN ALLEN dresses up his room with pictures, plants and colors — essential elements in the Feng Shui method.

Design with a new direction

BY VANESSA SCHNEIDER

The quickest way to change your life is to change your environment.

Mary K. Stewart, founder and president of Feng Shui Ithaca, applied this mantra to her own life and now impresses it upon her clients.

Stewart was running behind on her sales goal working for a biotech company in the Boston area eight years ago. She needed to increase her sales from $35 million to $75 million. After taking a class in feng shui, she realized the desiring practice could be an opportunity to make this leap.

"So I went to my boss, and I said, "I Ellen, I want to paint my office purple." I had learned that purple was a wealth color," she said.

Feng shui is the ancient Chinese method of arranging interior environments to direct energy, or chi, to enhance people's lives. It is based on the principle of Yin and Yang. According to Chris and Sophia Shaul, authors of "Essential Aspects of Traditional Feng Shui," Dr. Yeng and Yang, according to Chris and Sophia Shaul, authors of Feng shui was banned after the rise of the People's Republic of China in 1949, and was once again popular in Hong Kong, Taiwan and southeast Asia.

The practice is now popular in homes across the Western hemisphere.

Ryan Allen, a freshman English major, read a book on feng shui and applied many of its principles to the design of his dorm room.

"I didn't want to sleep in front of the door," he said. "Bad energy can pass through you when you sleep."

Allen's room has many plants that he said act as companions and promote a healthy lifestyle. There are colorful murals on his walls and pictures of friends ranging from members of bands he has played with to ex-girlfriends.

"I tried to put all the pictures of people who I really care a lot about," he said. "I have the Grateful Dead there as the very first picture."

Feng shui can be used to make over offices and living spaces. Stewart realized the potential of her practice and said she wanted to help others use the feng shui method.

After leaving her position in the corporate world, Stewart studied in Malaysia with Lillian Too, a top feng shui expert. There she learned feng shui theory and practice.

Stewart developed her own private consulting business based in Boston. She expanded to Ithaca and makes the 13-hour round trip periodically to do work with clients.

Stewart attributes her success to feng shui and her slogan: "Arrange your environment to transform your life."

Through her own firm, Stewart said she encourages this practice and offers private consultations for homes and offices.

"Feng shui is creating beauty, harmony and tranquility in any environment while working in harmony with nature," Stewart said.
The weather is frightful but delightful.

When winter falls over South Hill, college students disappear from the quad — slipping back into their residence halls. But the snow provides a different opportunity to explore Ithaca, relax and have fun through a variety of activities from skiing to climbing.

Hitting the hills

If you are interested in a variety of snow-related activities, Greek Peak is the place to go. Greek Peak, located at 2000 NYS Route 392 in Cortland, has 29 ski trails and eight lifts for skiing, snowboarding and tubing. There is also cross-country skiing and snowshoe trails.

Greek Peak offers skiing or snowboarding day passes for $44 for adults, $22 for children (ages 5-15) and $32 for seniors (60 and older). Night passes are available every Thursday and Saturday for $10. Junior packages (2-6 rides for children) are $10. Lodging and rentals are also available. Beginners and cross-country skiers are also welcome.

Greek Peak is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. For more information, go to www.greekpeak.net or call 800-955-2581.

Beginner packages, season passes and overnight lodging packages are also available.

Toughnook Falls State Park

Located on 2221 Taughnook Road in Trumansburg, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Even though the trail is closed, other trails are open for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The park also has areas for ice skating and sledding.

When the southern end of Cayuga Lake freezes Stewart Park, Cass Park and Cornell’s golf course become one, providing a cross-country ski and snowshoe area. The area is flat and suitable for beginners. Parking is located at the Mooseley House on Warren Road.

Skating around

Cass Park’s outdoor ice skating rink is located at 701 Taughnook Boulevard, Route 89, in Ithaca. Public skating hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. and 2:30 to 5 p.m.; Saturday from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. and from 2:30 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.; Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30 to 5 p.m. The cost is $5 per day. For more information, call 273-8088.

Podunk’s ski shop on Podunk Road in Dansville also rents cross-country skis. The cost is $15 per day and $25 for the weekend. For more information, call Podunk’s at 277-4777.
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Family learns to live and love

BY MATT HUNTELY Staff Writer

Jim Sheridan's deeply personal "In America" doesn't rely on a traditional plot, instead it explores characters through a series of meaningful anecdotes. The film isn't a genre picture, but more an observational story about an Irish family that moves to New York City and tows the line of death, loss and poverty. The film compels its viewers and absorbs them into situations involving human nature and the characters' inexplicable behaviors.

