We will meet that threat now

Campus community reacts after Bush initiates attacks on Iraq

By Katie Maslanka

Staff Writer

As sophomore Tina Lax listened to President Bush declare the beginning of coalition force strikes in Iraq Wednesday, she began to sob with fear.

"I feel absolutely paralyzed right now," said Lax, who watched the 10:15 p.m. national address in the Campus Center television lounge. She immediately called her father for comfort.

Bush announced the strikes against strategic Iraqi targets, which began at 9:45 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, near dawn in Iraq.

“Our nation enters this conflict reluctantly, yet our purpose is sure,” Bush said. “The people of the United States and our friends and allies will not live at the mercy of an outlaw regime that threatens the peace with weapons of mass murder. We will meet that threat now.”

As the nation prepared for war this week, a mix of emotions caused the Ithaca College community to respond by expressing their opinions or the conflict, both in the classroom and across the campus.

During Bush’s speech Monday, he gave Saddam Hussein a 48-hour ultimatum to leave Iraq. According to The Washington Post, Saddam publicly rejected the president’s ultimatum early Wednesday. Later, Bush met with war decisions after he White House and Communist national announcement for war.

Sophomore Michelle Meredith, chairwoman of the Ithaca College Republicans, said Wednesday night that she was not surprised by Bush’s announcement.

“Bush made it pretty clear that tonight was Saddam’s last deadline,” she said. “It’s paused, and now conflict has begun.”

Senior Brian Felder watched the speech in the Campus Center television lounge Wednesday. He scanned Bush’s motives for the attacks.

“Our objective was to disarm Iraq and the attack does nothing for human rights to Iraqi citizens,” he said.

Several events are planned both in support of and against the war. Today at noon, SJP is sponsoring a peace rally at the Free Speech Rock.

The Ithaca College Choir will be presenting a concert around the theme of peace on Saturday at 8:15 p.m., featuring Ralph Vaughan Williams’ ‘Dona Nobis Pacem’ (Grant Us Peace), Choir director Lawrence Doebler, professor of music performance, said the war makes the concert all the more appropriate.

ICR is planning a fund raiser for the U.S. military support for American troops. ICR is a human shield in Baghdad.

Many students expressed concern for the ramifications of going to war.

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Graduate student deployed to Middle East

By Kelli B. Grant

News Editor

While most students at Ithaca College were packing for spring break, communications graduate student Amber Lederhouse, a sergeant in the Army Reserve, was making all the necessary preparations to spend a year on active duty in the Middle East.

Lederhouse, and the rest of the 77th Quartermaster Unit of Niagara Falls, were initially scheduled to be deployed March 15, but under revised orders, will depart today for an undisclosed location. She is the second Ithaca College student reservist to be activated and the first to be sent abroad.

“I feel overwhelmed, nervous and scared at the same time because I don’t know how long I’m going to be gone,” she said. “I don’t really know where I’m going to be, what I’m going to do.”

Lederhouse found out she was being deployed March 1 during a training session in Albany. She and the rest of the unit were called into formation and told to prepare for a year of active duty.

“They said, ‘We have orders to mobilize on the 15th of March,’” she said. “‘A million things ran through my mind.’”

As a petroleum supply specialist, Lederhouse will be responsible for setting up and controlling supply lines for the bulk distribution of fuel. She said the chances of her being put in a combat situation are slim.

When asked if her deployment as a specialist indicated the role of oil in a conflict with Iraq, Lederhouse replied that she needed to follow her orders.

“I’m not allowed to comment on what I think about going over there,” she said. “I have a few commercials [for the Reserve] and ended up thinking, ‘Why not?’ It seemed like I could find adventure better in the Army than by studying abroad.”

During the past two weeks, Lederhouse has worked to complete an extensive to-do list:

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National and International News

Federal agencies prepare for terrorism

They are stockpiling food and water at the State Department, handing out "escape hoods" at the Pentagon and learning how to "shelter in place" at other agencies. As war drums in Iraq, federal agencies are girding again for possible retaliatory attacks against the nation by detonating poison gas bombs on the American teachers' workshop held at college during break

Educators from across the country gathered at the college to prepare undergraduate students to teach math. The workshop will include appearances of mathematicians and educators. Students interested in interning at Walt Disney World can attend an informational session Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Textor 101. Disney is casting students at all Disney World parks for the summer and fall of 2003. Information is available at www.wdcllegeworkprogram.com.

Local group to sell defibrillators to support cancer research

The American Cancer Society is selling defibrillators to support cancer research, education, prevention, treatment and programs for patients and their families. Among the buyers will be the Red Cross dance marathon to raise funds for county

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National and International News

Thailand cracks down on drug dealers

Thanon Monta and his wife, Kwanla Pungchonpoo, learned they were on a government blacklist of suspected drug dealers when they received a letter ordering them to report to police. Within minutes of being allowed to leave the police station, both Thanan, 53, and Kwanla, 40, were killed when a car pulled alongside them and men inside opened fire. With their deaths, the couple became part of Thailand's grisly success in its new war against drugs.

Also, police in the Thai province of Nakhon Pathom punished three police officers for accepting bribes from drug dealers. The officers are accused of accepting bribes from drug dealers to help them avoid arrest. The police officers were suspended without pay for 12 months.

Source: Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post News Service

Correction

Mary Arlin is a professor in the Department of History and Composition. Her title was incorrect in the March 6 issue.

ACCS technology showcase to feature national vendors

Vendors will showcase their wares and demonstrate the latest computer technology at the college's 13th annual Educational Technology Day today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Emerson Suites. The Office of Academic Computing and Client Services is bringing 40 vendors to the college for the event. They include Adobe Systems, Apple Computer, Cingular Wireless, Dell Computer and Verizon Communications.

The show also features seminars and a college showcase showing how computers are used in and out of the classroom at the college.

Department to offer program in creative math for children

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science will encourage children to experience math in a new way. The Fun and Creativity afternoon on Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6:40 p.m. in Editha Suite.

Ithaca College students will help the children with their homework. Some children will be able to work with the students on a continuing basis. The workshop is aimed at helping children who dislike math regain confidence in the subject.

To register for the program, contact Associate Professor Dani Novak at novak@ithaca.edu.

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Local bands and Ithaca College and Cornell performing groups, such as Ocu...
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When Ithaca College students are asked to make suggestions for campus improvements, parking is often at the top of their lists.

The Ithaca College Environmental Society is trying to solve this problem by sponsoring a Blue Bike Program to assist students with getting to and from classes without the use of a motor vehicle.

Students who join the program can borrow a bike to take from location to location on campus. Bikes will be blue for easy recognition.

Bikes will be located at various bike racks throughout campus and are available for members of the Blue Bike Program to use at any time. Members will only need to lock the bike at the designated location and then it is there for another person to use.

Graduate student, Anna Ehrlen, project manager, said that even though the bikes are available for unlimited use on campus at any time, they are going to ask members for a $35 deposit for the keys. The Ithaca Blue Bike Program will hopefully be up and running by next week, she said.

Ehrlen said that over the past three years, parking has become one of a problem on campus. Because of this, Ithaca has developed a student group with the hopes that students will reduce their use of cars within the campus.

"Biking is a really good alternative to driving, and we want to present that alternative," Ehrlen said.

"I think the Blue Bike Program will also help in decreasing the amount of pollution in the immediate area," Ehrlen said.

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Reservist prepares for year away

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packing her apartment in Freeville, saying goodbye to family and friends, cutting her hair in preparation for the mandatory cuts of 100 degrees and writing her last will and testament.

"That was weird, writing out my will and giving up my power of attorney," she said. "I'm worried about life insurance and I'm only 23 years old.

