Employee joins Iraq peace delegation

Stephens drops funding request after trip’s nature is questioned

BY CAITLIN CONNELLY
Chief Copy Editor
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Ithaca College Quarterly Editor Maura Stephens will depart to Iraq today to join a women’s peace delegation on a humanitarian mission. But controversy has led her to decline college funding and pay for the trip herself.

Four offices each committed $500 last week to help pay for her trip, but Stephens retracted her funding request Tuesday after a story published in The Ithacan Online raised questions about the legality, funding and nature of the trip.

“I withdraw my request for support,” Stephens said Tuesday afternoon. “I don’t want the college to be under any kind of cloud over this. I will be funding it myself.”

She is making the trip on her own time.

Stephens, a senior editor in the Office of Marketing Communications, will arrive in Baghdad over the weekend with a delegation of 14 other women led by Medea Benjamin of Code Pink: Women’s Pre-Emptive Strike for Peace. Code Pink is a women’s peace group that has been holding an antwar vigil outside the White House since November. The women plan to deliver relief aid and support, “working out something with the State Department,” Stephens said.

Her husband, George Sapio, is accompanying the delegation as a photographer and is being funded by an Ithaca College community member who wishes to remain anonymous.

Bardaglio said he thought the mission was “academically worthwhile” because it would help internationalize the college’s curriculum — one of his top priorities. He said Stephens made a commitment to give several public and classroom presentations after her return.

“My understanding was that [Stephens] was going to be going on a cultural exchange, meeting with women in Iraq and talking to them about their recent experiences,” he said.

Stephens declined to comment on the controversy or her decision to fund the trip herself.

Tracked: Student faces immigration struggle

New policies make return to United States more difficult

BY EMILY PAULSEN
Assistant News Editors

New security legislation is making the stay of some international students more difficult by increasing interviews when they return to the United States after a 5-3 hour flight.

Junior Zeeshan Salahuddin was surprised by the new regulations when he returned to the United States after a 5-3-hour flight from his home in Lahore, Pakistan.

Upon arrival, Salahuddin expected the 15-minute check-in procedure he experienced during his five previous entries to the country, but instead he encountered a new process that took more than three hours. The lengthy procedure caused him to miss his connecting flight to Ithaca.

The INS office closest to Ithaca, between Feb. 3 and 13, “Man, I traveled 23 hours and this happened,” he said.

According to INS documents, young men from 25 countries — many of which are in the Middle East — are required to report to the INS within 30 to 40 days of arrival with documentation of their activities in the United States.

Dania Dzhilevova, assistant director of international student affairs at the college, said letters of just four students who are affected by the new law. The Ithacan contacted the INS, but they were not willing to talk about their experiences.

The INS officials are not satisfied, they can ask the subject to return for additional interviews. After one year, the student is required to report again, and must also do so...
Bush faults Saddam in national address

President Bush took the nation to the edge of war with Iraq Tuesday, declaring in his annual State of the Union message that Saddam Hussein had missed his "final chance" by showing contempt for U.N. weapons inspections.

The president, addressing a joint session of Congress and a nationwide television audience of tens of millions, stood short of committing to war. But he provided a list of examples of the Iraqi president's efforts to thwart the inspectors and left no doubt that he was ready to put words with allies who favor extended inspections in Iraq, serving notice that "America's purpose is more than to follow a process."

In his speech, Bush also proposed spending $400 billion over 10 years to give the elderly a prescription drug benefit if they join a Medicare HMO, $10 billion in new funds over five years to combat AIDS in Africa and the Caribbean, and $6 billion to develop new vaccines and treatments for bioterror agents. Among various smaller initiatives, Bush proposed $600 million to expand drug treatment programs, $450 million for mentoring programs and $1.2 billion to develop hydrogen-powered automobiles.

In a continuing effort to show he learned from the terrorist attacks on New York and the Pentagon, Bush announced he will form a Terrorist Threat Integration Center to combine domestic and foreign intelligence from throughout the government. The center, to be run by the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, does not require congressional approval, Bush aides said.

U.N. releases preliminary Iraq report

The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Mohamed ElBaradei, said Tuesday that two months of inspections in Iraq and interviews with Iraqi officials have yielded "no evidence to support" claims that Iraq is secretly trying to revive its nuclear weapons program.

ElBaradei said in an interview that "systematic" inspections of eight facilities linked by U.S. and British reporters to a possible nuclear weapons program have turned up "no new significant new information." He also expressed doubts over U.S. claims that Iraq has sought to import uranium and high-strength aluminum tubes destined for a nuclear weapons program.

ElBaradei’s remarks, combined with a relatively upbeat assessment of Iraq’s cooperation with U.N. weapons inspectors he delivered to the U.N. Security Council Monday, have complicated Bush administration efforts to make its case for military action against Iraq. But ElBaradei said the findings did not prove that Iraq has abandoned its nuclear ambitions. He also faulted Baghdad for failing to provide more "proactive cooperation" that could shed light on Iraq’s past weapons programs.

Inflation hurts North Korean economy

Six months after North Korea announced unprecedented wage hikes and price increases in its just-reopened economy, runaway inflation is emptying millions of pocketbooks and bottlenecks in production are causing shortages, according to Chinese and North Korean sources.

The black market price of rice, the staple of the Korean diet, has jumped more than 50 percent over the past three months in what is one of the most prosperous periods in the country, according to North Koreans, foreign businessmen and aid agency workers. Some factories in poorer parts of the country have stopped paying workers the higher salaries that were a cornerstone of the reforms, recent North Korean arrivals to China said. Others have taken to paying workers with coupons that can be exchanged for goods, but nothing to buy in the stores to buy.

The apparent failure of North Korea’s attempt to promote economic activity and improve living standards constitutes an important problem for the U.S. government as it seeks to resume a nuclear weapons program, according to the sources.

U.S. charities fund Sharon's campaign

Wealthy donors sent large checks in recent years to several little-known American charities that said they were financing Israeli academic and cultural exchanges. But more than a million dollars was instead funneled into a political campaign by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, operating as an end-run around the Israeli attorney general on the eve of his Tuesday's Israeli parliamentary election.

The Israeli state comptroller's office has accused Sharon's son Omer and a colleague of accepting foreign contributions that Israel law deems illegal, while Sharon has denied wrongdoing and said any adverse finding would be "politically motivated." A new light on U.S. government scrutiny of the transfer of money overseas by U.S. charitable organizations.

Federal interest in such foreign grants has increased since the Treasury Department's discovery — after Sept. 11, 2001 — that the U.S. is a major money-laundering base for foreign entities linked to al-Qaeda and other terrorism-related groups in Arab regions of the Middle East. Donations to three American charities named in the report were also funded by wealthy individuals who though they also funded legitimate humanitarian aid.

So far, that same degree of scrutiny has not been applied to other U.S. nonprofit groups that have funded foreign politicians or political extremists, officials and independent analysts say.


News Briefs

Alumna and nonprofit head to serve on board of trustees

Judith Linden '73 has been appointed to the Ithaca College Board of Trustees. She will serve a four-year term on the board.

Lindon is the executive director of Mori & Dennis, a nonprofit organization that provides music education to children in New York City who would otherwise be exposed to music. Linden who earned her bachelor's degree in English, has remained active in the college community by volunteering as a representative of the Ithaca College Board of Trustees. She established a marketing scholarship in the Roy H. Park School of Communication in honor of her husband, Jay L. Linden '72.

International opera singer to give campus performance

Nathan Gunn, a leading baritone, will perform in Ford Hall Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. He will be singing works by Duparc, Barber, Hasby, and several others, as well as traditional American songs. He is appearing with his wife, pianist Julie Jordan Gunn. A pre-concert lecture by Patrick Hansen, director of opera and musical theater, will be given in the Iger Lecture Hall at 7:30 p.m. Gunn recently finished a run of "Sweeney Todd" with the Lyric Opera of Chicago, and in February he will perform in the 2003 Metropolitan Opera National Council Competition. The cost is $10 for students, $16.50 for faculty and staff and $20 for the general public.

Depression support group provides outlet for discussion

The Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center is hosting a depression support group on the first and third Thursday of each month.

The group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the 609 W. Clinton St. The next meeting is Feb. 6. The group, which is peer-run and confidential, allows participants to talk to others with similar experiences.

For more information, contact the Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center at 272-2433.

Library to host workshops about safety on the Internet

The Advocacy Center is presenting safety workshops for children, teens and parents at the Tompkins County Public Library.

The first workshop deals with Internet safety and will meet Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Borg Warner Room of the library. The event will explore the dangers of the Internet and ways in which parents can make it safer.

The Advocacy Center provides support to victims of domestic violence and youth sexual abuse, in addition to programs preventing teen pregnancy and risk-reduction education to the community.

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Take a hike
Prices increase in the food court

By Brian Dashew
Staff Writer

Students who purchased super nachos at the Campus Center Food Court for $1.65 last semester are now paying $1.89. The 24-cent increase may seem small, but as one student said, "It adds up." Gene Wescott, director of dining services, said prices in the food court were raised this semester to pay for increased costs in ingredients because people are wondering what happened.

Despite the fact that price increases were kept at a minimum, food court patrons have seen them as reasons to launch complaints about the quality and quantity of the food provided at the venue.

Junior Lindsey Rabovitz said the food court is not giving students enough food for what they are paying.

"For a good meal to fill me up, I have to buy like seven bucks," she said. "That's more than the week right there."

Wescott said Dining Services amenities in costs at least twice a year and recommends any necessary price changes to the Office of Student Affairs and Campus Life, which oversees Dining Services. He

said it is the same technique used as anybody," Brown said. "We still have, but some of her belongings were out of place. She said she did not believe that the perpetrator went through her bedroom door."

