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BY SHANE DUNN
Staff Writer

In an uncontested Student Government executive board election, 8.2 percent of students voted in Tuesday’s elections, a 5.6 percent decrease from last year.

The unopposed Solutions Party won the SGA spot, with 518 votes. Also, 4.4.05 beat out The Panama Party for the senior class in uncontested but hope to see bigger student voices and provide access.

Freshman Kristen Leising, vice president of campus affairs-elect, commented on the support Solutions’ platform was built around students, and the group plans to use its capacity as the executive board of SGA to empower student voices and provide access.

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Diversity goals and challenges shape future

BY KATIE MASLANKA
Assistant News Editor

At Ithaca College’s first Unity Day in September 1998, President Peggy R. Williams spoke of the importance of diversity among people of different walks of life.

“We are strongest when we walk together,” she said in opening remarks that day. “Diversity enriches our community.”

Diversity has long been a priority at Ithaca College, but Williams’ focus on the concept since her arrival at the college in 1997 and the inclusion of diversity in the Institutional Plan have given a renewed attempt to create an atmosphere in which dialogue about the concept of diversity can flourish.

And the message from administrators and students is the same: The college is working hard at diversifying the campus, but there’s still room for improvement.

For instance, this year’s freshman class represents the highest number of minority students to come to the college — 167 students of African, Latino, Asian and Native American heritage, or 10.5 percent of the total of the class of 1,584.

The number of minority faculty on campus has increased significantly. Currently 8.8 percent; or 40 out of 453, full-time faculty members are classified as minorities. In 2001, only 1.7 percent, or seven out of 422, full-time faculty members were minorities.

But the total number of minority students has increased only slightly — ALANA students made up 7.3 percent of the college’s population in Fall 1997. As of last fall, that number was 8.3 percent.

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The Vote 2004

Despite its unprecedented fundraising success, President Bush's re-election team is scaling back its massive level of television advertising, according to senior Republicans familiar with the campaign's planning.

In the next few weeks, viewers in the 18 states where the ads have already aired will see about 30 percent fewer a week, one ranking GOP strategist said. Republicans say the ad reduction was planned all along and that the commercials succeeded in planting doubts about presumptive Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry.

"We thought that while Bush's overall advertising budget will shrink, more of the ads on the air will criticize Kerry. In the nation's larger markets, the Bush campaign so far has divided its spending almost in half between positive ads touting his record and commercials criticizing Kerry, according to tracking conducted for the Los Angeles Times by Kantar Media's Campaign Finance Analysis Group.

Still, many Democrats are relieved that the race remains so competitive after a Bush ad burst that dominated at least 5.4 million homes Billing, according to tracking that generally show Kerry at least as well.

The Kerry campaign says the Massachusetts senator has taken what could be the Bush campaign's biggest ad misstep and is still standing.

The re-election team started so much so soon "with the intent of putting this thing away early, and it didn't work," said executive director of The Media Fund, a group formed by leading Democrats that is running ads in support of Kerry. Independent analysts agree that was the Bush campaign's main mistake.

Anthony Corrado, an expert on campaign finance at Colby College in Maine, said that since March - just after Kerry effectively wrapped up his party's nomination - Bush's campaign has spent far more on television advertising as past presidential candidates purchased for the entire general election campaign. "And frankly," Corrado said, "that can only mean the (Kerry) numbers must have been huge." He added: "The Bush campaign came out heavy, both in terms of volume and some of their strongest attacks, and they didn't get it done." Sources: Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post news service.

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Bush defends progress in war

Against a backdrop of widespread violence in Iraq, President Bush said Thursday night that U.S. troops were making progress in restoring order to the country and said the United States remained committed to returning sovereignty to the Iraqi people on June 30. In a rare prime-time news conference, Bush acknowledged "it's been a tough, tough series of weeks for the American people," but he admitted no errors in his handling of the conflict in Iraq or failures related to the 2001 terror attacks on New York and Washington.

"We had as much as we had in Iraq make some doubt whether or not we're making progress. I understand that," Bush told reporters in the Oval Office of his latest White House news conference. "But we are making progress. And my message today to those in Iraq is we'll stay the course. We'll complete the job."

Bush said his administration had taken immediate steps to stem the violence in the Iraqi capital as a first response to attacks on U.S. soil, but he acknowledged, "there are some things I wish we'd have done."

'KIA' knew of 9/11 suspect's arrest

The CIA was told about the arrest of a terrorist suspect weeks before the Sept. 11 attacks in a briefing headlined "Islamic Extremist Learns to Fly," according to the Sept. 11 commission. The CIA knew of the arrest of a terrorist suspect in mid-September 2001, the report said, not at a briefing on Sept. 10.

The inaction with the late-August report illustrates the CIA's failure to understand fully the role that al Qaeda played in the Sept. 11 attacks and its uncertainty about how to deal with such reports, the commission said in a staff report Wednesday.

Drugs war riles Rio de Janeiro

A force of 2,500 troops from three U.S. Army divisions massed Tuesday on the northern outskirts of the Iraqi holy city of Najaf and readied for a confrontation with Shi'ite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who defiantly declared federal government and Brazilian army Wednesday for help containing violence that has left at least 12 people dead and thousands of residents cowering inside their homes.

Scores of state police continued to occupy Rocinha, Rio's largest shantytown, in a crackdown on rival drug-runners that began last Friday. In an operation that resembled a military invasion, heavily armed officers swarmed in and helicopters swooped down upon the hillside slum to strike at two competing factions of the same gang battling for supremacy over the lucrative cocaine trade.

Several of those killed and wounded in the running shootout were residents caught in the crossfire between star whom drug traffickers alleg­edly tortured and killed because they believed he had informed on them.

Thousands of children have stayed home from school over the past few days on the orders of parents too scared themselves to go to work or even venture outside to buy food.


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Public Safety employee named Kiwanis Officer of the Month

Public Safety Patrol Officer Bill Kerry was recently awarded the Frank G. Hammer Kiwanis Club Officer of the Month award.

Kerry, who has worked at the college since 2002, received the award for his role in the arrest of a 15-year-old who threatened an Ithaca College student with a rock and demanded money.

When Kerry received a dispatch March 19 about the incident, he was able to match the description he was given with a person he saw in one of the dormitories. He then went to various dorms in the area. He pulled the vehicle over and, after another officer brought the victim to the scene, positive­ly identified the suspect.

Dr. Bob Holt, director of the Office of Public Safety, said Kerry's alertness was key to solving the situation. He praised Kerry's lead­ership qualities and "good attitude."

Kerry said he was honored by the award but wanted to stress that it was a team effort that resolved the March 19 assault incident.

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Production showcasing dance last offering in theater season

The final show in the 2003-04 Ithaca College Theatre program, "Dancing the Journey," will open Wednesday and run until April 25.

Kramer, gallery director, at 274-3548.