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Full-time post OK’d for LGBT coordinator

BY KATE SHEPPARD
Staff Writer

After months of anticipation, students studying for a full-time coordinator of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender education, outreach and services have their answer from the board of trustees.

The position, currently filled by Lisa Maurer, has been elevated to full-time for the 2003-2004 school year. The board’s decision, which was made in February, pleased student activists who campaigned for the change since the position’s creation in October 2001.

“It’s a step in the right direction,” said senior Ryan Prosser, co-author of the proposal to make the position full-time. “Often times, Lisa isn’t as accessible as she’d like to be. I think she’ll be able to see to a lot of programming.”

Prosser, senior Daniel Baker and junior Braeden Sullivan wrote and submitted the proposal last semester and soon garnered support from the Student Government and Multicultural Affairs. The position was first made part-time in order to sell more cigarettes. "That project specifically says we want to target gay men. It's his life," Sullivan said.

Maurer was pleased to see her position increased to full-time and said it affirms the college’s commitment to a diverse community.

“I’m here to help create a community where everyone is valued,” Maurer said. "My office helps build a campus where all people can learn, work and live in an affirmative environment.”

The position was first made part-time to fit the available budget, but students said Maurer could not meet all community needs.

“There were so many phone calls that she didn’t have time to follow up on, e-mails that she couldn’t follow up on and programs that people wanted her to do on days she wasn’t here,” Sullivan said.

Maurer said it is important for students to realize diversity.

“Our hope is that with Lisa working full-time through the academic year, she will be able to better meet the needs of the campus community,” he said.

Maurer debunks tobacco ads

BY AMANDA MILLWARD
Staff Writer

Since the early 1990s, tobacco companies have targeted the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community to boost their sales, according to the Center for LGBT Education, Outreach and Services.

Lisa Maurer, coordinator of the center, will discuss how tobacco companies target the LGBT community and ways people can quit or cut back smoking at a lecture and video screening tonight. The program, called “Selling Out: How LGBT People Have Become Targets of Big Tobacco,” will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in Williams 221 as part of National LGBT Health Awareness Week.

Big tobacco companies advertise in LGBT magazines, using symbols like the rainbow and words such as “pride” and “freedom,” Maurer said. She said the tobacco companies set up and invite people to use the AIDS Walk, she said. Companies advertise in LGBT magazines, using words such as “pride” and “freedom.”

Big tobacco companies also sponsor LGBT national events such as the AIDS Walk, she said. Companies set up and invite people to use a smoking lounge where members of the events can go to smoke and receive free packs of cigarettes.

Maurer said it is important for the LGBT community to become educated about the tobacco companies’ schemes to encourage more people to buy their products. Maurer’s talk is paid for by part of a $3,150 grant from the Tompkins County Tobacco Control Coalition for the LGBT Center to promote programs on LGBT health.

“When I first started telling people in the LGBT community on campus about this grant, most had no idea that our communities were targeted specifically,” she said.

“For the first time we’re encouraged to quit or cut back smoking. We’re being taught that smoking is bad.”

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For more information, call Lisa Maurer at 274-3340 or the LGBT Center at 274-2050.
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Student accountants file taxes in Alaska

BY SHARON BRANDMAN
Staff Writer

Spring break is a time when many students travel as far south as they can go, desperately searching for an escape from the harsh winter. But five senior business students traveled even farther north last week to lend a hand with tax returns in Alaska.

Seniors Lindsey Mullins, Erin Wiater, Gary Kreiser, Totka Parusheva and Shannon Rhoades traveled to Alaska with Alan Cohen, associate professor of accounting. All are members of Ithaca College’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance team, which is in its sixth year of offering accounting services to Tompkins County low-income taxpayers.

Cohen, director of VITA, said this is the second year he has brought students to Alaska to aid the Alaskan Business Development Center Inc., which has developed a program out of Anchorage that provides assistance to low-income taxpayers from various villages.

During the 10-day trip, Cohen and Kreiser worked their way down the Aleutian Chain in Bristol Bay, while the rest of the students prepared tax returns for villages on Kodiak Island.

The two groups prepared more than 200 tax returns for the Alaskan natives living in the villages they visited. Cohen said an exact number has not yet been tallied.

“We flew into a village, usually arriving sometime in early or late afternoon, worked until nine or 10 o’clock, got up the next morning and worked until the plane came to take us to the next village,” he said.

Despite the busy schedule, the students said they enjoyed their work and appreciated the different environment they encountered.

“The people and the culture were totally different from anything we’ve ever seen,” Mullins said. “We would go into small villages, and there would be 28 people on this tiny island. The culture was totally different and it was amazing experience that I’ll never forget.”

—ERIN WIATER
Senior

Mullins said the villagers were often fishermen, who were not very wealthy and could not afford to pay to have their tax returns sent away for filing.

“Making a difference in the villagers’ lives by helping them get their money back was the second best experience of the trip, she said.

Wiater said she thought the trip was an amazing experience. Originally wanting to go to Florida for Spring break, she decided in the end she could not pass up the chance to travel to Alaska.

“I thought, ‘When am I ever going to get another chance to go to Alaska?’ It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” she said. “We worked really hard, but it was definitely an experience I’ll never forget.”

Students were selected for the trip by submitting memoranda of intent to the School of Business. Each student earned three internship credits for participating in VITA and the trip.

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Seniors Lindsey Mullins, left, and Erin Wiater file tax returns for Alaskan villagers on Kodiak Island. Along with three other students and Alan Cohen, associate professor of accounting, they spent spring break providing assistance to low-income taxpayers.

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Criteria

1. All great volunteers have big hearts.
   The giraffe’s heart is huge; it weighs 21 pounds, is 2 feet long, and has walls up to 3 inches thick. Nominate a group that has done something big, something that used a lot of heart.

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   Giraffes rarely lay down, they even stand and give birth standing up. Nominate a group that has worked blue-collared on a project.

Pick up a nomination form at the Community Service Program at 319 Elbert Hall or email volunteers@ithac.edu for an electronic form. Nominations due by April 1st.

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MEMBERS OF THE IC Tap Dance Club perform a cappella as part of their Improv and Performance Show Tuesday in the Campus Center’s Clark Lounge. This was the group’s first performance.

Former Olympian to share life story

BY SARAH HOFIUS

A world-famous diver will discuss his personal triumphs, struggles and motivations when he comes to Ithaca College on Monday.

Olympic champion Greg Louganis will speak at 8 p.m. in Emerson Suites as part of the Student Activities Board speaker series.

Louganis is a four-time Olympic gold medalist, six-time world champion and a four-time national championship titleholder. As an HIV-positive gay man, Louganis’ struggles with a lack of self-confidence held him back personally and professionally before he came out, according to his Web site, www.louganis.com.


“Louganis will speak about his positive and negative struggles through life, whether it be the Olympics or his sexuality,” said senior Gregg Goldstein, SAB executive chair.

At the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, Louganis won two gold medals for springboard and platform diving.

In the 1988 Games in Seoul, South Korea, after a nearly disastrous head injury during a competition dive, Louganis went on to win two gold medals — making him the first man to win double gold medals in two consecutive Olympics Games.

Junior Melissa Ferraro, SAB speakers chair, said SAB decided to bring Louganis to campus because he not only has a phenomenal athletic history, but he also attracts a very diverse audience.

“He’s overcome so many issues, and he will be so appealing to the students at Ithaca College,” she said.

Goldstein said he hopes Louganis’ speech will help the student body to realize the importance of perseverance and the amount of work it takes to achieve a goal.

“Things didn’t always go the right way for [Louganis], but he kept on going,” Goldstein said.

