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Academic dishonesty

According to the Standards of Academic Conduct in the Student Handbook, acts of academic dishonesty entail:
- Conversations between students during an exam
- Reviewing an exam without authorization
- Using material during an exam as personal notes or another student's exam
- Unauthorized collaboration
- Submission of a paper also submitted for credit in another course
- Reference to written material related to the course brought into an examination room during a closed-book, written exam
- Submission without proper acknowledgment of work that is based partially or entirely on the ideas or writings of others.

Last week SGA handed out a briefer at the Student Center to gauge students' perceptions of academic dishonesty.

There have been six cases of academic dishonesty so far this spring semester because of the growing concern.

D'Abate had bad meetings with Rowland and Michael Leary, assistant director of judicial affairs, to further discuss the problem and possible solutions.

"One of the things we discussed was that many professors feel that their classroom is their domain," D'Abate said. "Therefore it should be their discretion when administering the consequences for academic misconduct.

Chip Gagnon, assistant professor of political science, said he thinks professors should retain some autonomy in deciding disciplinary action for cases of academic misconduct, as each case and student is different.

"Maybe there should be some guidelines, but professors should have discretion to decide how to deal with it," he said.

SGA investigates academic dishonesty

BY KATIE MOORE  Staff Writer

When one freshman physical therapy major could not find words to express her thoughts on the novel "Handmaid's Tale," she borrowed some from sparknotes.com. Unfortunately for the student, some of her classmates chose the same method of "inspiration." The woman, who asked that her name be withheld, said her professor in Academic Writing noticed similar sentences in several of her papers, which made her suspicious.

"I confessed to copying and pasting a few sentences," she said. "I didn't think it would be a big deal."

The faculty member assigned her a grade of zero to send a firm message that academic dishonesty would not be tolerated, she said.

Students' relaxed attitudes toward acts of academic dishonesty and the ease with which such acts are committed have been the focus of concern at the college recently.

In an attempt to take pre-emptive action against the problem, the Student Government Association began a campaign last semester to increase awareness of the growing concern.

The main focus right now is trying to get student perspectives on the policy and to find out if there needs to be change," she said.

The four questions on the survey address students' knowledge of the academic policy, whether their professors have addressed it, if the students consider it a problem and what they think should be done about academic dishonesty.

D'Abate said her research on possible approaches to dealing with academic dishonesty began in August, when Hugh Rowland, associate dean of the School of Business, contacted her to express his concern with the level of academic integrity at the college.

During the October Faculty Council meeting, SGA obtained support in acquiring more concrete guidelines in the Student Handbook for cheating and plagiarism.

OPINION •••

Debating war with Iraq  College to cut bus loop to Circles

BY KATIE MASLANKA  Staff Writer

Tempkins Consolidated Area Transit services on campus will drop the College Circle Apartments from route 11 beginning March 10.

Route 11 will be changed to the previous 30-minute schedule during the 45-minute schedule implemented this year to include the Circles.

The decision to change the route was made because fewer students used the TCAT to travel between the Circles and the campus, said Marian Brown, special assistant to the treasurer and chairwoman of the TCAT Advisory Group. TCAT estimated in the fall that about 12 people per day ride to or from the Circles.

Carl Sgrecci, vice president and treasurer, said the college decided to remove the Circles loop after TCAT offered them two options, only one of which was practical.

"It wasn't the college's decision," he said.

TCAT gave the college the option of reverting to a 30-minute schedule that would cut the Circles loop or implementing a new 45-minute schedule with two buses running the route.

Sgrecci said they chose to eliminate the Circles loop because the cost of adding and staffing another bus wasn't feasible with the current budget situation.

Brown agreed and said the 30-minute route was the only option that did not require additional service from TCAT.

The change comes on the heels of increased dissatisfaction from members of the campus community who found the 45-minute schedule inconvenient for class times and travel to downtown Ithaca.

The President's Council and TCAT decided that changing the service on March 10 would allow the college enough time to prepare students for the change and give the weather a chance to improve for those taking the bus, Brown said.

The Office of Residential Life sent an e-mail Friday informing students considering living in the Circles next year of the possibility of discontinued bus service.

In the e-mail, Bonnie Prunty, director of residential life and judicial affairs, also cited low ridership from the Circles and dissatisfaction from the campus community as reasons for changing the schedule.

Sophomore Amanda Hick, who is considering living in the Circles next year, said she would probably have moved off campus — where there is steady bus service — if she had known about the change earlier. Hick said that as a first-year student with late rehearsals, she is nervous about walking back to the Circles late at night.

However, Hick has already handed in her senior housing intent form and must remain on campus.

"I don't have transporta­tion to the Circles because I don't have transporta­tion," she said.

Brown acknowledged that some students might be unhappy with the new schedule, but hoped that the majority of riders would be appeased by the college's decision.

"I imagine that there are some people that this may prove difficult for," she said.
UNION NEWS

NO ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

When President Bush issued the call for 500,000 vol­unteer health care workers to be immunized against small­pox, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson promised to get the job done in 30 days.

At Monday's one-month mark, however, the total num­ber of people inoculated nationwide is 4,200—less than 1 percent of the administration's target for the first phase of bioterrorism preparations.

"It is as close to stalled as you can get," said William Bicknell, former Massachusetts health commissioner and a professor at the Boston University School of Public Health.

Although the federal government has shipped 274,000 doses of vaccine to states since the program began Jan. 24, 24 percent of hospitals, a half-dozen major universities and several public health departments have refused to par­ticipate. Even states that are vaccinating volunteers report they have drastically scaled back their original plans.

Aside from a few pockets of enthusiasm, the vast ma­jority of medical professionals remain unconvinced that

but perhaps morally questionable decision.

Santillan family lawyer Kurt Dixon said the family would seek a second opinion from an outside physician about her chances of recovery before taking the irrevoca­ble step of removing her from life support. It is not clear if they were able to bring in an outside doctor or if the uni­versity officials would wait for such a consultation.

Powell exchanges food aid for support

Secretary of State Colin Powell is taking a goodwill pledge of food for North Korea on his rounds of Asian cap­i­tals in an effort to cobble together a unified front against Pyongyang's nuclear weapons programs.

Powell, who insisted the food aid is "not political," car­ries an offer to his meetings with leaders in the frozen key­notes, which have been skeptical of Washington's hard­line approach to North Korea.

Santillan, his staff, Powell-won expressions of sup­port for the U.S. effort to force North Korea to dismantle its nuclear programs and also won a vague endorsement of the administration's strategy on Iraq.

Nightclub victims' families visit site

On a gray and rainy Sunday, the carnival crawled along Cowesett Avenue—lights on as if for a funeral. The 11 buses carried the relatives of those killed, and last week's night­club fire on a pilgrimage to the site.

"These families are going through such a tragedy, such an emotional ordeal," right now, said Gov. Donald Carcieri, who declared Sunday a day of prayer and re­membrance in Rhode Island for the 97 club-goers who went to see the band Great White and lost their lives in a blaze caused by a pyrotechnic display.

Carcieri said Sunday's visit was arranged at the request of family members, who were their loved ones had perished when fire engulfed The Station night­club in under four minutes. Officials say that at least 300 revellers had packed into the small, wooden building, which had no sprinkler system.

At the site from acoustical ceiling and ceil­ing tiles, more than 180 patrons were injured in the stamp­ede toward the main exit. The nightclub was complete­ly destroyed.

To provide privacy, a double row of empty city buses formed a wall on the perimeter of what once was The Sta­tion. The Ithaca fire department has issued a ban on fly­ing flags of the victims, which have been skeptical of Washington's hard­line approach to North Korea.

For courage among disabled

The Finger Lakes Independence Center, a crisis pregnancy center that offers abortion alternatives. The event is the first in a series.

News Briefs

Student leadership group to offer seminars and retreat

The deadline is at the end of the Student Leadership Conference, which has been extended to this Fri­day.

Participation is sponsored by the Lead­ership, Education and Development team. Par­ticipants will explore the rewards and chal­lenges associated with being a woman in lead­ership.

Workshops will be held on networking, women in the workplace, feminism and other issues.

The conference will be March 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Ithaca. The cost is $10.

The LEAD team is also sponsoring a cross­cultural retreat in conjunction with the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

The retreat is March 28-30 in the Pocans. Applications are due the Fri­day. Attendance is free.

Campus group to discuss female health care issues

The Ithaca College Students for Life will be holding an open forum discussing women's reproductive options and providing information about women's health care issues.

The event will feature the Ithaca Preg­nancy Center, a crisis pregnancy center that offers abortion alternatives. The event is the first in a series.

The forum is today at 8:30 p.m. in the Clark Lounge, Campus Center.

Gallery to premiere exhibit of European artists' photos

The photographs of two European artists will be on display in the Handwerker Gallery beginning today.

The gallery will host an opening recep­tion today for "Putting it Together," a photo­installation by Milica Lukic and Milanov Lukovic. The reception will take place from 5 to 7 p.m.

The exhibit, which will be on display through March 30, is the height of the gallery's Contemporary Art Series.

Lukic and Parkovic have had their work exhibited throughout Europe.

City fire department probes safety of nightclubs and bars

In response to recent deaths during inci­dents at nightclubs in Chicago and Rhode Is­land, the Ithaca Fire Department has issued a statement about the safety of area bars, nightclubs, saloons and fraternities.

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Students spend weekend working with homeless

BY JULIE STEPHENS
Staff Writer

Saturday is a refreshing day for many college students, often filled with studying, watching movies, sleeping or sleeping. But eight Ithaca College students spent this past Saturday volunteering with the River Fund in New York City. The River Fund is a nonprofit, hands-on service organization based in Jamaica, N.Y., whose mission is to provide physical, emotional and spiritual support to the hungry, the homeless and children and adults living with HIV/AIDS. The organization is run out of one person's home, where they cook and bag all the food. In 2001, the organization helped 51,000 people from various backgrounds.

