Debate over Iraq heats up campus

Groups actively work to express views

BY ANNE K. WALTERS
Assistant News Editor and Staff Writer

As fighting continues in Iraq and casualties mount, the Ithaca College community has voiced its opinions about the military action.

A clash of opinions between students and protesters has been visible over the past week: from chalked messages saying "No War on Iraq," and "Bomb Saddam," to posters proclaiming "America: Love It or Leave It. Republicans will fund your rat." Both Students for a Just Peace and the Ithaca College Republicans talked in the Campus Center throughout the week. SIP as an antia war effort, and ICR to collect money for the USO.

College administrators sent out a campuswide e-mail last Thursday encouraging community members "to share their beliefs with one another and with others, in a manner that is respectful of that diversity."

Protests were also held throughout the Ithaca area over the weekend, according to The Ithacan, a march of 500 people that began in DeWitt Park Saturday resulted in arrests when some protesters decided to enter Buffett Street. The protesters staged the event as a mock funeral procession.

Among those arrested were several members of the Ithaca College community. Beth Harris, assistant professor of politics, Michael Smith, assistant professor of history, and senior Joe Cronen were part of a group of 25 antia war protesters who were arrested when they moved the protest into the street.

Harris said she is tired of the U.S. government's unilateral actions and hoped to make her voice heard through this protest.

"I think the U.S. government has been acting in an unjust manner and I am a citizen of the United States, and so I am implicated in those actions," Harris said. "I just felt I needed to some way to amplify my voice and in this collective context for me civil disobedience was an option."

Harris said she marched into the street and linked arms with other protesters. The police told the protesters they would be arrested if they went into the street, so she was arrested shortly thereafter. The police put the protesters in plastic handcuffs and took them to a fire station for processing. They were charged with disorderly conduct.

Cronen said he had hoped there was safety in numbers, but he was also arrested by police and eventually released after a friend posted the $100 bail.

Harris also posted bail and a court date has been set. She said this was the first time she has been involved in an act of civil disobedience.

"We're being coaxed," Harris said, de noting the handling of protests nationwide.

"There is this tactic of coring off and containing the protest, I think the way the government wants to contain the opposition to this war so that [it] is a benign," Cronen said he attended the protest because he thinks the war on Iraq is a bad idea.

"It's not good for America," he said. He has not seen any evidence of the Iraqi people "dancing in the streets" since U.S. troops went to Iraq, he added.

Smith could not be reached for comment.

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Longtime associate dean makes plans to retire

BY NICOLE GERRING
Staff Writer

David Dresser has already bought next winter's season pass to Greek Peak Mountain Resort and en visions himself outdoors this sum mer, either sailing or playing tennis.

Dresser, the associate dean of the School of Health Sciences and Human Performance, isn't suffering from an extreme case of spring fever. After 35 years as a college administrator, Dresser says he's ready to retire at the end of the academic year.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed my work at Ithaca," Dresser said. "I hate to leave, but it's time to go."

The Maryland native has remained in school for most of his life, beginning with his college years at Cornell University and first job as a high school science teacher at Baldwinsville Academy near Syracuse. Dresser served as a professor and head of various campus offices at Syracuse University and Eisenhower College following three years in a U.S. Army flight instructor position in Vietnam.

He has earned a bachelor's degree in science education and a master's degree in secondary education from Cornell University, as well as a Ph.D. in higher education from Syracuse University.

After a 24-year absence from Ithaca, Dresser landed at the college as the assistant dean for the School of Business.

"You can't plan your life that accurately," Dresser said. "Now, I'm here, living in my college town. I enjoy all the programs in the area, the four seasons, the cultural opportunities."

Dresser worked as the director of the Office of International Programs for a year before coming to HS&HP as assistant dean. He later moved up to associate dean.

As the coordinator of almost every kind of college program over the years, from financial aid to housing to curriculum development, Dresser said he has grown to see the institution as a whole. This background helps him appreciate fields outside of his specialization in science, he said.

Dresser added that those in preprofessional programs should try to gain a liberal arts education before leaving the college and pursuing their chosen career field. "One cannot get a 'liberal enough education," Dresser said. "It's important for students in professional schools to have a breadth of study. They need to be able to see their professions in the life of their country, community. Attention to diversity and a multicultural education is important."

Looking southward from his corner office on the third floor of Smidt Hall, Dresser mentioned to where two temporary modular buildings housed the school before the construction of the Center for Health Sciences. Dresser said he counts the state-of-the-art facilities completed in 1999 as one of his proudest accomplishments.

"The building itself was a phenomenal step forward," Dresser said. "Mostly, it's affected the quality of the instruction. It's enabled the faculty to do more research with students."

Senior Jason Strosberg has worked for the Department of Health Policy Studies since his freshman year, relying paper work and messages to the dean's office. Strosberg described the active role Dresser plays in students' lives, from the first day of orientation through the end of the semester.

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Militants gun down Hindus in Kashmir

Suspected Muslim militants gunned down 24 people in a Hindu village in the disputed Himalayan province of Kashmir early Monday, police officials said, raising fears of renewed hostility between India and Pakistan.

Police said about 25 heavily armed militants dressed in police uniforms descended on a remote village of Nadimarg, about 30 miles south of Srinagar, the summer capital of the province and India's only Muslim majority state.

Kashmir has been a hotbed of revolt and trigger of two wars between India and Pakistan, both of which possess nuclear weapons. The countries each claim sovereignty over Kashmir, Pakistan-backed Muslim militants have waged a 13-year-old armed insurgency to end Indian rule. According to officials, more than 35,000 people have died in the conflict.

The massacre Monday was immediately condemned by alarmed leaders in Kashmir and New Delhi, fearing a fresh standoff between India and Pakistan, while the United States is worried about the war in Iraq. The countries were at the brink of a war last summer after a U.S. intervention secured a pledge from Pakistan to end incursions of trained Islamic militants into India.

War strains international economic ties

First there was the bluster about shipping duties on imports from countries opposing war with Iraq. Then came the not-so-veiled threats against French and German goods - the latest being a series of articles in the New York Post urging readers to shun products made by "the beet-wearing escargot eaters."

Discussed over the Iraq war is putting uncomfortable strains on economic links between the United States and Europe, a relationship that many view as a cornerstone of global prosperity. Guardians of transatlantic harmony are scrambling to keep the diplomatic rift from poisoning economic ties.

Economic relations between the United States and Europe run deep, making the cost of a serious rupture almost too high to contemplate. Of the more than $5 trillion in annual trade between the two countries, nearly three-fifths is in Europe. European firms hold about $533 billion in U.S. assets, or slightly more than two-thirds of the foreign holdings in the United States.

One obvious bone of contention concerns the awarding of reconstruction contracts in postwar Iraq. French officials from President Jacques Chirac on down are vehemently objecting to indications from Washington that the building will be awarded to American companies, with U.S. corporations in line for preferred treatment.

Scholars aim to protect Iraqi heritage

Almost 130 scholars and Middle Eastern experts from around the world have signed an "open declaration" calling on governments to protect the archaeological heritage of Iraq from the ravages of war and its aftermath.

"The extraordinary global significance of Iraq's ancient sites, museums and archaeological sites of Iraq imposes an obligation on all peoples to ensure that the heritage is preserved," the declaration said. "In any military conflict, that heritage is at risk and it appears now to be in grave danger."

"The declaration, published last week in the journal Science, was sponsored by the Archaeological Institute of America and closely mirrored a recently passed inscription resolution endorsed by U.S. scholars.

Iraq is the ancient land of Mesopotamia between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers - the cradle of ancient civilizations of Sumer, Assyria and Babylon, as well as a key cultural center for early Islam and the Ottoman Empire.

Archaeologists estimate there may be more than 100,000 archaeological sites in Iraq.

Fighting stops flow of humanitarian aid

Almost no humanitarian aid has reached Iraq since the start of the war, and unapologetic military battle and logistical problems in the southern part of the country have made it even more difficult, relief officials say.

Most aid organizations say they have been unable to get water, food, medicine, shelter materials and hygiene kits to any place in country, but some can be brought in because fighting prevents aid teams from entering the country to assess the needs.

"I mean we're not going to just go out into an unsafe combat environment. We're not trained for that and we're not equipped," said Marc Franchi, a specialist with the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance.

Among the few aid organizations at work inside Iraq is the International Committee of the Red Cross, which has skeleton staffs in Baghdad, Basra and northern Iraq. They've been able to get medicine and surgical supplies to two Baghdad hospitals and to patch together a source of water for the residents of Basra.


News Briefs

College music and theater to present 'Bat Boy' musical

Ithaca College Theater and the School of Music are presenting the off-Broadway musical "Bat Boy: The Musical" through April 27, at 8 p.m. at the DeMeote Room. The lecture is sponsored by the Applying Science to Sustainability Grant awarded to the EcoVillage at Ithaca.

First flags flown on new pole in honor of peace accords

The first flags are being flown on the recently installed student organization flagpole this week.

Students for a Just Peace are alternately flying the Israeli and the Palestinian flags. The organization chose the flags in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Israeli-Palestinian peace accords.

Month of Hillel programs focus on help and education

Hillel will be sponsoring the Month of Tikkan during April to promote renewal, repair and healing of the world.

There will be stuffed teddy bears made for needy children on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in Muller Chapel. There will also be a Jewish Hunger Banquet on April 8 at 8 p.m. in Clark Lounge and a Feminist Seder on April 21 at 8 p.m. in Muller Chapel.

All events are open and free to the public.

Correction:

It is The Ithacan's policy to correct all errors of fact. Please contact Assistant News Editor John W. K. Walters at 274-3207.

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FEELING THE PAIN

ZINA BABAH, age 24, and her son Ahmad Moumiti rest in a Baghdad hospital after they were both injured by an American bomb that hit their home in the neighborhood of Radha Khutan.

"These soldiers deserve to be back to 100 percent power by today. It is estimated that the station will be back to 100 percent power by today, as the Ithaca Holiday Inn ballroom.

The show focuses on the story of an abandoned baby who is discovered by a couple and raised by the family. The musical "Bat Boy: The Musical" through April 27, is being performed at the DeMeote Room.

There are a few players will participate in the three rounds. The event will feature dorm furniture, raffles and a grand prize for the highest-scoring team.

For more information, contact the Literary Volunteers of Tompkins County at 277-6442 or e-mail literacy@TLPartners.org.

Tompkins County Red Cross to offer lifeguard training

The Tompkins County chapter of the American Red Cross is holding upcoming lifeguard training courses.

The course will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. starting April 1 at Lansing High School.

Advance registration is required. Contact Deborah Chevallard at 273-1000 ext. 14 for more information.

Radio station signal reduced due to faulty power line

Radio station WICB-FM (91.7) in Ithaca is running under reduced power after a faulty power line caused the station to lose power for two hours Sunday morning.

An underground line supplying power to the radio transmitter caused the transmitter to go off the air from 3 to 5 p.m. The station is operating with significantly fewer watts than its usual 5,500 watts. The 45-watt station will not cover parts of the City of Ithaca, Cornell University and the college.

It is estimated that the station will be back to 100 percent power by today.

Correction:

Single copies of The Ithacan are available free of charge from authorized distribution points on the Ithaca College campus and in downtown Ithaca. Mailed copies and small subscriptions are available from The Ithacan office.

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Radio team devotes 50 hours to charity

BY JULIE STEPHENS
Staff Writer

The DJs and crew of radio station 106-VIC went through several sleepless nights to raise $2,665 for charity at the 18th annual 50-Hour Marathon.

The funds went to the Drop-In Children's Center of Ithaca, a non-profit childcare facility that charges clientele on a sliding scale. About 73 percent of the center's clients are low income. The funding will go toward the center's expansion plan.

Lynne Jacker, executive director of the Drop-In Children's Center, said she was blown away when she was told the marathon proceeds would go to the center.

"Anytime we get a contribution like this, it really helps to allow us to continue serving the number of low-income people we do," Jacker said. "We want to keep the bottom scale as low as possible."