"I think they came in through the window of my room," she said. "Nothing was taken, but everything was all over the place. My desk was rummaged through, and things that were originally in my room were actually out in the living room."

Fournier said that the door to his house was kicked in. Two of his roommates had their DVDs stolen. One had his stereo stolen, and the other lost a video camera.

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Nazar said that when students leave for breaks, they should lock their homes and put valuables in storage or take them with them.

Additionally, they should record the serial numbers on computers, electronics and other expensive items.

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FRESHMAN ZACK DIMERSTEN gives cashier Carol McLaren money to pay for his meal at the Campus Center Food Court. Price increases have forced Dimersten to pay more for his meals this semester.

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Houses burglarized over winter break

By Ann HarenDa
Corresponding Writer

As students finished final exams, locked their doors and got ready to leave Ithaca for a month, one of the last things they might have thought about was the safety of their homes for their time away. Most students expected that when they returned from winter break, their houses would be in the same condition as when they left.

This outcome was not the case for senior Alexa Fournier, whose Hudson Street house was broken into while she was away during the break.

Fournier said all but one of her housemates left Ithaca for the break. When the housemate who stayed behind came home from work one day, she found that one of the doors she locked before leaving had been opened.

Although she did not discover that anything was missing, the housemate did notify the police, Fournier said.

"We're going to have to change it to make it even a little bit better has been squashed," Trotti said.

Trotti, Chip Gagnon, assistant professor of politics and Harry Mussell, biology lab coordinator, resigned from the advisory group after learning that TCAT declined to compromise on a time change.

Incumbent late Tomoyama said she usually prefers a taxi to the bus because of the inconvenience of waiting for buses to arrive.

"Everything takes so long," she said.

"What's the point?"

Murian Brown, special assistant to the treasurer of the advisory group, said there was confusion among the group as to why TCAT made its decision.

"I guess we're almost as baffled as anybody," Brown said. "We still have, but some of her belongings were out of place. She said she did not believe that the perpetrator went through her bedroom door."

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Fournier was not the only student whose residence was broken into over winter break. Senior Matthew James, who lives on South Aurora Street, said his home had also been entered and burglarized twice over the break. James said the door to his house was kicked in. Two of his roommates had their DVDS stolen. One had his stereo stolen, and the other lost a video camera.

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"You don't pay tax on Bonus Meals, but you do on ID Express," pointed out senior David Kohut, who said that not having a meal plan forces students who don't live on campus to pay with ID Express.

"It's like I'm being penalized for not paying the three grand for a meal plan when I live off campus," he said.

Wescott said he has not had many complaints about services in the past, but is trying to improve.

"I think that people understand when prices go up," he said.

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FRESHMAN JEN CHAPPELL pays her fare to ride the Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit bus downtown.

TCAT adds new stops

BY Katie Maslanka
Staff Writer

Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit, which established an additional bus stop at the college earlier this month, has since decided to postpone any further changes to the current 45-minute schedule of the main route servicing the campus.

The new stop is part of route 65, which currently makes five stops at Textor Hall every weekday and three on weekends for passengers going between Ithaca College and Aurora Street on The Commons. This route also serves passengers from Dundy and Cornell University.

When TCAF announced the new stop it would be made accommodator South Hill residents going to the college who previously had to get off at the college's entrance on Route 968. Dwight Mengel, TCAT Service Development Manager, said it had been an unsatisfactory situation.

Despite the new addition, many members of the college community supported with TCAT's decision to postpone any changes to the main service, route 11.

The TCAT Advisory Group, composed of faculty, students and others, was surprised by the proposal, proposed to shorten the route from 40 minutes to 45. It was not implemented, despite surveys by the group that showed a majority of riders - 65 out of 105 surveyed - might have thought about was the possibility...
Antiwar remarks draw attention

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said. "It seemed like a wonderful oppor- tunity for our students to get the perspective of someone who's been in Iraq recently without the filter of the mainstream press." The issue was complicated last week when Stephens circulated an e-mail to many colleagues on campus that stated the mission would be "the message to the women, children and men of Iraq — and the rest of the world — that most American residents do NOT support their government's plan to wage war on Iraq and will NOT allow it to happen in our name. We will let them know that we will fight, rather than simply ensure that the people of Iraq are not put in harm's way by the country we call home." When asked about the e-mail's antigovernment statements, Stephens said: "It was a little vehement when I wrote it. It's been widely circu- lated and taken out of context.

The point is that we care about the individual Iraqi people and not all Americans are in a head- long rush toward war — that's the message. It's not that we're against our government; we're not an antigovernment mission. It's a pro-human being mission."

Bangadi said that before he re- ceived the e-mail, he understood the trip as only a humanitarian venture. Shingwana also said he had not been aware of Stephens' activist in- tentions before reading her e-mail, but thought she was going to listen, observe and provide the perspective that not all Americans share the Bush administration's views on Iraq. "I certainly was supportive of her being there to express a different per- spective, but not necessarily to say that it's that [of] the majority of the people of America," he said. "They want to make it very clear to a lot of people that ... there's also varied per- spectives among the people of America.

If we're going to say that the Iraqi people are one thing and the Iraqi leadership is another, we should also say that..."

— MAURA STEPHENS

Editor of the Ithaca College Quarterly

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"I saw it as an opportunity to get a compelling and interesting story in front of the alumnae," he said. President Peggy R. Williams had no comment Monday afternoon be- cause she said she did not know the college provided funding for the trip. "This is a personal venture, as far as I'm concerned, on her part," she said.

After The Ithacan Online story was published Tuesday, Stephens said she would not use her American pas- sport to gain entry to Iraq. "I wouldn't be going if I thought it were illegal," Stephens said. "What I understand is that there's some illegality if you have your American passport stamped in Iraq, but we're not going to have ours stamped.

Erik Rustigian, executive di- rector of the Washington-based Education for Peace in Iraq Center, said he advised Stephens that in his experience, the Iraqi government never asks to stamp American passports. Officials will ask Stephens and Code Pink for iden- tification, but they will not be forced to use their passports, which be- called a "bureaucratic restriction" that is "easily dealt with."

State Department documents state that Iraq requires valid pass- ports and visas from foreign visi- tors, but Fintor said he could not speculate on what the Iraqi gov- ernment would actually require. Stephens said that during the eight-day stay, she hopes that es- tablishing more personal contact be- tween Americans and Iraqis, par- ticularly women, will diminish the likelihood of war. She will be tak- ing donations of personal messages, photographs, children's drawings, medicine, health care items and jewelry. Students for a Just Peace went to Iraq as officers pitched in with the collection effort.

In addition to meeting with oth- er groups, visits and visiting hospi- tals, orphanages and schools, the group will hold news conferences fo- cusing on thehuman rights and health care situation in Iraq, she said. "We're going to be a highly vis- ible, vocal mission," Stephens said. "We're not going to go quietly. We want to go and make a big noise."

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Required trip to Buffalo complicates stay in U.S.

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when they leave the country.

According to a Dec. 6 state- ment by the INS, the program "promotes several important na- tional security objectives by helping the U.S. to identify wanted criminals and known terrorists entering our borders, en- able the INS to determine in- stantly when temporary foreign visitors have overstayed their visa, and verify that temporary foreign visitors are doing what they said they would be doing and living where they said they would be living."

Sahuluddin said getting to Buffalo will be a major incon- venience because he does not own a car and is sure exact- ly how long he will be at the in- terview. The INS district office in Buf- falo is open only Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"I do have some good friends who could actually drive me, but I don't want to [ask them]," he said.

Senior Mary Rogers, a mem- ber of Students for a Just Peace, said she was looking forward to being there to express a different per- spective among Americans and Iraqis, par- ticularly women, will diminish the likelihood of war. She will be tak- ing donations of personal messages, photographs, children's drawings, medicine, health care items and jewelry. Students for a Just Peace went to Iraq as officers pitched in with the collection effort.

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NEWS

Plowing through winter

BY DAN GREENMAN
Senior Staff Writer

Rogé Casterline is a military general.

"The first night of snow, the college's assistant director of grounds and transportation has to determine how he will allocate his crew of 19 grounds workers and his artillery of about two dozen tractors, snow plows and other vehicles to keep the campus clear.

"Members of the Physical Plant grounds crew work shifts upwards of 12 hours long. It is their job to keep the roads, walkways and parking lots on campus as snow- and ice-free as possible during the winter.

"I would compare it to a really good play," he said. "It doesn't always reflect all of the good stuff that has happened behind the scenes."

The campus has 54 acres of parking lots, 9.5 miles of sidewalks, 180 sets of stairs, and 9 miles of road, as well as other ramps and loading docks that have to be plowed, shoveled or sanded every time it snows.

This winter, one of the coldest and snowiest in recent history, is not just affecting grounds and transportation workers but all areas of the college.

Since Dec. 1, there have been six property damages reported as a result of the weather — all due to cars driving off roads in slippery conditions, said Norman Wall, associate director of public safety.

"What happens is people are less cautious than they should be," Wall said. "They drive the same way as if the roads were bare, and this causes some accidents.

"Wall also reported several people sustaining injuries after falling on the ice but adding that none of the injuries were serious.

"Any time you get a lot of snowfall, people will slip and fall," he said. "But we have been lucky that there haven't been any serious injuries. The Physical Plant does an excellent job of keeping the campus safe and quickly responding to any situation.

"Physician's Assistant Gerard Dunphy said relatively few members of the campus community have come into the Health Center this winter for injuries related to the snow and ice. However, he said the Health Center does not keep track of the causes of injuries or illnesses.

"The campus has its share of cases of frostbite," he said. "But we have been lucky this year. The Physical Plant has done a good job of keeping the campus clear."

The parking lots have to be plowed, he said, but needs a wheelchair to travel around campus, as snow- and ice-free as possible.