The members of the Community Service Network executive board helped more than 300 people with the River Fund's Feed Everyone hunger program, which provides food and clothing for the hungry and the homeless. The students spent the morning making food that had been donated from local merchants in New York City, alongside other volunteers who all have full-time jobs. Junior Dasia Oliveri said, "The members made 300 sandwiches and bagged candy and cookies to give to home- less shelters in New York City.

"It was really encouraging to know there are so many people out there doing this everyday," Oliveri said. "It was really exciting for me to see the different organizations I can volunteer with after college." Oliveri said volunteering with the homeless made her feel refreshed. "The people in line had such good attitudes; they were so

Paying Respects

Juniors Rachel Adler, center, and Dasia Oliveri, right, help River Fund volunteer Diane Williams fill baskets with bags of candy Saturday in New York City.

"Wow, this is the best feeling ever." Oliveri said she enjoyed working with the River Fund's Feed Everyone program.

"It lifts your spirits," Senior Shira Sliffman acknowledged when I got home [I] thought, "I'd be very beneficial for class arrival," Oliveri said there was nothing more refreshing than a hot shower.

"When I got home [I] thought, "Wow, this is the best feeling right now," yet all the people we worked with all day were tired and wet and uncomfortable, said Oliveri. She also added, "This is the best day for me to be a part of that organization and to help people who are in need." Senior Michael DeLoach said he was excited to see the different organizations he could work with over the weekend.

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Senior class settles on clock design

Gift to adorn Academic Quad by fall

BY MANDY SHEFFIELD
Staff Writer

Plans and designs are set for the senior class gift of an old-fashioned, pole-style clock. The class officers hope the clock will be in place by Homecoming next year. Standing 12 feet tall in the middle of the Academic Quad, the clock will greet campus goers with all four of its faces, lit from inside and surrounded by a flower bed or, perhaps, a bed of grass.

A global positioning system will ensure that the clock will always display the correct time.

The clock is based on a late 19th-century design, so some people are concerned that it will not fit in with the rest of the campus’s architecture. But the senior class officers and those on the gift committee believe that once the clock is in place it will be well accepted. "We still feel we can legitimately work the clock into campus and have it look really great," said Senior Class President Macvon Devine.

The class voted specifically for a clock that is old-fashioned, said Lynne Pierce, associate director of the Ithaca Fund and advisor of the committee. "There was nothing else. We just looked at designs, it was pleasing to realize that this style clock worked with the architecture of the old downtown campus. Senior Michael DeLoach said he likes both the design and the location of the clock.

"In the middle of the quad, it will be very beneficial for visitors. We’re still working on it, but we’re very pleased with the result," DeLoach said. "And when I come back in the future, it will be a nice reminder of our graduating class."

Still, none of the plans are set in stone. The committee must take into account changes that may affect the project, including funds and the college’s changing campus under the master plan, which outlines future expansion of the campus. The provided sketch of the clock is only a picture of what the clock could look like, said Pierce.

"Once the money is raised, we will work with the company that makes the clock to decide things like colors, Roman vs. Arabic numbers, etc.," she said.

The total cost of the project is estimated at $15,000. If more money than anticipated is raised, the committee has options to expand on the design.

The clock was first revealed at the kickoff of the 2003 gift campaign, which took place Friday evening with a wine and cheese reception in the Tower Club.

Senior Stephen Hill attended the wine and cheese reception and said he thinks the clock will look really good on campus. "I’d donate money if [the college] hadn’t just taken $120,000 from me," he said.

DeLoach acknowledged that many seniors do not want to donate for the same reason.

"This is a unique opportunity for the seniors," Pierce said, because the clock will be useful and such a visual part of the campus.

"It will be a physical reminder of their time spent here, and it’s functional," she said. "It’s a nice reminder of where we came from."
Speakers question U.S. role as world peacekeeper

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in favor of alternative solutions, denied their political views on a single student faculty and community members crowded into Ithaca 103. Sophomore Sheila Katz, president of the Residence Hall Association, moderated the event.

The idea of "blood for oil," Iraq's history of human rights violations and the role of the United States as world peacekeeper ignited intense debates among members of the panel and among audience members.

The Republican panelists, who spoke first, listed Iraq's failure to disarm and dishonesty regarding its weapons programs as substantial evidence of Saddam's danger to the world community.

Sophomore Michelle Meredith, chairwoman of the Ithaca College Republicans, and Ryan Horn, chairman of the Cornell Republicans, said they support military action in Iraq because there is a credible threat there, given the actions of Saddam since the 1990 Gulf War. They cited Saddam's violation of 16 U.N. resolutions as evidence of his violent nature.

"It's clear that Saddam's intentions are anything but peaceful," Meredith said. "His war of aggression caused by such a war. Matthew Evangelista, director of the peace studies program at Cornell University, noted the political instability of other countries such as Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Russia. He expressed concern that the focus on Iraq is distracting policymakers from addressing problems in the region.

Senior Joey Cronen of Students for a Just Peace said he views a war would put the nation into more danger by giving terrorists greater incentive to counter U.S. aggression. He also cited the costs — $40 billion to enact and $100 billion to rebuild the country of Iraq following military action — as deterrents from any aggressive action.

Senior Lucas Shapiro, who cited a Time magazine poll in which 80 percent of Europeans listed the United States as the greatest threat to world peace, encouraged students to do their own research into these issues.

Julie Benjamin, professor of history, was slated to speak against the war, but was unable to participate due to illness.

After the panelists finished their prepared speeches, Katz fielded verbal and written questions, some of which she said were hostile with that information to ever present it. She agreed with that information to ever present it. She agreed with that information to ever present it.

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Figures show cheating on the rise

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large amount of work and pressure students have.

Leary said there were 18 cases of academic dishonesty during the 2001-2002 academic year and 35 the year before — compared to eight cases in 1996-1997.

"I do fewer research papers or do them in a way where I work with the students along the way," he said.

One of the ways Gagnon and other professors verify cases of plagiarism is simply by typing questionable sentences into search engines such as google.com. Leary said students who comply with the Ithaca College Standards of Academic Conduct have a responsibility to help the faculty.

Sophomore Elise Ruckert said this task was "easier said than done." At a writing course last spring, Ruckert witnessed a classroom cheating by bringing a pre-written essay to a timed writing exam and simply recopying it into the exam booklet.

"I feel like the professor had to have known that she couldn't have written something that well on the spot," Ruckert said. "It's really frustrating for the students who spend so much time preparing for a test and then see someone walk in and get an undeserved A."

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Circles construction nears completion

BY ANN HARENDA
Staff Writer

The Office of Residential Life is in the process of building a number of new College Circle Apartments with the hopes of providing more housing options for students wishing to live on campus. The addition will bring the total number of spaces in the Circles to 690.

Along with the phase one apartments, those acquired by the college this past summer, students will have the option of living in one of 60 new apartments next fall.

Juniors Gregory Hobbs, left, and Adam Moore play foosball in their College Circle Apartment last week.

"I'm not living here next year since I'll be a senior," Hobbs said. "If I was younger, I definitely would. I'd recommend it to juniors and sophomores."

Junior Lauren Dillon is also a current resident of the Circles and is planning on living there again next year.

"It's convenient, and you don't have to worry about the hassle of paying bills such as Internet and utilities," Dillon said. "It's a lot easier than looking for a place to live and dealing with a landlord."

Applications for the Circles are available in the Office of Residential Life. They are available to all students and must be completed and turned in by 5 p.m. on March 21.

Applications must be turned in to International Programs by the following dates:

**IC Summer program applications:**
DUE FRI., FEB. 21, 2003

**IC Exchange program applications:**
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To serve and protect
Public safety director and former FBI agent discusses campus security and national alert

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR Robert Holt does work in his office Monday afternoon.

BY ANN HARENDA
Staff Writer

Safety on a college campus hasn't always been Public Safety Director Robert Holt's area of expertise. Originally from Indiana, Holt has had a wide variety of careers, including teaching high school for six years and acting as a special agent for the FBI for 22 years. Holt came to the college in 1989.

His FBI career took him first to Mississippi and then to Ithaca, where he trained new law enforcement officers and federal agents. He later led the SWAT program for the agency's Albany division.

The following is part of an interview between staff writer Ann Harenda and Holt regarding his work with the FBI and changes in campus security since the Homeland Security Advisory System was raised to threat level orange.

AH: What were your titles and specific jobs when working in the FBI?
RH: The title of any person working in the FBI is a special agent. My specific job involved a lot of training and teaching. I taught firearms, defensive tactics, special weapons tactics and SWAT team stuff. And of course, I was an investigator, too. I would investigate criminal cases, but mostly foreign counterintelligence — spy cases.

AH: What will happen if the nation's security level gets moved to red?
RH: When it goes to red, we might have to do things that have an impact on the students, staff and faculty. We are working on that and making a list of plans to have the president and vice presidents take a look at to see how they feel about our suggestions.

AH: What are the plans and procedures that Public Safety will follow if our country goes to war with Iraq? Are they the same as the plans for a red security level or would a whole new set of plans be necessary?
RH: I think that if the country goes to war, the condition would probably be moved to red, and so it matches exactly what we're doing right now. We would be there; we would have our plans ready and the administration would know exactly what we are going to do and would have given their approval.
Students against war attend national meeting

BY DAN GREENMAN
Staff Writer

Amidst growing tension between the United States and Iraq, a delegation of 10 Ithaca College students traveled to Chicago last weekend to attend a nationwide conference of the National Campus Antiwar Network.