Freshman Matthew Willis plans on attending the speech. He said he was looking forward to hearing what Louganis has to say.

It’s interesting that a man who’s won Olympic gold is coming to speak at Ithaca,” Willis said. “He’s been at the top of his sport, and he’s battled HIV, and he’s managed to persevere through it and succeed.”

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- The Software Strategy of Sun - Seminar Room

10:00 - 10:50
- Dell/EMC Products and Services - Clark Lounge
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- Voice (video & more) Open IP - Seminar Room

11:00 - 11:50
- Dell Products and Services - Clark Lounge
- Gateway Tools - Kling Lounge
- WebCT Overview - N. Mtg Rm
- Wireless Data 2003 - Seminar Room
- Training Approaches - Conference Room

12:10 - 1:00
- OS X - Clark Lounge
- Tablet PC - Kling Lounge
- Exemplary Course Project - N. Mtg Rm
- Oracle Student System Workshop - Seminar Room
- Leasing Advantages - Conference Room

1:10 - 2:00
- OS X Server and Xserve - Clark Lounge
- Office XP and Producer - Kling Lounge
- Print Management Solutions - N. Mtg Rm
- Integrating Fractals - Seminar Room
- Extending Voice/Data Networks - Conference Room

2:10 - 3:00
- iLife - Clark Lounge
- Leaving Your Analog World Behind - Kling Lounge
- Classroom Performance System (CPS) - N. Mtg Rm
- Firewalls - Seminar Room
- Teaching with Technology - Conference Room

3:10 - 4:00
- Citrix Systems - Clark Lounge
- HP ProCurve - Kling Lounge
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Digital class avoids snow

Wombat, Iconel, Sauce, Fox and Unsettled attended Robert Samuelson's Principles of Electronic Commerce class Feb. 25, despite an accumulation of snow that halted traffic on Route 98 and prompted many professors to cancel classes.

Samuelson, an adjunct assistant professor who teaches one class a week in the School of Business, conducted the 41-person class via AOL Instant Messenger, with students virtually commuting from residence halls, downtown Ithaca and even New Jersey. The professor sent the PowerPoints slides for the day's presentation through PDF files so students could use the virtual files to follow along with the lecture.

Ithaca staff writer Kate Sheppard talked with Samuelson about his use of the technology and its potential for use in the future.

Kate Sheppard: How many students actually participated in the Instant Messenger class? Robert Samuelson: I had all 21 students. One attended from New Jersey because she couldn't get comfortable with e-mail and those screennames. "Sauce?" who don't participate very much in class, who were very active on Instant Messenger. Some people just aren't comfortable speaking, and we're certainly moving into an era when people are very comfortable with e-mail and those types of tools, and they'd rather read an e-mail than call.

Did it change the dynamics of the class? I have some students who are usually not very good verbalizers, who don't participate very much in class, who were very active on Instant Messenger. Some people just aren't comfortable speaking, and we're certainly moving into an era when people are very comfortable with e-mail and those types of tools, and they'd rather read an e-mail than call.

I did do something different — I took attendance at the beginning and at the end of class, just to make sure they were still up.

You teach the class about electronic communications in business. How do you think electronic communication is going to influence business in the future?

There are some problems with it as a communications means. We can listen at about 1,000 words a minute. We can talk about 200 words a minute. But most people only type about 30 words a minute, so it's a pretty slow way to communicate. Also, it's synchronous, which means both parties have to be on at the same time to a certain degree.

One of my students had to leave early but left herself logged in, and she was able to go back in her log file and see the rest of the conversation that went on. That was something I hadn't thought about.

Would you teach class like that again?

From my perspective, it was really hard. I was exhausted when I was done. I was typing absolutely as fast as I could. My hands hurt.

We only meet on Monday nights for two and a half hours, and that's a long time. [But] I would definitely do it again, probably in a different way.

Were any of your students embarrassed to tell you their screenname?

We went through and I asked them where they got some of these screennames. "Sauce?" "Fox?" "Guns?" "Wombat?" I was curious to see the personalities and how they came up with their screenname.
Celebration of Service —
Big and little brothers develop lasting bonds

BY MARC KLEIN
Staff Writer

When he’s not starring on the ICTV program “Thirty Minutes” or leading a busy life as a college freshman, Rand Geiger volunteers as a Big Brother in Ithaca’s One-to-One Big Brothers—Big Sisters organization.

He and his little brother, Chris, a seventh-grade student in the Ithaca City School District, play sports together and enjoy video games.

Geiger said one of his favorite parts of the job is to talk to Chris.

"They talk about everything from girls to sports to how Chris is doing in school," Geiger said. "I would recommend it if you enjoy working with children because it’s as close to a one-on-one relationship as you can come."

Geiger said spending time with Chris is enjoyable and easy.

"He’s a very talkative kid so I don’t have to worry about impressing him," Geiger said. "He’ll tell me about what he did at school or what kind of video games he just got. It’s really cool."

John Bailey, the program coordinator of One-to-One Big Brothers—Big Sisters, part of Big Brothers—Big Sisters of America Inc., said the organization looks for volunteers who will be a friend to the little brothers and sisters.

"Every child has a need for people to look up to," Bailey said. "We’re here to serve the kids who aren’t getting that through other community resources."

Geiger was involved in community service at his Catholic high school and wanted to continue his involvement while at college.

"We had to do service every year for about 20 hours," Geiger said. "You just sort of like it and feel like you have a responsibility to continue doing service in college."

Geiger developed an interest in working with children when he participated in an annual trip to Nicaragua to volunteer with children. He and other volunteers read to children and helped to teach English courses. He has traveled there for the past three summers and is still involved in that program.

Although it is more difficult for Geiger to volunteer off campus because he does not have a car, he said he does because he wants to work with children.

"I have to burn rides off friends to get back here or to the YMCA or bowling," he said. "I hadn’t really heard with much going on with children on campus."

The most difficult part of the job for Geiger is saying "no" to Chris.

"Basically the goal is to have fun together," Bailey said. "Obviously the parents often have concerns of how they’re doing in school, and we encourage volunteers to be supportive and help out with those things but not at the expense of having fun because a lot of times that’s what kids need."

In 2002, Big Brothers—Big Sisters in Ithaca helped 245 children. Bailey said the number was roughly split between boys and girls.

He added that college students were a big source of volunteers in Ithaca.

Bailey said the organization was not affected by recent budget cutbacks but they are very worried about the future.

Geiger began the paperwork to be a volunteer last fall, but he just began volunteering with Chris about a month ago. Although their friendship is new, he expects it to last a long time. He added that he owes it to Chris and the program to continue the relationship.

"They encourage you to continue it [the entire time] you’re in college, and if you can’t, you really have to explain it to your little brother or sister," Geiger said. "It’s not just sort of this surface thing. It encourages a long-term commitment."

Bailey said new volunteers are always welcome by calling the Ithaca Youth Bureau at 273-8364 or sending an e-mail to onetoone@cityofithaca.org.

The Ithacan will profile a student volunteer each week leading up to the Celebration of Service April 11-12.
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Incidents

March 3
- Medical assist
Location: Friends Hall
Summary: Report of a student having seizures. Ambulance transported to CMC.
- Larceny
Location: East Tower
Summary: Caller reported a bracelet had been taken from residence hall room within the last week.

March 4
- Larceny
Location: Teater Hall
Summary: Caller reported laptop computer taken sometime between March 3 and 4.
Patrol Officer Bruce Holmstock.
- Fire alarm
Location: Rowland Hall
Summary: Fire alarm caused by someone cooking in the second floor kitchen. IFD notified, area ventilated by officers and system reset. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Enoch Perkins.