"We have to be plowed, shoveled or sanded," he said. "But when it comes to the campus, it's tough getting around campus."

"It's tough getting around campus," he said.

To get to classes in Williams Hall or the Center for Natural Sciences — typically two-minute walks by foot — it takes Walsh approximately 15 minutes.

"I'm not really satisfied with the pathways, they're bumpy sometimes, and I don't think that's good for my leg. But what are they going to do? It snows all the time," Walsh said.

Dunphy also said there have been no cases of frostbite yet this year.

"With this kind of weather, you would almost expect to see some "cases of frostbite," he said. "I would presume that people don't run into tons of problems with that because they are outside for short periods of time. They can run from one building to the next."

Casterline said his department has done a good job of keeping the pathways clear, considering the amount of snow and the poor conditions in which the grounds people have had to work.

"You have to realize that we are going to school here in the Northeast, which is known for cold weather," he said. "At the same time, our job is to keep it safe, which I think we have done a good job of."

What makes Casterline's job difficult is that the course of action depends on the type of snowstorm.

"There can't be a specific way that we do every storm because every storm is different," he said. "There is a lot of strategy."

The parking lots have to be cleared by 7:30 a.m. when students and professors first arrive for class and the O-lot behind the Roy H. Park School of Communications, for example, takes three hours to plow with two people working.

"With the growth of the college and the expectations we have, I think we have held our own, as far as getting everything done," he said.

Abundant snowfall warrants caution and creates extra work

BY MARC KLEIN
Contributing Writer

When classes began last Monday, Stacia Zabukas, assistant professor of anthropology, was pleased with the small size of her discussion course on nation and ethnic conflict. But within a week, the class of nine grew to 14 people, many of whom found the mix to be more than the first two sessions of class.

"Should I not give assignments in the first two weeks of class?" she asked.

Zabukas, who said it is frustrating to jump-start students into coursework two weeks into the semester.

The add/drop period could decrease from two weeks to one if a proposal to the current system receives final approval. Faculty Council unanimously endorsed the proposal last week.

It contains four main points: The registration and override process would change, first-day attendance would be mandatory, time to add and drop classes would decrease and faculty would be able to easily monitor changes to their class lists.

Robert Christiansen, Kraemer and Bardaglio, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said they hope the changes will be in place when students register for next fall's courses.

There are many steps that still need to be taken. Bardaglio said the proposed changes will now go to the Academic Policy Committee for review, where he hopes to bring the proposal to the Student Government Association to receive feedback from students. The final approval must come from the Office of the Provost and the president.

Faculty Council discussed the new ideas in-depth at its December meeting but did not vote to approve them until Jan. 21. The decision was made without any further discussion.

The current policy allows students to add or drop a course up to two weeks into the semester and also allows faculty to freeze enrollment in the class after the first day. This requires students to see the faculty member and fill out an override form, said Kraemer, who described the current system as "slow.

The first change would take place during the registration period, as initial registration forms would be filled out a two-week period after a student registers for the first time, he or she would be blocked from making changes. Students would be able to fill out an electronic request form for classes for which they could not register.

There would then be a one-week moratorium to analyze the request forms. New selections could be opened or additional seats added.

Furthermore, if a student fails to attend the first class of the semester, the faculty member would have the option to drop the student automatically. The current policy allows a faculty member to inform a student if they fail to attend the first week of class, Kraemer said.

But for students like freshman Elizabeth Gallerenbarg, the two-week period to add classes is essential. Of the five courses she registered for this semester, she dropped four of them and dropped around before setting on a four-course schedule.

"There were just too many of them that didn't work, not even seeing what they sounded like," she said.

The final change to the policy would allow faculty to see precisely when a student adds the course.

Both Kraemer and Bardaglio said they believe the proposed changes will make the process easier for faculty and students by greatly reducing the amount of paperwork.

The changes will eliminate the need for students to fill out paper forms and get signatures to get into a course, Kraemer said.

Faculty Council approves plan for add/drop

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Committee approves new flagpole on Quad

BY KELLI B. GRANT
News Editor

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Addressing a state of disunion

A campus political group presented an alternative view of the nation hours before President Bush delivered his State of the Union address Tuesday.

During the noon lunch hour, the education coordinator of Students for a Just Peace in the Campus Center Pub Tuesday, Pub.

Seniors Joe Cronen delivers his State of the Union address on behalf of Students for a Just Peace in the Campus Center Pub Tuesday.

The past two years, the Dow Jones industrial average has witnessed the largest (comparative) drop since the Hoover administration.

Graduate student Anna Ehrlich said she listened to the speech because she wanted to discern who's sponsoring it and who's flying. "I liked it the way it was," Rogers said. "There's a long tradition of flying flags underneath the American flag ... but I guess a second flagpole is better than no more flag-flying.

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Phsyiscal Plant restructures staff

BY AMANDA MILLWARD
Staff Writer

In the past few years, Office of Physical Plant employees have constructed and renovated numerous buildings across campus, from building Ford Observatory on the southwest corner of campus and renovating Muller Faculty Center to refurbishing Garden Apartment 25 and providing access for the disabled in Textor Hall.

To keep up with increased demands, Physical Plant restructured its departments and staff during December.

Physical Plant Director Rick Couture said he thinks the restructuring within the departments was important to the community.

"One of the areas I felt we needed to develop in order to help the campus community was providing a division of Physical Plant to give overall guidance and direction in construction and renovation projects," he said. "So we developed a division called 'Construction Planning and Design.'"

The division, which will be run by Fred Vanderburgh, assistant director of construction and facilities maintenance, will help the Physical Plant handle all renovation requests, Couture said.

"If people wanted to do renovations of their offices or renovations of the building, this department will have full responsibility for heading those projects," Couture said.

Vanderburgh, who has worked in construction for many years, came to the college 15 years ago.

"Physical Plant has been a part of many renovation projects around this campus," Vanderburgh said. "We have done just about everything on this campus, from expanding Ford Hall to the renovations in the multicultural affairs office which is going on right now."

Couture said that in the restructuring of Physical Plant, several staff members were promoted to newly created positions.

Although Couture made the final decisions concerning restructuring and promotions, he said he made a point to involve the heads of other departments in the planning stage.

"I firmly believe in involving people as much as possible in the decision-making with decisions that impact their jobs," Couture said.

• John Robertson, the former supervisor of construction planning, has been promoted to supervisor of interior design and furniture. Robertson has worked for Physical Plant for 15 years.

• Bill Drake, who started working for the Department of Maintenance in the Physical Plant 27 years ago, will be the assistant director for facilities maintenance.

• Roger Casterline will lead as assistant director for grounds and transportation. Casterline came to the college 30 years ago, when he began work as superintendent of grounds and transportation.

• Mark Darling came to the college 15 years ago as a groundskeeper and then moved to the Solid Waste Action Team, a part of Recycling and Resource Management facilities. He has been promoted to supervisor of a small team for the Recycling and Resource Facilities.

• Sue Shipos, who has worked with Physical Plant for 20 years, has become the assistant to the director of the Central Office of Physical Plant.

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Balancing equality and fairness
Affirmative action policies face an uncertain future

BY KATE SHEPPARD
Staff Writer

Travena Potter-Hall, director of affirmative action and equal opportunity, has heard more than the usual slew of questions in the weeks since President Bush publicly decreed affirmative action policies at the University of Michigan, calling them "divisive, unfair and impossible to square with the Constitution."

Though Ithaca College's admission policies are vastly different from Michigan's point-based system, Potter-Hall said local newspapers and members of the community have contacted her to learn how applicants are evaluated. The national debate has implications for the college, where the Supreme Court's decision could affect current policies, Potter-Hall said.

The case has drawn further local attention because Jeffrey S. Lehman, the new president of Cornell University, is the former dean of Michigan Law School. Larry Metzger, dean of enrollment planning, said the college seeks minority applicants through mailings, programs and high school visits, but race is not taken into account in the actual admission process. Instead, the school tries to create long-term initiatives that will attract minority students.

"We set affirmatively in terms of outreach," Metzger said. "You plow the ground with the intent of long-term gain."

The college's programs to attract minority students include providing faculty and equipment for the Frederick Douglass Academy in Harlem for the past seven years and bringing students from the school to visit Ithaca College.

The new Martin Luther King Jr. Scholars Program is specifically designed to attract minority students and aid programs like the Ithaca Opportunity Program and Higher Education Opportunity Program, which benefit students from lower socioeconomic classes. These programs make it financially feasible for more Mentors of color to attend college, Metzger said.

Freshman Julie Perng received a Martin Luther King Jr. scholarship based on her merit and minority status. "I'm really grateful I got my scholarship," she said. "I guess I'd be happier knowing I didn't get special treatment because of my race."

Michigan, however, includes race as a factor in the admission process, allotting 20 points to racial minorities on the 150-point system. The system also allot points to the children of alumni, applicants from specific geographic regions, students with high test scores and students with exceptional athletic abilities.

Bush and other affirmative action opponents have said Michigan is operating on a quota system, denying entrance to more qualified white students by giving preference based on race.

"Instead, the school tries to attract minority students, she said. "The conflict arises when people can't decide the best means to reach that objective."

"The value of a diverse learning community should be obvious to everyone," Potter-Hall said. "The conflict arises when people can't decide the best means to reach that objective."

"Institutions know best what is best in the classroom. The federal government should not dictate the criteria by which students are selected," Larry Metzger Dean of Enrollment Planning

"People who can bring a different cultural perspective are valued," Metzger said that since he started working at Ithaca College in 1975, he has watched the minority enrollment increase. However, attracting minority students remains a challenge, he said.

According to numbers provided by the Office of Institutional Research, minority enrollment has remained near 7.5 percent for the past two years.

