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A public safety officer walks past resident assistants who are silently protesting Sept. 2 outside of Emerson Suites before an arranged meeting between Public Safety and RAs.
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"THIS SHOULDN'T HAPPEN HERE"

Resident assistants rally against alleged racial aggression and harassment by Public Safety officers

BY MAX DENNING
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Resident assistants at Ithaca College are protesting what they are calling racial profiling and harassment by Public Safety officers against students of color.

On the evening of Sept. 2, an estimated 30 resident assistants linked arms, formed two lines and silently stood on each side of the entrance to Emerson Suites. Each student held a different white sign emblazoned with a phrase protesting the actions of Public Safety officers during RA training sessions in August and the ongoing treatment of students of color on campus.

"I am not a criminal. I'm a student and also an RA."

"When will you speak to us, not at us?"

"Do #BlackLivesMatter to Terri Stewart?"

Two Public Safety officers, Sergeant Terry O'Pray and Master Patrol Officer Jon Elmore, made comments described by RAs as "racially insensitive," "aggressive" and "invalidating" during RA-training sessions Aug. 18. The group of RAs had asked Terri Stewart, director of the Office of Public Safety and Emergency Management, for an opportunity to address the issue directly with the two officers, but the officers have not attended subsequent meetings.

The comment from O'Pray that sparked the RAs' anger was a dismissal of an RA's concerns about racial profiling, saying that it does not happen at the college. During a simultaneous training session, Elmore and other officers began talking about weapons and showed the RAs a black BB gun.

"[Elmore] said, 'If I saw someone with this I would shoot them,'" RA Rita Bunatal said.

The comments made by the two officers during the sessions caused two RAs of color to walk out in anger and frustration.

An Aug. 25 meeting was planned by Stewart and Bonnie Prunty, director of the Office of Residential Life, between Public Safety and the Residential Life staff in an attempt to help reconcile the relationship between the two — a meeting that a group of RAs were dissatisfied with.

The RAs believe not having the officers present in that follow-up meeting demonstrates how the college is not addressing the issue of the treatment of students of color on the college campus. Multiple RAs who are also students of color said they are afraid to call Public Safety, even though it's often part of their job. The protesters also spoke to *The Ithacan* about experiences dealing with racially insensitive Public Safety officers as well as officers whom they believe profile students of color.

An estimated 30 RAs at the Sept. 2 meeting staged a silent protest, refusing to have a conversation with Public Safety until that conversation includes all Public Safety officers, including O'Pray and Elmore, Bunatal said.

Prunty said this meeting was supposed to be focused on the RAs who want direct-action steps moving forward between Public Safety and RAs, not those who want to address O'Pray directly.

Junior Taranjit Singh said none of the RAs who are upset about Public Safety's comments are looking for direct-action steps before they address O'Pray.

Public Safety is retaining the services of outside consulting firm Training for Change to facilitate direct conversations between RAs and Public Safety officers, but those discussions haven't been scheduled yet, Stewart said.

INITIAL CONFRONTATION

At the Aug. 18 training, Ithaca College RAs were in two separate sessions led by Public Safety officers: one training RAs about what to do if there was an active shooter at the college, the other talking about drugs and weapons on campus.

During the active shooter training, Singh said O'Pray mentioned ISIS and the stereotypical appearances of Muslims but didn't say that most individuals who commit mass casualty shootings are white males. Singh said this omission, along with the fact that O'Pray didn't mention the violence of campus police officers against students of color, caused him to speak up.

"I posed this question … 'Most of the campus violence that does occur in America is between the campus police and students, specifically students of color,'" Singh said. "'With recently the Cincinnati incident where the campus police officer shot the black student (sic) … what does that mean here on campus? What are we doing here on campus to address that in terms of diversity training?'"

Singh was referring to the death of Sam DuBose, who was unarmed when he was killed by University of Cincinnati police officer Ray Tensing during a traffic stop. Tensing was charged with the murder of the 43-year-old DuBose July 29. The response from O'Pray was not what Singh had hoped for.

"He took it very personally and basically denied that things like this happen on campus," he said. "He denied that things like racially profiling exist here."

Singh said the officer then alluded to the

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Students tell their stories: Lawrence

BY MAX DENNING
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Editor's Note: What follows is the first in a series of accounts of the experiences of Ithaca College students' encounters with Public Safety officers. Public Safety Director Terri Stewart said she could not comment on the incident, citing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. The records at the Ithaca Town Court and the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office have been sealed.

Around 11 p.m. May 25, 2014, Lawrence*, then an Ithaca College sophomore, was tackled by an officer from the Office of Public Safety and Emergency Management, while another forced his hands behind his back because he did not take his hands out of his pockets.

Lawrence was cuffed, read his rights and placed in the back of a Public Safety vehicle.

Public Safety transported him to their offices, took his mugshot and fingerprints, and cuffed him to a chair in their holding cell. Three hours later, a Public Safety supervisor apologized to him for the disturbance.

He was released and issued an appearance ticket listing his charges — obstructing governmental procedure and resisting arrest. Six months later, all charges against Lawrence were dropped.

*Names have been changed to protect anonymity.

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Nation & World

Lesbian couple continues to fight for marriage license in Kentucky

For two months, April Miller and Karen Roberts have felt stuck on what seems like an endless carnival ride: U.S. District Judge David Bunning ordered Kim Davis, Rowan County Clerk in Kentucky, to issue the licenses. The couple celebrated and dashed to the courthouse, holding hands, but Davis denied them. An appeals court upheld Bunning's order. Another dash to the courthouse, another denial. Then the Supreme Court denied the clerk's request for a reprieve. A fourth run to the courthouse, a fourth denial.

The couple has lived quietly together for years, never intending to lead a battle that has consumed their town of Morehead, where Miller is a tenured university professor and Roberts, a retired teacher, looks after their 21-year-old disabled daughter.

They never went to a gay pride parade or joined an LGBT group. Now they see their faces on the front pages of newspapers, just like Davis.

"We understand how hard it is to stand up for what you believe in," Miller said. "This is really the first time that we've done that. We know from this experience how hard it is. There are some days when all you want to do is give up. She's standing up for what she believes in too. And we respect her for it."

Judge will not drop charges against police in Gray's death

A Baltimore judge on Sept. 2 refused to dismiss charges against six police officers in connection with the death of a black man from injuries he suffered while in custody. The judge also refused to remove the prosecutor.

The death of 25-year-old Freddie Gray — who succumbed to injuries sustained after his arrest on April 12 — sparked rioting and unrest that shook Baltimore for days. Protests Sept. 2 outside the Baltimore courtroom, where a pretrial hearing on the charges took place, resulted in one arrest.

Defense attorneys failed to persuade Circuit Judge Barry Williams that what they claimed was prosecutorial misconduct on the part of State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby was reason enough to drop the charges against the police officers — which range from second-degree assault to second-degree murder.

Williams ruled that while Mosby's public comments regarding initial statements made by the officers to investigators were "troubling," they were not likely to prejudice a jury.

Andrew Graham, an attorney representing Officer Caesar Goodson, unsuccessfully argued that Mosby's comments after filing charges against the officers were "reckless and unprofessional" and violated the rules of conduct. He likened Mosby's comments on the case to a "pep rally calling for payback."

Suicide bomb in Yemen kills 20

An Islamic State–claimed suicide bomber and a subsequent car bombing killed at least 20 people Sept. 2 at a mosque in Yemen's rebel-held capital, Sanaa, amid the country's raging civil war, officials said.

The suicide bomber blew himself up inside the mosque during the evening call to prayers, while the car bomb exploded outside an entrance, they said. Medical officials said the death toll may rise with people now in operating rooms in several hospitals.

Witnesses said the car bomb exploded while people were carrying out the wounded from inside the mosque, adding to the casualties. One witness, Hamid Ali, said the explosions left body parts and bloodied floors in the mosque.

Obama on three-day visit to Alaska

President Barack Obama holds a fish while visiting commercial and subsistence fishers Alannah Hurley, left, and Kim Williams on Kanakanak Beach, Sept. 2, in Dillingham, Alaska. Obama is on a historic three-day trip to Alaska aimed at showing solidarity with the state and bringing attention to climate change.

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Journalists transferred to prison and separated from lawyers

Two Vice News journalists and their assistant who were arrested in Turkey on terror-related charges have been transferred to a prison more than 300 miles away from their lawyers and the courthouse where they face trial, a lawyer said Sept. 2.

The two British journalists, correspondent Jake Hanrahan and cameraman Philip Pendlebury, and their Turkey-based assistant were detained last week in Diyarbakir, the main city in Turkey's southeast, where renewed fighting has killed scores of people.

A court ordered the three formally arrested late Aug. 31 on charges of aiding a terror organization. All three have rejected the accusation.

Tahir Elci, head of the Diyarbakir lawyers' association, told The Associated Press by telephone in Diyarbakir that the three were taken to a prison in Adana, southern Turkey, on the grounds that there were English-speaking wardens and inmates there.

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SGA executive board lays out plans for year

BY EVAN POPP
STAFF WRITER

The new Ithaca College Student Government Association executive board is introducing a host of initiatives, including a push to create a student "bill of rights."

Senior Dominick Recckio, president of the SGA, said the student bill of rights would cement rights for students into the college's Student Conduct Code rights and freedoms section. He said creating a student bill of rights will also jibe with other issues the executive board wants to address, including academic integrity, diversity and inclusion issues, which Recckio said are extremely important to discuss.

Recckio said ideas for what will be included in the student bill of rights will not come from the executive board, but instead will be formulated by students through forums.

"We want to tell students that they have rights and let them pick their rights and … say, 'These are the things we don't see yet but would like to have the right to,'" he said. "Hopefully we start the dialogue and not push something down people's throats."

Recckio said he doesn't like giving examples of potential rights. However, he did say he believes students should have the right to evaluate faculty as a sample. While he acknowledged students receive evaluation forms from faculty at the end of a semester, Recckio said he would like that formalized as a right.

"A lot of this will be formalizing rights, sort of setting them in stone," Recckio said of a student bill of rights.

The first student rights forum, in which the executive board will take ideas from students of rights they think they should have, will be held at 4 p.m. Sept. 4 in Williams Hall 225, Recckio said.

Sophomore Kyle Stewart, the SGA vice president of communications, said social media will be a primary tool to get students interested in the forum and the student bill of rights. He said the SGA wants students to have access to an electronic copy of the first draft of a bill of rights.

Back row from left to right: SGA executive board members Evan Layne, Kyle James and Dom Recckio at the Aug. 31 meeting with Lima Hossain and Marieme Foote in front row.
MARISSA BOOKER/THE ITHACAN

Recckio also said he wants to get students' input Sept. 17 when the SGA, along with the Office of Civic Engagement, will hold a Constitution Day in which students can vote for members of the SGA, change their voter registration to Ithaca and learn about civic engagement. Recckio said students can share ideas at the event regarding what rights should be in the bill of rights.

Recckio said he would like to have a draft of a student bill of rights to share with the administration following that event. Recckio said he hopes by Oct. 1 there will be a draft of a bill of rights that has been run by both students and key administration members, who, he said, are interested to review a student bill of rights.

"They assured me that they're going to need to look at it for legal purposes because all edits made to the conduct code are legal changes," Recckio said. "[The changes] have to be approved by the Board of Trustees, so they have to climb that ladder."

While Recckio said the administration has taken a neutral approach thus far, he said he does expect pushback when the rights are drafted.

Rory Rothman, associate provost for student life, said there is already a statement of rights and freedoms in the Student Conduct Code that represents students.

"It's not clear to me what's being thought about in terms of the student bill of rights separate from that," Rothman said.

Recckio said he envisions a student bill of rights as a supplement or potential reworking of the Student Conduct Code rights and freedoms section. Rothman said any proposal that changes the conduct code would have to be examined by the Board of Trustees.

Ultimately, the student bill of rights will be passed as an SGA bill, Recckio said, although he doesn't know when it will be passed. However, Recckio envisions the Board of Trustees reviewing the document during its meeting at the end of the academic year in May.

Recckio said he sees the student bill of rights as a physical document containing somewhere between five and 20 rights in a digestible form of a couple of sentences with linked resources providing more information.

The student bill of rights is not the executive board's only priority. Recckio said they also want to pursue initiatives to encourage student organizations to provide better programming by partnering together on events, as well as continue the push for LGBTQ and indigenous studies minors. *The Ithacan* reported last semester that an LGBTQ minor may take more than five years to develop.

The executive board is also looking to continue addressing microaggressions and diversity and inclusion through programs designed to educate people on campus about how to reduce microaggressions. In addition, Recckio said the board will continue work on issues of sexual assault, domestic violence and mental health by aiding in the implementation of the Sexual Harassment and Assault Response & Education program and working with student organizations and offices on campus to organize a "Speak Up" campaign, which would work to educate and encourage students to "speak up against sexual assault, rape culture and domestic violence."

Another initiative the SGA is looking to implement are regular "State of the Student" addresses, which Stewart will take the lead in crafting.

"The 'State of the Student' is the initiative to get people to know what SGA is and what we can do and how we can help them," Stewart said.

Stewart said the first one will be filmed and the goal is to complete the first address by Sept. 25. It will focus on what the SGA is and will be broken down into multiple key themes, Stewart said.

Another campus-climate survey is on the horizon

BY EVAN POPP
STAFF WRITER

Ithaca College is planning on administering a new campus-climate survey next fall, four years after the administering of the previous climate survey, which revealed a stark perception gap between different groups regarding diversity and inclusivity on campus.

Benjamin Rifkin, provost and vice president of educational affairs, said the college is finalizing the hiring of an outside consulting group to work with the college to begin putting together a new campus-climate survey with the intent of administering it next fall.

The contract will be reviewed by an attorney for the college, and Rifkin said he is hopeful there will be a campuswide announcement that the college has hired the company by the end of September. Rifkin did not name the company because the contract has not yet been signed.

Rifkin said a group that included himself, Roger Richardson, associate provost for diversity, inclusion and engagement; Michelle Rios-Dominguez, manager of diversity and inclusion for the Office of Human Resources; and senior Dominick Recckio, president of the Student Government Association, worked together to choose the firm for the survey.

Recckio praised the administration's hiring of an outside consultant for the survey, which he said was something students specifically asked for. Senior Elijah Breton, a former SGA senator who in October 2014 co-authored a bill to address microaggressions in the School of Health Sciences and Human Performance, said an outside contractor forces the college to face the results of the survey in a way that conducting the survey internally does not. Breton said he hopes this will force the administration to make any necessary changes following the release of the survey's results.

The release of the results of the last campus-climate survey, which was conducted internally, was the subject of repeated delays by the administration and was not released until February 2015. However, Recckio said while progress has been made on the important topics covered in a campus-climate survey and another survey is a step in the right direction, the college still has a long way to go in terms of diversity and inclusiveness.

"It just seems like there's a lot of work being done, but it's not the real work yet," Recckio said. "So hopefully we can still do a lot of things to fight against microaggressions and racism and sexism on campus … I just don't think we're necessarily there yet. And I think this is a good start, but it's only the start."

The company wants to begin the survey process this semester with preliminary work, Rifkin said, followed by focus groups during the spring semester and the administration of the survey itself next fall. Rifkin said he and the other interviewers were disappointed with that time frame, as they had hoped the survey would be administered in the spring semester, but he said the company made a convincing appeal to have the survey conducted next fall instead.

"[They] made a very compelling argument that the survey is more powerful when it's informed by the focus groups, and it takes that amount of time to get it," Rifkin said. "Can we speed it up? Maybe, and we still need to have a conversation with stakeholder groups about that."

Rifkin said he understands the desire to conduct the survey as soon as possible, but he also recognizes the value of getting valid results. However, he said he believes the company needs to make an effort to justify that longer process to the campus community.

The push for another survey comes on the heels of the release of the last survey's results, which showed a difference in perception between white students and African, Latino, Asian and Native American students regarding diversity and inclusion on campus. Although the results of the 2012 survey were originally expected to be released in Spring 2013, in February 2014 Mark Coldren, former associate vice president of human resources, said the data analysis was still incomplete. The release was held off until pressure from the student body and the SGA intensified, prompting the results to be released Feb. 9, 2015, on the college's website.

The released survey showed that 57 percent of white students believed the college put a high priority on diversity and inclusion, while only 26 percent of ALANA students agreed with that statement. The survey also showed a perception gap between campus community members who identify as heterosexual and those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

Recckio said a future campus-climate survey will allow the college to build on the last survey and continue the discussion on the issues brought up in it.

"I think that this one will have the chance to highlight issues in big ways, and by that I mean sort of from the first one a lot of conclusions can be made," Recckio said. "The numbers are staggering."

Breton said another campus-climate survey is necessary after the last one.

"I think had [the college] done it the right way the first time, I might have said no, but given how poorly it was executed, I would say there is a need for one, and if they're going to do it, they absolutely need to get it right this time," he said.

Breton criticized the rollout of the results of the last survey and also said he felt the questions were vague, and there wasn't enough of an effort made to get as many students, faculty and staff to respond to the survey as possible.

Rifkin said he has had the chance to review the last campus-climate survey and said the results didn't surprise him.

"White people think that things are pretty good," he said. "People who aren't white have concerns. I want us to do better — I want us to be better … And having this survey is a way for us to collect the information that will allow us to come up with ideas."

Breton said he is going to reserve judgement about whether the next survey will be handled better, although he said he is encouraged by the hiring of an outside contractor.

Addressing diversity issues on campus was a major part of SGA president Dom Recckio's campaign last semester.
AMANDA DEN HARTOG/THE ITHACAN

He said the questions in this next campus-climate survey need to pertain to inclusiveness on campus and whether progress is being made on that issue.

"I think that there should be questions about … if we feel as though changes have been made recently to improve the overall campus climate, if we feel as though the administration is doing their job in making sure that all students feel welcome and included on campus," Breton said.

