Add/drop concerns persist

BY ANNE K. WALTERS
News Editor

In its second semester, the shortened one-week add/drop period continues to draw ire from students.

Starting the fall, students had just one week once classes began to add and drop classes. The add/drop period was two weeks before the fall semester.

In an attempt to address numerous complaints about the shorter period, the Student Government Association has drafted a letter recommending the period be extended to 10 days, said Justin Cole, SGA representative for the School of Humanities and Sciences. SGA was prompted to write the letter after receiving many e-mails from students complaining about the new policy. Most students were concerned about the time crunch the policy created, Cole said.

The letter was written Sunday and will be sent to the provost's office on Monday, he said.

"I don't think [the administration] thought this through from a student perspective," Cole said.

The letter also included statements from students who take senior-level seminar classes that meet only once a week. They said they do not have enough time to evaluate their courses before deciding whether to drop them and add another course.

Janice Leslie Doche said she wanted to add a legal research seminar to her schedule, but needed the professor's signature to do so. Because the course meets only once a week, and the professor was sick last week, Doche said she had to scramble to register for the course.

Fortunately she was able to contact the professor via e-mail and add the course.

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Mary Adlin, professor of music theory, history and composition and chairwoman of the Academic Policy Committee, said she has received only positive feedback from professors about the new policy.

The recommendation originally came from the committee.

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Nation & World

John Kerry wins N.H. primary

Massachusetts Senator John F. Kerry secured his second consecutive victory on primary day for the Democratic presidential nomination, winning the New Hampshire primary with 39 percent of the vote. Former Vermont governor Howard Dean, considering the front-runner until his third-place finish in Iowa, placed in second place with 26 percent of the vote. Retired Army General Wesley K. Clark and Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina performed in a virtual tie for third place, each receiving approximately 12 percent of the vote.

A record 200,000 people voted at the primaries. The previous high, 168,000, was in 1992.

Judge rules against Patriot Act

A provision of the USA Patriot Act that makes it illegal to give "expert assistance" to foreign terrorist organizations has been declared unconstitutional by a Los Angeles federal judge. A decision issued late Friday by U.S. District Judge Audrey B. Collins said the language in the law was so vague that it "could be included to convert unequivocally pure speech and advocacy protected by the First Amendment."

The Washington, D.C.-based Center for Constitutional Rights, which brought the legal challenge, said it was the first time that any part of the post-9/11 anti-terrorism law had been declared unconstitutional.

Passing overwhelmingly by Congress in 2001, the Patriot Act contains more than 300 pages of amendments giving sweeping powers to law-enforcement authorities. Since then, the act has come under increasing attack from a variety of quarters, from civil libertarians to Islamic leaders.

A spokesman for Attorney General John Ashcroft said an appeal was being considered.

Iraq to welcome election experts

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan announced Tuesday in Paris that he is preparing to send a team of U.N. experts to Iraq to determine whether elections can be organized at a transitional Iraqi government by this summer, U.N. officials said Monday.

The announcement made Monday is the first time the United Nations has said elections would take place in Iraq since Annan evacuated most staffers from the country in late October. The move also increased prospects that the United Nations will emerge as a mediator between U.S. authorities and critics in Iraq over how the country will make the transition to self-rule. A U.N. security team is expected to arrive in Baghdad as early as Tuesday to determine whether there is sufficient security to allow the team to carry out its work. But U.N. officials said it is likely that the security team will give them the go-ahead.

Who warns about avian flu

The World Health Organization warned Monday that the rapid spread of avian flu in poultry across Asia may be outstripping the ability of developing countries to contain the virus and reduce the risk of mutation into a form more easily spread among humans.

Outbreaks have now been confirmed in eight countries, including Pakistan, where officials announced Monday the discovery of diseased chickens in the port city of Karachi. About 1.5 million chickens have died from the virus in Pakistan, a tenor agriculture minister said, while industry sources said the number was more than double that. At present, WHO has no information that the strain of bird influenza could mutate and combine with human influenza to create a virulent form of the disease transmissible through human-to-human contact.


College & City

Award-winning musicians to perform as part of concert series

Grammy-winning guitarist Sharon Isbin and percussionist Pedro Stache de Mello will perform a program of Brazilian music tonight at 8:15 in Pem Hall in the James J. Whalen Center for Music. The concert is the second offering in the college's "Sound's of Home" concert series.

Pablo Cochet, assistant professor of music performance, will hold a free pre-concert lecture at 7:30 p.m. in the Liger Lecture Hall in the Whalen Center.

Isbin has given sold-out performances throughout the country, which has sold-out engagements with many leading orchestras and on many nationally broadcast radio programs. De Mello is a composer, arranger and multi-talented percussionist currently teaching composition and percussion work incorporating his Brazilian upbringing and his time spent is New York City studying with Laurindo Almeida.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased at the Clinton House ticket center, the Willard Straight Hall box office or at Cornell University or Cornell Book 273-4497 or (800)284-8242. Tickets are $10 for children, senior citizens and Ithaca College students; $15 for college alumni, faculty, staff and administrators, Friends of Ithaca College, and other students; and $20 for the general public.

"Robbing Us Blind" author to assess Bush administration

Author Steve Brouwer will give a talk critiquing the fiscal and social policies of the Bush administration on Saturday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the second floor of Athenaeum Leaves bookshop in The Commons.

The speech is sponsored by "Bush Must Go!" and is part of Brouwer's "Round Up the Bush Gang" national tour. Brouwer is the author of the recently published "Robbing Us Blind: The Return of the Bush Gang to America." He has been writing books about economic inequality and the rightward shift in American politics for more than 15 years.

Mental health association head to lead depression support group

The next meeting for a local Depression Support Group will be Thursday, Feb. 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Finger Lakes Independence Center.

At the meeting David Bulkey, Adult Service Director of the Mental Health Association in Tompkins County, will be speaking on "Community Resources - what they are and how to use them."

The group, which meets on the first and third Thursday of each month, is a self-help, peer- and confidential group.

For more information on the group, contact Larry Roberts at 272-2433.

Cornell neurobiology professor to lecture about cricket calls

Ronald Hoy, professor of neurobiology and behavior at Cornell University, will give a presentation titled "The Morse Code of Crickets: Acoustic Pursuit in Crickets" today at 4 p.m. in Center for Natural Sciences Room 112.

The speech is part of the department of biology's lecture series, which takes place every Thursday at 4 p.m. Refreshments are served beforehand at 3:45.

Red Cross offers training classes and blood drive recognition lunch

The American Red Cross of Tompkins County will hold winter/spring disaster training classes through April.

The courses include Intro to Disaster, Damage Assessment, Mass Care, Weapons of Mass Destruction/Terrorism overview and others.

All disaster classes are free of charge, and are held at the American Red Cross of Tompkins County, 201 West Clinton St.

