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# IC cost of attendance to exceed \$60,000

**BY RYAN KING**  
STAFF WRITER

During its fall meeting, the Ithaca College Board of Trustees approved a 2.95 percent tuition increase for the 2019–20 academic year. This increase marks the first time in the college's history that the total cost of attendance will exceed \$60,000.

The college's tuition costs have been increasing every year for decades, but in recent years, the percentage of increase has been on a downward trajectory, a priority of former President Tom Rochons. This recent increase changes that.

President Shirley M. Collado announced to the community via email Oct. 25 that the board had agreed to raise tuition by 2.95 percent to \$45,275, increase the rate of a standard double room by 2.35 percent to \$8,769 and increase the price of a standard meal plan by 1.35 percent to \$7,088. It brings the sticker price of attendance to \$61,132. That number does not include the estimated cost of books, travel and other miscellaneous expenses.

In the email, Collado said the increase reflects changes made to invest more in the student experience.

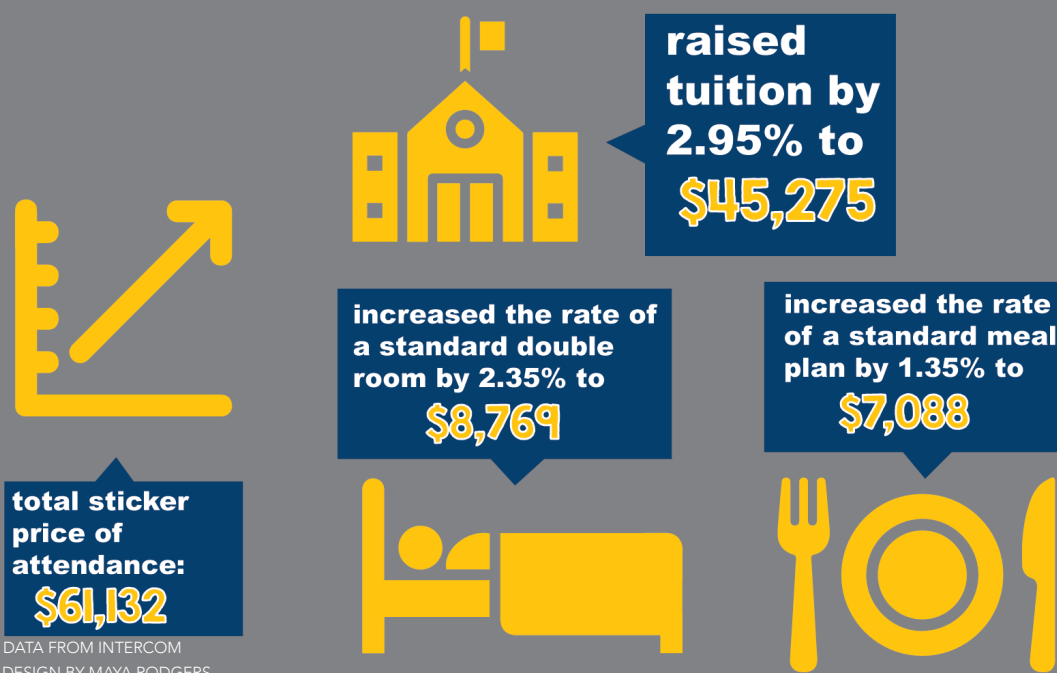
"The board makes its decision to set tuition during its fall meeting in

order to provide this information as early as possible to families to support their decisions around college applications and admissions," Collado said in the email. "The level of increase in tuition from the current year reflects our diligence in balancing efforts to keep costs as low as possible for students and their families while simultaneously investing in a high-quality student experience."

The most recent campus climate survey, from 2017, conducted by Rankin & Associates, Consulting, detailed numerous findings that indicated a general dissatisfaction among the student body in the diversity and inclusiveness of spaces on campus. The survey found that "members of several constituent groups indicated that they experienced exclusionary, intimidating, offensive, and/or hostile conduct" and "several constituent groups indicated that they were less comfortable with the overall campus climate, workplace climate, and classroom climate — specifically referencing women, people of color, people with disabilities and first-generation students."

The college has previously stated that the changes among the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Life, as well as additional personnel changes

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on campus — including the addition of two more counselors at the college's Center for Counseling and Psychological Services — were done in an attempt to address these findings. Some of that additional investment

was a response to the campus climate survey, in which students expressed a desire for more outlets on campus to address intersectionality. The college made staff changes to the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Life,

which was partially funded from the budget surplus.

During this current academic year, the college surplus dropped from \$20

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## Freshman class sees rise in ALANA enrollment

**BY BIANCA MESTIZA**  
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This academic year, Ithaca College welcomed a freshman class with the largest percentage of Asian-American, Latino, African-American and Native American students — nearly 25 percent — in the institution's history.

This increase corresponds with national trends. Higher education institutions across the country, including Ithaca College, are seeing increased populations of students of color on campus, a trend fueled by national demographic changes, experts say. According to the Office of Analytics and Institutional Research, since the 2013–14 academic year — which had a 21.7 percent person-of-color enrollment in the freshman class — the college has increased its ALANA enrollment to 24.2 percent, a 2.5 percent increase over five academic years.

For decades, students of color have been an underrepresented group in education institutions.

And, while representation is increasing, there is still a prominent enrollment gap between students of color and white students at liberal arts institutions like Ithaca College.

Reflecting the demographic changes in the country, the National Center

for Education Statistics at the Institute of Education Sciences projected that there will be increases among people of color enrolling in postsecondary degree-granting institutions between 2011 and 2022. There is projected to be a 26 percent increase in black students, a 27 percent increase in Hispanic students and a 7 percent increase in Asian/Pacific Islander students; the percent of American Indian/Alaskan Native is projected to remain stagnant. Additionally, there is projected to be a 7 percent increase in enrollment of white students.