The production will feature ballet, tap, jazz and modern dance pieces, which will have performances at 8 p.m. on Wednesday and April 24-25. Matinees at 2 p.m. will be run on April 24-25.

The Department of Theatre Arts puts on a dance concert every four years. Tickets for the performance can be purchased at the Itha­ca College Theatre office ticket office in Dillingham Center, the Clinton House ticket center and Corn­ell University's Willard Straight Hall. Prices range from $4.50 to $10. The Dillingham tick­et office will be open Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m.

Candidates for journalism chair to hold formal open meetings

Public sessions with the candidates for chair of the journalism department will be held beginning Friday.

Professor Christopher Harper, a Roy H. Park Distinguished Chair at the college, will hold a pub­lic meeting Friday from 4 to 5 p.m. in Park 285.

A meeting with Christopher Campbell, as­sociate professor and director of the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Hampton University in Vir­ginia, will take place on Monday from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. in Park 220.

Stephen Greene, a professor at the San Jose State University, will have a public meeting April 22, at noon in Park 220. Residuals for the three candidates are avail­able to those in the Roy H. Park School of Communications.

Two panel discussions to explore 1971 uprising in Attica facility

A two-part panel discussion and today's "Violence from the Walls" will ex­amine the impact of the 1971 uprising and event­ual retaking of the Attica Correctional Facility.

Today at 7:30 p.m. in Williams 225, com­munity activists and former Attica inmates Robin Palmer and Arthur "Bobby" Harrison will join a panel along with attorneys Jose Honth and Tom Terzian, who represented the inmates in a class­action lawsuit against New York State.

Next Thursday's forum, which will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Texton 103, will feature retired corrections officer G. B. Smith, who was tak­en hostage during the action; attorney Gary Hor­ton, who represented the inmates in a class­action lawsuit against New York State.

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Institutional Plan guides diversity efforts

BY WENDI R. DOWST
Senior writer

Entering the business, communications schools or the Center for Health Sciences, the most noticeable thing is the plasma screens. As students walk by, gazing over the information desk in the Campus Center, will soon be the rule for the college's how much the cost of the screen at $6,999.

"I wanted to make people aware of the much money went into that," Johnson said. "I think it looks cool, but the money could be put into something else."

The school broadcasts CNN and recently began showing ICTV in the evening and previewed student films and videos.

"First to provide more immediacy for students in what is happening worldwide and the part an education vehicle," Brodehead said.

He said the school is considering other content, such as scrolling announcements over the top of the screen but for now, the television, replacing two bulletin boards, is one step toward improving the appearance of the school.

Brodehead estimated the cost of the plasma screen at $5,700. "As much as a small portion of the school's approximately $350,000 capital budget," he said such equipment is common in major universities.

The business school, with its first plasma screen on campus, also considered broadcasting CNN. "The 42-inch Sony next to the CHS information desk and the plasma screen was at least $2,500. But I think we're finding a place where we can understand and accept differences versus tolerate them."

"As an effect on campus, I haven't seen one yet," he said. "We see lots of administrators, I attended lots of board meetings, but we haven't heard the common Ithaca College student, African-American wearing student I would say not. Do I think we will Yes, but I think our program is searching for an identity."

The MLK Scholar program is one of the college's most prominent diversity initiatives. Through the program, the college provides partial scholarships to minority students to pursue an academic achievement, leadership and community service. Only in its second year, the program has 20 scholars.

Elison said she appreciates the breadth of experiences the program has introduced her to, including social justice and community service trips to Brazil and Ghana.

"It connects you to a lot of people," she said.

The college also has an awareness of the community. It calls the cultural climate "thoroughly-seen-several.

Brian McAree, vice president of student affairs and council, acknowledged that it is necessary to prioritize what the college focuses on in achieving diversity.

"For me, it is all at once," he said. "And just because you're committed to diversity and energy and resources to one aspect doesn't mean you're not thinking about care about the other aspects."

The key to creating a diverse campus lies in shifting what Terrience Byrd, director of affirmative action and diversity, believes is the culture of the community. That process takes a long time, she said.

Some of the larger diversity initiatives like Ithaca College that are not historically diverse.

The college's rural surroundings, the amount of minority faces on campus to begin with and the amount of diversity initiatives, has increased the difficulty of diversifying the campus, administrators have said.

"The number of minority students on campus have developed since Williams arrived at the college in 1997, including the Center for the Study of Culture, Race and Ethnicity; the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar Program; the Inside Look admissions weekend for minority students; the Pre-Freshman Student Institute for High-Ability Students; Undergraduate Opportunities Program; and Brothers 4 Brothers and Sisters 2 Sisters, support groups on campus."

MLK Scholar Fred Chandra, a sophomore, said he pays attention to the program through the brochures but doesn't think that the college has done a good job getting the word out.

"This is the last of the year," he said.

"I think it's cool, but the money could be spent on something else," he said.

Senior writer Matt Hunsley contributed to this story.

Next week's article will focus on the college's attempts to expand international programs.

SGA discusses ResNet contract

BY ELEANOR CROWLEY
Chief Reporter

Apogee Telecom Inc. outlined tentative plans for building the new residential network with Ithaca College during Tuesday night's Student Government Association meeting.

Apogee has signed a one-year contract with Ithaca College for network service. The Austin, Texas, company serves several other universities, including Florida State University, University of Texas and Northwestern University in Evanston.

Chuck Brady, founder and chief executive officer of Apogee, said the company will pay about $250,000 to build this network.

When asked if prices would increase for high-speed access in the near future, Brady responded that the company would need to assess how many students had signed up for the service to determine if the company was able to cover its costs.

"The services are being offered to students for significantly lower prices than at other schools Apogee currently serves," Brady said.

"We're going to have a campus where I think everyone will be able to access the internet if they want to," he said. "I think we're finding a place where we can understand and accept differences versus tolerate them."
Forums to address new system

We tried to make the system as comprehensive as possible, and make sure that everybody benefits, ultimately from making this change. —TOM TORELLO

Executive director of marketing communications

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Dean applicants present plans for Park

Candidate stresses reaching out to seek student input

BY STEPHANIE BERGERON
Staff Writer

Ensuring student interaction with the administration is one of the most important parts of a dean’s job, said a finalist for the dean position at the Roy H. Park School of Communications on Tuesday.

Diane Lynch, currently an associate professor of journalism and mass communications at Saint Michael’s College in Burlington, Vt., said it is important for the dean to reach out to students.

“My priority as an administrator is students,” she said. “Listening to students is the most important thing an administrator has to do.”

Lynch said she would have an open-door policy in her office.

“I would hope a student would feel comfortable coming upstairs to my office,” she said.

Lynch also spoke about the importance of convergence, or the coming together of different media. Lynch said the role of educators is not only to concentrate on a set of skills but also to develop diverse ideas. Ithaca is a well-placed school to take on convergence, she said.