This year's DJs, Crazy Eddie (sophomore Ed Cohen) and MC Squared (sophomore Matt Corsetti) began the marathon well-rested and enthusiastic. The duo stayed awake for the entire 50 hours. The VIC Chics, senior Brenda Ludwig and Katie Rogers, who served as the marathon's street team, were up to the task of keeping the DJs awake and challenging them to a Battle of the Sexes.

Perkins said the sprinkler had been on for about five minutes. During that time, he estimated about 500 gallons of water were pumped out, soaking the hallway, lounge and six residential rooms. The water did not seep into the elevator or down the stairwells.

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Dresser's leadership skills earn him respect from faculty, staff and students

"Looking back, I realize that the most satisfying thing I've ever done is counseling students," Dresser said. "ISKHP faculty said they valued Dresser's attention to detail and leadership skills.

Katherine Brintner, a professor and chairman of the Department of Physical Therapy, said Dresser is committed to every project he undertakes. "This man has had the strongest work ethic of anybody I've ever met in my life," she said. "Many times, it's his own personal sacrifice. He will be very difficult to replace. He's irreplaceable."

No interim plans have been announced. Kate Schett, professor and chairman of the Department of Exercise and Sports Sciences, said Dresser, "He's the real solid citizen with a lot of integrity in everything he's done."

Under Dresser's direction, the occupational therapy program was established in Fall 1995 and received accreditation in 1996. Catherine Gordon, chairwoman of the Department of Occupational Therapy, said Dresser was a mentor to her when she first came to the college.

"I've worked with him for a long time and I'm really going to miss him," Gordon said. Dresser plans to continue balancing intellectual pursuits with recreation once he retires. He said he can't wait until he has ample time to read, write and spend more time with his family and friends.

His wife, Judy, is the executive assistant to the provost and vice president for academic affairs. The Dressers do not have three children and 10 grandchildren.
MAURA STEPHENS, senior editor in the Office of Marketing Communications, speaks out at the Peace Rally.

SENIOR PATRICK GROSSI and sophomore Jennifer Konopinski attend the Peace Rally held Thursday at the Free Speech Rock.

TWO ITHACA RESIDENTS stop to hug during the protest that took place downtown Saturday.

SOPHOMORE MICHAEL GELLER of the Ithaca College Republicans accepts donations to support American soldiers at a table in the Campus Center Tuesday.

FRESHMAN LINDSAY PYC holds up a sign supporting troops in Iraq at the Peace Rally.

PROTESTERS GATHER in Times Square and march through New York City Saturday.
College hosts forum on affirmative action

BY DAN GREENMAN Senior Writer

As the Supreme Court prepares for hearings of significant affirmative action cases next week, members of the Ithaca College community are paying close attention to the issues at hand.

Students in the course Law and Social Change, which is taught by Assistant Professor of Politics Beth Harris, organized a teach-in Tuesday with guest speakers, including professors and affirmative action experts from Ithaca College and Cornell University.

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Traevena Potter-Hall, the college's director of affirmative action and equal employment opportunity; Shariah Osterreicher, assistant professor of economics; Charles Venator Santiago, assistant professor of politics; and James Mingle, Cornell's counsel, gave informational presentations about affirmative action in Texier Hall to an audience of about 65 students.

The event was intended to teach students about affirmative action and how it relates to hiring, academic admissions and other social and professional areas, organizers said.

"People don't truly know a lot about affirmative action," said Justin Brindger, a senior in Harris' politics course. "There are a lot of negative stereotypes about it that people have."

Osterreicher talked about studies that proved students who experience diversity in and out of classrooms gain "significantly positive" academic and intellectual skills, and Potter-Hall spoke about the college's policy to use affirmative action as a factor in hiring employees.

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Sophomore Tina Lax, director of SGA's Diversity Affairs Committee, which also sponsored the teach-in, said that while all of the speakers expressed pro-affirmative action opinions, they met the event's main goal of education.

"It wasn't supposed to be opinion-based, but of course, when people are giving information, their personal opinions always show," Lax said. "We want to show people both sides, but we have to recognize that we are operating within an institution that publicly endorses affirmative action."

Senior Stephanie Cooper, a black student, said the teach-in was informative and important, and that it brought up and discussed this conversation because it affects so much of what happens at Ithaca College.

On April 1, the Supreme Court will hear two cases together, Gratz v. Bollinger and Grutter v. Bollinger, which could determine the future of affirmative action. Advocates of affirmative action fear that these cases, which involve admissions at the University of Michigan, might disband affirmative action as established in the 1978 Regents of the University of California v. Bakke case.

Members of the Ithaca College community will take part in a rally in Washington, D.C., on April 1 scheduled to coincide with the Court's decision. Students interested in going on the bus, which is organized by the African-Latino Society and Potter-Hall, can e-mail affirmativeaction@hotmail.com.

That rally and Tuesday's teach-in are two of the events scheduled that involve affirmative action.

Today at noon ALS is sponsoring a sit-in in the Campus Center supporting affirmative action. SGA and ALS will sponsor the Affirmative Action in Higher Education debate in Textor 101 on Wednesday at 7 p.m. The organizations will also have tables in the Campus Center on April 1, 10 and 14.

TRAEVENA POTTER-HALL, left, the college's director of affirmative action and equal employment opportunity, speaks about Ithaca College's policies at the Affirmative Action teach-in Tuesday, while panelists James Mingle, Cornell University's counsel, and Shariah Osterreicher, Ithaca College assistant professor of economics, listen.

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Committee offers new sexual harassment policy

BY KATE SHEPPARD
Staff Writer

The President's Council will soon consider a proposal to make romantic relationships between faculty or staff and students over whom they have authority a violation of the college's sexual harassment policy — a move that would change the legality of consensual relationships on campus.

The President's Council Policy Revision Working Group drafted its final revision of the policy Monday and will recommend the change to Nancy Pringle, vice president and college counsel, after a campuswide forum on the topic in April. A forum on the revision is planned for April 17 at 4 p.m. in Klingenstein Lounge, Campus Center.

Facilitated by Traevna Potter-Hall, director of affirmative action and equal opportunity, the sexual harassment policy review committee began meeting in January to draft the new language of the policy. Potter-Hall formerly stood that relationships between students and faculty or staff members with supervisory, instructional or evaluative power over the student may lead to exploitation but were not expressly forbidden at Ithaca College.

"Faculty or staff should be educators, be mentors but not crossing into the realm of romance and amorous relationships because it can really muddy the waters," Potter-Hall said. "It's been proven time and again, very few people should question the wisdom of that because it's a natural conflict of interest that could adversely affect that student and other students."

Under the proposed revision, relationships between college employees and the students they exert a form of authority over will be in violation of the sexual harassment policy and would be reported to Potter-Hall for an investigation. Potter-Hall would report the issue to the staff or faculty member's direct supervisor, who would then evaluate the case and decide upon recourse.

Anyone could report the sexual harassment policy violation, regardless of whether the student feels violated by the relationship.

The proposed addition would also require staff and faculty members to report to their supervisors any relationships they may have with students whom they do not supervise or evaluate, Potter-Hall said. The supervisor would then be able to evaluate the issue and create a plan to avert any possible problems the relationship could present.

"The purpose of having it out isn't because all of a sudden whatever is going on is going to stop. We're very realistic," Potter-Hall said. "The primary purpose, I think, is to send a message to the campus community regarding how we feel our professionals on campus should govern their behavior from an ethical standpoint."

Members of the 10-person sexual harassment working group were polled from interest groups across the campus, Potter-Hall said, including the Student Government Association, Residence Hall Association and the staff and faculty councils.

Junior Mary Edwards-Ransom was the only student volunteer who chose to serve on the committee. Edwards-Ransom said that though it was hard for her to represent the consensus of all students, she felt the proposed revision is in the best interest of the student body.

"I believe that we have the right to be in relationships as we choose, but in an academic setting, it's not really fair to set up a system of mutual trust and respect. Given the inherent inequity that exists in the nature of this policy, the definition of faculty members, no matter what the age difference, are consensual sexual relationships between students and faculty or staff members would then be reported to the Office of the President, the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, the Office of the Dean of Students and the Office of the Dean of Faculty and Staff."

"I just think that faculty and staff members, no matter what the age difference, are in a position of responsibility and power," she said. "When you enter in the attraction factor or a relationship to the faculty-student equation, it's very volatile and has the potential to be destructive."

Pringle will share the proposed revision with President Peggy Williams and the vice presidents. The proposal may then be submitted to the board of trustees for review at its May meeting.

FROMER POLICY AND PROPOSED REVISIONS

Former wording:
"Consensual sexual relationships between employees and students or between a student and his/her supervisor, teacher or mentor, while not expressly forbidden at Ithaca College, have the potential for exploitation. Sexual relationships between a student and a faculty member who has grading authority over that student are of particular concern. Because of the authority inherent in such professional relationships, consent will not necessarily protect an individual from allegations of harassment."

Recommended addition:
"Faculty and staff members have an ethical obligation to promote the college's educational mission by fostering an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect. Given the inherent inequity that exists in the relationships between faculty or staff members and students, no faculty or staff member shall have a romantic and/or sexual relationship with a student over whom he or she has supervisory, instructional or evaluative authority. For the purpose of this policy, the definition of faculty member shall include graduate assistants. "Romantic and/or sexual relationships between faculty or staff members and students outside of the supervisory, instructional or evaluative context must be disclosed. The affected faculty or staff member must report the existence of the relationship to his or her immediate supervisor. Once the relationship is disclosed, the immediate supervisor will evaluate the situation to determine whether an actual conflict of interest exists or is likely to arise and will develop a management plan to address the potential conflict of interest. It may sometimes be difficult to determine whether the faculty-student relationship exists in a supervisory, instructional or evaluative context. Where such an ambiguity exists, the supervisor must consult with the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity for final determination."
Seniors develop fund to solicit underclassmen

By Annie K. Walters
Assistant News Editor

A new fund has been established specifically for underclassmen to contribute to the senior class gift, a clock that will stand in the Academic Quad.

The Friends of Ithaca College Seniors program will allow freshmen, sophomores and juniors to make a donation to the senior class gift fund in honor of a senior friend. Underclassmen received letters informing them about the program last week.

Donations of $5 or more can be given in honor of a senior student and will be accepted until graduation. The senior class hopes to gather more than 200 total donations from seniors, parents, alumni and underclassmen through its various efforts.

Senior class president Maureen Devine said the program will give students who have not normally been asked to participate in the gift a chance to contribute.

“It kind of struck us this year that we were missing a big portion of the Ithaca College community that for the next three years is going to be able to enjoy this gift more than anybody,” Devine said.

Senior Ryan Prosser, co-chair of the gift committee, said this provides students with a unique graduation gift.

“Lots of times people are graduating, and you don’t know how to say goodbye, and this is a way to say ‘thank you for all you’ve given me.’ And [this] allows you to help their mark on Ithaca College,” Prosser said.

Devine said she hopes the chance to contribute to the senior class gift will help to establish more campus tradition.

“Even 50 years from now, you’re coming back for Homecoming weekend, and you can say ‘I was here when they put that up. I gave my $5 to that,’” Devine said. “You feel a little more connection to the campus.”

Lynne Pierce, associate director of the Ithaca Fund, said that as of Monday, the class had received approximately $10,000 for the clock and $12,000 in total contributions. The goal is to raise $15,000 for the clock and a total of $25,000 overall.

She said she hopes the fund will get students thinking about giving back to the campus earlier in their college careers and will not only enhance this year’s gift but raise awareness for future gifts.

“Part of what this year’s group wanted to do was to start educating people about why giving back is important,” Pierce said. “I hope it would create a sense of what it means to be a member of this community and how you want to leave it for future members of the community.”

The senior class will have a table in the Campus Center Tuesday through Thursday so students can contribute to the Friends of Ithaca College Seniors.