In "In America," a married Irish couple, Johnny (Paddy Considine) and Sarah (Samantha Morton), move into a poor neighborhood and run-down building in Manhattan. The hot summer temperatures and the offbeat, angry neighbor down the hall, Mateo (Djimon Hounsou), test the family's strength and emotional connections.

On Halloween, Johnny and Mateo dress up, go trick or treating for the first time. As they pose for the camera after treating the door, the only one to answer is Mateo. This begins a family relationship that will forever connect the Irish couple with Johnny, who believes Mateo may be the husband and father for himself.

"I love your wife, I love your children, and I love you," Mateo says. He reminds Johnny how truly lucky he is, and also makes the viewers feel lucky. Mateo teaches Johnny that unhappiness only reason is to feel that way. Johnny and Sarah act happy, mostly for the sake of their family. Johnny still mourns and grieves for the death of his son Frankie, who Christy believes he needed to say goodbye to to feel successful.

EMMA BOLGER's Ariel touches the hearts of viewers in "In America." During the movie her family, including her father Johnny (Paddy Considine), struggles to survive and grow.

"In America" is a bittersweet film tied together through comical and poignant episodes. In one scene, Johnny pulls an old air conditioner out of a window along "Times Square." There is also a gripping scene where Johnny asks Sarah for all their money to win an E.T. doll for his daughter at a local carnival. Viewers will undoubtedly feel sympathy and maybe even empathy for these characters. It was refreshing to see such a simple story told with relatively unknown actors. Considine will be new to most viewers. His other screen credits include 2002's "24 Hour Party People." Audiences may remember Samantha Morton as the female pro-coc when she could see into the future in "Minority Report" and Djimon Hounsou as the rebellious slave leader in "Amistad."

In "In America" the characters played starring roles. Here, Sheridan gives them pivotal roles that display the human need to feel and share love. Sarah and Emma Bolger are surprisingly convincing in roles that demand they remain cute, but not too cute. The two match the talent of their adult co-stars, persuading viewers that they really are a family.

As the characters and story develop, viewers realize the importance of family. They also realize how difficult it is to meet a family's financial needs.

Sheridan wrote the screenplay for "In America" with his daughters Naomi and Kirsten. Viewers will sense that he made this film for personal reasons. If Sheridan's goal was to make viewers come and hope that this Irish family makes it in America, then he has succeeded.

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"In America" was produced by Jim Sheridan and Arthur Lappin, directed by Jim Sheridan and written by Jim, Naomi and Kirsten Sheridan.

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80's icon covers classics

At last Lauper sheds eccentricity for elegance

BY CELIA STAHR Staff writer

We all remember Cyndi Lauper. Whether because of her edgy, punky, funky, one-of-a-kind voice, she is an icon of our 80's youth. Mostly, we remember how she looked: big hair, a lot of lace and ruffles. That side of Cyndi Lauper, though amusing, often overshadowed her talent. Lauper perfectly captures the longing and hope of the lyrics: "I need your love! God speed your love to me." Lauper's voice continues to be gentle, understated and tender on "Hymn to Love," a song shrunk in widthless: 'We're just a couple who had to say goodbye/And our love would fade away and die/In my heart you will remain/I will sing a hymn to love." She sings these words with hope in her voice.

On the jaunty "My baby Just Cares for Me," as well as Lauper herself. Lauper shines as an icon of eccentricity and silliness to people that haven't bothered to listen to the quality of her talent. These songs allow her to reach into her heart and communicate her intensity to listeners. We understand what she's singing about, and we feel it just as she does.

Lauper is a rare artist who can playfully dance to "Girls Just Want To Have Fun" as well as sing "At Last" with timeless grace. She is easy to picture under the spotlight on a darkened stage, dripping with elegance and stirring audiences with her vocals, but still sporting that unique aura — and bright red lipstick — as only Cyndi Lauper can.

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The following events, including those on other Times subject to change.

Cinematheque
The Commons
277-6115

Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home
Saturday 12:00 p.m.

Triplets of Belleville
7:15 and 9:35 p.m.

