Dearth of activism

BY JOE GERAGHTY
Editor in Chief

When the Young Democratic Socialists occupied the college's Office of Admission for 34 hours in December 2000, they brought the college to a standstill and ultimately inspired a semester-long discussion on the issue of private prisons.

Now, just three years later, YDS is not even a presence on campus. After a wildly successful campaign that rallied hundreds of students around a single cause, the group fell victim to the same pitfalls that have hurt a number of student activist movements. Leaders, graduates, priorities shifted, and momentum diminished.

And YDS is not the only activist organization that has faded in recent years. Students for a Just Peace, Ithaca College Democrats, Ithaca College Environmental Society, BizGayLa and Created Equal have all been relatively quiet this year.

Members of all those groups spoke to The Ithacan and expressed concern about the general lack of activism this year and said active membership has almost universally declined.

"There was a time when groups like YDS were in the news every week, and that isn't the case now," said Lucie Shapiro '03, a former student activist and now the national coordinator for YDS. "I'm really kind of surprised, and it's really unfortunate."

Shapiro, who was involved in activist campaigns against Sodexo Marriott and sweatshop labor, said the reasons for the decline in student activism are varied, but the results are the same:

The campus is not as well informed about important issues, and students do not get training and practice in organizing and working for change in the world.

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Student groups become less involved this year

BY ANNE K. WALTERS
News Editor

The college announced last week that it received a $7 million gift to be used as part of the construction of a new business school.

Dorothy Park, president of the Park Foundation, made the personal gift toward the proposed $14 million new home for the School of Business. By developing a core experience, the college recently announced plans to construct a sustainable building for the school.

Robert Ulrich said Park's gift would provide the school with a place to demonstrate ideas about incorporating business and the environment.

He said this would be the first sustainable business school in the country and would put the college on the map. The design will be environmentally friendly and lower operating and maintenance costs.

"It's just a wonderful gift," Ulrich said. "You can't imagine how grateful we are to have it."

President Peggy R. Williams said the college couldn't have been more delighted with the gift.

"This is clearly a significant gift that will be a significant message to others," she said.

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College to develop core experience

BY CHRISTA LOMBARDI
Chief Copy Editor

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Representatives from Faculty Affairs, Staff Council, Student Affairs, Academic Achievement and Advising, and the Student Government Association attended an open meeting Feb. 25. Reohr said the task force shared information it had collected, and participants discussed what the qualities of a common experience should be and how to achieve them.

Howard Erlich, dean of the School of Humanities and Sciences and chairman of the task force, said constructing a core experience would further the Institutional Plan by creating a more important identity for the college.

"The goal is to improve the students' educational experience here, and it is to make it more coherent and more identifiable Ithaca College," he said.

Megan Sullivan, SGA vice president of academics, said it's important for the college community to realize that the intention is not to require students to take certain courses.

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in the college's master plan, created by Sasaki Associates Inc. in October 2001. It will be designed to extend the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards of the U.S. Green Building Council.

Peter Bardaglio, provost and vice president of academic affairs, said solar energy and water conservation will be major elements of the building.

Williams stressed that it is not the building itself that is important, but establishing a learning environment that is key.

Freshman Josh Seidman-Zager said he looks forward to seeing the new building on campus and is pleased that it will be environmentally friendly.

Senior Quinn Morris, a business administration major, said a new building is something the school desperately needs because of lack of space in its current facilities in limited buildings.

"Most of my business classes are even in Smeldry," she said. "We are so grateful. We are so happy that people like Park are so willing to support the college."

Park's gift is the first major gift toward the business initiative and the fifth-largest single gift in the college's history.

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Nation & World

Spain vows to remove troops

Spain's new leader vowed Monday to withdraw his nation's 1,500 troops from Iraq and called the war "an error," based on "lies." But the Bush administration sought to contain the political damage from the weekend's upset victory by Spain's Socialist Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said he would withdraw the Spanish troops in Iraq by June 30 unless they are serving under a new U.N. mandate.

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Students face scheduling difficulties

BY CHRIS WHITE
Staff Writer

After prioritizing his music classes, sophomore Andrew Main, a music performance major, said the hardest part of his registration process is when it comes time to determine the best time for his music school. He first ran into problems his freshman year when attempting to register for an academic writing class.

"It's an hour-and-15-minute class, and it fell in the middle of a one o'clock hour, and ended in the middle of a two o'clock hour, so as far as music went, both the one o'clock hour and the two o'clock hour were completely shot," he said. "I find that it wasted a lot of my time in between. I could be using it more effectively."

Despite the college's emphasis on lowering the walls between schools, differing times between specialized classes in each school sometimes makes scheduling difficult.

When class registration time begins April 5, most students may not be aware of the inner-workings behind setting up classes for the semester. By the time the college has 21 official time slots for classes, said Hugh Rowland, associate dean of the School of Business. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, they run for 50 minutes on the hour. Tuesday and Thursday they consist of 75-minute time slots that could be made into recruitment, not only with students, but also with businesses to solicit soon-to-be graduates as well.

While low-credit classes create an availability policy in which the only times students can be involved are during office hours, students sometimes fail to be on time as others, but end at a different time than that set by the schedule.

Each school is in charge of following these standards, but each has its own slight variation to contend with. One major school, the音乐 business school, said the School of Humanities and Sciences, said the system is set up logically, and there is a correct correlation between credits and time in class to support the academic mission. "We conform to the common meeting schedule for the college for the most of our classes, which allows us to make best use of resources available," he said.

"I want it to be among at least the top 300 candidates," he said. "We have to keep some standard generally start at the same time as other classes, but end at a different time than that set by the schedule."

SUNY business dean seeks to elevate school

BY SARAH HOFIUS
Staff Writer

Showing off his extensive administrative and teaching experience, Hadi Salavitabar, the second dean candidate to visit the School of Business, spoke with students on March 13 about his qualifications.

Along with seeing the school complete its accreditation process, Salavitabar said he would want to bring more internship opportunities to campus, including possibly partnering with business to solicit soon-to-be graduates.

"The music school and Park are the two schools on campus because of three main issues: private music lessons, large ensemble rehearsals and smaller half-credit, one-credit and two-credit courses."

"I would venture to say that no other school on campus has a scheduling situation like that," he said. "We have to keep some constancy going so that private lessons can coexist with rehearsals, which can coexist with classes."

In the Roy H. Park School of Communications, many hands-on classes last longer than the standard class time.

"The music school and Park are the two schools that differ the most as scheduling goes," said freshman Adrienne Salopek, a television-radio major. She wishes to pursue a music minor, but has been running into difficulty scheduling classes for both. The music school and Park are the two schools on campus because of the same main issues: private music lessons, large ensemble rehearsals and smaller half-credit, one-credit and two-credit courses."

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Candidate promotes his 'open-door' policy

BY BRITTANY WEINGARTNER
Contributing Writer

The third dean candidate to visit the School of Business was a dean candidate who is "open-door." By the end of the session, Scheiner said students are able to talk to the dean without feeling intimidated.

"I think there are a lot of opportunities between the faculty and students," Scheiner said. "There's a lot going on, and there are no problems between the faculty and students."
Turnover and apathy shorten organizations' reach

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Senior Eric Lieb, a longtime activist and co founder of SIP, said although things may have quieted down this year, important conversations are still being held. "It's just like when a class is silent," he said. "It doesn't necessarily mean that they don't have anything to say. People are just thinking."

But SIP co founder Sami Khan '03 said there's no excuse for the lack of activism among students this year, particularly given the domestic political climate and the volatile international situation. "It seems like everywhere outside of Ithaca College people are recognizing what a pivotal moment we're at in history and doing something about it," he said.

Other students have noticed an overall decline in activism. Senior Nate Best, a member and former president of ICES, said his group lacks the same momentum it has in the past.

Senior Bradden Sullivan, a queer rights advocate, said he has seen a decline in the number of large, vocal campaigns and movements, but suggested students may be taking on more individual projects and initiatives.

Yet Shapiro said that is simply not enough. Rallyists, teach-ins and demonstrations are an integral part of activism on campus, he said. Shapiro recalled years when the Free Speech Rock was the sight of countless protests.

"You really need to make a political spectacle sometimes," he said. "That's how you draw students in and get them involved. At Ithaca College, I don't think there's too much of an excuse for what's not going on."

Activists cite a myriad of reasons for the perceived decline in activity this year. The lead-up to the Iraq war was emotionally and physically draining for many groups, particularly when in the end, the war went ahead despite the protests. Also, it is difficult to mount a sustained campaign for change and also manage class work and a social life.

But perhaps the greatest problem facing groups on campus is that the college population is constantly changing as classes graduate. Sullivan said the challenge of leading an organization and training the next group of leaders can be too much.