Junior Johanna Fuller received one of the letters soliciting funding. She said she had thought that the senior class gift was only a senior project, so she was surprised to be asked.

“I’m just thinking, I don’t have the money so I can’t really help out,” she said. “There are a lot of people who ask us for money. I thought this was just a senior thing.”
A collaborative effort
Students to present faculty-sponsored research

BY LIZ KOWALSKI
Staff Writer

Senior Katie Strode can't get enough of Harry Potter.
Her love of children's novels led her to her senior honors thesis, which incorporates children's literature and literary theory. Her project, "Reading Harry Potter through the Inverted Mirror of Desire," attempts to prove there is nothing unique about children's literature that makes it different from other literature.

"Harry Potter has no identity of his own. His identity is imposed on him by society," Strode said.

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Senior Erica Schultz spent the fall of her junior year studying in New York City. Propelled by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and by her interest in the use of urban spaces, Schultz took up the project of photographing and researching Union Square Park and the memorials to victims in the park.

Schultz's project, "Urban Spaces and September 11," is the result of extensive research about the park and its history. She has many personal and many historical photographs that she will present during the symposium.

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Break said Schultz was fascinated with the use of urban space and how a tragic event could affect the use of that space. Break has sponsored students in the symposium since its start in 1997.

This year's symposium will feature a keynote address by Katy Payne, research scientist from the Macaulay Library of Natural Sound at Cornell University. Payne's address, "Silent Thunder: The Wonder of Elephant Communication," will take place at 1:15 p.m. in Emerson Suites.

The symposium will also feature a presentation by students in the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar Program, who traveled to Brazil in January. They conducted research on the topic "The United States and Brazil: Parallel Perspectives on Issues of Social Justice."

Brodhead said students should attend to support their peers and to see the high level of academic work that is being done.

The symposium showcases "some of the best work that is done at Ithaca College," he said.

For a full symposium schedule, visit http://www.ithaca.edu/whalensymposium/2003/schedule.htm.

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College magicians dazzle community

BY SHARON BRANDMAN
Staff Writer

An unknown voice bellowed from the rafters of the State Theatre Saturday. "This is going to be unlike any show you’ve ever seen before in your lives."

Moments later "Oztier and His Mystics" appeared on stage to perform magic.

Illusionist William Heh, a senior drama major, is best known for his work as Oztier. Heh created "Oztier and His Mystics" three years ago when he first transferred to Ithaca College. Heh said he decided to start the group because he was not cast in any of the theater productions he auditioned for, and he really wanted to work.

"I decided to produce my own show," Heh said. "I realized I couldn’t do it by myself, so I got a stage manager, found dance choreographers and lighting and sound designers."

Heh said the group met periodically to come up with new and exciting magic tricks.

Seventy-five students from campus organizations who form the stage and technical crew performed in various parts of Saturday’s show.

The show included performances by IC Unbound and Ithaca’s Break Dance Club, IC Comedy Club and the Sword Team of Ithaca College provided pre-show entertainment.

Sophomore Jessica Peacock began working on the show as a choreographer for one of the acts. She was asked at the last minute to also perform in a trick. Heh had just created. Peacock said she was nervous but excited about her first performance in front of a paying audience.

"It was great because these people paid to see what we had worked so hard on for months," she said.

Peacock pretended to pester Heh during a trick, so he performed some voodoo magic. Sticking a pin in a doll’s head caused Peacock to clutch her head in pain.

She said the performance was a rewarding experience.

Heh said he came up with the name Oztier when he first began performing his magic at age 12. Oztier was the name of a wizard in a book who was not only very powerful but also well-liked by the people who knew him. It sounded like someone he wanted to be, Heh said.

Saturday’s show drew a diverse crowd, with the number of both young and old community members rivaling college students in attendance.

Heh said the show is targeted for people of all ages. One act, "Se-duction," mirrors an alluring tango act could be found hilarious. Heh said he strives to entertain everyone.

"No matter what the age, everyone has a kid inside, and everyone loves to be entertained," he said.

After getting the chance to go waiting for her bus, Heh said this act was something every child could find hilarious.

Heh said he liked seeing a magic show that also had dancing and sword fights.

"I thought it was really fun, and it was cool because it’s not like most magic shows," Eliason said. "I’ve been to other magic shows and they just do magic."

Junior Trisha Kinch said she enjoyed the show.

"You wonder how he does all that stuff," she said. "And you want to know, but you don’t. It makes it cooler by not knowing."

Kinch said her favorite act was the finale, when Oztier lit a fake flower on fire, and it transformed into a real one. This act involved a fictional marriage proposal. She said the act moved her to tears.

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Peace series to address Israel-Palestine conflict

BY LIZ KOWALSKI
Staff Writer

Members of the campus community will be given a chance to "Know Justice, Know Peace," through a film and speaker series by the same name.

The series, which focuses on Israel and the 1993 Oslo Peace Accords, will begin tonight at 7 p.m. in Textor 102 with a speech by Deborah Starr, a Cornell University assistant professor of Near East studies. She will discuss how the "New Historians," a group of Israeli writers who claim to have exposed the falsity of Zionist "myths" about the founding of the nation, have affected political discourse in Israel.

There will also be a commentary by Munther Younes, a Near Eastern studies professor from Cornell University, of the films "Palestine: 1890-1990" and "Al Nakba: The Palestinian Catastrophe of 1948."

Students for a Just Peace, a group that educates and actively pursues the goal of creating a just and peaceful settlement between Israel and Palestine, is sponsoring the series to educate the community.

"The series will give people more perspectives and allow them to analyze the material and form their own opinions," said junior Eric Lieb, SJP executive board member.

The idea for the series came while the group's faculty adviser, Assistant Professor of Politics Beth Harris, was developing the syllabus for her political justice course. The film series was originally intended for that course, she said.

However, Harris said she soon realized the benefits of sharing the film series with the Ithaca College community to extend knowledge about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. She said the series seeks to discuss how the Israeli military occupation—a contemporary political phenomena—defines the power relationships between the Palestinians and Israelis.

"We hope to introduce our audiences to Jewish-Israeli, Palestinian and international peace activists who are seeking a viable and enduring solution to the conflict," she said.

Lieb said the series will be an important tool in educating the community because it expresses views that are not typically seen in the mainstream media.

"These are views that people would normally not think about," he said.

The series will continue on April 3, when Sarah Roy, a research fellow at Harvard University, will speak about her experience as the child of Holocaust survivors.

"She will also speak about the failure of the Oslo Peace Accords in the context of her recent visit to Israel and Palestine, where she served as a consultant for the U.S. Agency for International Development. The group provides assistance around the world in support of the U.S.'s foreign policy goals."

Concluding the series on April 13 will be a series of short films about Palestinian resistance to the occupation of Palestinian territories within Israel and Israeli resistance to mandatory military service.

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Columnist to address U.S. intervention

BY ANN HAREDA
Staff Writer

America's intervention in foreign crises has always been a controversial issue. Given the nation's recent involvement in the war with Iraq, the Ithaca College Republicans are sponsoring a lecture they hope will shed light on the issue.

Don Feder, former Boston Herald columnist, will address the topic tonight at 8 p.m. in his speech, "When Should America Intervene in Foreign Crises?" in Williams 225. Feder spent 19 years as a columnist for the Herald, where he wrote on a wide range of issues, including abortion and Zionism. His column dealt with topics ranging from international relations to the role of religion in American society, and he has interviewed such well-known people as former President George H. W. Bush. The column was syndicated in more than 40 newspapers.

Feder has recently started a daily talk show on Boston's WROL radio. He wrote two books — "Who's Afraid of the Religious Right?" and "A Jewish Conservative Looks at Fagan America." He has written a third book that will be released in September. It is titled, "Tattered Flag: The Fight for America in the 21st Century." Feder has also been a guest on C-SPAN as well as a number of other television and radio programs.

"I'll be talking about previous interventions in the 1990s - Somalia, Haiti, Kosovo - and relating all of it to my theme which is that America should intervene in foreign crises militarily only when our vital national interests are at stake," he said. "I will be touching on Iraq, obviously, but that won't be the sole focus."

ICR and Young America's Foundation, an organization that helps conservative groups on college campuses bring in big-name speakers, worked collaboratively to bring Feder to the college to speak. The organization has helped ICR to bring in speakers, such as Alan Kors in the fall and Bay Buchanan last spring.

"The speakers that we bring in usually talk about topics that are relevant to our students and are a little bit different from the things that people hear in their classes," said sophomore Michelle Meredith, chairwoman of the Religious Right's national chapter at Ithaca College.

"They said they wanted to bring in someone who was completely different from their previous speakers."

"I think we chose Bill because we thought he could speak about recent American history in which United States troops have gone in when our safety has not been directly threatened," Meredith said. "That's what the thrust of his speech was originally going to be. With Iraq, it kind of changes everything."

Fresenmacher, ICR's Vice president of on-campus affairs, said he thinks the speech is especially relevant now.

"We certainly planned this in advance because we knew that we'd probably be in the middle of things with Iraq, and it probably would be a hot topic at the lecture."

On Feb. 15 Feder addressed the Christian Coalition Symposium on Islam. The speech was broadcast on C-SPAN. He has also appeared on "Politically Incorrect with Bill O'Reilly." He is a 1969 graduate of Boston University College of Liberal Arts and a 1972 graduate of the Boston University Law School.

Feder is licensed to practice law in Massachusetts and New York and serves as the executive director of both the Citizens for Limited and Temporary Amendment Foundation and the Religious Right. He is a frequent commentator for radio programs.

"Originally we chose Bill Maher," said Meredith. "Because it sounds interesting."

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Holland, the second speaker in the series, will make his presentation on September 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Park Auditorium.

In addition to role as a professor of political science at the University of Michigan, Holland is a scientific collaborator on a computer program that examines computer programs to handle complex situations in the world such as committees' schedules or control systems.

"I'd rather be a classroom teacher," said Holland. "We have a lot of great teachers on campus."

Holland has written several books on topics such as natural selection and evolutionary genetics.

His presentation, "Evolution From Chaos to Order," will focus on the idea how small cell lead to the development of trillions of cells. By studying the forces of choice, genetics and evolution, Holland and other scientists have developed computer programs to handle complex situations in the world such as committees' schedules or control systems.

"I think the lectures are an important part of connecting the sciences and humanities," said Holland. "The issues of consciousness enable these topics to be discussed in a way the bridges science and humanities."
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By Elizabeth Quill
Staff Writer

A woman was eating dinner at a restaurant in Geneseo when her husband began yelling at her and creating a scene. She had been abused before, but this time her child retrieved a note card from the bathroom for her. This wasn’t any normal note card. It was placed in the bathroom by the Advocacy Center, accompanied by a flyer.

Senior journalism major Meghan McLaughlin said this is just one example of how the Bathroom Project she helped implement has affected abused women and children in the rural Ithaca area.

"People who are abused can't get away from their abusers unless they are in the bathroom," McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin volunteers on a weekly basis at the Advocacy Center, formerly called the Tompkins County Task Force for Battered Women/Child Sexual Abuse Services.

Her interest developed after a Family Violence class she took last spring. As part of the class, her professor allowed the students to volunteer instead of doing a group project.

"I think her objective was to give students the opportunity to have hands-on experience with the material that we were learning in the class," McLaughlin said.

She said she has learned and continues to learn important lessons through the volunteer opportunity.

"I picked up so much more information from that class because of the volunteer work," she said. "I had to apply all the textbook info to the work I was doing at the Advocacy Center so it sunk in."

She said that before she began volunteering she wanted to be a journalist so she could make a difference in the world, but now she is leaning toward a job in public relations for a nonprofit community service organization.

Although other students work directly with women and children who contact the center, McLaughlin initially volunteered with the Education Center on its Library Project. The center’s library is open to the public and contains resources on child sexual abuse, domestic violence and rape. Last year her main job was entering information into the computer.

Recently she has been more involved with outreach programs.

As a way to make people aware of the center and its activities, McLaughlin creates posters and prepares a newsletter.