For a full listing of course descriptions, schedules or to sign up (pre-registration required), check www.tompkins-ncross.org/first_disaster.htm, or call Mike Raff at 273-1900 ext. 11. In addition, the Red Cross will hold the 10th Annual Blood Services Recognition luncheon for blood drive sponsors and donors on Friday at the Ithaca Holiday Inn. Ithaca College will be among the organizations recognized for recruiting first time donors, with 25% in the 2003 fiscal year.

Kaplan Educational Services plans graduate exam workshop

Students in need of graduate exam preparation can attend a Kaplan Educational Services workshop on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in Williams 202.

Kaplan representatives will be on hand to offer students advice and strategies on how to effectively prepare for the test. They will also answer student questions.

Correction

It is The Ithacan's policy to correct all errors of fact. Please contact Assistant News Editor Katie Mastelka at 274-5207.
Slowing subpoenas
Court decision hinders RIAA in hunt for file sharers

BY KATIE MASLANKA Assistant News Editor

As the recording and movie industries continue to crack down on Internet piracy, Ithaca College is still on the radar, but it is becoming harder for students on campuses to be subpoenaed.

Since Aug. 31, the college has been notified of 55 computer users who have been sharing files online. That number is far higher than in previous years, said David Weil, director of web, systems and departmental services in Information Technology Services.

"The volume is significantly higher than I've ever seen," he said.

However, the college is not likely to be subpoenaed by the RIAA, because the college should expect a change in the lawsuit when the Motion Picture Association of America release the names of students sharing files anytime soon, due to a Just. 9 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia circuit that slows down the process by which the recording industry can issue subpoenas.

Subpoenas give the recording industry the right to demand the names of computer users who are sharing files online. Without them, the only means of identification for the RIAA is IP addresses.

The ruling will not keep the RIAA from notifying the college to stop individual users from sharing files, but it will relieve the college of the duty to share the names of computer users with the recording industry.

Before the ruling, the RIAA could issue what Weil called "rubber stamp" subpoenas, requiring only the signature of a federal clerk and thus involving little scrutiny.

Now the industry must go through a judicial review process, which is more thorough and time consuming. A ruling will partly be harder to settle for amounts out of court because of the greater amount of time and money involved in each case.

Weil said on the positive side, the RIAA "broke into" her computer equally, she said.

The warnings started in early September, when ITS received 12 notifications within the span of about two weeks.

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Melissa said she was aware of the illegality of file sharing, but didn't think that she would be caught and thought it was unfair that the RIAA could look on her computer to see her shared files.

In contrast, Rachel, a freshman communications major, wasn't even aware that her computer was configured to share files until the Office of Public Safety contacted her on Dec. 17.

She was surprised to be targetted since she only had 70 files, she said, but understood that the college had to target everyone equally, she said.

ResNet undergoes repairs

BY STEPHANIE BERGERON Staff Writer

While the Internet may seem slow now, students and staff have to deal with a smaller area, rather than the campus-wide system that is currently in place.

Bernard Rhoades, director of network and communication services, said many changes are being made to the network.

This week, ITS began working on sub-netting, or the process of dividing the network into sections around campus. For students, sub-netting would mean that viruses and worms were contained to a smaller area, rather than the campus-wide system that is currently in place.

Break the office installed a remote switch in the Bull Pen, which allow the defendants to be served with papers through which students can legally download files. The programs are paid for with student tuition.

Well said implementing a similar program at Ithaca College would be unlikely since students would probably not want to use their tuition money for such a purpose.

Melissa, a junior in the business school, was contacted by the college about her file sharing on Dec. 5 and told to delete the 610 shared files on her computer.

She said she was upset that the RIAA "broke into" her computer and raw that she was sharing files.
Mars rover provided long-term project for student

Emily Dean examined a model of the Mars rover. She is spending this semester working on the project.

WHILE WORKING WITH SCIENTISTS in California, junior Emily Dean examines a model of the Mars rover. She is spending this semester working on the project.

To help the staff members adjust to the new time, they are cut off from all natural light. Shifts are tightly controlled; no one gets the same shift.

Emily manages event scheduling for the lab. She loves the architecture, and the weather is beautiful.

The more than 300 people of the science and engineering teams take up three whole floors on the JPL campus.

"You know you're going into a place that not everybody gets to experience," Emily said.

She passes the press mobs and walks through tight security, flashing her badge for guard after guard before zipping to her work space in a fast elevator. Big black computer screens. Pull-down screens. Computer projectors. Rover models like Happy Meal toys. Emily uses the word "surreal" to describe her new life here a lot.

The rover team lives on Mars time, and a full day on Mars lasts 24 hours, 39 minutes, 35 seconds. Each day begins about 40 minutes later than the one before for the researchers. Emily said living on Mars time is a "nerve. You can't coordinate with Earth time."
Premiere to begin Black History Month

BY ANNE K. WALTERS
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Ithaca College will celebrate Black History Month in February with everything from hip-hop to silent films.

The month will begin Monday with a screening of the silent film "Within Our Gates," directed by Oscar Micheaux, in the Park Auditorium. The film will be accompanied by a newly commissioned score by local composer Fe Nunn and performed by the Body and Soul Ensemble.

Also on Tuesday, at 7 p.m., Body and Soul Ensemble will perform a visual and musical performance jam with digital mixing of black cultural and political images by Simon Tan, assistant professor of cinema and photography. The screening of "Within Our Gates" will begin at 4:15 p.m. A post-concert discussion will be held with Nunn, Siomopoulos, Grace An, lecturer of cinema and photography, John Hochheimer, associate professor of television, radio and film, and Elisa White and Zachary Williams, assistant professors in the Center for the Study of Culture, Race and Ethnicity. The African Latino Society will raise the African-American flag on the pole outside Campus Center Tuesday.

Tiffany Jackson, the group's public relations director, said the group has been planning Black History Month events for the past two and a half months. In addition to raising the flag, the group planned a black art display in the Handwerker Gallery and will host "Black Jeopardy" in the pub.

Also on Tuesday, attorney and journalist William Pepper will give a speech titled "An Act of State: The Execution of Dr. Martin Luther King." For nearly 30 years, Pepper has argued that King's assassination was part of a government conspiracy. AL3 will also participate in a panel on the politics of the hip-hop culture on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. in Clark Lounge. The panel will feature author, lawyer and cultural commentator Yvonne Byene, author of "Full Disclosure: The Business of Hip-Hop" and "Stand and Deliver: Political Activism, Leadership and Hip-Hop Culture." Other panelists include activist and journalist David Muhammad and Louise Mygatt, lecturer of music theory, history and composition.

Jackson said another highlight of the month will be "Taste of Soul" on Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Emerson Suites. The event will feature African-American and Caribbean food and jazz music. Slam poet muMs will perform.