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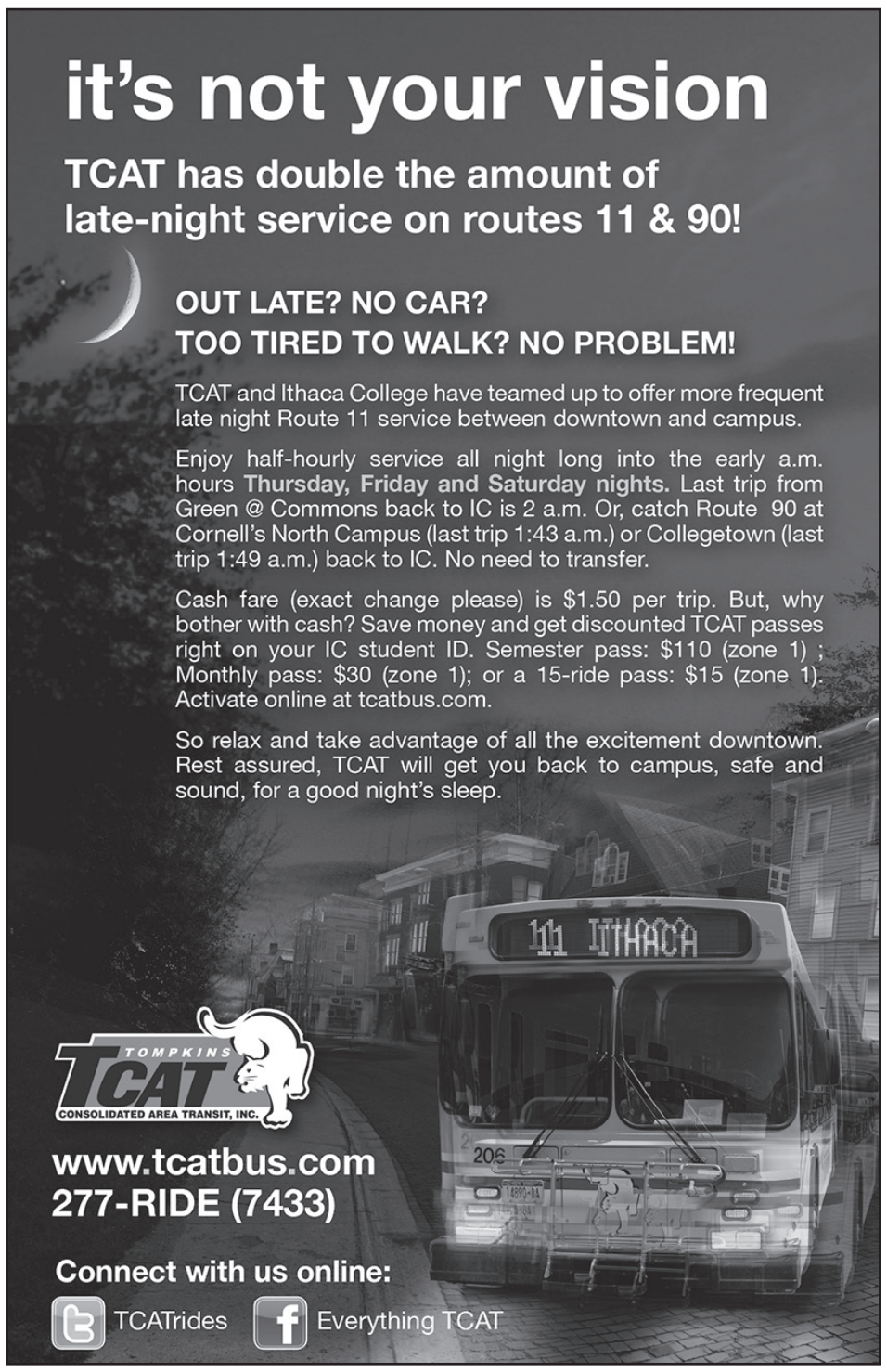

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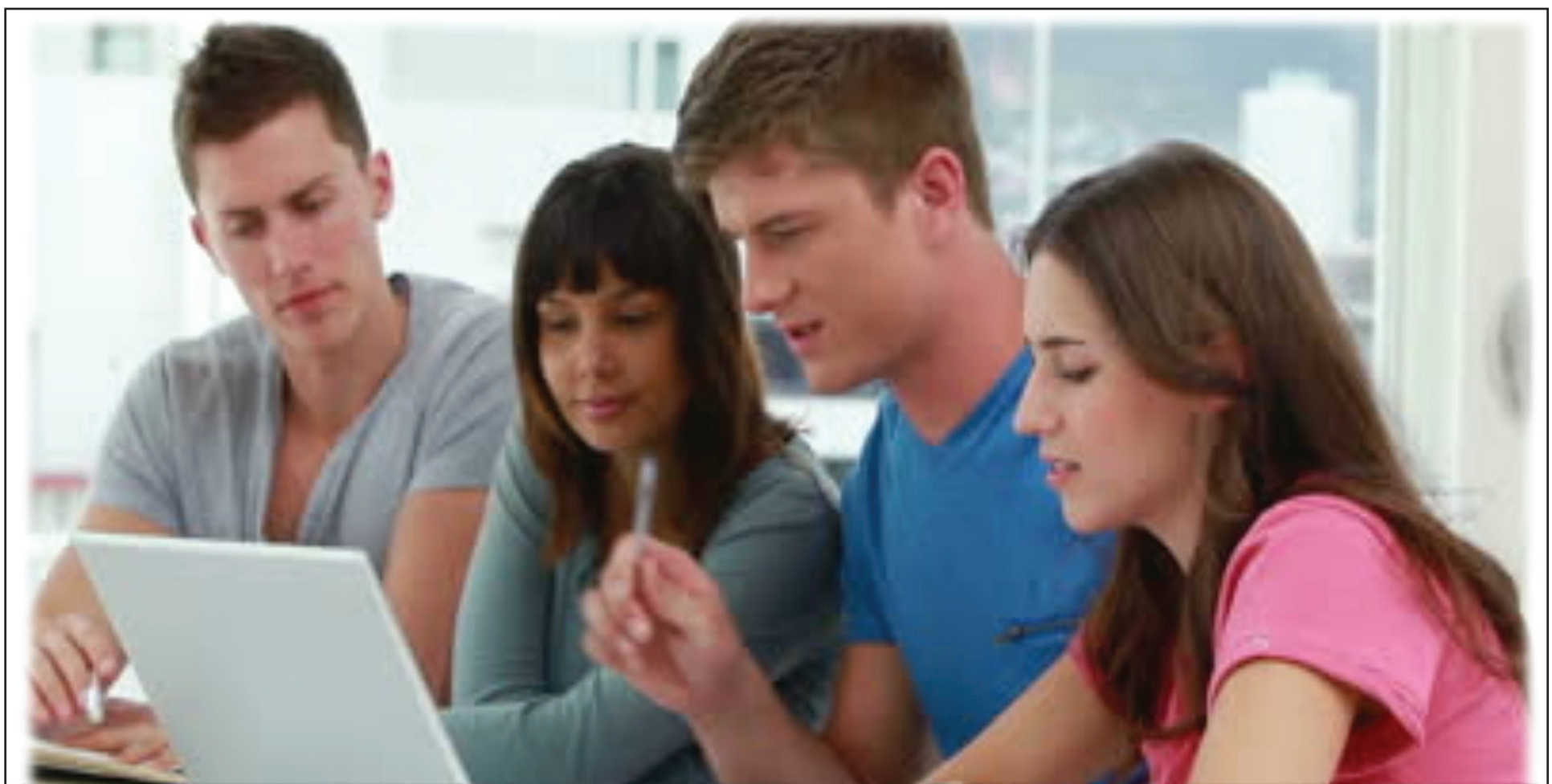

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Rifkin proposes spending cap on faculty searches

BY GRACE ELLETSON
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Provost Benjamin Rifkin proposed changes, including creating more college-wide consistency and lowering spending in the faculty candidate search process at his first faculty council meeting Sept. 1.

Rifkin proposed a $3,000 spending cap for the faculty candidate search process and stressed the need to rein in abuse of spending at dinners for faculty candidates, saying there have been instances in which faculty would take candidates out to dinner and rack up bills upward of $1,000.

"Without guidelines, faculty with very good intentions may not be aware," Rifkin said. Because of the frequent abuse of allowed expenditures, a revision was made to the search process procedures that allows a $200 dinner budget for candidate dinners.

Members of the council, including David Turkon, associate professor and chair of the Department of Anthropology, expressed their concern over the apparent lack of funds for candidate-related expenses. Diane Gayeski, dean of the Roy H. Park School of Communications, said there is currently no set cap. Turkon said a $3,000 cap would be miniscule in respect to international travel fees.

"People are very upset about this $3,000 cap," Turkon said, noting other faculty members in the School of Humanities and Sciences were concerned about "limiting" the search budget for new faculty.

Michael Trotti, professor and chair of the Department of History, was concerned that these budget limitations might give the impression that Ithaca College is "penny-pinching" on the important task of faculty searches.

Peter Rothbart, chair of the Faculty Council and professor in the Department of Music Theory, History and Composition, said spending money to bring in candidates was important for the success of the process.

"There should be enough money to bring in the candidates," he said. "I can't imagine we would turn down somebody because we ran out of money."

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> – Peter Rothbart

John Rosenthal, professor in the Department of Mathematics, said it would be very difficult to bring in international candidates on that budget since Rifkin had earlier in the meeting stressed that search committees should establish a diverse staff. The council collectively suggested that this would be impossible unless the amount per search increased. The council decided to further analyze if more money should be allocated to a search in a future meeting.

After the new search procedures had been discussed, Rifkin agreed to change the language of the procedures to better address the council's concerns. Some of the changes Rifkin laid out included changing expenses to focus on lodging and meals; ensuring that if two finalists are invited and one cancels, a second finalist does not need to come in if the first candidate is qualified; and ensuring all candidates received equitable treatment regarding the length of their visit to the area. The council passed the motion to revise the document by the end of the week.

The Faculty Council also voted unanimously to recommend and support the newly revised Intellectual Property Rights document. The old document left students, faculty and staff vulnerable to copyright and patent violations concerning student work done at the college, Rothbart said. Rothbart said the newly revised document will better protect students and faculty in regard to ownership issues and also provides an easily accessible FAQ concerning any copyright and patent violations. However, there was no student input incorporated into the newly revised version.

"I am comfortable that [the Intellectual Property Rights] document is truly protecting students' rights," Rothbart said.

Rifkin addressed other ideas to better the college community. He offered a proposal to create an assessment committee that would review college-wide programs like the Integrative Core Curriculum and the campus life sector to ensure campuswide success among students. Rifkin explained that the point of assessing these programs is so that student-success data can be collected and processed and then to address trends.

"The focus is to organize the assessment process," Rifkin said. "We need a couple years of evidence to demonstrate to outsiders our success."

Rifkin also proposed to create a committee to discuss equitable workload across campus for faculty. The intent of the committee is to ensure that every faculty member knows what's expected as an equal workload, which includes other duties such as serving on councils or working with students on independent studies.

Another discussion by Rifkin surrounded the lack of consistency between different schools regarding when students are to be put on probation or expelled. He wants to convene a committee to work on creating consistent college-wide policies and asked the council for suggestions.

Benjamin Rifkin, provost and vice president of educational affairs, proposed a spending cap at the Sept. 1 Faculty Council meeting.
AMANDA DEN HARTOG/THE ITHACAN

Developer bringing more student housing downtown

BY FAITH MECKLEY
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A developer is moving forward with plans to transform a one-story building at the corner of E. State Street and Aurora Street into a $40 million, 11-story, mixed-use residential building marketed toward students.

The developer, Campus Advantage, based in Austin, Texas, has plans to include 240 units capable of housing about 600 people. Founded in 2003, Campus Advantage became the nation's largest operator of privately owned residence halls in 2007. In addition to housing, the building would include restaurant and retail space. Rent will be between $900 and $1,400 per month per unit, according to the project's website.

The company is currently seeking approval from the City of Ithaca's Planning and Development Board, which has raised concerns about the size of the building. The zoning of the site was changed in 2013 to encourage density and development, raising the height allowed from 60 feet to 120 feet, or 12 stories.

At the June 23 Planning and Development Board meeting, board members called the project a "visual canyon," "inappropriate" and something "made for Broadway" rather than State Street. Board member John Schroeder said the project had "no consideration for urban fabric." Concerns were also raised that the building would cast a shadow over the street and the newly completed Commons.

Mark Darling, liaison between the Planning and Development Board and the Department of Public Works and the sustainability programs coordinator at Ithaca College, said the proposal has been adjusted and re-presented to the board three times since its first proposal in April. He said the developer has begun to address some of the concerns raised by redesigning the facade of the building to make it more appealing and by submitting a proposal to expand the pedestrian space around the building. However, the developer needs to go further, Darling said, to address the mass of the building so the street isn't cast in a constant shadow.

Scott Whitham of Whitham Planning and Design, the project consultant, said the company is in the process of addressing concerns about the mass of the building.

"As you come down State Street and Aurora Street, it's one of the gateway projects," Whitham said. "This project is so very visible and with such a dramatic change to that site, there's a lot of tension around the project."

The project also heard concerns from Ithaca residents because of the number of students it would bring into the downtown area.

Darling said he thinks residents who expressed concern over the influx of student residents have the wrong idea of what students do.

"They assume college is [a] big party," Darling said. "I say to them, 'You haven't been around students lately. You're thinking about what a dorm was in the '70s versus what a dorm is like now.'"

In response, the original proposal with 210 units was adjusted to 240 units, converting 10 four-bedroom units into 40 studio apartments to appeal to a more diverse set of residents.

"The mix of unit types has changed to address the concerns of the community that the project is poised to be a 'student dorm,'" Whitham said in a letter to Lisa Nicholas, senior planner in the Department of Planning and Economic Development. "This modified unit mix was made to accommodate a mix of people, including young professionals looking to live downtown."

Darling also said offering more student housing downtown would soften the market on South Hill and allow more houses to be open to families and college staff and faculty, and it would encourage houses to be better maintained than they are now by "nonexistent" landlords.

"That should allow South Hill to go back to single family homes rather than becoming a student ghetto," Darling said.

Despite concerns, Darling said he would like to see the project — which he thinks will attract more students from the college than Cornell University students — become a reality.

"It's going to increase density downtown," Darling said. "The Commons is going to come alive in the evening rather than shutting down."

Whitham said he expects to receive approval from the Planning and Development Board in the fall. The site plan review for the project, submitted by Michael Orsak, senior vice president of investments at Campus Advantage, states that the company plans to start construction in January 2016 and finish in August 2017.

If approved, the site of the State Street Triangle residential building, proposed by Campus Advantage, will be across the street from The Commons entrance on Aurora Street.
COURTESY OF THE CITY OF ITHACA

Caterpillars found in dining hall food

BY AIDAN QUIGLEY AND SOPHIE TULP
NEWS EDITOR AND CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Sophomore Mike DiResto was eating dinner at Terrace Dining Hall Aug. 31 when he identified something peculiar in his chicken.

DiResto was transferring chicken and peppers from the deli onto a plate with pasta when he spotted a bug in his food.

"Honestly, I didn't give a f---," he said. "In hindsight, it's kind of disappointing. Now my friends and I are examining our food before we eat it. It's a different mindset going into the dining hall. It's a less enjoyable experience."

His roommate, sophomore Max Kawakami, posted a picture of the bug laying on a table to the official Facebook group for the Class of 2018, and the image received over 135 likes and over 30 comments. Maya Patel, assistant professor of biology, examined the photo of the bug and identified it as a caterpillar.

Jeff Scott, area general manager for Sodexo, said Sodexo was aware of the claims and was investigating.

"Food quality is absolutely critical. We strive for it. We work for it," he said. "Sodexo and Ithaca College have been working very closely since these claims have been reported to us. Right now, we are in the investigatory process of these claims."

Scott is working with third-party inspectors and the supply chain to investigate the complaints.

Kawakami's picture came three days after junior Kayla VandeSande posted a picture of a caterpillar in her salad from Terrace Dining Hall onto Facebook, also on the Class of 2018 official group page.

These two caterpillars were found in Terrace Dining Hall food this week. The lower photo includes a Snapchat caption written by Kawakami.
COURTESY OF KAYLA VANDESANDE AND MAX KAWAKAMI

VandeSande was eating dinner with a friend who asked if she would take an artichoke from her salad. She picked up the artichoke, uncovering the caterpillar underneath.

"I was so grossed out when I first saw the caterpillar. I completely lost my appetite," VandeSande said. "[My friend] was completely grossed out as well because that piece she had put in her mouth was right on top of it, so she spit it out immediately."

After the incident, VandeSande said she was "even more grossed out" because if her friend hadn't picked up the extra artichoke piece, she would not have seen the caterpillar and probably would have eaten it.

"I was eating a salad that I made from the salad bar … and couldn't continue eating much more after that," VandeSande said. "I told the manager of Terraces, and she told me 'sometimes this happens' and took the bowl from me, and I'm assuming just threw it away without a second thought."

Other students have since reacted to VandeSande's post, ranging from humorous jokes to anger and disgust.

Patel examined the photos from both instances and said she was pretty sure both of the images were of caterpillars but different species.

"Most caterpillars are not harmful," she said. "They are not delicious, but they're not going to hurt you if you accidentally ingest one."

Patel said the caterpillars do not eat meat, so the caterpillar that was in DiResto's chicken likely did not hatch in the food but could have dropped from a tree or local produce.

Katherine Muma, an instructor in the Department of Biology, said she thinks both pictures featured caterpillars, but without an actual specimen, it was impossible to make a completely accurate identification.

"I don't think it indicates necessarily any issues with food safety or food handling safety," she said. "I would still eat there."

Patel said eating insects is more common than people think.

"You eat them all the time whether you know it or not," Patel said. "You're eating arthropod bits and pieces no matter what you eat. There are bugs in all your food."

Ana Borruto contributed reporting.

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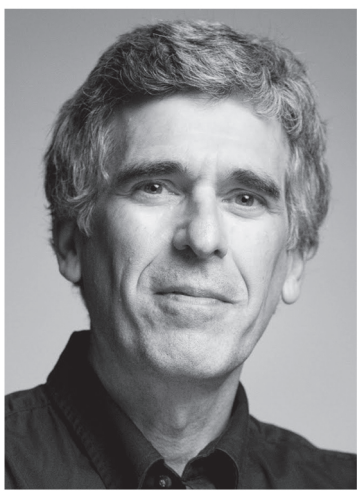

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Two days of events celebrate the official opening of The Commons

Svante Myrick, mayor of the City of Ithaca, cuts the ribbon at the opening ceremony of the newly finished Ithaca Commons Aug. 28. The reconstruction of The Commons began in April 2013 and experienced multiple delays. The ongoing construction significantly decreased consumer traffic, forcing several businesses, like The Potter's Room and Jabberwock head shop, to close or move. The final pricetag was $15 million, nearly $6 million over budget.
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College

IC on 'Healthiest Colleges' list

Greatist.com named Ithaca College to its top 25 list of the healthiest colleges. The list cited the college's fitness center, inexpensive personal training, the Natural Lands and proximity to natural spaces in upstate New York.

To choose colleges and universities for its list, Greatist.com evaluated student access to healthy foods, quality fitness facilities, and medical and mental health services. Greatist.com re-evaluated last year's winners and took new nominations from readers on social media. Then, each nominated institution had to fill out a questionnaire about dining services, fitness facilities and student health care.

Other colleges on the list include Lewis & Clark College, Rice University, University of Missouri and Whitman College.

Fringe Festival hit coming to IC

"The Essence: A Yiddish Theatre Dim Sum," an introduction to Yiddish theater, will show at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 9 in Dillingham Center.

"The Essence" was a hit at the New York International Fringe Festival, according to an announcement from the college. The show includes scenes and songs in English and Yiddish. The show is designed for people with no prior knowledge of Yiddish or Judaism.

The show will star Yelena Shmulenson from "Orange Is the New Black," Allen Lewis Rickman from "Boardwalk Empire" and Steve Sterner from New York City's Film Forum. The performance will be co-hosted by Annette Levine, associate professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures and Latin American studies coordinator, and Jennifer Herzog, lecturer in the Department of Theatre Arts.

Founded in 1996, FringeNYC takes place over the course of two weeks each year and is one of the largest theater arts events in North America.

LGBT film series kicks off at IC

In celebration of recent gay rights victories, Ithaca College will be hosting a film series called "Out of the Closet and Onto the Screen."

The series began with "Gay Pioneers" at 7 p.m. Sept. 1 in Textor 101. All future films in the series will be shown at the same time and place.

"Gay Pioneers" is the story of a small group of people who organized civil rights demonstrations at Philadelphia's Independence Hall in 1965, laying the foundation for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender civil rights movement.

The series will play "Edie and Thea: A Very Long Engagement" Oct. 6, "Out in the Night" Nov. 3 and "How to Survive a Plague" in observance of World AIDS Day on Dec. 1.

Student recognized for best poster at international meeting

Senior Erika Bucior won the Best Poster Presentation Award for her presentation on the physiological responses of plants to nutrient and drought stress. Bucior presented her poster in the physiological section of the 2015 Botanical Society of America Annual Meeting, held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Founded in 1893, the mission of the BSA is to promote botany, the study of the function, development, diversity, reproduction, evolution and uses of plants and their interactions within the biosphere, according to the society's website.

For her presentation, Bucior, an environmental studies major, compared the responses of plants exposed to different amounts of water and nutrients.

The poster was co-authored by Peter Melcher, chair of the Department of Biology.

Grant to help underrepresented students pursuing STEM fields

The New York State Department of Education has given Ithaca College a $600,000, five-year grant to help increase the number of students who are traditionally underrepresented in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The grant money will support the development and implementation of a program that will provide instructional support, tutoring, services to encourage involvement in research and internships, access to professional development opportunities, academic counseling, career planning and financial assistance. The overarching goals of the program are to recruit, retain and graduate eligible students who are pursuing professional careers in these fields.

Orlando-Marquez Kittrell, the state grants programs administrator in the State Grants Office, will be leading the program.

"This grant affords Ithaca College a critical opportunity to impact a ... national priority of increasing the number of historically underrepresented students and teachers who are proficient in STEM," Kittrell said in an announcement from the college.

Associate vice president takes position at Wells College

Associate vice president of the Office of Business and Finance, Robert Cree, will be resigning from his position at Ithaca College Sept. 18. Cree will become the chief financial officer at Wells College in Aurora, New York.

According to an announcement from the college, Cree began working at the college in 2001 as assistant director of Financial Services. He was later promoted to associate vice president of business and finance. Cree helped implement Parnassus, an online financial self-service for college employees, and led the college's strategic sourcing initiative.