Metzger does, however, think federal intervention in affirmative action policies will affect diversity. "Institutions know best what is best in the classroom. They should be left to do that," Metzger said. "The federal government should not dictate the criteria by which students are selected."

University of Michigan at Ann Arbor students rally on Martin Luther King Jr. Day to preserve affirmative action.
LIBRARIAN MARGARET JOHNSON will retire this Friday after 10 years at the college.

"These areas have become critical parts of library services in the 21st century, and she has placed the Ithaca College Library at the forefront of these technologies," he said. "We are most grateful for the work she has done and wish her well in her future endeavors."

Garry Brodhead, associate provost and dean of graduate studies, will be the interim college librarian.

Johnson said she is excited about retiring at the college.

"I get a charge out of the exploration part," she said. "I would like to see more people be involved in the religious community."

"The more you know, the more curious you are," she said.

Bell said his job in the Mars mission, as a computer simulation of the rocket's launch and landing. The next speech in the series will occur in the fall.

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### Public Safety Log

**Incidents**

**Jan. 7**
- **Fire alarm**
  - Location: Terrace 8
  - Summary: Fire alarm caused by faulty attendant sweeping. No smoke or fire. System reset.

**Jan. 8**
- **Accidental property damage**
  - Location: Dennett Center
  - Summary: Caller reported broken window. Patrol Officer Erik Merlin.

**Jan. 9**
- **Assist other agency**
  - Location: Route 96B
  - Summary: TCSD requested the Office of Public Safety handle a two-car MVA with no injuries. Sgt. Ronald Hart.

**Jan. 10**
- **Suspicious circumstance**
  - Location: Garden Apartment 28
  - Summary: Caller reported that an unknown person opened a mail package and stole contents. Case under investigation. Investigator Thomas Dunn.

**Jan. 11**
- **Larceny**
  - Location: Campus Center
  - Summary: Officer reported theft of a purse. Case under investigation. Patrol Officer William Kerry.

**Jan. 12**
- **Larceny**
  - Location: Campus Center
  - Summary: Caller reported unknown persons took cell phone. TCSG found cell phone and turned it over to owner. Larceny case under investigation. Patrol Officer Jerry Lewis.

**Jan. 14**
- **Found property**
  - Location: Public Safety
  - Summary: Officer found pair of gloves in the lobby. Item turned over to Public Safety.

**Jan. 16**
- **Animal complaint**
  - Location: Public Safety
  - Summary: Officer found a fox that appeared sick. Wildlife was contacted, and fox was dispatched. Patrol Officer Robert Highschuh.

**Jan. 17**
- **Found property**
  - Location: Terrace Dining Hall
  - Summary: Pair of gloves was found and turned over to Public Safety via intercom-pus mail.

**Jan. 18**
- **Found property**
  - Location: Dillingham Center
  - Summary: Officer found a set of keys. Item turned over to Public Safety.

**Jan. 19**
- **Found property**
  - Location: Public Safety
  - Summary: Caller reported finding two college keys. Items turned over to Public Safety.

**Jan. 20**
- **Found property**
  - Location: All other — Roger's Corner
  - Summary: Caller reported finding two college keys. Items turned over to Public Safety.

**Jan. 21**
- **Criminal mischief**
  - Location: Clarke Hall
  - Summary: Officer reported unknown persons damaged and stole products from a vending machine. Case under investigation. Patrol Officer Jerry Lewis.

**Jan. 22**
- **Conduct code violation**
  - Location: Terrace 9
  - Summary: Officer reported a smoke detector going off in a residence hall room. Officer checked the room and determined that detector was malfunctioning. Maintenance was notified to repair/replace the detector. Officer also observed college property in the room. Residents will be interviewed and a referral for judicial action for possession of stolen property is pending. Security Officer Aaron Price.

**Jan. 23**
- **Fire alarm**
  - Location: Terrace 8
  - Summary: Fire alarm due to activated smoke detector. No smoke or fire. IFD ordered system reset. Patrol Officer Richard Curtis.

**Jan. 24**
- **Fire alarm**
  - Location: Terrace 3
  - Summary: Fire alarm due to burned popcorn. No smoke or fire. IFD ordered system reset. Security Officer Amy Chilton.

### Key

- CMC — Cayuga Medical Center
- DWI — Driving while intoxicated
- IPD — Ithaca Fire Department
- Ithaca Police Department
- MVA — Motor vehicle accident
- RCC — Residence assistant
- TCSD — Tompkins County Sheriff's Department
- V&T — Vehicle and traffic violation

### Choice Award

The Office of Human Resources is pleased to officially announce the recipients of this year’s IC Choice Awards. As you may recall, the IC Choice Awards Program is a campus-wide program designed to recognize and reward staff employees for their outstanding contributions to the community. All staff members are eligible to participate, but to be considered for one of these awards, an employee must be nominated by a supervisor, a co-worker, a faculty colleague, student or be self-nominated. The nomination must demonstrate accomplishment in at least one of the following criteria categories: initiative, commitment, support, and accomplishment. Each year a review panel is selected from a list of volunteers to review the nominations and select the recipients. Staff members who are nominated and selected to receive an award for their distinguished performance or outstanding contributions receive $1,000. In the event a group of employees is nominated and selected, each member of the group receives $250.

**This year’s recipients are:**

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- John Fracchia, Asst. Director/Recruiting Coordinator, Career Services
- Tommy Inman, Engineer for Technical Facilities, Telecommunications
- Mary Knuutila, Assistant to the Registrar, Registrar's Office
- Don McKechale, Piano Technician, School of Music
- Marina Todd, Director of College Relations
- Crystal Young, Administrative Assistant, Public Safety

**GROUP AWARDS:**

- **Human Resource/Payroll Workgroup**
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- Ithaca College Automated External Defibrillator Committee
  - Brad Buchanan, Kathy Farley, Andrew Getzin, Michael Lewis, James Loomis
- Web-Based Accessibility Map
  - Tom Bossack, Helen Maddax.

For more information on winners please go to [www.ithaca.edu/sab](http://www.ithaca.edu/sab) and follow the IC Choice link.
Ira funding fiasco
Money for education, not political agendas

While some might commend Maura Stephens for her willingness to join a peace mission to Iraq, administrators at Ithaca College have never considered funding her trip. The institution’s mission should be more than the political agendas of its staff members and administrators. Four different college offices initially agreed to contribute $50 each to help Stephens, editor of the Ithaca College Quarterly, make a trip to Iraq with a women’s peace delegation. It was only when an Ithaca Online story published Tuesday raised questions regarding the purpose and legality of the trip that the college began to reconsider its decision.

Stephens then gracefully withdrew her request for funding, letting the college off the hook. Yet questions remain. Why were administrators willing to fund a journey whose purpose and legality were not clear? Who determined that this trip was more valuable to the college than a host of other projects on which money could be spent? Why did administrators not communicate with each other more clearly about the request?

In the same vein, when Stephens asked for the money, she should have been completely forthright and honest about her intentions to spread activist messages. In an e-mail to colleagues, she said her plan was to tell the Iraq “that most American residents do NOT support their government’s plan to wage war on Iraq and will NOT allow it to happen in our name.”

And while Stephens has now identified her mission to Iraqi women’s humanitarian activism, critics cannot be dismissed as a motive given her previous statement about planning a “peace delegation.” It was only when an Ithaca Online story published Tuesday raised questions regarding the purpose and legality of the trip that the college began to reconsider its decision.

Stephens must be more careful in their spending, if the institution’s mission to support their government’s plan to wage war on Iraq as primarily humanitarian, activism can not be dismissed as a motive given her previous statement about planning a “peace delegation.” It was only when an Ithaca Online story published Tuesday raised questions regarding the purpose and legality of the trip that the college began to reconsider its decision.

JULIE PENNO ’06
LGBT center for all

The Ithacan’s Jan. 23 editorial questioned the volume of contacts received by the Center for LGBT Education, Outreach and Services. I would like to thank The Ithacan for providing this opportunity to clarify a misconception about the services provided by the center and set the record straight.

The Ithacan editorial presented the limited notion that only LGBT people seek out the services of the center. However, the center serves the whole campus community, including non-LGBT students.

Who, then, uses the services of the center? Diverse contacts include students with LGBT identities and family who are parents of LGBT children, students with LGBT siblings, students working on research projects seeking LGBT-inclusive information, LGBT high school students inquiring about the college climate as they decide where to apply, resident advisors wanting to provide information to their residents, parents by who have attended a center event and wish to learn more and the many underserved and often invisible LGBT questioning students, staff and faculty and our allies.

Additionally, the center serves professionals on campus by providing training, staff development and consultations to offices including the Counseling Center, Development Office, Residential Life and Judicial Affairs, Student Affairs, Public Safety, Admission Office, Career Services, Health Center, Office of Public Information, Office of Chaplains and faculty members.

I wish to invite the campus community to engage in an informed fact-based dialogue about LGBT issues in the campus community. As for The Ithacan, keep writing, but also keep reading and researching about the issues.

LISA MAUER
Coordinator, LGBT Education, Outreach and Services

Call for full-time service

It is ridiculous to claim that the LGBT coordinator position does not need to be full-time, as Lisa Maurer (the current coordinator) has to ignore over 80 contacts each week. If that does not demonstrate a need for service, what does? The article animates that Maurer fabricated these numbers. While the editors of The Ithacan have a right to editorialize, why non-LGBT students would use the center, I assure you that the numbers are real. The center is not simply for LGBT students — it is also for faculty and staff, allies and other open-minded individuals.

Although BIGAYLA and Created Equal serve important functions on this campus, neither is specifically a support group. Maurer is a professional who has experience dealing with a wider variety of LGBT issues than the leaders of either group.