He has appeared on HBO's show "Oz," in Spike Lee's film "Bamboozled" and in the documentary "Slamnation.

"My personal hope is that they will realize that there is more to African-American culture than they may think," she said. "We want to highlight the positive aspects of our culture."
Summer Study Abroad

Start thinking summer!
The spring semester has just begun, but now is the time to start thinking about your summer study abroad plans.

IC programs for summer 2004 include:

**Dominican Republic:**
- Aging and Health Care in Latin America
  Contact Mary Ann Erickson at merickson@ithaca.edu
- Culture and Society
  Contact Hector Velez at velez@ithaca.edu
- Health Care and Culture
  Contact Katherine Beissner at beissner@ithaca.edu
- Cross-Cultural Psychology
  Contact Judith Pena-Schaff at jpenaper@ithaca.edu

**England:**
- International Sport Management in London
  Contact John Wolohan at jwolohan@ithaca.edu

**Italy:**
- Language and Culture in Siena
  Contact either Julia Cozzarelli at jcozzarelli@ithaca.edu or Rachel Cullenen at rcullenen@ithaca.edu.
- Photographic Projects in Florence
  Contact Nicholas Muellner at nmuellner@ithaca.edu
- Adriatic Chamber Music Festival
  Contact Susan Waterbury at swaterbury@ithaca.edu

**Vietnam:**
- Culture and Economic Transformation
  Contact Shaianne Osterreich at sostereich@ithaca.edu

Applications for these summer programs can be printed out from the International Programs website at [http://www.ithaca.edu/oip/studyabroad_app.html](http://www.ithaca.edu/oip/studyabroad_app.html).

Please bring completed applications to the Office of International Programs, 213 Muller Center, along with a $35 application fee.

For more information, contact the Office of International Programs
213 Muller Faculty Center - 274-3306
Student trips offer fresh look at Israel

BY MEGAN REYNOLDS
Staff Writer

Mount Scopes, Jerusalem, is home to Hadassah Hospital, a place where Israelis and Palestinians are treated equally — the value of all lives is the same. Hadassah Hospital works to save lives — all lives. In a land where cultural and political wars are fought daily, Hadassah Hospital offers hope that these two nations and their people can live in harmony.

“ITREAT all patients equally,” said freshman Jessie Carroll, who visited the hospital during a recent trip to Israel. “They say, 'Leave your baggage at the door, we are here to save lives, this is a hate-free environment.'

At a time of a terrorist attack, they will even treat the terrorist, which is controversial, but a life is a life.”

It is places like Hadassah Hospital that affirm Carroll’s love for Israel. Carroll is one of several Ithaca College students who ventured to Israel with Hasvera fellowships, an Israel advocacy training program, over winter break. Carroll and freshman Monica Goldenberg both learned it is important for students to understand the culture of Israel beyond its political conflicts.

Through the Hasvera fellowship Carroll and Goldenberg heard from experts on media bias. With approximately 130 students from the United States and Canada, they participated in workshops teaching them how to promote advocacy on college campuses.

This program aimed to help students “be able to come back to campuses and promote Israel in a proactive manner,” said Carroll.

Ithaca sophomores Marissa Spitx and Melanie Pessin traveled with Birthright Israel, a program that offers a free ten-day trip to Israel for young Jewish adults ages 18 to 26. Over winter break approximately five students from Ithaca, 70 from Cornell and 30 from Syracuse traveled with Birthright. The program allowed students to do all the typical “touristy things,” said Pessin.

“I think it is something people need to be aware of and get involved in because it is a great cause,” said Goldenberg. “I think the culture needs to be paid more attention to. There is a lot more to Israel than the Palestine-Israel conflict.”

Carroll thinks there has been increased focus by the media on Israeli security and politics, causing many people to overlook the rich culture of the country.

“The news portrays it as a cycle of violence,” said Carroll. “I want there to be a balance of Israeli politics and Israeli culture.”

Carroll and Goldenberg both enjoyed living like Israelis during their trip. They were able to go out and participate in nightlife. The students also navigated the cities, shopping and going to coffee shops. Carroll noted that at an Israeli cafe, patrons would pay a security fee in addition to a tip.

Students found that while there was added security throughout Israel, they didn’t feel unsafe during their travels.

“You basically go through security checks at every public place — more so in the malls and restaurant, but you don’t when you get on the bus which, for some people, is disconcerting,” Goldenberg said. “People are definitely very cautious. It’s just kind of automatic that you look around at who’s with you and who has bags.”

Spitz said that tourism is a large part of the Israeli economy and that Americans are welcome there. She recalled a time during the trip when a man at an Israeli mall said, “I’m really glad you’re here.”

The Israeli culture, Goldenberg said, is a lot like the American culture, but still maintains distinct differences that make traveling to Israel an enlightening experience.

Carroll and Goldenberg both thought that while security was a concern for all Israelis and for tourists, it isn’t something that they allow to control their lives.

Goldenberg said, “You can’t live your life in fear, and if people were living in fear, I don’t think they’d do well.”
Beyond books
Committee to make library user-friendly

BY GREGORY BEYER
Staff Writer

Library patrons who find themselves frustrated with the results of a Google search or intimidated by call numbers and multimedia technology may be interested in the genesis of a new campus group that will change the way students and the library interact.

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Jan. 13
Unlawful possession/marijuana
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SUMMARY: Caller reported observing drug paraphernalia while conducting a health and safety inspection. Pending investiga­
tion. Patrol Officer William Kerry.

Unlawful possession/marijuana
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SUMMARY: Caller reported observing drug paraphernalia while conducting a health and safety inspection. Pending investiga­
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Lawny
LOCATION: Terrace 10
SUMMARY: Caller reported unknown personal theft checks, two of which had been used electronically via Internet. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightower.

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LOCATION: College Circle Apartment 20
SUMMARY: Caller reported observing drug paraphernalia while conducting a health and safety inspection. Pending investiga­
tion. Patrol Officer William Kerry.

Jan. 14
Unlawful possession/marijuana
LOCATION: College Circle Apartment 20
SUMMARY: Officer interviewed resident possessing possession of a beer keg reported
on Jan. 13. One student judicially referred for possession of marijuana, Patrol Officer William Kerry.

Jan. 15
Motor vehicle accident
LOCATION: Main Campus road
SUMMARY: Officer interviewed resident regarding possession of a beer keg reported
on Jan. 13. One student judicially referred for possession of marijuana, Patrol Officer William Kerry.

Jan. 16
Accidental property damage
LOCATION: College Circle Apartment
SUMMARY: Call made reported a broken sprinkler pipe. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Ronald Clark.

Jan. 17
Disorderly conduct
LOCATION: Garden Apartment
SUMMARY: Call made reported a bar brawl. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Doug Gordan.

Fire alarm
LOCATION: Eichel Tower
SUMMARY: Fire alarm caused by a broken sprinkler pipe. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Doug Gordan.