"It's a good feeling to know that you are actually accomplishing something," McLaughlin said. "Even a little helps."

Although McLaughlin was modest about the amount of time she spends at the center and the amount of work she does, her supervisor, Vicki Kysar said McLaughlin is amazing.

"I think it is wonderful when people volunteer for an agency," Kysar said. "The work that she is doing is so valuable to us because it allows us to continue where our budget restraints really don't allow it."

Kysar said McLaughlin is afraid to try anything and she always works with a smile, no matter what she is doing.

In addition, McLaughlin has done some work for the center at Ithaca College. She has helped organize rallies at the college and passed out brochures with information.

"I think volunteering helps students become connected to the issues that affect their community," Kysar said.

She said the Advocacy Center is always looking for more student volunteers. Anyone who is interested should contact Daniela Hess, the intern coordinator, at 277-7293.

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

March 11
- Criminal mischief
  Location: Main campus road and Route 96B
  Summary: Environmental health and safety officer reported graffiti at the main entrance. Graffiti was removed. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

March 13
- V& T violation
  Location: G-lot
  Summary: Caller reported vehicle had been hit and damaged by unknown vehicle. Suspected vehicle and driver located and identified. Driver was issued an appearance ticket for Town of Ithaca Court for leaving the scene of a property damage accident. Patrol Officer Richard Curtiss.

March 15
- Criminal mischief
  Location: College Circle Apartment 8
  Summary: Caller reported interior door had been damaged. Unknown if anything was taken. Patrol Officer Craig Reynolds.

- Property
  Location: A-lot
  Summary: Found set of keys.

March 17
- Fire alarm
  Location: Terrace 9
  Summary: Fire alarm on the third floor, east side, due to activated smoke detector. Activation caused by dust from someone sweeping the stairwell. IFD was notified and ordered system reset. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Doug Gordner.

- Emergency phone hang-up
  Location: James J. Whalen Center for Music
  Summary: Caller reported being trapped in east elevator of Whalen Center. Persons were freed from the elevator and elevator was taken out of service until Otis Elevator Co. is able to check. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Enoch Perkins.

- Disorderly conduct
  Location: Fitness Center
  Summary: Caller reported a student was upset over Fitness Center policy. Threw a water bottle against the wall and refused to leave the area. Student transported to off-campus residence and will be referred for judicial action. Patrol Officer Mark Merin.

March 18
- Graffiti
  Location: Textor Hall
  Summary: Caller reported two people writing on the sidewalks with chalk. Officer unable to locate individuals. Sgt. Frederick Thomas.

March 19
- Liquor law violation
  Location: West Tower
  Summary: Caller reported odor of marijuana. Officer did not locate any evidence of marijuana. One referred for judicial action for underage possession of alcohol. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

- Found property
  Location: Terrace 1
  Summary: Caller reported unidentified pills found in a plastic bag. Item brought to Office of Public Safety.

- Graffiti
  Location: E-lot
  Summary: Officer reported a vehicle with an altered parking permit. The vehicle was towed and one was referred for judicial action for acts of dishonesty. Patrol Officer Jerry Lewis.

- Fire alarm
  Location: Terrace 10

- Assist other agency – TCSD
  Location: All other
  Summary: Caller reported hearing two people arguing in a parked vehicle. TCSD requested assistance. People located, and argument determined to be verbal only. No further action taken. Patrol Officer William Kerry.

March 20
- Graffiti
  Location: Bogart Hall
  Summary: Officer reported unknown person wrote graffiti on sidewalk. Pending investigation. Security Officer Aaron Price.

- Liquor
  Location: Williams Hall
  Summary: Caller reported unknown person stole a video monitor camera. Case under investigation. Sgt. Ronald Hart.

- Graffiti
  Location: Dillingham Center
  Summary: Officer reported people wrote graffiti on the sidewalk. Officer warned three. Patrol Officer William Kerry.

- Larceny
  Location: Main campus road and Route 96B
  Summary: Officer reported unknown person wrote graffiti on sidewalk. Pending investigation. Security Officer Aaron Price.

- Criminal mischief
  Location: Campus Center
  Summary: Caller reported unknown person damaged a copy machine. Pending investigation, Patrol Officer Erik Merlin.

- Aggravated harassment
  Location: Emerson Hall
  Summary: Caller reported unknown person made harassing telephone call. Pending investigation. Sgt. Ronald Hart.

- Graffiti
  Location: Textor Hall
  Summary: Officer reported unknown person wrote graffiti on sidewalk. Pending investigation. Sgt. Keith Lee.

- Fire alarm
  Location: L-lot
  Summary: Officer reported a vehicle with an altered parking permit. The vehicle was towed and one referred for judicial action for acts of dishonesty. Sgt. Keith Lee.

- Graffiti
  Location: Center for Natural Sciences
  Summary: Caller reported unknown person stole food. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Robert Highchew.

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Protests lack depth
Both sides need to reconsider their tactics

It's easy to chant a slogan, make a poster or hang up balloons. In fact, it's too easy. "Resist the war," shout the other side's signs around campus offering the disturbing message, "America, love it or leave it.

Distilling the allegedly complex situation in Iraq down to a few catchy phrases to be screamed at passers-by makes life easy for protesters on both sides of the issue. Unfortunately, though, it does nothing to help advance their respective causes.

People have difficulty engaging each other in real, rational discussions of emotionally charged issues, yet that is exactly what must happen on campus and around the world in this time of war. Instead, both sides are doing themselves and this community a disservice by hiding behind banners and posters and refusing to participate in a discussion of the real issues surrounding the war.

No one will be convinced to oppose the war by a group of students hanging on drums and shouting anti-war statements as they marched through the halls of academic buildings. Antwerp's faculty and staff would work to encourage classroom discussion, not interrupt the very professors whose cooperation they need.

Similarly, people who are already against the war are not going to reconsider their firmly held beliefs after reading a poster from the Ithaca College Republicans calling on them to either love America or die.

The war in Iraq is unquestionably the most important international issue facing students at Ithaca this year. As such, it is incumbent upon the Student Government Association to tackle the issue in a meaningful way and lead by setting last month's panel and forum about the war.

The next step should be for SG to sponsor weekly forums dealing with different aspects of the war. As a decidedly apolitical body, SGA can offer objective views in a way that the Ithaca College Republicans or Students for a Just Peace cannot. Organizers should seek a diversity of voices from the college and the surrounding community to offer a variety of perspectives to concerned students.

Everyone needs to be ready and willing to listen to those different voices and take another look at their already established beliefs. Rushing to judgment is an ineffective alternative of view is reckless, particularly in times like these.

GREG SHOBEN '06
News story misled

I would like to speak to the issue of the Blue light phone article in the last Ithacan. I take issue to the headline "Blue light system in decline." This system is far from being in decline; in fact, I would say that it is probably one of the best maintained emergency phone systems anywhere.

I spoke with Ithaca staff writer Nicole Gerring regarding the phones. I am deeply concerned with the way our conversation was presented. I felt that the interview ended very positively, with the understanding that the Office of Public Safety inspects the phones weekly (including during breaks) to assure that they are in working condition.

I also informed her that the Office of Information Technology is very responsive to any repairs that need to be made to the phones. I also assured her that there is usually back in service within 24 hours. If a phone remains out of service for a period longer than that, the phones are bagged, and the light is turned off. Once that occurs, it is easy for them to obtain the parts and repair the phone as quickly as they can. Unfortunately, those are times when the door latches get frozen during inclement weather. Since January there have only been three reported "frozen doors."

We have 72 blue light phones in operation on our campus, including eight in the Circle College area. We are adding 10 additional phones at College Circle in the area of the new buildings. With this number of phones, there are very few places on campus where you can stand and not see a blue light, and rarely do we have to make major repairs to any of them. Public Safety and OFF are very serious about maintaining these phones for the safety of the entire community. This system is not in decline.

SGT. STEVEN YAPLE

Dangerous additives

The "Enhancing the body" (March 20) article raised many concerns for the Ithaca College athletic training staff, which we feel compelled to address. This article did not present sufficient or reliable information necessary to make an informed decision regarding supplement use.

Our first concern was that no medical personnel (certified athletic trainers, physicians, nutritionists) were quoted to address the anecdotal claims made by the students within the article. Supplements use is a serious medical issue that makes it essential to include expert medical opinions.

Many of the statements made in the article require clarification. The "trainer" referred to in the article was not an Ithaca College certified athletic trainer but the student's high school trainer. It is our policy to discourage supplement use by Ithaca College students-at-large. Also, to say that "certain protein powders and glutamine are merely over-the-counter supplements... taken with little risk because mass are too recent for accurate results of long-term use..." draws a dangerous and untrue conclusion. Over-the-counter supplements can have caused short- and long-term health problems. Research shows the inherent risks of supplement use.

As the article noted, the FDA does not ensure that supplement labels accurately represent the content of each product. Consequently, supplements might actually contain more or less of the product or contain banned and dangerous substances not listed on the label.

In conclusion, we do not believe the health concerns related to supplement use are being "blown out of proportion." We hope that student-athletes and the entire IC community realize that no miracle pill or powder exists to enhance strength, appearance and general health. Supplement use is not a substitute for proper exercise and a well-balanced diet. We recommend that everyone consult his or her physician, nutritionist or certified athletic trainer prior to taking any supplement.

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Participate in protest

Last Thursday several students converged at the Free Speech Rock in solidarity to "rally for peace. As people on campus travel around in bubbles, engulfed in their own personal dramas and crises, even the war on Iraq has not permeated many of those. I am always amazed at the apathy of those around me. Concerned students recognize thisflippancy and hope to reach those indifferent to the tragedy in Iraq now. After the noon convergence, many of the attendees joined to march around campus for two reasons: to be able to vocalize their anger and for their fellow students to see "what democracy looks like."

Whatever your personal opinion, pro-war, pro-peace or tragically indifferent, the many forced students in class to stop what they were doing and see LETFROYS, Page 18
Debates and comments will appear on this page weekly. To contribute, please call Opinion Editor Joe Geraghty at 274-3208.

Another Angle

War coverage difficult but vitally important

Hiram Johnson, a Republican senator from California, put it rather simply in 1917: "The first casualty when war comes is truth." Sometimes that casualty comes from outright deception. More often, it occurs, because of the chaos of war.

I had the misfortune to report on three wars during more than 20 years with the Washington Post and ABC News. I also spent time in Iraq—a country that banned me because government officials didn't like my reporting about the regime of Saddam Hussein.

In the current conflict with Iraq, truth has been elusive. I keep in mind, Iraq is a difficult place to work as a journalist. During my first visit there in 1990, I had at least three people assigned to keep an eye on me.

The regime tapped my telephone and accessed my computer while I was in a hotel room with listening devices. On another visit, I was summoned to speak with a top official of the Ministry of Information because the regime did not like what I wrote. The official handed me a copy of everything he had written before publication. It is important to understand that those working in Baghdad face similar restrictions today.

On the other hand, the U.S. military apparently has made a significant change in its attitude toward journalists. For 20 years, the U.S. military kept entire reporters groups from the 1990 invasion of Panama and the 1991 Persian Gulf War. For example, I refused to participate in the coverage of the 1991 war because of the serious restrictions on the media.

By allowing reporters to travel with military units, journalists have gained insights into the alternating boredom and chaos that many soldiers endure. The decision also allows somewhat independent reporting about the course of the war.

Because of the life-and-death importance of war, many journalists have provided the public with some of the finest reporting ever seen: Richard Harding Davis reported during World War I, Edward R. Murrow and Ernie Pyle during World War II, and Neil Sheehan and Peter Arnett during Vietnam.

Unfortunately, many of today's news operations clamp for news every minute, even when there isn't much to say. That causes analysis that is unlikely to stand the test of a few hours—let alone the test of time. Constant updates make it unlikely that this war will produce the quality of stories often seen during war.