This was the first national meeting of the network, which has been established to oppose war and push for education about other social objectives. Sophomore Lauren Slowik, one of two regional NCAN representatives for the Northeast, helped coordinate the national conference. Slowik was chosen as a representative during a regional NCAN conference in Washington, D.C., during January.

"I thought it was important for Ithaca College to be represented," she said. "It's good to see student action.

Nine other concerned Ithaca College students accompanied Slowik to the conference. In all, the conference attracted 300 students from 102 colleges.

In Chicago, the students planned ways to educate people on college campuses and attended workshops to discuss the activism and the potential for war.

One of the main actions the students voted on was in preparation for "Day X," the name the network has given to the day when bombings on Iraq are expected to occur. They decided that students would hold educational events that day. Senior Joey Cronen, who went to the conference, said students for a Just Peace plan to hold a noon rally at the Free Speech Rock if bombings occur.

The students also planned for student rallies on April 5 in three or four cities across the country. Two possible locations are New York City and Washington.

Staff and students stumble over use of Parnassus system

BY ELIZABETH QULL
Staff Writer

Although the college has been working with a new financial and human resources management computer program since June, eight months later some employees say the software is still not up to speed.

Staff members and student organizations use the Parnassus program to track purchases, budget information, and obtain faculty information, said Edwin Fuller, director of information technology.

Ithaca College spent millions of dollars on the software and consulting to convert to Parnassus, which changed the way the college provides administrative support services and to make information more accessible. Although the system has been effective overall, Fuller said, there are still some problems to overcome.

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Board grants faculty tenure and promotions

BY ITHACAN STAFF

The Ithaca College Board of Trustees gave its stamp of approval to several faculty members through tenure and promotion during its meetings Feb. 13-15.

The board also awarded emeritus status to John Keshishoglou, who retired during 2000. Keshishoglou came to the college in 1965 as chairman of the Department of Television-Radio and director of the Instructional Resources Center.

During his time at the college, Keshishoglou served as the founding dean for the School of Communications from 1971 to 1979. He also developed the international exchange program between the school and Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, where he currently serves as a visiting professor.

The board granted tenure and/or promotion to 17 faculty members.

- Laurie Bitting of the Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences was promoted to clinical associate professor.
- Christine Cecconi of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was promoted to clinical associate professor.
- Jodi Cohen of the Department of Speech Communication was promoted to full professor.
- Susan Durnford of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was promoted to clinical assistant professor.
- Jean Hardwick of the Department of Biology was promoted to associate professor and granted tenure.
- Bruce Henderson of the Department of Speech Communication was promoted to full professor.
- Naeem Inayatullah of the Department of Politics was promoted to associate professor and granted tenure.
- Elia Kacapyr of the Department of Economics was promoted to full professor.
- Betsy Keller of the Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences was promoted to full professor and granted tenure.
- Michael Malpass of the Department of Anthropology was promoted to full professor and granted tenure.
- Deborah Martin of the Department of Performance Studies was promoted to associate professor and granted tenure.
- Frank Micale of the Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences was promoted to full professor.
- Gina Marchetti, associate professor of cinema and photography, was granted tenure.
- Deborah Martin of the Department of Performance Studies was promoted to associate professor and granted tenure.
- Patrice Pastore of the Department of Performance Studies was promoted to full professor.
- Greg Shelley of the Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences was promoted to associate professor and granted tenure.
- Gladys Varona-Lacey of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures was promoted to full professor.
- John Wolohan, associate professor of sport studies, was granted tenure.

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\"COWBOY, TAKE ME AWAY\"

\[\text{COURTESY OF PETER LALAYANIS}\]

\[\text{DIXIE CHICK WANNABES} \]

\[\text{hang out with television host Jay Leno in Los Angeles last week. They are, from left to right, juniors Peter Lalayanis, Keith Hannon and Steven Sprouse. The three students appeared in a segment on \"The Tonight Show\" last Thursday dressed as the Dixie Chicks. Hannon said they were given instruments and dressed up like the Southern-belles trio after Leno and a camera crew knocked on their apartment door to ask who the students thought would win big at the Grammy Awards.}\]
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Incidents

Feb. 15

• Unlawful possession—marijuana
Location: Holmes Hall
Summary: Caller reported odor of marijuana. One referred for judicial action for possession of marijuana. Patrol Officer Richard Curtes.

• Obstructing governmental administration
Location: Holmes Hall
Summary: Officer located a person with fake identification. Person lied about proper identification and affiliation with the college. Person was arrested for obstruction of governmental administration and was issued an appearance ticket for Ithaca Town Court. Patrol Officer Erik Merlin.

• Conduct code violation
Location: East Tower
Summary: Officer found a person in possession of alcohol. One referred for judicial action for violation of alcohol policy. Patrol Officer Erik Merlin.

• Conduct code violation
Location: East Tower
Summary: Officer reported people being loud and in possession of alcohol. One referred for judicial action for possession of alcohol. Security Officer Amy Chilone.

• Disorderly conduct
Location: West Tower
Summary: Caller reported a fight in progress. Two referred for judicial action. Patrol Officer Erik Merlin.

• Medical assist
Location: Boothroyd Hall
Summary: Officer reported that a person had passed out. Ambulance transported person to CMC. Patrol Officer Robert Hightchew.

• Found property
Location: Terrace 4
Summary: Caller reported that a key was found. Key turned into the Office of Public Safety.

• Conduct code violation
Location: Garden Apartment Road
Summary: During a vehicle stop, officers found person with fake identification. One referred for judicial action for possession of fake identification. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

• Conduct code violation
Location: A-lot
Summary: During vehicle stop, officers found person in possession of alcohol. One referred for judicial action for possession of alcohol policy. Patrol Officer Jerry Lewis.

• Unlawful possession—marijuana
Location: Terrace 11
Summary: Student Auxiliary Safety Patrol reported odor of marijuana. Two referred for judicial action for possession of marijuana. Patrol Officer Jerry Lewis.

• Follow-up
Location: Public Safety
Summary: Officer followed up on incident in Holmes Hall on Feb. 15 regarding person with alcohol. Subject was arrested for an additional charge of false impersonation and impersonation.

Feb. 16

• Medical assist
Location: Dillingham Center
Summary: Caller reported falling down stairs and sustaining a foot injury. Officer transported the person to the Health Center. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

• Conduct code violation
Location: Lyon Hall
Summary: During a vehicle stop, officer found a fake identification that did not belong to any of the vehicle’s occupants. Officer interviewed the person with fake identification, and one was judicially referred for possession of a false driver’s license. Patrol Officer Jerry Lewis.

• Life safety hazard
Location: Centcoche Athletic Center
Summary: Officer reported an emergency exit door could not be opened. Request filed for repair. Security Officer Aaron Price.

• Criminal tampering
Location: Terrace 12
Summary: Officer reported unknown persons discharged a fire extinguisher. Patrol Officer Robert Hightchew.

• Criminal mischief
Location: Emerson Hall
Summary: Caller reported unknown persons damaged a door. Investigation continuing. Patrol Officer William Kinney.

• V&T violation—leaving the scene
Location: D-lot
Summary: Caller reported parked car struck by unknown vehicle. Patrol Officer Robert Hightchew.

• Medical assist
Location: Dillingham Center
Summary: Caller reported person with a rope burn. Officer transported the person to the Health Center. Security Officer Jeffrey Austin.

• Larceny
Location: L-lot
Summary: Caller reported theft of license plate from a parked vehicle. Sgt. Keith Lee.

• Unlawful possession—marijuana
Location: Holmes Hall
Summary: Caller reported odor of marijuana. Officer interviewed the person with fake identification. One referred for judicial action for possession of marijuana. Patrol Officer Robert Hightchew.

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THE WASHINGTON SEMESTER PROGRAM

Washington Interns: What Do They Do?

Thursday, February 27, 6:30pm
Textor 101

Ivo Spalatin, Washington Internship Coordinator, and a panel of former Ithaca College Washington students will discuss their internship experiences at this information session. Free pizza will be served following the program.

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Allow phone choice

Trusted's move takes away student options

If on-campus students will get unlimited local phone service for the first time ever, the College is making a decision that is both disappointing and disheartening. 

In reality, though, the service will be paid for by the rate increase and the Ithaca College Board of Trustees approved this month. And now students who were sure to lose the option to allow students to choose between local and long-distance service for their phones and saving money, the college simply made the wrong decision. 

Despite this, the college chose not to present that argument when it announced the change. Instead, administrators tried to paint a rosy picture of an administration graciously granting free phone service to all on-campus students. The truth is this was a move motivated by economics, not altruism.

Furthermore, the college was never consulted about this decision, despite the fact that it affects everyone who lives on campus. Though it is vital to making a decision appropriately, it is also essential to allow students a real voice in administrative actions at Ithaca College. Many students prefer cell phones to landlines, and students who live off campus will be paying for local phone service. And somehow this is supposed to make students feel better about paying $1,408 more to attend Ithaca College.

Breaking their vow

Administrators make wrong choice on buses

In direct contradiction to what they promised last year, college administrators announced this week that TCAT service to the College Circle Apartments will be terminated. Though this move isn’t at all surprising, it certainly is disappointing.

Administrators are selling the bus service for the cut. But the fact is ridership on the entire route that serves the college is lower this year than last because the bus runs less frequently and on an inconvenient schedule. If buses ran every 20 minutes — which was the other, more expensive option the college had for improving the service — there is no discernible difference for the vast majority of students.