"I do wish I had done a better job of training the people who came after me," he said. "I think everybody wishes that."

Khan said he graduated thinking he did everything he could to help prepare the next generation of leaders to continue the struggle for social justice.

"We put a lot of time into trying to build a progressive student group, and I think we've kind of been let down," he said. "The problem is the students are more interested in an intellectual debating society... than in real action."

The Diversity Awareness Committee has begun to examine the issue of student apathy to understand if it is a problem and why. Brian Martinson, executive assistant to the vice president for finance and administration and a member of the committee, said one reason activism may be less important at Ithaca College is that the college is already a comfortable environment for progressive, liberal ideas.

Perhaps that is why the Ithaca College Republicans remain one of the most politically active groups on campus, said senior Roger Castor, IRC chairman.

"We ask everyone to do exactly the same thing, then you risk the imposition of requirements that may not be meaningful for everyone," Sullivan said. "It's just like when a class is silent," he said. "If we asked everyone to do exactly the same thing, then you risk the imposition of requirements that may not be meaningful for everyone."

Sullivan said she encourages all members of the college community to participate in open forums. "Everyone needs to have input, and everybody needs to be on the same page and feel that it's important because if the campus community doesn't value it, it won't ever succeed," she said.

Open forums may be held to discuss the issue further the week of April 12, Roche said. "We're hoping that [the ideas] are going to be really exciting and compelling, really interesting things that people will want to participate in," she said.

Group asks for student responses

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opportunities for students to have shared experiences, as opposed to forcing students in certain areas," she said.

Erlich said a foundational first-year experience could be a good option for each school to offer its students, but the programs wouldn't necessarily have to be identical. He added that the task force must work to create identifiable similar experiences while maintaining appropriate flexibility for the individual schools.

"If [the common experience plan] is too flexible, then it's not even identifiable as a core experience," he said. "If we asked everyone to do exactly the same thing, then you risk the imposition of requirements that may not be meaningful for everyone."

"Perhaps that is why the Ithaca College Republicans remain one of the most politically active groups on campus, said senior Roger Castor, IRC chairman. National surveys have shown that in the last two years, the number of college students who consider politics very important is increasing, up to 33 percent this year. Still, that's a far cry from the 60 percent of students who thought that during the Vietnam War era. But many in the activist community see the upcoming election as a chance to get the progressive students on campus back on track.

"If you want to defeat Bush and think he's the devil, then you've got to stop whining about it and demonizing the human being and actually do something about it, get off your butt," Khan said.
Disability accommodation concerns diversity group

BY KIMBERLYN DAVID
Staff Writer

Members of the Diversity Awareness Committee raised concerns Tuesday with the way the college deals with disabilities.

The committee provided an update regarding disability issues on campus and addressed their prominence in the Institutional Plan and the budget.

Creating a more diverse population on campus is listed as a goal in the college's Institutional Plan.

Though the plan lists the physically disabled as a group that can add diversity to the campus environment, it does not detail how the college hopes to reach out to them, as it does with minority and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered students.

The diversity section of the plan also makes no mention of students with non-physical types of disabilities.

As stated in the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, a person is considered disabled if impairments in their major life activities inhibit daily life such as learning, earning, hearing and seeing problems.

Traevina Byrd, the college's ADA compliance officer and director of the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity, acted as guest speaker at the meeting.

She said the overall level of awareness of disability issues is increasing. She also said she wants to make sure the disabled are considered in structural changes around campus.

Byrd said that progress has been made over the last couple of years, including making the pool area in the Hill Center more accessible to wheelchair users. Still, more needs to be done, she said.

“Imagine if other groups had to use the bathroom elsewhere,” Byrd said. “It’s ethically outrageous.”

— LESLIE SCHETTINO
Director of academic support services

Though individual departments handle disability needs case by case, Linda Ulh, assistant director of the Office of Academic Support Services for Students with Disabilities, said one area in need of attention is the lack of representation in the college's facilities planning committee. She said no one from the services for students with disabilities, affirmative action or human resources offices sits on the committee.

“There have been lots of improvements, but there are still glaring areas that need attention,” Byrd said.

Leslie Schettino, director of the Office of Academic Support Services for Student With Disabilities, said one area in need of attention is the lack of representation in the college's facilities planning committee. She said no one from the services for students with disabilities, affirmative action or human resources offices sits on the committee.

Though individual departments handle disability needs case by case, Linda Ulh, assistant director of the academic support services for students with disabilities office, said it would be more efficient for a designated committee to cover such concerns.

Without a specific office for disabled students and employees to turn to, caring staff are forced to scramble for last-minute accommodations, she said.

Schettino said that if the college truly wants to reach out to prospective students and employees with disabilities, it needs to consider not only fulfilling accommodations based on the law, but also the ethical implications that may result from those accommodations.

If wheelchair users want to see a play in Dillingham, for example, they have to enter the building near the loading dock, crossing the stage to join the audience. Because restrooms are located at the bottom of stairs, wheelchair users must exit the building and use the ones in Smiddy Hall during shows.

“Imagine if other groups had to use the bathroom elsewhere. Would that be acceptable?” Schettino said, noting that rain and cold weather add to the inconvenience and discomfort.

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Under the “Facilities” section of the Institutional Plan, adding a permanent line to the budget for disability needs is also a goal.

Currently, disability accommodations beyond what the law requires are often restricted by the budget. Byrd said at the meeting.

Last year, $100,000 was reserved for disability needs.

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I'm trying to change it so it will be a positive instead of a negative force for Indian tree-covered, 25-foot burial mound in that "I think he teaches 25 hours a day and eight he wanted to dig. And where he wanted to have had a really troubled relationship, and build relationships. As a self-declared "activist archeologist," Rossen is doing just that. His profession is teaching — he's a newly tenured, soon-to-be associate professor of anthropology at the college. But his passion is archeology. Although he is a single man, he's fallen in love with the archeology of Native American territories.

Garry Thomas, associate professor of anthropology, has noticed Rossen's love. "He's passionate about his work," he said. "I think he teaches 25 hours a day and eight days a week, loves his work." Rossen discovered when he moved to Ithaca eight years ago that no professional archeologist was exploring the heart of the Cayuga settlements along the eastern shore of Cayuga Lake. When he viewed the great, tree-covered, 25-foot burial mound in that area for the first time, he knew it was where he wanted to dig. And where he wanted to build relationships.

"Archaeologists and Native Americans have a really troubled relationship, and I'm trying to change it so it will be a positive instead of a negative force for Indian people," he said. To do that, Rossen works with native clan mothers to understand what is and is not appropriate to dig so that he avoids past mistakes of disrespectful digs at cremation and other important areas. In the process, he's become an advocate and an activist for the people. Four years ago, he and a group of local activists set up an organization called S.H.A.R.E. Strengthening Haudenosaunee American Relations Through Education. Working as the treasurer, Rossen and his fellow volunteers promote opportunities for education and mutual respect between the Haudenosaunee and American people. The group's mission is to ensure a "mutually respectful coexistence that upholds the dignity, spirit and integrity of all people." Ultimately, they hope to pay off a large farm and give it back to the Cayugas, who have been landless for almost 200 years, he said. For Rossen, archeology plays a huge part in this endeavor, especially in the tense, political context of the current land claim discussions. Although several groups who oppose giving land to the Cayuga people have claimed Native Americans were land-wanderers who never had a connection to the land, Rossen's archeological findings show proof of large settlements with permanent living arrangements, sometimes with as many as 50 longhouses, he said. "This helps people understand why the Cayugas feel so strongly about coming back to their homeland to live," he said. The understanding that has developed between Rossen and the tribe he studies is apparent — it takes only a quick glance around his office to realize the relationships they've formed. Fragrant traditional Native American sweetgrass dangles from his book shelves as a handmade wooden clock in the shape of a turtle shell ticks the time away. "It was given to me by a Cayuga clan mother," he said.

In the corner sits a gift from an Onondaga man, a handmade hickory lacrosse stick wired with real animal gut and carved native symbols. In the Native American tradition, lacrosse represents celebration and commemoration, Rossen said. Julie Uticone, co-president of S.H.A.R.E., said Rossen's relationship with the Cayugas is rare and admirable. "I just don't know anybody who's better helped cement a relationship with them," she said. These important relationships, in combination with his dedication and drive to understand the people he studies, are the most important elements of activism for Rossen. And some of the most important motivating factors behind archeology. "Doing archeology alone is not enough," he said. "Archaeologists now have to work in contemporary issues and work with things that are concerning native people today to really justify investigating the past."
Dish thefts raise dining prices

BY ALISON MCCARTNEY
Contributing Writer

Each year the college spends more than one student’s tuition and room and board to replace items that disappear from the dining halls, costing the college between $20,000 and $40,000 annually.