Lynch also said educators are expected to predict what skills students will use when they graduate.

“Our job is to look ahead enough to understand what you are going to need to know,” she said.

Lynch stressed the importance of hands-on and professional experience in a newsroom. She said the school needs people who understand what you are going to need to figure out what will best suit communications students.

He said in making any changes, he would encourage conversations between faculty, students and staff.

Sophomore Karl Palsgaard said Rutenbeck’s policy seemed to encourage change, and that as a computer specialist, he has been required to work with change.

“I am very happy that although the committee only offered us two choices, I picked two people who are very interested in the up-and-coming,” Palsgaard said.

In response to a student question about the college’s increasing emphasis on lowering tuition, Rutenbeck said that combines training in design, communications and computer science. He holds a doctorate in communication from the University of Washington and received a master’s degree in journalism from the University of Missouri at Columbia. He has a bachelor’s degree in history and political science from the Colorado College.
Applications for the 2004-05 Ithacan Editorial Board are now available

The Ithacan has paid positions open for:

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- Managing Editor
- News Editor
- Assistant News Editor
- Opinion Editor
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- Assistant Accent Editor
- Sports Editor
- Assistant Sports Editor
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- Chief Copy Editor
- Chief Proofreader
- Business Manager
- Sales Manager
- Online Manager

Applications are available at the reception desk in the Roy H. Park Hall dean’s office. Completed forms, accompanied by a résumé, should be returned to Michael Serino, manager of student publications, in Park 267 by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 19.

The available positions last the full academic year. Students from all majors are welcome and encouraged to apply. Please address any questions to Michael Serino at 274-1036.

You are invited ...

to attend the Board of Student Publications meeting to ask questions of the editor in chief candidates for the 2004-05 school year.

The board, an advisory board to The Ithacan and The Cayugan, will also be available to hear questions or concerns about the publications.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 19, in room 279, Roy H. Park Hall.

Questions? Contact Michael Serino, manager of student publications, at 274-1036.
Surveyors use prizes to entice respondents

BY CHRISTA LOMBARDI
Chief Copy Editor

Recently, Ithaca College students have been getting more than just a penny for their thoughts. In fact, some even have a shot at winning $10,000 just for taking a 20-minute survey.

The college is offering incentives in an attempt to solicit students' opinions on everything from diversity to the sub shop. Tom Torello, executive director of marketing communications, said his office was sponsoring an online survey that will test creative concepts for admissions and other college materials.

"It takes about 20 minutes or so, and if [students] participate, they're entered into a $10,000 contest that [the company designing the survey] does with all of its survey participants," he said. "Just for our students who participate, they also get a chance to win $20 at the bookstore. We're giving away 10 of those."

Torello said since campus mass e-mail policy prevented him from sending e-mails to all students, he placed posters across campus, contacted resident assistants to get the word out and set up tables in the Campus Center where students could sign up to take the survey. He said even though he hoped for more participants, he thinks incentives were a good way of attracting people's attention.

"Students are so busy that they don't even want to take the time to stop and give you their e-mail," he said. "It gives them a good reason to take some time out and do this for us."

And the Office of Marketing Communications is just one of many factions on campus that use incentives to spark student interest in surveys. The campuswide survey recently examined students' views on campus diversity issues. Additionally, students had opportunities to win prizes by responding to surveys conducted by the health promotion program, the Bookstore and the Office of Marketing.

Kim Gregson, an assistant professor of television-radio who teaches Qualitative Mass Media Research Methods, said nowadays it is common for professional and marketing researchers to use incentives.

"You need to offer something back," she said. "It doesn't take much, just some recognition that we know your time is valuable, and thank you so much for giving us your opinions."

Gregson said using surveys is a great method of getting data because researchers can make assumptions about a larger population based on a sample of people. She said the most important part of conducting a survey is beginning with a random sample, which means that everyone in the pool must have an equal chance of being picked to participate.

Junior Emily Bonsignore said even though she usually responds to surveys, she is more likely to participate if there is an incentive. "They have a chance to win $50 at the bookstore. We're trying to get people to do us a favor," she said. "They know we need their opinions."

Gregson said even though using incentives is ethical, researchers must make sure the incentives aren't so large that they influence participants' responses.

She added that incentives are considered by the All-College Review Board for Human Subjects Research. This provost-appointed committee reviews all proposed surveys at the college to make sure they are conducted ethically.

"You want to make sure you provide that little extra nudge to get someone to take a survey, versus 'Well, they gave me 25 bucks, so I should probably tell them stuff they want to hear,' and mess up the responses," she said.

Priscilla Quick, coordinator of health promotion and substance abuse prevention, said she plans to continue using incentives for future surveys.

"We're asking students to do us a favor," she said. "It's nice to be respectful of students' time and also recognize that they get so many e-mails. Incentives help get a good cross-section of students."

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Volunteers impact community
College to celebrate service opportunities

BY SARAH HOFIUS
Staff Writer

For spring break, sophomore Jennifer Gaulin gave up her chance to soak in the sun and instead went on an alternative spring break trip to Scotty's Place in West Virginia, a nonprofit camp for homeless children.

There, members of the Peer Volunteer Corps helped out with farm animals and outdoor tasks.

She said she thinks she gained a real appreciation for a different kind of living.

Gaulin also works in the community service office and frequently participates in volunteer opportunities. In February she traveled to New York City with the Peer Volunteer Corps to help distribute food to the homeless through the River Fund.

"In college we sort of live in a little bit of a bubble," she said. "If you volunteer, you gain knowledge of everything else that's out there."

Students can get a chance to break that bubble by donating some time at this year's Celebration of Service.

The first Celebration of Service took place on the inauguration day of President Peggy R. Williams. The college intended it to be a one-time event. But, because the campus responded so positively, it has become a yearly event.

Getting hands-on experience can inspire students and raise awareness of many issues, said Deborah Mohlenhoff, coordinator of community service and leadership development.

The following events will be offered as part of this year's celebration of service:

- Celebrate Your Service fair at the Campus Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Groups will showcase yearlong service efforts, and quick volunteer activities such as making a card for the Make-A-Wish foundation will be available.
- Silent and live auctions in Emerson Suites Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. People can bid on a variety of items, including celebrity memorabilia. All proceeds will be donated to the Tompkins County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central New York.
- Salute to volunteerism Friday at 2:30 p.m. in Emerson Suites.
- The South Hill Clean Up from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Students can meet at Textor Hall for shuttles to the clean-up site.
- Running for a Wish 5K will start at 2 p.m. at Butterfield Stadium. Walkers are encouraged to come, as well. Registration starts at noon.

Throughout the year, many service agencies around Ithaca benefit from eager student volunteers.

Jessica Ryan, director of marketing and community affairs for Family and Children's Services of Ithaca, said college students play a vital role in the area's many community service organizations.

"I think that having two colleges here helps agencies carry out their missions," she said.