I say that it is time to stop these lies and denials and show the students and parents who write tuition payments where the money is really going because as any student can tell you, it is not going into the upkeep of any dorms or the improvements of teaching facilities.

STEPHEN FERENC '03

Cancel class for snow

Institutions of higher education such as Ithaca College provide a wide range of services to their communities. Formal education, residential facilities, student life and dining facilities are amenities necessary for the function of a residential community. On Feb. 17, 2003, the ability for this institution to serve its community was greatly infringed.

The Residence Hall Association recognizes that Ithaca College’s geographic location places it at risk of receiving large amounts of annual snowfall; RHA similarly recognizes the effort of the Physical Plant staff in clearing the large amounts of snow last Monday.

Even in Ithaca, there are times in which the snowfall amount creates an environment that is not conducive for a residential community. Students, especially those with physical disabilities, were unable to take advantage of fundamental campus services. It is the responsibility of the administration to ensure the safety of all residential students. Proper action needs to be taken if adequate snow removal is not possible.

The college should have closed that Monday since the amount of snow limited access to residence halls and hindered the ability for residential students to attend their classes. We urge the administration to develop a more comprehensive snow removal plan, implement specific closing criteria and create an academic calendar that allows for emergency closings.

It is part of the long-term plan for the college to improve daily commuting conditions. Access to our facilities is the fundamental part of that living and learning model. This resolution was passed by RHA.

SHEILA KATZ ’05

for the Residence Hall Association

Words to stop the hate

This week, the Campus Affairs Committee relaunched the Stop the Hate campaign. The campaign and its trademark thermometer were taken down after low interest in their efforts this fall.

However, our committee feels that the campaign is a valuable component to campus life. A number of different forms of discrimination exist at Ithaca College: racism, sexism, homophobia, classism, weightism, etc. While many social and political groups on campus have worked to end these, there is no “umbrella” organization that serves to battle —isms in all fronts.

The committee will begin putting up posters on campus urging people to think about how offensive language affects both individual students and the campus climate as a whole. We hope organizations will agree to have their programs fall under the auspices of the campaign.

The campaign provides organizations with additional advertising for their diversity-related programming, while simultaneously raising student awareness of biases and efforts to relieve the campus of these same biases.

The thermometer makes our efforts a tangible reality, demonstrating how many organizations on campus utilize the campaign to promote diversity-related programs. It is only through the efforts of student organizations that this campus can succeed. We know that many groups are devoted to battling discrimination at some level but are not using the campaign to further their initiatives. Please consider the ideals set forth in the Stop the Hate campaign and contact the Campus Affairs Committee if you would like to be a part of our battle against discrimination.

JULIE ZELDIN ’04

for the Campus Affairs Committee

Dont’ worry, be happy

Hope everyone is enjoying the mild winter days. I think it’s important, putting up the climatic benefits of the college’s Los Angeles Program, I come before you not as a liberal or conservative. I come to you as a good-natured college student. I read out school paper and ask myself: ‘Is anyone having fun on that campus?’ I understand the importance of the student voice in response to world events, but friends, you’ve seen students play dead in the Pub while I’m trying to eat lunch. I don’t have a whole lot of coordination, let alone have to tip-toe around lifeless bodies on my way to my seat. Extreme political behaviors not only further divide our campus, but they lead to much of the student body missing a great college experience.

Imagine if we worked as hard on social events as we do protests. I all hear about on campus is this word ‘diversity.’ Well in my eyes, nothing hurts diversity more than political factions batting it out throughout campus on a daily basis. This is freedom you’ll never have again. Embrace it and enjoy it. Drop that sign out of your hand and replace it with the hand of another student. Use that angry voice of protest to cheer on the sports teams or support a Dillingham production. Before we spend our youth trying to make the world a better place, how about we make Ithaca a better place?”

KEITH HANNOH ’04

SEND A LETTER

The Ithacan welcomes correspondence from all readers. Please include your name, phone number, year of graduation and/or your organization or college title/position.

Letters must be 250 words or less and signed and submitted in writing or through e-mail by Monday at 5 p.m. for publication. The Ithacan reserves the right to edit letters for length, clarity and taste.
Another Angle

Shedding some light on energy reduction

Several weeks ago, the Ithaca College Environmental Society began its campaign against wasting energy by constantly plucking handwritten signs near bathroom light switches in residence halls. These signs demanded that students shut off the lights because Ithaca College annually spends $2.7 million on energy.

Outside of ICES and group advisor Mark Darling, no one knew about their attainable goal until an article was printed about it last week. If the college saves $90,000 in energy costs this year, we will consider investing in a renewable energy source to assist the coal power it currently uses.

Unfortunately, there has chosen a long-lasting light source: the fluorescent light bulb. It draws roughly 18 watts if used for one hour. Still, these bulbs are not only the prime targets in the crusade for better power sources but also one of the least problematic in comparison to the many other power suckers on campus.

The best example of a common secker is a desktop computer and monitor. When running, the two use up 150 watts per hour. However, simply shutting off the monitor can save 50 watts per hour and the life of the screen. Putting the system on sleep mode knocks it down to 15 to 30 watts an hour.

Although ICES has posted signs asking students to turn off their computers, they have not plastered them as thoroughly in residence halls as the posters about flipping off light switches.

More than 4,000 students live on campus, and most have their own computers. Imagine how much power could be saved if everyone simply turned off the monitors. Because of these numbers, I’m curious as to why ICES is targeting a low-energy safety mechanism rather than a high-energy frivolity.

To their credit, ICES is taking some less annoying steps to attain their goal. They are creating magnetic energy-saving checklists for doors to gently remind students to make sure their lights are off when they leave the room. These are the kind of messages that students might take more seriously, especially if they aren’t rubbishing their faces.

Although ICES and Mark Darling have their hearts in the right places, they still have some work to do.

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The Way We See It

Wasted food affects the global community

Every year, Americans waste 97 billion pounds of food. This contributes approximately 2,500 pounds of waste daily to the total. When we waste food, we contribute to energy resource waste.

Students at Ithaca College have the opportunity to reduce food waste. Last week the Resource and Environmental Management Program began a campaign called Stop The Waste, which aims to raise awareness and provide solutions to this important problem.

Due to high demand, agriculture in the United States has turned into a $200 billion industry, motivated by profit, to mass produce plant and animal products for the demand of the consumer. Animals live short lives in small spaces. Crops are drenched in pesticides and synthetic fertilizers, which then end up in yields. After slaughter and harvest, a final product is packaged and shipped by truck to food providers across the country.

The entire agribusiness process requires huge amounts of energy. From growing the food, to processing it, to shipping it, to serving it, energy resources are used.

Hundreds of thousands of livestock and acres of crops require colossal amounts of clean water, which requires energy to pump, purify and deliver. Processing requires cheap, unskilled labor to operate pollution-belching farm equipment, machines and trucks for shipping.

Food waste starts to finish, agribusiness uses on average 13 calories of energy to produce one calorie of food energy.

Thus, when we throw away the half sandwich or the slice of pizza we did not want for whatever reason, we waste all these resources that went into bringing the food to us.

The waste does not have to happen. Just because we can type of food we eat. We have the power to decide whether or not we are going to contribute to resource waste.

Ending food waste is as simple as taking what you want but eating what you take. If you want to go further, vegetarians and vegans use fewer resources; they do not require the resources used to produce food from animals.

Next time we see you crafting your dinner plate, please do not waste.

Take what you want, but eat what you take.

SARAH SCHULTZ/THE ITHACAN

Cynical budget ploy axes vital tuition aid

I got up at 5:30 a.m. That’s how you can tell it was important. I was one of hundreds of students at Cornell University marching to Albany Feb. 11 to fight against appalling and short-sighted cuts in New York Gov. George Pataki’s budget proposal.

Students from college statewide converged on programs. His claims to the contrary, the budget reduces spending by 2.9 percent, to $38.6 billion. Yet support for HEOP, a school for independent colleges is cut 42 percent and many financial aid programs are eliminated entirely. The recession alone cannot explain such painful cuts.

Pataki claims the state is in a fiscal crisis. Times are bad, no doubt. But show me a family with an income of less than $10,750 — the average income of HEOP students come from such families — about to lose $5,000 a year, and I’ll show you a real fiscal crisis.

The recession merely advances Pataki’s longstanding dream of eliminating these crucially important programs. He’s only capitalizing on current and recent events to further his goals. If he continues his march on HEOP and other scholarships, he will have no chance to meet the skyrocketing costs of higher education.

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We respect human life and believe in equality and justice. We strongly oppose the Bush administration's strategy toward Iraq.

We are particularly concerned about the lack of evidence of need for war, the lack of attention to the consequences of war, the violation of international law, and the diversion of resources from critical matters of domestic concern—including education, health care, the environment, homelessness, unemployment, the economy—to defense. We also respect the opinions of our nation’s allies and urge the Bush administration to give the United Nations and NATO the respect and power the United States worked so long and hard to secure in the first place.

In taking this stance, we join members of such groups as the Republican and Democratic parties, the military (including veterans’ groups), the CIA, and many religious organizations, as well as other academics and millions of concerned citizens of the United States and other countries.

The people who will suffer most in a war are innocent Iraqi civilians, along with military personnel on both sides. The Iraqi people have already suffered heavily since 1980, living through two wars and 12 years of sanctions. We do not want to add to their suffering, and we do not want to unleash a subsequent backlash against the United States. Any engagement in war should be by multilateral consensus, not unilateral dictate.

History shows that inspections can disarm Iraq. Instead of marching to war, we should be giving the inspectors time to do their work in order to disarm Saddam without war.