"I am looking forward to joining the great staff and faculty at Wells College and the challenges ahead as their new chief financial officer," Cree said in the announcement. "At the same time, this decision is bittersweet for me as I leave the IC 'family' for this opportunity for professional growth. I have enjoyed my time at Ithaca College, working with a wonderful group of faculty and staff colleagues."

Gerald Hector, vice president for finance and administration, said Cree helped him transition into working at the college.

"Becoming a chief financial officer is a major career move, and based on his preparation and all that I know about him, he will do very well, and I wish him all the best in this new chapter in his career," Hector said.

IC launches Snapchat account

Adding to its social media repertoire, Ithaca College has launched a Snapchat account. According to an announcement from the college, the account will be entirely student run.

The students running the account are a part of a group called the #ICsocial Street Team, and they will plan Snap stories featuring glimpses of campus and student affairs.

According to the announcement, Snapchat is used by 77 percent of college students on a regular basis, making it the third most popular social media platform among adolescents in the U.S.

Vehicle catches fire near Solar apartments

A pickup truck was engulfed in flames Aug. 27 in a driveway at a private residence off of Route 96B. Ithaca College students living in the Solar townhouse apartments reported the fire. The fire started around 11:45 p.m., according to witnesses, and the Ithaca Fire Department extinguished the fire before 12:30 a.m.

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Public Safety Incident Log

SELECTED ENTRIES FROM AUGUST 18 TO AUGUST 23

AUGUST 18

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
LOCATION: U-Lot
SUMMARY: Caller reported two cars damaged in a motor vehicle accident. One vehicle backed into another. Report taken. Master Patrol Officer Brad Bates.

AUGUST 19

MEDICAL ASSIST
LOCATION: Higgins Stadium
SUMMARY: Caller reported person fainted and hit head. Person transported to hospital by ambulance. Master Patrol Officer Jon Elmore.

SAFETY HAZARD
LOCATION: Conservatory Drive
SUMMARY: Caller reported vehicle broke down and was leaking fluids on the ground. Officers cleaned the area. Fire Protection Specialist Enoch Perkins.

OFF-CAMPUS INCIDENT
LOCATION: All other
SUMMARY: Ithaca Police Department reported five people were arrested for various violations in the City of Ithaca. Master Security Officer Wendy Lewis.

MEDICAL ASSIST
LOCATION: Fitness Center
SUMMARY: Caller reported person jumped into pool and struck their head. Person declined medical assistance. Patrol Officer Waylon DeGraw.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE
LOCATION: Circle Apartments
SUMMARY: Caller reported providing personal information to unknown person possibly representing company. Officer determined person did in fact work for company. Case unfounded. Master Patrol Officer Chris Teribury.

OFF-CAMPUS INCIDENT
LOCATION: Unknown
SUMMARY: Caller reported possible sexual assault occurred between two known people off campus in December of 2014. Investigation pending. Master Patrol Officer Chris Teribury.

AUGUST 20

TRESPASS NO DEGREE
LOCATION: Fountain
SUMMARY: Caller reported people trespassing in the fountain. Three people referred judicially for trespass and two people referred judicially for responsibility of guests. Patrol Officer Waylon DeGraw.

MAKING GRAFFITI
LOCATION: Conservatory Drive
SUMMARY: Officer reported a vehicle was leaking anti-freeze. Area was cleaned. Fire Protection Specialist Enoch Perkins.

AUGUST 21

SAFETY HAZARD
LOCATION: J-lot
SUMMARY: Officer issued warning notice for bicycle chained to railing blocking access.

MEDICAL ASSIST
LOCATION: Dillingham
SUMMARY: Caller reported person dancing and injured ankle. Person said they aggravated pre-existing injury and declined medical assistance. Patrol Officer Waylon DeGraw.

AUGUST 22

CRIMINAL TAMPERING
LOCATION: J-Lot
SUMMARY: Caller reported unknown persons moved rocks on wall. Pending investigation. Master Patrol Officer Jon Elmore.

AUGUST 23

IRRESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL USE
LOCATION: West Tower
SUMMARY: Caller reported person intoxicated and vomiting. Person declined medical assistance with ambulance and was referred judicially for irresponsible use of alcohol. Master Patrol Officer Dan Austic.

UNLAWFUL ADVERTISEMENT
LOCATION: A-Lot
SUMMARY: Officer reported people posting fliers. Officer warned two people. Master Patrol Officer Bruce Holmstock.

MEDICAL ASSIST
LOCATION: Lower Quads
SUMMARY: Caller reported that a person fell on stairs. Person was not injured and declined medical assistance. Patrol Officer Steve Ward.

MEDICAL ASSIST
LOCATION: Campus Center Quad
SUMMARY: Caller reported person fell on stairs and injured ankle. Injured person declined medical assistance. Patrol Officer Waylon DeGraw.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON
LOCATION: J-lot
SUMMARY: Caller reported suspicious person asking for the location of another person. Officers determined person was in the area for legitimate reason. Incident unfounded. Master Patrol Officer Bob Jones.

MEDICAL ASSIST
LOCATION: Garden Apartments
SUMMARY: Caller reported a person sent text messages stating they were feeling anxiety and believed they were feeling depression. Officer determined person not to be a danger to self or others. Patrol Officer Waylon DeGraw.

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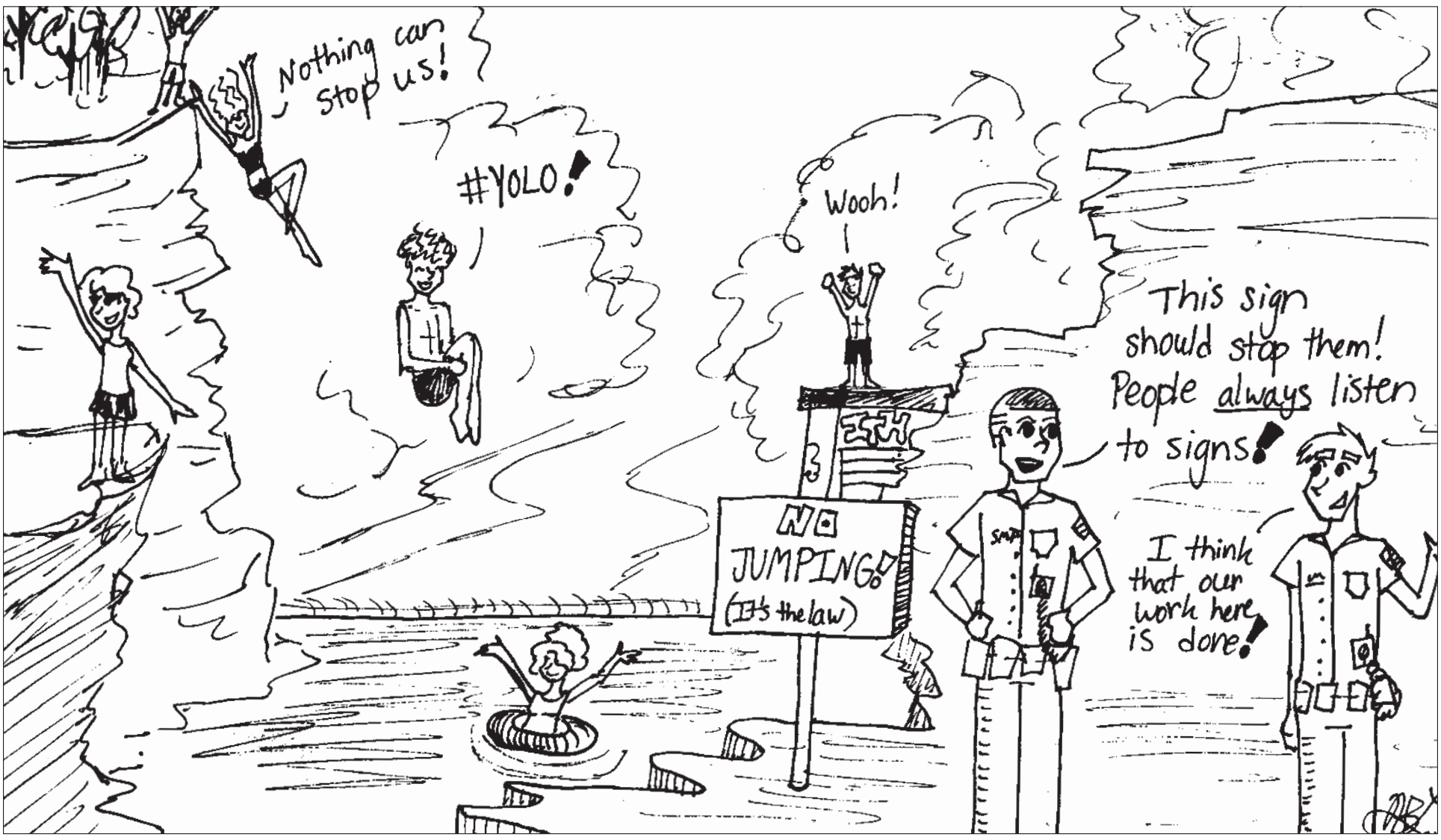

EDITORIALS

People should not risk their lives in the gorges

Gorge jumping is dangerous and needs to be prevented by community members and police officers

On July 26, a college-aged man jumped into the Second Dam gorge and died. Yet not even a month later, students were swimming and jumping into the very gorge that took a person's life and caused a number of costly injuries before that. Of course it's not guaranteed that gorge jumping will result in an injury or death, but this is not a risk that any community member or Tompkins County Sheriff's Department officer should be taking.

Too many people have lost their lives to the gorges of Ithaca, including many students. Swimming and gorge jumping may be thrilling activities for college students, but the problem with Ithaca's gorges is that there is no certainty about what may be in the water, such as logs or sharp debris at the dams. Additionally, there are no lifeguards or other emergency medical specialists readily available to help if needed. And even if there were, the lifesaver could be at risk of death or injury as well, as exemplified by the tragic death of Sergeant William J. Chapin, a former Office of Public Safety and Emergency Management officer who died while trying to rescue two students who fell into the gorge at Buttermilk Falls State Park in March of 1986.

However, it is not solely the responsibility of community members to not put themselves at risk by gorge jumping. The Sheriff's Department has a duty to the people in this town to keep them safe from any potential dangers that may exist. Though community leaders are investigating possible measures to ensure no one will ever be put at risk by the gorges again, such as removing Second Dam and draining the area of water, in the meantime, the police department should consider having a patrol officer near dangerous areas during the warm season when people are most commonly found at the gorges.

Ithaca's gorges may be beautiful, but their looks are deceiving. Community members and public officials alike need to take more responsibility to keep themselves and others safe from what has happened too often in the past.

Ithaca Commons project took too long to complete

The Commons project managers should have planned more efficiently to protect local businesses

A mass of students returned to Ithaca last month to the pleasant surprise of the nearly completed Commons. Last weekend's Commons Celebration Weekend formally welcomed the community to the free concerts, the local shops and restaurants, and the beautiful architecture and design that make downtown Ithaca special. However, while The Commons does look wonderful, its completion took far too long and hurt too many businesses in the process.

Nearly $6 million over budget, The Commons reconstruction project seems to have done more damage than good thus far. With the street smothered in debris and clogged by construction for a year longer than expected, the nearby shops and restaurants suffered tremendously. Because The Commons was so difficult to navigate, and in general just looked so unattractive, businesses lost customers, and many had to close or relocate, including The Potter's Room, Natalia's Boutique, Bloom in Ithaca, all of which closed, and Jabberwock head shop and The Art & Found clothing store, which were forced to change their location to somewhere off The Commons.

The construction delays have been blamed on unreasonable expectations for the project and how long it would take. But this reasoning does little to settle the storm that fell upon locals trying to run small businesses. The project managers should have taken more consideration for these small businesses when estimating the length of the reconstruction process and its efficiency.

Despite the painful wait, though, the new Commons is garnering the visits of many community members and tourists alike, especially since it opened right when students were coming back to school and families were in town. The Commons has a lot to make up for since its reconstruction began, so city planners and event managers should do whatever they can to reel in as many people to the street as possible to allow the businesses that suffered to thrive once again.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Professor remembers Alison Parker's life and spirit

It was the fall of 2012, and I was sitting on my couch holding my 3-month-old baby daughter. I was having a conversation with my wife about this amazing student I had in my Broadcast News class. I had taught her previously and always gushed about her.

It was her senior year, and her drive and passion for journalism (and life) was refreshing and heartening. During the conversation I told my wife in the simplest terms possible how I felt about this student. "If our daughter can grow into the type of person that Alison Parker is, we'll have done our job as parents."

PARKHURST

When I became a father, I realized that my hopes and dreams were now intrinsically tied to my daughter's hopes and dreams. I live for her now, with my dream becoming her succeeding in her dreams. Similarly, a professor's lot in life is much the same. My hopes and dreams in my job are wrapped up in the hopes and dreams of my students. If they succeed, I feel as if I in some small way have succeeded as well.

So it was with Alison. From the first moment she bounded into my office, Alison made an impression. Her blond hair and quick smile could fool you into believing she wasn't anything more than that. Then she spoke, and you realized that this woman was rare. She was smart and able to set you at ease in an instant. Broadcast journalists should be great communicators. Not all are. Alison was a natural.

Alison didn't look at people as reporter/interviewee or professor/student. If she liked you (and she rarely didn't like people) she looked at you as a friend. She had this easy and approachable manner that was always a hallmark of our relationship.

I found myself almost naturally talking to her about my personal life and my affection for my wife and my daughter. Likewise, she would share personal moments from her life. All great communicators and all great reporters realize that making a connection to the person with whom you're speaking is the most important way to get good information. Alison was a natural reporter.

Alison Parker, late news reporter for WDBJ news, died on-air in a shooting Aug. 26 in Moneta, Virginia. She studied at James Madison University for three years under Parkhurst.

COURTESY OF RYAN PARKHURST

The chats with Alison are what I'll miss the most. Our relationship started as student/professor and ended as friends. I relished hearing from her about her stories from the field and idle newsroom gossip. It was this easy relationship throughout her career at James Madison University that quickly turned her into my favorite student.

It was her hard work and tenacious attitude that made her my best student. Behind that smile and bright eyes was a ferocious competitor. As a journalist, competition for interviews, for ratings, for the best stories is what we thrive on. Alison was no different. The problem for the people who competed with her is that they could never beat her.

Another former student of mine shared this anecdote about Alison in the days after the horrific shooting that took her life much too young. "Remember when we were in the Broadcast News class and Alison tried to do a story on the elusive guy who bikes around JMU? She couldn't find ANY trace of him, changed her story last minute, and it was still a better piece than anyone in the class." That was Alison. She was the bar that everyone tried to reach. No one could.

Hopes and dreams. That's what I keep coming back to as I reflect on Alison's life. She had network television in her sights, and there is no doubt she would have achieved it. She never rested on her laurels and continually fought to be better than she was the day before. What could she have been in 10 years? In 20?

As a professor, my hopes and dreams were wrapped up in Alison's. We kept in touch after she graduated, and I kept tabs on all she did. I was excited for the day when I could text her and ask what the President was really like, in that exclusive interview she did as the lead anchor for ABC News. Unfortunately, that day will never come. We've been robbed of a tremendous journalist that would have made a difference in the world. I've been robbed of a friend.

I will still use Alison as an example in class. She was too good not to. Students need to have a bar set for them. Alison will always be that bar.

My hopes and dreams for Alison now shift to my daughters. When the time is right, I'll show my daughters video clips of Alison and explain to them what an amazing person and amazing role model she was.

If I'm lucky, I can instill those traits that made Alison such a unique and wonderful person into my two daughters. If some of Alison and the things that she taught me about being a better person can be passed onto my daughters, then maybe in some small way, Alison will live on. That's how I will honor her. That's how I will hold her memory close. If I can do that, I'll know I'll have done my job as a parent.

> "If our daughter can grow into the type of person that Alison Parker is, we'll have done our job as parents."
>
> – Ryan Parkhurst

RYAN PARKHURST is an assistant professor of journalism at James Madison University. He taught and advised Alison Parker for the three years she was enrolled at JMU. From 2004–2009, Parkhurst was an assistant professor of journalism at Ithaca College.

Belief in voter fraud leads to discrimination in voting rights

Claims over the widespread existence and influence of in-person voter fraud continue to fuel much debate throughout the country, causing shifts in both the political and legal undercurrents. Grand Old Party lawmakers in states like Colorado, Florida, Arizona, Iowa, Nevada and Texas, among others, claim in-person voter fraud is alive and well and have gone to great mediated lengths to saturate the headlines with this dubious message. Intrigued by the timing of these laws, especially against the grander backdrop and growth of majority-minority cities, I, along with co-author and political scientist Michael Clemons, were in agreement that there is more here than meets the eye. To further solidify our thoughts, once the video footage of Pennsylvania Republican Rep. Mike Turzai was released, showing him say, "voter ID, which is going to allow Gov. Romney to win the state of Pennsylvania, done," we knew we had to act.

With 32 states now requiring some form of voter identification, our book, "Voting Rights under Fire: The Continual Struggle for People of Color," articulates the curiosity and ultimately the findings of multiple legal and political inquiries that sought to go beyond the press releases, the television interviews and the campaign speeches. Chief among the goals of this book is to highlight not only the past and present underpinning racial dimensions involved throughout the political legacy of voting rights, but more importantly, to illustrate how such past actions continue to guide current controversies pertaining to African-American and Latino voting rights in a retrogressive manner.

As the once "solid south" finds itself on the verge of becoming purple, political dynasties now find their influence in danger. We were quite surprised, upon reviewing court documents, to discover the flimsy nature of evidence that some courts allowed and accepted as fact. In one case, Applewhite v. the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a lower court judge noted the "alarm, concern and anxiety" expressed by one state government official, and as a result — and without actual evidence to rejoin the plaintiff's claim of retrogression — sided with the defendant. Another example is, of course, the infinitesimal statistical findings of actual in-person voter fraud. Of the 197 million votes cast for federal candidates between 2002 and 2005, only 40 voters were indicted for voter fraud, according to a Department of Justice study outlined during a 2006 Congressional hearing. Only 26 of those cases, or about 0.00000013 percent of the votes cast, resulted in convictions or guilty pleas. In a 2013 report of Colorado's 3.5 million votes cast during the 2012 election, fraud findings equated to far less than 0.001 percent of Colorado voters. In a 2015 interview on ABC's "This Week," New Jersey Democratic Sen. Cory Booker, in reference to in-person voter fraud in Texas, argued that lightning strikes are more common in the Lone Star state than actual in-person voter fraud. When taken to task over the comment, the 10-time Pulitzer Prize–winning newspaper and fact-checking extraordinaire, the Tampa Bay Times, rated this comment "true." The determined calculation in Texas turned out to be four cases of fraud for the 72 million votes cast since 2002, equating to a 1 in 18 million chance of fraud.

Donathan Brown, assistant professor in the Department of Communication Studies, recently co-authored a book titled "Voting Rights under Fire," in which he discusses the many debates surrounding the right to vote.

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Following exhaustive legal research, obtaining and analyzing state level data sets, reviewing past Congressional hearings, records and court decisions, along with current political trends and debates, we are extremely confident saying widespread voter fraud is a myth and indeed retrogressive. The simple truth is that enacting harsh voter identification laws for the sake of "securing" the ballot box remains to be a solution to a nonexistent problem.

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LOCAL NEWSMAKERS

New provost discusses goals for the year

Benjamin Rifkin assumed the duties of Ithaca College provost and vice president of educational affairs June 1. Editor-in-Chief Kira Maddox spoke with Rifkin to expand on points he made during his on-campus interview in December, notably about his plans for increasing collaboration at the college, the role of student voices in strategic planning and a number of other ideas set forth in December.

Benjamin Rifkin, provost and vice president of educational affairs, was selected for his position in January 2015. He said he hopes to increase collaboration at Ithaca College.
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Kira Maddox: One of the things you had mentioned was increasing collaboration among the college community. Is there anything in particular that you would want to see happen?

Benjamin Rifkin: I have worked with the deans and the leaders in the student affairs and campus life area to identify five exemplary projects that … represent an integration of academic and co-curricular activities. … We will, by the end of this year, have an explicitly articulated set of learning outcomes and preliminary data measuring learning outcome achievement to be able to talk about the value and success of these projects on our campus.

KM: Are you allowed to say what the projects are yet, or is that still in the works?

BR: The first project is on strength and conditioning that's going to involve a class in [the School of Health Sciences and Human Performance] and the athletics division, and something environmental studies … involving the organic garden and Residential Life. Music, gerontology, and recreation and leisure studies will look at music as medicine. … There's going to be a project on advanced event management. … Then we have a volunteer income tax program that's going to come out of the School of Business.