Gene Wescott, general manager of dining services, said this figure also takes into account items that are broken or thrown in the trash by mistake, but the vast majority of it is leaving the dining hall in backpacks and coat pockets. "People will try to steal all kinds of things," he said. "Glasses seem to be the things that walk out of here the most," Cole said. "I just purchased 500 and 600 the other day." Last fall alone, Terrace Dining Hall lost upwards of 288 plates, 100 coffee cups, 200 bowls and 400 glasses because of theft, said Phil Annese, manager of the Terrace Dining Hall.

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Environmentalalist to speak on technology and nature

BY SARAH HOFIUS
Staff Writer

A best-selling author and environmentalist will deliver a lecture Wednesday titled "Staying Human in a Technological World."

Bill McKibben, who will draw parts of his speech from his latest book, "Enough: Staying Human in an Engineered Age," will speak on Wednesday night at 7:30 in Textor 102. McKibben will discuss what it means to be human, whether nature really exists anymore and what implications the answer will have for the future, said Michael Smith, assistant professor of history.

"These are big ideas," Smith said. "These are ideas that every student will have to confront one way or another after they leave college."

Smith thinks McKibben will be popular with the lecture attendees. "I would guess that he's going to be both topically and in terms of charisma, one of the best speakers of the spring," Smith added.

A former staff writer at The New Yorker, McKibben's other books include "Hundred Dollar Holiday," "Maybe One," "The Age of Missing Information" and "Hope, Human and Wild: True Stories of Living Lightly on the Earth."


He is the recipient of the Lannan Prize in Nonfiction Writing. Sophomore Andres Perez-Chameco, secretary for the Ithaca College Environmental Society, said he's looking forward to the McKibben lecture and recently had to create a truncated biography on some of McKibben's work for a writing class.

McKibben's written works included in the biography covered a wide range of topics: global warming, cross-country skiing, vasectomies, Sept. 11 response, hybrid cars, television and terrorism. Perez-Chameco thinks writing students can benefit from his visit.

"He writes about so many different topics and is some how able to handle them all expertly," Perez-Chameco said. "I can't think of a more multifaceted writer than him."

McKibben's speech is part of the C.P. Snow Lecture Series, which annually brings speakers to campus that bridge science and the humanities.

"His work is exactly at the intersection of those two things," Smith said.

Mideast analyst to discuss Iraq

BY VANESSA MOLINA
Senior Writer

Jonathan Schanzer, an expert on radical Islam, will speak Wednesday about the Iraq situation one year after President Bush sent troops to the country.

"I hope to bring a different perspective to the students," Schanzer said. "People have a tendency to believe what they hear on the news or read in the papers ... I want to have a dialogue with them to offer this different viewpoint."

The speech is sponsored by the Ithaca College Republicans, who have planned a series of events this week in recognition of the first anniversary of the beginning of the Iraq war. Activities include a display of 600 flags to commemorate the American lives lost since the conflict began and Schanzer's lecture on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Textor 103.

Schanzer's experience overseas and academic and journalistic background, he will offer insight into the Iraq conflict.

Schanzer, a Soref Fellow at the Washington Institute, which specializes in examining radical Islamic movements, has spent many years studying international relations and complications in the Middle East. He recently returned from a two-week trip to Iraq that included a drive from Turkey to Kuwait.

Before joining the Washington Institute, Schanzer spent time as a research fellow at the Middle East Forum, a Philadelphia-based organization. His background also includes assisting the Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace in Jerusalem.

Schanzer's articles on topics such as Osama bin Laden, militant Islam and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict have been published in the Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, New York Post and Investor's Business Daily. With his specialty in Middle East studies, he has appeared as an expert on CNN, al-Jazeera and Fox News.

He has traveled extensively, visiting Yemen, Egypt, Jordan, Turkey, the Palestinian territories and Israel. Schanzer said traveling has given him a chance to put himself in other peoples' shoes. "I have gained a better grasp of the challenges and politics within the Arab world," he said. "It is what you have to do to gain this understanding."
**Incident Log**

**Feb. 20**

*Fire alarm*  
**Location:** Terrace 12  
**Summary:** Caller reported fire caused by burned food. System reset. Patrol Officer William Kerry.

**Larceny**  
**Location:** Bogart Hall  
**Summary:** Caller reported unknown persons damaged exterior door. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Terry O'Pray.

**Medical assist**  
**Location:** Terrace 9  
**Summary:** Caller reported a person ill. Student transported to the Health Center. Sgt. Ronald Hart.

**Disorderly conduct**  
**Location:** General services office  
**Summary:** Caller reported an irate person causing a problem. One student judicially referred, Investigator Thomas Dunn.

**Conduct code violation**  
**Location:** Terrace 6  
**Summary:** Caller reported intoxicated persons with alcohol inside room. Five students judicially referred for irresponsible use of alcohol. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

**Criminal mischief**  
**Location:** C-lot  
**Summary:** Caller reported unknown persons damaged an exterior door. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Justin Benson.

**Suspicious persons**  
**Summary:** Caller reported three unknown males in lounge. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

**Feb. 21**

**Conduct code violation**  
**Location:** Terrace 6  
**Summary:** Caller reported intoxicated person had fallen and sustained a head injury. Student transported by CMC by ambulance and judicially referred for irresponsible use of alcohol. Patrol Officer William Kerry.

**Criminal mischief**  
**Location:** Terrace 7  
**Summary:** Caller reported unknown persons damaged sign. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer William Kerry.

**Conduct code violation**  
**Location:** Style Hall  
**Summary:** Caller reported noise complaint. Student judicially referred for disorderly conduct. Patrol Officer William Kerry.

**Feb. 22**

**Conduct code violation**  
**Location:** Terrace 29  
**Summary:** Caller reported intoxicated person causing a disturbance. Student transported to the Health Center and judicially referred for irresponsible use of alcohol. Patrol Officer Bruce Holmstok.

**Criminal mischief**  
**Location:** College Circle Lot  
**Summary:** Caller reported unknown persons stole a license plate from a parked car. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer William Kerry.

**Feb. 23**

**Suspicious persons**  
**Location:** Terrace 12  
**Summary:** Caller reported intoxicated person found after a small oven fire that had been put out by the residents. Officer inspected the area and found conditions to be safe. Patrol Officer Bruce Holmstok.

**Lost property**  
**Location:** Williams Hall  
**Summary:** Caller reported lost cell phone. Pending investigation. Sgt. Steven Yale.

**Feb. 24**

**Follow up investigation**  
**Location:** All other  
**Summary:** Officer reported that parking permit reported stolen on Feb. 14 was recovered by the complainant. No larceny ever reported. Investigator Thomas Dunn.

**Criminal mischief**  
**Location:** Terrace 12  
**Summary:** Caller reported unknown persons stole a license plate from a parked car. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer William Kerry.

**Feb. 25**

**System reset**  
**Location:** Smithy Hall  
**Summary:** Caller found a pair of sneakers. Property turned over to Public Safety.

**Larceny**  
**Location:** Whalen Center for Music  
**Summary:** Caller reported unknown persons stole a chair. Pending investigation. Sgt. Ronald Hart.

**Found property**  
**Location:** Friends Hut  
**Summary:** Caller found a watch and it was turned over to Public Safety.

**Medical assist**  
**Location:** Park School  
**Summary:** Caller reported a person felt and suffered a small injury to the face. The person declined any medical assistance. Report filed. Sgt. Ronald Hart.

**Conduct code violation**  
**Location:** Terrace 12  
**Summary:** Caller reported a computer on the college network was shut down. One student judicially referred for sharing copyrighted material. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

**Criminal mischief**  
**Location:** Clarke Hall  
**Summary:** SASP member reported unknown persons damaged an exit sign. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Justin Benson.

**Feb. 26**

**Conduct code violation**  
**Location:** Terrace 9  
**Summary:** Caller reported a vehicle with fraudulent parking permits. Vehicle towed and pending judicial action. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

**Motor vehicle accident**  
**Location:** Physical Plant parking lot  
**Summary:** Caller reported a two-car, property damage MVA. Patrol Officer Bruce Holmstok.

**Medical assist**  
**Location:** L-lot  

**Medical assist**  
**Location:** Terrace 5  
**Summary:** Caller reported falling and sustaining head injury. Ambulance transported student to CMC. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Enoch Perkins.

**Theft of service**  
**Location:** L-lot  
**Summary:** Parking enforcement officer reported a vehicle with fraudulent parking permits. Vehicle towed and pending judicial action. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

**Larceny**  
**Location:** Terrace 8  
**Summary:** Caller reported a computer on the college network was shut down. One student judicially referred for sharing copyrighted material. Patrol Officer Justin Benson.