March 5
- Property
Location: College Circle Apartment 13
Summary: Cell phone, earring, charm and cooking in the second floor kitchen. IFD notified, area ventilated by officers and system reset. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Enoch Perkins.
- Larceny
Location: James J. Whalen Center for Music
Summary: Six students referred for judicial action for underage possession of alcohol. Patrol Officer Michael Lewis.
- Fire alarm
Location: Ceracche Center
Summary: Fire alarm due to someone with open containers exiting a building. Six students referred for judicial action for possession of marijuana. Patrol Officer Terry O'Pray.
- Conduct code violation
Location: Circle 14
Summary: Student referred for judicial action for underage possession of alcohol. Security Officer Amy Chilson.
- V & T violation
Location: Tallcott Hall
Summary: Keg found outside the east door. Three students referred for judicial action for responsibility of guest. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.
- Graffiti
Location: Hall
Summary: Fire alarm due to activated smoke detector. Activation caused by custodians cleaning. IFD notified and system reset. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Doug Gudriner.
- Conduct code violation
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March 6
- Medical assist
Location: Terrace 10
Summary: Keq found outside the east door. Patrol Officer Erik Merlins.
- Criminal mischief
Location: Terrace 8
Summary: Caller reported damage to the lounge. Patrol Officer Michael Lewis.
- Information
Location: Emerson Hall
Summary: Caller reported person obtained computer passwords and used them for illegal purposes. Patrol Officer Terry O'Pray.
- Conduct code violation
Location: Circle 14
Summary: One student referred for judicial action for underage possession of alcohol. Security Officer Amy Chilson.

March 7
- Medical assist
Location: Rowland Hall
Summary: Residenial Life staff member reported a faint odor of marijuana on the floor. Three students referred for judicial action for possession of marijuana. Three non-students given a criminal trespass waiver and removed from campus.
Patrol Officer William Kenny.
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March 8
- Criminal mischief
Location: Bogart Hall
Summary: Person reported finding a broken exit sign. Patrol Officer Robert Hightchew.
- Fire alarm
Location: Job Hall
Summary: Fire alarm due to staff member cooking food in the lounge area. IFD notified and system reset.
Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

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

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THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2003

OPINION

Another Angle

The more research I do as a concerned citizen into the current Iraq crisis, the less sympathetic I become to the antiwar sentiment apparent on campus and throughout the world.

Saddam Hussein's government was ordered in 1991 to disarm itself of all weapons of mass destruction and this has not been completed. U.N. Security Council Resolution 1441 provided Iraq with one last opportunity to disarm, and rather than comply immediately, Saddam dragged out the situation several months. It is well-known that Iraq has manufactured and used such weapons and has been actively pursuing biological, chemical and nuclear weapons programs as indicated by current intelligence. Clearly, Iraq's possession of these materials poses a significant threat to the global community.

While some may believe U.N. inspections alone are an adequate way to alleviate this threat, I am prepared to argue that this is simply not the case. Inspectors have not been allowed to examine sites throughout the country at will and entry to these sites has not been allowed to inspectors who have been approached during his presentation to the Security Council. Hans Blix himself has stated the Iraqis have no credibility. It is obvious to anyone that these sites are not secure, and to suggest that inspections will prevent Iraq from expanding its weapons programs is utterly naive.

Aside from the question of WMDs, Iraq is accused of oppression where human rights are violated on a daily basis, as documented by numerous humanitarian organizations. The Amnesty International report "Iraq: Systematic Torture of Political Prisoners" is available online at the organization's Web site and illustrates the sickening and unacceptable abuses suffered by political prisoners and civilians at the hand of Saddam's regime.

Saddam used chemical weapons to kill Kurdish men, women and children on a genocidal scale. There is no question that Iraq's current totalitarian system of government is intrinsically so abomination that must not be tolerated by the international community.

The United States faces considerable opposition in this situation from other governments, and it is worth examining why. According to the BBC, France, the most adamant in trying to avoid war with Iraq, exports more to Iraq than any other European nation, and it is French companies that stand on the brink of contract to drill for Iraq oil. To claim the French rely heavily on economic ties to Iraq would not be an exaggeration.

As dissenders here, I would simply like to ask how they can feel safe while a nation of intense anti-American sentiment continues to manufacture and procure weapons of mass destruction. How is it possible to believe that following an attitude of appeasement toward Iraq now will result in anything other than much greater worries in the future once Iraq has acquired nuclear capability?

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Ithacan Inquirer

What do you think about the situation in Iraq?

"I'm not in favor of it, but I feel that at this point it's inevitable."

- ALLISON QUEMERE '05

"I don't really care as long as there are still Freedom Fries when it's all over."

- KEE GIBSON '05

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Voice of Reason

Bush's war becomes impossible to ignore

I'd promised myself I would never write a column like this. I try to avoid international issues as much as possible.

First, I feel inherently unqualified to profess a meaningful opinion about them. What competency does an undergraduate have to analyze foreign policy? Second, I feel the focus of this publication is to focus on local and campus issues. So if we don't, no one else is likely to.

Nonetheless, I can find no issue, local or otherwise, that has as much relativity to Ithaca students right now as the effort to drive Saddam Hussein from power. Like the war in Vietnam if 33 years ago, the situation in Iraq becomes hardly and harder for college students to take lightly. Our generation will provide the soldiers to fight and die in this conflict. Our generation will be forced to pay the massive debt that would certainly accompany such a conflict.

Certainly, no issue weighs heavier on the minds of students right now and probably the country as a whole as well. In Ithaca, there seems to be a new antiwar rally every week. I'm not the milksheep or prototing type, but I too am alarmed by our course of action. Mine is not a knee-jerk, preposterous and illogical sentiment that could reach the United States, Kurds, and the world. It's a somber realization that this conflict means the end of Saddam's regime. Unlike the war in Vietnam, there is a real threat to our country and citizens at the hand of Saddam. I refuse to live my life in fear at the mercy of a cruel tyrant who has even killed his own son-in-law, simply because there are those who are afraid to confront this threat. It is our moral duty to act now.

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Antiwar movement misguided and wrong

ARAB FEDAYEEN FIGHTERS climb on training equipment at the National Military Academy of Iraq Monday.

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I'm unsatisfied with the American people have been presented with very little evidence tying Saddam to the al-Qaeda attacks on America. I need no further convincing that Saddam is a cruel and evil tyrant. For he certainly is one. But that alone does not give us a mandate to launch a pre-emptive strike.

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Over the course of the winter athletic season, your paper has carried large, sometimes multipage, spreads on swimming, basketball, wrestling, and now even spring sports like baseball, lacrosse, tennis and softball. These articles have included sizable pictures, and often featured outstanding members of the teams in detail. Meanwhile, as the gymnastics team's record has gotten better and better, their coverage has been relegated to a paragraph or two in the "Bomber Roundup" section.

Are the spring break training trips to faraway locations, training in a wonderful, warm location, but more newsworthy than the gymnastics team's ranking of No. 1 in the nation? The Bomber gymnasts also gave up their spring break to train, and to compete their regionally and nationally.

They're not training in a wonderful, warm location, but in Ithaca. Not as romantic or exciting but a sign of real dedication to their team. Please help me to understand why this group of young women and their hard-working coaches are being ignored.

SUSANNE EDELSON
Parent

Gymnastics coverage fails

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Community means you!
"We saw the 'For Sale' sign out in front of this place, made a phone call, and everything just kind of fell in. Next thing I knew, I was buying a house," Zach Duax said about purchasing his first home.