Just because Ithaca College is already ahead of many schools in dealing with LGBT issues does not mean that we should put it on the back burner. It is necessary to take steps to confront ignorance and injustices, regardless of what our peers do, or we would never create social change. I agree that money for disability services is crucial, and there has already been money set aside this year to start addressing that.

But that does not mean we should ignore the needs of the LGBT community in exchange. If Ithaca College is serious about pushing diversity to the forefront, then it is important for the administration to support all diversity initiatives.

BRAEDEN SULLIVAN ’04
Resources valuable

I was quite outraged by the staff editorial of last week’s Ithacan. As one of the students who want Lisa Maurer’s position to be full-time, I feel my opinion needs to be heard.

Even though I am only a freshman, I realize the value of the LGBT center and Lisa Maurer. I don’t consider Ithaca College “a provider of social services,” I consider it an academic institution that encourages and embraces diversity.

I do believe that it is important to have many different LGBT re-

See LETTERS, Page 16
Both sides should work toward peaceful end

Unemployment is at a record high, and these are hardships that cross all political borders. But they are all places that go on with daily life as they always have. They are all places of amazing beauty and amazing people.

Two or three years ago, we had a peak number of Israeli Arabs. Since then, they have been sent back to their villages. But now they're volunteering in the Israeli army. People seem to have lost hope. Everywhere I went, I heard Jews and Arabs say that there had been enough violence and enough death. People want to live in peace. However, no one seems to see peace on the horizon. People know that in the end, there needs to be a two-state solution, but there doesn't seem to be anyone on either side willing to take that step.

I get the feeling of hopelessness from the students. They tell me that when God is ready there will be peace and from my friend who said that a withdrawal from the territories would make Israel look weak and would open it up to more attacks. I got the same impression from all the Israeli Arabs with whom I was talking.

Still, my time in Israel reminded me that things are not as bad as the American media make them out to be. Like the Armenian nun said, "God will bring peace, and there will be boycotting the election this week. I can't believe that 20 years will pass to my friend who said that a withdrawal from the territories would make Israel look weak and would open it up to more attacks. I got the same impression from all the Israeli Arabs with whom I was talking. Still, my time in Israel reminded me that things are not as bad as the American media make them out to be. Like the Armenian nun said, "God will bring peace, and there will be boycotting the election this week. I can't believe that 20 years will pass to

David Donovan's A View appears in this space every other week. E-mail him at ddonovan@ithaca.edu.
**Lis’ ability to expand dialogue, and the community Lis serves is remarkable. Using a mathematician’s imagination of campus services, they have the chance already understanding my positions during our.**

**Center needs more**

The editorial in last week’s Ithaca Item concerning the LGBT center was questioned and offered no solid facts for a claim that a full-time co-ordinator position is not needed. You claim that the center is already receiving healthy amounts of student, faculty and staff support. The full-time position overstepped the number of requests the center receives, and that the center can be better spent on increased access for the physically disabled. For the two claims, I counter with a simple, in error, opinion. The center requires a manager but not a full-time coordinator, which does not meet the need for the documental averaged of 81 requests for services per week.

For the third claim, I hope the colleges will continue to be the needs of two students served. There are more, the money for access for the disabled has already been set aside this year.

Shame on you, The next time you should spend a little more time getting your facts straight.

**Leader washuman**

When I first learned about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., I was struck with shock, disappointment and disgust. I immediately began to question my overall belief. Some of the authors of the proposal, I know the positions need to be full-time.

Regretfully, I spent time, read about the Civil Rights movement, what was all he was, a man — a great man who recognized a change in our society and a life to making a difference and making a change. At the end of all, I deal with these issues, I take a step back and think about the community at large are doing something right.

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BY STACEY COBURN
Staff Writer

Assistant Professor Noelle Sweany wasn’t sure how the rest of the Department of Organizational Communication, Learning and Design would react when they learned that she was coming to her first year at Ithaca College three months pregnant.

Sweany contemplated telling assistant professor Marie Garland while they were waiting to be seated at a restaurant for lunch. But it was Garland who said they should sit in the non-smoking section — Garland was pregnant as well.

Several weeks later, Sweany and Garland discovered that assistant professor Rama Hart was pregnant too, making three out of the 10 OCLD professors expecting babies within two months of each other. All three are on tenure track.

Gordon Rowland, associate professor and department chairman, said it is often the expectation of a college or university that women will have babies during the summer.

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Herndon said the best aspect of developing a solution for replacing three teachers in one small department was practicing what OCLD pro­fessors teach. Corporate issues such as balancing work and family, treating employees equitably and responding to the separate needs of indi­viduals in a similar situation were put into practice.

The experi­ence has led administra­tors to consider reworking the maternity leave policy.

Rowland sent an e-mail to students informing them of the department’s unique situation and assuring them that classes would be covered. He said the e-mail had to be revised several times to fit the needs of all three women: Garland, who wanted to be vocal about her experiences; Hart, who did not, and Sweany, who was nervous because it was her first year here.

Garland, who does most of her research on gender issues, said she had always believed women should just say, “Too bad, I’m going.” But when she became pregnant herself, she was surprised by her desire to do as much as possible to help the department run smoothly during her absence.

Garland said that having a family is not conducive to completing the duties required for tenure — teaching, research and service — which she finds interesting because the ages for starting a family and working toward tenure coincide.

“One of my female advisers said to me, ‘She thought she could have it all,’” Sweany said. “‘That’s kind of a frightening thing to think — that you either choose your career, or you choose to have kids. Of course, UT Austin is a major research institution so it’s very different from Ithaca College, but that phrase was kind of sitting in the back of my mind when I showed up at UT.’”

In spite of the nerves that came with having a child dur­ing her first year here, Sweany said she thinks it was better because she wasn’t in the middle of her research when it happened.

Garland said that though while pregnancy is a factor that needs to be considered when reviewing for tenure, women have the right to take leave for this reason.

“There is a tenure clock,” Bohn said. “They can lengthen it, shorten it and alter it in some respect. This is a factor that needs to be taken into consideration.”

Shapiro, who is teaching two of Hart’s class­es and two of Sweany’s, was enthusiastic about taking this position because, as a mother in the teaching field, she wanted to help other working moms.

“I think the workplace should support fam­ilies in these situations,” Shapiro said.

Sophomore Alexandra Ivacu said she is not worried about her class with Hart.

“I think having a class with co-teach­ing is a positive experience because teach­ers have different perspectives on the ex­periences and different teaching styles,” Ivacu said.

Hart said that through it has been scary for her to go through this process, she has tried to remain positive.

“If I can’t be positive about it, how can I encourage young women, not to ... do it all, but try to do what they want in life, and take the path that isn’t the straight line but definitely speaks to their own needs and values.”

THREE ASSISTANT PRO­FESSORS in the Department of Organizational Communication, Learning and Design are due to give birth in the next two months. They are, from left to right, Marie Garland, Noelle Sweany and Rama Hart.
This winter was not my first trip to Israel. In fact, it was my eighth. Though this trip was brief, it had a huge impact on me. It showed me the inaccuracies in the coverage of the Middle East by American journalists. It reminded me why I love traveling in Israel, even though the country is facing some huge problems. I got to see an Israeli election campaign, and in the trip made me re-examine my hopes for peace.

I returned to the United States from Israel a little more a week ago, and already the American media are taking a toll on me. When one of my close friends asked me last night if I had seen anyone killed during my time in the Middle East, I had to take a step back. At first I thought, "No, of course not," but then I started thinking about the news that I have been seeing all over the place — the shells of blow-up buses and the rubble of bulldozed houses. I thought of pictures of Israeli soldiers with guns and little Palestinian children standing in front of enormous tanks with nothing but a rock to protect them. If you watch the nightly news, those are all pictures that you are aware of.

This is not, however, the picture of Israel that I had last winter, standing in downtown Jerusalem, watching a bustling city going about its business. It's not the picture I got hiking in the Golan Heights or mountain biking around the Sea of Galilee. I was in large cities like Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. These are cities where Jews and Arabs live side by side, like in Haifa and Jaffa. I even visited Abu Gosh, a village where the Arabs and Jews are suffering, Israel is facing its worst economic depression in its history.

Unemployment is at a record high, and these are hardships that cross all political borders. But they are all places that go on with daily life as they always have. They are all places of amazing beauty and amazing people.

Sadly, though, these amazing people seem to have lost hope. Everywhere I went, I heard Jews and Arabs say that there had been enough violence and enough death. People want to live in peace. However, no one seems to see peace on the horizon. For students like me, it needs to be a two-state solution, but there doesn't seem to be a leader on either side willing to take that step.

I got the feeling of hopelessness from the Israeli and Palestinian students who told me that when God is ready there will be peace and my friend who said that a withdrawal from the territories would make Israel look weak and would open it up to more attacks. I got the same impression from all the Israeli Arabs who will be boycotting the election this week. I myself have begun to feel hopeless.

Still, my time in Israel reminded me that things are not as bad as the American media make them out to be. Like the American nun said, "God will bring peace, and there is no place with a history of God's miracles like Israel."

I am by no means saying we should wait for God to bring peace, though. When things seem very hopeless, it is the work of people that turns them around.

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The Way I See It

Discarded cigarettes hurt environment

I feel a responsibility to my school, my community, and my planet to make a reasonable request of all faculty, staff, students and readers. Please stop littering cigarette butts and stop putting up with people who do.

I have been to a set of colleges and universities up and down the East Coast. Few compare to my college in what it's like to be a student when it comes to environmental responsibility. Glass recycling is not only something that students are doing, it has become a cultural norm. The International Coastal Cleanup, held in October, highlighted this disgusting habit that has become a cultural norm. The annual global event involves thousands of volunteers worldwide picking up our garbage on the beaches. The most prominent item picked up every year is cigarette butts. Three beaches in Florida picked up 16,759 butts. On a one-mile stretch on Myrtle Beach, S.C., 7,168 were picked up. More than 297,000 were picked up in 2001.