**Medical assist**  
**Location:** Terrace 12  
**Summary:** Caller reported a vehicle with fraudulent parking permits. Vehicle towed and pending judicial action. Patrol Officer Bruce Holmstok.

For the complete Public Safety Log, go to www.ithaca.edu/ithaca.
Editorsials

A range of priorities

Building cannot be college's only strength

Ithaca College announced some great news over the spring break. With the help of a $7 million donation from Dorothy Park, the college will construct a new building for the business school that will be designed to create as little waste as possible. It is a growing problem in the world, and the college should do what it can to put the sustainability initiative behind it, as a way to put its community taken into account and only then was Ithaca College on the map. Though sustainability is important, it fails in comparison to the importance the college’s commitment to academic excellence.

New buildings and new ideas may spark interest in the media and among prospective students for what, but over the long haul, academic rigor and intellectual challenge are what will draw attention and high-caliber students to Ithaca College. It is vital that the institution never forget that the students are in and should remain an active, student-centered learning community.

Logging ill-conceived

Plan needed student and faculty input

The college made plans to cut down trees on its farm land in an attempt to keep sustainable living important constiuencies on campus: faculty and students. Though Physical Plant representatives went before the Ithaca Planning Board with their proposal for thinning trees on college property, they made no effort to find out how the move would affect the people who teach and learn everyday at Ithaca College. This was a serious oversight, and it should not be repeated.

The cutting was set to begin in January, but after reading about the plan in The Ithacan, several biology students went to the Physical Plant representatives at Ithaca College with their proposal for thinning trees on college property, they made no effort to find out how the move would affect the people who teach and learn everyday at Ithaca College. This was a serious oversight, and it should not be repeated.

The question, however, is whether sustainability is also an exciting step forward for the college as it works to complete its sweeping Campus Master Plan. The question, however, is whether sustainability is important and also educate students about the importance of reducing and also educating students about the importance of reducing, designing to create as little waste as possible. Waste is a growing problem in the world, and the college should do what it can to put student and faculty research. It is inconceivable that Physical Plant, administrators or the Ithaca Planning Board could damage plots of land they use for research. Only then were opinions from members of the campus community taken into account.

The decision made to delay thinning the forest to spend a year actively discussing the plan could damage plots of land they use for research. Only then were opinions from members of the campus community taken into account.

This is a faint green line and should remain an active, student-centered learning community.

Respect Gibson's film

My heart sank after reading Michael Faber’s review of Mel Gib­son's "The Passion of the Christ." Endless discussions were about the range of priorities Gibson's production and his intentions, but that would be to deny the very humanity of the man and what makes us human. The unchangeable fact remains that Jesus Christ lived a perfect life, died a brutal death and rose to life for all of humankind, for all time.

We can accept, reject or try to modify that, but the timeless truth still stands, holding open arms of re­demption for all of us — scoffers, mockers, unbelievers and all. Articles like Faber’s prove that the doubt, mockery and even disgust continue to scoff at the very name of Christ, even in 2004 AD. There are even those who would make us believe that to speak His name is sacrilegious.

Gibson makes his compelling point in this moment to will­ing lay down His life for the errors we are guilty of. May we never overlook, however, the greater choice that Christ made in that moment to will­ing lay down His life for the errors we are guilty of. May we never ignore His choice to humbly hang from a cross — an incred­ibly agonizing totally because of God’s in­credibly love for us. The film un­doubtedly makes Christ’s sacrifice very clear. Now we — either accepting or rejecting Him and His truth — must in­evitably make our own.

JESSICA RIPKA ’04

‘Passion’ delves deep

Michael Faber is correct: The Pas­sion of the Christ is just another Gib­son flick, like "Lethal Weapon 3." Gib­son also starred in "Forever Young" that summer. However, his directorial list is too short for Faber’s reflection.

Faber addressed a Christian’s view of the film. He would do well to look past the film and the Gawronski family

Letters

Thanks for four years

The Gawronski family would like to thank the whole Ithaca College family for a wonderful four years. Everyone has been great to us and our daugh­ter Katy Gawronski (’03) on the women’s basketball team. The coach­es, the trainers, athletic director, assis­tants, teachers, parents, students, players and coaches of all teams, the community, the press, doctors, all workers in the gym and all in the whole athletic department, we have great grate­itude to you. We will never forget you and we will not return one minute of Kelly go­ing to Ithaca.

I have been around many basketball teams in my life. I never saw such a wonderful bunch of women like we have here at Ithaca. They were hurt, they played, they were down, they were never­ ever gave up, they lost and they went back, they were in the game I saw for four years, right to the end. We are proud to say we are four­ ever a "Bomber." These women went to the NCAA four years in a row and we will not stop there. Let the chant keep on, "Defense, defense, defense."

JOEL GAWRONSKI and the Gawronski family

Attend gymnastics meet

Thanks to The Ithacan for giving the Bomber gymnasts some attention at the beginning of this year’s season. Since then, coverage has been minimal. Last year it was explained that the rel­ative lack of gymnastic coverage was due to the publication’s rule that sports news articles cover competitions, which take place Tuesday or Wednes­day prior to publication. In this mター, The Ithacan will write only one gymnastic article per year for a Wednesday meet versus Cortland. All other meets are on weekends. The nature of sport schedules should be con­sidered in development of policy for what receives coverage.

Ithaca’s gymnasts closed their
Another Angle

Business ethics classes teach better judgment

Emom, Tyco, Enron. WorldCom. Arthur Andersen. Parmalat. A new business scandal seems to surface each day, while the relentless media coverage of corporate wrongdoing gives the impression that business people permanently reside on the lower end of the moral spectrum. Despite the current scrutiny and ethical bankruptcy of some corporations, clearly not all businesses, or even the majority of them, are engaging in criminal or unethical behavior. The entrepreneurial activity of alongside is an essential and noble pursuit which provides the economic and the fundamental basis of formation for society's members.

EILEEN F. KELLY
Guest Writer

Business schools across the country are examining the extent of their own culpability in the current rash of corporate scandals. Some critics charge that business school curricula overemphasize functional tools and financial results while giving superficial treatment to ethics. It is remiss, however, to assume that business schools alone bear the responsibility for the current lapse of ethical behavior in corporate America. Personal value systems, corporate culture, competitive pressures and many other factors all play a critical part in the ethical stance of the companies in the wake thereof.

Notwithstanding, business schools take seriously their role in fostering ethical awareness, conduct and courage in future business leaders. Schools are responding to the current rash of corporate chicanery by making concerted efforts to instill a stronger ethical awareness among the students. Allison Pearson, author of What's Good for the Goose, wrote: "People in general do not mean to misbehave; they do not mean to cheat. They are led to believe that if they cheat no one will appreciate the loss. They are led to believe that the gains from cheating are larger than the losses. They are led to believe that their particular act is an isolated instance, not part of a larger pattern of behavior." Ethical awareness, training and education can help prevent these situations from occurring.

SPAIN

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2004

Guest Writer

Spain tragedy parallels Sept. 11 experience

Most people remember where they were when they heard the news of the Sept. 11 attacks and how they asked the news. The images of that fateful day were broadcast incessantly for days, and everyone was touched by the significance of the event. Last Thursday, we were once again reminded of the malicious capabilities of the human heart.

After Sept. 11, the citizens of the United States and people across the world came together in an international stance. We mourned against vicious, unannounced attacks of terrorism which had claimed the lives of civilians. Candles were lit, and hands were held. Sept. 11 showed us that there is only one people, which was only overshadowed by the fact that a catastrophe had occurred. We stood together to spark such camaraderie among us. But our country made the necessary adjustment to keep the safety of the innocent and moved on. It was a humbling experience when I found myself in another student television lounge thousands of miles away and two and a half years later watching another tragedy.

Last Thursday, during the rush hour, 10 bags containing explosives were carried onto four different trains in Madrid, in close proximity to the Atocha station. The bags were detonated almost simultaneously. More than 200 citizens of Madrid lost their lives.

The days after the bombing were all too familiar. Peace marches occurred in every major city, a moment of silence preceded sporting events, and national flags hung from the balconies of apartment buildings. Political leaders vowed to change the world, and religious leaders united to mourn unnecessary deaths. I probably did not read the newspaper as faithfully as I did the few weeks after the attacks of Sept. 11, and here I am half a world away, two years later, reading the same story about the same organization taking the lives of the same innocent people.

Just a Thought

New Paltz marriages strengthen institution

Attending a total stranger's wedding might seem like an odd way to spend a Saturday afternoon, but over break I had the opportunity to do just that. Joining hundreds of supporters and a zealot group of photographers, I watched as 13 lesbian couples tied the knot under a packed wedding tent in New Paltz, N.Y.