Ithaca College students currently help Family and Children's Services of Ithaca in a variety of ways.

Sophomore Lindsey Ramistella volunteers at least twice a week with one program of Family and Children's Services, Crime Victims' Services.

Ramistella focuses her volunteer work on getting the word out about the new program.

She said she began volunteering at the beginning of the semester because she wanted to make a difference and help people.

"One thing I really like is although we don't have a lot of clients, we're empowering people," she said.

The American Red Cross of Tompkins County also sees the willingness of college students to give some of their time.

"Our Red Cross chapter has over 400 volunteers," said Rebecca Barton, public support and events specialist. Barton added that many of those volunteers are college students.

COURTESY OF JENNIFER GAULIN

SOPHOMORE JENNIFER GAULIN packages sandwiches with the River Fund in New York City in February. The organization distributes food to the homeless.

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Don't miss what promises to be interesting and informative presentation.
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Reading to examine environment
BY MATT QUINTANILLA
Assistant Design Editor

For the second year, Ithaca College freshmen will prepare for college by cracking open a book.

The book chosen for the first-year reading initiative will be "Living Downstream: A Scientist's Personal Investigation of Cancer and the Environment" by the college's visiting distinguished scholar, Sandra Steingraber.

Each incoming freshman will receive a copy during summer orientation and will be expected to take part in small discussion groups facilitated by faculty or staff at the beginning of the academic year. "Living Downstream" is the second book chosen for the initiative, which started in 2003.

It tells the story of Steingraber's survival of cancer and her work as a scientist tracking environmental toxins and their connection of cancer and the environment. Tanya Saunders, assistant provost and dean of interdisciplinary and international studies, said each book chosen for the program should present a compelling issue for discussion for students, faculty and staff who volunteer to lead the discussion groups.

Saunders said the book shows how humans are interrelated with the environment.

"We are not independent agents acting in isolation," Saunders said. "In fact, any action we take has a ripple effect, and that ripple effect can be through time, through space, and impact other members of a committee."

The discussion groups that will be held during continued orientation are designed to model the intellectual atmosphere of the campus and provoke the same kinds of discussion that students would have about an issue outside of the classroom setting, Saunders said.

A committee recommended a total of three books to President Peggy R. Williams, who made the final decision. The other books selected by the committee were "The Things They Carried," by Tim O'Brien and "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd.

Much thought was put into considering whether the content of the book selected was appropriate for the audience. "Oryx and Crakes," by Margaret Atwood, was also considered, but later withdrawn due to portions of sexual content deemed as possibly inappropriate for a first-year student.

Sharon Polcillo, director of first-year programs, said that based on the first year's results, the program set a community atmosphere.

"To see all these students go into the rooms with faculty and administrators who volunteered to do it, it was great," Polcillo said. "The students were very involved and engaged in the whole process. That's where my goals are for this year."


"This year we wanted to offer another compelling subject," Saunders said. "We thought that a text that had a human story that also included science would be a good selection for the reading initiative."

Freshman Melissa Lockwood figured the selection reading was over all that she graduated high school. When she came to the college in the fall, she read the "The Color of Water" right before going to the discussion group.

"I don't think it was a waste of time, but I didn't get anything out of it," she said. "I wouldn't be able to relate to this year's book more because members of my family have had cancer."

Steingraber will deliver a lecture in September to the entire campus, and students will be encouraged to attend the annual environmental film festival held at the college each fall. During her speech, Steingraber plans to discuss Rachel Carson's work in environmentalism. Carson's novel "Silent Spring," about the effects of DDT and other chemicals on the natural world, proved to be a catalyst in the environmental movement in the 1960s. Steingraber's book has frequently been compared to Carson's.

\section*{Education expert to discuss democracy}

\subsection*{BY BRITTANY WEINGARTNER}

A higher education expert will be at Ithaca College Monday to discuss the challenges of democracy and citizenship and democracy: A South African Perspective at 7 p.m. in Park Hall Auditorium.

Jairam Reddy, the first chairman of South Africa's National Commission on Higher Education, will give a public presentation titled, "Global Citizenship and Democracy: A South African Perspective" at 7 p.m. in Park Hall Auditorium.

Reddy will emphasize democracy as a global concern, said Tanya Saunders, assistant provost and dean of interdisciplinary and international studies.

"By looking at South Africa, we can recognize certain issues in U.S. democracy," she said. "[The presentation] will show the relationship between local, national and international democracy."

Reddy has a range of international experiences and has studied higher education systems in countries such as India and Australia. His studies, lectures and research have taken Reddy to universities in Europe, Canada and the United States. He now serves on the council of the United Nations University.

Reddy's involvement with nongovernmental organizations such as the African Center for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes and the Small Business Development Corporation has provided him a wide range of experiences. He has also been involved with the Health Systems Trust for Planning and Development and the Centre for the Advancement of Science and Mathematics.

He has been awarded honorary doctorates by the University of Birmingham in England, University of Western Cape in South Africa and the United Kingdom's Open University. He was named a Fulbright Scholar at Michigan State University in 1999.

The speech is the final event in the college's yearlong lecture and film series, "Engaging Democracy and Troubling the Water."

The series, which started in September, was established to encourage members of the college community to revisit basic democratic values.

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March 29
Making graffiti LOCATION: Terrace road SUMMARY: Officer reported two car, property damage MVA, Ambulance responded but the occupants declined medical assistance. Sgt. Frederick Thomas.

April 5 Making graffiti LOCATION: West Tower SUMMARY: Officer reported unknown persons wrote graffiti. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Terry O'Pray.

Motor vehicle accident LOCATION: College Circle SUMMARY: Officer reported a two-car, property damage MVA, Ambulance responded but the occupants declined medical assistance. Sgt. Frederick Thomas.

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Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

Conduct code violation LOCATION: Terrace 11 SUMMARY: Officer reported theft of keys. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

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Computer crimes LOCATION: College Circle SUMMARY: Officer reported two people were involved in an argument.

Summary Log

March 31
Follow-up Investigation LOCATION: Terrace 12 SUMMARY: Officer referred students for participation in an argument.

Thick smoke from the fire panel received on March 28 at 12:30 a.m. Officer found that the building was the result of a false alarm. Security Officer Maria Parente.

March 30
Conduct code violation LOCATION: Terrace 7 SUMMARY: Officer reported two people with alcohol. Two referred for underage possession of alcohol, possession of controlled substances.

April 4 Conduct code violation LOCATION: Terrace 7 SUMMARY: Officer reported theft of keys. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Dirk Hightchew.

April 3
False reporting/Incident LOCATION: East Tower SUMMARY: Officer reported...
Editorials

Network disconnected

Apogee decision warranted student input

Information Technology Services will hold an open forum today to discuss the future of ResNet. But students have already made their concerns known until this point students have simply been ignored. The college has agreed to contract Internet service out to Apogee, but students have begun protesting. Programs for high-speed access to the Web. Many questions remain about Apogee’s service, and they could have been raised and answered before the decision was made. Students should have been consulted.