The ease with which Duax, a senior at Ithaca College, acquired the home where he lives and leases rooms is not typical. The decision to live off campus can be a difficult one for college students who are fraught with the perils of unreasonable or negligent landlords, sky-high rent and second-rate accommodations. In recent years, however, some Ithaca College students have decided to take control of their housing.

Posner, also a senior at Ithaca, began their searches for off-campus housing two years ago with buying in mind. Posner said he purposely did not sell the house to the highest bidder. A higher mortgage would mean higher rent charges for the next inhabitants of the house on Kendall Avenue, a neighborhood highly populated by Ithaca College students.

Posner said the biggest stress involved in owning property is having to deal with outside contractors, and having to learn to do things yourself when others are slow to help you out. He learned this the hard way when the basement of his house flooded, setting him back upwards of $6,000 in damages and countless hours of rebuilding.

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Although in many cases, student mortgaging is a sound financial bet, it is accompanied by a great deal of risk and responsibility. The responsibility of building maintenance rests exclusively on the shoulders of the mortgage holder, and one is lucky if the only problem is the occasional clogged drain or electrical shortage.

"You'll have a headache every now and again, but overall, it's pretty easy," Duax said. "Take a laissez-faire attitude to it, and it generates money for itself."

"Selling the house was a lot easier than buying the house," he said. "I put it on the market, and within three days, I had four offers."

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In spite of the challenges these students may have faced, both would like to continue to acquire and profit from privately owned property. Although it does not add anything to either student’s specific major, Posner said he will continue to study at Ithaca College -- Duax is a theater production arts major and Posner is an applied psychology major -- both agree that the life experience of owning a house has given them is priceless.

"[Owning a house] has been nothing but experience," Duax said.
Articulating a musical epiphany

BY HEATHER MATTHEWS
Staff Writer

"Hey," senior Doug Han yells to a friend as he hurries through the Ithaca College Campus Center. "They are doing an article on me. Did you hear? They think I'm accomplishing great things!"

"Isn't there an FCC law against that?" his friend says.

"No, but there definitely should be," Han answers as he rushes by. "I'm a music composition and flute performance major, so I'm working on a religious choral work. It's a whirlwind of a person — animated, lively and passionate. His personality is intense, but I'm building a technique that makes him stand out. Last year, I composed a choral work based on the agonies of Christ that included the sounds of heavy breathing and chain saws as well as more traditional instruments."

Han has applied to graduate schools and e-mailed opera companies about his composition. He is one of the few students who will graduate with a degree in both music composition and performance, and he is known among his peers for his unique and disciplined approach. Han is a whirlwind of a person — animated, lively and passionate. His personality is intense, but he takes when discussing music.

"It's hard to speak about because the music articulates itself," Han said. "While it is a form of self-expression, there's an element of technique and discipline about it."

During his junior year, he realized his music was too focused on technique. He added, "It lacked the passion and honesty I wanted to convey."

"There was a different sound, different world alive inside me, but it wasn't making it to the page," Han said. "The year was so frustrating — writing, throwing away, rewriting — but I was building a technique. I was building my own musical vocabulary."

Finally, Han began writing an operatic piece called "Ten Stations of Betrayal," taken from sections of a Latin text. It is based on the theatrical elements of the Catholic Church and was a soprano to sing the part of Christ. Han said he wasn't trying to make a religious statement. He just thought it was a "damn good story with universal overtones" and "musically justified."

The piece took Han a year to write and was finally performed on campus in September 2002. The concert was successful and the audience enjoyed it. People said they were paralyzed. It was incredible that people had come, stayed and hadn't just enjoyed it, the way one would enjoy a Broadway show, but had really experienced it. Han added, "I'd say within the next 10 years, unfortunately."

Han has applied to graduate schools and e-mailed opera companies from around the world. But he said his future plans, like his music, are always up for revision.

"When it ended there was about 18 seconds, I would say, of dead silence," he said. "People said I actually don't watch much "Simpsons.""

SENIOI) DOUG HAN works on his composition in a practice room of the James J. Whalen Center for Music before spring break.

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FILMMAKER TAMIA GOLD introduces her work to students in the Park Auditorium on March 3. Gold was this year's Women Direct artist in residence.

The Women Direct Festival is now in its 22nd year. Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and organized by Barbara Adams, assistant professor of writing; Cara Golden, professor of psychology; and Gina Marchetti, associate professor of cinema and photography, it takes a cross-section of racial, sexual and political issues.

After 20 years of making films on taboo topics, Gold does not limit herself to her own experience.

"I don't think that I'm driven to tell particular stories," Gold said. "They just happen.

The documentary "Juggling Gender" required especially careful attention. It tells the story of Jennifer Miller, a circus performer who refused electrolysis because she believes it is a form of body mutilation. The narration by Gold explores her own questions about gender as she asks, "What is a woman?"

Jennifer calls the documentary her "valentine's card," Gold said. "A gift from me to you."

After the screenings at the college, Gold was eager for question-and-answer discussions.

Sophomore Stacy Antonville spoke passionately about her thoughts on Gold. "She tackles the issues directly," she said. "In "Making a Killing" the audience was asked to point the finger at things you want to do something about it."

Junior Gerardo Samano also said Gold's unusual techniques affected audiences. "It is overtly in your face," he said. "But Gold seems to know what she is doing — she's outspoken."

Gold's first fiction film is gentler than her documentaries, although it deals with real issues. The short drama "Emily and Gitta," a contemporary love story, deals with memories of the Holocaust. Emily is the child of concentration camp survivors, and Gitta grew up in Germany. Their background puts an immense strain on their relationship. Through the film, Gold's use of a lesbian couple to deal with ethnic issues crosses the boundaries between race and sexuality.

"You could have taken Emily and Gitta and made them a man and a woman — a heterosexual couple," Gold said. "Just because you're a lesbian or gay doesn't mean you don't deal with these issues — it's not gay specific."

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Brazilian drama fails to find focus

BY ANDREW DIGNAN
Staff Writer

The Brazilian crime drama "City of God" doesn't waste any time in showing off. Within the first few seconds, the audience is already suffocated by a Conclusion from sheer overpower as the film crossescut from hundreds of different shots showing life in one of the most dangerous favelas (slums) in the country. In the film's opening, a rooftop picnic is interrupted when a precarious chicken—aka lunch—spills and a pack of gun-toting hoodlums take after it through the streets ending in a standoff with the corrupt police force.

In only the first few minutes the camera whips around corners, spins 360 degrees, slows down, speeds up, time-lapse dissolves and in general displays the kind of energy rarely seen outside of video games. It's an astounding display of technique for co-directors Fernando Meirelles and Kasia Land. It's the kind of break-through that sticks in people's minds for years. It also, sadly, has little to do with anything.

Based on real events, "City of God" documents 30 years in a gang where children carry guns, drugs are rampant, and life is cheap. The film is sold from the point of view of Rocket (Alexandre Rodrigues), a young photographer and just about the only one in the city with no interest in joining a gang. Considering the death toll in the film, it is likely he was chosen as narrator for no other reason than he survives until the end.

"City of God" has been compared to Martin Scorsese's growing-into-the-moba classic "GoodFellas" but the more appropriate comparison is to the director's recent "Gangs of New York." Both feature vibrant, fully realized settings with a muddled story at the center. The filmmakers of "City of God" are even less interested in the poorly sketched characters than were the directors of "Gangs." Lacking a characteristic Bill the Butcher at its center, the film instead has to settle for Lli Ze (Leandro Firmino, da Riva), a sociopath who kills-out-of-an-inability to feel joy.