In America
7:15 p.m.

Lost in Translation
9:35 p.m.

Celeste and Jet
11:15 p.m.

The Cooker
7:15 and 9:35 p.m.

House of Sand and Fog
7:15 and 9:35 p.m.

Lost in Translation
9:35 p.m.

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Last day to ADD/DROP for Block I courses.

Shabbat Services — 6 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

SAB Films — “Lost in Translation” at 7 p.m. and midnight in Textor 102.

Saturday

SGA Representative Retreat — 8 a.m. — noon in Emerson Suites.

Concerto Competition Finals — 10 a.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.

SAB Films — “Lost in Translation” at 7 p.m. and midnight in Textor 102.

Sunday

SGA Representative Retreat — 8 a.m. — noon in Emerson Suites.

Ecumenical Worship Service — 11 a.m. in Muller Chapel.

Mass — 1 and 9 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

SAB Films — “Lost in Translation” at 3 and 8 p.m. in Textor 102.

Monday

Asten Culture Club — 7 - 8:30 p.m. in Friends 202.

IC Republicans — 8 p.m. in Friends 308.

Rotaract Club — 7 - 9 p.m. in conference room, Campus Center.

International Business Association — 8 - 9 p.m. in Friends 202.

SAB Films — “Lost in Translation” at 8 p.m. in Textor 102.

Tuesday

SAB Executive Board — Noon - 1 p.m. in seminar room, Campus Center.

Mass of the Holy Spirit — 12:10 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

Campus Affairs Committee — 12:10 - 1 p.m. in DeMotte Room, Campus Center.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) — 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in Friends 102.

Faculty Recital — Kim Dunick, trumpet, Steven Mauk, saxophone, and Diane Berr, piano. 7 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.

IC Democrats — 7 - 8 p.m. in Friends 204.

UNICEF — 7 - 8 p.m. in Friends 201.

Turntablism Club — 7 p.m. in Williams 323.

COWASS — 7:30 p.m. in Friends 309.

Bible Study — 7:30 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

Wednesday

Last day PASS/FAIL Block I courses.

Eucharist for Peace and Healing — 1:10 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

Women's Club Lacrosse — 7 - 8 p.m. in Williams 202.

ICES Environmental Film and Speaker Series — 7 - 9 p.m. in Clark Lounge, Campus Center.

American Advertising Federation — 7 - 8:30 p.m. in Williams 218.

American Marketing Association — 7 - 8 p.m. in Smiddy 112.

“Hands of Praise” Singing Choir Practice — 9 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

Evensong — 10 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

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Gaaa! Why do you keep ruining my credibility?!?

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Oh, dear! Make it stop!

If there is a god, please kill me now!!

Good cop. Bad cop.

What were your key learnings from the trip?

If you misunderstand, what's wrong? I just tried to explain.

Do you understand what's wrong? We're trying to talk about your WHITLIE BAK.

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Leaping over injury

SENIOR RACHEL EDELSON performs on the balance beam at Saturday's meet against Brockport. Eeldon competed while enduring shin splints that force her to use crutches.

BY MATTHEW EIL
Staff Writer

Senior wins despite shins

Like any athlete would be, senior Rachel Eeldon was upset when she was told by the doctor she would need surgery. But her only reason for injuries was that the currents would take her longer to get to class in the morning.

Letting the injury stop her from competing in her final season as a Bomber was never an option.

"Gymnasts deal with pain all the time," Eeldon, an exercise science major, said. "If you don't compete, sport without being in pain. It was not an option. I might not be competing, but there was no way I was going to let this keep me out."

Eeldon, a Maryland native and one of six seniors for the Bombers, is currently battling stress fractures in both shins.

Injuries have been a part of Eeldon's athletic career since she was a child. In fourth grade, she broke her right ankle. In fifth grade, she broke her right foot. Then in the ninth and tenth grade, she suffered stress fractures in her right foot and right wrist. In her senior year of high school, she got another stress fracture in her back.

Since her sophomore year at Ithaca, Eeldon has battled the stress fractures in her shins.

In last year's SCAC meet, Eeldon competed despite the injuries and finished an impressive second place in the floor exercise to qualify for nationals.

Eeldon's toughness isn't overlooked by her teammates.

"I know a lot of girls on the team really look up to her because we all know that she is injured but she is still one of the last ones to leave the gym everyday," All-American sophomore Krystal Kaminski said. "It's really at inspiration to all of us."