In comparison to its peer institutions — small, private liberal arts colleges — the college has a similar representation of students of color in its student body. According to data from The Chronicle of Higher Education from 2016, Elon University had an 80.1 percent white population, Muhlenberg College had 75 percent and Marist College had 71.5 percent. Conversely, other small, private liberal arts colleges have smaller white populations, including Fordham University with 52.5 percent and Hofstra University with 54.1 percent. While Elon University, Muhlenberg College and Marist College are in rural areas, Fordham University is in New York City, and

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## Protestant chaplain to resign at the end of the fall semester

**BY GRACE ELLETON AND KRISSEY WAITE**  
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Rev. James Touchton, chaplain of the Ithaca College Protestant community, will resign from his position at the end of Fall 2018. Touchton and the ICPC came under criticism last spring for being exclusive toward LGBTQ students and students of color.

Touchton said he would be resigning from his position in a statement obtained by *The Ithacan* that was posted in a private ICPC alumni Facebook page. The news was also shared in an Intercom announcement posted by Hierald Osorto on Oct. 25.

Many students came forward in Spring 2018 detailing experiences of exclusion or discomfort in the ICPC, particularly those who are LGBTQ students. In response to these allegations, Touchton said he was working to make the community a more inclusive space by holding book-club discussions in the ICPC about race and by holding speaking events to discuss more diverse topics in the religious community.



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After the allegations about the ICPC were made public, an organization called IC Color was formed in order to address issues in the religious community. It issued a series of demands to the college concerning the ICPC, some of which the college responded to. The organization was formed by seniors Vanessa Zimmerman and

Annalise Haldeman, who said, as previously reported by *The Ithacan*, they felt excluded from the ICPC when they came out as gay in the fall of 2017. Both said they wanted the college to remove Touchton as chaplain.

Touchton said he did not wish

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# NATION & WORLD

## Boston gangster death in prison being investigated as homicide

James “Whitey” Bulger, the murderous Boston gangster who benefited from a corrupt relationship with the FBI before spending 16 years as one of America’s most-wanted men, died in federal prison. He was 89. Bulger was found unresponsive on the morning of Oct. 30 at the U.S. penitentiary in West Virginia where he’d just been transferred, and a medical examiner declared him dead shortly afterward, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Authorities did not immediately release a cause of death, but Justin Tarovsky, a prison union official, told The Associated Press it was being investigated as a homicide.

## US colleges rethink financial ties with Saudi Arabian government

U.S. colleges and universities have received more than \$350 million from the Saudi government this decade, yet some are rethinking their arrangements in the wake of the killing of a journalist that has ignited a global uproar against the oil-rich nation. The Associated Press analyzed federal data and found that at least \$354 million from the Saudi government or institutions it controls has flowed to 37 American schools since 2011.

## US plans to send troops to border in response to migrant caravan

The Pentagon is deploying 5,200 troops to the Southwest border in an extraordinary military operation a week before nationwide elections in which President Donald Trump wants voters to focus on what he calls an

“invasion” — a slow-moving caravan of Central American migrants.

Two caravans of migrants, traveling mostly on foot, are still hundreds of miles from the U.S. border with Mexico. Most are poor, carrying the belongings that fit into a knapsack and fleeing gang violence or poverty. And any who complete the long trek to the border already face major hurdles to gain asylum in the country — both physical and bureaucratic — and be allowed to remain in the United States.

## Officials identify bodies from crash after jet goes down in Indonesia

Relatives numbed by grief provided samples for DNA tests to help identify victims of the Lion Air plane crash that killed 189 people in Indonesia, as accounts emerged Oct. 30 of problems on the jet’s previous flight including rapid descents that terrified passengers.

Hundreds of rescue personnel searched seas where the plane crashed, sending more than three dozen body bags to identification experts, while the airline flew dozens of grieving relatives to the country’s capital, Jakarta. The 2-month-old Boeing 737 MAX 8 jet plunged into the Java Sea early Oct. 29, just 13 minutes after taking off from Jakarta for an island off Sumatra. Its pilot requested clearance to return to the airport two to three minutes after takeoff, indicating a problem, though the cause is still uncertain.

## Brazil president-elect sets priority to address economic concerns

Brazil’s President-elect Jair Bolsonaro signaled Oct. 29 that his administration would



### Fire burns down slum in Mumbai, India

People evacuate their homes in Mumbai, India, following a fire Oct. 30. Several injuries and no casualties were reported, and the exact source of the fire is still being determined. Several gas cooking cylinders were seen exploding as the fire spread.

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make tackling the country’s budget-crushing pension system a top priority, doubling down on a campaign promise that made him the choice of the business community despite frequently saying he doesn’t understand the economy.

The tough-talking former army captain cruised to a 10-point victory Oct. 28 by capitalizing on widespread frustration in Latin America’s largest economy, which has fallen on hard times less than a decade after being a darling of investors among emerging markets.

Bolsonaro’s victory moved Brazil, the world’s fourth-largest democracy, sharply to the

right after four consecutive elections in which candidates from the left-leaning Workers’ Party won.

### German chancellor will not run for a fifth time at end of term

Angela Merkel set off Oct. 29 on what could be a three-year countdown to the end of her leadership of Germany, a stint that has made her the European Union’s longest-serving leader and a key figure in facing the continent’s many crises.

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**Jake and the Nowhere Men**  
A band composed of Ithaca College students that performs on campus and downtown discusses its performances.

**Wizards Weekend 2018**  
The Ithaca community celebrates fantasy with vendors, games and a costume contest at Wizards Weekend on The Commons on Oct. 28–29.

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# Tensions rise during LGBTQ forum

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Members from the Ithaca College administration and IC Color held an open forum Oct. 30 for the college community to have a dialogue about creating a safe environment for LGBTQ students in the religious communities on campus.

The forum was held in response to alleged exclusion within the Protestant community toward members of the LGBTQ community, as reported by *The Ithacan*.

IC Color, a student group created in response to alleged incidents of exclusion in the Protestant community, was also present and had previously delivered a list of demands to the administration in May 2018, which the group says have not been met. Hieraald Osorto, director of religious and spiritual life; Luca Maurer, director of the Center for LGBT Education, Outreach and Services; and College Librarian Lisabeth Chabot facilitated the conversation.

Approximately 30 community members attended the event, which was held in the VIP Room in the Athletic and Events Center. Various attendees expressed discontentment about how the event was organized and felt the conversation was not a productive dialogue. Many people left the event in apparent frustration.