What quickly becomes apparent about "City of God" is that the filmmakers are more concerned with examining the favelas as a dangerous, complicated place more than any one inhabitant of it. Adapted from Paulo Lins' book of the same name, the film feels like it, includes every single colorful story found within the tome, much to the detriment of the film. The digressive nature of the story, where anecdotes are actually interrupted mid-sentence as Rocket juggles another bit of local folklore, runs contrary to the film's own sense of streamlined-up energy.

Instead the film follows the evolution of the local gang members from low-level hoodlums to kings of the city, controlling the narcotics trade while still policing the streets. This is chillingly simplified in one of the most disturbing scenes to be found in any film this year: Lli Ze gives two small children a hoagie and the children, a choice where to be shot, the head or the foot. Ultimately he makes the decision himself and hurls the choice of the two kids. Lli Ze orders a new recruit to execute one of them.

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"City of God" was written by Brando Mantovani and Fernando Meirelles, directed by Meirelles and Kasia Land and produced by Andrea Barata Ribeiro, Mauricio Andre Rodrigues and Walter Salles. The film stars Alexandre Rodrigues.

Stereotype-laden movie brings down the comedy

BY MIRNA SKRBIC
Staff Writer

A ticket to see "Bringing Down the House" is a bad investment considering you will have to live through two hours of some of the most poorly sketched characters than anything you've ever seen and Convolutionally boring and too-busy-for-its-own-law character Peter Sandersen (Martin) engages in an online instant messaging chat with the myseriously Charlene (Queen Latifah), whom he believes to be a blond and skinny beauty. After Charlton

ALEXANDRE RODRIGUES examines a photograph in the disturbing Brazilian film, "City of God." The film captures the essence of the favelas, where 31Jecdotes are actually in a real favela outside of Rio de Janeiro.

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Soine winning Oscar picks

THURSDAY, MARCH

Best Supporting Actress

Who Should Win: Catherine Zeta-Jones, "Chicago." For her performance, Zeta-Jones will take the prize for her fiery performance as diva Velma Kelly. For being so brilliant, she'll murder for it.

Best Supporting Actor

Who Should Win: Daniel Day-Lewis, "Gangs of New York." The actor's portrayal of the warring nation is not quite so high running for some (Martin Scorsese) and not quite so high around the corner, the tension may or may not be alleviated. Ithacan film critic and Accents Editor Sean Lewis is on some pretty good ground in Spike Jonze's high-mesh flick, and his brotherly interface was the most honest thing on the screen.

Who Will Win: Christopher Walken, "Catch Me If You Can." Walken's poignant turn as the落实 mother of a con man will garner the veteran actor some longawaited votes. He's fine in the role, too, not a bit sentimental.

Best Actress


Who Will Win: Winona Ryder, "Chicago." Her winning performance will be recognized by her peers because of all the hairwrapping and singalong that's been done while being three months pregnant on a bun-kle.

BY PAUL GIMELBERG

Staff Writer

"Chicago" is a triumph, a musical with something of a sweep, Zellweger will take the prize for her fiery performance as diva Velma Kelly. For being so brilliant, she'll murder for it.

BY GERALD HOBRECHT

Staff Writer

Every once in a while a great artist arrives on the scene. His music goes beyond itsel no"tions. Though analysis of this album reveals simple melodies and basic chord changes, there's no sense of the singer going beyond virtuosity. Dashboard Confessional possesses this intangible.

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"MTV Unplugged" processed Dashboard Confessional is one of the few true special bands in music today.

Earliest risers unplug music and emotions

CARThENIE ZETA-JONES, one of the stars of the wildly popular film, "Chicago," is a good bet for Oscar night.

Perfectly capturing the acid trip of the original Broadway version, while main­

tain­ing a hip, stylish take as a feature, "Chicago" takes the crown.

Who Will Win: "Chicago." There's a firestorm brewing here and somebody small could knock the eagle off its perch. Maybe the "Pianist" or the "Hour." There was a time when "Saving Private Ryan" looked unbeatable. Too. Then it get Chase­

spared right off the map.

An ethnic revelation in a foreign country

All my life, I've been identified by the beliefs I hold, the places I live, the friends I have, the education I pursue. I wasn't even born when I came to Singapore that I was noticed for the color of my skin.

Being white in Singapore is like being a minority in a foreign country.

In a country dominated by Chinese, Malays and Indians, a curly blonde Cau­

she wasn't noticed for the color of her skin. I was trotting along, faking my pro­

nation of indigenous Chinese and Indian cultures, my skin at fellows' stu­

ents. But I couldn't help but feel that the stages when I walked into the room — not from the looks of the crowd on my back, but the natural and curious glances that belied their suspicion, I guess I didn't help that the shrirked when the weapons handed me checkpits, but far in the back with a single eye roll. I guess I was just a member of the minority, and I could no longer blink into the crown, no matter what I believed. Believe me, there were many times I tried. For awhile, I wore the biggest baggy jeans, the loo­

sleeve, the lower heels. Because I'm not more conscious of one single year.

I didn't wait for a response but rather whipped out a black bumber stick­

er that read "Make peace, not war." He handed it to me as "congratulated" me for being one of the "true Western peace lovers." Then he was gone.

Needless to say, I was the only person he approached in the entire cafe. And I could guess it was on account of my velocity.

It's the kind of patience and tolerance I've found in Singapore. It's the kind of patience and tolerance I've found in Singapore.

Michelle Thesi Singapore
Event of the week

Greg Louganis, Olympic gold medalist, will speak Monday at 8 p.m. in Emerson Suites.

Weekly Calendar of Events

FOUR-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

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Today

Art History Auction — 7 p.m. in Textor 103.
 Candidates Meeting with Elections Committee, Pollsitter Recruitment — 7 p.m. in Williams 222.
 Faculty Chamber Music — Ithaca Wind Quintet, at 8:15 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.
 Men's swimming and diving at NCAA Championships at Emory University.
 Sports

Early Bird Specials

Shabbat Services — 6 p.m. in Mullen Chapel.
 Pre-concert Lecture — Judi Linden at 7:30 p.m. in 2105 College Union.
 IC Concerts — Mictori, violinist, and Robert McDonald, piano, at 8:15 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.
 International Club Spring Formal — 9 p.m. in Emerson Suites, Campus Center.
 Sports

Senior Recital — Elizabeth Semck, soprano, and Charles Dimarco, piano, at 8:15 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.
 Ithaca College Wind Ensemble — 3 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.
 Premium Blend and Four Degrees — 8 p.m. in Emerson Suites, Campus Center.
 Senior Recital — Megan Farnley, voice, at 7 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.
 Faculty Recital — Deborah Montgomery, soprano, and Charles Dimarco, piano, at 8:15 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.

Monday

Advising for Fall 2003 begins
 Flute Ensemble — 7 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.
 Yoga — 7:30 p.m. in Mullen Chapel.
 SAB Speaker — Greg Louganis, Olympic gold medalist, at 8:15 p.m. in Emerson Suites.
 Elective Sophomore Recital — Tim Rosenberg, saxophone, at 8:15 p.m. in Nabenhauer Recital Room, Whalen Center.

Tuesday

“Does Where You Live Affect What You Do? Social Integration in the Pathways to Life Quality Study” — Gerontology Institute presentation at 12:30 p.m. in Clark Lounge, Campus Center.
 Affirmative Action Forum — 7 p.m. in Textor 103.
 “Hat Boy: The Musical!” Preview — 8 p.m. in Dillingham Center.
 IC Contemporary Chamber Ensemble — 8:15 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.

Wednesday

Last day to PASS/FAIL block II courses

THE FIRST HINT OF SPRING

SENORS JON COYLE and Nick Alves chill with their smoothies between classes Monday. Students enjoyed the 65-degree weather that welcomed them back from spring break.