It is important to note, however, that several journalists have already died in their efforts to report the truth despite the difficulty. Journalism, although an imperfect craft when it comes to reporting truth, is a dangerous one. Their deaths remind one of another important quote about war from Plato: "Only the dead have seen the end of war."

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THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2003

Santa Fe, New Mexico—Gaining knowledge about the world around us, allowing us to think beyond the narrow confines of our own way of life, is a never-ending quest for knowledge. This is a focused effort at keeping up with a world that is changing at an alarming rate.

We are a part of a global society, and it is important to understand the opinions of others if we want to keep up with the changes taking place. If we could do so in a way that is not as difficult as it may seem, we could learn a great deal.

In light of the current debate over war in Iraq, one of the things we must remember is to keep lists of discussion questions. If we are to successfully articulate our own opinions and to understand the opinions of others, we need to search for forums and areas where we can engage in a healthy discussion, even if we are uncomfortable with our surroundings.

If we could try to do so in a way that is not as difficult as it may seem, we could learn a great deal. Though there are several organizations or campus communities engaged in a healthy discussion, most political discussion, probably none of them do it in as fun a manner as the International Model United Nations Team. Having been on the team for our entire college careers, we have truly come to appreciate all that the IC Model United Nations team means to us and to this campus. By providing an informal forum for discussion about important world events and issues, the team has expanded both the perspective and the knowledge of each of its members in a nonconfrontational way.

Recent events both in the world at large and on our campus have served to illuminate the value of artistic, intellectual, and above all respectful discourse. Furthermore, Model United Nations encourages research about and immersion in other societies and cultures.

This is a focused effort at gaining knowledge about the world around us, allowing us to shape our own opinions to be shaped by fact and without the cultural biases that prevent true learning. By removing ourselves from our own cultural context and by forcing ourselves to advance the positions of nations with which we may not agree, we have been able to engage current issues in a manner not often available to us at Ithaca College.

Although the nations we represent sometimes force us to challenge our own values, we become better people because of this effort to see the world through the eyes of others. We would encourage students to actively seek forums for open debate and to challenge their own views by informing themselves about the views of others. The value of intellectual discourse is twofold: by engaging each other we better ourselves; by engaging ourselves, we may better our discussions with each other.

And so this commentary becomes a plea to follow the example of the respectful discourse found on the Model United Nations team. Only then will the lines of communication be open for more productive debate.

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RORY DOOLAN ’04
Not business as usual

Whether you advocate for peace, support the Bush administration or are unsure where you stand, I think we can all agree on the gravity of the current state of world affairs. American and British servicemen and women, international journalists and Iraqi people are dying. Our lives should not go on as business as usual. On Thursday the rally sponsored by Students for a Just Peace succeeded in drawing large-scale attention to the conflict in Iraq. However, this attention must not disappear. As a participant of the peace actions that occurred on Thursday, I hope that there will be ongoing exchanges of ideas on our campus concerning Iraq.

The Ithaca College administration and various student groups are planning forums, film series and seminars to present different viewpoints on the war and American foreign policy. These events will be posted on the campus bulletin boards and will last until mid-April. The films are today at 7 p.m. in Textor 102, titled, “Palestine: 1890-1990” and “Al-Nakba: The Palestinian Catastrophe of 1948.” Cornell professor Munther Yunes will speak afterward about how the latest conflict in Iraq has affected the lives of his family and other Palestinians, and Cornell professor Deborah Starr will speak about the “New Historians” of Israel and how their narratives have affected political discourse within Israel.

As a U.S. citizen (if you are one), please remember that your tax dollars are used to fund various operations inside of the conflict and most specifically, billions of dollars of aid to the Iraqi military. All U.S. citizens have a stake in what their tax dollars fund. Additionally, it is extremely important for us all, as global citizens, to explore the various narratives of the conflict so that we can further develop our own understanding of the situation. One should use this film/speaker series as a resource and an opportunity to analyze not only what is being presented but also the information one already has internalized.

ERIC LIBE ’04
Make campus accessible

Monday, I came across one of the most frustrating things about Ithaca College. A student, who had injured his foot in a fall, was looking for an elevator or a ramp of any sort that would allow him to get the third floor of Friends Hall where he had his class. Unfortunately, no such service is available within Friends Hall. Friends, in addition to other administrative buildings and most residence halls — with the exception of Emerson Hall — is a building on campus that people with moving disabilities have very limited access to.

For a liberal arts college that strives unceasingly toward achieving the goal of a diversified campus community and a better educational experience than most have to offer, it is really sad to see that the college has areas that cannot be accessed by physically disabled people.

Being an involved member of the college, I understand that Ithaca College has limited resources to work within the light of a weakened economy. I also recognize Academic Support Services for Students with Disabilities and the office’s efforts to aid in the process thus far. However, providing the fundamental right of access to all levels of academic buildings is not only humane thing to do, it is also necessary for a college that aims toward a bias-free environment.

I respectfully request the college administration to take the matter into consideration and provide adequate services as requested above as this step would greatly aid in creating a diverse campus community.

ZEESHAN SALAHUDDIN ’04
SEND A LETTER

The Ithacan welcomes correspondence from all readers. Please include your name, phone number, year of graduation and/or your organizational or college title/position. Letters must be 250 words or less and signed and submitted in writing or through e-mail by Monday at 5 p.m. for publication. The Ithacan reserves the right to edit letters for length, clarity and taste.

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Protest music strikes a chord, but is largely absent from the mainstream

BY STACEY COBURN

In contrast to the '60s, when songs with blatant anti-war messages played over the radio, today's mainstream musicians have failed to address the war in Iraq. Due to corporate control of radio and technological changes, some music experts say this generation's antiwar movement has come in the form of MP3s.

People have historically turned to the arts for comfort. American artists such as Sheryl Crow, Bruce Springsteen, Fred Durst and U.K. band Coldplay's Chris Martin have made public comments against the war but have not released new songs against the war. Many artists have joined campaigns such as "Not in Our Name," but few are using their talents for their cause. As Edwin Collins sings in "A Girl Like You," from the "Empire Records" soundtrack, there may be "too many protest singers, not enough protest songs."

The few protest songs by mainstream artists have been released on the Internet. The Beastie Boys released the song, "In a World Gone Mad" on the Internet and to radio sta­tions March 11, months before their new album was released. More recently, Rage Against the Machine's Zach de la Rocha and DJ shadow collaborated to create the antiwar song "A March of Death," which was made available for download on Friday. Michael Moore and other indi­ependent media activists formed a montage of protest footage for the video for System of a Down's song "Boom," which is available for download on both the band's and Moore's Web sites.

Chris Wheatley, the manager of radio operations at Ithaca College, said he does not see the void of protest songs on the radio as a corporate conspiracy but does recognize that there are likely financial reasons why successful artists, such as Eminem, have remained silent on the war issue.

"The music industry has always been bottom-line oriented, so whoever the movers and shakers are — the people who are signing the bands — are people who probably think the standard lyrical themes are what sells, and they may think, "Gm, songs protesting the war or naming the president, as songs did 30 years ago, may not sell," Wheatley said.

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"Like the Poe song ['Angry Johnny'], I wanna kill you, I wanna blow you away, everyone knows the war's gonna be going on. You don't really want to hear stuff like that," Kleveno said. "Music evokes different emotions from all different people, I think we have to be sensitive to it. Per­sonally, a lot of songs don't get to me, but I don't think I'd want to hear certain lyrics about killing."

Kleveno disagrees with the notion that bands would self-censor for fear of alienating fans. Kleveno said he thinks there will be an influx of antiwar songs soon and many fans will be influenced by them.

"People who are fans of bands get really involved with what the musicians say," Kleveno said, and if an artist comes out against the war, the fans may be moved to follow. Several underground musicians have made protest songs that can be found on antiwar Web sites and alternative media sources such as Salon.com.

There are also local, smaller-scale movements. Colleen Kattau, assistant professor of modern art and sociology at Ithaca College, said she does not see the void of protest songs on the radio as a corporate conspiracy but does recognize that there are likely financial reasons why successful artists, such as Eminem, have remained silent on the war issue.

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"It's very interesting — what the corporate world does. It usurps creativity a lot of times. Songs that were once antiwar songs are transformed into commercial jingles," Kattau said. "That's going to have an effect, but people are very creative and innovative, and they're always going to create something new, and maybe it will be usurped later on, but then they'll create something new to kind of subvert that dominant order. So I think that is just part of the cycle. I don't think that corporate media can ever take control."

The usage of songs like the Beatles' "Revolution" in Nike advertisements several years ago is an obvious example of this. Freshman Laura Fitzsimmons, a member of Students for a Just Peace, said the mood of the Feb. 15 protest in New York City was lifted by a small drum circle and mu­sic in general helps voices come together "like a choir."

"You could feel the energy of peace going on," Fitzsimmons said. "It's not enough just to argue about it and be de­pressed about the world situation. You also have to take some time to think of what peace is, and music can help remind you of what that is because it brings people together so well."

"In a world gone mad it's hard to think right
So much violence hate and spite
Muder going on day and night
Due time we fight the non-violent fight."

The Beastie Boys
Kristaps pulls out all the stops

BY ELIZABETH QUILL
Staff Writer

Sound of basses, tenors and baritones could be heard through the room as Ithacappella practiced. After pulling one last song together, 20 guys filed out into the lobby leaving one ring of music stands in a half circle around the piano. One music stand stood taller than the rest. The stand belonged to junior Kristaps Sorins. The rest of the students leave the room, filled with 13 years of singing experience.

"He is a big guy, but he is gentle on the inside," said senior Caleb Whalen, a member of Ithacappella. Sorins was born in Riga, Latvia, a country formerly part of the Soviet Union. Sorins received a high school degree in choral conducting from Riga Dom Choir School, a special music school in Latvia. In addition to learning the usual school subjects, Sorins and the four other students in his graduating class studied music. Sorins said he was born into the choir from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"It was pretty rough," he said. "The school and the music took all of my time." By the age of 8, Sorins was singing in a boy's choir. He said he had traveled all over Europe, Israel, Japan and all the major cities in the United States. After receiving his high school degree at age 18 and attending the school for an additional year, Sorins changed his tune.

"I chose to study something completely different than I have ever studied before," he said.

Sorins went to the University of Latvia, where he completed two years of study in communication sciences. After that, Sorins said he saw an advertisement for a scholarship that was offered by the Open Society Institute in the United States.

"The chance for me to come here came in a minute in a way," he said. He applied and was one of three students accepted from Latvia, and one of 70 students in Europe, looking for a scholarship to attend a U.S. school.

Sorins had first visited the United States in 1992, and he said he found it interesting and exciting.

"It was so different from everything I have seen in Europe," he said. "I grew up in times where everything that was American was considered bad.

Though Sorins decided to study communications at Ithaca, he still wanted to keep music as his hobby, so he joined Ithacappella. Sorins said even though he has been singing since he was a little kid, he has never felt like a "pop star" before.

"There are a lot of exceptions to the stereotype of the American pop singer," Sorins said. "I am astounded that you can be funny in that many languages. Humor is a higher cognitive skill than exposition.

However, Sorins said learning the language was the hardest part of coming to the United States. Although Sorins has adjusted well, he said he misses his family and girl friend in Latvia.

"I was happy to come here and I was happy to be here, but now I feel I want to go home," he said. When he does return home for the good of the next semester, Sorins said he will bring parts of America with him.

"My opinions about America have changed to better because it turned out a lot of the stereotypes I had are not true," he said. "You cannot really generalize anything about the United States because it is so diverse.

Sitting in the Pub, with the noises of busy student折扣 around, Sorins calmly sips on his Mocha Smoothie. There is no doubt he will also take home some American culture. The more he drinks, the more purple his lips become.

"Blueberry smoothies are actually my favorite," he said.

Examining the art and science of sushi

SUSUHE CHOF WA NUMING prepares a dish at Kayuga Japanese Restaurant on Eddy Street Monday afternoon. Kayuga is one of a few authentic sushi bars in Ithaca.