Eeldon credits much of her strong work ethic to coach Rick Suddaby.

Balance of seniors and rookies has Ithaca beaming

BY MATTHEW EIL
Staff Writer

Senior Elena DeQuenada doesn't want it to happen a fourth time.

For her first three years as a Bomber gymnast, Ithaca has gone into nationals with six seniors along with six freshmen. DeQuenada is confident that disappointing finishes are part of the past.

"It was definitely a learning step, which is good, but also you want to make sure that it doesn't happen again," DeQuenada said.

While not looking to make excuses, fellow senior Leslie Gelatt explained that the team was hampered with the flu for last year's nationals. But Gelatt is not letting last year's misfortunes affect her confidence.

"If we do what I know we are capable of doing then we should definitely finish in the top three at least," she said.

Gelatt, who placed first in the floor exercise at two meets last year, said she feels the six freshmen have helped the most talented team she has been on at Ithaca. Coach Rick Suddaby is also feeling good about the freshmen being part of the team.

"They will definitely have a major impact on us," Suddaby said. "The new kids look outstanding so far, so I'm really excited about that."

Suddaby has wasted no time getting the freshmen involved — they played a major part in the Bombers' opening-day match against Brockport Saturday. Freshman Kelly Steverson placed third in the vault and won the floor exercise while classmate Crescent

MEGHAN MAZELLA/ITHACAN

Senior wins despite shins

"At home most people are forced to work hard, but here at Ithaca you want to work hard for yourself, your teammates and for coach Suddaby," she said. "He is such an understanding guy."

Eeldon was not used to the relatively laid-back atmosphere of coach Suddaby's program when she came to Ithaca. Through high school Eeldon trained with Olympians Dominique Dawes, Alec Ray and Courtney Kupets on a regular basis. But Eeldon, who started competing in the fifth grade, was never really intimidated by the situation.

"They are all friends of mine," she said. "I don't look at them as Olympians. I still talk to a lot of them online and stuff."

Coach Suddaby believes that largely because of this experience Eeldon is a consistent team leader.

"She's strong enough mentally to compete at such a high level when the pressure is on," Suddaby said. "Rachel goes from being at the low end of the totem pole to here where her talents are so appreciated. She is such a huge part of this team."

One reason that she is such a vital part of the team is the respect that she gets from her teammates. She leads by example, which never seems to be a problem, they say her teammates.

"Rachel is such a great person to compete first for Ithaca at meets because you know she's going to give it, which makes it so much easier for everyone else," sophomore DeQuenada said.

Eeldon's consistency does not come without a price. She practices as much as 25 hours a week and up to six hours a day during the summer for the sport she says has no off-season. Eeldon, however, is not going to have this routine much longer.

She plans to go to school to train as a physician's assistant after she is done at Ithaca next year. Her gymnastics career will come to an end after this season.

So will her time on crutches.

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SENIOR GEORGE EDELSON

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New rules affect all athletes

Division III representatives vote to cut length of seasons, and rehiring and change-transfer rules.
Sports has its place — on field and in print

Over winter break I got another notion — to write about sports and don’t play them.

In South Carolina, I played nearly 10 months basketball and 3 years of baseball. My biggest regret was甲方.I’ve been as consistent as a convenience store cash register: can’t break 100.

If the shots I made were served at a bar, they’d be non-alcoholic.

I had an opportunity to play under- where I thought I’d be and I didn’t. I was afraid I would suck at a sport in which the players are unable to breathe. It was said.

I’ve never been an athlete. Instead, I’m a sportswriter. Instead, I’m in a profession that glories in events, which, in relation to everything else, aren’t that big. I call Earl’s, mean very little.

Of course, many sportswriters don’t play sports, or they play them only a little. It’s a separate world, where every game in The Gazette and every play in The Press Box. Playwrights, myself included, write about games they run out of talent for. Why not write about them that way? That way I’m consistent,” he said.

"It’s important. At a school where student-athletes don’t participate in the pastime that people are supposed to enjoy. They’re supposed to be fun, that’s what I think they are. And if you’re not supposed to be fun, they’re supposed to be just a pastime that people are supposed to enjoy. The days when a sports story was supposed to be fun, they’re supposed to be just to pass the time.