I’ve never really been one for weddings and usually find it uncomfortable enough to sit through those I’ve actually been invited to. At a typical wedding phobia, I had the more serious fear of distracting from a committed supporter to a gawking passerby. Nevertheless, I attended the ceremony. This wedding was just too important to miss. As reporters from The New York Times screaming publications from student newspapers to The New York Times screamed in my ears, I vowed to change the world, and changing reactions to last.

Of course, a month ago New Paltz was a small Hudson Valley town that few people outside of (or even inside) New York state had heard of. But when Mayor Jason West married 25 same-sex couples a few weeks later, the topic became a national political limelight and the forefront of same-sex marriage debates. Newspapers such as The New York Times has since charged West with 19 counts of violation a marriage with prejudice. A misdemeanor for which she could serve jail time. Her real crime? Actually doing something about it.

Interestingly, it’s still unclear whether same-sex marriage is actually illegal or simply unprecedented in many states like New York. Certainly, it’s unconventional and rather unpopular in many places, but are we really any less human than our opponents of same-sex marriage sound absurd. In New York, the authorities will have to fight the battle that interracial marriage proponents have just briefly won after years of struggle. Worse yet, they’ll be defending themselves against the same arguments.

Not surprisingly, conventional marriages have been deemed unnatural and contrary to God’s intent once again. The opponents of same-sex marriage sound strikingly like the Virginia judge who once claimed that God placed different humans in the world, which is obviously wrong and unnatural occurrence of interracial marriage.

Other objections to same-sex marriage are even more absurd. According to some, the institution of marriage is the real threat to the sanctity of marriage. Give me a break. The equals of opposite sexes. The equals of the same sex. The equals of both the rights and responsibilities heterosexual partners have. I hope we’ll soon be seeing one another give up the fight. I’m not even aware of how many people have managed to realize that same-sex marriage is long overdue, and enough guts to actually do something about it.

Just a Thought appears in this space every week. E-mail Emily Paulsen at epaulsen1@ithaca.edu.
regular season on March 6, against Division I Cornell, Rutgers and Eastern Michigan. They scored 190.45, the first score in Division III gymnastics history above 190. As of March 8, the team ranked first in the nation in Division III. Individual gymnasts hold 17 national event rankings in the top 20. They return early from spring break to train for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships, hosted by Ithaca on March 20. National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) nationals are at MIT on April 2 and 3.

Despite the outstanding record, this team finds itself in the tightest competition seen in years to qualify to nationals. The support of the campus community during regionals, March 20 at Ithaca, could help them reach their goal. Nothing is as inspiring as a large cheering crowd from your school. Spectators will be awed by the performances. I hope that your paper plans to highlight these outstanding athletes and to inspire the support of the campus community to attend ECACs, to root their gymnasts on toward their national competition.

SUSANNE EDELSON

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Out of the Closet and Onto the Screen:
Intersections of Sexuality and Culture in Film

Latino Heritage Month
September 23 De Colores: Lesbian and Gay Latinos

Disability Awareness Month
October 22 Double the Trouble, Twice the Fun

Native American Month
November 3 Two-Spirit People

Black History Month
Feb. 9 Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin

Women’s History Month
March 1 Hand on the Pulse

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
April 15 Sambal Belacan and Fated to Be Queer

Join us for a series of documentary films examining the lives of Americans, with multiple cultural, ethnic, and sexual identities.

All screenings at
7 pm in Textor 103

Student Information System Modernization
Vendor Presentations

We Need Your Input

Help choose ITHACA’s next Student Information System.

The new SIS could impact many aspects of your college experience including class registration and housing selection.

Between March 3 and April 6, four SIS Vendors will come to campus to showcase their systems.

1. PeopleSoft
2. Oracle
3. Datatel
4. SCT

March 3, 4 (Wednesday, Thursday)
March 16, 17 (Tuesday, Wednesday)
March 31, April 1 (Wednesday, Thursday)
April 5, 6 (Monday, Tuesday)

For complete details of their two-day sessions, see the online Events Calendar or go to www.ithaca.edu/sis. Datatel will present next Wednesday and Thursday. Session segments you’ll want to check out include:

Opening Remarks and Overview
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Registration and Degree Audit
Wed. 1 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Clark Lounge
Housing and Student Judiciary
Thurs. 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Klingenstein Lounge

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BY STACEY COBBURN
Accent Editor

When Corey Rothermel '96 walked into his 8 a.m. poetry class in the fall of 1993, he knew the moment he saw Douglas Neff '96 that he wanted to spend the rest of his life with him. It was almost a year until the two began dating, but they have been together ever since.

On March 10, they traveled six miles from their Oakland, CA, home and got hitched nearly 24 hours before the San Francisco Supreme Court ordered a cessation of the gay marriage that the city's clerk had been performing since Valentine's Day.

The couple had been discussing having a big marriage ceremony with friends and family there — perhaps even at Ithaca College's own Muller Chapel — for some time, and did not initially plan to participate in the marriages in San Francisco. But as media fervor increased, the two decided to be a part of history.

"It sort of felt like, OK, we're at another historic moment in gay history, and it felt like participating in this was sort of like standing up to be heard," Rothermel said. "It was like casting a vote and taking yourself out of the comfort of your own private life and putting yourself in a place where you're like, 'I wish to be counted.'"

Rothermel said that the day was perfect, but he was crushed when he discovered the next day that the 2,700-plus couples who still had appointments to be married could not until the Supreme Court made a decision in late May or early June.

"Everyone was just saying to us how lucky we are, but not as we felt to be among other couples who were lucky enough to get the service, it was hard to feel happy when you knew there were so many people who were going to be denied," Rothermel said.

In response to the thousands of couples running to San Francisco, President Bush announced that he would support a constitutional amendment that defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman. Since then, officials in Multnomah and Benton counties in Oregon, and New Paltz, N.Y., have followed suit.

To avoid the legal struggles that San Francisco is now facing, City of Ithaca Mayor Carolyn Peterson announced on Monday, March 1, that the city would not offer marriage applications to gay couples. She said the city would join the couples in a legal battle if, as expected, the state Department of Health denies the application if the couple decides to bring a lawsuit. She said the city will also now recognize gay marriages that were performed in San Francisco.

The mayor of Nyack, N.Y., along with 19 other people seeking gay marriages, are suing the state and the town clerk for denying them licenses. Applications were not allowed.

Marry Brownstein, assistant professor of politics, said he was impressed with the way that Ithaca's strategy tested the limits of the law without risking the risk of a Supreme to jail.

"It was quite thrilling, I was moved more than I expected to be," Brownstein said. "I think the city of Ithaca is setting a new precedent. I think it's most creative and the most clever legal challenge to the institution of marriage of any of the communities so far."

There are close to 1,800 rights and responsibilities — 1,049 federal and more than 750 state. Married couples. Neither civil unions nor domestic partnerships, which range from giving all state rights to none, have federal rights and responsibilities. Federal rights include Social Security, survivor benefits, family medical leave, pensions, immigration rights and tax advantages.

In 1990, Ithaca became the first place in the country to pass legislation allowing domestic partnerships. Prior to Peterson's announcements, couples in Ithaca who have been married elsewhere, such as Canada, had to apply for a domestic partnership in addition to their wedding certificates in order to receive city recognition and benefits.

Congress passed the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996, which says no state has to recognize gay marriages. This law has yet to be challenged in the courts. Bush's proposed amendment would outlaw gay marriages all together.

Although churches can perform the religious ceremony, gay activists are working to achieve civil marriage. Lisa Maurer, coordinator of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Center at Ithaca College, married her partner in Canada earlier this year. Maurer said she wanted to take advantage of any opportunity to receive more rights.

"I filled out my taxes last weekend. Boring, mundane, whatever. Question number two, question number three, I have to check single. Now that doesn't sound like a big deal, except that we've been together almost 10 years," she said. "Some people say, 'Oh, it's only a form.' It's not only a form. It's my life."

Many who oppose same-sex marriage believe that marriage should be a religious institution. But Rothermel said that getting married for frivolous purposes are "a mockery of marriage.""I think it's just voiding the sanctity of marriage — where's the sanctity of marriage when there's a 50 percent divorce rate?" Seymour said. "They're saying that the government is a mockery of the institution of marriage. No, games shows and getting [married] for frivolous purposes are a mockery of marriage.

Senior Brandon Sullivan, a queer rights activist who said he supports gay marriage because those who are should be able to be married if others can, but said that because of these flaws in marriage, he does not believe in the institution. He said gay activists should spend more of their energies on other issues like fighting suicide rates and violence against gays.

"What about the people who don't care about getting married?" Sullivan said. "A lot of people are against the institution of marriage. A lot of people aren't necessarily interested in marriage and see it as a heterosexual institution that they don't want to take a part in."

Brownstein said many students who may not have had an opinion on gay marriage are now being forced to think about the issue.