Botany Bay, a city located in the eastern suburbs of Sydney, Australia, recently developed a plastic compound called cellulose acetate, which contains toxic chemicals. These toxic tic-tac to take decades to break down. The chemicals eventually seep out into whatever part of our environment they happen to be in, whether it's on our campus, our streets, our mountains, our rivers and our oceans. They pollute our drinking water, start forest fires and cause disease and death to wildlife who mistake them for food.

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Lecturer's home joins the EcoVillage

BY KELLY O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

Slush-clogged walkways and face-numbing north winds are usually enough to keep Ithaca residents inside this time of year. Last Sunday, however, a group of 40 intrepid adults braved the cold to raise a new duplex in Ithaca's burgeoning EcoVillage community. The duplex is one of many under construction in the second neighborhood group at EcoVillage, right alongside the future home of Ithaca College Writing Department Lecturer Valerie Rockney.

EcoVillage is a co-housing community on the western edge of Ithaca that encourages an environmentally conscious lifestyle among its residents. Each resident designs his or her own living space as half of a duplex. The houses not only use building techniques and materials that are environmentally friendly, but they are also given an opportunity to create an architecturally unique addition to the community. The village is laid out as two distinct neighborhoods, each one a cluster of angular houses along a winding pedestrian street. The First Resident Group (FRG) is the older of the two and will be joined this summer by the Second Neighborhood Group (SoNG), in which Rockney's house is being built.

Ithaca College formed a partnership with the EcoVillage in December 2002. The partnership works to educate Ithaca College students about sustainable relationships between humans and the natural world. Along with being environmentally conscious, EcoVillage strives to be a tightly knit and supportive community which Rockney said she is looking forward to.

"EcoVillage is to be "an intentional community dedicated to exploring and modeling innovative approaches to ecological and social sustainability."

The residents' unique approaches come in the form of environmentally sound building and living practices. In addition to the old-fashioned hay-bale technique, EcoVillage's residents employ other methods to make their houses environmentally friendly. Mike Carpenter, SoNG's construction manager, specializes in clean and environmentally sound building techniques, some of which Rockney has used in her household design.

For starters, the south-facing roof space will be plated with 14 photovoltaic cells that are to be jacked directly into the New York State Electric & Gas Corporation grid. In order not to be at the mercy of the cloudy Ithaca weather, Rockney and many of her neighbors have an agreement with NYSEG that allows them to buy energy from the grid when the solar panels do not provide enough and conversely, to sell back any excess energy they gather on the rare sunny days.

Rockney's house also will take advantage of the sun in a less technological sense by filling the south face of the house with insulated windows. The energy-efficient windows will allow the sunlight in to heat the house, but will not allow the frigid outside air to steal it back.

Carpenter said his area of expertise lies in clean building materials. Many facets of building houses involve chemicals that can be hazardous to people and the environment. Carpenter said. In choosing her building materials, Rockney was very careful to make sure her lumber and insulation were free of chemicals that are damaging to the environment, such as formaldehyde.

EcoVillage is innovative in both its environmental and social outlook. In some ways the village is very forward-looking, Rockney said. "Yet in other ways, it's harkening back to a simpler, homier time, with more of a sense of community and connection."

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Holocaust tale plays the right notes

BY ANDREW DIGNAN
Staff Writer

Roman Polanski lived through the Holocaust. There's not an article or review to the effect that he was the filmmaker's excuse for making what has to be the 20th film on the subject in the past 10 years. It's as though the infamous director (who over the years has graced film with "Chinatown" and "Rosemary's Baby") was waving his arms frantically saying, "No, it's OK! This won't be the same film you've seen two dozen times before! I was there!"

Sadly, "The Pianist" won't offer anything revolutionary is anyone who has seen a single film on the Nazis, from "The Diary Of Anne Frank" through "Schindler's List." It seems that Hollywood has pretty much covered every angle on the subject, as evidenced by Polanski's first-hand account, which feels eerily familiar.

Yet ultimately it doesn't really make a difference. "The Pianist" is a sturdy, fine-rafted film that's beyond reproach. The story is actually not that of Polanski's but of Polish musician Wladyslaw Szpilman, who survived the displacement of the Warsaw ghetto and escaped the death camps through the kindness of others and his own resourcefulness, hiding among the bombed-out ruins. Szpilman is a harrowing tale, one brought to life by star Adrien Brody.

Adrien Brody undergoes a dramatic physical transformation to depict years of squalor and malnutrition, but he also learned how to play the piano for the film (disappointingly, Polanski chose to shoot most scenes of Brody's playing through close-ups, robbing the viewer of a chance to see him at work). A lesser actor would let his haggard appearance do the heavy lifting for him, yet Brody's performance never takes the easy way out.

What's so impressive about Brody isn't just his tattered beard or the skin hanging off his bones but the way he manages to convey torment and dignity without uttering a word. Polanski wisely forgos a voice-over narration, instead showing a series of near-silent vignettes depicting his protagonist's day-to-day survival in isolation: fending off starvation, insanity and the ever-present threat of soldiers walking the streets.

Music is a means of escape for Szpilman, and as trite as that sounds, "The Pianist" pulls it off. In a cruel bit of irony, he secretly occupies a flat with a piano that he must restrain himself from playing. One note and his position will be given away, resulting in a wonderful scene when Szpilman plays Chopin in his head, his fingers dancing just centimeters from the ivory, a look of elation on his face. When asked by a friendly German officer what he plans to do when the war is over, Szpilman is direct and to the point: He's going back on his radio.

Though it's hardly reinventing the wheel, Polanski's "The Pianist" does yield some genuinely insightful moments: family members spending their last bit of money to share one piece of Czech chocolate among themselves, brainstorming sessions over where to hide valuables, prisoners being whipped by drunken guards to celebrate New Year. All of which reiterates the oft-told message of life, yes, this was truly the darkest period of the 20th century.

Like his protagonist, Polanski is in hiding from the authorities (in this case, the California penal system stemming from a 1978 statutory rape conviction), adding an intriguing layer of subtext to a film already centered around a persecuted artist. Polanski is long known for making psychological thrillers for the past 40 years, and "The Pianist" is a noticeable change of pace for him. In making a film that is purely humanist — there is even a sympathetic Nazi character — Polanski is perhaps more a "Rosemary's Baby" like an olive branch, as he finally begs for forgiveness.

"The Pianist" isn't the film that "Schindler's List" is (comparisons are unavoidable), but it is Secrets of the Heart. Spielberg's film was about one gentle saving 1,100 Jews, "The Pianist" is about one few who saved himself.

"The Pianist" was written by Ronald Harwood, directed by Roman Polanski and produced by Polanski, RobertBenmack and Alan Saps. The film stars Adrien Brody and Emilia Fox.

'Real women' persevere with strong performances

BY TUMMY KISHERE
Contributing Writer

First-time director Patricia Cardosa tackles the familiar coming-of-age tale with a refreshing and somewhat original spin in the comedy-drama, "Real Women Have Curves." Cardosa, who directed from Beverly Hills High School, first-generation Mexican-American teenager Estela (America Ferrera) is forced by her parents to let go of any hopes of attending college and start concentrating on a career in fashion design. Her father, grandfather and boyfriend; however, their lives are not easy. The film is a delight in its coming-of-age themes, which have been played out time and time again, the cast members perform their roles with superb ease. What most is engaging is the portrayal of the mother-daughter relationship between Carmen and Ana. The ex-wrestling champion Carmen's (Lupe Ontiveras) old-fashioned notion that a slim physique will help women get ahead is contrasted against Ana's (America Ferrera) belief that women must face in this film plays a less significant role than the complex women. The men are genuinely portrayed through the caring roles of Ana's father grandfather and boyrfriend; however, their lives are less turbulent because of the disposition of their gender. The women who dominate the screen, not only in their array of emotions but also through the comforting beauty and "realness" of their bodies.

One hilarious scene has a group of women comparing stretch marks and cellulite in all its glory. Maybe, the casting of women in this film will force Hollywood to evaluate their carbon copy range of leading female actresses.

"Real Women Have Curves" was written by Josefina Lopez and Gekge LaVoo, directed by Patricia Cardosa and produced by LaVoo and Effie T. Brown. The film stars America Ferrera.

="REAL WOMEN HAVE CURVES"

AMERICA FERRERA STARS as a full-figured Hispanic woman dealing with society's standards in Patricia Cardosa's debut film, "Real Women Have Curves."
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Round the World

Getting underneath Singapore's culture

You can tell a lot about a person from his laundry. Maybe not so much in the United States, where people's personal lives are kept more, well, personal. But here in the sun-baking, tear-stripping heat of tropical Singapore, students have to make sure their clothes to dry on warm breeze are very public. Clotheslines are hung outside each room.

MICHELLE THEIS

As a student, I always try to respect the privacy of students who don't know there are such luxuries as tumble dryers in the world. It's difficult not to examine the garments that are permanently strung about. After all, I figure I should get to know my fellow hallmates and what they were really like. Wandering the dorm halls on my first day on the island, I was surprised to find just that: underwear. In a country where women are conservatively, I am accustomed. I was shocked to find that many weren't afraid to let their underwear hang. Plain, polka dot, they met the gaze. But leave it to Singaporean girls - these ladies want coverage!

At least that was the very first thing my Scottish roommate, Caroline, told me when she arrived. She'd spent the previous semester in the United States and wasn't shy to inform me about the unfor­mitous underwear policy.