And I think that’s the story. People are supposed to do this. People are supposed to be happy. Well, you can. But you can also criticize, analyze, predict and do all the other things that a journalist does for their readers. The key is to understand the context that you’re writing in it.

You see, there are sports big enough to put on the college, that’s important, and the school convention that athletes show up at your house party, that’s a challenge.

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Rule changes shake Ithaca
Effect on playing schedule profound, meeting set for tomorrow

BY CHARLIE ELLSWORTH
Sports Editor

Ithaca College sports will suffer cuts of up to eight weeks from their season schedules due to NCAA Division III reform proposals passed last week.

The changes were proposed by the NCAA Division III President’s Council and were voted on by the member schools at the annual convention.

“There’s been some concern that existed among the membership for a long time that our student-athletes are spending too much time in their respective sports. It’s a separate world, where every game in The Gazette and every play in The Press Box. Playwrights, myself included, write about games they run out of talent for. Why not write about them that way?”

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NCAA DIVISION III PROPOSALS: HOW ITHACA VOTED
This chart shows the Student Athlete Advisory Council recommendation, President Peggy R. Williams’s vote and the NCAA Division III decision. Sources: Chronicle of Higher Education, NCAA News, Ithaca College, SAAC.

Proposal All-passed proposals take effect on Aug. 1, 2004 except for Nos. 55 (Aug. 1, 2005), 56 (Aug. 1, 2005) and 61 (Aug. 1, 2008). Proposal 56: To prohibit coaches from recruiting and financial aid outside the NCAA and the academic administration before a student-athlete’s conference at the NCAA-division level, and of course, the council has been dedicated to the idea of increasing the student-athlete’s voice in their respective programs. Proposal 67: To reduce the amount of mandatory practices and eliminate the use of the full-credit season for a year without using a year of eligibility.

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Potter faces pressure but predicts success

BY JONATHAN GILLERMAN
Staff Writer

A former Bomber All-American track standout is once again ready to make her presence felt — this time from the sidelines.

Jennifer Potter '92, previously the head coach of the women's track and field team at SUNY Cortland, has returned to her alma mater as the new head coach of the women's track and field team.

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For the record, her former team, Cortland, finished dead last at St. Lawrence.

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THE ITHACAN
SENOR SEAN KAVANAUGH is the college record holder in the 200 individual medley.

Father figure
Kavanaugh leads undefeated swimmers

BY CHRIS COLLEAGUE
Assistant Sports Editor

On a team with eight seniors and plenty of leadership, there’s no single factor that has led to the Bombers’ success so far. But senior Sean Kavanaugh’s machine-like train- ing and incredible versatility has the squad two dual-meet wins away from its second un- defeated season in three years. In his second year as a captain, Kavanaugh has helped lead the Bombers to a 1-30 start.

“He’s one of the hardest workers on the team,” said classmate and roommate Geoff Butte. “He stays focused all the time and it’s good to have someone like that in the pool.”

Kavanaugh carries a great deal of responsibility on his shoulders. He helps with recruiting, makes hotel arrangements for the team and assists with the lineup for meets. Despite the heavy load, Kavanaugh has placed first 13 times out of the 19 individual events he’s entered this season. "He stays focused all the time and it’s good to have someone like that in the pool.”

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For Chris Colleagae
Assistant Sports Editor

“Red Dragons bounce Bombers again, 76-64”

BY JIM HAWVER
Writer

Traditionally, the intensity of basketball contests between Ithaca and Cortland rivals that of any other match-up between the two schools. This season, coach Jim Mullins said, the Bombers might not have the tal- ent or desire to make that happen.

“We seem to have this idea that we can turn it on and off as we please, but we are, as good, as bad, as said.”

The Red Dragons buried the Bombers, 76-64, on Tuesday for their second win over the Bombers this season. Ithaca (5-7) had just won two out of its first three Empire 8 games. “We just can’t afford the luxury of giving up less than 10 percent effort,” Mullins said. “We are not good enough to do that.”

Mullins said that his team didn’t play hard from the beginning to the end. “I think when we come to play and play hard, we have the potential to be a pretty good team, but we don’t do that all of the time,” Mullins said. “We’ve got a few guys that play hard all the time, but that did not characterize us as a group tonight.”

It seemed like nothing went right for the Bombers. Defensively, they let four of the five Red Dragon starters score in double digits.