KM: The next portion is the learning beyond the classroom area with things like internships and study abroad. Do you have any plans or ideas for those areas?

BR: The learning beyond the classroom is also called … high-impact practices and … transformative learning experiences. … They are study away … internships … [and] undergraduate research. … We also have what I consider to be mentored-inquiry research in the areas of say business or communications where the project that's being constructed with the students is not necessarily traditional research for discovery, but it is professional activity, and it is creating something new. … We also have the area of music, theater and the other arts where the expression that is created by the student, or the group of students, is a creative work under the guidance of the faculty mentor …

The next category is … service learning … The final thing is what I call experiential learning … It's being in the field and out of the classroom … It removes the dry, dusty layer from the learning experience and makes things come alive for students.

KM: The other thing you had mentioned was the idea of strategic changes. Could you explain a little bit about what that involves?

BR: If there's a change that we can address that's going to have a large impact on students and make this place … better for all of our students, then that's a change I need to pursue. … Another strategic change is thinking about how we incentivize faculty to do innovative things in their teaching. … By connecting the various disciplines that people study with human beings, we turn a dusty discipline into a significant learning experience. … Our physical therapy students are already out in clinical placements, our journalists are out working for *The Ithacan* and working on WICB and writing in blogs. … But there are disciplines on campus where that is less immediate … I'm hoping that can be a strategic visioning process for us through the Center for Faculty Excellence and through the departments.

KM: I know when you were on campus there was a protest of students going on, and you had spoken briefly but positively about their actions. Where do you think student input and student voices go as far as strategic changes?

BR: It's critically important. … Ithaca College is a complex organization whose primary mission is to educate students, but we don't receive our students as 5-year-olds. You come to us as adults with a world of experience … and we must always — I believe, I do personally — we must as a community value that experience and engage with it, as we are considering change in one or another aspect of our organization, turning to the major stakeholders, which are — to put on the record — not only Faculty and Staff Council, but also Student Government.

Sophomore attends women leaders conference

Six Ithaca College students participated in the 2015 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders on May 27–30 in College Park, Maryland. They were sophomores Emily Campagna, Yena Seo, Elena Haskins, Sage VanAmerongen, junior Felicya Schwarzman and senior Caitlin Wormsley. The students were able to learn about women's leadership issues from a number of speakers, like well-known activists, politicians, journalists, entrepreneurs and scientists. The six women were among 1,000 students selected to attend the conference from colleges and universities across the United States and two other countries.

At the conference, Campagna represented the college at the national Elect Her workshop, a program intended to encourage young women to run for public office on campus and in the community. Opinion Editor Natalie Shanklin spoke with Campagna to discuss what being a female leader means to her.

Natalie Shanklin: Why did you decide to participate in Elect Her and the NCCWSL conference?

Emily Campagna: I originally went to Elect Her on campus to fulfill [Student Leadership Institute] credits for my Leadership Scholarship, but I didn't realize what would be entailed with that. So I went, and they taught us how to hold leadership positions and be confident with who you are in that position, and they basically told us that women actually can hold leadership positions. … [Then when I went to the NCCWSL conference] I didn't know what to expect … we went to one interview [workshop] where they taught us how to approach an interview. … Then we went to different stations on how to network and stuff like that, so I learned a lot of different life skills within that category.

NS: What were some of the most important things you learned at these events?

EC: Be confident with who you are, and don't be afraid to talk to people because you never know what exactly you might learn or who you might meet. … I want to be a physical therapist for the Olympics, so I talked to someone who managed Nike, so that was really cool to have those affiliations with the Olympics, so you never know who you might meet or who they might know and what opportunities you can discover as a result of that.

NS: What female leaders inspire you?

EC: This is random, but Sandra Bullock. I think she's a really powerful woman in the movie industry and in society in general. … And then I've always looked up to Rosa Parks in grade school just because she had the courage and the capacity to stand up for the civil rights movement.

NS: What challenges do you feel women face in becoming leaders that men do not necessarily face?

EC: I think women are doubted just based on history and how women have been seen as a lesser force in the workforce. … I think it's hard for men to accept that women are just as good, if not better at their jobs.

NS: What do you hope to do with what you've learned as a female on a college campus?

EC: I definitely want to attend Elect Her again and share what I learned there, but also, just get involved with maybe a public speaking club or hold more positions myself to express different things that I learned. Also, I think that starting a networking club because that's a very powerful skill that can make or break you.

Six Ithaca College students attended a national college women leaders conference in May 2015.
COURTESY OF EMILY CAMPAGNA

NS: What feminist issues do you care most about?

EC: Definitely women's rights in the workforce. I know they're not set in stone, but some companies would hire a man over a woman, so equality in the workforce is definitely one of the bigger topics that I'm passionate about.

MIND MATTERS

AMELIA ERIKSON

Neuroscientist dies of cancer

Earlier this year, Oliver Sacks, one of the most influential people in neuroscience, announced his terminal prognosis to the world: melanoma that had originated in his eye spread to his liver and was metastasizing quickly throughout his body. The article was a beautiful homage to his life, and he expressed his gratitude for the time he was able to spend thinking, writing, reading and living. He did not deny fear, but in the end welcomed the final months of his life. This past Sunday, Aug. 30, he died at the age of 82.

Sacks was a doctor who came to fame through his best-selling books. A strong grasp on the brain allowed him to write scientifically for the public. Using narrative, case study examples and stories from his own life, he brought many neurological disorders to life. He was able to mesmerize readers while he demystified some of the brain's rarest disorders.

His fame continued to grow as his books became films. This was the case with "Awakenings," a story about Sacks' time working with encephalitis patients. The film adaptation starred Robin Williams. Sacks' writing was made into other films — one of his most famous books, "The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat," was even made into an opera.

Sacks is responsible for uncovering the science behind many neurological phenomena and inspired many others to continue researching. The mind is still widely unexplained, but Sacks has fueled the exploration of one of the world's final frontiers. What I find to be most influential about Sacks, though, is his influence on the general public. He was able to make neuroscience accessible.

There is only so much an average person can learn about the brain by reading research articles and what they can dig up on the Internet. Neuroscience is complicated, and the terminology and science behind it is not easy to decode. Sacks, though, made it so that nonscientists could gain an understanding.

Sometimes, I feel discouraged and small and like nothing I do will have an impact. In those moments, I reread my beat-up copy of "Hallucinations" by Sacks to remind myself of the amazing things occurring in my body. Each of us has a brain full of millions of neurons, each one firing and each with a purpose. It gives us power. He will be missed, but his legacy will be held in the millions he will help with his writing.

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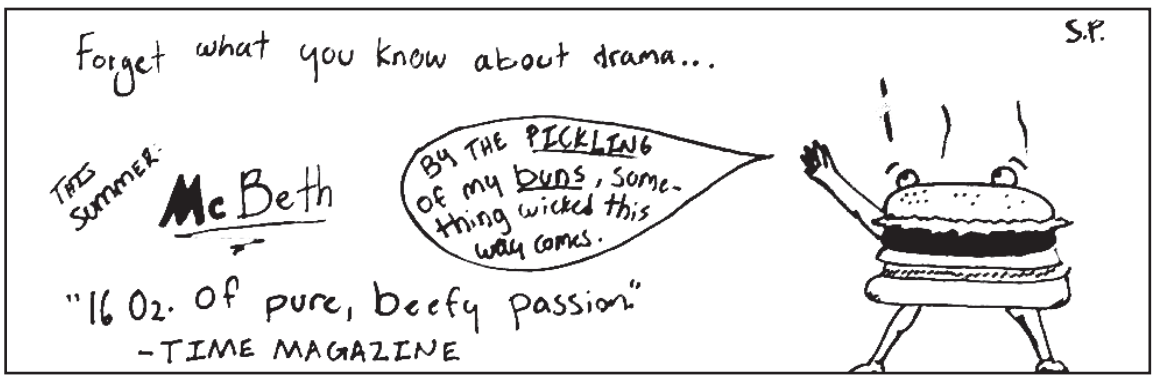

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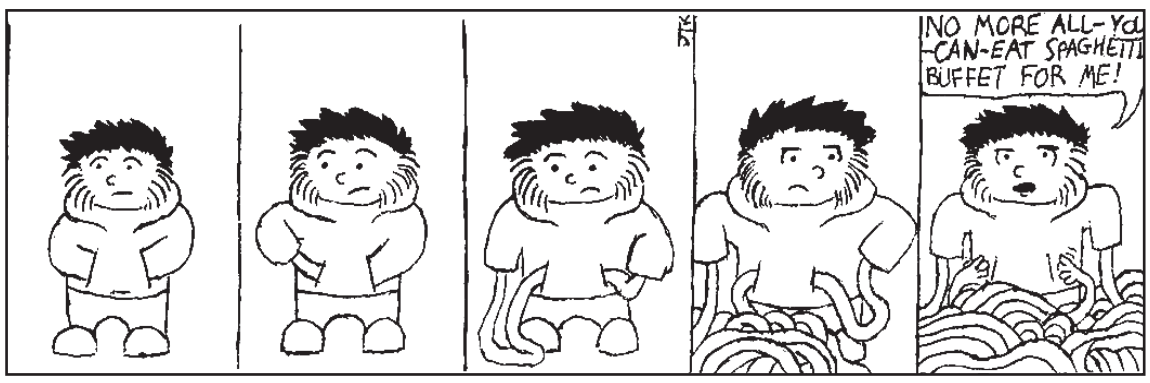

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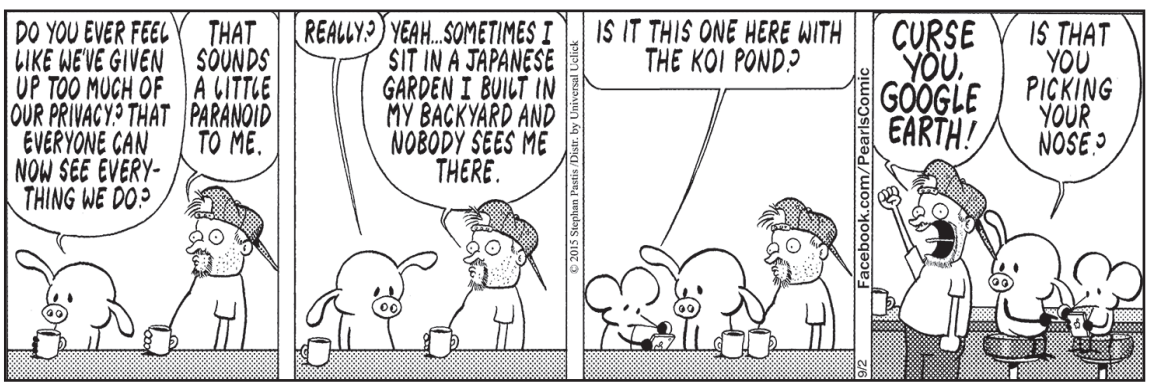

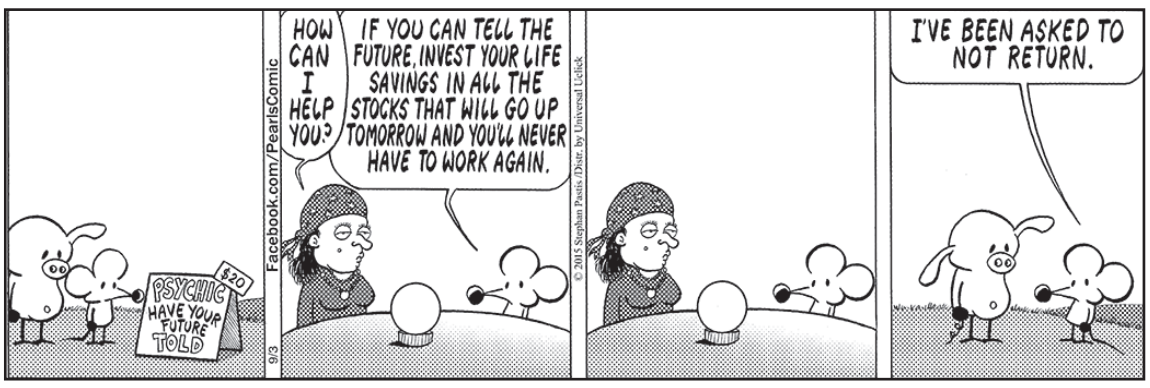

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answers to last week's sudoku

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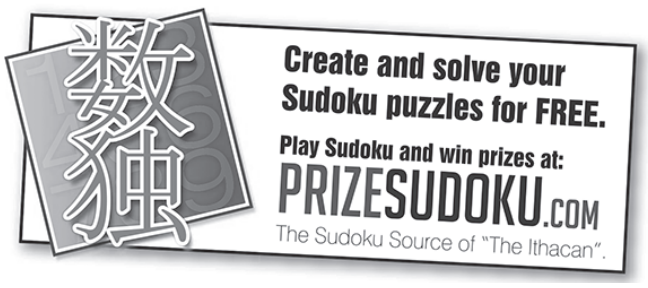

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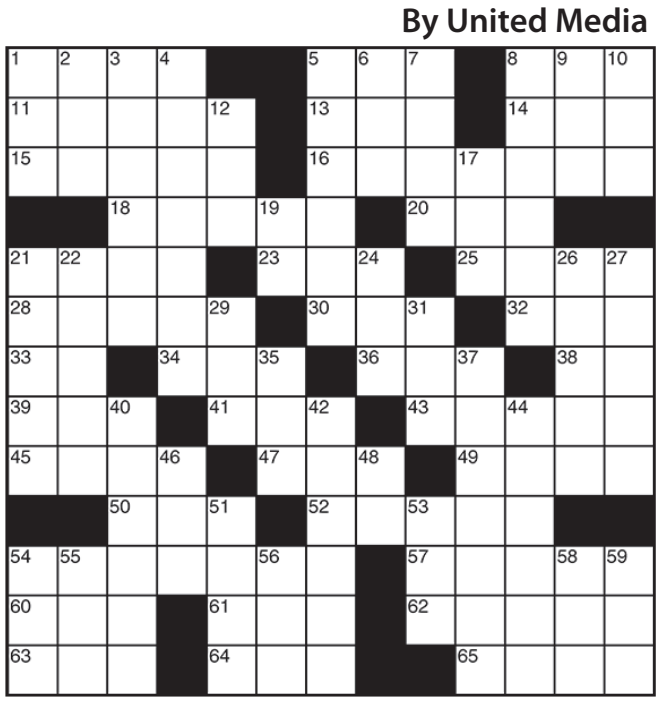

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21 Power unit
23 Mi. above sea level
25 There's no – thing!
28 Touche provokers
30 Parapsychology topic
32 Before, to bards
33 Ozarks st.
34 Trigger's rider
36 Dawber or Shriver
38 Ouch!
39 Decay
41 Rose patch
43 White-water craft
45 Ginger cookie
47 Photo or film
49 Good-natured
50 Chat
52 Big blows
54 Mate for Shere Khan
57 Cleared the dishes
60 Umbrage
61 Pierre's monarch
62 Galaxy locale
63 Two-timer
64 Thug's piece
65 Social climber

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3 Catch fire
4 Break
5 Sporty sock
6 Mongkut portrayer
7 Third-quarter tide
8 In-group
9 Ms. Arthur
10 Maglie or Mineo
12 Pedro's aunt
17 LP successors
19 Refrain syllable
21 Deteriorates
22 Chef's attire
24 Recipe meas.
26 Sing like Bing
27 Chopped down
29 Show distress
31 Felt boot
35 Nope opposite
37 Second-chance exams
40 Put out a runner
42 Eats hearty (2 wds.)
44 Honda rival
46 Average
48 Gold Rush st.
51 Shipping hazard
53 Flour sack abbr.
54 Twitch
55 A Gershwin
56 –'wester
58 Environmental prefix
59 Party girl

last week's crossword answers

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PROTEST, from page 1

arrest of Sandra Bland, a woman who was found dead in jail after she was arrested for allegedly assaulting an officer during a July 10 traffic stop and not using a turn signal, when he said, "Everytime someone doesn't turn on a turn signal, I pull them over."

Singh said he then brought up to the officer that students of color at the college had video and audio recordings of aggressive Public Safety officers.

"'You saying that things like that don't occur on this campus are blatant white privilege and ignorance,'" Singh said he told O'Pray. "There's a disconnect between campus and students of color on campus, and until we address that, we won't be able to move forward."

Singh said O'Pray responded "very aggressively" and said he himself got aggressive as well.

Singh was then pulled out by Megan Williams, West Tower residence director.

At the same time during the active shooter response session, Bunatal was sitting in the other session about drugs and weapons on campus.

Bunatal said initially the "cocky" demeanor of Patrol Officer Jon Elmore made her upset.

Bunatal said Elmore's comments about shooting someone for having a BB gun made her angry. Specifically, she related it to the police's killing of Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old boy who was shot while carrying a black BB gun in November 2014.

"Even if we don't want to know what is going on with Black Lives Matter or the movement or just with police killings of black bodies, you still shouldn't say something like that," she said.

Bunatal said as the session neared its end, she and fellow RA Yaw Aidoo walked out.

Singh filed a formal complaint against O'Pray, which is currently being investigated by the Office of Human Resources. However, O'Pray is not on leave. No formal complaint has been filed against Elmore.

Comments at the training sessions had a triggering effect due to the experiences of Bunatal, Aidoo and Singh with Public Safety. Their experiences, coupled with the stories from students they have heard, made the Public Safety officers' unwillingness to recognize racial profiling on campus particularly jarring for them.

Singh said the relationship btween Public Safety and students of color is often adversarial.

Bunatal said speaking with Public Safety worries her.

"When I see Public Safety — when I interact with officers — I get apprehensive," Bunatal said. "I get very nervous. Yes, it's protocol to call Public Safety, but I have to think twice about it."

Part of this apprehension is caused by an experience Bunatal had in February.

FEBRUARY INCIDENT

On Feb. 2, one of Bunatal's residents informed her of being racially slurred in an elevator.

Bunatal said her resident, a black woman, was in the East Tower elevator when three white, male students walked in.

The male students were using the N-word in their conversation, which made the resident uncomfortable.

As she left the elevator, she said, "Stupid white boys."

One of them responded, "Fucking black bitch."

Bunatal called the RA of the floor on which the men lived and said the RA quickly got a confession from one of his residents.

The female resident told Bunatal she was uncomfortable with calling Public Safety herself. Bunatal then enlisted the support of Singh and Aidoo to help with talking to Public Safety about the incident.

When Patrol Officer Eric Willman arrived, he told the resident and the three RAs that no action could be taken without also implicating the female resident as well.

An audio recording of the conversation provided by Bunatal includes a man identified as Willman saying that because the men's use of the N-word wasn't directed toward her, the resident couldn't respond without also risking being judicially referred.

Aidoo said the officer was equating the comments made by the female resident to the use of racial and sexist slurs made by the male students.

Bunatal said the incident was an example of Public Safety officers not being prepared to handle racial incidents.

PUBLIC SAFETY'S RESPONSE

Stewart said Public Safety officers receive ongoing diversity training as part of the college's nondiscrimination policy.

From left, sophomore Chantel Ikotidem, sophomore Cathy Tran and junior Deanna Payne stand with signs. RAs are asking to meet and speak directly with two officers who made comments they found offensive.

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"I'll reference our recent training, which is, we exercise fair and impartial policing, and that's where we train," she said. "Everyone holds bias. Our job is to provide training for our officers to be able to, one, be aware or acknowledge and, two, take action and be motivated to counteract ... explicit and implicit bias."

O'Pray's and Elmore's comments caused Stewart to plan the Aug. 25 meeting between Public Safety and RAs. Stewart wasn't present for the comments made by the officers, so the meeting was in part to hear the details from the RAs.

"In short, we were trying to figure out what happened," Stewart said. "It was very clear to us that there was an exchange or exchanges between public-safety trainers and our residential aids that left our students feeling invalidated and unsupported."

Sophomore RA Anissa Ash said the meeting was supposed to address the initial conflicts between Singh and O'Pray, as well as Elmore's comments, but the meeting did little to that effect.

"Not once in that meeting did we discuss race, did we discuss what happened between Taranjit and Officer O'Pray, and Officer O'Pray himself wasn't present," Ash said.