While the college of Apogee may have been the right one, it was never the wrong one. One could deny that serious action needed to be taken to ensure access to students and contracting the service out was likely the only one of the college had.

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Expanding education

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Opinion

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Letters

Health care a worry

I was very pleased to see David Donovan’s opinion piece in the April 1 edition of The Ithacan on the topic of the American health care system and its flaws. An increasing number of Americans are being faced with the rising costs of health care and the threat of being totally uninsured.

From personal experience, I know the unsettling feeling of being uninsured if you will have the money (i.e., HMOs or qualifications (i.e. Medicaid) for health insurance from one year to the next. Like Donovan pointed out, college graduates are among those who often lack health insurance during the transition from school to the work force. And with the job market in the early state that it is currently, one is lucky to find a job to simply meet daily costs of living let alone health care package.

As a member of the Health Care Advocacy Coalition, I urge all those interested in finding out more about health care in the United States — as this is an issue that will affect the vast majority of Americans during their lifetime — to come to a forum that ITAC will hold on April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Textor 102 on the topic of universal health care. I hope leaders will be in attendance to discuss this subject. We invite all to attend.

EMILY BONSIGNORE
Health Care Advocacy Coalition

New mascot needed

Now that bombs are bursting here, there and everywhere, with the bombers being hunted down in Spain, Iraq and the United States, wouldn’t this be a propitious time to choose a less lethal name for our Ithaca College athletic teams?

FRANCES H. BARRACLOUGH
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Review closed-minded

I was extremely disturbed by an article in your April 1 Accent section. I found “Dance show hits ‘The Wall’” by staff writer Vanessa Schneider completely inaccurate and closed-minded.

It seems Schneider spent more time taking notes than she did watching the movement on stage. If she had paid attention she would have noted that the “Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey a la ‘Dirty Dancing’” lift was not performed in “Mother” but instead during “Young Lust.” This article reveals no research or factual support for the writer’s opinion. If the writer had taken time to read the director’s notes, she might have seen more than “obvious, stereotypical dancing.”

Schneider seems to be uneducated and unfamiliar with the art of dance. I wonder whether her comments about the audience’s internal monologue have any basis. Did she speak with anyone in the audience or just simply as¬sume they thought the first act was slow and tedious?

EMILY BONSIGNORE
Power of volunteering understood after build

This past winter I joined Ithaca College's Habitat for Humanity for its personal benefits and not for its primary purpose. I was more interested in spending time with my close friends than taking part in community service events. Yet after a cross-country trip to North Carolina, I gained a new knowledge behind being a volunteer for a community service organization. I learned that in volunteering, there is a requirement of making sacrifices for the benefit of others. Unfortunately, community service is often used for personal benefits or as a crutch to improve one's college resume. However, I feel there is a much deeper feeling involved in volunteering that some may take for granted. Whether the sacrifices are large or small, one still gives up their priorities straight, it is not necessary to feel shame.

In fact, it wasn't until the second or third day of being in North Carolina that I gained a new knowledge of why I was building this house. It was actually a series of events that caused me to recognize the importance of our trip and what it means to the community. Building the house was a monumental experience, but it did not make the biggest impact on me. The community's reaction to our presence is what taught me so the cause and significance of our trip.

Once the house was completed, my entire body filled with a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. Many fund-raisers or simply recycling a can, we become an incredible means to help others. From the moment I arrived in Georgia until the moment I left for home, I was working each day to improve a life. I strongly encourage Ithaca's student body to become more involved in this incredible organization. Habitat's greatest ability is to unite people from all backgrounds to create a team of extraordinary capabilities. Only as a united body do we become an incredible means to improve someone's life. Whether it be by becoming a member, participating in weekly builds, taking part in one of our many fund-raisers or simply recycling a can, you will be improving the life of a stranger.

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Academics should be the college experience

Ithaca College appears to be in the midst of an identity crisis. Different people (well, mostly administrators) have been questioning various aspects of the college's image and what it means to Ithaca College for quite some time now. How does Ithaca College stand apart from other schools? How does it appear to prospective students and their parents (i.e. potential donors)? Does the college seem diverse? What does an Ithaca College degree really mean?

While students at Ithaca are capable enough and are probably asked by every college working through an identity crisis, what can we do to help? Is there a solution? Many studies, surveys and issues have left me a bit puzzled. First we had a report called "Traditions: Connecting Students to the Ithaca College Community." This committee was formed after a consulting firm, Steege/Thomson, concluded that most traditions were a bit weak, despite efforts to market tradition as part of the college's overall image. To quickly remedy this, the college created Providing Ithaca Experiences Connecting Students to the College (PIECS), a program designed to help incoming students develop a class identity through stimulating, activities such as candy-collage-making.

Now Ithaca College is just it again. The administration and faculty are considering a new endeavor aimed at creating a single shared experience that the college, an experience that will be unique to Ithaca College and help graduates feel more connected to the Ithaca College community (i.e., more willing to donate money) once they have the school. Of course, we have a committee. The CORE Task Force -- dedicated to constructing this shared tradition. For a few weeks now, I've been pondering the whole "core experience" idea and think we might be able to find a few shared experiences that already exist. Certainly there are things that most Ithaca College students experience during their time at the college, things they remember long after they've left the campus. Take, for example, dorm rooms and communal bathrooms and mass-prepared food. Everyone comes together to experience those things, right? Nothing says "shared experience" quite like communal bathrooms and mass-prepared food. But these things aren't exactly unique to Ithaca College.

So how about the Cortaca Jug game? While students at most colleges get drunk and yell a lot, few have a day designated to drinking through the a.m. hours, then screaming "state school" across a football field in the afternoon. This event is something most students and alumni also remember. Well, maybe not remember. But there must be something we've all shared and will recognize for years to come. What about the weather? The rain that brings armies of bloated worms or the smelly Navigator or the smell in the West Tower stairwell? Alright, so perhaps some aren't the most desired shared experiences. More importantly, we do not want to design a common tradition for us all to share.

But wait — we do have that academic experience thing. We've had stimulating discussions with great people in excellent classes — or at least we should have. If we don't look back and see our intellectual endeavors as the core of our college experience, then the school's identity crisis is more serious than I thought.

Just a Thought appears in this space every week. E-mail Emily Paulsen at epaulsen@ithaca.edu.
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Art History Club examines "The Da Vinci Code" and the art that made it interesting

BY EMILY KEIZER
Staff Writer

In a darkened room, a medieval painting of Mary Magdalene was projected onto a wall. A book with the "Mona Lisa" on the cover rested on a desk. This is not the setting of a typical evening on the Ithaca College campus.