Motor vehicle accident
LOCATION: F pond
SUMMARY: Patrolman reported a two-car property damage MVA. Sgt. Frederick Thompkin.

Found property
LOCATION: Lower Quad near Landon Hall
SUMMARY: Set of keys was found and brought to Office of Public Safety.

Life safety hazard
LOCATION: College Circle Apartment 19
SUMMARY: Child reported the odor of natural

Assist other agency/NYSY
LOCATION: All other/Dryden
SUMMARY: Officer responded to a fire alarm and reported that unknown persons maliciously activated a pull box. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Erick Lyman.

Found property
LOCATION: Jiot
SUMMARY: A cellphone bag was found and brought to Public Safety.

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Editorials

Let athletes decide

Williams should push for repeal of changes

Several of the recently approved changes to Division III athletics that limit practice and competition time were well-conceived and will bring more competitive schools like Ithaca College. The college was wise to vote against a variety of measures that will shorten sports seasons and limit out-of-season games and practices.

Supporters of the changes argue that they will allow athletes to focus more attention on other aspects of college life beyond their own individual sports. And while every college student should seek out a balanced education, young adults must be allowed to make their own choices and should not have their schedules dictated by the NCAA. Student athletes who want to participate in activities beyond their sports already are. No new mandate from on high will convince the most single-minded athletes to leave the weight rooms and practice fields.

In fact, athletics provides innumerable benefits to participants. The graduation rate among athletes at Ithaca College is 13 points higher than the rate for the general student population, according to statistics provided by Mike Lindberg, assistant athletic director. The retention rate for athletes is 92 percent, compared to 86 percent among all students.

The college should take the first step in opposing the changes by voting against them at the NCAA conference. New President Peggy R. Post and Williams must take advantage of her new role on the President's Council of the NCAA to advocate vehemently for the repeal of the recently approved measures.

Failing that, it is time for the college to seriously investigate the possibility of forming a new division of athletics to allow more like-minded colleges and universities. Student athletes should be allowed and encouraged to compete to the best of their abilities. If the current system does not allow that, it is time to consider the alternatives.

New, organic diversity

Church represents cultural exchange

The Empowerment Church, a newly created religious program at Ithaca College, is an example of how diversity at the college should develop.

Ithaca College's administration has committed to finding proactive and energetic faculty members and students to bring cultural diversity to the campus, and the Empowerment Church shows that with the addition of these members, socially rich programs will emerge and develop of their own accord. Founded by Zach Williams, new assistant professor known as the eye of the storm. Once

Bush/Cheney better

In response to Joy Langley's piece of Jan. 22, I believe that Bush and Cheney are better candidates than Howard Dean and John Edwards.

President George W. Bush and his administration are the ones we should thank for the boost in the economy and the long-term plan to create jobs. In order for these policies to be preserved long-term, President Bush must be re-elected so he can assure the continued prosperity of America's economy.

Like it or not, in spite of terrorist attacks on our country and nearly a decade of fading family values, our nation's prosperity is on the rise again — and stronger than ever like a phoenix from the ashes.

If Howard Dean is elected, he would undoubtedly reverse many of Bush's policies. It would mean all of this administration's attempts to ensure our security and way of life would be for naught. These last three years of the Bush administration would forever be known as the eye of the storm. Once

Act like professionals

I attended Friday night's men's basketball game versus Utica, and witnessed a sight that disturbed me. Three prominent members of Ithaca's sports broadcasting team were on hand as fans (although still dressed in suit and tie), and spent the entire game pacing up and down the front row, berating officials, and yelling disparaging, and in one case racist, remarks at opposing players. The three had no regard for their duty not only as impartial journalists, but as students representing the dignity of the college.

Trash-talking from fans is part of the game, but not from members of the college media, and certainly not with a racist tone from anybody. If the Park School Wants the student media to be treated professionally, the student media should act like professionals, and act like they represent both their school and their college.

Ithacan Inquirer

Do you think incoming students would be interested in a college-wide honors program?

It's a big thing to ask for, but if someone was scholarship worthy they would be interested. I'm sure it would help for resubmissions.

-JIM PRUETER '06, ATHLETIC TRAINING

They would. Most colleges have one, and it would be optional. I'm surprised that we don't have one.

-MEGAN VASELEWSKI, '06, ENGLISH EDUCATION

It seems pretty popular in other schools. Students in Park and some other schools were likely to be interested.

-KATIE KENNEDY '04, TELEVISION AND RADIO

It would definitely offer more opportunities for incoming students but side of the HS&^ school.

-GINA EVERS '05, WRITING
Consider going abroad to make a difference

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2004

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Another Angle

Hearing a former student share his international experience was my inspiration to study abroad. This spring, I am spending eight weeks in El Salvador, where I will be studying language and human rights. I will be accompanied by a group of seven students from Ithaca College. The trip will focus on relief and development work as well as community service. I am excited to have this opportunity to make a difference in the world.

Many students at Ithaca College have the opportunity to study abroad, but not all take advantage of this experience. While Ithaca College offers many study abroad programs, students should also consider opportunities in other countries. There are many programs available, and students should explore their options and find the program that is right for them.

In addition to the international experience, studying abroad can also enhance academic opportunities. Many colleges and universities offer study abroad programs that allow students to earn college credit while abroad. This can be a great way to complete courses that are not available at home, or to take courses in a different language.

Studying abroad can also provide a unique opportunity to explore different cultures and ways of life. Students can learn about the history, art, and music of other countries, and can gain a new perspective on their own culture. This can be a valuable experience, both personally and professionally.

Overall, studying abroad is a valuable opportunity that should not be overlooked. I encourage all students to consider this option and to seize the opportunity to make a difference in the world.

Just a Thought

EMILY PAULSEN

Preparation for this year's primaries, each candidate has been bringing religious rhetoric to the campaign trail — some more gracefully than others. Howard Dean, for example, has a comfortable past with Christianity, while Wesley Clark expressed a similar sentiment at a debate in Des Moines.

"The cause of a Party does not have the monopoly on faith in this country," he said. "And there are just as many Democrats who believe in religion — they go to church, they read the Bible, they say their prayers, they believe in — in a lot of things that are important, which is what this election is really about." Is he right?

The other Democratic hopefuls seem to agree. John Kerry and Joseph Lieberman, both of whom have traveled to Third World nations previously. So I was kind of the black sheep of the many religious leaders. Joseph Lieberman, the first Jew to be a candidate, has been the only one to be a religious audience.

In the past, there has been much discussion about the role of religion in politics. Some have argued that religion should be kept out of politics, while others believe that it is a natural part of the political process.