Maurer began the event by reassuring community members that the goal of the dialogue was to clarify the questions and grievances raised about the college's religious communities over the past year.

Osorto then highlighted the



Hieraald Osorto, director of religious and spiritual life, speaks at the open forum held with IC Color and members of the college administration Oct. 30. The event was held in the Athletic and Events Center.

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actions that were being taken by the college and the Protestant community to create an inclusive environment. The college created the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life in response to a proposal created by Roger Richardson, associate vice president of the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Life, and student leaders of campus religious communities, which will be heading many of these changes.

Osorto also discussed potential organizational changes, which would require board members to participate in diversity training and add a new grievance procedure, asking student

members about their pronouns and outlining expectations for how members of the Protestant community should deal with conflict and difficult discussions.

Osorto and Maurer facilitated a "word cafe conversation," in which they asked those in attendance to answer questions written on notecards scattered across the room.

The tables were covered with paper that attendees were encouraged to write their answers down on. Approximately 10 attendees left the event at this time.

Once the conversations began, some people in attendance brought up concerns that many

attendees came with questions, and they asked if the table discussion could be bypassed. Maurer said they were going to stick with their original organization.

"If you came with very specific questions that you wanted to make sure got answered, please feel free to both write them on the pieces of paper," Maurer said.

*Read the complete story online at [theithacan.org/ICColorForum](http://theithacan.org/ICColorForum)*

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# IC Republicans faces backlash

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IC Republicans has received backlash from the Ithaca College community for statements it posted to social media regarding cultural appropriation on Halloween.

The statements were in response to a flier posted around campus, which explained the definition of cultural appropriation and informed students how to approach wearing costumes in a culturally sensitive manner. The IC Republicans Twitter and Facebook accounts posted photos of the flier paired with the captions "Make sure you don't have fun this Halloween! Wouldn't want someone to complain!" and "Remember: Fun is strictly forbidden this Halloween. You might offend someone!"

Additionally, IC Republicans tweeted in response to the Center for Inclusion Diversity Equity and Social Change (IDEAS) — a department within the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Life, which encouraged students to not dress in culturally appropriate costumes during the unofficial Halloween weekend. IDEAS tweeted, "If you need your Halloween costume to rely on tired cultural stereotypes, it probably isn't as cool or edgy as you think it is. Don't be derivative. Don't appropriate." IC Republicans replied via Twitter saying, "If your outrage relies on someone's Halloween costume you probably aren't ready for adulthood. Don't be manipulated. Don't conform. Wear what you want, and have some fun." Both posts from IC Republicans received immediate responses from several students and alumni, on both Twitter and Facebook, criticizing the statements.

Cultural appropriation was defined on the flier as "the utilization of one's culture without permission." This is often abused on Halloween when individuals dress up in costumes that take from others' cultures. Many criticize cultural appropriative behavior for reinforcing power dynamics within society by reducing members of marginalized communities to costumes. A section of the flier from IDEAS titled "Why Does This Matter?" says "cultural appropriation stems from respect and context... Historically, many cultural groups have been, and unfortunately still are, oppressed. Ceding from one's culture without their permission essentially affirms a sense of entitlement and continues to enforce societal power dynamics."

Rosanna Ferro, vice president of the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Life, said in response to the situation via email that students should be respectful of one another. "We encourage civility, thoughtfulness and respect from all members of the campus community toward all," Ferro said.

Ferro did not have comments specifically directed at IC Republicans.

Senior Lucas Veca, president of IC Republicans, said on behalf of the group that it feels that its intentions behind its tweets were misunderstood by the community. He said it wanted to show that there are various opinions on cultural appropriation.

Sophomore Thomas Peyton, who responded on Twitter to IC Republicans' tweet in reference to the original tweet from IDEAS, said he believes that IC Republicans was not using its platform to engage in healthy debate but instead, just posting with the intent to offend others and be provocative.

"In today's political climate, any deviation from productive conversation is just useless noise," Peyton said. "That's all IC Republicans are to our campus: noise."

Senior Lauren Kleiman tweeted in response to IC Republican's tweet of the flier, "Lol this group is so pathetic, they can't enjoy Halloween without being racist." Kleiman said via email that she felt IC Republicans did not understand that its actions were objectively insensitive, and no holiday is an excuse to perpetuate harmful stereotypes.

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# Events held to honor Pittsburgh victims

BY ALEXIS MANORE  
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Muffled sobs could be heard outside Muller Chapel where approximately 40 Ithaca College and local community members gathered as Hillel at Ithaca College led the group in song at a vigil Oct. 28.

The vigil was held in honor of the victims and survivors of a shooting that occurred in a Pittsburgh synagogue — the Tree of Life Synagogue — early in the morning Oct. 27. The college also hosted an event Oct. 31 to honor the lives lost in the Pittsburgh shooting and the shooting in Kentucky, in which two people of color were killed in a grocery store. It was also held to provide support to the community after a series of pipe bombs were mailed to politicians and a news outlet.

This was the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in United States history, killing 11 members of the Pittsburgh Jewish community. The shooter, Robert Bowers, was armed with three Glock handguns and an AR-15 semiautomatic rifle.

Bowers has a history of posting anti-Semitic remarks on the internet. According to The Washington Post, after he was captured, Bowers told SWAT officers, "They're committing genocide to my people ... I just want to kill Jews."

The 11 victims who were killed are Jerry Rabinowitz, 66; Cecil Rosenthal, 59; David Rosenthal, 54; Rose Mallinger, 97; Bernice Simon, 84; Sylvan Simon, 86; Daniel Stein, 71; Joyce Fienberg, 75; Richard Gottfried, 65; Melvin Wax, 88; and Irving Younger, 69.

Many people in the United States attribute President Donald Trump's rhetoric to the increase in anti-Semitic and racist sentiments and hate crimes. In 2016, 6,063 single-bias hate crimes occurred, which is an increase from 2015, when 5,818 single-bias hate crimes occurred.

Hillel sang hymns, read from Psalms, gave speeches and lit 11 Yahrzeit candles to honor the



Cantor Abbe Lyons, business manager of Hillel, speaks at a vigil in Muller Chapel on Oct. 28 held to honor victims and survivors of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting Oct. 27.

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victims and survivors of the shooting.