But for the 20 odd students who attended the Art History Club's lecture on "The Da Vinci Code," the old artwork and dimmed lights were par for the course. Though any sliver of gawkiness was dispelled once discussion of Dan Brown's best-selling novel began, the environment, nevertheless, seemed to complement the conspiratorial, cat-and-mouse atmosphere of the book itself.

The April lecture and book discussion was the latest in a series of events planned by the Art History Club to increase the group's presence on campus.

Though the club is not new, this year has been among the most active in its five-year history. In addition to analyzing "The Da Vinci Code" event, the club's core of four or five regular members has held popand Celtic-themed art nights and continued annual traditions, such as the art auction.

The club's secretary, sophomore Leah Verwey, said events like the one on Thursday typically draw a larger audience than the club's weekly meetings do.

"If we have something going on, a lot more people show up," Verwey said. "We're trying to spread the word. We like to encourage the awareness of art in the community."

The popularity of "The Da Vinci Code" has played well into the club's mission to increase exposure to art on campus. Set throughout Europe, the book features the central character Robert Langdon's race to uncover a trail of clues disguised in the works of the title artist. The book touches on not only religious themes—the clues lead ultimately to an invariable Christian relic—but also artistic ones. As 52 weeks of paintings, the "Mona Lisa" and "The Last Supper," so you don't need a background in art history to appreciate it.

President Sivan Amar, a sophomore art history major, had the inspiration for a Da Vinci Code night after finishing the book himself earlier this year. She enjoyed the novel, which she has heard described as "the Indiana Jones of art history," as pure entertainment and it captured her interest enough that she raised the topic of a lecture to Brian Cohen, assistant professor of art history. She knew that Cohen, who wrote his dissertation on the legend of Mary Magdalene, would be the perfect speaker on such an event.

"I kind of had to beg him to read it," she said, laughing. "I gave him my copy of the book, and he read it over spring break."

Though Cohen wasn't the book's biggest fan, and he jokingly admitted that he doesn't afford Dan Brown a place among his critical or Biblical figure. As medieval and Renaissance artwork Cohen speculated that the Mary of the richly hued Marseilles. He cited pieces of the legend, such as the chance arrival of a passing monk just in time to perform Mary's last rites, as an ascetic living in a cave outside Jerusalem. He cited pieces of the legend, such as the chance arrival of a passing monk just in time to perform Mary's last rites, as a typical medieval imagery.

The longevity of the legend lies not only in its embodiment of the ultimate Christian message of salvation, but also in its appeal to authors like Dan Brown. That "The Da Vinci Code" touches on the possibility of a Jesus-Mary romance makes the story more alluring, Cohen said.

"It has all the elements of a great story," he said. "Even sex."

The story attracted enough students to make the night one of the club's biggest successes, Amar said.

"We had a good turnout," she said. "I thought maybe it isn't a conspiracy," she confessed. "But our secretary made about seven straight lines to be part of the club," Amar said. "But our secretary made about seven pairs of earrings, and they sold like hotcakes."

In addition to the auction, the club promotes art awareness through screenings of movies like "Frida" and a annual Halloween party at which attendees dress as their favorite masterpieces. In past years, members have arrived as everything from Picasso's blue guitar player to the headless Holocerex of Artemisia Gentileschi's painting. Activities are, of course, also related. Most popular is a game of Pin-the-Leaf-on-the-David and an edible art table at which guests are patterned into "mosaics" before being devoured by partygoers.

Ultimately, the club's mission is to use such casual-activities and social events to make art a more down-to-earth topic. Amar believes that the amount of information and intellectualism associated with art can turn people away.

"We'd like to integrate art into everyday life because there is art in everyday life," she said. "Art is something people make, a human being makes. We want to show that art is really accessible."

The accessibility of "The Da Vinci Code," which has sold more than 7 million copies, is a benefit that even Cohen can appreciate. "It would be silly to criticize the book as a piece of art history," he said pragmatically. "It's actually very nice to see people getting enthusiastic about it."

Center dusts off outdoor gear

BY TARA HENRY
Staff Writer

Upstate New York is a treasure trove of gorges, mountains and lakes just begging hikers, campers and boaters to come and explore. But for students planning weekend camping expeditions to the Catskill and Adirondack Mountains or a day-long kayaking trip on Cayuga Lake, getting the equipment has been more difficult.

But the Department of Therapeutic Recreation and Leisure Services Outdoor Recreation Equipment Center has a solution.

Nestled in a small storage room on the lower level of the Fitness Center, the OREC office serves as a rent-a-center where students can borrow outdoor equipment, everything from tents and cooking stoves to snowshoes and hiking backpacks.

Rob Porter, associate professor in the Department of Therapeutic Recreation and Leisure Services, in partnership with Brad Buchanan, recreational sports manager at the Fitness Center, hatched the idea for the OREC office to make the wonders of the great outdoors more accessible to Ithaca College students.

"Other schools have OREC type programs," Porter said. "This program gives students an opportunity to go out and practice the skills outside the classroom.

On Feb. 4, the Fitness Center held a grand opening to introduce students to the existence of OREC and entice them to rent equipment.

"We have all this gear that sits around in bins in the classroom," Porter said. "We could be renting it out and using that income to buy more and better gear so the whole student body can have it to use."

Porter said anyone affiliated with the college could borrow from the OREC equipment and purchase cross-country skis for next year. "I'm home I cross-country ski and we have all this gear that sits around in bins in the classroom," Porter said. "With the money they gave us, we purchased new snow shoes, a couple of tents and new snow shoes, a couple of tents and..."

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Chess players capture kingdoms

Seasoned and novice students engage in a battle of the brains

BY CHRIS WHITE
Staff Writer

It’s a Chos vs. Klimek, and it’s a fight to the death. Castles are at stake, along with every king, queen and bishop within an 8 by 8 square area.

The only sounds in the room are the clink of pieces, the shuffle of medieval armies as they are captured, and the clunking of the table with faint clinks.

It’s the first tournament for some, and the second for others. The rush of nervousness in this heated battle is freshening Janissary Chow, chess club vice president.

Twenty participants had four rounds to prove their pawns were mightier, their knights were fiercer and their castles were stronger during the club’s first annual chess tournament Friday, in the Klingenstein Lounge in the Campus Center. Students paid a $1 entrance fee to compete for a gold, silver or bronze medal to adorn their own respective kingdoms.

To tournament participants, chess is much more than stealing a few plastic men from the other side. It means war.

“You have strategic players, and you have players who just want to quickly recite to score, or in this case, take the king,” he said.

Ritter, a former Ithaca College student, was sitting on the ground in peaceful protest.

“I come here, and I’m a general leading an army — an army of white,” said Klimek.

Klimek enjoys chess and is also an avid ultimate Frisbee player. He said the two games are, in real-life, a complete contrast.

“You have strategic players, and you have people on this campus that are interested in playing chess competitively, which the college can benefit from.”