On the other side of the ball: they shot a meager 19 for 49 from the field. Senior guard Jesse Roth, who averaged almost 15 points per game, was held to four points, shooting one for eight from the field.

Senior Tyler Schultz averages more than 10 rebouds per game. The Red Dragons let him grab four. Overall, Cort­ land out-rebounded Ithaca, 34 to 23.

But the coach, who was disappointed by the team’s lack of intensity. “We didn’t push the ball like we usually do,” he said.

Despite Ithaca’s poor play, freshman guard Brad Clemente’s three-point shot cut the Bombers’ deficit to 45-38 late in the first half.

“I think we have this idea that we can win by just being good enough when we want to be,” Mullins said. “We are very good execut­ ing our sets. There were surprises out there. They did things that we expected out of them.”

The Cortland win is its second this sea­ son against Ithaca. On Dec. 9, the Bombers lost a seven-point lead at halftime, then quickly saw it crumble in the second peri­ od on route to a 64-36 loss.

The Bombers are 2-1 in the Empire 8, but if they want to earn a high seed in the conference tournament, they can’t play like they did on their trip south.

Ithaca plays conference opponents in 11 of its next 14 dual-meet games. "We are a young team and we need to get better every day," Kavanaugh said. "I think that momentum carried them most of the games." The diverse Red Dragon offense was led by Jon Rother’s 17-point performance. The forward went two for three from beyond the three-point arc and three for three from the free-throw line.

Defensively, the Bombers held Cortland to 19 for 48 from the field. Ithaca (4-1) started hot, but if its shooting woes continue, it could be a problem on the road.

Saturday’s win was Ithaca College’s 18th straight victory, including 14-0 in the Empire 8.

BY JIM HAWVER
Writer

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Winter Break

Bomber Roundup

Men’s aquatics

The Bombers maintained their perfect record, losing only two events while earning victories in two meets.

Senior Greg Skiff battled Dene LaPonte of Oswego in the 149-pound weight class Dec. 10. He defeated his opponent by decision, 21-20, in overtime.

Women’s track and field

The Bombers placed fifth out of nine teams at the St. Lawrence Tartan Open Saturday, breaking their month-long idle period and breaking in new coach Jen Potter. Potter, previously the head coach of the track and field at Cortland, began working with Ithaca Jan. 5.

Softball individual performances were turned in by the South Hill squad. Senior All-American Amanda Lathrop won the women’s 3,000-meter run. She finished with an ECAC qualifying time of 9:29.59. Sophomore Kelly Sisti finished second in the women’s 5,000-meter hurdles with a time of 9:14.22. Senior Emily Manton finished with an ECAC qualifying time of 2:59.29. Sophomore Meghan Morganstern did not compete in the meet, because she was unable to practice this week after saving her wisdom tooth removed.

Wrestling

Senior Jeff Edeleine’s torn anterior cruciate ligament has put him out for the season. The 184-pound sophomore Lance Dolson combined for 27-6.0 on Jan. 9 and 10 whom Ithaca finished second out of 20 teams in the first round, 21.06 has stood since 1987.

The lone defeat came at the hands of Northeastern 22. The Bombers then defeated Bucknell 28-9. At 125 pounds, freshman Kyle Baeyens defeated launched B-A with his team-leading seventh double

60 points and 65 rebounds so far this season, was named Empire 8 Player of the Week twice over the break. She led the Bombers with 38 points, nine rebounds and four assists against Nazareth Jan. 9. Junior Stephanie Cleary scored a team-high 26 points against Elmira, moving her into first place in the Bombers’ all-time scoring list. Classmate Racquel Swatling ranks fifth all-time with 1,600 points.

With the loss of Edeleine, the Bombers look even more tough at times and dreadful at other times, going 5-4.

The high point was the Bud Whitehill Na

On Jan. 10, Ithaca went 2-1 in conference play. The Bombers were an outstanding 12 for 19 from three-point range.

They said it

"He’s got a great attitude. He’s always positive and he’s very versatile. I’d like to clone him."

- Coach Kevin Markwardt on senior Sean Kavanagh.

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The number of seconds by which senior swimmer Sasha Kuznezov missed the school record in the 50-yard freestyle final last time of 21.31 seconds at the Rensselaer Henry Kumpf Invitational Jan. 10 ranks second all-time. The record of 21.06 has stood since 1987.

By the Numbers

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Men’s basketball

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out of reach

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