Lauren Goldberg, executive director of Hillel at the college; Cantor Abbe Lyons, business manager of Hillel at the college; and Austin Reid, springboard innovation fellow at the college, spoke and gave eulogies at the vigil.

Lyons said she is deeply saddened by the attack and condemned the anti-Semitic views of the suspect.

"Our hearts break for the senseless murder of our fellow Jews and all victims of vicious hate crimes," Lyons said. "We condemn the dangerous rhetoric that permits such senseless violence, and we stand with the Tree of Life congregation and its community during this terrible time."

Lyons said the Jewish community is not the only community that has come under attack

and that many other groups have also been victims of acts of violence in the United States for many years.

"As our Torah teaches us, we are responsible for one another and commanded to honor the image of God in one another," she said. "Our sense of justice compels us to address the core issues that are facing not just the Jewish people, but all people in our country and in our civil society. This time the Jewish community was targeted in what may be the worst anti-Semitic attack in American history; other times it has been African Americans or Sikhs or Muslims."

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million to \$5 million. Roughly \$6.7 million of that went to salary and benefit increases, \$6 million went to financial aid, \$1 million was the result of lower enrollment and the remaining \$1 million went to miscellaneous costs, William Guerrero, vice president of the Division of Finance and Administration, said. According to previous reporting by *The Ithacan*, Beth Reynolds, controller for the Office of Business and Finance, said part of the \$6.7 million of the budget surplus went toward funding new positions within the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Life.

Guerrero also said the increase came as result of funding more programs and positions on campus. He said it is important to remember that the sticker price for tuition is not the amount that most students pay. Collado echoed this message in the campuswide email, saying that over 90 percent of students receive some form of financial aid. According

to College Board, the average financial aid package for students at the college is \$38,729.

Financial aid accounts for a large portion of the college budget. The most recent college budget indicates that the college spent \$126 million — 36 percent — of its \$361 million potential earnings on financial aid.

Guerrero said there is currently a debate among some colleges about tuition resets — the practice of colleges drastically reducing their sticker tuition prices and their financial aid packages.

“There hasn’t been a case study that’s proven that it’s an effective strategy,” he said. “There’s always the challenge of value versus price. If you look at \$60,000 versus \$30,000 as a sticker price, you feel like you would get a better quality education for 60K than 30K.”

While the college budget is funded almost entirely through tuition and fees, the college also has another financial resource: the endowment,

which is currently over \$300 million. Some critics of high college tuitions cite college endowments as evidence that colleges could lower tuition rates.

Guerrero said the college is mandated to use large portions of the endowment funds a certain way and therefore, cannot use the entirety of the endowment to offset tuition costs. But he said the college does use some of the investment returns on the endowment for financial aid.

Guerrero said many decisions about the budget are made by the Institutional Effectiveness and Budget Committee.

The IEBC is a committee comprised of deans, faculty, staff and two students. It meets every Tuesday and reviews historical budgets, current financial documents and feedback from different departments on campus to help make budget recommendations to the board, Guerrero said.

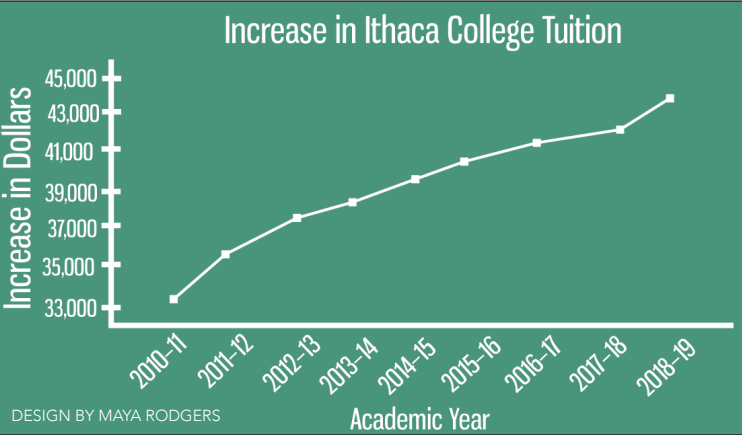
Rising tuition costs have become a national trend in higher education. The College Board study of tuitions in higher education concluded that standalone tuition prices have gone from \$17,010 real dollars in 1988 to \$35,830 real dollars in 2018 — an approximate 111 percent increase.

The same study said the average combined price of tuition, housing and dining for private institutions during 2018 and 2019 was \$48,510, which is significantly lower than the college’s sticker price.

Senior Alyse Harris, Student Governance Council president, said she met with Collado shortly after the tuition price increase was announced.



William Guerrero, vice president of the Division of Finance and Administration, said he is looking for ways to reduce the cost of tuition.  
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to comment further on why he is resigning but did confirm that he will be leaving the college at the end of this semester. In the Facebook post, he said the stress of the “students’ claims” have taken a toll on his mental, physical and spiritual health.

In the post, Touchton expressed frustration with changes that are currently taking place within religious communities at the college. The college recently hired Hierald Osorto, director of religious and spiritual life, to fill a new position that created to oversee all religious communities at the college. In a commentary published in *The Ithacan*, Osorto said he is planning to change the way funding is being distributed to religious communities on campus in an effort to make funding distribution more equitable. In the Facebook post, Touchton said this could hurt the ICPC.

Osorto said the money that has been given to the independent religious communities on campus — like the ICPC — has never been intended to fund salaries; rather, the money was designated for the communities’ programming. Because the college will be redistributing money more equitably to more than the three religious communities currently housed in Muller Chapel — ICPC, the Catholic community and Hillel — those three groups will receive less.

Senior Josh John, chair of the Protestant community council, said the ICPC will miss Touchton’s presence. John said he is unsure how the ICPC will move forward with the funding adjustments, but, currently, the organization is discussing different options.

Zimmerman said via Facebook Messenger that she thinks Touchton’s resignation is beneficial for the future of the Protestant community and that it is important to continue to hold leadership of the protestant community accountable.

Kelsey MacKellar ’13 was involved in the ICPC for the entire time she attended the college. For two of those years, she was part of the ICPC council and was a representative on the Interfaith Council for three years, she said. She said that when she found out about Touchton’s resignation she was upset and frustrated but not shocked.