I believe that religion should play a role in politics, but it should be a role of reason and wisdom. Candidates should not use religion to gain support, but rather to provide a moral compass for their policies. As voters, we should examine the candidates' beliefs and values, and make our choices based on those considerations. This way, we can elect leaders who truly represent the values of our society.

In the end, the most important consideration is that we choose leaders who will work for the good of all Americans. Religion can be an important factor in this process, but it should not be the only factor. We must choose leaders who are committed to the well-being of our nation, and who will work to address the challenges we face.

In the words of President Bush, "We can trust in that greater power who guides the untangling of the world. And in all of this new millennium, I believe that God's purposes are just and true, and God bless the United States of America."
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Ghana from January 10 to 16.

Edward Twyman, the director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the scholarship program, said he hopes all the MLK scholars will be part of the growth and improvement, "I was very emotional to see the conditions under which many of the people of this world live and try to understand how those conditions relate to the privileges and abundance we enjoy in the United States," Twyman said. "Items Americans too often take for granted — pencils, shoes and clean water — were highly prized commodities in most of the places we visited."

Valencia said he felt guilty for driving around in an air-conditioned bus, which felt like "a huge money sign," while vendors outside sweated in the dense heat trying to make a living. Informal sales to tourists make up 70 percent of economy in Ghana, and vendors flocked to students every time they filed out of the bus.

One child vendor handed me a beaded bracelet that he was selling for free. "I hadn't even done anything for him yet," she said. "All I had done was promise to send him pens."

Twyman said he is looking forward to seeing his mother and his home country for the first time since his senior year in high school. He said he was also wary about scholars examining his country from an academic perspective. "Things are going so well there, and I want them to like it," Ewoodzie said. "At the end of the session, I was amazed to see how the MLK scholars took over and answered some really great questions — I was so proud of the group," Ewoodzie said.
Students dust off Ithaca’s forgotten art

By Paul Gimelberg

Staff Writer

At a college known for music and communications, other forms of art are often ignored. It’s easy to overlook an obscure facility underneath the library. Students regularly pass by on their way to class without even glancing in its direction. Last semester, Cheryl Kramer, director of the Handwerker Gallery and assistant professor of art history, gave students a hands-on opportunity to take a closer look at Ithaca College’s forgotten art in her Introduction to Museology class.

During the class, 11 students explored a storage room containing a dusty collection of paintings, sculptures, etchings and artifacts in search of pieces to include in their own exhibition. The art dated back to the precursor of the Handwerker Gallery, the Ithaca College Museum of Art, located downtown and closed in 1972.

Corinne Jacoby, a senior cinema and photography major, was one of the students who spent a couple of hours rummaging through the collection, looking for her favorite pieces.

“It was overwhelming. There were boxes full of stuff and tons of paintings,” she said. “We didn’t even get through the library. The pieces that Jacoby and her classmates chose are showcased at the gallery’s current exhibition “From Dust to Daylight: Selections from the Permanent Collection.”

Jacoby said she, like most people, didn’t even know the college had a permanent collection. When sorting through the collection, she and her classmates had to determine which pieces to keep and which to leave behind.

“I just picked pieces that were visually interesting to me or by artists that I had some familiarity with,” Jacoby said. She said she watched an etching by Kathie Kollwitz that she chose because she was familiar with the artist and knew she lived an interesting life. Jacoby has always been interested in going to museums.

“I kind of wanted to know what happens when scenes are shot and a little bit about what I don’t see in a museum, going as a ‘viewer,’” she said.

Tina Cuadrado, a junior art history major, said she took the class because she also wanted to know how museums operate. She said she thought the museum was “very interesting, because we all like different things.”

She said curating the unlabeled art required a lot of research.

The students all had to determine what it was, where it came from and who created it. Then they had to communicate their ideas and work with those, including Kramer. She thought it was worthy of revival. The variety of the chosen work led to the exhibition’s chronologically indifferent smorgasbord of expression.

Jacoby said she had trouble deciding which pieces she wanted in the exhibit. She described her favorite piece as Edith Math’s “Beelegs Tree Martha’s Vineyard.” Cuadrado said it was on display in simplicity, but she also appreciated the brightly colored work of Nicholas Kruhnen’s “Iron Butterfly Folio.”

Cuadrado did not only expose her to the curating process, but also gave her a reason to visit the Handwerker Gallery. She said she learned a lot about how many good pieces there were. Cuadrado said she felt like the collection was very diverse, because we all like different things.”

“Always new it was there, but I never went in,” she said. “I found out what I was missing.” She said it only takes five minutes to experience a different type of culture on campus.

Exhibits normally change every month and the gallery’s hours are convenient. Living in a world with constant distractions, students are more conscious of the ever-present burden of time.

“The good thing about this show,” Kramer said, “is that there are so many different types of art that [everyone] can find something that [they] like,” said Jacoby. “Once you find an artist that you like, you will be more likely to explore.”

Kramer said the students, from a variety of majors, explored the idea of the museum in a different way.

“The students came away from the class more visually aware of exhibits,” Kramer said. “They brought new ideas and enthusiasm. It made me look at a few things in different ways.”

From woodwork like Arthur Hoeber’s “Polydimensional Wall” to artifacts including diverse tribal masks, an Aztec sacrificial knife and a bone flute dating back to A.D. 750, Kramer said the exhibit reflects the diversity of the permanent collection.

“It’s going to have greater appeal because I would assume that students will be interested in seeing what other students are doing,” Kramer said. “I hope students will look at the exhibit and be encouraged to take the course.”

The exhibit runs through February 15 at Ithaca College’s Handwerker Gallery.
ICE CLIMBING ENTHUSIAST Simeon Warner takes the rare opportunity to climb one of Ithaca's falls while belayer Matt Stevens works the ropes at the Light in Winter Festival.

enough to light our spirits in one magical experience for the crowds of people in the area to draw on, and I think one-day exception for the festival, only Eller said the entire festival exceeded expectations. We just have such a wealth of talented climbers from the Cornell Outdoor Education program and hobbyists from as far as New Zealand, fought to bring the event to Ithaca for nearly a year. They loped community exposure at the festival would dispel myths about unsafe climbing conditions.

Barbara Mink's 4-year-old vision. She events to Ithaca. [the] belief that this area could become the ice climbing safety mecca for ice climbing and the turnout was so sold-out auditoriums. Ice climbing was just a one-day privilege.

BY MICHELLE THEIS Staff Writer

- They've got the energy and attendees break the miles on Ithaca's falls. Dressed in thick bright coats, and with an estimated 200 curious onlookers watching from the Giles Street bridge, nine designated climbers gripped ice axes and kicked in spiky crampons to climb the white frozen falls.

Pick up pick and step by step, the strongest and most experienced climbers ascended the left of two parallel falls. Last Wednesday, the waterfall was named for the festival that provided Ithaca's first legal, one-day ice climbing adventure: Light in Winter. Ithaca's second annual Light in Winter Festival offered a unique variety of never-before-seen Ithaca-area events. Ice climbing was just one. Twenty-one custom performances filled last weekend's schedule, from a musical exercise with 100 metronomes and flashlights, to the songs of whales at the Museum of the Earth.