We urge our government to use diplomatic means to negotiate Iraq’s disarmament, thereby avoiding a senseless and devastating war against the people of Iraq.

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We invite other faculty and staff to contact Louise Mygatt, 274-3797, lmygatt@ithaca.edu, if you would like to add your name to this list.
By Elizabeth Quill

On Monday nights, the aerobics room in the Fitness Center is taken over by warriors chanting and slicing wooden swords through the air with smooth swooshes. But these warriors are really just bored-feet students dressed in white gis and black hakamas, waving their reflections in the mirrors.

The Sword Team of Ithaca College calls itself "SToIC." However, according to Greek philosophy, a stoic is a person who shows indifference to grief, pleasure, passion or pain - a person who remains emotionless. So although SToIC may have been a cool acronym for a Japanese sword fighting team, the group hardly lives up to its name.

At one Monday night practice, Vice President Jeff Spiegelman danced around with his hair pulled up at the top of his head, complaining that the hairdo was ripping off his scalp.

The sword team began when co-founders Josh Birkins, a senior, and Bill Winston, a junior, decided about two years ago that their methods of fighting were not working. Winston was involved with fencing, but he said his tactics changed. He participated in a Renaissance fair, and there he learned to fight with wooden swords.

"Josh and I started sparring with each other," Winston said. "But we used heavy wooden swords, and we really beat each other up. We would come home with welts."

Winston said he thought it would be great if he and Birkins could find a safer way to fight. Both became interested in Goshindo, the art of Japanese sword fighting, and they began using kendo swords, which are lightweight and made of bamboo.

"We were making progress," Winston said.

But, unfortunately, those weapons still hurt.

Then Winston discovered chanbara, a form of fighting involving foam swords of different lengths and shapes. Winston and Birkins use these swords for sparring, free-form sword fighting between two or more fighters. Winston said it is similar to fencing but with a martial arts style.

"You can beat the heck out of each other and just get tired and not get hurt," Birkins said.

Convincing the college to approve a sword club and provide funding was difficult, Winston said.

"No one wanted me to start a sword fighting club because it has the word fighting in it," he added.

In addition to sparring, members learn the different forms of Goshindo and Develop choreographed fight scenes. The club caters to students with all different levels of experience, Winston said. Currently, there are about 15 members.

Winston and Birkins enlisted the help of Sensei Kevin Hufford, a mathematics and computer science professor at the college, to help them learn the art, Winston said.

"Swords are a unique weapon," said Hufford, an instructor who owns a martial arts school, or a dojo. "You don't see many martial arts based just on swords."

Hufford trains the team Monday nights in blocking and striking sets - formations designed to teach students the proper uses of the sword, Winston said. The team meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. However, Hufford only meets with the group on Mondays.

"We don't have typical practices," Hufford said. The schedule is always different and the people keep it interesting, he added.

During practice, Hufford moves his long wooden sword up and down, stomping his bare foot. The students move in rhythm following his count. Winston's favorite move is a spin move. When he executes it, Birkins doesn't even know what hit him, Winston said.

In addition to sparring and training, the team performs. Winston, a drama major, choreographs sword fights for the team that are performed on stage. The choreographed sword fights usually have a common theme.

"It is like theater, it is theater, it tells a story," Winston said.

The team performed in the fall, and tickets are available for another show scheduled for March 22 at the State Theatre of "Romeo and Juliet."

Freshman Theresa Nessel said the sword team is the coolest club on campus. Nessel said she found out about the club at an events fair early last semester. She has always been interested in sword fighting and decided she should try it.

"Most people get hooked pretty quickly," Nessel said.

Nessel likes freestyle fighting more than choreographed dances and training because she learns the most, she said.

"I tend to want to go and fight the guys who know what they are doing, and then I learn from being beaten," Nessel said.

Although the team is not competitive, Birkins has been trying to find other teams to fight against. Until this happens, the team has found another way to create incentive. President Mark Mitchell said the team has instituted a patch system in which team members can test for different patches, similar to karate belts.

"We just had people show up and learning the stuff, but they didn't really have anywhere to go," Mitchell said.

Although the club is still finding its niche as one of the only sword teams in the Northeast, it has exceeded the founders' expectations.

At the end of practice, with techno music playing, the team members are free to spar with each other. Winston and Birkins relax at a corner of the gym.

Both of the students are wearing helmets and protective gloves, and they are whacking at each other - foam against foam and foam against skin. They are tired and breathing heavily.

The two move away, and glaring into Birkins' eyes, Winston executes his spin move and comes in for the strike. He tries to hit Birkins, but this time Birkins has learned and blocks Winston's blow.

Birkins' long brown hair waves behind him as he comes back in for the hit. Winston's weapon is knocked from his hand and the two move away, and glaring into Birkins' eyes, Winston executes his spin move and comes in for the strike. He tries to hit Birkins, but this time Birkins has learned and blocks Winston's blow.

Birkins' long brown hair waves behind him as he comes back in for the hit. Winston's weapon is knocked from his hand and the fighting subsides.

Although, this time, neither Winston nor Birkins will have welts.
Chili competition gets spicy

BY ERIC PIERCE
Staff Writer

Last Saturday was cold and drizzly with a depressing gray overcast sky. This made it perfect weather for one thing and one thing only—chili. Thousands from the Ithaca community and beyond descended upon The Commons on the dismal day to experience the zest and spice of the Fifth Annual Downtown Ithaca Winterfest & Chili Cook-Off.

This year, 41 participants competed in the Chili Cook-Off, including Ithaca College’s Tower Club, which ran its own special blend of meats and spices through the grinder of competition for the first time.

Many chefs kept their secret recipes closely guarded. The chili ranged from super-spicy to managably mild. Ingredients ran from the traditional assortment of spices to the mere daring—brown sugar, chocolate and coffee.

"Chili is like art," said Bill Bowen from behind the steaming pot at Gino’s table. "Everybody likes it their way."

Sophomore Jeff Kasarjian said that good chili, to him, has lots of flavor, even more meat and is really spicy.

Cornell University student Gerald Griffin said texture, more than spice, is what makes good chili. "It has to be just right," he said.

Most restaurants brought multiple versions of their entries, both hot and mild. Also, a number of carnies treated the crowd.

The Tower Club’s booth was popular, with a line that spanned the width of The Commons’ walkway.

"It’s been pretty crazy, the line for our chili was long all day," chef Andy Cole said. "And we had a lot of people coming back for seconds."

"We went through 15 to 20 chili—heads over the past three weeks in order to decide which one to bring down here," said Dan Fravel, the Tower Club’s manager. There was more to the festival than just spicy meat and beans, however. Contests, live music and a mechanical bull kept people occupied, whether they were full or just needed to give their taste buds a rest.

Cornell’s Noise Community Center, which has been involved in the Winterfest for the past five years, held a chili pepper eating contest and nuded a number of live bands. Six brave souls rose to the chili pepper challenge issued by master of ceremonies Mike Barry, also the director of student life at Cornell. The contestants were instructed to eat a series of chili peppers as fast as they could and the first to finish would be named chili pepper champ. It was an impressive display of panicked hopping, shaking heads, waving arms and drool.

Greg Clasby of Trumansburg beat out the competition by forcing down the jalapeno, the red pepper and the Habanero in less than 90 seconds. After crying, nose running and face flushed, he accepted the trophy to the roar of the crowd.

The star attraction of the day, the tower of the competition for best vegetarian chili. The entry from Seniors Brett Auspurgar, Gabe Posner and Nicholas Ward taste the chili by Taste of Thai at the Chili Cook-Off Saturday.

"Good chili, to me, fits my taste bud's a rest."

"You just gotta go with it," said Kasarjian, one of the bull’s damp victims. "You can’t be stiff. You just gotta go with the motion of the bull."

The competition came to a head when the winners of the blind taste test were announced. At stake were a cash prize and the yearlong possession of the prized Chili Cook-Off trophy.

This year also saw the introduction of the competition for best vegetarian chili. The entry from Greenstar Cooperative Markets walked away with the blue ribbon in that category, with the Tower Club finishing a close second.

In the regular chili contest, however, the Statler Hotel of Cornell extended its reign as champion to a second year. Chef Arthur Mcroduer gave a triumphant shout as he accepted the trophy.

Again, the Tower Club rounded the second place position. Cole said he was happy with the showing, especially for their first time as contestants.

Cliff Wright, a Campus Center Dining Hall employee, said regardless of the outcome, he still thought IC had the best chili.

"Good chili, to me, fits my taste buds—it's all in the flavor," Wright said. "It's what's best."

The competition ended with a bang when the winners of the blind taste test were announced.

"If you were a late-night talk show host, who would your celebrity sidekick be? Why? Jake Gyllenhaal. I saw him in a play in London and basically fell in love with him.

What's the best pizza in Ithaca? Tough to answer, but literally I have been all over Sammy's.

Which is the best dining hall and why? A flag of peace and love—I think everyone could appreciate a little of each.

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Do you have any guesses on how many days we have left until war with Iraq? Not really. I hope there is no war. Remember peace in the Middle East.


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College Circle Apartments

College Circle Apartments Sample Floor Plan

College Circle Apartments
Lovable employee travels long road

BY ANDREAS SCHNEIDER
Contributing Writer

Horace Clarke is an upbeat kind of guy. As soon as he walks into work at the Campus Center Dining Hall, the atmosphere of the place changes. Whether he’s flipping burgers at the grill or stirring up a fresh batch of his famous shu-shoo sauce, there is always a smile on his face.

But Clarke said he knows what it’s like to live through a rough childhood. Still, he comes to work every day with the intent of making the students’ lives easier.