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Hofstra University is in Long Island.

Gerard Turbide, vice president of the Office of Enrollment Management, said via email that the Office of Admission has made intentional efforts to recruit a more diverse class of students.

“The college makes intentional efforts to attract and enroll a diverse and talented group of students, such as where we engage in recruitment travel, how we structure our campus visit experience for prospective students and families, and providing financial aid and scholarships to help make an Ithaca College education an affordable investment,” Turbide said.

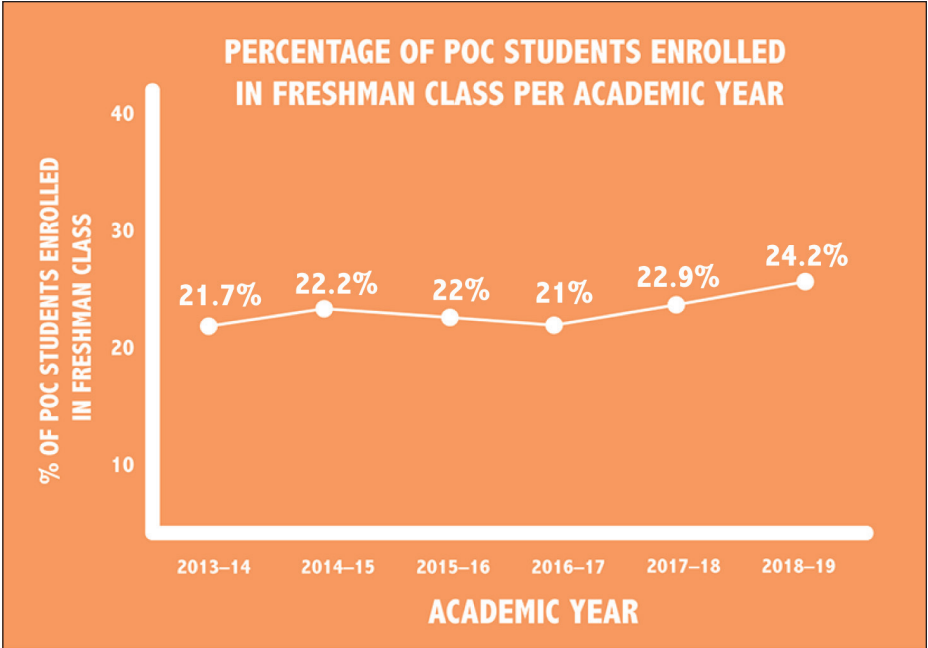
Nicole Eversley Bradwell, director of the Office of Admission, said the admissions office has focused on recruiting students of color. She said this was a goal established under the former President Tom Rochon’s strategic plan, IC 20/20.

“It’s always been a focus for us to increase the number,” Bradwell said. “In my time here, I have worked with three different college presidents. Our most recent strategic plan, which was IC 20/20 under our former president — part of the goal outlined was to reach 20 percent of student of color, and we reached and exceeded that goal.”

As previously reported by *The Ithacan*, the Office of Admission prioritizes applicants’ extracurricular activities and the “holistic view” of students’ capabilities instead of college prep courses or overall grades. Bradwell said the college’s admission criteria remains the same. The college does not look at applications based on race. Instead, it looks at students’ overall academic experiences.

“We put most of our emphasis, and have always, on a student’s day-to-day academic profile,” Bradwell said. “We look at the level of courses that students have taken in their school. We look to understand the schools that they have come from. We are certainly looking to enroll a diverse class. When I say diverse, I mean in every aspect, so students across the nation and across the world had different academic experiences. We have no set percentages or quotas to achieve a particular number. More so, we are looking to recruit and attract students that feel like this would be the best learning environment for them.”

The increase in enrollment of people of color could also reflect changing demographics and an increased overall enrollment. Peace



Over the past five academic years, the college has seen an increase in students of color. This year’s freshman class is 24.2 percent ALANA, a 1.3 percent increase from last year.

Bransberger, senior research analyst at Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, said she has noticed this change.

“Across the nation, there have been significant increases in the number of youths who are not white,” Bransberger said. “The greatest portion of that increase is Hispanic youths.”

However, while the number of students of color on campus is rising, some are feeling uncomfortable at a predominantly white institution. The most recent Campus Climate Survey Report released in April 2017 found that students of color did not feel satisfied with the campus. As previously reported by *The Ithacan*, students said they want there to be more programs that address intersectionality and the complexities of people’s identities, particularly person-of-color and marginalized identities.

In Fall 2015, multiple protests occurred and were led by students of color who had grievances regarding the administration’s handling of racist incidents that occurred on and off campus. They also criticized Rochon’s leadership. POC at IC, an organization formed in response to racially charged incidents and speech on campus, said it felt its concerns were not being addressed and wanted action to be taken by the administration. Rochon stepped down in July 2017. Similar protests were occurring on campuses across the country because of a general

dissatisfaction of people of color at higher-education institutions.

Bransberger said that, with the shift in campus demographics, there might be challenges that schools will face, such as demands for different programs and services. Sean Eversley Bradwell, director of the Center for Inclusion Diversity Equity and Social Change (IDEAS), said the Center for IDEAS was created to address issues experienced by people of color and marginalized groups on campus. It was created as a result of the split of the former Office of Student Engagement and Multicultural Affairs, which now consists of three main offices.

Sophomore Tomas Garcia said he has noticed an increase of people of color on campus which has improved his experience at the college.

“I’m starting to see more POC on campus, and, for me, that’s a huge difference because I feel more comfortable to know that they are people on campus who have dealt with the same struggles as me,” he said.

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# SGC discusses college relationship policy

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The Ithaca College Student Governance Council discussed potential proposed changes to student-faculty relationship policies during its Oct. 29 meeting.

In addition to reviewing policies regarding student-faculty relationships, the SGC also received updates on the recent tuition increase at the college and concerns about mental health transport from senior SGC President Alyse Harris at the meeting.

Title IX Coordinator Linda Koenig came to the SGC meeting to gather the council's thoughts on her suggested policy changes concerning faculty and student relationships. The current policies can be found in the Ithaca College Policy Manual.