With snow burries, bluster winds and temperatures sometimes below zero, the wintry atmosphere set the stage for founder Barbara Mink's 4-year-old vision. She wanted to develop a "rich synergy of the arts and sciences," creating a stimulating environment. She said she normally has to travel to the Adirondacks to experience ice like she found Sunday. But he knows Sunday's climb was a one-day privilege.

"Now it's back to driving five hours again," he said.

Watching from the bridge above, Eller said he was excited to see the climbers at the festival and hoped they would be permitted to return to the annual festivals in the future. "This was an opportunity to demonstrate [the] belief that this area could become the mecca for ice climbing and the turnout was phenomenal, who would have thought," she said.

Eller said the entire festival exceeded expectations.

"We just have such a wealth of talented people in this area to draw on, and I think there's no limits to what we can do," she said.
Everything adds up at a Viennese opera

In Austria, 3.50 euro doesn’t buy much—a falafel sandwich, a couple of rides on the U-Bahn, a 10-minute phone call across town. But there’s one spot where 3.50 will buy you an evening of classical music and, as I found out, a fascinating but frustrating cultural experience. That place is the Staatsoper, the state opera of Vienna.

A friend and I arrived at opera house two hours and ten curvy parts into our drive. We were immediately accorded by an opera guard as old as the building. Peeving was no option. We stood behind a velvet red ribbon and the audience turned to us as we walked up the stairs to find—yet another line. Then we were free—at least for 45 minutes.

The floor? I thought she was kidding. It was dark. We didn’t know that a spot is the standing room section of the opera’s gilded and sparkling entrance hall. We left our scarves in their original places and continued the safe theme of playing originals that bore no resemblance to the opera’s traditional repertoire.

To bring the cliched set full-circle, Ani DiFranco played the inevitable Bob Dylan cover, “Man in Me.”

Clarinets. Other overhead drum sounds the vocals barely audible, and Webb’s electric guitar evened audience. Nucleus needed - a facelift.

Ani’s latest showcases her independent spirit

BY MIKE NAGEL

DiFranco is a woman who likes to be in control. That much is apparent on her latest album, “Educated Guess.” She’s the sole artist to appear on the record—singing, playing guitar, drums and keyboards. This is not out of the ordinary for DiFranco, who released her self-titled debut in 1989. Since then, she’s produced the majority of her albums herself, creating an island of self-reliance and independence.

Independence is the overarching theme to “Educated Guess.” It’s a celebration of life, independence in thought, independence from materialism, and most of all, independence from bad relationships. While she’s more profound than Destiny’s Child’s “All I Want Is You,” she’s not directly addressing any situation.

DiFranco sings with a good voice for steady groove, echo guitar effect and acoustic downbeats because she knows her way around the frets. It’s clear that she values her way of working, and the whole album is built on this statement. It’s not a question of whether she’s successful or not, but rather what she’s saying. She’s singing about her life, and she’s not afraid to share it with the world.

The album sounds as if it’s Ani fooling around, but with a good sense for steady groove, echo guitar effect and acoustic downbeats. It’s a stark contrast to her previous work, which was more experimental and diverse. This album is more focused and direct, with a clear message of independence and self-reliance.

Music Review

“Educated Guess”

DiFranco’s guitar work is not without its moments. Some songs have a crunchy, raw sound that gives an edge to the acoustic. But overall, the album is more restrained, with a focus on melody and arrangement.

The album’s standout track is “Clip Clop Clack,” which features a mockumentary-style voiceover and a catchy, upbeat melody. DiFranco’s lyrics are often cryptic and abstract, but they work well with the music to create a cohesive and powerful album.

Overall, “Educated Guess” is a strong album that showcases DiFranco’s talent and her commitment to independence. It’s a great addition to her discography and a testament to her ability to create music that is both personal and universal.
Kid's play isn't rated 'Argh'

BY EMILY GALLAGHER

A band of combative pirates captures the smart, wooden-platform in the Kitchen Theatre. The greg-guz- zling group eventually settles down to plunder play cards in the afternoon set. Lookie, there goes a young and hearty cheer make it clear that the youngest member is the star of the gang.

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Today

Coffee Hour — 10 a.m. in McDonnell Lounge, Campus Center.

Chaplain’s Bible Study — Noon in Phillips Room, Muller Chapel.

Public Reading — George Saunders, sponsored by The Distinguished Writers Visiting Series, at 7:30 in Emerson Suite B, Phillips Hall.

SAB Films — “Matchstick Men” at 8 p.m. in Textor 102.

Fireside Chat/ Mass — 9 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Muller Chapel.

Ithaca College Concerts — Sharon Issin, guitar, and Gaudencio Thiago de Melo, percussion, at 8:15 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.

SAB Films — “Matchstick Men” at 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and midnight in Textor 102.

Leadership Event for Greek Organizations (LEGO) — 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Friends 207, 208, 210.

Senior Recital — Erin Boxers, violoncello, 4 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.

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JUNIOR MARC ISRAEL has Bulked up his weight and record

BY MICAH KARG
Staff Writer

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"When I lost to Everett by one," he said. A 5-4 loss at the Binghamton Open Nov. 15 to the third ranked wrestler in Division I, Ralph Everett of Hofstra: "That match showed me I can wrestle with anyone," Israel said. "Wrestling him tough gave me immovable confidence for the rest of my career."

Israel could have wrestled Division I, Drexel and James Madison wanted him. But he said no. He chose Ithaca, a perennial national contender, because of its wrestling tradition, head coach, beautiful campus and academics.

Division III opponents can only win once, Nichols said. D-I Israel has compiled a 78-21 record facing competitors from Divisions I, II and III as well as junior college programs.

As an unlisted freshman, Israel earned All-American status in the 141-pound weight class. Last season he wrestled at 149, but despite his success at tournaments, he lost the starting spot to classmate Jad Duca. Duca went on to nationals. "It wasn't fun- I've realized it's not about winning and losing, and that takes the tension out of the room," Israel said. Reaching that milestone this year is "the biggest match of his collegiate career."

DespiteIsrael's new-found laid-back style when not in competition, on the mats it's a different story. "I'm always on the offensive, opening up his foes, relentlessly attacking until he has the momentum," Nichols said. "He's more relaxed. He is a better guy, more concerned with the junior 25. Marc Israel was with the man who brought him to the South Hill, coach Marty Nichols. The two decided that 165 would be the spot for Israel. But, to compete two weight classes higher than he had would not only require discipline on the mats, but also in the weight room and at the dinner table.