Nigeria, Japan, has been around Japanese food his entire life. His family owned a busy restaurant where he helped his father in the kitchen when he was a little boy. Hoshino's birthplace and hometown is known for its premium rice and numerous sake micro-breweries. He said this background gave him knowledge about the quality of rice and sake. He has worked and lived in Tokyo, Peru and New York City preparing sushi.

One day, while he was living in Manhattan in the late '80s, a Japanese student from the Cornell School of Hotel Administration visited the prominent sushi bar that Hoshino was working at. He told him about Ithaca and how it would be great if somebody opened up a sushi bar there. Around the time, Hoshino and his wife were in the process of looking for a place to raise their young daughter. He said they visited Ithaca, loved it and chose it as their new home.

Junior Michelle Mizerek said she likes Kayuga's menu along with its decor.

"I love Kayuga because of its atmosphere, friendliness and the way they stick to tradition," Mizerek said. "Their selection is great. They keep it simple and don't have outrageous combinations."

Hoshino said he takes pride in the fact that most of the fish that he sells is flown in fresh from New York City a couple of times a week. Unlike many restaurant owners, Hoshino can often be found behind the sushi bar creating nothing less than the perfection demanded from his sushi chefs.

"He shares his sentiment with many Collegetown business owners over its atmosphere," Hoshino said.

"We have authentic Japanese food, not fast food," Hoshino said. "It is authentic in the sense that Kayuga sticks to tradition, is strict about freshness and unlike other Japanese restaurants, is actually Japanese-owned. Kayuga looks and feels like a fine sushi bar in Japan. Everything from the kitchen to the school cafeteria to the porcelain chinaware that the food is served on is reminiscent of the classic sushi culture."

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Off the wall
Professor throws himself into teaching

BY KARL PALSGAARD

Staff Writer

The National Science Foundation biannually reports U.S. science literacy levels to the general public. The numbers aren’t good. As the sciences offer ethical debates over hot topics like embryonic stem cell research and cloning, prominent scientists and educators believe they have stressed the need for the country to make scientifically informed decisions.

Though 90 percent of Americans surveyed recently said they were interested in science, about 70 percent said they did not understand the fundamental philosophy and methodology underlying scientific process.

Andy Smith, assistant professor of biology at Ithaca College, is addressing this problem with his engaging teaching style.

Smith is a lean, tall man with an apparent penchant for collared shirts and khaki pants. His gleeful eyes match his constant smile. His curiosity and enthusiasm for the world show in his gaze and energy.

One Wednesday, he gave his Human Organism class tennis balls to demonstrate the function of cell membrane channels. A few students threw the balls at him, and he caught them easily. Then Smith had the entire class laugh at his great salute at him. He tried to catch them again. The class batted him. The “channel” regulated how many tennis balls went inside the “cell.”

Another day he threw himself against the wall to demonstrate ionic collisions and then hurried himself across the room to show ionic distribution behavior with and without cell membranes.

“Like to be interactive,” Smith said.

He moves almost the entire class period, walking to and from a hand drawn model of a muscle cell or a synapse. He talks with his hands. He frequently uses metaphors and analogies to explain a concept which allow him to physically demonstrate.

Smith’s students understand the concept of Socratic method, and they enjoy Smith’s Human Organism class.

“[Smith is] not just the paper and writing on boards,” Delusia said. “It’s the interaction and a comedy routine that goes along with it. He takes the simplest ways of showing how the body works, finds the easiest ways to help relate the material.”

Kimberlee Walker, a sophomore acting major, praised Smith’s teaching style.

“I think it’s really important to make things concrete to people — Visual and concrete,” Smith said. “People learn in different ways. You can’t just say something. You say something, and you reinforce it with a demonstration. You give an example, and you ask them a question.”

Whether it involves tennis balls or his favorite toy — the plastic octopus — Smith actually plans class demonstrations for a semester at a time.

“Everybody credits a science teacher for getting them into science,” he said. “Somewhere along the line people have a lot of power and what you have to do is make sure students are welcome here not only in their content but in the process of science.”

Smith said he himself had an inspirational biology teacher at Dartmouth College during his undergraduate work.

Smith’s teaching and research into the biology of ichthyosaurs has drawn him from his home in Massena, N.Y., to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a university in France, Davidson College in North Carolina and Butler University in Indiana.

Whether it involves tennis balls or his favorite toy — the plastic octopus — Smith always finds a way to make things more clear.

He said he has fun asking how he can make something there interesting, some concept more easily grasped.

“You’ve got to explain why it’s cool or weird or catchy,” he said.

With the great need for good dialogue and better awareness of the sciences, Smith represents the teachers who are responding to that challenge.

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College musicians get taste of Irish culture

By Celia Stahr

Staff Writer

While many students opted for conventional vacations in Florida and Mexico for spring break, a group of Ithaca College musicians traveled to the Republic of Ireland — and not just for the pubs.

The Ithaca College Chamber Orchestra — a group of 40 student musicians — went to the Emerald Isle with the dean, assistant dean and five music faculty members as part of an exchange program with the University of Limerick’s Irish World Music Centre. The orchestra performed three concerts throughout the country.

The orchestra began each performance with both the Irish and American national anthems, as a symbol of friendship. The performances themselves were a mixture of musical styles from both lands. And despite concerns over the intensifying situation with Iraq, ultimately conductor Jeffrey Grogan said, “We were there for the music.”

And the music was there for them as well. Listening became just another way of experiencing the unique Irish culture.

“The entire trip was a great cultural experience,” said Rebecca Ansel, Debra Perez, William Pelto, and Andrew O’Connor.

Some of the participating students reported feeling quite differently after hearing of the war.

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**Action flick misses all targets**

BY MICHAEL MERLOB
Staff Writer

When all is said and done, “The Hunted” is a semi-inspired action vehicle that oscillates and gapes with its futility and superficialness but ultimately drops the ball when it comes to the characters. The audience is at once riveted by the visceral quality of the action sequences and yet distanced because of the lack of deep characterization.

The film revolves around two men, L.T. Bonham, played by Tommy Lee Jones, and Caleb Deschanel perfectly captures a semi-inspired action vehicle that occasionally goes off the rails because of the lack of deep characterization.

Jones’ performance as Bonham is perfectly adequate, although it feels like he has played this sort of role in the past, in films such as “The Fugitive” and “Double Jeopardy.” Jones does lend his character some nice touches, such as his odd way of walking and grizzled method of dealing with people who cannot understand his skills as a tracker.

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Del Toro completely inhabits his character, lending him subtle nuances that help to realize his explosive performances. He plays Hallam both as a man forever scarred by his past and as a man who has grown up in a world filled with menace, however, and is quite believable as a man with a murderous streak. One aspect that must be noted is the uniformly excellent cinematography of the film.

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**Science-fiction movie fails to ‘catch’ audience’s attention**

BY SEAN FENNESSEY
Accent Editor

I’ve never walked out of a movie in my entire life. I’ve even at times fattened the possibility of leaving the theater midway through a bad movie. And I’ve seen some bad movies in my short, uneventful lifetime for sure. Yet I’ve never grown up in a world filled with “Meet Joe Black” and “The Wedding Planner.”

I do not regard schizophrenic “Dreamcatcher,” however, made me want to dash out of the theater as fast as possible, despite my duties as a committed reviewer.

Based on the Stephen King novel of the same name, “Dreamcatcher” details the bond among four telepathically gifted friends. What starts out as a tale about mystical friendship and hard realities quickly turns into a grotesque, ill-fated alien invasion flick. I could go into detail, but the intricacies of the plot have already caused me enough headaches.

The idea of a group of friends who are tied by the thoughts in their heads is, I suppose, exciting and could make for an eternal “Stand by Me,” also a King favorite. Unfortunately, slimy alien entities that are born out of people’s rectums and engorge human faces are no help in the touching drama department.

One side plot abound in the film, Morgan Freeman, with his wispy eyebrows and a mini Don King hairdo, hams it up as Col. Kurtz, an aging, manic alien-bat-t photographer. Jones does lend his character some nice touches, such as his odd way of walking and grizzled method of dealing with people who cannot understand his skills as a tracker.

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**Movie Times**

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

Cinemapolis
The Commons
277-6115

City of God ★★ 1/2
- 7:10 p.m. and 9:40 p.m.

The Quiet American
- 7:15 p.m. and 9:35 p.m.

Fall Creek Pictures
1201 N. Tioga St.
272-1296

All the Real Girls - 7:15 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.

The Pianist
- 7 p.m.

Zus & Zo - 9:35 p.m.

Adaptation - 9:35 p.m.

Talk to Her - 7:15 p.m.

Hoys Ithaca 10 Cinema
Pyramid Mall
297-2700

Head of State - 12:20 p.m., 3 p.m., 7:20 p.m. and 11:20 p.m.

Basic - 12:50 p.m., 3:40 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:15 p.m. and 11:20 p.m.

The Core - 12:20 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

**Collegi ees' Top Five Movies of the Week**

1. The Ring
2. I Spy
3. Road to Perdition
4. Swimfan
5. My Big Fat Greek Wedding

**SAB Film Series**
Tarzer 102

8 Mile ★★ 1/2 - 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and midnight.
BEN HARPER returns with his fifth studio album, “Diamonds on the Inside.”

BY CAITLIN CONNELLY
Chief Copy Editor

After two and a half long years since his last studio album, anticipation was running high for Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals’ new CD, “Diamonds on the Inside.”

Harper’s skills at writing, singing and playing guitar are, as always, impressive on this CD, but this time his almost schizophrenic eclecticism—which usually spotlights his musical mastery—seemed to dull his efforts and allowed only a few of the songs to emerge as true gems.

The album starts on a high note with a reggae-inspired rendition of “Weep With Me,” which features the haunting vocals of South African group Ladysmith Black Mambazo—and ends the album well.

On one hand, the trip through reggae, country, hard rock, blues, funk, quiet ballads and gospel should show the superior adaptability of the band, but almost to a fault; the album is too eclectic. The tempered versatility of BHC has helped expand their audience, but versatility for versatility’s sake may only alienate audiences and dilute their musical message.

On the second track, Harper may as well be describing the quality of this record when he sings “When it’s good, it’s so good/When it’s gone, it’s gone.” He’s not quite gone—he’s more popular than ever both in the United States and abroad—but the control of his music that makes him great is all but missing from the album.

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- High: 49°, Low: 38°

Saturday
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- High: 61°, Low: 35°

Sunday
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- High: 45°, Low: 24°

Forecast issued by the National Weather Service, courtesy of the Northeast Regional Climate Center at Cornell University.

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- SAB Film - "Bat Boy" at 8 p.m. in Textor 102.

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- Stephanie Pietillo, piano, at 7 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.

**When Should America Intervene in Foreign Crises?**
- Don Feder at 7 p.m. in Williams 226.

**Wanted: Educated Men of Color**
- 7 p.m. in Klingenstein Lounge, Campus Center.

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**DITHA Open Mic Night**
- 8 p.m. in the Pub, Campus Center.

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- Andrew Hoesi, trumpet, at 8:15 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.

**Floral Arranging in the Classroom**
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**ICTV**
- ICTV NewsWatch16 Live - 8 p.m.
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**IC Sports Weekly**
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**Saturday**

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**Junior Recital**
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**Edutainment**
- 9 p.m.

**Sports**
- 9 p.m.

**Symposium on the China Threat**
- 9 p.m.

**Shabbat Services**
- 7 p.m.

**Sunday**

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DILBERT

BY SCOTT ADAMS

THERE'S NO BUDGET FOR YOUR PROJECT. YOU NEED TO TIN-CUP IT.

WHAT?

YOU FOOL! HOW COULD YOU BE SO STUPID?

BE LIKE A BEGGAR AND ASK EACH DEPARTMENT TO GIVE YOU A BIT OF THEIR BUDGET.

THIS SUGGESTS AN EXCELLENT NEW CAREER FOR ME.

FURNITURE PSYCHIC: YOUR OLD CHAIR HAS PASSED TO THE OTHER SIDE.