The First Hint of Spring

Diabetes: Who is Susceptible?
— 2 to 4 p.m. in Clark Lounge, Campus Center.

Joint Elective Junior Recital — Jayale Cook, trombone, and Jennifer Hassel, voice, at 9 p.m. in Nabenhauer Recital Room, Whalen Center.

Evensong — 10 p.m. in Mullen Chapel.

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I'LL DESIGN THE SYSTEM AS SOON AS YOU GIVE ME THE USER REQUIREMENTS.

BETTER YET, YOU COULD BUILD THE SYSTEM, THEN I'LL TELL YOUR BOSS THAT IT DOESN'T MEET MY NEEDS.

I DON'T MEAN TO FRIGHTEN YOU, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO DO SOME ACTUAL WORK.

THAT'S CRAZY TALK.

I CAN'T START THE PROJECT BECAUSE THE USER WON'T GIVE ME HIS REQUIREMENTS.

START MAKING SOMETHING ANYWAY. OTHERWISE WE'LL LOOK UNHELPFUL.

SO, OUR PLAN IS TO CLEVERLY HIDE OUR COMPETENCE.

YOU THINK WHEN MUCH.

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS
Enhancing the body

Supplements can have dangerous effects, but Ithaca students are finding interesting results from consistent use

BY BRIAN LOCKARD
Contributing Writer and Staff Writer

Four years ago, Richard White was a scrappy 103-pound freshman wrestler at Port Crane High School (N.Y.) looking for an edge. Since then, with a net change in height, White has put on nearly 40 pounds and earned a starting spot for the Bombers at 141 pounds.

"I wanted to get bigger, so my trainer suggested that I supplement my lifting with some dietary supplements," White said. "No one was sure about Creatine at the time, so I started with a protein powder."

Since then, White added various protein powders and glutamine to his diet, reached three high school season championships and started for the Bombers for most of this year's season.

White is not the only athlete at Ithaca using dietary supplements in hopes of improving performance. When freshman quarterback Josh Felicetti began to reach a plateau in his off-season weight training, he decided to look for something that would aid his lifting. Seeing that a number of his teammates experienced success using Creatine, a widely debated dietary supplement which manufacturers claim can increase the users size and strength, Felicetti decided to try it.

"I saw other people who saw gains from [Creatine], and I was tired of plateauing in the weight room," Felicetti said. "Some days I was lackadaisical, and some guys said it helped them get more out of workouts."

After just four weeks, Felicetti's weight-room tests were much improved. His squat went from 330 pounds to 385 pounds, and his clean went from 190 to 225 pounds; and his clean went from 190 to 225 pounds.

"I got a lot bigger in the chest area and my tests went up significantly," he said. "I'm a small, unathletic bodybuilder, and they need to move on to some dietary supplements."

Creatine, protein powders and glutamine are merely over-the-counter supplements, which can be easily obtained and taken with little risk, because most are free of stimulants such as ephedrine and amphetamines, which can be easily "covered up" on the label.

Creatine is another over-the-counter drug which produces effects similar to anabolic steroids. Ephedrine is an agent which raises a user's heartbeat in order to aid in weight loss.

Recent studies, including theories on health risks, have shown that Creatine is a user and proponent of Creatine and fat burners. "I use Creatine. It costs me $13 and is about a three months supply," he said. "I also use Champion Nutri-Sports Heavy Weight Gainer. I eat the gains at breakfast and after lift. It's just protein with tons of calorie and vitamin, that Costs me about $30 for 21 servings. I have a super fast metabolism, so I use these to help me keep on weight I wasn't going to get on your average diet.

He also talked about how these products actually help him out financially. "These products combine are actually less than the cost of a meal, and it's better for me," he said.

As supplement sales continue to rise, new studies, including theories on health risks, have shown that creatine is a safe, natural substance that can help athletes achieve peak performance. "I think most of these are safe as long as you don't kill yourself in the weight room or on the field," he said. "I was lackadaisical, and some guys said it helped them get more out of workouts.

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Athletic director candidates to speak at open forums

Four finalists for the position of director of intercollegiate athletics at Ithaca will speak at individual open forums by April 1.

Deb Stewart, currently the assistant athletic director at Ithaca, will speak on Friday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the boardroom on the third floor of Job Hall.

Joe Baker, director of intercollegiate athletics at Hartwick College, will speak at the Klingenstein Lounge on March 28 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Textor 102.
Relay team earns top honors

BY AMY AMBLER
Staff Writer

Seniors Briar Coca and Garett Wagner had only one chance to earn All-America honors, so they went for an indoor track and field performance. They nailed it.

Coca and Wagner competed on the distance medley relay team with junior Jim Ravener and freshman Brandon Mallette at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships. The group posted a time of 10 minutes, 23.19 seconds—the second-best time in school history—to finish in eighth place.

All four members of the relay team were named All-Americans. That distinction was especially rewarding for Coca and Wagner. It was their final indoor each meet as Bombers and it was also the first time either had competed at the indoor nationals.

"Making All-American was one of my goals this year," Coca said. "It felt great to achieve it," Coca added.

Wagner was more than satisfied with his individual performance in the relay, which was the second-best time in school history.

"It feels great to achieve it," he said. "I was almost the whole leg," he said. "I led almost the last leg, I said. "To lead the leg at nationals is pretty exciting.""

For Ravener and Mallette, achieving the coveted All-American status was still an honor, but one they had experienced before. Both were named All-Americans in the 800-meter stuns at last year's national meet.

"It was cool sharing the experience with a teammate, rather than relying on individual effort," Ravener said. "We needed four guys to put together an All-America performance.""

Both middle distance runners will also have an opportunity to earn that distinction again. Mallette is only a junior and although Ravener is a senior this year, he still qualifies for the upcoming outdoor season in order to compete in both the indoor and outdoor seasons next year."

"Our performance was outstanding," he said. "I was very excited with how well we competed in what I consider to be the best field at the championships since I've been around."

For the meet, the most pleasant surprise was the performance of freshman high-jumper Meghan Morninngstar. She cleared the bar on her opening attempt and the final three in the meet, establishing a personal record with a leap of 1.66 meters. She placed third and became the Bombers' first All-American in the event since Heidi Nicholos in 1998. Her placement was the best ever for a member of the Blue and Gold in a field event at nationals. Graduate student Amy Hovey placed 16th in the 60-meter hurdles.

With a sixth-place finish, the distance medley relay team of junior Kristen Cravotta, senior Lynn Janovich, sophomore Emily Maston and junior Amanda Laytham earned All-America honors with a time of 11 minutes, 52.56 seconds. That was the second-best time in school history at nationals, this becoming the seventh time in school history at nationals.

"The team was the Bombers' second best in history," Janovich said. "It was our first time at nationals," Laytham said.

"We got second in indoors, and we want the title back," Laytham said. "That's the main goal."
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Hughes throws All-American pool party

BY JOSH MCCANN
Staff Writer

Megan Hughes didn't have time to celebrate her 21st birthday the first night she and four teammates spent at the NCAA championships in Atlanta last Thursday. The junior was too busy leading the Bombers to a virtual party in the pool instead.

Paced by Hughes, who accumulated five All-America accolades, Ithaca's five-member contingent piled up 109 points to finish 11th in the country, scoring 16 All-Americans awards along the way.

This year marked the program's 16th top-15 showing in the past 21 years, an accomplishment made all the more remarkable because the Blue and Gold achieved it shorthanded.

After junior diver Kristen Shoree earned All-America honors in the 3-meter dive with a 13th place finish, she contracted a serious case of mononucleosis that sent her to the hospital and forced her to withdraw from the 3-meter event.