Israel hit the gym hard with his older brother, Craig, over the summer in their hometown of Liberty, Pa. Marc lowered his repetitions while lifting heavier weight. Running was not as important - he needed to put on 15-20 pounds of muscle. Meals were a challenge, as Israel pounded down portions of pasta and protein powder daily.

The result? A terrific 28-6 record and a number six ranking in Division III. His new workout regimen is the key. "Guys that go up don't usually stay in good condition," Nichols said. "He's in as good as shape now at 165 as he was freshman year at 141. You don't see that too often."

Israel could have wrestled Division I. The opening was an opportunity for not about winning and losing, and that takes the rest of my career."

Israel's weight isn't the only thing that's changed, Nichols said. "He's more mature now and he doesn't take things for granted," Nichols said. "He respects the competition more."

After success in his freshman campaign, Israel said he put too much pressure on himself for last year. The off-season between last year and this year provided him with time to reflect on his mentality.

"All I thought was, 'I have to do well,'" Israel said. "It wasn't fun- I've realized it's not about winning and losing, and that takes the tension out of the room."

Sophomore teammate Matthias Keib has also seen the change in personality. "He's made a transition. Now he takes things one match at a time," the sophomore 174-pounder said. "He's a totally different person, he's more relaxed. He is a better guy, ten-fold." Despite Israel's new-found laid-back style when not in competition, on the mats it's a different story.

Like a spider after its prey, Israel wraps around his foes, relentlessly attacking until he has come out victorious. "I'm always on the offensive, opening up with shots," he said. "I don't change my approach from match to match. I try to make my opponent change his style."

Israel has only two losses against Division III opponents. He has dominated the competition, pinning foes eight times.

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Packaging on the pounds

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Ithaca drops Oneonta  
Win snaps Red Dragons’ seven-game win streak  

BY JENNIFER BEEMAN  
Staff Writer  

Winning doesn’t always have to look good. 

One sign of a great champion is the ability to triumph when not playing at peak form. And that is why the Bombers are 13-1.

That and the fact that a sub-par showing is still a step ahead of most teams in the Empire 8.

However, despite some previous less-than-perfect performances, the Bombers stepped up and put forth a solid display of basketball Tuesday to snap Oneonta’s seven-game winning streak, defeating the Red Dragons, 87-74.

The Bombers opened the game with an 18-5 run off of an offensive attack that easily penetrated the Red Dragons’ defense. Shots were falling. Passes were being completed.

Junior Stephanie Cleary led the team in scoring, with 22 points. Senior Jennie Swatling contributed 15 points and nine rebounds.

The Bombers equaled their offensive success with solid defense, rejecting the swarm of red charging the net. Senior Kelly Gawronski grabbed seven defensive rebounds and tallied four blocks. Sophomore Megan Michio contributed three steals and three blocks in addition to seven points and five rebounds.

As has been a pattern this season, the Bombers suffered a lull as the end of the first half, but bounced back, with increased intensity at the start of the second period. Though the Bombers were tested by the Red Dragons, they were never in danger of losing.

“We have a ton of potential, and we’re starting to reach that,” Swatling said.

The win over Oneonta marked the seventh straight victory for the Bombers, the result of a 12-0 run off of an offensive attack that eased the way for the Bombers to take the victory.

“We’re focusing on winning the Empire 8 so we can host the tournament here,” Gawronski said, who pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds. “Whenever we play at home, we play better than we do on the road.”

In order to win the conference, coach Dan Raymond said it is crucial that the Bombers improve with every game.

“And it’s every game we go after the ball and wait it more than they do,” Raymond added. “We need to improve with every possession.”

Tuesday’s showing was a good start. In addition, the Bombers made a major improvement on an aspect of the game that has hindered their performance in previous games: rebounding. The Bombers dominated the boards, out-rebounding Oneonta 59-39.

“Basically it’s a mental thing,” Swatling said of rebounding. “You have to go after the ball and want it more than they do.”

What the Blue and Gold want is to at least equal last season’s Sweet 16 appearance, but they aren’t thinking too far into the future.

Swatling said the Bombers know what they can do as a team and now must focus on sticking to their game and maintaining a consistent level of play through all 40 minutes.

“We worry about it a lot, but we’re making sure we get better with every game no matter who we are playing,” Raymond said.

“Something’s really important this especially this time of the year to try and develop that consistency.”

With all the positives that the Bombers took away from Tuesday’s game, Ithaca may have suffered a severe setback. In the final minutes of play, sophomore Hill Post, who pulled down seven rebounds and scored five points, broke her left hand.

Swatling said the starting forward “bent her fingers all the way back.”

Post saw an orthopedist Wednesday night, coach Raymond said, and is out indefinitely.

Post’s trip to the sideline is the second major loss the Bombers have suffered this year. Against St. Lawrence, senior guard Alex Ivansheck injured her knee in the final minute of play, knocking her out for the remainder of the season.

Despite the injuries, the Bombers are well on their way of finishing atop the Empire 8, barring a drastic drop in performance. And in the likeliest event that actually happens, the Bombers have a knack for finding ways to win.

“I have been fortunate enough to have players that step up in those types of situations,” Raymond said.

The Bombers aim to continue their perfect league record at No. 11 State John Fish­er on Friday.

Women’s basketball  
Ithaca vs Oneonta  

Tuesday  

Staff Writer  

BY JENNIFER BEEMAN  
Staff Writer  

Senior Alex Ivansheck dribbled down the court,ready to launch an offensive attack against St. Lawrence on Dec. 12.

Her most recent concern would normally be to find an open pass or a path to drive to the basket. However, on this particular day, a crossover dribble sent Ivansheck to the floor.

“My lower leg went one way and my knee went the other way,” she said.

“There was no contact.”

The result was a tear in her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and meniscus— which was remedied with surgery two weeks ago.

Ivansheck will spend the remainder of the season out of competition and in rehabilitation, but plans to return next year to get her MBA, coach Dan Raymond said.

"The way the ACL is torn and the meniscus [require] that it’s going to take time to rehabilitate and get back in shape,” Ivansheck said. “I opted to take the surgery and rehab and red shirt this year so I can play next year.”

Ivansheck’s injury is a big loss for the Bombers (13-2), who have dropped only two of 12 contests so far this season.

“We had four returning starters,” said junior Stephanie Cleary. “The chemistry is not the same as we had without Alex. It’s a really big loss, more so defensive­ly. She is one of our best defenders.”

Senior Kelly Gawronski added that Ivansheck is a great team member who is always helping teammates with problems that may arise, pointing out that it is a “real situation without Alex there at practices.”
Men's basketball
Ithaca vs Oneonta

Tuesday

Bombers (69)
Tyler Schulz 12-23-4-7 32, Michael Kubera 1-4-0-0 2, Jonathan Whetstone 1-3 1-2 7, Nate Thomas 1-3 0-0 2, Michael Kubera 1-4 0-0 2, Jon Garcia 0-0 3-4 3, Tim Cullen 0-0 0-1 0, Michael Reardon 0-2 0-0 0, Tariq Ahmad 1-2 0-0 2, Total 29-58 7-11 69.