Stewart said at the forum, Public Safety tried to share information about themselves, including their training, but it did not go well.

"I don't think the students were at a place where they were ready to hear that at the time, but I do think there is a place for education," she said. Right now we're working on the situation we have at hand, but it's really clear to me there's an opportunity to provide education and awareness around who we are and what we do."

Bunatal said the meeting "skirted around the issue" and called it a "white-washed event."

Toward the end of the forum, Bunatal decided to speak up after stepping outside of the meeting with Singh.

"I don't talk from my ass. I'm talking from actual experiences that I've had on this campus," Bunatal said. "Some of you have the audacity to say you feel comfortable calling Public Safety or that we should put ourselves in the position of Public Safety officers, when I don't."

Stewart said the event was a failure.

"It further left our students feeling like they had questions that needed to be addressed," Stewart said. "I accept responsibility for part of that, for people still leaving ... It was a failed attempt."

Following that came an apology from Stewart; Rory Rothman, associate provost for student life; and Roger Richardson, associate provost for diversity, inclusion and engagement, at each of the first-year RA building staff meetings.

"The purpose was that to acknowledge and to apologize for the series of events, including that Tuesday night forum," Stewart said. "And to really reassure students that we are committed to resolving this and moving forward."

Ash said she felt the apology was canned.

"It felt more like another quick fix instead of addressing the issue," Ash said.

The RAs then began to plan their protest.

Also in attendance at the meeting was Benjamin Rifkin, provost and vice president for educational affairs, who provided *The Ithacan* with a statement regarding the RAs Sept. 1.

"In the past year there has been increased attention given to centuries-old patterns of violence against people of color in our country," he said in the statement. "Recent events on our campus focus our concerns on disrespect here at Ithaca College: much to my dismay, at a recent meeting of Resident Assistants, I heard from a number of people of color that they do not feel safe on our campus. I affirm the college's expectation that all members of our community, especially our Public Safety officers, are to treat others with respect and compassion."

SEPT. 2 PROTEST

As the RAs held their signs in silence, staff members from Residential Life and Public Safety filed into the Emerson Suites. A couple of the staff members slowly walked through the tunnel the RAs formed, reading each sign. Most quickly walked by and into the closed meeting.

"They power-walked by," Singh said. "All the campus police officers, Provost Rifkin, Terri Stewart, especially, power-walked straight through, uncomfortable as fuck."

As the meeting's scheduled start time approached, the protesters gathered and walked inside the meeting room as a group.

The protesters stood on the periphery of the room, surrounding staff members from Residential Life and Public Safety who were sitting at a set of round tables. Among those sitting were Rifkin, Stewart, Prunty and a handful of Public Safety officers.

A Residential Life employee then closed the doors to the meeting. No reporters or photographers were allowed inside.

Behind the closed doors, Singh said, the protesters stood in silence looking on.

Singh said Richardson broke the silence and began addressing the protestors.

RA Ava Bryan said Richardson said protesting was outside the "classroom experience" that was planned for the meeting.

Singh said he thought Richardson shifted the accountability onto the RAs and away from Public Safety officers.

Bryan said the RAs' needs haven't been addressed in their meetings with Public Safety.

"All we really have done is asked for our experiences to be validated, and that still has not happened," she said.

None of the RAs who surrounded the room in silence with their signs were talked to or addressed by any of the staff members who were sitting.

Bryan said the meeting was over for her when Stewart walked past without looking at the protesters.

At 7:26 p.m., the protesting RAs walked out of the meeting after Richardson announced that small-group discussions were going to begin.

"At that point, I realized this was another bullshit thing that they were doing," Singh said. "I won't have time to say the same thing over and over and over again. ... To tell you the same solutions over and over and over again. And for you to do the same thing like it's a call to progress, but it's not. How many times do we have to tell you the same exact thing?"

Terri Stewart, director of Public Safety, walks past protesters. She said Public Safety officers participate in ongoing diversity training.

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LAWRENCE

Ithaca College student recounts confrontation with Public Safety officers

It's a late evening during May, a chillier-than-usual summer evening. Lawrence keeps his hands in the pockets of his shorts to stay warm.

Lawrence is tall, 6 feet 2 inches pushing 6 feet 3 inches, and weighs more than 180 pounds.

He has a scruffy goatee that hides his otherwise boyish face.

He is also black. He was born in Ghana but now lives in the Bronx and is a permanent resident of the U.S.

Lawrence is a sophomore at the college, staying in The Circle Apartments with his friend while he looks for employment in Ithaca for the summer.

At about 9 p.m., he orders Chinese food from Apollo Chinese Restaurant. The friend he was living with warns Lawrence that the restaurant's drivers often attempted to force students to tip drivers.

Lawrence, wearing basketball shorts, a tank top and walking barefoot, answers the door to retrieve his food from the delivery man.

He opens the door and the delivery man holds up the receipt for Lawrence to sign, which he quickly does. While Lawrence reaches for his food, the delivery man quickly points to the receipt and says, "Tip, tip, tip."

Lawrence then tells the delivery driver he's not going to tip him and that tips are optional. The delivery driver insists that Lawrence tip him, holding the food out of Lawrence's reach.

The delivery man continues to argue with Lawrence about the tip, so Lawrence's friend comes to the door too.

At that point, Lawrence snatches the food from the driver. Lawrence's friend also starts arguing with the driver, saying the restaurant often harasses students for tips.

Lawrence leaves his entryway to place the Chinese food on his kitchen table. Lawrence's friend and the delivery man continue to argue outside. The friend and the driver are near the driver's car when Lawrence said the driver claimed his friend struck the delivery car with his hand multiple times.

Paul, the driver, told *The Ithacan* Lawrence and his friend got aggressive.

"I worried that those guys attack me," Paul said.

Paul said he feared for his life.

Lawrence denies his friend ever hit the car.

The driver then proceeds to call 9-1-1.

As the delivery man calls, Lawrence's friend tells him he is going inside and Lawrence should come with him. Lawrence decides to stay outside and wait for the officers.

"I just want to tell these guys this is actually what's happening," Lawrence said. "The reason why this guy is here right now is not because of my friend. The reason this guy is here is because I did not tip him … I was going to tell them actually what's happening. Frankly, at the beginning, I thought it was kind of funny."

Two of the college's Public Safety officers, Steve Rounds and Eric Willman, who has since taken another job, arrive on the scene shortly after the call is made, which Lawrence estimates was at about 11 p.m.

Lawrence is standing on the sidewalk, hands in his pockets, a couple of yards to the right of the staircase that leads up to the apartment, Circle 211-01, where he was staying. The delivery man is standing near his car parked just a few yards away.

As they arrive, Rounds begins heading toward the apartment as Willman heads toward the delivery man.

Rounds walks past Lawrence, ignoring him, and begins climbing the small set of stairs up to the apartment when Lawrence calls out to him.

Lawrence estimates he was about 2.5 yards away from the officer when he first called out to him.

"Officer, officer, can I speak to you for a second?"

Rounds is past the stairs, a couple of yards from the door, when he turns around and walks purposefully down the hill to the left of the stairs. He makes his way to the sidewalk where Lawrence is standing. He's about a yard away from Lawrence, when he barks an order.

"Take your hands out of your pocket."

Lawrence said he was scared, and began to pull them out of his pocket, revealing his thumbs to the officer, but then he questioned the decision.

"Why, why should I do that?" Lawrence responds.

Rounds, standing still, yells at Lawrence again.

"Take your hands out of your pocket."

Lawrence said he was worried about pulling his hands out of his pocket, worried he would end up like other black men who have put their hands up and been shot by police officers who claim they see a gun. His posture becomes timid.

Rounds gives Lawrence the order again.

"Take your hands out of your pocket."

Lawrence questions the officer again, and Rounds responds with force.

Rounds grabs Lawrence's left hand and pulls it out of his pocket, twisting it behind his back.

Rounds reaches for Lawrence's other pocket and simultaneously turns Lawrence so he is facing the grassy hill leading up toward the Circle Apartment.

Lawrence calls out in pain.

"I was screaming, 'Ah! Ah! My wrist, my wrist.'"

Lawrence is then tackled at full force by Willman, whose shoulder and chest crash into his back, and both officers topple him to the ground.

They both shuffle with Lawrence's arms and put him in handcuffs. He said he was in no way resisting.

Lawrence is then sat on the curb by one of the officers as the other goes to speak to the delivery driver.

At this point Lawrence's friend comes out and begins recording the interaction between Lawrence and the officer. Below is a transcript of their interactions.

Lawrence: I should stay down?

Rounds: Yes.

L: Take, take a video. I haven't done anything.

R: I asked you to take your hands out of your pockets, and you didn't.

> "This shouldn't happen here. This shouldn't happen on a college campus." –Lawrence

L: I asked you why you asked me to take my hands out of my pockets.

R: Because I don't know you.

L: I don't know you either. I'm from New York City, do you know what cops do to me?

R: Do you have any weapons on you?

L: Do I look like I have weapons on me?

R: I'm asking you.

L: You guys tackled me to the ground and put my hands on my back and cuffed me. I asked you what you did to me and you didn't tell me anything. You told me nothing. You told me nothing.

Lawrence sits on the curb for what he estimates is about 10 more minutes, the officers read him his Miranda rights and put him in the back of their vehicle.

Lawrence is then taken to the Public Safety office.

They take his mugshot and fingerprints.

Medical personnel from the college check Lawrence's wrist that was twisted behind his back by Rounds. They ask him if he wants to go to the clinic. He says no.

They then handcuff him to a chair.

After an estimated three hours, Lawrence says, a Public Safety supervisor comes in and apologizes.

"He said 'Sorry for the disruption.'"

It's around 2 a.m., and Lawrence doesn't want to talk.

Lawrence is released soon after and given two sheets of paper detailing his charges: obstruction of governmental administration and resisting arrest.

Lawrence goes to court multiple times over the next month with his public defender. He is never written up by judicial affairs and never speaks to anyone on campus about the actions of the officers.

He is still allowed to live on campus during the summer while he works at Wegmans.

In December 2014, the charges against Lawrence are dropped.

Meanwhile, both Rounds and Willman continue their jobs as patrol officers at the college.

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Lawrence said he thinks the officers' actions toward him were racially motivated.

When he asked if he thought this would happen to him if he were a white student, Lawrence said no.

"No, maybe if I was drunk or maybe if I was shouting at the cop," he said. "I'm not even sure if it would have happened if I was [a] smaller, shorter black student."

Lawrence said his identity as a minority student on the college campus led to the incident.

"I feel like I'm a certain image that people on this campus aren't necessarily familiar with," he said.

According to a LinkedIn profile with the name Eric Willman attached, Willman spent two years and three months as a Public Safety officer at the college.

In May 2015, Willman's profile indicates, he started as a deputy sheriff at the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office, where he is currently employed.

Willman did not respond to a request for a comment left on his voicemail at the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office did not respond to a request for comment either.

Terri Stewart, the director of Public Safety, said from an estimated 1,300 case reports in the 2014 fiscal year, there were fewer than 10 cases in which Public Safety officers reported they used force, which includes any time officers use their hands to control the subject, not just for arresting the subject.

Stewart said the office would not share how many of those cases involved students of color but that conversations will be had at the college regarding what data to release in the future.

Public Safety has begun manually tracking data on the demographics of students who are judicially referred or have an encounter with Public Safety, Stewart said, but their system is not yet set up to comprehensively track this data.

Public Safety hasn't disclosed any of the data they currently have collected, Stewart said. She also said every time force is used she reviews it.

"Every use of force application requires a form and review on the administrative level," she said. "So I see every use of force that we have. And the applications range from mental health to ambulance."

In December 2014, Lawrence said the prosecutor offered an adjournment in contemplation of dismissal.

The ACD stipulated the case would be adjourned for six months if Lawrence stayed out of legal trouble. If six months passed without an incident, the case would be dismissed, and the record of the arrest would be sealed.

Six months passed, and the arrest records were sealed.

When *The Ithacan* requested the documents from the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office, the Ithaca Town Court and the Office of Public Safety all said there is no record currently on file.

Incident reports produced by the Office of Public Safety are not public records, Stewart said.

The only public record that exists of that event is in the Ithaca College Public Safety Activity Log.

Below is the log of the event.

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Lawrence said he believes his main mistake was initiating the conversation with the officer.

"I shouldn't have asked him anything," he said, and then he plays through the event as it would ideally go.

"This shouldn't happen here," Lawrence said. "This shouldn't happen on a college campus."

Lawrence looks away. He's tearing up. He slowly rotates his wrist as he has throughout the entire conversation about the incident.

"It hurts still."

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Going Against the GRAIN

Gluten-intolerant people experience the effects as more people cut out gluten by choice

BY CELISA CALACAL
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Sophomore Laura Stedge remembers constantly eating pasta and pizza when she was in middle school. However, after several doctor visits, blood tests and medical procedures, Stedge was diagnosed with celiac disease. As a consequence of the diagnosis, she had to cut gluten — including pizza and pasta — out of her diet completely.

Gluten is a mixture of two different proteins found in wheat, barley and rye. It can be found in a variety of foods from bread, cereal and french fries, to sauces and soups, and makes up 75 percent of the proteins found in wheat. Eating gluten-free is a lifestyle that has garnered increasing public interest over the past few years after a study conducted by Dr. Alessio Fasano revealed that 1 in 133 people had celiac disease.

This increased awareness over the disease, its consequences and its limitations influence the growth of the gluten-free market to cater to the growing population that found out they had celiac disease or some type of gluten sensitivity. Furthermore, the belief that a gluten-free diet can result in greater energy also captured public interest, primarily from athletes such as tennis player Novac Djokovic, who showed an impressive 64–2 record within months of discovering he had a gluten allergy. Similar to the fat-free trend, many people equated "gluten-free" as synonymous with "healthy," propelling healthy eaters to consume more snacks and foods labeled gluten-free and food companies to make more gluten-free products. According to a July 23 Gallup Poll, 21 percent of Americans are trying to eat gluten-free.

While most people who eat gluten-free do so by choice, people with medical conditions or food sensitivities have to avoid gluten to maintain their health. One such medical condition is celiac disease, an autoimmune disorder that damages the small intestine when gluten is digested. It is estimated that only 1 percent of people in the U.S. are diagnosed with celiac disease. Those with allergies or gluten sensitivity must also cut gluten from their diets.

Ithaca College has designated gluten-free food stations to accommodate Stedge as well as other students who eat gluten-free. According Udi's Gluten Free, a popular brand for gluten-free products, the college was also ranked seventh in a list of top gluten-free college campuses in the country in 2013. Sophomore Nicholas Jones, who has been eating gluten-free for seven years after being diagnosed with celiac disease, said the college's gluten-free food sometimes isn't as fresh as it could be.

"The gluten-free area, it wasn't the best because most of it was expired here and there or whatever, and some of it was stuff that would sit there forever because no one wanted it," he said.

J.J. Molina, executive chef for the college's Dining Services, said Dining Services is looking to add the new My Zone food station, catering to students with food allergies and sensitivities and currently located in the Campus Center, to Towers Dining Hall, and he recommends students following a gluten-free diet talk to dining hall personnel about the different options offered to them.

"A lot of what would make it easier is just if they identify themselves, approach a manager [or] a supervisor and say, 'Hey, I need a gluten-free diet,'" he said.

Though many people eat gluten-free as a fad diet, many dietitians have debunked the supposed health benefits of eating gluten-free. Cutting out whole-grain foods robs the body of important nutrients such as fiber, B vitamins and iron, according to WebMD. Stedge also said she doesn't recommend eating gluten-free, one reason being that gluten-free products tend to have more carbs and calories.

"I kept gaining a lot more weight from eating them," she said. "A lot of people tend to go gluten-free because they want to lose weight, and personally I think there are better options than doing that."

Another negative aspect to the gluten-free fad is the way it may diminish the needs of those with gluten-restrictive medical conditions. Because many people are gluten-free by choice, they do not have to suffer the side effects if they consume small amounts of gluten accidentally, which can happen if a restaurant cooks gluten-free dishes in the same pots as dishes containing gluten or if meats such as chicken are injected with gluten without the chef knowing it. Jones said these careless practices may not affect people who choose to go gluten-free but will have serious effects on those with medical conditions.

"[Restaurants] are just used to so many people just doing it for the heck of it, and it doesn't really matter to them," Jones said.

While it can be difficult to separate those at risk because of a medical condition from those who are not, Molina said Dining Services has specific practices in place to ensure gluten-free foods are not contaminated during their preparation.

"We have to handle it either a certain time of day when we haven't been handling anything that contains gluten," he said. "A lot of times that's done first thing in the morning ... There's a long list of parameters that we have to fall into and so many hours after we've handled gluten-containing items before we can go back and make gluten-free things."

Nonetheless, for some people who must abstain from gluten for health reasons, the rise of the gluten-free fad has been more helpful than hurtful. Now a $9 billion industry, according to Food Business News, more restaurants and food manufacturers are providing them with more options in the form of different gluten-free foods and snacks.

Sophomore Katy Trosch, who has been eating gluten-free due to medical reasons for two years, said the fad has helped her expand her dietary options.

"Even in the past two years that I've known that I can't eat gluten, restaurants that I would go to have started coming out with gluten-free menus, and they'll have gluten-free bread and pasta, and I appreciate that a lot," she said.

Stedge has been gluten-free for eight years and has found it easier to manage as the years progressed.

Despite the challenges of being gluten-free, Stedge said it helps knowing more people are going through the same experience as her.

"It can be a little bit hindering because I never want to feel like I'm being needy by asking for too much," she said. "It can be challenging and struggling some days, but I think it's definitely for the better."

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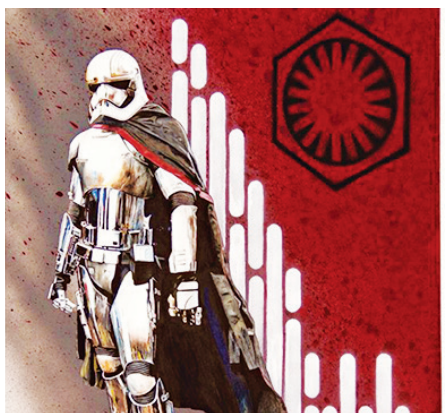
Accentuate

May the sass be with you

The Star Wars social media team perfectly combated sexism on Facebook

The Star Wars Facebook page immediately responded to a sexist comment left on a post of a drawing of Captain Phasma on Aug. 27, which read, "Not to be sexist but it's really hard to tell that's female armor for me." In reply, the Star Wars team said, "It's armor. On a woman. It doesn't have to look feminine." Captain Phasma will be a new character added to the Star Wars family in the franchise's new addition, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," which is set to come out in December and is being played by actress Gwendoline Christie. In anticipation of the film's release, the franchise is holding a fan art contest, posting some submissions online via its social media platforms. Although the comment has since been deleted, that didn't stop many fans from praising the Star Wars social media team for its response.



CELEB SCOOPS

[Taylor Swift & Avril Lavigne]

Taylor Swift proved her girl squad can only get bigger when she invited Canadian pop singer Avril Lavigne on stage to perform Lavigne's early 2000 hit "Complicated" on Aug. 29 in San Diego during Swift's "1989" tour. A few days prior to the concert, Swift liked a post on Tumblr which compared other celebrities' interactions with fans to her interactions with fans, negatively displaying the other celebrities, Lavigne included, and praising Swift. Lavigne took to Twitter to respond, tweeting, "Comparison is judging and judging a person does not define who they are it defines who you are. We all Love our fans." However, everything seemed to be perfectly fine with the two when they took the stage together. No bad blood here!

Mrs. Universe 2015

Ashley Burnham from Alberta, Canada, was crowned Mrs. Universe on Aug. 29 at the event in Minsk, Belarus. A member of the Enoch Cree Nation in Alberta, Burnham is the first Canadian as well as the first First Nations woman to win the crown. After news broke of Burnham's win, many First Nations people and organizations tweeted their support and congratulations over social media. Burnham stuck to her cultural roots for the competition, performing a traditional dance wearing traditional clothing for the talent portion of the pageant and wearing traditional First Nations clothing for the national outfit parade.

Old in age, young at heart

Rachel and Patrick Givens's wedding ceremony Aug. 8 gave the guests a little surprise as they had both their grandmothers, Renee "DD" Ruben and Joanne C. Reich, serve as co-flower ladies. The couple said their goal was to create a very personalized, memorable wedding ceremony that included both their grandmothers. The grandmothers, who had just met that weekend, had a lot of fun during the wedding, wearing bright smiles on their faces as they threw flowers while walking down the aisle. "They were happy to be a part of it, and we were just so happy to have our families," Patrick said.