But whether a player likes to bring out others first, knock out one’s opponent or just look good for a good time, like every time she plays, “I’m more about having fun,” she said. “A setting like this is really helpful because you can get a little bit of practice in and have fun at the same time.”

Govett said chess has many positive aspects. “There’s so much complexity and so much strategy. You can always try to get better grades. It’s the entire idea behind the game is to fight to the death.”

SUMA'S SECRET

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While they were there, Guido used her American status to protect and escort Palestinian civilians through the streets and Ritter, a former Ithaca College student, walked 10 miles to the recently bombed Jenin refugee camp to give aid.

Ritter, along with two men and two other women, encountered numerous Israeli soldiers and tanks. Along the walk, soldiers arrested the men, while the women and Ritter sat on the ground in peaceful protest.

“We said that we understand if you are going to have to arrest us, but we would have to be dragged away,” Ritter said. “We weren’t leaving.”

The women spoke to the soldiers about nonviolence and were eventually released and allowed to continue their mission. Guido would arrive at the destroyed camp several days later.

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LOCAL ACTIVIST

Grace Ritter holds up a medical relief banner in front of a bombed Red Cross building in Bethlehem, Israel, when she traveled there in April 2002.

Guido and Ritter arrive home, the two women also plan to join the Wheels of Justice bus tour, a traveling peace and justice group equipped with firsthand accounts of Israeli, Palestinian territory and Iraq. Traveling in a biodiesel-fueled bus, the tour is designed to raise awareness and education about the occupation in Palestinian territory and Iraq through active nonviolent resistance and community building across the country. Wheels of Justice will be coming to Ithaca in the fall.

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The two women will be returning to Israel at the end of April to participate in the “Free Vannucci” campaign.

The campaign is named after political prisoner Mordechai Vannucci, a former Israeli nuclear technician, who was jailed for perjury.

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Discardant ditties

Band's latest is hard to hear but worth a listen

BY MIKE NAGEL
Senior Writer

It doesn't get much more anti-pop than Modest Mouse's "Good News For People Who Love Bad News." The disc band, devoid of any internal commonality, is a mish-mash of 14 raw, discordant songs. But because of its complete disregard for melodic liter- acy, the album holds just enough intelligence to keep the listener interested. Modest Mouse's first record since its 2001 semi-hit, "Everyw...
The Alamo' chooses facts over drama

BY MATT HUNLEY
Staff Writer

In the realm of epic historical pictures, "The Alamo" gets the job done. It brings to life one of the most famous standoffs in America's history. As a genre picture, it rises above the average. It doesn't quite reach the height of Mel Gibson's brutally entertaining and sexual drama "Braveheart," but it comes close. The film's focus on the story of a small group of men, with the Mexican dictator General Santa Anna (Emilio Echeverria) and 183 Texans and Tejanos (Texas-born Mexicans) join him in defending Texas against the Mexican dictator Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna (Emilio Echeverria), has problems with being loyal, stepping aside and letting others take over. However, the film doesn't conjure up easy answers or sappy emotional bonds. Instead it studies the characters and their situations. There's also an intriguing supporting character named Juan Seguin (Zeni Milla), a Tejano who the film should have devoted more time to. It would have been interesting to examine his possible conflicts of interest as a Mexican fighting for the Americans. Even though the film tells the audience what happened to him after the battle, his character seems wasted.

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Movie Review
The Alamo

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**Today**

2004 Senior Student Exhibition — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Handwerker Gallery, opening reception at 5 p.m. Exhibit runs through May 16.

Biology Honors Symposium — 4 p.m. in CNS 112.

Out of the Closet and Onto the Screen Film Series — "Simbali Belacoan" and "Fated to be Queer" at 7 p.m. in Textor 103.

Orgullo Latino End of Semester Party — 9 p.m. in Emerson Suite B, Campus Center.

**Friday**

Center.

Last day to withdraw with "W" and revoke PASS/FAIL in block II courses.

Current Topics In Finance — Presented by Robert Lewis at 8 a.m. in Smiddy 109.

Daytime TV Drama Q & A Session — Bob Soro '68, director of "All My Children," at 4 p.m. in Park 220.

Live Hip Hop Ft. Modified Black Style — 7 p.m. in the Pub, Campus Center

Ithaca College Vocal Jazz Ensemble — 8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

**Saturday**

8:15 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.

5K Running for a Wish — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Track and Campus Roads.

National Saxophone Quartet — 4 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.

Ithacappella Concert — 7 p.m. in Emerson Suites. Free admission.

Ithaca College Honors of Praise Signing Choir — 8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

**Sunday**

Holocaust Memorial Day Display — All day in the North Foyer, Campus Center.

Ithaca College Choir and Madrigal Singers — 3 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.

ICES Solar Panel Demo — Noon at the Free Speech Rock.

"Global Citizenship and Democracy: A South African Perspective" — Presented by Dr. Jairam Reddy at 7 p.m. in Park.

**Monday**

FIREHOUSE ALISON LANI, left, and Alice Pencavel pretend to be children playing with ants in the dirt in a skit with the Acathl Players Tuesday night in the Pub.

**ACTING UP**

**Tuesday**

Compost Teach-in — Presented by Mark Darling through ICES at noon in Clark Lounge, Campus Center.

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

Habitat for Humanity Auction — 6 p.m. in the Pub, Campus Center.

Community Graduate Recital — Cayenna Porchione, mezzosoprano, at 8:15 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.

Elective Recital — Jared Green, guitar, at 9 p.m. in Nabenhauer Recital Room, Whalen Center.

**Wednesday**

School of Music Honors Convocation — 10 a.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.

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

Gerontology Institute Workshop Series — 1:30 p.m. in Clark Lounge, Campus Center.

Graduate Recital — Scott Donnelly, guitar, at 7 p.m. in Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.

ICES Environmental Film and Speaker Series — 7 p.m. in Clark Lounge, Campus Center.

Ithaca College Chamber Orchestra — 8:15 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.

**Thursday**

Leadership IV Program — "Emotional Intelligence and Leadership Development," 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the LaTourelle Country Inn.

Calming the Chaos: Journaling to Simplify your Life — 6:30 p.m. at the Women's Community Building. Call 272-1247 to register.
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS
An Appetite for Success
Senior's hunger for wins leads Bombers

BY ALEX DE LOS RIOS
Staff Writer

Kyle Sottung has a big appetite. His teammates will tell you that his favorite food is two of everything. This is a guy who classifies eating a whole barbecue chicken pizza as a good late-night snack.

But ask anyone who knows him what his favorite thing to feast on is and they'll all answer with the same thing: wins.

Sottung, a senior, craves wins like Ithaca residents crave warm weather. As far back as elementary school gym class, Sottung remembers going all out.

"I'm not a gracious loser," he said. "Nobody wanted to play with me because I did everything to win."