“I’m here for you guys,” he said. “Even though I do have a lot of things that have happened in my past that I have to deal with, I gotta be happy because I want you guys happy. It’s bad enough that you guys are stressed out because you’re dealing with school, so you need somebody that comes up to you with a smile.”

Clarke was born in Raytown, a place that he calls one of the toughest towns in southern Jamaica. When he was 3 years old, his parents moved to America, leaving him, his two older sisters and one younger brother in the care of their grandparents.

While most kids in his town joined gangs, Clarke spent his time running track and swimming at the urging of his grandfather. He said the track and the ocean were his sanctuary. Large boats would drop anchor about a mile off the coast, and Clarke and his friends would swim out to them and in their boyish pride, touch the sides of the boats. On one of these swims, they learned that the water can be just as unforgiving as the streets.

Clarke and his friends Peter, John and Al saw a large tanker stationed in the water. They swam out to it, unaware that the shipping lanes were still named. Clarke remembers the ensuing scene in chilling detail.

“I got tired, and I had to go into a dead man’s float, and when I turned around, I saw Al looking up and down in the water. I turned to my friends Peter and John, and I said, ‘Something’s wrong.’ We swam out to him, and he grabbed my hand, but there was a whirlpool underwater because the engine was on... so when I grabbed onto his hand he started dragging me under with him. He looked up and he told me, ‘I love you,’ and then he let go. I’ll always remember that.”

Al’s body was found three days later, and Clarke said he hasn’t ventured into the ocean since the incident. Shortly after the accident, when Clarke was 12, he and his siblings moved to New York City to live with their parents. Just months after the move, Clarke’s father was shot six times after an altercation with some teens on the street. His father survived the shooting, but it kept him in the hospital for over a year. In spite of all these trials, Clarke graduated from Bronx Community College with an associate’s degree in communications in 1986.

Four years ago, Clarke moved to Ithaca with his wife Anita and 11-year-old son Clifton because they were afraid of the increasing gang activity in their neighborhood in the Bronx.

In September he took a job as a cook in the Campus Center Dining Hall. He said he had opportunities to take higher-paying jobs but was attracted to the college because he loves talking to the students.

“I really work at Ithaca College because I want to be around all you kids,” Clarke said. “I’m a people person, and I like to talk to you all.”

One subject that always makes Clarke smile is his famous shu-shoo sauce. He said he is determined to let everyone know about the shu-shoo. It is a mixture of Thousand Island dressing, celery, mayonnaise and thyme. Clarke insists on adding the sauce to all his chicken sandwiches and hamburgers.

Senior Milen Shikov, who works with Clarke, said he is famous for the sauce.

“The way he explains the recipe makes it impossible for you not to try it,” Shikov said.

With every order he prepares, Clarke asks, “You want some shu-shoo with that?” If the answer is yes, he seems delighted. If a student answers “no,” Clarke seems almost offended.

“You don’t know about the shu-shop? Oh boy, let me tell you all about it!” Clarke says the recipe is over 250 years old, although that number changes every time he tells the story. Not only is it tasty, he says, but it improves schoolwork as well.

“You professor’s been calling me,” Clarke explains to one diner, “He says, ‘John’s been getting all Bs on his tests, better give him some shu-shoo.’”

Whatever story Clarke is telling, he is always having fun with the people around him.

“Horace is the reason we come to Campus Center every meal,” freshman Brian Birbiglia said. “Sometimes he comes and eats lunch with me and my friends.”

Freshman Brian Birbiglia said he enjoys these lunches. “Sometimes he’ll just start talking and go on for half an hour, no joke,” he said. “Horace is just hilarious.”

Hoeflschweiger, Birbiglia and four of their friends constitute a group that Clarke calls “the shu-shoo guys.”

“I love those guys,” Clarke said. “I look out for them. If they want chicken fingers I’ll make sure they get them.”

Freshman Jared Smith, one of the shu-shoo guys, also works with Clarke.

“It’s nice to work with Horace because he makes a job that could be boring, fun and entertaining, really something that I look forward to,” he said. “He’s great because he has a positive spirit, even when bad things happen at work he makes the best of them. He always makes the best of things.”

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Murderous musical riles hearts

BY KELLY O'BRIEN
StafF Writer

Movies like "The Recruit" are meant to tide Bond junkies over from one espionage action flick to the next. Unfortunately, this one is so badly assembled, it barely manages to provide a short window to the world beyond the spy genre before... (see story)

The purr and roar of Catherine Zeta-Jones' feline-etcha Velma Kelly in "Chicago" is so captivating, even a critic who usually frowns on musicals has to admit it's alluring dream. Her annual posturing and husky-voiced singing of the number, "All That Jazz," is a proper introduction to one of Kander and Ebb's most celebrated works.

"Chicago" has been nominated for 13 Oscars, the most for any musical since "Mary Poppins." It's been 30 years since Hollywood and much of the country was swept away by a movie musical, that being another of Kander and Ebb's masterpieces, "Cabaret." The wry, scumcular humor and Levy and peppe, politically subtle tunes of that film made Liza Minnelli a star. With "Chicago" we get another musical ingenue - three in fact. Although Zeta-Jones, Renee Zellweger and Richard Gere are so rockies when it comes to film star stardom, they've completely reinvented themselves in this tale of murder and media attention.

Zellweger plays Roxie Hart, a disgruntled housewife searching for stardom in the 1920s jazz-cabaret scene, who murders her lover in a fit of rage. She is sent to prison, but manages to escape and shuttles him off to training at the Goldsman and Mitch Glazer, directed by Rob Marshall's ambitious ambitious adaptation to one of Kander and Ebb's most celebrated works.

"Chicago" was written by Bob Cornid and Fred Ebb, directed by Rob Marshall and produced by Meryl Streep and Harvey Weinstein.

RICHARD GERE AND CATHERINE ZETA-JONES star in Rob Marshall's ambitious version of the classic musical, "Chicago." Renee Zellweger also stars in the film as the musical murder Hart.

an all-out war of murderous media darlings. The plot of the film, however, is merely a secondary element to its brilliant recreations of the stage numbers. Zellweger, though not as musically inclined as Zeta-Jones, cooly oozes her way through "Easy to Love," a veiled potshot at her schizophrenic husband, played by the muscle-bound,液压ing Al Pacino. Zeta-Jones' opening Flynn plays Mavis a medio star and the world see her "downtrodden" existence through a blurry microscope. Soon after, a feud between Velma and Roxie grows into a passionate singing voice. Who knew the "American Gigolo" had happy feet to go along with his happy ego?

What is less than hilarious about the film are the themes that Kander and Ebb thought to be so daring at the time when it was written. Vultureous media exploitation is somewhat blase in this age after Lewinsky and O.J., and there's certainly not much that is less timely than they think, the obvious fnerf from the actors easily makes up for the material.

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Movie Times

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

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Cracle the Grave 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:25 p.m. and 11:50 p.m.

The Life of David Gale - 12:40 p.m.; 4:20 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:50 p.m. and 11:50 p.m.

Old School - 12:30 p.m.; 2:40 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:50 p.m. and 11:50 p.m.

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Daredevil - 1/2/1 2:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The Jungle Book - 7:15 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.

The Hours - 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. and 12:05 a.m.

Chicago - 12:30 p.m.; 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:10 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

Shanghai Knights - 12:55 p.m., 3:20 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days - 12:35 p.m.; 3:30 p.m., 6:35 p.m., 8:25 p.m. and 11:50 p.m.

The Recruit - 1/2 - 9:15 p.m. and 11:35 p.m.

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The Ring - 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and midnight.
A high-flying comic opera
Live Theater

BY KELLY O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

A college opera is a unique event. It is a combination of two distinct social classes: the high-brow amateur and the rowdy college student. On Feb. 15, the clash between these two groups lent an air of excitement to the Ithaca College production of "Die Fledermaus." As conductor Patrick Hanen's harmonious waves of music flooded the rim of the orchestra pit, parts of the crowd broke into polite applause, while others groaned to hell, cheers and whistles.

The familiar overtone of Johann Strauss' classic opera was peppered with beautifully played solos from the string section, including "Seein' Red" and "Up All Night." As the song picks up, the ironic gruff exterior, beautiful songs of sadness were evident. The secondary characters were equally entertaining. Senior Megan Kohler made a hilarious foreign eccentric foreign prince, singing in a heavy Russian accent and wandering around the party looking for some form of amusement. The part was written for a female voice, despite the fact that the character is male, and it was implied that Orlofsky was transgender. Unfortunately, any statement of the director may have been trying to make was too subtle to have any impact. The sets for the play, designed by theater arts assistant professor Ken Hensien, were an interestingly eclectic design. The dress from the opera's "living room," which resembled an orchestra pit, was A kind sentiment, but unfortunate due to the ever-present cigarette smoke. The protests ranged from the innocent "I'm with George" chants to the more serious "I'm with Hootie." The fact is this: a recent poll, as reported in The New York Times last Sunday, shows that an astounding 85 percent of Spain is against the war. And it's not getting any better for Aznar — that figure is up 10 points from three weeks ago. So when Al Gore enters the stage of the Western White House in Crawford, Texas, last weekend and pledged that he is working with the wording of the new Iraq resolution to put the seal of Spain on it, one must wonder what that stamp is really worth.