"When the issue emerged in my media and politics class, we had two or three wonderful thoughtful and nuanced and cordial conversations about this," Brownstein said. "People were not angry and red faced. People were speaking directly to each other's concerns. That didn't mean that everyone agreed, but it meant that the conversation was far more thoughtful and far more civil than maybe I would have expected going in, and that means that people really are listening."

Senior writer Mike Nagel contributed to this story.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE TIMELINE

- In 1990, Ithaca becomes the first city in the country to pass domestic partnership legislation.
- In 1996, Congress passes the Defense of Marriage Act, which bars federal re­ cognition of same-sex marriages and allows states to do the same if they choose.
- In 1997, Ithaca residents Philip and Roshef Show take their case to the Supreme Court. The state Health Department's decision not to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples is upheld.
- On Feb. 24, President Bush renounces he would support a constitutional amend­ ment outlawing gay marriages.
- On March 10, the California Supreme Court order San Francisco to stop issuing same-sex marriage licenses until late May or early June.
- On March 16, Benton County officials in Oregon vote to marry gay couples.

| THAACA ALUMNI Douglas Neff '96, left, and Corey Rothermel '96 were one of the last couples to marry in San Francisco. The two met during their first year at Ithaca College. | COURTESY OF COREY ROTHERMEL |
Filmmaker captures reality

"Films never do anything on their own — change comes when people get engaged," says George Stoney, one of the most influential figures in international documentary film. He has worked to create collaborative community media networks all over the world and has made more than 50 films and videos of his own.

Stoney worked with the National Film Board of Canada to bring filmmaking equipment to regular citizens, from 1966-70. He also founded the National Federation of Local Cable Programmers and refurbished the Alternative Media Center with Red Burns at New York University in 1972. He continues to teach film at NYU today.

Stoney has been holding screenings, master classes and workshops at Ithaca College all week.

BY JANINE D'AMICO

Students play market with funny money

The stock market is an intimidating thing. People can invest, lose their precious dollars, can find refuge in the Investment Challenge.

Sophomore Evan Gever has invested in stocks since seventh grade. Over the years he has refined his formula. It works so well that he is trying to get a patent for it.

Young people often shy away from nonfiction film, so how do you find an audience for your work, and how do you reach the people who you want to see your work?

The time when people shied away from nonfiction work has long since passed. There is not a week that passes that there aren't a half a dozen documentaries playing in theaters in New York... now that's changing. What concerns me is the way the demands of the media [to] have big audiences has distorted that so that what people are putting out is pretty disappointing — inaccurate. It's just done for fun, it's demonizing in many cases.

What importance does film technique play in your work, and do you think film technique is overemphasized in schools and filmmaking in general?

I think film technique comes down to this simple statement: If you can't see it, if you can't hear it, forget it. Clarity of sound and of picture is all the technique that you need. After that, it's about a rhythm, a matter of sometimes beauty... it's even more resourceful than words in terms of poetic expression, but just as in words, few are true poets.

I think that many of us should give that more thought. I think the greatest mistake that all of us make is underrating our own work, assuming that the audience is not up to understanding what we're doing. The audience isn't up to the kind of subtlety that we've put into it.

Are there still ample opportunities for independent work to be shown on cable? How else can an individual find an audience?

I think there are many more opportunities than there ever were before. Not to make a living in it, but to get it shown. I mean, on the Internet. My goodness. We've never had that opportunity before. Making cassettes and passing them around, cable television, public access. That's just come out in the past few years. My goodness.

The Spring 2004 Challenge participation, but in the past the first few saw low participation, the numbers have picked up in recent years. When the challenge first started, only 26 students participated. This year, the number has climbed to 70.

In the beginning, the challenge was to give a mail-in contest. As now, students can access stock prices online so they don't always have to use the trading room.

"Prior to the Internet, the Investment Challenge didn't attract that many participants," Doyle said. "Trades could only be made in the trading room, and the process of trading and maintaining a portfolio was difficult to non-business majors. Since the use of Virtualstock Exchange, participation has jumped dramatically."

"But (never) prefers to get his information from the trading room because it's up-to-date."

"The trading room serves as both a classroom and an interactive center for student trading. It posts the current leader of the challenge, and the leader is constantly changing."
Maté stimulates downtown

BY KELLY O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

Upon first setting foot in the Maté Factor, the new downtown café seems much like any other: funky ambiance, college students with a spread of homework before them and the smell of warm beverages brewing.

But there are two things about the Maté Factor that set it apart—yerba maté, the green tea for which the café is named, and the religious convictions of the owners.

The café is operated by a religious community called the Twelve Tribes, a sect of Christianity, founded in the 1970s. Tom Rivera, community member and owner of the café, said his lifestyle is all about following the message he sees in the Bible.

"We believe that if you're going to know God or say you know God, then how you live your life should reflect that," he said.

All of the café staff are members of the community, and all the profits go into a collective community purse. Rivera said it is common for Twelve Tribes communities to own and operate cafés.

"It's a business where we felt that we could serve people and be hospitable and express care," he said. "Cafés are a good place to do that."

Though the community's religious tradition is certainly reflected in the way the business is run, the café also represents the rich maté tradition.

Maté is a stimulant, green tea that has recently been growing in popularity for its health benefits, tradition and flavor. Customarily, it is a social drink, favored by South Americans "gauchos." The nightly passing of a mate drinking gourd is just as much an aspect of the tradition and flavor. Customarily, although the café does stock coffee, it lacks the jittery effects of coffee, which the tea also has a stimulant that is related to caffeine, only milder, so it lacks the jittery effects of coffee. Rivera said.

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"A lot of people that can't drink coffee can drink maté," he said.

Looking to supplant coffee as the hot beverage of choice, Rivera said the café's maté lattes provide all the things that a cup of coffee does, and more.

"It's high in antioxidants and also has lots of vitamins and trace minerals," he said. "Maté is very good for you." 

While Rivera said the overall response to the café has been positive, there are some people who are hesitant to come in because of the Twelve Tribes' reputation as a cult.

"It's not for them to come in," Rivera said, "It's not for them to preach to you while you're sipping a maté latte," she said. "It has nothing to do with it."

Vanderpool said one of her new customers at the cafe is a regular. "She's a little thing," she said. "It's just tea," she said.

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The café’s interior is just as handmade. Kafa Roller, along with the rest of the community members, helped design and renovate the old Home Dairy building and turn it into the forest-themed maté shop it is today.

"We like to create things," Roller said. "It's a creative process making a place like this."

Rivera said the interior incorporates a great deal of recycled materials. Alongside the beams from an old barn are enormous bamboo posts and polished hardwood counters. The resulting decor is an exotic mix of South American jungle and rustic alpine lodge.

Ithaca College freshman Rachel Vanderpool said the café's designers succeeded in creating a relaxing atmosphere.

"It's a really warm setting and really comfortable," she said.

Vanderpool also said the group's beliefs, though they may be extreme, didn't have any effect on her experience at the café.

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Any one of our community can join!
Noria is a sophomore journalism major. E-mail her at nlitakel@ithaca.edu.

Little things matter at home and abroad

Before I left home for Vienna, a friend of mine told me, "You'll miss the strangest things when you get over there." I couldn't really believe that all that much. I figured after going entire semesters without the sweet tea and biscuits that are so essential in my Southern diet, I could handle anything.

Now that I'm here, I know it goes way beyond food. Though I still miss the Southern staples and have an odd craving for Parmesan cheese.

First of all, I miss my dryer. While we are lucky enough to have a small washer in my apartment, its energy-sucking companion is nowhere to be found. In its place is a drying rack that doesn't have the same shrinking power on jeans or sweaters I'm used to.

I feel like I'm living the case from my media ethics class called "The Amazing Growing Sweater" because I know that with the apple strudel and knock-off Nutella I almost I'm not shedding pounds.

Another charming characteristic of freshly washed clothes here is the texture. I'd call it industrial-strength sandpaper. Sometimes I'm tempted to buff our floors with my corduroy's.

Among the other things I long for are the friendly voices of Bob Edwards on NPR in the mornings.

And salted almonds. The environmentally conscious Viennese use small pebbles instead. The rocks eventually end up looking like the shape of your boots and then all over my apartment where my bare feet don't need traction.

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Play goes beyond skin deep

BY ELIZABETH GUIL
Accent Editor

How do you fit a living room, kitchen, upstairs bedroom, outside pool, and attic extension, one obviously fascist and more than half of which is occupied by a 20- by 30-foot room? Ask Lenora Pace. The director of "Pecan Tan" is determined to transform the Kitchen Theatre into a ramshackle, but vibrant, South Carolina home on March 5. Pace has every available inch of space to develop characters, illustrate stereotypes and then challenge those stereotypes. Gaining inspiration from Salvador Dalí, Pace captures the play’s twisted version of reality with red, orange and green waves on the kitchen’s walls, a beat-down orange armoire, and a spider lamp in the corner. The tinted lights give the stage a dream-like glow.