Koenig said she wants to amend Section 2.44 of Volume II of the manual, which is the section that details the conflict of interests policy and does not require faculty or staff members to disclose relationships with students. Koenig said she wants the policy to require faculty and staff members to report engagements in romantic and/or sexual relationships with students.

"I would like to add this so that if there is a staff or faculty member here who does have a romantic relationship with a student, that that individual communicates it to their supervisor, to me, to the Office of Human Resources, so that we can talk through," Koenig said. "Will there be a conflict of interest? What do we need to do to mitigate that conflict of interest if one exists?"

Junior Hunter Flamm, senator for

the School of Humanities and Sciences, asked Koenig if there was a specific reason or incident that called for these changes to be made.

Koenig said she decided to suggest changes because there was a conflict between the policies she had written and the policies approved by the Ithaca College Board of Trustees and wanted to make a compromise.

Koenig said that when she assumed the position of Title IX coordinator, she noticed there was a discrepancy in the policies about student-faculty relationships. In the Sexual Misconduct, Domestic/Dating Violence and Stalking policy, it is stated that any romantic relationship between a student and a faculty member is not allowed at the college.

However, the college's policy on sexual harassment states that romantic relationships are only prohibited if the faculty member has "supervisory, instructional or evaluative authority" over the student.

Koenig provided a definition of affirmative consent, which is the voluntary and mutual decision among all participants to engage in sexual activities, because of Section 2.6 of Volume II of the Ithaca College Policy Manual.

This policy states that students and faculty and staff members are not allowed to engage in romantic and sexual relationships because the faculty or staff member has grading or supervisory power over the student.

She said a student who is dating a faculty or staff member who has grading or supervisory power over them is not fully able to give affirmative consent because of the power that the faculty or staff member holds over them.



From left, senior SGC President Alyse Harris; junior Farwa Shakeel, SGC vice president of academic affairs; and senior Senate Chair Joe Anthony Cruz at the Oct. 29 meeting. Potential changes to policy were discussed.

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Koenig said this means that relationships between a student and a faculty or staff member who does not have supervisory or grading power over the student do not go against the policy.

"If you're a student and you are a theater major, and you are never, ever, ever are going to take a physics course, it's possibly okay if you consensually decide to date someone who teaches physics," she said.

Koenig said she would also like to change Section 2.20.5 of Volume II of the Ithaca College Policy Manual, which addresses conflicts of interest

in monetary donations for research, to require faculty to disclose if the source of the funds is a romantic and/or sexual partner.

Junior Devin Kasparian, senator for the Roy H. Park School of Communications, voiced his concerns about whether or not those engaging in the relationship will feel comfortable disclosing their relationship, especially if it is a same-sex relationship, and the parties involved have not told others about their sexual orientation.

Koenig said individuals can talk to the Title IX coordinator or the

Office of Human Resources, which are both confidential. She said she believes that faculty or staff members have a responsibility to disclose information about their relationship if they are involved with a student.

Koenig also presented these proposed changes to the faculty council at its Oct. 2 meeting.

During the Oct. 29 SGC meeting, the SGC also discussed the recently announced increase in tuition at the college.

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## Mitrano shares positions before midterm elections

Democratic Candidate Tracy Mitrano is challenging incumbent Rep. Tom Reed (R-NY) for the District 23 congressional seat this Nov. 6 when voters head to the polls.

This cycle's midterm elections have particularly high stakes across the country given the political polarization currently grasping the electorate. Many political analysts have said they believe the midterms will serve as a referendum on President Donald Trump. Reed has been largely supportive of the president — he has also been endorsed by Trump — while Mitrano has expressed opposition to him on many issues.

Reed has served four terms as the congressman for the 23rd Congressional District of New York, which includes Tompkins County. He said he was unavailable for an interview.

Mitrano was the director of information technology policy at Cornell University from 2001 to 2014. She has also advised other institutions on cyber-related issues, including the University of Massachusetts, the University of Delaware, Tufts University and more.

With less than a week until the election, Staff Writer Ryan King spoke with Mitrano about her bid for Congress and her ideas about cybersecurity, health care, the deficit and education.

*This interview has been edited for length and clarity.*

**Ryan King:** Why are you running for Congress, and why do you think voters in this district should vote for you?

**Tracy Mitrano:** I am running for Congress because I am concerned about the state of our country. ... I became particularly concerned with the Russian interference in 2016 because I am concerned that we don't have anyone in Congress that understands cyber, and it turns

out that no one has that background. So, I think it would be a good contribution no matter whether you are a Republican or a Democrat. And for this district, I believe that Tom Reed has neglected us.

We are now, in this country, experiencing a lot of economic growth but not in this district because he didn't do his job. He should've been preparing us for this economic opportunity by providing affordable health, education, good infrastructure. Thank goodness we have a ban on fracking because, otherwise, he would've fracked us. So, in terms of the environment, we are still holding relatively stable, although there are issues to address such as water quality.

And he has terribly failed us by his support for the tax cut of 2017, which preferences the 1 percent and not working- and middle-class people. And there is a punctuation point on that with the \$10,000 cap on state and local tax deduction that adversely affects people in New York state. For him to be a representative from New York state to vote in favor of that is really quite shocking.

**RK:** You talk about your experience with cybersecurity. What ways do you think the government can modernize some of its cybersecurity practices, internet practices, websites, databases and so on?

**TM:** On the nonmilitary side, we need net neutrality, and we can no longer afford to wait for different Republican or Democrat presidential administrations to get it. We already had it under Obama. Under Trump, it's now been [removed], and so now it's a matter of Congress. So net neutrality, intellectual property law balance and, most importantly, especially for this district, broadband deployment. Over half of this



Democratic Candidate Tracy Mitrano, from Rochester, is running against incumbent Rep. Tom Reed (R-NY) for the District 23 congressional seat in the Nov. 6 midterm elections.

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district does not have proper internet. [Reed] should've been getting the internet out to these areas so that, as the economy is now booming, we would have communities ready, set, go for investment. But nobody is going to invest where there is no internet. So those three areas are very important in the nonmilitary areas. In the military areas, the Trump administration has put out a national cybersecurity strategy, and I think they've done a smart thing in consolidating decision-making processes.