"If you want to be normal," she said, "you get one of these." She held up a little plastic spinning contraption. "That's the thing," she said, "that's the only way you don't pass and think, 'Oh, she's THAT kind of girl.'" Mental note: I want to be normal, hang my things on a mobile in my closet.

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At least that was the very first thing Caroline told me when she arrived. She'd spent the previous semester in the United States, where people's personal lives are kept more, well, personal. But here in Singapore, women's garments that are so openly strewn with the crowd was striking. It was like a different woman. For me, it's a way of knowing about my fellow hallmates, and what they're really like. Wandering the dorm halls on my first day on the island, I was surprised to find just that: underwear. In a country where women are conservatively clothed, it's difficult not to examine the garments that are strung about. After all, I figure I should get to know my fellow hallmates and what they were really like. Wandering the dorm halls on my first day on the island, I was surprised to find just that: underwear.

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**Weekly Calendar of Events**

**Music Isn't Greek to Him**

Sophomore Zac Gannett performs an original song by his band Bonesoft Harmonies at Open Mic Night on Monday. The event was sponsored by performing arts fraternity Kappa Gamma Psi and is part of a three-week period of fraternity rush events.

**Daily Calendar**

- **Today**
  - Sign Language Club — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Friends 201.
  - Fireside Chat/Mass — 8 p.m. in Fireside Lounge, Muller Chapel.
- **Friday**
  - Last day to register and ADD/DROP semester courses
  - MOMS — 3 p.m. in meeting room 110, Campus Center.
  - Shabbat Services — 6 p.m. in Muller Chapel.
  - Celtic Pagan Chanting and Dance — 7 p.m. in Conference Room, Campus Center.
  - Faculty Recital — Elizabeth Simkin, cello, and Read Gainsford, piano, at 7 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.
  - Sports
    - Ultimate Frisbee — 11 a.m. in South Field.
    - Women's indoor track and field at 10 a.m.
    - Men's indoor track and field at Dartmouth Invitational at 10 a.m.
- **Saturday**
  - Senior Recital — Therese Stolka, clarinet, at 3 p.m. in Nabenhausner Recital Room, Whalen Center.
  - Junior Recital — Amanda Hick, voice, at 7 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.
- **Sunday**
  - Protestant Worship Service — 11 a.m. in Muller Chapel.
  - IC Unbound Auditions — Noon at Hill Center Dance Studio.
  - Catholic Mass — 1 and 9 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

**Four-Day Weather Forecast**

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**Event of the Week**
- IC Unbound auditions at noon on Sunday in the Hill Center Dance Studio.

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Building a foundation

Process of recruiting at Division III level is as exhausting as the season itself

BY NORIA LITAKER AND JOSH MCCANN
Staff Writers

On the floor of field hockey coach Tracey Houk's office rests an enormous, festively decorated bag. Had there been a tip, it would have read, "To Coach Houk: Happy Recruiting Season!"

Instead of a pleasant surprise, however, the gift is dozens of videotapes from high school prospects, all of which must be scrutinized and evaluated on film. Houk dissecta each tape, poring over hours of clips from obscure high school games, taking note of players' tendencies and skills.

This laborious task marks only the beginning of a lengthy process, the results of which will not be known for months or even years. Although Houk cannot speak directly to players until they are seniors, she sends letters to all of the players who catch her eye and enters their contact information into a database. At this point, Houk has records for 270 prospects.

As if it did not have her hands full coaching a varsity sport, Houk must keep up with the continuous grind of the recruiting process - alone. Except for the occasional graduate assistant, Houk has no help on the recruiting trail. "I am the head coach, and I'm the only one who does recruiting here," Houk said. "I can't get on during my season, and I can't get out during their season. That kind of sucks." Houk travels to tournaments, camps and other events as the summer's months progress, asking players to add her to their wish list. Whether it's the "red shirt" coaches draw from a recruiting budget to cover transportation, housing and other incidental expenses. In order to make every dollar count, coaches must get to know each tape, split hotel rooms and stay with friends and family whenever possible.

But once recruiting budgets are exhausted, coaches must look to the bottom line. For 2000-2001, Ithaca teams allot a combined $48,129, according to the Office of Intercollegiate Athletics. Although the college would not release specific figures for each squad, 11.1 percent of the total recruiting budget went to draw from a recruiting budget to promises of scholarships at the Division I and II levels, Division III programs often lose the top athletes from their pools.

In order to prove Division I coaches from making off with his most talented recruits, men's basketball assistant coach Sherry Dobbs tries to contact his recruits once a week, whether by phone calls, text messages or e-mail. "Some people want to make sure they call every week, and some people are like, 'Hey, I want to give the kids a little bit more of a chance to make a decision on their own," Dobbs said. "Everybody has their own style in how they want to do it.

Women's soccer coach Mindy Quig strives to establish personal relationships with as many of her top targets as possible, giving them personal opinions about the college. "You have to meet with a kid more people than you're actually going to play in the season," Quig said. "You have to establish relationships with coaches, with parents and with the students themselves, and you want to keep updated with them. You have to make recruiting calls at night when the kids are off of school, you have to go on the road, you have to watch them play, you have to do home visits, you have to do visits at schools.

While many coaches roam thousands of miles from home, circumscribing the Northeast and sometimes beyond in pursuit of prospects, they are not the only ones hitting the road. Interested recruits make the trek to Ithaca for an overnight visit. During their stay, prospects meet with coaches, attend practices and games and tour facilities while matched up with current student athletes who serve as hosts. In many cases, the opportunity to tag along with future teammates sets Ithaca apart - as it did for sophomore Megan Hughes. The junior All-American chose Ithaca over Division I Colgate even though the Red Raiders offered her more money. Hughes told the report she established with her hosts that she and Paula Miller made the decision. "[My visit was] what actually made me want to go to Colgate because I didn't enjoy the team," Hughes said. "They just weren't very friendly. It was a lot more intense than I anticipated.

Academic life attractive

The variety of specialized majors the college offers is another primary selling point. "I wasn't sure whether I wanted to do physical therapy, phys. ed, or sports management, and Ithaca had all of it," asked student and varsity basketball player Kaylee Metzger, dean of enrollment planning and director of enrollment. "I didn't want to change my major I wouldn't have to transfer schools," Metzger said.

The right family and a down to Plymouth State, Southern Connecticut and the University of Maine for the chance to play for Division 1-AA football coach Deb Pallotti's Bombers, the defending national champions. "All athletes need to meet the academic standards for the institution," he said. "Then, as you work through the overall profile for the student, other things being equal, we'll make decisions on behalf of the student, and the athlete and the coach interested. Athletic ability weighs in like other talents and special interests at the institution.

A GROUP OF FOOTBALL recruits eat at the Terrace Dining Hall Friday. The football team had a recruiting program over the weekend.

2000-2001 RECRUITING EXPENDITURES

Costs include, but are not limited to: transportation, lodging and meals for both recruits and institutional personnel engaged in men's and women's recruiting, and software and hardware for officials of that department, and all other major expenses logically related to recruiting.

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ASSISTANT MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH Sherry Dobbs works the phone in the basketball office Wednesday at the Hill Center.
Ithaca fans weren't icy when the puck dropped

Occasionally, the planets align themselves in such a way that it causes strange, unexplainable things to happen. There is simply no way to put it other than strange.

You might think that

I'm referring to the men's basketball team doing their best Rich Gunnem impression and throwing away the game Saturday, but that isn't true. Believe it or not, I'm referring to my experience at the Ithaca College men's ice hockey game.

"Wait... we have a hockey team? Don't you mean Cornell?"

MARIO "INTAWA"

Indeed, it's true. Finding the time and location on the Ithaca College Web site, I took in a hockey game Saturday that was arguably the best sports experience, outside of Cortaca, that I've had here at Ithaca. It wasn't so much the game or the caliber of play because Ithaca beat a less talented Buffalo team 8-3. What was different about this game was the fans.

By this I mean that there were actually fans — real live fans, fans who actually entered the rink and paid attention — at the game. This was a far cry from the aforementioned basketball game when the only crowd excitement was when Nate Thomas' desperate three-pointer clanged off the back of the rim to end the game.

At The Rink in Lansing, the fans were making a ruckus from the opening faceoff and continued to do so until the final ticks of the clock — every big hit, every shot on net, every play of the game.

"The energy was incredible," Mullins said. "But our other teams win games? Don't you mean Cornell?"

BY BRAD TIEDE

Left with a bitter taste following Saturday's second-half collapse against Nazareth, the Bombers entered Tuesday night's nonleague contest at Oneonta prepared to deliver their own State of the Union address.

Behind the sharpshooting of sophomore guards Nate Thomas and Jesse Roth, Ithaca routed the host Red Dragons 88-55.

"Our strongest play came from our sophomore class," coach Jim Mullins said. "Nate Thomas was 5-of-6 from three-point range, and Jesse Roth was 6-of-8 from the floor.

Ithaca's (6-5, 3-2 Empire 8) seized control from the start, shooting a scorching 60 percent (18-of-30) from the floor and running out to a comfortable 41-24 halftime lead.

"Our offense was really triggered by our defense," Mullins said. "We held them to 36 percent (from the floor), and that really ignited things for us. We also rebounded well and limited their second chance opportunities, which allowed us to run the floor and push the ball ahead.

In the low post, junior forward Tyler Schultz posted 11 points and nine rebounds and shut out senior forward Shaun Bauer, who entered the game as the Red Dragons' top rebounder (8.4 rebounds per game) and fourth-leading scorer (8.6 points per game).

"I think our guard play has really helped me out this year," Schultz said. "When Nate, Sean [Clifford] and Jesse are hitting their shots from the outside, it really opens up opportunities for me on the inside."

Although the victory comes against a nonleague opponent, Mullins remains optimistic about the weekend ahead.