The set is intimately linked to the story. Playwright Tanya Barfield questions reality by examining modern American attitudes and relationships through the life of a dysfunctional black family. Darrell Jerome (Harlin C. Kearley) wants to become a “new sensitive guy.” He thinks his long-lost daughter can force him to change. When his daughter shows up during a hurricane, which symbolically embodies the family’s turmoil, the whole team is forced to chow down. Barfield’s script builds on the family’s dysfunction from the beginning, and Pace takes advantage of every available inch of space to create character. The writing is fast-paced and quick-witted. Barfield cleverly blends satire, slapstick and situational comedy. At times, the audience members want to laugh, but they miss their chance. Mrs. Davis’ character is perfectly written because she portrays everyone’s grandma, black or white. She tells exasperated stories. She can’t remember anyone’s name. She calls the detective “Miss Wilderness,” “Miss Walawala” and “Miss Wild Thing.” She even makes vodka and tonics when she mixes up gin and tonics. Mrs. Davis says out loud what everyone else thinks. Individuals make it easy for all the actors to look good. But the actors also bring their own style to highlight their characters’ extremes. With “Pecan Tan” clearly portrays Olga’s confusion and sadness, but it would be nice to see some real tears, especially at the end. The final scene is over-the-top because there is no “ta-da” moment. But this is part Barfield’s message. Life is a work in progress.

"Pecan Tan" will be showing at the Kitchen Theatre through March 27.

COUPLES STARSKY & Hutch

BY PAUL GIMBELBERG
Staff Writer

When television shows are remake as feature films, criticism arises and most of which are only slightly humorous — takes great writers and an even better cast to pull off on the big screen. A television show, in turn, is a chance to expand on the occasional one-liner, to give the characters a life outside of the screen, and to re-examine the story, based on the popular 1970s ABC television series, follows two undercover cops, Starsky and Hutch. The writing is fast-paced and quick-witted. Barfield cleverly blends satire, slapstick and situational comedy. At times, the audience members want to laugh, but they miss their chance. Mrs. Davis’ character is perfectly written because she portrays everyone’s grandma, black or white. She tells exasperated stories. She can’t remember anyone’s name. She calls the detective “Miss Wilderness,” “Miss Walawala” and “Miss Wild Thing.” She even makes vodka and tonics when she mixes up gin and tonics. Mrs. Davis says out loud what everyone else thinks. Individuals make it easy for all the actors to look good. But the actors also bring their own style to highlight their characters’ extremes. With “Pecan Tan” clearly portrays Olga’s confusion and sadness, but it would be nice to see some real tears, especially at the end. The final scene is over-the-top because there is no “ta-da” moment. But this is part Barfield’s message. Life is a work in progress.

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**Today**

**Event of the week:** Artist / Historian Rick Hill discusses the "History of Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Art" on Monday at 7 p.m. in Handwerker Gallery.

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**Art Exhibit** — "The Three Brothers," contemporary artists of the Iroquois Confederacy, at the Handwerker Gallery. Runs through April 4.

**Faculty Colloquium** — "The Invention of the Environment in France: Two Case Studies" presented by Florian Charvolin, visiting scholar, at 12:10 p.m. in Clark Lounge, Campus Center.

**Poetry Reading** — 7 p.m. in the Handwerker Gallery.

**Faculty Recital** — David Unland, tuba, at 8:15 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Room, Whalen Center.

**Elective Recital** — Jonah Rabenowitz-Buchanan, guitar, at 9 p.m. in Nabenhauer Recital Room, Whalen Center.

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**Friday**

**Last day to ADD/DROP Block II courses**

**Junior Recital** — Mike DeSays, piano, at 7 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.

**Elective Recital** — Amy Pratt, voice, at 8:15 p.m. in Nabenhauer Recital Room, Whalen Center.

**Junior Recital** — Elliot Locco, voice, at 9 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.

**International Club Formal** — 9 p.m. in Emerson Suites, Campus Center.

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**Saturday**

**Junior Recital** — Leah Jones, French horn, at 3 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.

**Senior Recital** — Amanda Ginovsky, bassoon, at 4 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.

**Discussion on the Environmental Effects of War** — 6 p.m. in the Pub/Coffeehouse, Campus Center.

**Junior Recital** — Tiffany Carlson, flute, at 7 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.

**Ithaca College Choir** — 8:15 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.

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**Sunday**

**Senior Recital** — Jackie Sica, violin, at 1 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.

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**Monday**

**James J. Whalen Academic Symposium** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Emerson Suites, Clark and Kingenstein Lounges, Campus Center.

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**Tuesday**

**Pro-America Rally** — Noon in the Campus Center Pub/Coffeehouse and Free Speech Rock.
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YOU'RE VERY CIVILIZED, DAD.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

THE QUESTION IS: IS THE DOG GETTING A REWARD, OR IS IT, AND IF SO, DO I SMACK IT?

WHICH COMIC FIRST, OH? THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG?

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Softball squad hopes for championship year

By Jen Beekman
Staff Writer

At 4:30 on Tuesday mornings, most people are in deep sleep and several hours away from the sound of their alarm clock. But not the Ithaca softball team. The Bombers squad is making its way up to the Light Gymnasium for practice—keen on regaining its status as the national champions.

The Blue and Gold won the national title in 2002, but fell in the regional tournament last year and ended the year ranked 28th. The Bombers are currently No. 4 and intend to climb the rankings as the season progresses.

Junior Suzi Coddington said winning the 2004 national championship, which is the team’s ultimate goal, is a feasible task for Ithaca this year.

Though the team is fairly young—only four members of the team were on the 2002 squad that won Ithaca’s first national title in softball—Coddington said she sees a lot of potential.

“This being my third year, the team looks pretty good at this point in the season,” Coddington said. “We’ve not worked on a lot of defensive strategies, but the team looks tight.”

The Bombers have participated in lifting sessions since the start of the year, but practices began just one week after the start of the second semester. They opened the season by traveling south for competition and training over spring break.

The Bombers (2-5) earned a 9-4 victory over Bridgewater State (Mass.) at Savannah, Ga., in their first game. In a rematch of the 2003 national championship game, Ithaca dropped a 5-3 decision to Lake Forest (Ill.). The 14th-ranked Bombers ended deficits at the hands of fifth-ranked Willamette and 24th-ranked Coe (Iowa) in back-to-back wins over Lake Forest. The South Hill team then lost consecutive losses to No. 9 Wheaton (Ill.) and Farmingdale State (N.Y.), 4-3 and 11-4, respectively.

When the Bombers took the field for their first contest of the year, they went with pitcher Abby Hanrahan, 50, who was a first-team selection to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Northeast Region all-star team.

Hanrahan capped up in 1.97 ERA and struck out 14 batters. She also finished her career during the season in seven school categories, including a top spot on the career stolen base chart with 57.

Though the loss of Hanrahan may prove costly, Coddington is confident Abby Pelot and the four highly-acclaimed pitchers—freshmen Lindsay, Bryan and Zachary Sherman—will be successful on the mound. Sherman, a junior, picked up her first career victory over Bridgewater State.

The Bombers have returned seven letter winners, including last year’s winning pitcher Abby Hanrahan, who was a first-time selection to the Northeast Region all-star team.

“Out on the field, you can’t tell the difference between freshman and upperclassmen,” she said. “It’s a big strength to find that we have that good of talent coming out of the freshmen.”

Another strength is the sense of camaraderie. The field is not the only place the softball team comes together. The Bombers also hang out to dinner as a group.

“If the team has a very good relationship,” Coddington said. “There are no cliques. We’re one big group.”

“We all have to think about is playing softball and not building relationships,” she said.
Real March madness is in delaying duties

If procrastination were a college sport, I would be the four-time national champion.

When I was a youth — waaaaay back when — I delayed my daily house chores by playing Super Mario Bros. My dad told me he was scorning the classical route and playing a video game with my Nintendo game player to save the princess. I think he was joking.

When I was 15, though, I actually hit procrastination paydirt. Dad asked me to fill in some Missing letters (N.Cs). It is only loss of the year.

And one of Williams' 26 regular-season victories was a 78-71 victory against Division I Holy Cross on Feb. 28. And Brockport beat Trinity (Conn.) 80-76. March madness is in coming.

That, my friends, is the lucky link.


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From that point forward, every March madness tournament has been doing at the end of April last season at Ithaca since she left for leadership from. However, Hollands has yet to put together a starting lineup because of all the talent that Ithaca has. Still, she doesn't stress any importance on the starting role.