But what makes me fearful is that they will initiate offensive cybersecurity attacks. And I think that is the wrong approach, now, in a world in which there are nation-state attacks abounding. They have been going on for decades at this point, but now they are having the effect of interfering in our elections and interfering with our democratic process. So, they've gotten to red-alert levels of attention. And the best approach is not to say, 'Okay, we are going

to launch offensive attacks.' We need global internet governance, and that requires diplomacy and requires the United States' taking a leadership position to help with other countries, and other stakeholders create the rules of engagement for the internet. ... It can't be a leader when it's the one perpetuating the attacks.

**RK:** One major issue of this election seems to be health care. Can you talk a little about how you want to address health care in Congress?

**TM:** Repeal and replace have been revealed to be completely and totally bankrupt. There is no replace.

*Read the complete story online at [theithacan.org/mitranoQ&A](http://theithacan.org/mitranoQ&A)*

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# New honors minor established at college

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Beginning this fall, all incoming honors students at Ithaca College are enrolled in the new honors minor in interdisciplinary studies: a 20-credit minor that has replaced the previous requirements to graduate with honors.

Jessye Cohen-Filipic, acting director of the Honors Program and associate professor in the Department of Psychology, said the minor includes intensive academic seminars, courses on civic and cultural engagement, and exposure to global citizenship and concludes with a capstone project and a senior seminar. She said the new format of the program will be easier for students to understand and plan for in their schedules.

Students entering the program from Fall 2018 and on are automatically enrolled in the minor, but current upperclassmen have the option of finishing the program with the requirements they entered with or adding the minor and completing it with the new requirements.

Previously, students were required to take 11 credits of seminars and nine additional credits that could be earned through coursework or achievement points in order to graduate with honors. In addition, students had to fulfill requirements for five categories of work: Academic Challenge, Global Citizenship, Cultural Engagement, Civic Engagement and Scholarly Achievement. These previous requirements did not amount to an official minor.

The new minor eliminates achievement points and bases the requirements for the program entirely on class work, like any other minor on campus. The previous format was not considered a minor, and completion of the program was based on

fulfillment of the aforementioned categories through portfolio uploads.

Cory Young, associate professor in the Department of Strategic Communication, is serving alongside Cohen-Filipic as acting assistant director of the program because Alicia Swords, director of the Honors Program and associate professor for the Department of Sociology, is on leave during Fall 2018. When Swords returns to her position as director of the Honors Program in Spring 2019, Cohen-Filipic will resume her position as assistant director. Cohen-Filipic said the new format will make it easier for students to get credit for the work they are doing in honors coursework.

“For the last handful of years, it has not been an official minor,” Cohen-Filipic said. “It couldn’t officially be used as a minor for the programs. For example, PT requires a minor, and you couldn’t necessarily use the Honors Program.”

She said the biggest challenge of the change is helping students transition to the new program.

“What Corey and I have been doing is a lot of educating students around that,” Cohen-Filipic said. “A lot of what we’re doing is educating people about the difference between the old and the new program and helping them figure out if they want to switch and how to do that.”

Young said she and Cohen-Filipic both look forward to working with students as the year progresses.

“I think this is a good structure moving forward,” Young said. “We look forward to communicating the new changes and getting the students on board with the new program and understanding the differences between the two.”

Young previously worked in the Academic Advising Center and said



Jessye Cohen-Filipic, associate professor in the Department of Psychology, is currently serving as the acting director for the new Honors Program. The Honors Program will now offer a 20-credit Honors minor.  
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that in the past, students had difficulty understanding how to find time for the honors requirements within their schedules. She said that with the new requirements, she thinks it will be easier for students to include the minor in their schedules.

Sophomore Josie Sepel said the program was difficult for her to understand last year, and she was not sure if she would be able to complete all the requirements.

“It used to be super confusing and super convoluted, so I think they explained it the best they could, but it just didn’t make too much sense,” Sepel said. “I’m definitely going to switch to the new one, mostly be-

cause it’s a lot easier to get done. It just makes a lot more sense. It’s a lot clearer what’s expected of you.”

Freshman Hannah McFarland said she thinks the new format might make things harder for students trying to incorporate a lot of other academic programming such as rigorous majors or double minors.

“I don’t really know the structure of the old program, but I feel that in making it a minor, it probably equals more work and probably more of a commitment, which is good,” McFarland said. “It just feels like it might make it harder.”

Cohen-Filipic said she thinks the new format focuses the pro-

gram, which she thinks will help build community.

“We’ve changed it so people aren’t doing as many random, noncourse-related things,” Cohen-Filipic said. “I’m looking forward to building an even more cohesive honors community because people will be in classes together more. People still get credit for things they do outside of class, and certainly that’s important, but I think there will be people seeing each other’s faces more consistently.”

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# College reflects on projects funded by grant initiative

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With the application deadline approaching for the 2018–19 President’s Seed Grant Initiative, Ithaca College hosted a fair to reflect on the previous year’s projects, many of which are now in full swing.

The Seed Grant Initiative began with President Shirley M. Collado. The goal of the president’s initiative is for faculty and staff to pitch their ideas on how to facilitate cross-disciplinary collaboration and develop innovative ideas. Only faculty and staff can apply for the grant funds, but students may act as project members.

After applicants pitch their ideas, the president selects the winners in collaboration with recommendations from a grant committee comprised of students, faculty and staff. There were 13 winners for the 2017–18 academic year, and there were 54 applications. Applications for the 2018–19 academic year are due Nov. 2.

The Seed Grant Fair, held Oct. 15, encouraged faculty, staff and students to talk with presenters about their achievements from the 2017–18 academic year. The fair occurred in the Emerson Suites from 3 to 5 p.m. Approximately 30 people attended the event.

Senior Subin Lee, who attended the fair, said she is personally interested in how the seed grants can facilitate collaboration on campus.

“I am a very collaborative person,” Lee said. “When I see a problem within the system or something potentially that I can develop further into, I want to tackle that. I really think that opening up this collaboration with students and professors to create a better innovative collaboration within the whole school is a great idea.”

Lee attended the event because she was

looking into ways to improve collaboration throughout the college. While she was doing research, she found out about the Seed Grant Initiative. Lee said she wants to participate in a Seed Grant Initiative in the future.