Hungry MC delivers rough and rugged debut

BY PAUL GIMELBERG
Staff Writer

"Get Rich or Die Tryin'," the inaugural release from rapper 50 Cent, was pushed up five days earlier than its intended release date (in an attempt to put an end to bootlegging) and was still the No. 1 album in the country. "In Da Club" is the No. 1 hip-hop single. The album sold 872,000 records in a matter of four days to make it the best first week ever for a major label debut. In fact, this album has the best single-week sales of any rapper besides Eminem. Even if you don't know him by name, you have definitely heard his hits, "In Da Club" and "Ponytail." On "Get Rich," 50 Cent, a former crack dealer, hustler and inmate, takes hip-hop back to its hardcore roots. But he doesn't go at it alone. Eminem, Nate Dogg and 50's crew, G Unit, really make the album shine. Signed jointly to Dr. Dre's Aftermath and Eminem's Shady Records, 50 and his controversial style couldn't have found a better home.

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**Weekly Calendar of Events**

**Four-Day Weather Forecast**

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**High Rollers**

**Today**
- Biology Seminar — 4 p.m. in Center for Natural Sciences 112.
- Iraq, the industrial complex and delegated Union — 7 to 9 p.m. in Teater 103.
- Ithaca College Concert Band — 8:15 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.
- Forum on Women’s Health and Reproductive Options — 8:30 p.m. in Clark Lounge, Campus Center.

**Sports**
- Men’s swimming and diving at UNYSCA Championships at Webster High School.
- IC Sports Weekly — 7 p.m.
- Panorama — 7:30 p.m.
- NewWatch16 LIVE — 9 p.m.
- Trailer Park — 8:30 p.m.
- Quabbie — 9 p.m.
- Frequency — 9:30 p.m.
- NewWatch16 — 10 p.m.
- Hurling — 10:30 p.m.

**Friday**
- Shabbat Service — 6 p.m. in Muller Chapel.
- Joint Sophomore Elective Recital — Matt Haines and Mark Walsh, trombones, at 7 p.m. in Nabenhauer Recital Room, Whalen Center.
- "Die Fledermaus" — 8 p.m. in Dillon Gym Center.
- Junior Recital — Kevin Byrne, trumpet, at 8:15 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.

**Saturday**
- Klaerner Trumpet Master Class — 2:30 p.m. in 4308 Whalen Center.
- Junior Recital — Evan Riley, guitar, at 3 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.
- Junior Recital — Nicolas Cleveland, guitar, at 7 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.
- Ithaca College Symphony Concerto Concert — at 8:15 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.
- Men’s swimming and diving at UNYSCA Championships at Webster High School.
- Men’s and women’s indoor track and field at NYSTC Championships at St. Lawrence at 10 a.m.
- Women’s basketball at RIT at 2 p.m.
- Men’s basketball at RIT at 4 p.m.

**Sunday**
- Protestant Worship Service — 11 a.m. in Muller Chapel.
- Catholic Mass — 1 and 9 p.m. in Muller Chapel.
- Senior Recital — Beth Fredmun, euphonium, at 1 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.
- Junior Recital — Byran Fierd, clarinet, at 2 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.
- Senior Recital — Andrew Smith, tuba, at 3 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.
- MENC: National Association for Music Education Recital — 7 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.
- Experimental Animator Janie Geiser — 7 p.m. in Park Auditorium.
- PreVues III Campus Screening — 7 p.m. in Park Auditorium.
- Sophomore Elective Recital — Elaine Leggi, piano, at 8:15 p.m. in Nabenhauer Recital Room, Whalen Center.
- Junior Recital — Eric Swanger, bass trombone, at 9 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.

**Monday**
- Junior Recital — Gregory Beaulieu, piano, at 7 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.
- Yoga — 7:30 p.m. in Muller Chapel.
- Ithaca College Symphonic Band — 8:15 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.
- ICTV — Panorama — 7 p.m.
- IC Sports Weekly — 7:30 p.m.
- Hodgipodge — 8 p.m.
- Quabbie — 8:30 p.m.
- All Angles — 9 p.m.
- Frequency — 9:30 p.m.
- Trailer Park — 10 p.m.
- 30 Minutes — 10:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**
- "Celtic Spirituality and Its Music" — Guest lecturer Helen Phean, all-noon in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.
- Ithaca College Chamber Orchestra — 8:15 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.
- Midnight Mass — 11:55 p.m. in Muller Chapel.
- ICTV — Ye’ Think You Know Sports — 7 p.m.
- Panorama — 7:30 p.m.
- NewsWatch16 LIVE — 8 p.m.
- The Screening Room — 8:30 p.m.
- All Angles — 9 p.m.
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- NewsWatch16 — 10 p.m.
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Low-keyed Barnes makes tidal waves

Sophomore leads team with wit and sizzling times

BY NORIA LITAKER
Staff Writer

Before a race, most swimmers pace rapidly, visualize the race ahead or listen to their music of choice.

Not Steve Barnes.

The sophomore distance swimmer prefers to entertain his teammates by playfully stripping or dancing and singing until it is time to take the starting blocks.

"I can't like to think about the race until I absolutely have to," Barnes said.

Yet when the time comes, Barnes performs a Jekyll and Hyde-esque transformation.

Eyes riveted to the water, he springs off the blocks and rushes through the water with efficiency, often leaving his opponents lengths and laps behind.

As a freshman, Barnes set conference records in the 500- and 1,000-yard freestyle events, received a variety of accolades including Empire 8 swimmer of the year, Empire 8 rookie of the year and All-America status in the 1,650-yard freestyle, and was one of two Ithaca swimmers who attended nationals.

Barnes hasn't hit a sophomore slump this season. In fact, he has continued to excel, leading the team with 412.75 points this season. In 2001, Barnes was mainly a backstroker in his youth but switched to the freestyle after a series of shoulder injuries.

"I wasn't all that great in high school and I was mainly a backstroker in his youth but switched to the freestyle after a series of shoulder injuries," freshman Phil Herring said.

Barnes' rise to the top of the Empire 8 began at the age of 5. Following in the footsteps of his mother, who swam in high school and college, he was mainly a backstroker in his youth but switched to the freestyle after a series of shoulder injuries.

"He's one of those kids who can bring a smile to anybody's face," freshman Phil Herring said.

Barnes' rise to the top of the ladder has been one of the best stories of the Bomber swimming season this year.

"I wasn't all that great in high school and I wasn't all that great in high school and I was pretty much on the lowest rung,'" said Markwardt. "Now I'm at the top of the ladder.

Ithaca keeps leaks plugged in delayed victory at Elmira

BY BRAD TIEDE
Staff Writer

Basketball games normally take two hours to complete, but the Bombers returned to Elmira Tuesday night to finish what was a started Saturday, resulting in an 88-58 victory.

Play was suddenly halted due to a leak in the gymnasium roof Saturday, with the Blue and Gold leading, 36-34.

After a full timeout by Elmira, officials were alerted to the leak in the Murray Athletic Center roof. The matter, built in 1992, is the world's first goosenecked athletic complex.

Officials postponed the game until a decision was made Monday to continue the contest.

Sophomores guard Jesse Roth scored a career-high 23 points, including 5-of-12 from three-range and 6-of-8 at the line. Sophomore Jason Wallen followed up his 21-point performance against Nazareth with a 20-point effort on 10-of-13 shooting from the line.

Sophomore Nate Thomas was the fifth Bomber to post double figures, scoring 11 points.

Corinne Jackson led the Scare- ing Eagles with a double-double, posting a game-high 25 points and 12 rebounds.

Ithaca (12-1, 8 Empire 8) concludes the regular season at Nazareth and RIT this weekend.

Bald Bombers aim for another title

BY NORIA LITAKER
Staff Writer

"Tuesday = Bad."

The equation memorialized in chalk on the blackboard at the end of the Hill Center pool marks the day when all 21 members of the men's swimming and diving team will narrow their collective focus on a sole target: winning a national championship.

"Shaving our heads is mental preparation for the meet, at that point we all come together as a team," junior Sasha Kuznezov said.

In order to win, the men will need to shave more than their hair during the three-day long meet.

Trimming tenths of a second from personal bests could be the difference between a title or a lower placement is the 13-team field.

"There are going to be some very tight races, it's going to come down to the tenth," Kuznezov said. "If the end, hopefully we trained harder than everyone else."

Entering the meet, the Bombers are one of the top teams, fielding just 19 swimmers and two divers, far fewer than the team's usual 30 members.

"We may have one event where we have no entries. In 20 years of coaching I don't know if that has ever happened," coach Kevin Markwardt said.

The Bombers' lack of depth will pose a problem because points are awarded for each of the top 24 places at the state meet, giving the advantage to teams with large rosters.

"You have to get the most points possible and figure how you're going to hurt yourself the least," Markwardt said. "We're going to come on a couple really big events like the 1,650 freestyle and distance events, where we have to have four or five guys placing because we're going to have events like the dual swim where we have maybe no one placing."

With the team looking to win another championship, a handful of Blue and Gold swimmers have a chance to qualify for nationals in their respective events.

Sophomore Steve Barnes, a reigning All-American in the 1,650-yard freestyle, is contemplating whether or not to race at nationals.

"I was pretty much on the lowest rung," said Markwardt. "Now I'm at the top of the ladder.

I'm scoring through hard; it's a great motivator for the team as well as will sev eral Bomber relay teams, Markwardt said.

Despite the small size of their team, the soon-to-be bald Bombers are fired up for this weekend's meet.

"We can't wait. We're counting down the days." Thanks said.
Body-image problems lead to Ephedra deaths

Steve Becker is dead. Dead because of pushing his system to its limits. Dead because his body wasn’t prepared to have his metabolism pumped up while running his cardio system. Dead because Ephedra is suspected to have killed the Baltimore Orioles’ pitcher; it’s his life that Becker will have to give up. People forget that it can really hurt and kill. And then that person will be forgotten.