"I have told the kids before that I do not want to focus on being starters, we want to focus on being starters," Hollands said. "You want to be getting the ball to the people who are playing well when the results are not so good," she said. "They are so good and such quick learners, and this year's team has a more balanced group of talent than last year's team.

Bryant is one of 13 returning letter-winners from last year's 14-3 that made it to the national tournament, falling in the first round to eventual runner-up Williams. The group doesn't include graduates Jessica Welch, last year's leading scorer, defender Alli Story-Vorona or attack Cayla Acbes.

"There is definitely something to be said about last year's seniors, but I personally think that this year we are going to be amazing because all the freshmen that we have are doing so good," she said. "They are so smart and such quick learners, and this year's team has a more balanced group of talent than last year's team.

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Twelve of the players from last year's team had already won their first two games and so forth. And the Bombers have had their first coach, and coach Karen Hollands said she thinks the Bombers' fate will depend on much more than just the leadership and skill of the returning players.

"We consider all the roles on the team to be equal, whether it be the trainers, coaches, managers, sta' keepers or film person," Hollands said. "Everyone's role plays a part in success, and that's what our focus is."

Hollands is in her second season at Ithaca since she left the coaching position at a Hamilton College. This year, the Bombers will be the first time any of the returning seniors have had the same coach for more than one season.

Attacking midfielder Angela Marashakis said she thinks the team has been using its depth to its advantage so far this season.

"We have never done the plays and drills that coach had us doing at the end of April last year," Marashakis said. "It's much more than what we did last year that we can focus on."

"I'm really starting to experience a little bit of everything," Thomson said. "We have 11 freshmen, and that's what our focus is."

Hollands will need consistent play from her three captains in order to have a strong season, but their concerns are elsewhere.

"We have 11 freshmen, and they are the ones that are really the key to being successful this year," she said. "You need to have depth to play in the (NCAA) tournament, and that depth is going to come from our first-year players."
Beach overcomes injury for seventh-place finish

BY MICAH KARG

With a broken wrist, junior tri-captain K.C. Beach earned all-American status at the NCAA national meet. Beach wrestled with the injury for nearly two months, keeping it quiet from most people, including some teammates.

At Loras College March 5-6, Beach was the only Bomber of Sophomore Matthias Keib who broke it, which would have finished tied for 25th in the country.

Beach was the only Bomber to compete in his weight class. He broke the knife under the skin. Keib placed 51st in the 100-yard freestyle (53.11) and seventh in the 200-yard individual medley (2:08.93).

Beach eked out a 3-2 win in that match to finish seventh and went 3-2 in the tourney. His teammates didn’t fare as well.

Sophomore Matthias Keib went 2-2 and fell in the All-American round 10-3.

Junior Marc Israel went 1-2 in the 165-pound weight class.

As a team, the Blue and Gold finished tied for seventh place.

MICHIGAN MORNINGSTAR delivers

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2004

Meghan Morningstar and junior Hughes leads IC swimmers

Staff Writer

Mighton came off a successful season for the ages, Megan Hughes once again proved that she is among the best women ever to swim wearing Blue and Gold. Hughes came off a dominating performance in regionals and placed 10th in the 200-yard freestyle (1:54.29), 15th in the 100-yard freestyle (53.11) and seventh in the 200-yard individual medley (2:08.93).

Hughes’ performances earned her three All-American honors, awarded to the top-16 finishers in each event. Her 15 career All-American nods ranks her ninth on Ithaca’s all-time list.

Not to be outdone, fellow senior Kristin Shoette earned All-American honors by placing ninth (354.55) in the three-meter diving competition. Shoette missed a second All-American pick by one spot after finishing 17th in the one-meter springboard (287.75).

In preliminary competition on Saturday, senior Michelle Yellin placed 20th in the 200-yard backstroke (2:10.20), and senior Sarah Bond placed 51st in the 100-yard freestyle (54.46). In other preliminary competition on Friday, Bond finished 38th in the 200-yard freestyle (1:57.46), but responded with a healthy wrist, looking to lead Ithaca to a stronger postseason.

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I. Lunch Box games since 1977, said the teams are usually mixed because it makes for a better game, but added, “We get a kick out of whooping them sometimes when it’s the old against the young.” Laskowitz claims the older guys win about half of the old-versus-young games.

Most students play their on-campus basketball at the Fitness Center, and although there are competitive games there, Lunch Box-style play is the way the game was designed. “Guys know how to play with their heads,” senior Matt Bombers’ head baseball coach said. “It’s less of a one-on-one game.”

Students who play the “older style” of ball at noontime are often surprised by the skills possessed by some of their elders in lost arts of the game, such as the mid-range jumper or the steep hook shot. “Guys know how to play, make cuts and pass,” freshman Teddy Rink said.

The older players have been wowing students since before Bombers’ head baseball coach George Valesente was an undergraduate student at Ithaca in the 1960s. Valesente said he began playing in the Lunch Box league because it was a great way to get a workout rather than going out and jogging.

Stephen Mosher, a professor in the sport management and media department, and the other players in the league agree with Valesente and continue to show up despite the risk of not looking so good. “Us older guys like to play no matter how embarrassing we look,” Mosher said. Although Mosher has nothing to say about his own basketball skills, he actually has a decent jump shot when he can find some open space on the floor. It’s evident that there are very few moments where anyone feels embarrassed, regardless of what some of the men look like with their shirts off (yes, they do play shirts versus skins).

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“It allows students and faculty to see each other in a different dimension,” Laskowitz said. It humanizes the relationship. On the court you see a whole lot more about the person.”

“It connects students and faculty in a relaxed way,” Valesente said. Valesente, a participant in the first-ever Lunch Box reunion picture last year, also said the league is a way for students and faculty to gain an appreciation for one another. “I’ve found that students that have played with me and taken classes with me work a little harder,” Laskowitz said. “It seems to work better because they don’t just know me as Professor Laskowitz. I’m a guy that also plays ball.”

And Laskowitz Plays ball well. Very rarely is Laskowitz left undeguarded due to his well-respected hoop game.

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**Baseball**

The Bombers opened their season with a five-game road trip in which they posted four wins. In the season-opening win over Wheaton March 6, senior Kyle Sottong became just the 11th Bomber to record 20 career victories. He allowed only five hits and no earned runs over six innings and recorded eight strikeouts. Junior outfielder Ben McRide and senior first baseman Mike Pritt had three hits apiece.

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Senior Tom O'Connor won the next day, facing 15th-ranked Kean. O'Connor pitched a complete game, striking out six.

The top-ranked Bombers opened their season with a 5-0 win over Bridgewater State. Pelot picked up the loss.

**Women's basketball**

Seniors Kelly Gawronski and Jenne Swaiting participated in the inaugural New York State Games. Gawronski was named to the Women's Senior All-Star Game March 7 at Hartwick.

Junior All-Star Game March 7 at Hartwick. Gawronski had a career-high 16 points and tied the school record for career rebounds and six blocks in a fourth year and is the favorite to win the NCAA title.

Sophomore Kaitlyn Dulac drove in the tying run double in Ithaca's four-run eighth inning.

**Gymnastics**

The top-ranked Bombers finished fourth of four teams at Cornell March 6, despite setting a school record with a team score of 196.450. The Bombers were the only Division II team at the meet and lost to Division I schools Western Michigan, Rutgers and Cornell.

Sophomore Stephanie Smith is in her high with her mark of 9,000 on the balance beam, and freshman Kelly Steyczynski also tied Ithaca's record of 9,000 in the floor exercise. Smith's score was good enough for fifth place in the event, and Steyczynski placed eighth for her efforts.

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**Men's lacrosse**

The Bombers started the break with a 3-2 record, but ended at 4-4.

Against New Jersey March 5, the Bombers were shut out in both singles and doubles play, losing by a final count of 7-0.

The next four matches took place in Hilton Hall, 8-5. Again, the Green Mountain College of Division II, sophomore standout Chris Colino bested Will Biddle 7-5, 6-4, 6-2. Ithaca took three of the next four singles matches for its fourth win of the season.

Three days later, the Bombers fell to Cazenovia College, another Division II school, and again were shut out the entire meet. The following day, Ithaca fell to Wooster College, 4-3, with wins coming from freshman Colin Flynn (6-3, 6-3) and Blanken (6-1, 6-4). Flynn then teamed up with classmate Joe Young to win their doubles match 9-7. Seniors Carey Sherman and Zach Coletta did the same with an 8-6 doubles victory.

The Blue and Gold ended the season with a 6-1 loss to Carnegie Mellon.

Of the five teams they played over break, only Wooster was on the Bombers' schedule last season, a year in which they won the Empire 8 Championship and finished 15-6.
Pointed in the right direction

Ithaca finds leadership in seniors Mike Pritts and Meg Hannon

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