Bizarre Snapple Fact

VIRAL VIDEO

[Miley Cyrus in disguise]

Pop star Miley Cyrus disguised herself as an Australian reporter named Janet on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" on Aug. 27 to ask how people felt about Miley Cyrus. Dressed in a business outfit with a short, black-haired wig and dark makeup, she received various reactions from the pedestrians she approached along Hollywood Boulevard. One man said he preferred Taylor Swift and had never heard any of Cyrus' songs. Cyrus asked one man if he would let Miley dress in the provacative way she does if she were one of his daughters, to which he said, "Hell no" in response. She also went on to make fun of herself and said, "She's starving for attention."

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UNDER THE TREE

The leatherwork at Under the Tree at the Ithaca Farmers Market hangs in a creative display.
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BY MORGAN GJOEN
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In the heart of the Ithaca Farmers Market, a stand decorated in wood branches and beams holds an assortment of handcrafted leather bags and pottery.

The store, called Under the Tree, also known as Frog Hill Pottery, is owned by Scott and Crystal VanGaasbeck, who are farmers by day during growing season and crafters by night. Scott VanGaasbeck, longtime pottery lover, has been practicing since 1996 and selling at the Farmers Market since 1998. When he bought his first home and found clay on the property, he began making pieces more seriously.

Crystal VanGaasbeck said they started selling leatherwork only three years ago when she apprenticed with late- and dearly-missed leatherworker Jacques Coco Reboh. Scott and Crystal VanGaasbeck, both wanting to make shoes, ended up doing the leatherwork together.

"We sell the pottery and the leather products. We like things that will last a really long time," she said.

The VanGaasbecks sell some of their products through Etsy and from their studio gallery in their home in Brooktondale, New York, but Crystal VanGaasbeck said they mostly sell at the Ithaca Farmers Market.

"This is a great place with great people. We get to meet new customers and vendors from all over. It's a really wonderful place to be," she said.

SHELLEY'S CARVINGS

BY KATHERINE SEGOVIA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

At the heart of the Ithaca Farmers Market stands Mary Shelley, vigorously working on a new woodcarving while greeting customers.

Shelley's passion for woodcarving began at a young age, starting when her father gave her a painted woodcarving he made. From then on, Shelley recalls always having painted woodcarvings in her childhood home. She has been carving for 40 years, so by now, she said, the whole process comes naturally to her. She always begins with a thorough sketch, and then goes on to carve and later tops her carving with layers of paint.

"Well, I've been doing this for 40 years," she said. "I just say, 'OK this one has to start with green,' and it goes from there."

Each painted woodcarving that Shelley creates tells a story. She said she has used her life experiences as a source of inspiration for her subject matter, and many of her pieces are autobiographical. For example, many of her pieces include images of gardening and sailing, which are two hobbies she enjoys.

Shelley said the best part of her work is seeing the enjoyment her customers get from her woodcarvings.

"It's satisfying to have a skill that people like and want to have in their homes," she said. "It's kind of an honor."

Mary Shelley works on a new woodcarving at her stand, which she will later finish with bright paints.
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17TH CENTURY SUDS

Handmade soap is just one of the many custom cosmetic products offered by 17th Century Suds.
TOMMY BATTISTELLI/THE ITHACAN

BY SILAS WHITE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When entering the Ithaca Farmers Market, one is likely to detect an aroma of freshly cooked meats, vegetables and ripe produce. Tucked away in one of the market's many alcoves, there is another prevailing smell: soap. The shelves are lined with oils, creams, shampoos and bar soap. At 17th Century Suds, each item carries a different but similarly fruity and pleasant fragrance.

Andy and Wendy Ives, owners of 17th Century Suds, have been making soap for the past 17 years. They work out of a factory in Ithaca with the help of their friends and family. Wendy Ives began the business when she found herself unsatisfied with the quality of unnatural brand-name soaps. Everything they sell they test on their own hair and bodies to ensure they are selling their highest-quality products.

In addition to selling at the Ithaca Farmers Market, 17th Century Suds also sells wholesale and mail orders on its website, ithacasoap.com. However, Andy Ives said he likes selling at the Farmers Market the best.

"It's a wonderful market," he said. "The energy is great, and people love to come here."

Newly opened restaurant serves up street food

BY ANGELA WELDON
STAFF WRITER

Luna Inspired Street Food offers the promise of a hot and ready meal housed in a space filled with bold, colored chalkboards that are easily seen from the street. The newly opened restaurant is also bringing something different to the Ithaca area: food-truck food served in a new way.

Luna Inspired Street Food, located at 310 Stewart Ave., has been serving up food truck favorites since its opening July 21.

Unlike Ithaca's bar-and-grill or ethnic restaurants, Luna's menu features an assortment of street food including tacos, sandwiches, burgers, wings, pizza, bowls, skewers and kebabs, and sweet treats like fried Oreos. This atypical restaurant allows customers to try authentic street food in a sit-down restaurant.

Kevin Sullivan, owner of Luna, said the idea for the restaurant came from his love of food trucks.

"I've always loved how you can walk up to a food truck and in five minutes walk away with delicious food," Sullivan said. "It's not just hot dogs and stuff like that anymore. Now you can get chef-prepared food on the run, and we really wanted to bring that level of quality and service into Ithaca."

Luna's interior style resembles a food truck, using chalkboard menu displays and casual decor.

"What we call it is 'a brick-and-mortar food truck,'" Sullivan said. "When you walk in our restaurant, it's pretty much like walking into a food truck roundup."

Sullivan noted that the wide variety of food truck combinations gives Luna great flexibility with its menu, which he said is constantly updated. Sullivan said the meal options will change with the seasons since Luna strives to use locally sourced ingredients. The menu currently features a new sweet corn dish, which takes advantage of Ithaca's locally grown corn resource.

Sullivan said these fun boardwalk and food truck picks are reasonably priced for a college student's budget. Since Luna's small plate portions are easily shared with groups, the affordable, tapas-style servings allow customers to order multiple dishes for the table to enjoy together, Sullivan said.

On left, Cornell University student Victoria Li enjoys a slice of pizza at Luna Inspired Street Food, which opened July 21. The interior decorations mimic the inside of a food truck.
AMANDA DEN HARTOG/THE ITHACAN

Luna Inspired Street Food offers a fresh take on many foods that are typically considered street food, including tacos, burgers, french fries, grilled cheese and pizza, as shown above.
RYE BENNETT/THE ITHACAN

"One of our goals is to provide affordable pricing," Sullivan said. "We want to make it so that if you come in for a big meal, you won't spend more than about $12 and if you just want something on the run, you can walk out only spending about $4."

Sullivan said Luna has already seen great success. Geared toward college students, Luna offers dine-in, takeout and delivery service.

"I spend a lot of my time talking to customers, getting feedback and making changes, and all-in-all everyone loves the concept," Sullivan said.

Sophomore Erin Doran recently visited Luna and ordered the BBQ Shortrib Mac, a macaroni and cheese dish with smoked gouda and braised short ribs.

"Luna is definitely unique," Doran said. "I've never been to a place like this before, and it's so great to share with friends."

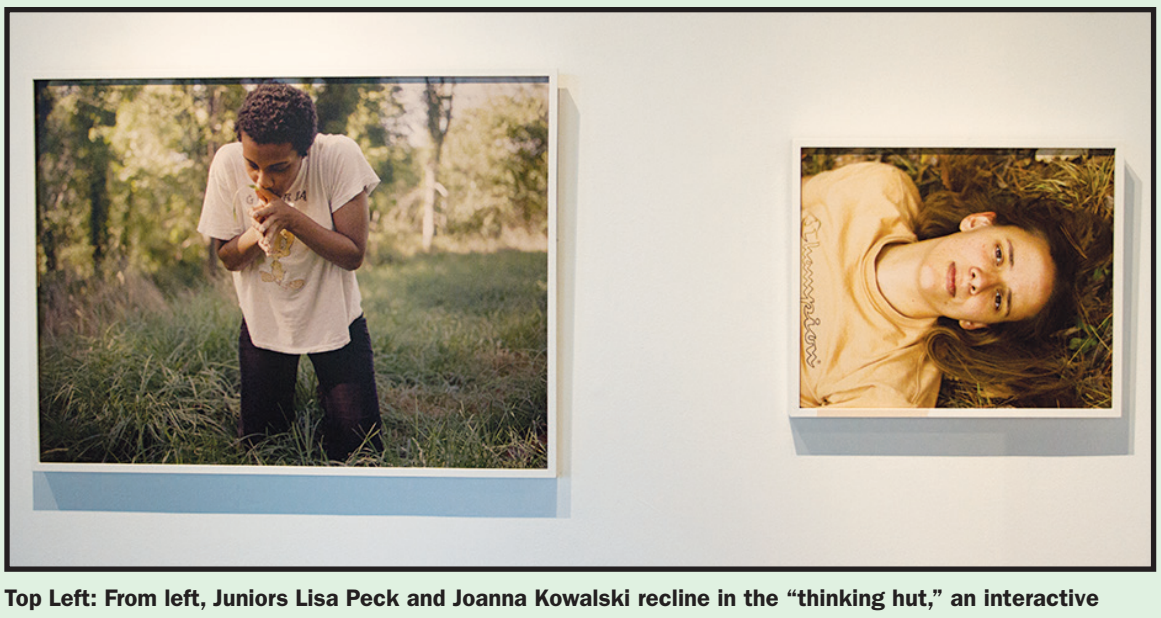
Other menu standouts include Luna's crispy Duck Fat Fries seasoned with garlic and red peppers, paired with Luna's tangy spicy chipotle sauce. The crunchy, but tender wings served in customers' choice of 10 different sauces are also customer favorites, Sullivan said.

The taco combinations are also unlike traditional taco choices, including the Red Chorizo and Potato Taco and Sullivan's personal favorite, the Korean Short Rib Taco. Sullivan said he also recommends the BBQ King Grilled Cheese, a sandwich with tender short ribs, fried onions, coleslaw, and mac 'n' cheese on toasted bread.

Sophomore Nicole Veltri, a first-time Luna customer, tried the not-so-average grilled cheese on her recent visit to the restaurant.

"I like that it's not typical," Veltri said. "Nothing on the menu was just normal restaurant food."

With Ithaca College back in session for the fall semester, Sullivan said he hopes students will try out the new dive.



Top Left: From left, Juniors Lisa Peck and Joanna Kowalski recline in the "thinking hut," an interactive piece in the Handwerker Gallery's new exhibit, "Starting From Scratch," based on a utopian novel.
Top Right: Junior Catherine Wells arranges features on a large magnetic wall. "Starting From Scratch" encourages viewers to interact with the artwork, reflecting the cooperative spirit of the novel, "Herland."
Bottom: From left, "Gloria Gloria" and "Siri" add digital artist Sophie Moerner's viewpoint to the exhibit.
JILLIAN FLINT/THE ITHACAN

Handwerker features novel-inspired artwork

BY CASEY MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Ithaca College's Handwerker Gallery has been transformed into a sensory overload of color, texture and music for its latest exhibition titled "Starting From Scratch." The exhibition features work by professional artists and includes classic media such as painting, sculpture and photography. It also holds audio and video installations, as well as interactive pieces like a "thinking hut" made of yarn and a magnetic wall with movable features.

The exhibition, curated by Mara Baldwin, director of the gallery, and senior Eleanore Kohorn, is built around the 100-year anniversary of the publication of the novel "Herland" by Charlotte Perkins Gilman. The utopian novel is about three men who come across an island inhabited solely by women. "Starting From Scratch" is based on the novel's themes of feminism, socialist values and how it is everyone's responsibility to care about one another in order to achieve a better society, Baldwin said. She said although "Herland" was written a century ago, its message is still relevant.

"What I think is so relevant and inspiring…[is] it still has these themes of human longing, desire, frustration ... but it leaves a door to walk through at the end," Baldwin said. "A lot of themes in the exhibition are ones that have come up in the past year with student activism ... just about who we are, what our frustrations are, how those frustrations are heard and identified, and thinking about what steps are necessary to take action and make those changes."

The exhibition has been in the works since the spring of 2013 when Baldwin proposed her concept for it to the Handwerker Gallery faculty advisory council. This past summer, she brought on Kohorn, who has worked in Handwerker for a year, to assist in curating and installing "Starting From Scratch."

"It's been a great experience," Kohorn said. "I think a lot about this show is very interactive. There's the magnet wall and the little hut you can go into, and I think it invites students to come in and interact with the exhibit."

"Starting From Scratch" will be featured in the Handwerker Gallery until Sept. 25. There will be "Artist Talks" at 6 p.m. Sept. 3, 17 and 24.

Gardens plant seed of sustainability on campus

Senior Richard Gaunt stands in the permaculture garden where he worked with a team of four other students over the summer. The permaculture garden and the organic garden on campus use sustainable growing practices to produce vegetables and flowers without using harmful pesticides.
SYDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY/THE ITHACAN

BY SYDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY
STAFF WRITER

Tall, towering sunflowers; coneflowers with lazy, soft, purple petals; vining, hardy kiwi; and many other types of plants add splashes of color to the brick walls. Far from simply being pretty, the variety of plants works together to form a permaculture garden, which is a collection of plants that are self-sufficient and agriculturally productive, mimicking the natural ecosystem of an area.

The permaculture garden is one of two plots at Ithaca College that produce food with minimal impact to the environment. In an obscure location, past the facilities building and through the woods, sits the college's organic garden, which uses no unnatural chemicals to treat the plants. The organic garden is curated by Organic Growers of Ithaca College, a student organization founded in 2008 that cares for the medicinal plants, culinary herbs, flowers, vegetables and other plants found in the garden. The produce harvested from the gardens is shared among food pantries downtown, those who work in the garden and a small Community Supported Agriculture program of faculty and staff at the college, according to the Organic Growers' website.

Michael Smith, associate professor in the Department of History and faculty member of the Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences, worked with Karryn Olson-Ramanujan, a lecturer in the Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences, in Spring 2012 to develop and implement the permaculture garden.

Smith said the permaculture garden was, in part, created to show the college's alternative landscapes.

"Our goal always was that this would be a demonstration site that would hopefully encourage the college to develop more places like this on campus," he said.

Senior Rebecca Kaebnick, one of five students who worked with the organic garden throughout the summer in preparation for the fall semester, said the college has expanded the gardens and plans to continue to do so. Because of inaccessibility to the garden, she said the team is planning to move the organic garden to a better location during the coming year.

"Our specific plan is that we are moving the garden on campus," Kaebnick said. "We want to move it to the woods behind facilities. And we now have permission to move it there, so we will be planting that and starting a budget for it."

Kaebnick said working in the gardens on campus is for anyone who is interested in gaining new skills and meeting new people. The gardens were created by students for students in an attempt to enrich campus life, and the team stresses that anyone can get involved, Kaebnick said.

"A big part of what we are about is learning," Kaebnick said. "It is about production … so while we are producing things, the point is they learn how it works."

Richard Gaunt, a senior environmental studies major, worked with the summer team as well. He said he sees the organic garden as a great connector throughout campus.

"It's tying together all areas of the campus," Gaunt said. "In the past, the garden has really been viewed as an environmental studies thing, but now we have English and sociology represented, and we want to get people of all departments, all schools and all majors involved."

Both gardens are being used in a nutrition class and a permaculture class, to reinforce sustainability themes and to help students visualize where food comes from.

"There are several different projects going on," Kaebnick said. "Richard and I are working with a sociology class about global food systems, and we are going to tie in to the garden and show people how food is produced."

The garden is not just a place for learning, but is also a place to socialize, senior Katie Malnati said.

"My favorite part about working in the garden is spending time with friends and learning about plants and having the reward of being able to eat the food that we grow," Malnati said.

For more information on the garden stop by the Fall Open House from 5–7 p.m. Sept. 5 at the organic garden.

Rapping activist Talib Kweli to hold free concert on the Commons

BY MARY FORD
LIFE & CULTURE EDITOR

Rapper Talib Kweli has been making headlines this past summer due to the surprise release of two albums, the most recent of which, "F--- the Money," stayed true to its creed when it was offered for free on Kweli's website.

As part of his ongoing world tour, Kweli will perform in a free concert at 7 p.m. Sept. 3 at the Bernie Milton Pavilion on The Commons. The Downtown Ithaca Alliance is organizing the event as part of its Community Federal Credit Union Summer Concert Series, which has been hosting weekly outdoor entertainment events since June. The Cornell University Hip Hop Collection, a research archive in the Cornell University Library, also partnered with the DIA and other sponsors like GreenStar Cooperative Market and the Greater Ithaca Activities Center to put on the concert. Ben Ortiz, assistant curator of the Hip Hop Collection, said Kweli is known not only for his music, but for his activism.

"Talib Kweli is one of the most powerful voices in hip-hop because of his lyricism and how he integrates his activism into his art," Ortiz said. "He's been really at the forefront of social movements, in particular police brutality [and the] prison industrial complex."

Ortiz said Kweli was interviewed frequently during the Ferguson protests last year in addition to appearing on "Real Time with Bill Maher" on Aug. 14 to discuss issues surrounding the Black Lives Matter movement. Kweli previously was a guest speaker at Ithaca College in February 2013, where he spoke in an event organized by the Office of Student Engagement and Multicultural Affairs and Brothers 4 Brothers. His speech included thoughts on diversity, hip-hop culture, and social justice and activism. Ortiz said Kweli is an undeniably popular figure who will have a great impact on Ithaca with his performance.

"This is probably going to seem like the biggest thing that's happened on The Commons in years," he said.

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9/23 WILCO SOLD OUT
9/26 HOME FREE
10/2 THE WOOD BROTHERS
10/3 PAULA POUNDSTONE
10/9 PATTY GRIFFIN
10/10 THE MACHINE
11/7 NORAH JONES
11/8 POSTMODERN JUKEBOX
11/11 ARLO GUTHRIE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALICE'S RESTAURANT
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YANA MAZURKEVICH/THE ITHACAN

Film driven by beauty of conversation

BY MATTHEW HORNICK
STAFF WRITER

It is rare that a 1,079-page novel will take a country by storm, but that is exactly what David Foster Wallace's "Infinite Jest" did. Wallace's 1996 literary behemoth brought the spotlight upon his normally quiet and reserved life. The book became so highly acclaimed that Rolling Stone magazine sent new writer David Lipsky to follow Wallace on the final stop of his book tour. This was the first author Rolling Stone had decided to profile in 10 years, and that surprising event is the story director James Ponsoldt tells in his brilliantly moving film "The End of the Tour."

MOVIE REVIEW
"The End of the Tour"
A24 FIlms
Our rating: ★★★★½

The movie's slogan, "Imagine the greatest conversation you've ever had," is exactly what Lipsky (Jesse Eisenberg) and Wallace (Jason Segel) have as the two writers embark upon a junk food–fueled journey from Wallace's home in rural Illinois to Minneapolis, the last stop on Wallace's book tour. The two talk about everything from "Die Hard" to dogs, depression to heroin, self-image and even a little bit about the book.

In the film, Lipsky, a published novelist himself, convinces his editor at Rolling Stone (Ron Livingston) to send him to Illinois in order to get a glimpse into the greatest literary mind of the late 20th century. From the moment they meet, Lipsky is envious of Wallace for his talent and success, but he is also appreciative and continuously amazed by Wallace's brilliance. However, throughout their journey, Lipsky is simultaneously perplexed as he listens to his interview subject's nonchalant perspective on life, stimulation and entertainment, all themes addressed in Wallace's latest novel.

The vast majority of the film is solely composed of the dialogue between Wallace and Lipsky, as Lipsky records everything said throughout their five days together. Everywhere they go, Lipsky continues asking questions, thus continuing this lengthy verbal journey occurring within their physical journey.

There are only four important supporting characters in the movie, but they all greatly impact the dynamic between the two writers. One such character is Sarah (Anna Chlumsky), Lipsky's girlfriend and a big fan of Wallace's writing. She is the one who suggests Lipsky read "Infinite Jest."

The brilliance of the film is that much happens without much happening. The audience learns so much about these two men solely from hearing them talk to each other. While there are no cataclysmic events to keep the viewer enticed, the movie is never dull, and the mood of the film fluctuates with Wallace's temperament. The movie is not about Wallace, but his relationship with Lipsky and the dynamic they share throughout their time together. However, Wallace still carries the plot because of his constant changes in behavior.