THEY BELIEVE IN FENG SHUI. THEY BELIEVE IN THE PET PSYCHIC.

YOU HAVE TO STOP TELLING PEOPLE THAT YOU CAN TALK TO FURNITURE. IT'S NOT RIGHT.

YOU WORK FOR A COMPANY THAT ACTIVELY MISLEADS CUSTOMERS. HOW'S THAT DIFFERENT?

YOU FOOL! HOW COULD YOU BE SO STUPID?

THE TABLE SAYS YOU'RE A HYPOCRITE.

WELL, NOW THAT YOU'VE LAUGHED YOUR GUTS OUT, DO YOU FEEL BETTER?

THE FURNITURE PSYCHIC IS HERE. HE SAYS MY WASTEBASKET IS IN LOVE WITH MY DESK.

HE SAYS YOU'LL KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS: "SQUEAK, SQUEAK.."

YOUR DESK SAYS: "THANKS FOR THE GUM."

I NEED CLOSURE!

I TOOK THE INITIATIVE AND MADE A LIST OF PEOPLE YOU COULD DOWNSIZE.

THIS IS JUST THE DEPARTMENT PHONE LIST WITH YOUR NAME COVERED UP.

THAT'S THE SORT OF EFFICIENCY THAT KEPT ME OFF THE LIST.

WE CALL IT MARKETING, AND WE DON'T WEAR HATS.

THE LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS
Swimmer and diver finish solid nationally

Seniors close out their careers with first-ever trip

**BY NORIA LITAKER**

Staff Writer

While members of the Class of 2003 bask in the sun on beach es across the country, seniors Devin Fay and Chuck Thurk spent their last spring break next to another body of water — the Hill Center pool.

Both were preparing for their first trip to the Division III swimming and diving championships at Emory University in Atlanta.

"Going to nationals is definite ly something we've been trying to do for four years. It's great that Devin and I get to go out this year," Thurk said.

For the week practicing old dives and learning a few new dives for the competition, said coach Markwardt, "I love being involved with our ball player at Montclair State University where he instituted a drug-testing process, Markwardt said. It was especially difficult since Thurk struggled with injuries throughout the season.

With a week of training under their belts, Thurk and Fay, along with Markwardt and diving coach William Miller, headed to Atlanta. Thurk competed in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke events.

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First two candidates for Ithaca AD exude experience

Baker plans to provide more opportunities for athletes

**BY BRENDAN BURNETT-KURIE**

Contributing Writer

After spending years sitting on opposing benches, Joe Baker is looking to join the Ithaca College community. Baker is one of four finalists in the running to take over for Kristen Ford as the new director of intercollegiate athletics at Ithaca.

Baker was the head coach of men's basketball at Colgate University from 1986 to 1999, and he has shown a talent for recruiting talent back on yardage before an important meet.

Because Thurk, along with his teammates, followed a taped training regime for the Upper New York State Collegiate Swimming Association Championships in late February, finding an appropriate training program was part of the process, Markwardt said. It was especially difficult since Thurk struggled with injuries throughout the season.

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Bombers fly past Cardinals

Brett Huckle scores five times in first period to lift IC in blowout

BY CHRIS COLLELUORI
Staff Writer

Goalies are beginning to fear the Blue and Gold attack. And it's no surprise why. The sixth-ranked Bombers pummeled the St. John Fisher Cardinals 23-0 Wednesday in Rochester, moving to 5-0 on the season and 2-0 in the Empire 8.

The offense was powered by sophomore Brett Huckle's career-high five goals. He came into replace an injured Brian Weil and scored the first goal just 39 seconds in to the game. He went on to score all five of his goals in the opening quarter to help the Bombers take a 13-2 lead into halftime. "I feel really good about it," Huckle said. "I get a lot of looks because they double on Dennis (Juleff) and Nick (Mayler) a lot, our two All-Americans, and I just capitalize on my chances." Sophomore Matt Casey added a career-high four assists and freshman Jon Weissberg had two goals and three assists for a career-high five points.

Casey emphasized how important it has been to get the initial momentum each game. "We want to come out strong every game," Casey said. "Last year we fell behind early in a lot of games. We try to have a high level of intensity right from the start and keep it throughout the game."

Coach Jeff Juleff said no single factor dominated the game, but faceoffs played a key role. Senior Joe Pensabene earned a game ball by winning 10 of 11 face-offs and adding a pair of goals.

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LAURA BAUMAN/THE ITHACAN

Men's lacrosse

Long attributes much of the scoring success this year to the variety of offensive threats. "We have a lot of depth," Long said. "It's hard for teams to match up defensively against us when we have so many talented scorers." The Bombers have been tight on defense as well. For the second-straight game, the defense held its opponent under six goals. On the season, they average only seven goals against per game. Senior Ryan Martin has been stellar in the cage all season. He made seven saves against the Cardinals and allowed just two goals. He has allowed only 31 goals in five games this season for a 7.18 GAA on the season.

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They each had their own perspective on how sports should be covered in a time of war. Perhaps the most interesting took belonged to Wise, who concluded that it's preposterous to have the likes of Chris Berman, Former 32, give their point of view on a war that never asked for it.

Wise said the head. If a sport is more concerned about the war, then he or she is probably tuning into CNN, not ESPN. Unfortunately, even with today's plethora of programming options, sports fans can't get away from what is going on in Iraq.

It hit me square in the face as I was watching Duke take on Colorado State Thursday night. On came Dan Rather, the time-tested CBS veteran, to interrupt the game with a cold, informative message. "Bulletin: A U.S. helicopter has crashed in the southeastern part of Iraq. All 14 passengers are presumed dead."

And then immediately back to the game. Incredible.

How is any person, even Earth's biggest Neanderthal, even the person who openly enjoys seeing a three-movie marathon of "Platoon," "Full Metal Jacket" and "The Deer Hunter" supposed to react to information like this? Is it really enough for sports announcers and writers for days over the fence or a "cannon" throw to "hit" home an onslaught of scoring. The Bombers have been relentless offensively, averaging more than 18 goals per game so far this season. At its current pace the team has a chance of breaking the 1980 school record of 274 goals in a season.

The scoring has been infectious and widespread through the entire squad. Huckle's five-goal performance gives him the team lead in both goals (15) and points (19). Weil, a sophomore, and senior Nick Mayler are tied for second with 18 points each. Twelve players scored at least one goal for the Bombers Wednesday.

Senior All-American Dennis Juleff has been scoring his entire career. He had two goals against the Cardinals to extend his scoring streak to 48 games. The last time Juleff failed to score a goal was in the second game of his freshman year. In 50 career games the senior has 106 goals, good enough for ninth all-time on Ithaca's career scoring list.

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Who would you consider your role model?

I don't have one. Nobody could live up to it. I think it's important that we see our own role models. When I was diving, there were two or three different divers that I admired, but I felt that I could do better, and I try and do that with my life too. I'm human, I'm going to make mistakes, but that's fine. It's a learning process.

What inspires you the most?

I actually get a lot of inspiration from my dogs. They give unconditional love. It's hard for us to learn that, grasp and comprehend that.

What is it like being a very successful athlete and being gay?

I think that I'm thankful that I was in an individual sport. When I was, on Boat Tour, I ran into people who were playing on teams who said they wished they could come out. And it's difficult because then the focus will be, "Oh you know the gay player," and it shouldn't be about that. It should be about the game and how well you're doing and how well you're playing.

There's still quite a division because it's perfectly OK for a player to come in and talk about girlfriend problems or boyfriend problems, but to have the same sex, it's like "wow." I think it's a little bit more difficult. As an individual in an individual sport, I could have to rely on myself. I didn't need the support of eight other people.

How has being HIV-positive affected your life?

I appreciate a lot more because really nothing's for certain. Living with HIV, I think it's allowed me to appreciate what I have.
A senior member of the wrestling team, Parry finished his career with 105 victories, good enough for eighth on Ithaca's all-time list. His seventh-place finish at nationals garnered him All-America honors. Parry finished the year with a team-high 34 wins at the 164-pound slot. His top win of the year might have been a major decision over then second-ranked Artie Weidler in the ECWC.

A junior member of the wrestling team, Edelstein ended the year with an eighth-place finish at nationals, good enough for All-America honors. He owned a 19-9 record on the year, including five victories by pinfall in the 187-pound category.

Edelstein earned his trip to the national tournament after being awarded a wildcard berth in the ECWC tournament.

Junior Kristen Shorette also earned All-America honors after placing third in the 1-meter diving event. Other athletes who received consideration for the All-Ithaca team this winter season include: junior Tyler Schulz (basketball), senior Kortt Brown and junior Jeanine Swilling (basketball), junior Rachel Edelstein (gymnastics), junior Mike Stryczynski (men's indoor track and field), sophomores Steve Barnes and senior Devin Fay (men's swimming), and sophomore K.C. Beach (wrestling).

The All-Ithaca team is selected by the sports editors after consultation with their writers and opposing coaches.

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Men ready to take run at state title

BY MICAH KARG
Staff Writer

There is no doubt members of this season’s outdoor men’s track and field team are looking forward to the beginning of May. Of course, they’re not looking toward their final examinations—they’re looking ahead to the postseason.

The goal of this year’s team is to place first in states May 2-3 and send numerous competitors to nationals May 22-24 at St. Lawrence.

The team will look to improve on last spring’s second-place finish in states. This past winter season, the Bombers placed third at states.

“I think we’ll be real strong, definitely looking to win states; it eluded us last year, and there’s no reason we won’t get it outdoors,” said senior Brian Cocca, who will compete in the 800- and 1,500-meter runs. “Guys are coming off indoor feeling pretty good, and I think they’re ready to go outdoors.”

Last spring Cocca did not compete because of scheduling conflicts. His confidence is at a peak right now, coming off his performance at nationals with teammates Jim Raveren and Brendan Mallette, both juniors, and senior Garrett Wagner. They each earned All-American status placing eighth in the distance medley relay.

Now in his 17th season, coach Jim Nichols thinks this team has a great chance to take first in states and qualify members for nationals. The key, though, will be depth.

“For us to take states we need to develop depth in some areas,” Nichols said. “We need to develop our younger athletes to get some depth in scoring at the state meet.

“One thing about our performances will be important to the team’s success this spring. Sophomores Robert Pickels and Adam Lang. Both compete in the 400-meter dash. Junior Greg Hobbs, who competes in the 110-meter hurdles, was surprised at his success during the winter season and expects greater things this spring. Last spring he placed third at states.

“I’m going to be on the point where I should be running at my peak,” he said. “I’ve got to place better at the ECACs and at nationals. It’s possible I could possibly have a chance at going to nationals.”

“This spring’s success will have to come without the running of two-time All-American Raveren. Raveren will still continue to practice with the team, though not on a strict, everyday basis.

“Nonetheless, the squad has a lot to look forward to. It won seven events at states in the winter, and there are no major injuries.”

“Our major goal is to win states,” Mallette said. “We think we can do if we’re healthy.”

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Women striving for five

Bombers seek fifth-straight state title after second-place indoor finish

BY ADAM LUPKOWITZ
Staff Writer

Second place just isn’t good enough.

By most standards, the women’s track and field team had an outstanding winter season. This year, again, most teams don’t win four consecutive New York State Collegiate Track Conference titles. That streak, however, is now over.

But indoors isn’t the only place when the Bombers excel. The Blue and Gold currently hold four consecutive outdoor titles as well. A goal of a fifth title is certainly within reach, and no one is ready to let that streak stop anytime soon.

Coach Matt Belfield believes his team — especially his seniors — will have a bit of extra incentive for this season.

“They’re going to want to get [title] back,” he said. “The seniors don’t want to leave without having a state championship so they’ll have a little bit of extra motivation.”

With about 70 athletes participating, Belfield has somewhat of a balancing act on his hands. Giving all his athletes a fair chance to do their best is very important to him, but so is giving special attention to his runners, throwers and jumpers that consistently perform at a high level.