In addition, the Bombers brought only four swimmers to the men at Emory University. Junior Ena Koshak and Andrea Farwell had achieved the NCAA's provisional standards on the 400- and 800-yard freestyle relays, respectively, at last month's state meet; but those times were not quite fast enough to earn invitations to nationals.

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March Madness run ends as IC is bounced from NCAAs

BY JENNIFER BEEKMAN
Staff Writer

If anything, the Bombers were supremely confident heading into their third-round matchup with Rochester Friday.

After all, the team had reclaimed supremacy over Empire 8 rival St. John Fisher in a thrilling 86-79 overtime victory in the second round. Senior Kerri Brown was supreme in a thrilling 86-79 overtime victory in the second round. Senior Kerri Brown was supreme in a thrilling 86-79 overtime victory in the second round. Senior Kerri Brown was supreme in a thrilling 86-79 overtime victory in the second round. Senior Kerri Brown was supreme in a thrilling 86-79 overtime victory in the second round. Senior Kerri Brown was supreme in a thrilling 86-79 overtime victory in the second round. Senior Kerri Brown was supreme in a thrilling 86-79 overtime victory in the second round. Senior Kerri Brown was supreme in a thrilling 86-79 overtime victory in the second round.

Though the Bombers will be losing a solid batch of seniors, including Empire 8 MVP Brown and gritty forward Heather Savignano, a talented pack of Bombers will return next year — a pack that could be bound for its fourth-straight appearance in the NCAA tournament.

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IC overcomes flu to shine at ECACs

BY JACK KEHOE
Staff Writer

Through a cold, tough winter in Ithaca, the gymnastics team has faced tough opponents in the gym and illness everywhere else. Last Friday was no different as the top-ranked Bombers finished second at the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference meet behind second-ranked Cortland. Though the Bombers did not win the conference meet, they were able to overcome the dreaded effects of the flu to advance to the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Championships in Wisconsin with their second-place finish.

"It has been a good and interesting season," coach Rick Sudberry said, "we have had some of the team battle with the flu on and off, and because of this, a lot of people get too-compliment that may have not otherwise."

Junior Sue Lawall echoed Sudberry's remarks.

"Despite the flu, we pulled through," she said. "One of the best things about our team is that we are very deep in skill, so if one person is sick or injured, we won't be that detrimental to the team."

There were once again numerous standouts for the Bombers Friday. Freshman Krystal Kaminski won the vault and became the first individual champion since the 1999-2000 season and the first vault champion since Jen Nardone in the '97-'98 season. Her score of 9.475 on the vault tied her for third in Ithaca history.

Her performance earned the accolades of Cortland coach Gary Babjack.

"Krystal Kaminski was huge for the Bombers," Babjack said. "She is one of the best floor performers in the nation in Division III, and her layout nikahara is the absolute best I have ever seen on the new vaulting table."

Junior Rachel Edelson also tied in Ithaca record, finishing second on the balance beam with a score of 9.625, which is good enough for third all-time in Ithaca history.

"Rachel Edelson is having an outstanding year," Babjack said. "She has had a tremendous year."

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"The top six finishers in each event received all-conference honors. Kaminski and Edelson both received first honors along with junior Leslie Gelatt, who finished sixth in the floor exercise. Ithaca will join Cortland, Brockport, and Ursinus to represent the East region at the eight-team NCGA Division III Championships on March 28-29 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

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Bomber Roundup

Baseball

The 36th-ranked Bombers (4-3) closed out their weeklong trek to California by splitting a double-header Sunday. The Blue and Gold opened the day with a 6-1 win over Keene State (N.H.).

Junior Mike Pritts hit first home run of the season, a three-run shot, and added another hit to go 2-for-3 on the day.

Senior Joe Cavato went 2-for-2 with an RBI and junior Craig Nelson drove in a run on a sacrifice fly.

Senior Mike Urvalek tallied six singles and scattered three hits over 5 2/3 innings to pick up his first victory of the season. The Blue and Gold didn’t face as well in the second game and were shut out 13-0 by Pomona-Pitzer (Calif.).

Ithaca committed four errors and was held to four hits over seven innings. The Sagehens scored in every inning but the seventh. The Bombers were scheduled to play Redlands (Calif.) and La Verne (Calif.) Saturday but both games were rained out and will not be made up.

Playing their fifth game in five days Thursday, the Bombers moved to 3-2 on the season with a 3-1 victory over Whittier (Calif.).

Junior Kyle Sottung pitched a complete game, giving up only one run on three hits for his 13th career victory. The Bombers struck first in the third inning as junior Cory Giron reached on an error and later scored on a groundout. Senior Kyle Williams also scored on a single by Pritts.

Men’s Lacrosse

It took two days but the eighth-ranked Bombers improved to 3-0 on the season with 49-14, 15-14 over 27th-ranked Wesleyan (Conn.).

As the Bombers led 10-6 at halftime Thursday, the game was suspended because of thunderstorms. The game resumed Friday and the Bombers came away with it.

Sophomore Brent Hinkle tallied six points on four goals and two assists. Senior Nick Mayer added three goals and three assists of his own.

Senior Mike Irrizバル also had three goals and an assist for the Bombers. And sophomore Brian Welz added a goal and two assists.

Senior Dennis Jaffe kept two goals to extend his scoring streak to 24 consecutive games. He also moved into ninth on Ithaca’s all-time scoring list with 103 goals.

Softball

Ithaca (6-3) captured two wins Friday on the final day of the Rebel Spring Games in Kissimmee, Fla., sweeping past Denison (Ohio), 2-0, and Ohio Wesleyan, 1-0.

After three scoreless innings against Denison, junior Sara Durante broke the drought by hitting a double. Pitch runner junior Ciara Constanza scored next on the next play on a Denison throwing error.

The Bombers tacked on another run in the sixth inning, after a Durante triple and a sacrifice fly to center by junior Kerri Barber.

Sophomore pitcher Abby Pelot improved her record to 4-1 with the win over the Big Red.

In the second matchup, senior pitcher Abby Hanahan shut down Ohio Wesleyan, throwing a complete game and allowing only two hits. The game was Hanahan’s 24th career shutout, three behind the school record.

Freshman Rebecca Semick scored the lone Bomber run in the fourth inning, after a single by senior Liz Yenta.

After a day off at the Rebel Spring Games, the Blue and Gold rounded back into action Thursday, capturing two wins against Anderson (Ind.). 5-1 and McKendree (Ill.), 6-0.

A two-run fourth inning lifted the Bombers over Anderson.

With the bases loaded, Yenta hit a double, sending Constanza and sophomore Maddy Kramer across home plate. Pelot (four innings) and Hanahan (three innings) split time on the mound, holding the Ravens to four hits.

In the McKendree game, the Bombers exploded for nine hits and six runs.

Hanahan picked up her first victory of the season, giving up only two hits on the way.

Men’s tennis

The Bombers (5-4) closed out the spring break portion of their schedule by sweeping Lebanon Valley (Pa.), 6-0 Friday.

Junior Blair Watkins (6-3), senior Michael Medvin (6-2, 7-5) and freshman Kento Kamiyama (6-2, 6-2) all won their singles matches.

Freshman Chris Ciolino didn’t lose a game in his match with junior Zach Horner, winning 6-0, 6-0 to improve his singles record to 14-4.

Ithaca dropped to .500 Thursday after losing to Wooster 4-3.

The Scots earned the doubles point by posting victories in all three doubles matches.

Both squads won three singles matches.

Medvin notched the 34th win of his Bomber career, defeating Brandon Luckey (6-1, 2-6, 6-4), Ciolino (6-2, 2-6, 6-4) and freshman Tim Klein (6-0, 6-4, 6-4) also posted singles victories.

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