"It was very important for us to get off to a good start," Mullins said. "Obviously our collapse on Saturday was very disappointing. However, they really responded tonight. They realized that we are still very much in the thick of things for the league, and I think that tonight's effort gives us renewed confidence heading into this weekend.

Robert and Thomas finally located their shooting touch, sinking a combined 7-of-10 threepointers. However, Roth is well aware that the team needs to remain balanced offensively if a late-season surge is in store.

"We have to maintain both an inside and outside game, otherwise we can be an easy team to defend," Roth said. "If we can keep to our game plan and establish an inside game with Tyler and Jason [Wallen], then we will be tough to beat."

Ithaca continued its dominance throughout the second half, outscoring the Red Dragons 47-31.

The only Red Dragon to hit double figures was Kurt Troyer, who tallied 15 points on 7-of-10 shooting.

"I think the guys definitely played with a purpose," Mullins said. "I'm not sure we played with a chip on our shoulder, but I did see great determination out there.

With crucial road games ahead on the schedule this weekend at Alfred and St. John Fisher, the Bombers must keep their focus.

"You just have to take it one game at a time," Roth said. "We're definitely aware [Nazareth is winning in the league], and as long as we do what we are capable of, we should be fine."

JUNIOR JESSE ROTH, left, scored 14 points in the win over Oneonta Tuesday.
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JUNIOR NICK CERONE, right, works as the personal trainer for sophomore Garrett Border Tuesday in the Fitness Center.

BY KAYLEE COLLINS
Contributing Writer

Francesca Altana Intagliata came to Ithaca College with more than just her academic goals in mind: She knew she didn’t want to gain the “freshman 15” either. In high school, Intagliata was an extremely active athlete who now realizes she needed to keep herself in the same physical condition while in college.

“In high school, I was a top-notch athlete, so I was looking for a program to keep me in shape,” Intagliata said. Last semester, she found that program in the Fitness Center through a personal trainer.

After a request for a female trainer, Intagliata met with junior field hockey player Tamara Payne to begin her program. Intagliata clearly stated to Payne that she wasn’t looking for a motivator — she wanted to create a plan to stay in shape and look to how to use the equipment effectively.

Her plan consisted of daily cardiovascular workouts, building upper and lower body strength through each day through lifting, and running 2.5 miles on a treadmill and strength training with free weights, utilizing her technique that she learned in track and cross-country.

“If I’m going to put all of that time into it, I want to do it right,” Intagliata said.

She said Payne was very helpful in creating a unique program to suit her goals.

“I wasn’t like one of my friends that likes to work out,” Intagliata said. “She seemed very professional.

Intagliata’s success is the program in the common story. Katie Folko ‘00 organized the personal training program when the Fitness Center opened in 1999, and each year the program has gained more participants and greater success.

The program provides direction and motivation for the students, faculty and staff of Ithaca College and works to help clients set personal goals and create a program for them to follow in order to achieve those goals.

“Many of the reasons people come to us is because they need motivation to get started or they feel that they’re at a plateau and want help with moving forward,” said and junior Melanie Sweazey, personal training coordinator. “It’s about progression. The most common goals clients have are toning their bodies and needing help with machines and free weights.”

Interested executives sign up by filling out a slip at the Fitness Center, and then a trainer sets a time for an appointment. During the first appointment, clients discuss their health history and their fitness goals. Then the program’s coordinators, including Sweazey, senior Alecia Dominique and junior Nick Cerone, match up clients and trainers according to the client’s goals and the trainer’s strengths.

“Once the pairs are made, the trainer and client have a one-hour meeting in which a fitness program is designed to suit the client’s goals. A follow-up meeting four weeks later provides an opportunity for the trainer to check the progress of the client and for the client to discuss any changes he or she would like to make in the program.”

Trainers are required to have a background in anatomy, physiology or in the area of exercise or sports science, providing them with the knowledge needed to create a program for each individual.

Sweazey said they must be eager to inspire others to get fit and also find a way to make working out enjoyable.

“We want people who have the desire to help others, enjoy what they’re doing, are knowledgeable, and can make the program fun for their clients,” Sweazey said.

Trainers are Ithaca College students, men and women, ranging from sophomores to seniors, and are paid minimum wage.

Depending on availability, trainers may have as little as one or two clients one week and eight the next. The personal training coordinator also lists office hours online for new clients and arranges with them.

“One of the things about the program is the personal touch,” Sweazey said.

“You have to want to do it,” she said. “If you really want to, the resources are there.”

JUNIOR NICK CERONE, right, works as the personal trainer for sophomore Garrett Border Tuesday in the Fitness Center.

PHOTO BY HIRAM MADEWSKI/ITHACA
IC toughens up on D-I foes

BY ADAM LIPKOWITZ
Staff Writer

There's a reason that the Bombers have won five consecutive New York State Collegiate Track Conference titles and were Division III opponents.

Ithaca raced third out of five teams at the Cornell Five-Way at Barton Hall this weekend. The only catch is that each of the other four teams complete at the Division I level.

The Bombers fared well against the higher-level competition, led by senior tri-captain Erin Broshe, who continued her strong season winning the 5,000-meter run in a time of 18:33.2.

Senior tri-captain Amy Holvey and junior Amanda Laytham each had good days for the Blue and Gold, Holvey earned points with a second-place finish in the high jump by leaping 1.65 meters, while Laytham scored a fourth-place finish in the 1,000-meter run with a time of 3:00.27.

Laytham was pleased with the team's performance and said she feels comfortable with her capabilities at this stage in the season and is looking forward to the state meet. "I improved a lot from the previous week, so I'm happy," Laytham said. "A lot of [my teammates] and I are ahead of where they were last year and last year we were pretty prepared for states."

Last week at the St. Lawrence Invitational, Holvey qualified for nationals while Rosie and Laytham each qualified for the NYSTCTC meet, which takes place at the end of February. "Anytime you can score points in a Division I event, it's great," Nichols said.

The 1,600-meter relay team put together some solid performances competing against all Division I opponents.

The 1,600-meter relay team captured first place with a time of 3:34.56. Junior Brandon Mallette took second in the 500-meter dash in 1:05.98, a personal best. 'Coach Jim Nichols was also pleased with the comeback of the middle distance runners. Senior Brian Cocca fell behind early in the 800 meters but ran his fastest time of the year to take fifth place."

Although Styczynski's first-place finish was the only individual victory, he made sure to recognize the strong performances and hard work of his teammates.

"As a team, we're right where we need to be. We know what we need to do," Styczynski said. The rest of the Bombers put together some solid performances competing against all Division I opponents.

In the mile race, senior Garrett Wagner was second in the second position when he was tripped by another runner so they went around a curve. He fell behind the pack and couldn't make up the time, finishing 11th. In his next race after the fall, Wagner placed fifth in the 1,000 meters.

Although the Bombers won only two events, the team still produced a solid effort in a Division I meet. "Anytime we can score points in a Division I meet, it's great," Nichols said.

Styczynski certainly did his part to help the Blue and Gold compete well against tough opponents. "We were never satisfied, we can always get better," he said.

For Ithaca, too.

Styczynski's stamina stymies opponents, but Ithaca can't keep up with big boys

BY AMY AMBLER
Staff Writer

The Ithaca College track team should thank the River Hill High School soccer team from Clarksville, Maryland.

Junior distance runner Mike Styczynski was cut from that team as a freshman and started running to stay active.

"It's a good sign for the Bombers that he did," Styczynski said. "I won the 5,000 meters at the Cornell Five-Way Invitational Saturday to help Ithaca to a fourth-place finish overall." Styczynski won the 5,000 meters and was followed by Buffalo and Binghamton. Colgate brought up the rear with a fifth-place finish.

Styczynski's time of 17 minutes, 6.35 seconds was close to his personal best and was his fastest time of the season.

As the race went on, Styczynski only seemed to get stronger. Although his split times were fairly even, he said he ran faster and faster in the last few laps. "I wanted a close on a high note," Styczynski said. "This race was an eye-opener for me. I'm ahead of where I thought I would be in the season."

Junior teammate Jim Ravener was also encouraged by Styczynski's dominating run. "To have someone like that who's good enough to qualify for nationals is definitely a plus for us," Ravener said. "He definitely works really hard, so I'm really happy that he's running well."
Bomber Roundup

Men's aquatics

Saturday

The Bombers (14-1) squeaked past Geneseo Saturday, defeating the Knights 128-109.

Junior captain Sean Kavanaugh, senior captain Mike Thork, sophomores Steve Barnes and senior Devin Fay keyed the Bomber effort with double wins.

Kavanaugh swam to victory in the 200-yard individual medley race and won the 200-yard backstroke by almost four seconds.

Thork won the 200-yard breaststroke for the eighth time this season, finishing with a time of 2:17.86. The senior captain also took first in the 50-yard freestyle.

Sophomore standout Barnes touched the wall first in the 1,000- and 500-yard freestyle events.

Fay swept both diving competitions, scoring 246.75 points in the 1-meter event and 270.05 points in the 3-meter event.

The Bombers will face Rochester Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Hill Center pool.

Women's aquatics

Saturday

The Bombers turned back a challenge from Geneseo in their closest dual-meet victory of the season Saturday, 124-115.

Ithaca won seven of 13 events at Gene­seo's Alumni Pool, getting two wins each from juniors Megan Hughes and Kristen Shorette and freshman Stacey Bowen.

Shorette posted a pair of impressive diving performances, while Hughes and Bowen combined to take first in all four freestyle races. Bowen won the 50- and 100-yard events, and Hughes claimed the 200- and 500-yard freestyle competitions.

The Blue and Gold's other victory came from junior Katie Centrella, who led a 1-2-3 sweep of the 400-yard individual medley. Ithaca athletes also swept the 1-meter dive.

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