Much like the indoor season, this team will be led by its three captains, seniors Erin Buxton and Stephanie Vivele and graduate student Amy Holvey.

Belfield’s expectations of his outdoor team are high. He specifically expects much out of his All-American distance medley relay group of junior Kristian Cravotta, seniors Lynn Jasovick and Graduate Student Emily Maston and junior Amanda Lathum.

In the women’s events, Belfield will look to sophomores Kasey Van Pelt and Katie Scholten and junior Cory Lipp to do most of the scoring.

Although the core of the team is made up of up-and-comers, there are some freshmen to look out for. All-American high jumper Meghan Morningstar and middle distance runner Irena McQuaile are expected to score many points in their respective events for the Blue and Gold.

Other than the setting of the track, there are some subtle differences that distinguish the indoor season from the outdoor season. One is that there are eight places that score in each event rather than six, and Belfield believes this favors Ithaca.

“Our depth helps us a little bit here,” he said. “We’ll get some seventh and eighth place scores.”

Over the years, Lawrence has been the Bombers’ main competitor for the crown of state champion.

In this season, Belfield and his team view Geneseo as their main competition.

No matter what school is performing well, Holvey believes the Bombers are the most talented team and will retain their title. She also sees the second-place indoor season as extra motivation.

“We’re extremely excited to take back the claim of state champion,” she said.
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Youthful Bombers should keep speed

BY MATT ELL
Contributing Writer

It's not all that often that a boat loses three-quarters of its rowers from the year before and expects to have a faster boat, but that may well be the case for this year's women's crew team.

While being the top-ranked team for much of the season last spring, they finished in a tie for third with William Smith at nationals. This year coach Becky Robinson is planning to send two of their five boats to nationals again and is hoping for similar if not greater success.

Last year's team was dominated by seniors, so one might expect a rebuilding year to follow, but to Robinson, the team's youth is not something that should hold it back from chasing a national championship.

"They have more potential to have a faster boat than last year's team, which is really exciting, and I expect them to do really well," Robinson said. "We've worked a lot more on our technique, which tends to be a problem among younger crews," senior coxswain Sarah Replicky said.

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Though Robinson thinks the leadership exhibited by her seniors is likely to carry over to the spring, she does think differently about her boats than in years past.

"Last year there were definitely expectations for a national title, and this year it's really open, and with all that potential there is as much that we could achieve," senior captain Carrie Johnson said.

Despite all of the expectations, the youth of the team has clearly had a significant impact on them.

"Our fall season was a lot less distance oriented, and we worked much more on our technique, which tends to be a problem among younger crews," senior coxswain Sarah Replicky said.

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"I'm expecting a lot of surprises. I'm still trying to figure out their strengths and weaknesses, but the talent is there," Robinson said. "I'm still hoping they will all come together in time for their first regatta this coming weekend."

They host Division I Marist and Buffalo Saturday, but the following week should be the true test of Division III competition as they race last year's national champion Williams College.

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New blood makes IC dangerous in the water

BY JENNIFER BEEKMAN
Staff Writer

Although Camden, N.J., is not a place in the forefront of most people's minds, the city is definitely in the minds of the men's crew team. The waters of Camden will be host to the national championships in May.

With an entire season lying ahead, the men's team enters the season looking to be one-half of Ithaca's third consecutive combined points champions. For the past two seasons, the men's and women's crew teams have combined to win the Avaya Communications Collegiate Championships. And though they have a young team, the goal is attainable.

The Bombers were grounded from November until their spring break trip to Georgia, but they have been training hard — running, weight training and working on rowing machines called ergometers, among other things. These on-shore workouts have helped them make large strides in strength, endurance and mental toughness.

These improvements were evident during their first regatta of the season, in their spring training in "Last year we lost by 10 seconds, but Frank and Derrick both have a positive outlook on the impact the underclassmen will make this season. "We have a lot of young muscle," Derrick said. "I think we'll do well."

Frank added that many sophomores are stepping it up and doing well in addition to some strong freshmen performances. "A lot of sophomores are rolling uppersclassmen," he said. "We have a really strong freshman team. We've done some practice pieces and they kept up with the other boats."

Aside from training, one thing that helps the team is camaraderie. "We're all friends," Derrick said. "That is one of the reasons so many of us stick with it. We're a sport that goes year-round, and being friends is probably the main reason we're so good."

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THE MEN'S VARSITY EIGHT rows out into the Cayuga Inlet Monday in preparation for this weekend's opening regatta at the Inlet.

Division I Cornell, in which the team lost by five seconds — a five-second improvement on last year's race. "Last year we lost by 10 seconds," Frank said. "At this point, we are a lot closer than we were last year. We are making a lot of progress."

The race against Cornell should give the team members the confidence they need going into their first regatta of the season, in which they'll be facing some of their toughest opponents. Saturday's race will feature Massachusetts, Hobart, Buffalo and Marist, along with the Blue and Gold. One of the teams Bombers have their eyes on is Hobart. "We're very competitive with them," senior Zachary Derrick said. "If we can't beat them, we at least want to be closer to them."

The depth of the team, while young, is still — help the Bombers put on a solid show. Depth was one of the team's strengths last year, and the team lost a solid batch of seniors, but Frank and Derrick both have a positive outlook on the impact the underclassmen will make this season. "We have a lot of young muscle," Derrick said. "I think we'll do well."

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**Bomber Roundup**

**Baseball Saturday**

The 24th-ranked Bombers traveled to Maryland over the weekend and opened the trip with a 9-2 victory over Washington College (Md.). The Blue and Gold trailed 2-1 going into the top of the seventh inning before the offense scored six runs. Nine Blue Jays played small ball, using walks, stolen bases and singles to plate the runs, including a two-run single by senior shortstop Nick Pyzhewicz, who went 2-for-4 on the day.

Junior first baseman Mike Prits, senior left fielder Joe Cavano and sophomore center fielder Ben McBride also finished with two hits, and each had one RBI. Senior reliever Jon Beckerman struck out five over the last 2 1/3 innings to nail down his team-leading third win of the season.

**Sunday**

The Bombers (5-5) dropped both ends of a doubleheader to 21st-ranked Johns Hopkins (Md.).

With the score knotted at 1 in the fifth, the Blue Jays used three doubles, a walk and a single to knock in four runs off junior Kyle Settling, who struck out five over five innings. Prits provided the Bombers’ only run with a third inning home run. The right field blast was his second of the year.

The Blue Jays struck early and often in the encore. McBride scored two runs in the second and third to help take the early 5-3 lead.

The Bombers got one back in the top of the fifth when Pyzhewicz scored McBride’s third double of the season. The Blue Jays scored three in the bottom half of the inning, though, to put the game out of reach. McBride finished the game 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

**Men’s lacrosse Saturday**

The undefeated Bombers opened conference play by routing Elmira. Ranked sixth, the Blue and Gold pounded the Swoaring Eagles 19-5 for their fourth win of the season.

The defense was impenetrable in the first half, as the Soaring Eagles were held scoreless on only eight shots. The shootout was ended midway through the third period. Senior goalie Ryan Martin made six saves during three quarters of play, allowing just two goals.

Underclassmen led the offensive charge as freshman Jon Weissberg scored a career-high three goals, and sophomore Brian Weil added three goals and an assist to his team-leading 18 points.

Sophomore Matt Casey had a goal and three assists and sophomore Brent Huckle scored twice and had an assist. Huckle leads the team with 10 goals this season.

Thirteen different Bombers scored goals in all.

Senior Dennis Juleff kept his scoring streak alive, netting one goal. He has now scored in 47 consecutive games.

**Women’s lacrosse Thursday**

The Bombers began their Empire 8 slate with a blowout victory over Elmira. Senior Jessica Welch led the way against the Soaring Eagles, contributing a team-high four goals and three assists in a 17-1 victory Thursday. Welch also moved into third place on Ithaca’s career scoring list, with 165 points.

Senior Angela Marathakis played all 60 minutes in net, making five saves. The Blue and Gold (4-0) enjoyed overwhelming advantages in all statistical categories and steadily pulled away in the game played at Cornell.

The Bomber’s 20-4 win over Alfred was similarly lopsided, as they held the Saxons to just five shots while taking 37 of their own. After falling behind 2-1 early, the Blue and Gold outscored the Saxons 19-2 the rest of the way.

Juniors Michelle Schlegel and Lauren Smith and sophomore Martha Casterly scored three goals each. Sophomore Jenny Bryant notched four assists.

Marathakis split time with junior Molly Dempsey in goal, and each gave up two goals in 30 minutes of play.

**Softball Sunday**

The Montclair/Keen Tournament scheduled for this weekend was canceled due to inclement weather.

But the top-ranked Bombers played on and swept a doubleheader against Muhlenberg Sunday, extending their winning streak to eight games.

In the opening game, senior pitcher Abby Hanrahan held the Mules to five hits, while striking out seven.

The Blue and Gold offense exploded for six runs in the third inning to seal the victory. Sophomore Sara Coddington led the offensive charge with two hits and two runs.

In the second game of the day, sophomore Maddie Kramer smashed a three-run home run in the fifth inning to lift the Bombers.

Sophomore Abbey Pelot pitched her fourth shutout of the season to improve to 6-1, allowing only five hits over seven innings.

The Bombers take on the Cortland Red Dragons in a doubleheader today at 2 p.m.

**Men’s tennis Monday**

The Bombers (6-4, 1-0 Empire 8) buried Elmira 7-0 to open their Empire 8 schedule.

All singles and doubles matches were captured in straight sets.

Senior Scott Rubens beat Josh Butler 6-1, 6-0 at first singles. Junior Blair Watkins dispatched Steve Hodsdon 6-1, 6-1 at second singles.

Senior Michael Medvin and freshman Chris Ciolino both posted impressive 6-0, 6-0 victories. Freshman Tim Klein and junior Adam Blakney also notched singles wins.

Ithaca earned the doubles point by sweeping all three doubles matches.

Klein and sophomore Scott Gerberes shocked out Jon Fleming and Mike Cherry 6-0.

**Sport Shorts**

**Bombers earn league awards**

Junior midfielder Michelle Schlegel of the women’s lacrosse team was named Empire 8 Player of the Week after a pair of victories over Alfred and Elmira.

Schlegel tallied three goals and two assists in the 20-4 victory over Alfred, moving into fifth place on Ithaca’s all-time assists list with 41 helpers in 41 career games.

Schlegel’s teammate, senior goalie Angela Marathakis, was named Empire 8 Goalie of the Week after posting a 2.00 goals against average in the two victories.

She only allowed one goal against Elmi­ra in a 17-1 victory.

Senior Jon Beckerman, a pitcher for the baseball team, was named the Empire 8 Pitcher of the Week. He was the winning pitcher in three of Ithaca’s first five victories.

In softball, sophomore Abbey Pelot was awarded the Empire 8 Pitcher of the Week as well.

Pelot threw two shutouts last week, holding Elmira to two hits last Wednesday before shutting down Muhlenberg, 4-0, Saturday. She currently has a 5-1 record with a 0.94 earned run average and 16 strikeouts.

**Softball sign-ups almost done**

Teams who plan on participating in intramural softball during the spring must meet the entry deadline on Friday at 5 p.m.

Team rosters can be picked up and handed in at Hill Center 102. Sign-up sheets can also be found at the Fitness Center and online at www.ithaca.edu/recsports.

The manager’s meeting is on Monday at 7 p.m. Play begins on April 5.

**Two forums left in AD search**

Ken Kutler, director of intercollegiate athletics at Hartwick College, will speak on Friday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Klinkenstein lounge, Campus Center.

Holly Gera, director of intercollegiate athletics at Montclair State University (N.J.), will speak on April 1 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Trestor 102.
Winter stars

The All-Ithacan winter team has been selected, with no shortage of Bomber All-Americans.

LAURA BAUMAN/THE ITHACAN • SOPHOMORE BRETT HUCKLE works over an Elmira defender Saturday at Cornell. The Bombers beat St. John Fisher handily Wednesday.

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