While Eisenberg is a talented actor, many of his characters throughout his career seem very similar. Conversely, this was a complete change of pace for Segel as he goes from starring in "How I Met Your Mother" to portraying a complicated novelist who is unsure of what he wants from his life. The character of Wallace is a complex mashup between a middle-American and a person more intelligent than most. He is uncomfortable in his own skin and exactly sure of who he wants to be and how he wants to come off to people. Segel makes the jump from comedy into this nuanced role and delivers an Oscar-worthy performance portraying one of the most complicated minds of the last 20 years.

Carefully riding the line between deep and depressing, "The End of the Tour" provides viewers with an insight into one of the most realized, troubled and intelligent literary minds of the 20th century. Embracing the beautiful simplicity of a great conversation, the film reminds viewers that one-on-one conversation is the best way to get to know someone.

"The End of the Tour" was written by Donald Margulies and directed by James Ponsoldt.

From left, Jesse Eisenberg and Jason Segel star in "The End of the Tour," a film based on the growth of the relationship between author David Foster Wallace and Rolling Stone writer David Lipsky over a five-day period.
COURTESY OF A24 FILMS

Old and new sounds create beautiful blend

BY CASEY MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Two years after the release of his debut studio album "Kiss Land," Canadian rhythm-and-blues artist Abel Tesfaye, better known as The Weeknd, released his second full-length record Aug. 28, titled "Beauty Behind the Madness."

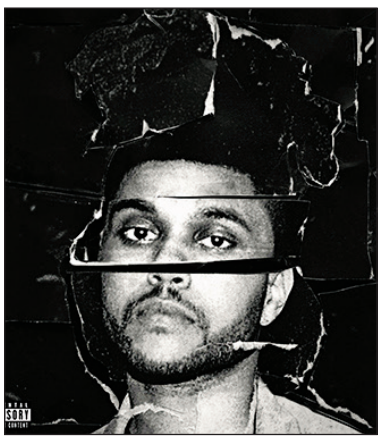
ALBUM REVIEW
The Weeknd
"Beauty Behind the Madness"
Republic Records
Our rating: ★★★★★

Though the album still features the slow, emotional tunes The Weeknd is known for, it also introduces and affirms the artist's capability to produce more energetic, upbeat and high-tempo songs. Even with the transition in sound, "Beauty Behind the Madness" is a sonically cohesive, lyrically meaningful treat to listen to.

The track "Can't Feel My Face," one of the album's four singles and the first to be released, is certainly a standout on the album, and not just because it is the only one not labeled with an explicit warning. It hit airwaves June 8 and was quickly touted as "the song of the summer," going on to top the Billboard Hot 100 chart and becoming The Weeknd's first No. 1 single. The high-energy tune is stuck-in-your-head, dance-to-the-beat catchy — a testament of his ability to take on a new music style and succeed.

In the past, The Weeknd has most commonly produced much slower, somber tracks, making "Can't Feel My Face" seem sorely out of character. However, while most artists flop when they try to transition their sound, The Weeknd more than succeeds in doing so with this track and others on the record, such as "In The Night" and "Losers," while still maintaining the signature sound he is known for with tracks like "The Hills," "Tell Your Friends" and "Angel."

Despite having tracks with contrasting sounds, "Beauty Behind the Madness" flows cohesively and musically. Even the more upbeat tunes remain true to The Weeknd's sound, using his style of instrumentals and musical production.



COURTESY OF REPUBLIC RECORDS

Another notable tune on the album is "Dark Times," which features pop/folk artist Ed Sheeran. Though the duo seems to be an unlikely musical pairing with their difference in musical style, the track is one of the best on the record, as it features powerful lyrics and displays The Weeknd's trademark superb vocal talent.

"Beauty Behind the Madness" is impressive as an album. It is more than worth the listen, as it features powerful lyrics and diverse but unified sounds.

New pop songs satisfy

BY MATTHEW RADULSKI
STAFF WRITER

Following her smash hit "Call Me Maybe," Carly Rae Jepsen was nearly written off as a one-hit wonder. However, "E-mo-tion," her latest release, promises she has far more to offer. Jepsen's songwriting is nothing terribly novel, but it does mesh seamlessly with the sonically pleasing production. Her pop-fueled follow-up feels electric.

ALBUM REVIEW
Carly Rae Jepsen
"E-MO-TION"
Interscope Records
Our rating: ★★★★

Singer-songwriter Jepsen brings her A-game: Nothing about this record feels lazy. Her voice is at its best on standout track "Your Type," straining as she grapples with unrequited love. Her voice never feels as powerful for the rest of the album as it does on this track. Her singing is solid and brings additional vitality to a memorable chorus.

"E-mo-tion" is a breezy album, with some nuance in the production. Saxophone is used sparingly, but to tremendous effect on "Let's Get Lost." On "Warm Blood," Jepsen's voice remains nearly at a whisper as the beat builds not to a drop, but another chorus. This complements the lyrics about Jepsen's blood pumping faster. It's subtle and helps make each track more exciting. Each track presents new quirks, heavier bass or complete tone shifts, and they're a joy to listen to. The album is fast and thumping, as pop music should be.

Jepsen has created a truly great pop record — one that moves quickly and vivaciously. It's clear that she has grown as an artist in the past three years.

COURTESY OF INTERSCOPE RECORDS

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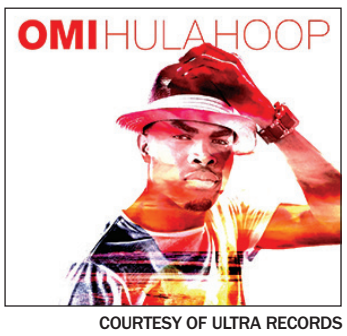

COURTESY OF ULTRA RECORDS

"HULA HOOP"
OMI
Ultra Records
Following the success of his hit single "Cheerleader," Jamaican singer Omi released "Hula Hoop" on Aug. 28. The song boasts the same relaxing vibe as his breakout single, complemented by various instruments and Omi's vocals.

COURTESY OF MACKLEMORE LLC

"DOWNTOWN"
Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
Macklemore LLC
Hip-hop duo Macklemore & Ryan Lewis released their latest single "Downtown" on Aug. 27. Featuring other artists like Melle Mel, the track is a fusion of hip-hop and retro music.

COURTESY OF EPIC RECORDS

"BLOODSTREAM"
Transviolet
Epic Records
On Aug. 28, Los Angeles–based female quartet Transviolet released "Bloodstream." An electronic-pop sounding song, the group's vocals breeze over the verses before reaching a crescendo to match the chorus.

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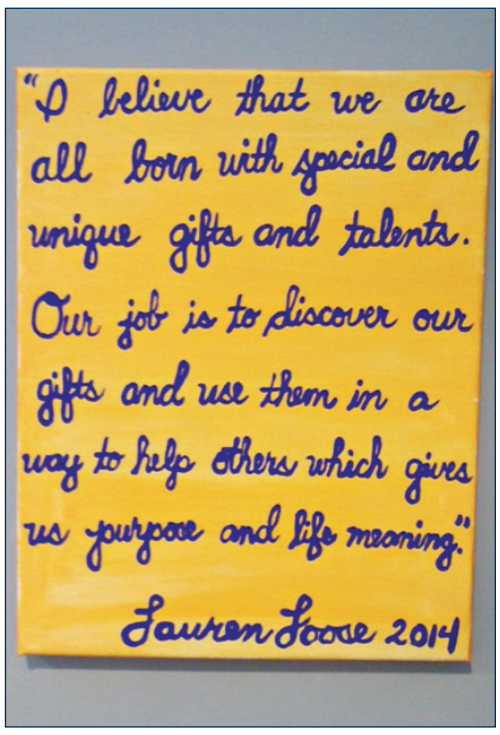
Defending a Cause

Defensive backs coach Jack Mrozinski attended the First and Goal Foundation camp in June to support the fight against pediatric cancer

Above, athletes pose for a picture from the First and Goal Foundation while at the camp.
COURTESY OF JOHN LOOSE



Above, a quote from Lauren Loose in reference to the First and Goal Foundation's mission in 2014.
COURTESY OF JOHN LOOSE

BY ANDREW SULLIVAN
STAFF WRITER

As the blistering sun's rays beat down on the practice fields of Lafayette College during the 12th Annual Lauren's First and Goal Foundation Football Camp, the sweat of a hard day's work drips from the sun-kissed faces of several high school athletes.

The young men are spent. The fatigue has long settled in at this juncture. The nagging cramps and aching charley horses have made each and every drop back and wheel route more painstaking than the previous. Their patience has thinned out. In the players' minds, it is time to throw in the towel, clock out.

Just as the players are about to wave their white flags, a golf cart comes chugging along the track circle.

In it sits 18-year-old Lauren Loose. She cheers the players on, giving them positive reinforcement and urging them to keep on fighting and to persevere, for she is a woman who has been through thick and thin and is well-acquainted with the feeling of giving up.

Loose was born with neurofibromatosis Type 1, a genetic disorder which causes tumors to grow along the nerves and can affect the development of bones and skin. By her second birthday, Loose had developed brain tumors.

Despite all of the turmoil, Loose has still been able to maintain that summery smile that she is known for.

About 2,200 athletes from both the United States and Canada were in attendance at Lauren's First and Goal Foundation Football Camp, along with representing more than 100 schools from around the country.

Ithaca College defensive backs coach, Jack Mrozinski, who attended the football camp this past summer June 7, said he was astounded by Loose's positive aura and resilient attitude.

"She is a fighter," Mrozinski said. "She has so much energy, especially on that day … I'm in awe of her and her whole family. The fact that they go through what they go through, they are able to have a smile on their faces and go forward each and every day … That is something that I don't know if I could go through."

Lauren's First and Goal is a charitable organization that was founded in 2004 by Loose's parents, Marianne and John Loose, to assist families who are combating pediatric cancers.

The athletes who wish to attend the camp pay a minimum $40 registration donation. Through the funding obtained from these, Lauren's First and Goal Football Camp has raised over $1.7 million since its establishment.

These proceeds fund brain tumor research and cancer services, as well as the families who are or have been afflicted by pediatric brain cancer to heightening the awareness of the disease. The foundation supports the families emotionally as well as financially.

Mrozinski, who has attended the football camp for eight years, said the camp is great because attendees are able to participate in a good cause that also serves as a valuable recruitment and professional development experience.

"You have 200 to 300 coaches there from all different levels, from the NFL down to junior college and high school," he said. "Everybody comes with different mentalities, ideas and experiences. You hope to bring it back and make the team that you work with better."

Mrozinski said his goal while at the football camp was to see how other programs similar to the college recruit and utilize that information to augment their recruitment process.

One of the coaches present was University of Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh, who spoke in front of all of the campers.

Mrozinski said Harbaugh had a powerful message for the athletes.

"He was very charismatic and to the point about being good on and off the field and taking care of your daily life before you can worry about the football life," he said. "I think they walked away not only getting better at the game of football, but also [learned] what is expected of them at high school and the next level."

John Loose, an assistant football coach at the United States Military Academy and an alumnus of Ithaca College, said he enjoys seeing everyone come together for a great cause.

"The biggest rivals are there," he said. "Ithaca is there, and Cortland is there. It is neat to see all of the coaches from the same leagues."

Since his first gig as an assistant football coach at Muhlenberg College, Mrozinski said he and John Loose have developed a solid working relationship.

"He is a down-to-earth guy," he said. "He understands the holistic view of it. It is not just coaching, it is the family [side] and treating the players right and getting them to [perform] their best in the classroom and on the field."

John Loose said he admires people like Mrozinski who annually devote their time to attend the football camp.

"It is like nothing gets in their way, they are going to do the camp," he said. "I have buddies that tell me all the time that they are turning down the opportunity to make money somewhere else … or spend another weekend with their families. I really respect Jack."

Mrozinski said Lauren Loose also spoke in front of the attendees to raise the curtain on the first day of football camp, where she thanked everyone for coming and further encouraged them to maintain a healthy mental outlook.

After returning from the camp, Mrozinski said he talked with the defensive unit about living their lives to the fullest.

"This game is great," he said. "You only have a short window to play it. They are lucky because they actually get to play college football, where a lot of people's careers end after high school. They are part of a small percentage that … [have a chance] to go to the pros. Enjoy it while [you] can. Don't do anything that will jeopardize it. Have as much fun as you can while you do it and enjoy the moment."

Senior defensive lineman Tijah Henderson, who attended the football camp when he was in high school, said Mrozinski's experience coaching at charity camps such as Lauren's First and Goal adds unique elements to the program.

"I think it is good that we have a representative there," Henderson said. "I think it brings a [new] aspect to our team that [shows] that we are not just football players … I think it just brings more variety and diversity to our team."

Mrozinski also said he spoke with the players about working as a whole in order to achieve greatness.

"Even though we as coaches can get after them sometimes, and they can get frustrated with us, at the end of the day [the players need to] realize we are trying to make them better so we can reach that common goal," he said.

THE BOMBER ROUNDUP

The Ithacan's sports staff provides updates on fall squads

VOLLEYBALL

RESULTS

Ithaca **3–0** Cazenovia

STANDINGS

	OVERALL	CONFERENCE
Ithaca	1–0	0–0
Houghton	1–1	0–0
Hartwick	0–1	0–0
Elmira	0–0	0–0
Alfred	0–0	0–0
Nazareth	0–0	0–0
Stevens	0–0	0–0
St. John Fisher	0–0	0–0
Utica	0–0	0–0

BOX SCORES

			ATTACK			SET		SERVE	
NUMBER	NAME	SP	K	E	TA	A	E	SA	SE
1	Mutschler	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
2	Goldstein	3	11	1	20	2	0	0	2
3	Tuohy	1	0	1	5	0	0	2	0
4	Gerulskis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Gromen	3	3	1	7	23	0	3	0
6	Dandrea	2	5	2	11	0	0	0	0
8	Wierda	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
9	Cerruti	3	3	2	10	0	0	0	0
18	Evans	3	8	0	13	0	0	1	1
15	Mocarski	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
10	Adler	3	5	2	12	1	0	2	3
22	Gawinski-Stern	3	2	0	2	7	0	0	1

FIELD HOCKEY

RESULTS

Ithaca **3–1** SUNY Oneonta

STANDINGS

	OVERALL	CONFERENCE
Ithaca	1–0	0–0
Houghton	1–0	0–0
Washington and Jefferson	1–0	0–0
Nazareth	0–0	0–0
Hartwick	0–1	0–0
St. John Fisher	0–1	0–0
Stevens	0–1	0–0
Utica	0–1	0–0
Elmira	0–1	0–0

TEAM STATISTICS

	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
SHOTS	13	4	17 (12)
SAVES	1	2	9
PENALTY CORNERS	4	4	8
OFFSIDES	0	0	0

( ) Shots On Goal

BOX SCORES

NUMBER	NAME	SH	SOG	G	A
3	Schuttrumpf	4	2	1	0
4	Keegan-Twombly	4	4	1	0
5	Schell	2	2	1	0
8	Shnider	0	0	0	0
9	Donohue	0	0	0	0
11	Salindong	3	3	0	0
13	Anglero	0	0	0	0
23	O'Brien	1	0	0	1
24	Gerber	1	0	0	0
26	Keppel	0	0	0	0
34	Lass	0	0	0	0
Substitutes					
1	Siegel	0	0	0	0
2	Schultz	0	0	0	0
6	Dowd	2	1	0	0
10	Chatterton	0	0	0	0
15	Stoddard	0	0	0	0
20	Lofgren	0	0	0	0
22	Streko	0	0	0	0

Next game: 1 p.m. Sept. 5 vs. Washington College

WOMEN'S SOCCER

RESULTS

Ithaca **6–1** Keuka

STANDINGS

	OVERALL	CONFERENCE
Ithaca	1–0	0–0
St. John Fisher	1–0	0–0
Stevens	1–0	0–0
Hartwick	0–0	0–0
Nazareth	0–0–1	0–0
Elmira	0–1	0–0
Alfred	0–1	0–0
Utica	0–1	0–0

BOX SCORES

NUMBER	NAME	SH	SOG	G	A
2	Megan Nash	3	1	1	0
3	Kelsey King	3	1	1	0
4	Jocelyn Ravesi	1	0	0	0
6	Sam Robinson	2	0	0	0
7	Jess Demczar	2	0	0	1
9	Holly Niemiec	5	3	1	1
10	Aimee Chimera	3	2	2	0
11	Megan Amaral	2	1	0	1
13	Sarah Woychick	2	1	0	2
15	Taylor Baranowsky	6	2	0	0
16	Sarah Pirnie	4	1	0	0
19	Savannah Brija	2	2	1	0
21	Lindsey Woller	1	1	0	0
25	Margaret Crowell	2	1	0	0

Next game: 7 p.m. Sept. 4 vs. Rowan University

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Club sports installs tier system for budgeting

BY JONATHAN BECK
SPORTS EDITOR

With 40 club sports teams on campus, ranging from equestrian to dance to traditional sports, such as soccer and basketball, an increased funding for equipment and transportation requires much administering on the college's behalf.

At the end of April, the Office of Recreational Sports created a cutting-edge system involving separated tiers to categorize each club sport into a respective tier.

Sean Reilley, program coordinator of Fitness and Fitness Center Management, said the staff has looked closely over the last few years regarding the tiering process, and there was not one occurrence that caused the change.

"There wasn't any single issue or event that was the driving force behind the change, but we have been taking a hard look at our processes and the way that we are doing things here and the tier system, at least so far, allows us to better allocate their resources we are working with," Reilley said.

The initiative was put forth by Mike Ostman, former sports club director, who has since left the college for a new position as the coordinator of Sport Clubs and Outdoor Adventures at University of Texas–Rio Grande Valley.

The first tier is divided into two divisions, blue and yellow. Tier one blue clubs are defined as "clubs that have the potential to compete nationally and are governed by a national governing body," and are also defined as "clubs with high risk, covered by insurance and require a certified adult coach," according to the Office of Recreational Sports, whereas tier one yellow clubs entail a moderate level of risk and can have a student coach. Sports grouped in this tier receive an allocated budget at the start of each academic year and must raise 60 percent of the budget.

Tiers two and three, however, are defined as recreational and performance sports, which receive no funding, but they are allowed to request funds on a need basis.

In the past, each club has received an allocated budget at the beginning of the year, depending on how much they require for the season. This new system changes the game.

Reilley has since taken over the responsibilities of being the club sports coordinator, and he will continue to do so until the new coordinator is introduced toward the end of September.

Reilley said they are very early on in the process in deciding the allocations for funding and have not received any official requests from teams.

"Through a couple of conversations with sport club officers, there will be some need but very manageable," Reilley said.

Senior Zander Hoke, president of men's club ice hockey, said he heard of the new system coming into action during his sophomore year.

"To me it was a promise in the fog that it was coming for a long time," Hoke said. "Basically, I've been hearing about it for two or more years."

Reilley said so far he has not received any complaints from club officers regarding the system.

"There's been no major backlash about the tier system itself," Reilley said.

Senior Brittany Asito, president of Ithaca College Cheerleading, said the squad, which is now in tier one, was not always in the highest tier. She said she believed her team met the requirements for the tier and thus deserved to be moved up.

"We felt we should be in tier one, but they still felt we should be in tier two," Asito said. "At the end of last year, we set up a meeting with sport club, and it basically came down to a lack of understanding of what we were all about. They never really took the time to come and ask us. At this meeting, that's when they announced the new system, and we had no idea this was coming and we of course were upset."