And Sottung is one of those competitors who seem to need no matter what more out of playing. The hard-throwing, right-hander at 6 feet 3 inches and 190 pounds is built like a strong safety. He played football and basketball in high school, but the highly-recruited quarterback had a gut feeling to stick with baseball, his favorite of the two, instead.

"I always had a little more fun playing baseball," Sottung said. "I still miss football when I go to the games here, but my heart is in pitching."

Sottung pitching a ball game is like a long, walking a herd of gazelles: quick, efficient and deadly. He has enjoyed feasting on opposing batters for much of his career, but he says the individual accomplishments are nothing compared to the ultimate goal: a trip to the Division-III World Series.

His catcher and good friend, senior Craig Nels, said Sottung's desire to win is the same in pick-up baseball as it is in varsity baseball games. Sottung is so focused on winning that he doesn't seem to need help when he makes mistakes. Nels said it's almost become useless to talk to Sottung on the mound.

"Coach tells me to go out to the mound and [Kyle] won't even listen to me," Nels said. "He sees all his mistakes before I point them out. He's like 'Go back to the plate, please.'"

Not much is said in those brief meetings, Nels said, but Sottung almost never makes the same mistake twice in a game. Like a fite bottle of wine, he seems to improve as the game wears on. Senior Mike Pritts said it in part to George Valesente was most impressed with when he first saw Sottung play for Pulaski High School near Syracuse. Valesente particularly remembers a game when Sottung played against his future teammate junior Tom O'Connor.

"As the game got closer he started throwing harder, sharper," Valesente said. "When the game got tough, he got tougher."

Although O'Connor jokingly credited that win to Sottung's team having a better defense, he said he's seen Sottung be the difference in games for the Blue and Gold.

"O'Connor, the No. 2 starter for Ithaca, hasn't added four pitches — a curveball, slider, changeup and drop-kick — to his arsenal. As for O'Connor, he has the lowest ERA on the team and has thrown the most complete games (three). Pritts pointed out Sottung's attention to detail in practice as one of the reasons he has been so successful at the mound.

"He'll spend the entire practice working on one grip," he said. "Sometimes it's not even a pitch he uses that often, but he still works on it just in case he needs it."

While Sottung's meticulous practice habits and uncanny work ethic might paint him out to be obsessive or prickly, his teammates would hardly bother by little things in life. Boasting a 3.7 GPA as an exercise science major, Sottung still manages to enjoy what little free time he has.

Sottung, an avid moviegoer, is a fan of the The Lord of the Rings trilogy. Pritts said Sottung has read each book eight times. He highlighted J.R.R. Tolkien's creativity and admires how well the movies portrayed the text. He describes his favorite character is Aragorn because of his ability to stay calm in the face of adversity.

Even though he might not be as calm as the king of Middle-Earth in games, Sottung is unquestionably the leader of the team. For example, this year he gave up batting to help the younger pitchers. He is often seen coaching members of the young staff work on their locations and technique.

Valesente compared his star pitcher's interaction with his teammates to that of an extra coach. Both he and Sottung share a mutual respect that shows in the way they take each other's input on game-time decisions and how to help younger players. Sottung benefited from two large senior classes his first two years with the Bombers, and their tutelage has made him the cerebral pitcher he is today.

Pritts said it's hard to tell just how intelligent Sottung is on the mound. But he's been around him constantly. He said the ace pitcher is always working on his weaker pitch and he's constantly improving in case his trademark fastball isn't up to full speed.

"Kyle is the type of pitcher that doesn't always need his A game," Pritts said. "He can figure out how to best you with his B game."

It's rare for Sottung to bring anything less than high grade to the mound. Over three and a half seasons, Sottung has amassed 24 victories, good enough for a tie for fourth on Ithaca's career-win list. In that time, he has set the standard for strikeouts with 205, eclipsing the old mark of 195, with 14 regular season games still to come. This season, Sottung is a team best 5-1 and led the Bombers during their season-high nine-game win streak.

But in a surprising turn of events, Sottung missed his first start in four years Saturday after he strained his hamstring while running a drill in practice. Although worried at first, Valesente said that since Sottung is in such great shape, the injury shouldn't be long term. He is expected to start the first game of the Bombers' doubleheader against RIT Saturday. Sottung could be back even sooner. Valesente said he might come in for relief today against Oneonta. But even if Sottung doesn't return until next week, he will continue to share his knowledge with the younger pitchers. When he does return, he should be rested and ready to lead the Bombers to what could be their first Division-III World Series appearance since 1994.

It would be a just dessert for a brilliant four-course meal of a career.
Bean counting at IC questions record book

Monday at Freeman Field, senior Mark Pritts was asked one of the last questions of the game to give a unique answer to the question, "What does breaking this record make you feel?"

Against Mannfield, Pritts set the intercollegiate record for the most times hit by a pitch, with 14. The bean-busting blast came in the eighth inning and gave the Bombers a 5-2 lead back. Pritts hustled down to first, smiling at the standing ovation from his teammates in the dugout.

Pritts, the beaningest Bomber, bested the Bombers' previous record of 11 set by Dave Farnham in 1978 in his senior season. And Pritts still has 12 games left this year. At his current pace, Pritts is expected to break the school record of 30 set by 1992 graduate Todd Zawacki.

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That's not true. Besides, the Bombers' ag­ gression offense is more potent when it's intentionally walking the next batter to score, so pitchers are expected to hit batters. But, he says, "I don't know if you ever get used to walk­ing up to the plate with a sore leg." Of course, Pritts hasn't been hit everyday."But, he says, "I pretty much know when the pitcher to know he hurt him. But, he says, "I don't know if you ever get used to walk­ing up to the plate with a sore leg." Of course, Pritts hasn't been hit everyday."

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This isn't to say, however, that Vale­ sante and Pritts have taken advantage of this defensive scheme. The Bombers have been hit at the plate. But Pritts isn't moving. As a result, he says, "I've been getting hit a lot," Pritts said. "It's nothing to be embarrassed about." So why the increase?

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BY JIM HAWVER
Staff Writer

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Red Dragons sweep Blue and Gold

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It’s both emotionally and physically draining to battle hard and attempt to stay in seven innings. And even if you win, it’s hard to have some positives away from the loss. Bruseveau was pleased with the adjustments made at the plate. He said the Bombers ad­ duced the whole variety of pitches Cortland pitcher Stephanie Adamshick (13-0) tossed at them.

"She threw a lot of off-speed pitches," Bruseveau said. "We got seven or eight good hits. So there were good adjustments made."

As the Bombers enter the last stages of the regular season and attempt to clinch the top spot in the Empire 8 conference and home advantage for the confer­ ence tournament, Bruseveau said it is important to return to the basics.

"We need to go back and fo­ cus on being fundamentally sound," Bruseveau said. "When you make mistakes against good teams, it’s costly. We need to make sure on routine plays that we’re putting good throws and catching and taking good cuts."

The Bombers face confer­ ence-opponent Alfred in a dou­ bleheader Saturday.
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