It’s foolish to think the very drug or type of drug that took the life of Becker, Darling and Wheeler isn’t prominent at this school. Anybody who has taken a trip to the Fitness Center can see it. Women vehemently push their legs to go faster on treadmills and elliptical machines. Guys spend their time hitting the weights and checking in the mirror how well they’re doing. They’re crossing an obsession on this campus. If it’s magic pill to go in, have fun and swim well, but we went in, had an amazing time and swam incredibly,” said junior Megan Hughes, who qualified automatically in two individual events and a relay. Hughes was named the swimmer of the meet.

Kraheck, who swam on Ithaca’s provisionally qualifying “A” performances in the process. The “B” standards are used to fill out the field in each event if there are not enough automatic qualifiers.

Though the Blue and Gold knew they would win states, they did not plan on doing so in such dominant fashion.

"We just expected to go in, have fun and swim well, but we went in, had an amazing time and swam incredibly,” said junior Megan Hughes, who qualified automatically in two individual events and a relay. Hughes was named the swimmer of the meet. Kraheck, who swam on Ithaca’s provisionally qualifying “A” performances in the process. The “B” standards are used to fill out the field in each event if there are not enough automatic qualifiers.

"When you’re up behind the blocks,” Kraheck said, "I remember being in the rooms with the gurus, calling it “an honor’just to be in the pool.”

"It was more than just what we did," Kraheck said. "It was the chemistry between the girls and between [coach Paula Miller] and us. Everyone was just really happy.”

Even Miller, who claimed her 13th state title and was named coach of the meet, was overwhelmed by all the success.

"Oh my god, she had tears in her eyes,” Hughes said. "She was so happy, so proud.”

Junior Kristen Shorette made it a clean sweep when she was named the meet’s most outstanding diver.

While it was certainly gratifying to see the team perform so well in the pool, by all accounts the meet will be most memorable because of the experiences the Bombers shared outside of the water.

"I’m going to remember all the silly things we’ve done,” Kraheck said. "I remember staying in the rooms with the girls and the conversations we had at dinner, cheering for everyone on the side, watching the rest of my friends on the team swim and how excited they were when they got out of the pool.”

Hughes, who said "she can’t even grasp everything that happened,” described the sense of excitement that surged through-out the meet as “almost contagious.”

Hughes even thought the Bombers’ ca-maderie, which was reflected in dancing on deck and a synchronized water-based routine called “Ducky Ducks,” kept them loose and compelled them to seize the moment.

“When you’re up behind the blocks,” Hughes said, “you’ve got your entire team on the side of the pool, and you know they’re all rooting for you, and your team is succeeding, and everyone who swims is doing such an awesome job, all you can do is smile and just have a good time with it.”

Let the good times roll — all the way to Atlanta.
National title within a stick’s reach

After reaching the semifinals last year, the Bombers think they can win it all

BY CHRIS COLLELUORI
Staff Writer

Last season their record was 11-5. They lost one game to an Empire 8 opponent. They won their first conference title in 10 years. They went to the NCAA semifinals for the first time since 1992. But all that wasn’t good enough.

The men’s lacrosse team plan to put up even better performance this year. After losing only two starters from last year’s roster, the players are looking forward to a successful season.

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The most valuable assets the veterans bring to the team are the intangibles. Long said he has already seen a great deal more maturity, confidence and leadership from a variety of individuals.

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The team is looking forward to a fun season as well as a successful one. Weil said he and all his teammates are excited about the potential for this season, and they won’t settle for anything less than the best.

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The seventh-ranked Bombers will look to take their first steps toward the title on Saturday at Scranton (Pa.).
BY MICAH KARG  
Staff Writer

Last year, the Bombers sent one wild-card wrestler to nationals. This year, sophomore Jad Duca, senior co-captain Bill Parry and junior Jeff Edelstein placed second in their respective weight classes and each received a wild-card berth. Sophomore K.C. Beach also finished second but was only named an alternate for the conference. If someone in the conference gets hurt, Beach will compete.

As a team, the 12th-ranked Bombers tallied 72.5 points and finished second to Brockport (120) and ahead of Cortland (60), Oswego (51.5), Oneonta (29.5) and RIT (16.5).

Coach Marty Nichols was happy that three Bombers were awarded a wild card but wasn't completely satisfied with the Bombers' overall performance. "Some guys wrestled like they should've wrestled," Nichols said. "We had some losses, but that's typical of a conference tournament."

Duca went 3-1 on the day in the 195-pound bracket, with his only loss coming in the first round to Oneonta's Dustin Winn by a score of 1-0. Winn went on to take the division and was named the meet's outstanding wrestler. In the match for third place, Duca forced the nation's No. 1 wrestler, Dan Baker of Brockport, to forfeit.

In the 165-pound weight class, Parry wrestled two matches and finished 1-1, beating Arthur Wiedler of Brockport 12-1 and losing to RIT's Pat North 6-2 in the finals. North is the nation's No. 3 wrestler. Parry has struggled against him this season because of North's unorthodox style.

"I was a little disappointed I lost in the finals, (but) overall I was real happy with my performance," Parry said. "Once [North] gets around your weight, it's very easy to beat. After each time I wrestle him it is a learning experience. I'll get him next time."

Parry and Wiedler, the nation's second-ranked wrestlers, were paired up for the match to determine second place, but since Parry beat Wiedler earlier in the day, 12-1, the second-place match was unnecessary. The third Bomber to advance, Edelstein, went 3-1 in the tournament, beating Nick Costello of Oneonta, 12-4, in the second-place match. After he lost in the second round to top seeded Tovon Fordyce of Brockport, 6-4, Nichols let Edelstein know that if he wanted to move on, he would have to beat Costello by a larger margin.

"Coach told me I can't stop, and I should keep pushing him," Edelstein said. "I'd have to prove to the coaches that I was good enough to get the wildcard."

Both Edelstein and Parry went to nationals last year as spectators and cheered on five of their teammates, including Hall. Using him as an example, Edelstein knows that at the national tournament, all bets are off.

"Once you get there anything can happen," Edelstein said. "You just have to go out there and kick butt."

Ithaca also had three third-place finishers -- freshman Scott Atkinson at 141, senior Andrew Locke at 174 and sophomore Bryan Petti at 197. Sophomore Macario Alvarez defeated second-ranked Jeff Fordyce of Oneonta en route to a fourth-place finish. At 133 pounds, sophomore Lasse DeJong took fourth, as did junior heavyweight Erik Wissup.

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The Bombers stayed on track to finish the season in the Empire II, with a dominating 66-48 victory over Elmira Saturday.

The Bombers moved the watches (79-41) to 10-10 in conference play.

Sophomore Stephanie Cleary led the Blue and Gold in scoring with 21 points. Ten of these points came off of her career-high 10 free throws. Cleary shot 5-of-7 from the floor while playing solid defense as well, contributing five steals.

Senior Kendra Blount added 13 points and 11 rebounds, as jumper Cari Gowan scored six points, pulled down seven rebounds and blocked seven shots.

A commanding lead allowed for all members of the team to be given substantial playing time.

The Bombers shot 44.9 percent from the floor, including 2 of 11 from beyond the three-point arc.

The Bombers will travel to Rochester over the weekend; they take on the UR on Friday and Rochester Institute of Technology on Saturday.

Men's indoor track and field Weekend

The Bombers qualified seven runners for the state championships at Cornell's Marc Denault Memorial Invitational.

Seniors Garrett Wagner and Brian Coca both posted NYSCOC and ECAC qualifying times in the 100 meters. Wagner won the race in 10.76, 12.74 seconds and Coca finished right behind with a time of 12.75.

Sophomore Shawn Calabrese ran a strong 3.000 meters. He ran faster as the race went on, running from fourth to first in the final two laps. Calabrese won the event with a time of 8:37.54.

The final NYSCOC Ithaca qualifier was sophomore Adam Lang. He ran the 400 meters in 51.81 seconds to place second, in a time that is currently tied for the second-fastest time in Cornell history.

Sophomore teammate Rob Pickles finished just behind him with a time of 51.02.

Junior Greg Hobs set a school record in the 600-meter laces with a time of 1:34.85.

Junior Kevin Alford finished second at Cornell's Marc Denault Memorial Invitational Saturday.

Men's tennis Saturday

Junior Michael Medvin and sophomore Blair Watkins captured the doubles "B" bracket championship at the St. Lawrence Invitational.

Watkins also advanced to the "A" singles bracket final before losing to Nazareth's Jeff Davenport 6-1, 7-6 (7-4).

Freshman Chris Cianfroco advanced to the finals in the "B" singles bracket but lost to St. Lawrence freshman Neil Cutler 6-1, 6-2.

Workhorse junior Dan Green and freshman Andrew Marks earned semifinal berths by winning a pair of singles matches on Saturday. Ithaca has its first dual meet March 10.

Women's indoor track and field Weekend

The Bombers competed at Cornell's Marc Denault Memorial Invitational Saturday. Junior Amanda Lathay and sophomore Amy Holvey each set school records Sunday.

Lathay raced to a time of 2:56.04 in the 800-meter run, to become the third-fastest runner in Cornell history in the 800-meter dash.

In the high jump, the Bombers took the top six spots. Freshman Megan Moring topped 5-5 1/4, good enough for the sixth-best jump in Division III this winter.

Right behind was Holvey, who posted a mark of 5-5 1/2.

Sophomore Jenn Frey finished in third.

The Bombers finished third at Cornell's Marc Denault Memorial Invitational. The finish was the first dual meet of the season for Ithaca.
A league of their own

The women's swimming and diving team won its sixth state title in seven years Saturday.

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A BREATHE OF FRESH AIR

Sophomore Steve Barnes has risen to Division III stardom, but you'd never know it if you met him.