Red Dragons (54)
Adam Rios 0-2 0-0 0, Mack Moore 8-16 0-2 5, Shabron Bridges 4-8 0-0 9, Anthony Niglione 4-10 1-2 12, Mike Broncklo 2-0-0 0 4, Jareen Murphy 2-2 0-0 4, Cortney Wren 4-7 1-2 1 9, Sean Coffey 0-0 0-0 0, Michael Reardon 0-2 0-0 0, Steven Stello 3-4 0-0 6, Jon Garcia 0-3 0-0 0, Tim Cullen 0-0 0-0 0, Total 21-59 7-11 54.

Overall, the Bombers shot 63 percent from the field and seven for nine from the free-throw line. Defensively, Ithaca held the Red Dragons to only 42 percent from the field in the first half, taking a 45-32 lead.

Coming into the contest, Oneonta led the SUNYAC conference with nearly 39 rebounds per game. But Ithaca dominated the boards, 49 to 26, which included a career-high 12 rebounds for sophomore guard Jim Bellis. Junior guard Jesse Roth was the only other Bomber that scored in double-digits with 15.

The Blue and Gold's defense was able to hold Oneonta's offensive leaders to only nine points. Forward Kurt Troyer and guard Shabron Bridges had been averaging 16 points per game. With the victory, the Bombers (8-5) climbed over .500 for the first time this season.

But with Ithaca's two most important weeks of the season approaching - including one game against conference-leading RIT and two against St. John Fisher - the Bombers have a glaring weakness:

"We need to cut down on our turnovers," Schulz said. "Our defense is starting to pick up, our offense is getting into some rhythm, but we just turn the ball over way too much."

Against Oneonta, the Bombers had a historic 21 turnovers, boosting their average to 17 per game.

"In my eyes, it's mental mistakes," Mullins said. "Most turnovers are avoidable, not physical, like trying to make a great pass when a routine one will suffice."

But Mullins is still hopeful that the Bombers' recent success will match previous years.

"Some of the better teams that we've had in recent years... had a point in the season that was right about now where we started making a run," he said. "Hopefully that's the same kind of thing that's happening now."

The Blue and Gold travel to Rochester on Friday night for their first of two regular-season games against St. John Fisher. The Cardinals are tied with Ithaca for second place in the SUNYAC conference standings at 4-1.

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Bomber Roundup

Men’s aquatics Saturday

Going into the final home meet of the season, the Bombers had not lost a meet in the ECAC since November 4. They entered the meet 8-1 on the season.

Five pool records fell as seniors Sasha Kuznezov and Sean Kavanagh led the way. Kuznezov swam to a season best in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 21.10 seconds — just off his record of 21.03 set at the first meet of the year. Kavanagh set records in the 150- and 200-yard backstroke events, posting times of 53.70 seconds and 1:56.81, respectively.

In the 400-yard medley relay, Kuznezov and Kavanagh also set season records with seniors Ryan Orser and Geoff Brousseau to set another pool record with a time of 3:30.31.

Junior Steve Barnes posted three wins in the 200-, 500- and 1,000-yard freestyle events. With a win in the 100-yard backstroke, the Bombers can tie the school record for single-season wins with 15.

Women’s aquatics Saturday

The South Hill squad defeated Geneseo, 196-117, closing out four undefeated seasons for the senior class in meets at Ithaca. The Blue and Gold won 8-1 on the season.

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In the 400-yard medley relay, Kuznezov and Kavanagh also set season records with seniors Ryan Orser and Geoff Brousseau to set another pool record with a time of 3:30.31.

Junior Steve Barnes posted three wins in the 200-, 500- and 1,000-yard freestyle events. With a win in the 100-yard backstroke, the Bombers can tie the school record for single-season wins with 15.

Women’s basketball Friday-Saturday

The Bombers (12-1) remained undefeated in Empire 8 competition after a 71-63 victory over Utica on Friday and a strong 79-66 performance against Hartwick Saturday.

Against Utica, the Bombers opened with an 18-0 run and held the Pioneers scoreless for nearly the first eight minutes of play. Although Utica threatened toward the end of the game, the Bombers clinched the victory with solid performances from the free-throw line.

Sophomore Anastasia Kasianchuk had a career-high 22 points and tied a school record with 12 assists.

In the Bombers’ victory over Hartwick, the Ithaca squad took sole possession of first place in the conference. Swarming the field with 18 points and tied a school record with 12 assists, Sophomore Janell Pearson scored a career-high 12 points in the victory. Gawronski also added 15 points.

Gymnastics Sunday

The Bombers finished third at Brown University’s four-team meet.

Senior Marc Israel took fourth at 165, helping the Bombers earn all-state status, with junior Danziger leading the way. Junior Bryan Petti finished seventh at 197 and senior forward Tyler Schulz led the Bombers to a second-place finish in the 400-meter run.

The following day the Blue and Gold finished third at the University of Pennsylvania National Invitational, facing six Division 1 opponents, the Bombers finished in seventh place.

The Blue and Gold still turned in solid individual performances. Senior All-American Amanda Laytham notched a second-place finish in the 1-mile race, finishing in 4:11. Senior Jesse Roth had a career-high 11 rebounds.

Sophomore Anastasia Kasianchuk had a strong showing as well. The distance runner placed sixth in the 4,000-meter run, finishing with a time of 10:30.99.

Junior Emily Marson also turned in a sixth-place finish in the 500-meter dash.

Wrestling Saturday

The Bombers placed seventh of 19 teams at the New York State Colleges Wrestling Championships, hosted by Nassau Community College.

The Bombers’ performance at the meet featured two mats with eight of the team competing. Senior Marc Israel took fourth at 165, helping the Bombers earn all-state status, with junior Danziger leading the way. Junior Bryan Petti finished seventh at 197 and senior forward Tyler Schulz led the Bombers to a second-place finish in the 400-meter run.

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- at Alfred, 4 p.m.
- at St. John Fisher, 8 p.m.
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- at Oneonta, 12:30 p.m.

*Saturday, Jan. 31*

- at Alfred, 1 p.m.
- at Penn State National Open, 4 p.m./10 a.m.
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*Sunday, Feb. 1*

- at Otterbein, 1 p.m.
- at Ursinus, 2 p.m.
- at Penn State National Open, 4 p.m./10 a.m.
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**By the Numbers**

*2000-yard freestyle* 18

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**Facts**

*It wasn't fun - I've realized it's better to lose and have a good time, and that takes the tension out of the room.*

- *Juliette Morgan*
Rejecting the Red Dragons

Ithaca outdoes Oneonta 65-58
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