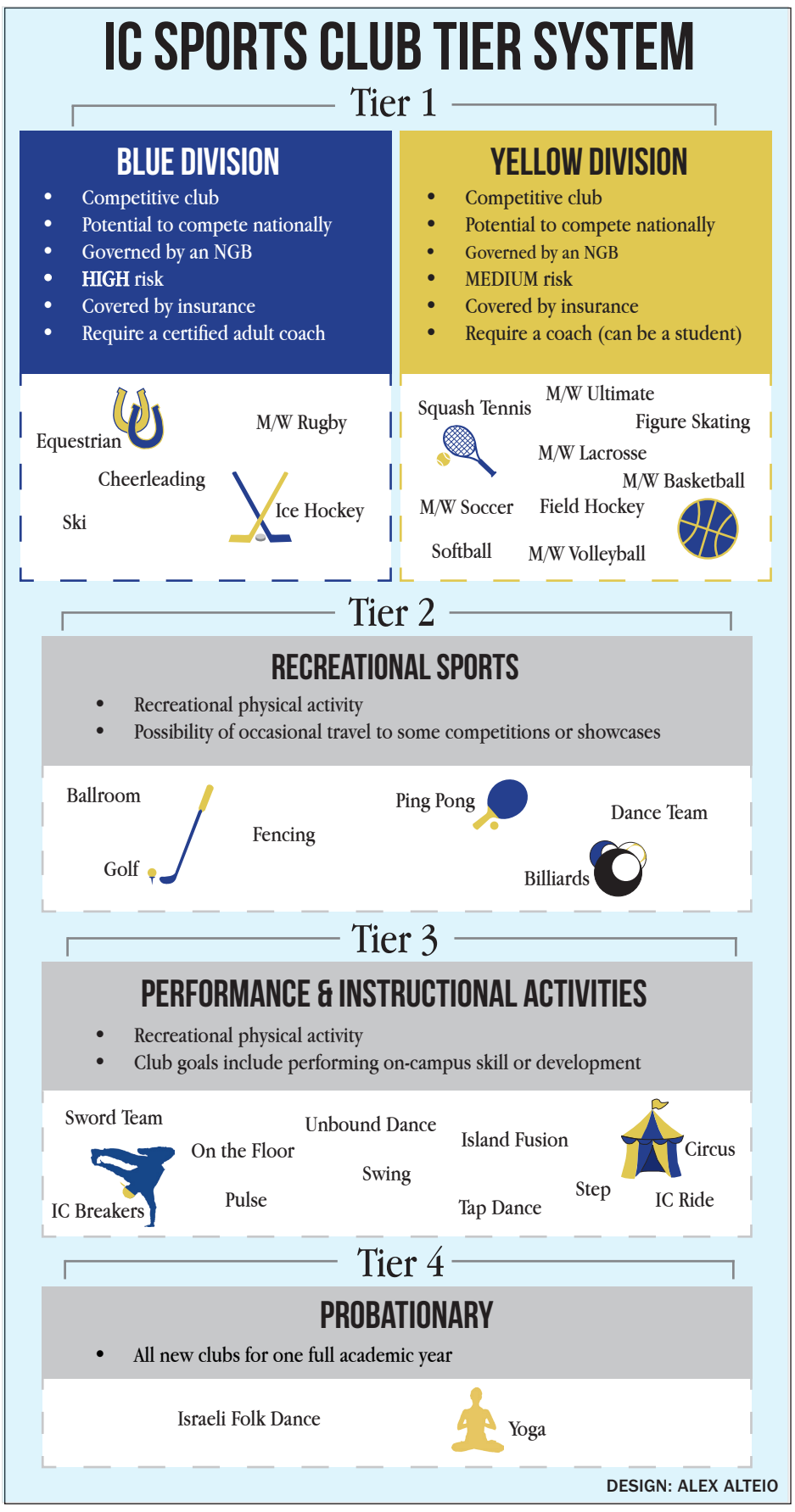
Junior Eric Finkelstein, the club president of men's volleyball, in tier one yellow, said his club has benefited greatly from the tier system as it has given the players what they felt they deserved.

Junior Devon Baris, co-president of IC Circus, which is grouped in tier three, said he was surprised by the change, but his club would be able to adjust to the new system.

"Initially I was worried," Baris said. "I wasn't quite sure what was happening because when they presented it, it was not 100 percent what they were going for, it was most of the way there. The way it is set up now, I'm OK with it."

Senior Tyler Ashe, president of men's club lacrosse, which is in tier one yellow, offered a new solution for how the system could improve over the following years.

"Maybe in the beginning of the year, the teams that don't get funding at all throughout the year, [do] on a request for funds for this specific reason," Ashe said. "Maybe allocate an even amount over all of those clubs and per semester. If they don't use it, then lower it. If they do use it, then up it a bit. Updating it semesterly could alleviate the tension."



Volleyball squad undergoes roster changes amid coaching controversy

BY REED KELLER
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The volleyball team is entering its 2015 campaign with a slightly different roster, made up of many more underclassmen than upperclassmen. Some of the players not returning to the squad said they had unsatisfactory encounters with the coaching staff.

While the volleyball team has added many newcomers to the squad, the Bombers lost a number of key players during the preseason. One reason for the influx of new talent is the loss of seven of last year's 14 returning players, despite graduating only one senior. Currently, the squad is made up of 10 underclassmen, while there are only two juniors and one senior on the team.

Coach Janet Donovan said two players are sitting out the year due to injury, but she would not comment further on the other players who are not on the 2015 roster. Players no longer listed on this year's roster include juniors Molly Brown, Myan Idziur, and Siobhan Sorensen, and sophomores Katie Hartman, Dominique Lyons and Hannah Robison.

Brown, who quit the team at the beginning of preseason, said while two members did leave the team because of injury, other players were either cut or quit the team during preseason.

Brown said many members of the team have had personal problems and disagreements with the coaching staff, and while the members tried to address these problems last season with both the coaching staff and athletic administration, the problems could not be resolved.

"[Donovan] has issues with developing players," Brown said. "Most players quit because they feel as though they're being replaced with shiny, new pieces or aren't playing for some trivial reason."

Brown also said she has had recurring problems with Donovan over the years.

"A lot of inappropriate, uncomfortable situations have happened with the coaching staff, whether it be bullying or attacking, or mistreatment," Brown said.

When asked for specifics, Brown recalled one instance last year.

"She called me a climate destroyer," Brown said. "I went from being rookie of the week one week, to being on the bench the next."

Brown said her decision to quit was hers alone, but some of the team's most talented players from last year were simply cut with no reason given.

Brown said on the last day of tryouts players were given envelopes with letters informing them whether they would return to the team.

Idziur, another player who was cut, said her cut particularly stung because she grew up playing the sport and was turned away from it late in her career.

"Volleyball was my life, and when I tried to fix the situation as best I could, I ended up with a very different impression of IC and the athletics department than when I started," Idziur said.

Despite the losses to the team, sophomore outside hitter Caroline Gerulskis, who was third on the team kills in her first season, said the team is ready to begin the season with high energy.

"We're trying to focus on being a strong all-around team," Gerulskis said. "We have a mix of talented freshmen as well as talented returnees, so it looks to be a very promising season."

Brown said the situation that unfolded was unfortunate, but if change could not occur, it is better for the members to be off the team than on it.

"It's sad, we lost our passion," Brown said. "We came here for our majors and a perk was to play a sport that we've played for so long. We would all love to play again at the collegiate level, but we can't under this coaching staff, and we would all love to see a change in that, but I don't know how likely that would be."

Sophomore Kayla Gromen prepares to serve the ball over the net during a game Sept. 5, 2014, in Ben Light Gymnasium.
BRIAN PULLING/THE ITHACAN

Assistant men's soccer coach details transition

Following former head men's soccer coach Andy Byrne's retirement after 31 years at the helm of the program on Feb. 17, assistant coach and former captain Patrick Ouckama '05 was appointed as the new head coach. This created a vacancy in Ouckama's former role, and this past summer, Braden Studelska was called upon to fill that responsibility.

Staff Writer Alex Wong spoke with Studelska to discuss his coaching background, how he pursued the position, what he brings to the Bomber program and what he thinks of the future of the program.

Alex Wong: What is your coaching background?

Braden Studelska: I was a student-athlete at Buena Vista University for four years, and after that I was doing some small coaching during that time, with the local high school and some of the youth programs. Then I took a teaching job and was the head boy's coach at a small Catholic high school for two years. And then the opportunity came to join the staff back where I had played. They had created a full-time assistant position, so I went back there and was there for two years. After my second year I was looking for something different, and this job came along. It was a good fit for me personally, and I think it's a good fit the other way as well, as far as what I bring to the program.

AW: How has the transition between schools been going? Has it been relatively smooth, or have there been any road bumps along the way?

BS: It's been fairly smooth. It was a hectic summer getting everything done and getting moved out here, but beyond that it's been super easy to jump in with Coach Ouckama and the guys. He's brought me full on with everything going on with the program, and we've seen good results with our guys. There's a lot of excitement going forward with the group of returners we have, and the incoming players as well have shown well. It's been pretty smooth as far as the soccer side goes.

AW: Have you noticed any similarities or differences between the schools?

BS: The big difference is the size. The school I was coming from is much smaller. When I was a student there it was about 1,200 undergrad, and by the time I left it was sub-900 in terms of undergraduate enrollment on campus. So just the size of the campus and the number of students is really a big difference. I wouldn't say there is anything good or bad, it's just different. Things tend to be much more orderly at a big school with set procedures, whereas at a small school it can be much easier to get things done quickly because there wasn't those set procedures in place because their volume of work they were doing was much smaller. But there's definitely still a small college feel here, especially with athletics. I get to see all the different coaches at staff meetings and stuff like that, so that culture is still here, so that's nice as well.

AW: Was the position here something you actively sought out and pursued, or was it something that was presented to you?

BS: It was definitely something I pursued. I was fairly selective about the type of school I was looking at and what type of environment I wanted to join. I applied kind of all over, but after doing some initial research about Ithaca College and looking more into it, it was really a place I could see myself doing well and thriving.

AW: What do you think you can bring to the table as a member of the coaching staff?

BS: A lot of it is just a second pair of eyes. I think Coach Ouckama and myself are relatively similar in how we want to play the game and the ideal of what we want to do, but at the same time we have some differences as well, which is good. We see different things — different things stand out to us. Unity in vision, but a diversity of talents. We both have similar goals in mind and broad ideas of how we're going to get there, but different things stand out to us that way. I also think I bring some experience. The conference I'm coming from, while probably not as competitive top to bottom as the Empire 8, the top three teams are very talented. Usually, three of them are ranked in the top-25 in the nation, and usually we send two, maybe three teams, to the national tournament. So I think having been exposed to that level of play has been beneficial in how I prepare for teams.

AW: What have you seen so far out of the players, or the program, that you have liked?

BS: One of the things that stands out to me is the history and the culture. There's high expectations. Seeing the way the guys had come into the preseason, the commitment they have to their fitness and technical work during the offseason really bodes well and shows it's important to them to live up to that standard. They want to do credit to the name on the front of the jersey. They want to be part of that legacy, I think. And hearing the guys talking about it, that's something special that is hard to build up in certain places, so that's been really good to see and something I'm excited to be a part of and continue to cultivate with them.

Braden Studelska was hired as the assistant men's soccer coach to replace current head coach Patrick Ouckama '05 on the staff. He coached high school soccer before coming to the college.
RYE BENNETT/THE ITHACAN

Junior goalie sticks with sport in Australia

Junior goalkeeper Katie Lass gets ready to defend an incoming shot during the team's practice Oct. 23, 2014, at Higgins Stadium. She studied abroad in the spring semester.
KAITLYN KELLY/THE ITHACAN

BY KRISTEN GOWDY
SENIOR WRITER

Katie Lass was home for Thanksgiving break last year when she got the letter.

"I was with my mom, and I got an email," she said. "I was really excited, freaking out."

It brought the news she had been waiting all semester to hear: She had been approved to study abroad in Sydney, Australia, through the Institute for the International Education of Students Abroad program, during the spring semester of 2015.

But even as the junior goalkeeper celebrated with her family, she battled with yet another decision. Last season, Lass played every minute of all 20 games in the net for the team, and she wondered how she would maintain her technique and stay in shape for the 2015 season.

She knew competing in field hockey while abroad was a viable option. The University of New South Wales, where Lass would be studying, has fielded a team since 1953 and would provide her with an opportunity to play.

"I thought about it before I went, but I wasn't sure," Lass said. "I didn't want to bring my whole entire bag over."

The extra pads and equipment required for Lass' position made her decision more difficult. But eventually, she said, she chose to bring her field hockey bag.

Two weeks after Lass arrived in Australia, the UNSW club program held tryouts.

"I just showed up and told them I wanted to play," she said. "They ended up putting me on a team."

At the tryouts, Lass caught the eye of one of the program's coaches, David Mike.

"I favored Katie, as I have a deep connection with field hockey in the USA," Mike said. "I coach at summer camps and have for many years. So I have a good understanding of the sport in the USA, as well as a respect for the skills and application of players there."

Mike, along with the other program coaches and coordinators, placed Lass on the third-highest of six teams, though Mike said she likely could have competed at a higher level.

"It was taken into account that Katie was there for a semester only," Mike said. "Katie is a more-than-capable goalkeeper who could have played higher, but was not there for the whole season and did miss some trainings and games due to her studies and travel, so third team was considered the best option for her."

It took Lass a couple of weeks to adjust to the subtle differences of the Australian field hockey lingo. She said a corner in American field hockey is called a long corner in Australian field hockey. Additionally, they speak in meters instead of yards on the field.

As the season progressed, Lass said she found other differences between American and Australian field hockey that were larger than just the minor terminology variations.

For instance, teams were not restricted to students at the university. On Lass' team, Mike said, the athletes' ages ranged from 14 to 45 years old. Lass added that some of her teammates had children of their own.

"The way it works, it's more like a club," she said. "It's not like 'I'm an Ithaca College student. I play for Ithaca.' It's more like you can play with anyone."

Moreover, in Australia, Lass said, field hockey is more gender-inclusive. Where in the United States it's predominantly played by women, Lass said it was more common in Australia to see men playing.

"The coolest thing I saw there was probably this boy, he was probably 6 or 7, and he was going around and playing at the turf we were playing on," she said. "It was really cool to watch him. I've never seen a kid that young playing and really enjoying himself."

Lass spent the semester playing for the team, which practiced on Thursdays and competed on Sundays. While she said competing abroad helped her with her original goal of staying in shape, it also helped her improve her game.

And now that she's back with the Bombers, she said she feels confident heading into the season, largely due to her experiences there.

At one of the team's preseason practices, head coach Tracey Houk divided her field players into three groups and had them shoot at Lass, who was in her usual spot in front of the net. Taking turns, three lines of Bombers fired shot after shot at the goalkeeper.

Lass stopped nearly every attempt.

"We've been starting her off at her usual pace, and we just have expectations of her to continue to do what she does," Houk said. "I'm honestly not worried about her."

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> – Katie Lass

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DID YOU KNOW?

Little-known facts about professional sports

On Aug. 29, Toronto Blue Jays designated hitter Edwin Encarnacion belted three home runs, including a grand slam, and collected nine runs batted in en route to a 15–1 Blue Jays victory over the Detroit Tigers. According to ESPN, Encarnacion became the first player in Blue Jays history to have such an outing. The grand slam was his third of the season, making him one of three players in MLB history to lace a trio of grand slams in a single season.

To add to his successful outing in which he went 3–5, he also extended his hitting streak to a 2015 major league best 24 games. The hitting streak began over a month ago on July 26.

Top Tweets

The best sports commentary via Twitter from this past week

NOT SportsCenter
@NOTSportsCenter
Floyd Mayweather responds to Ronda Rousey: "I have no idea what she said, but as soon as I can hire someone to read it to me...it's on."

SportsPickle
@sportspickle
The best way to avoid injury to important players in games that aren't important is to have a 1-game season that is the Super Bowl.

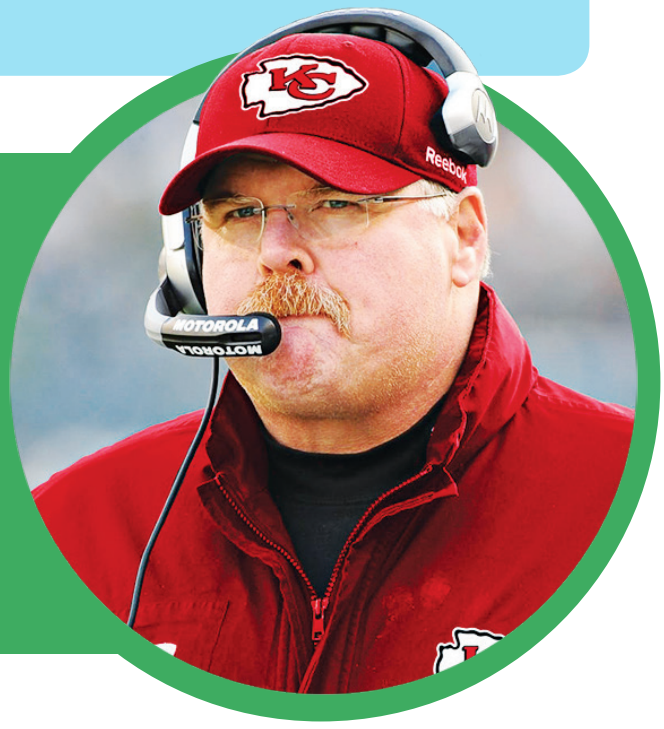
Faux John Madden
@FauxJohnMadden
With 18 yards rushing tonight, Tom Brady has already surpassed the projected rushing totals for Trent Richardson's 2015 season.

The Fake ESPN
@TheFakeESPN
Doctors add "Claiming Recovery Water can heal a concussion" to list of symptoms of a concussion.

THEY SAID IT

[ANDY REID]

That's a pretty good feeling. That's like a good cheeseburger.
— On calling the perfect play / The Kansas City Star



ON THIS DAY IN

Important moments in professional and Bombers sports history

PRO SPORTS HISTORY 1990

Relief pitcher Bobby Thigpen of the Chicago White Sox recorded his 47th save in a 4–2 victory over the Kansas City Royals, breaking the major league single season save record, which was previously owned by Dave Righetti who tallied 46 in 1986. By the end of the 1990 season, Thigpen had recorded a remarkable 57 saves, which currently ranks second after Francisco Rodriguez recorded 62 saves in 2008.

BOMBERS SPORTS HISTORY 2011

In a game against nationally ranked The College of New Jersey, the women's soccer team won a tight contest 2–1 after Amanda Callanan '14 netted a goal in the 90th minute to give the Bombers the come-from-behind victory. The team was down 1–0 until the 68th minute of play until Rachael Palladino '13 tied the game at 1–1. The game remained scoreless for the final 20 minutes of play until Callanan recorded the winning shot at 89:08 to give the Bombers the victory over the Lions.

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the foul line

Weird news from the world of sports

On Aug. 28, international cricket star Brendan Taylor was found passed out drunk in the back seat of a stranger's car. Michael Whitaker, a businessman from West Bridgford, saw the 29-year-old Nottinghamshire player asleep in the car as he was getting ready to leave for work.

Apparently, after Nottinghamshire's quarter-final victory over Durham, the cricket ace had a bit too much to drink and took shelter in Whitaker's Chevrolet Matiz.

Uncertain of what action to take, Whitaker immediately called the police, and upon their arrival, the father of two was surprised to find who the passenger was. Rather than be upset, Whitaker found the incident quite funny and bizarre.

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THE BEST THING SINCE SLICED BREAD

Use these handy tips and tricks to make avoiding gluten a little less complicated

ALTERNATIVES

SOURCE: GREATIST.COM

Substitutions:

- PASTA — Rice noodles, Spaghetti Squash
- FLOUR — Coconut Flour, Almond Flour, Black Beans
- FROSTING — Meringue
- PIZZA CRUST — Mashed Potato Crust
- FLOUR TORTILLAS — Corn Tortillas

DID YOU KNOW?

CHEERIOS ARE NOW GLUTEN-FREE

BECAUSE THE FOUNDER OF HONEY NUT CHEERIOS' DAUGHTER-IN-LAW CAN'T EAT GLUTEN.

RECIPES

SOURCE: MINIMALIST

"The best gluten-free pizza crust"

Ingredients:

- 3 cups gluten-free flour blend
  - 1 cup white rice flour
  - 1 cup brown rice flour
  - 1 cup tapioca flour
  - 3/4 teaspoon xanthan gum
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 3 tablespoon sugar, divided
- 1 tablespoon yeast
- 1 1/4 cups warm water, divided
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

1. Heat oven to 350 F.
2. In a small bowl, combine yeast and 3/4 cup warm water. Let set for five minutes to activate. Sprinke in 1 tablespoon of the sugar a few minutes in.
3. In a separate bowl, combine gluten-free flour blend, salt, baking powder and remaining 2 tablespoon sugar. Whisk until well combined.
4. Make a well in the dry mixture and add the yeast mixture. Add the olive oil and additional 1/2 cup warm water before stirring. Then stir until well combined.

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