Belisa Gonzalez, associate professor and director of the Center for the Study of Culture, Race and Ethnicity, and her team presented their project, “Retreating, Advancing, and Writing: Creating a Writing Program for Early Career ALANA Faculty.”

“We primarily used our money for off-campus writing retreats for early-career ALANA faculties, people with racial and ethnic identities who are early-career here at IC,” Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez said the publishing process is a challenge for faculty of color due to the taxation of unacknowledged service.

“The main obstacle is publishing,” said Gonzalez. “We talked to a lot of students and are asked to be on all kinds of committees. Since publishing is the main criteria for tenure, along with teaching, we get taxed for unseen labor. Writing retreats were a direct response to that ... trying to really just give people guarded time to write with other people who are also writing. We just want to create a supportive community.”

Sebastian Harenberg, assistant professor in the Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences, and his team presented their project funded by the seed grant, “Using 360-degree videos for immersive learning experiences,” at the fair.

Harenberg said he used his grant to purchase 11 Rylo 360-degree cameras to work on multiple projects and potentially involve them in lab classes, video production and in conducting research. He said he also used the grant money to purchase a gaming computer to do video



Community members gathered at the Seed Grant Fair on Oct. 15 to watch recipients of the Seed Grant Initiative present their research and projects from the 2017–18 academic year.  
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editing with and cardboard headsets for students to put their cellphones in to experience virtual reality video.

“Now we are at the stage where we are actually using these cameras to work on a couple of different projects,” Harenberg said. “We have video recorded a couple of videos for biomechanics and physical therapy where we watched individuals doing their baseball pitch. Within physical therapy and physics, we are exploring the different options there.”

Senior Tara Stilwell, a member of Harenberg’s initiative, said she is interested in how video can be used in the coaching of players.

“I have never been a technology person, but this project itself has made me come out of my comfort zone and learn stuff I never thought I would get to learn,” Stilwell said. “Second semester last year, I was talking with Sebastian, brainstorming different ideas of what my

senior project should be and what realm of sport psych I was interested in. We came across people using video for decision-making as an intervention because we also have something at our lab called the NeuroTracker.”

Stilwell is also on the volleyball team and said that many different sports coaches are interested in how the video technology can help them with their coaching and players.

Barbara Belyea, clinical professor and associate chair of the Department of Physical Therapy, presented her seed grant project, “Step UP! Training for Bystander Intervention,” at the fair as well.

The Step UP! program is a bystander intervention program designed to give students the skill set to be active in helping others.

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## COLLEGE

### Project Look Sharp staff contributes articles to social education journal

In response to a growing concern about fake news and the power of media, Chris Sperry, director of curriculum and staff development for Project Look Sharp at Ithaca College, served as a guest editor in the September 2018 issue of Social Education.

The publication is a national peer-reviewed journal curated by the National Council for the Social Studies, which provides educators with resources on technology, educational media reviews and social studies research.

Through the 10 articles Sperry curated in the special section of the journal, the case was strongly made for why knowing facts is no longer enough. In his opening article, Sperry said learners must also be able to reflect on how their own biases impact their interpretations of the media.

Sox Sperry, Project Look Sharp’s curriculum writer, also contributed an article titled “There’s Nothing New About ‘Fake News,’” which dives into how teachers can make use of analytical tools to explore the process of omission, fabrication and distortion in media. His piece draws on his long-standing role as an educator and developer of media-based history lessons.

### IC director of employee relations publishes article on inclusion

The Society for Human Resource Management, which is the largest global human resources membership association, posted an article written by Delphia Howze, director of employee relations and development at Ithaca College.

The article is titled “Creating a Safe Space for Inclusive Dialogue” and explains how readers can aid in setting the stage for productive discussions on the topic of diversity and inclusion.

### IC Information Technology Security identifies email phishing scheme

The IT Information Security team has received several reports of an email phishing

scheme related to iTunes gift cards.

The messages seen have come from external email accounts at Gmail, Yahoo and other services but show the sender as the name of an Ithaca College employee, generally a manager. They have subjects along the lines of “urgent request,” “Hi <recipient-name>” or “quick favor,” with an initial message, something like “Are you available? I need you to do something for me urgently. I’m in a meeting and won’t be able to talk on the phone.” The initial message is vague, in an attempt to start a dialogue to get the victim’s guard down before specifying the nature of their request.

If they get a response, the attackers then ask the victim to buy a few hundred dollars worth of iTunes gift cards.

Either in the same email or in a follow-up message they ask the victim to scratch the cards to reveal the redemption code and then send them pictures of the cards showing the code.

### College to screen documentary about local environmental activism

There will be a screening of the new documentary film, “UNFRACTURED,” by feminist filmmaker, Chanda Chevannes, 7 p.m. Nov. 2 in the Roy H. Park School of Communications auditorium.

There will be introductory remarks by Sandra Steingraber, distinguished scholar in residence in the Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences.

There will also be a Q&A with Chevannes after the screening. Premiering in Ithaca last spring as part of the Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival, “UNFRACTURED” is a documentary about using data to stand up to power.

The story follows introspective biologist Steingraber as she uses science in the service of social change and reinvents herself along the way. Steingraber quickly emerges as a leader of New York’s biggest



### College puts on Halloween-themed event

From left, freshmen Lauren Barnes, Keeley Firinne and Zoey Spang decorate pumpkins Oct. 26. IC After Dark and the Student Activities Board hosted a Halloween-themed event, “Ith’s A Great Pumpkin!,” with a pumpkin painting and a costume contest.

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grassroots movement in decades as it fights for a statewide ban on fracking. This screening will be preceded by a short presentation.

### College accepting applications for new ICC curriculum director

Ithaca College is accepting applications for a three-year appointment as director of the Integrative Core Curriculum, with the possibility of reappointment.

The person in this position will provide leadership in the ongoing implementation, revision and assessment of the ICC, serve as liaison to the Committee for

College-Wide Requirements, advance the electronic learning portfolio and work collaboratively with the Ithaca seminar coordinator and faculty and staff across campus.

The individual selected will also lead implementation of the action plan resulting from the current ICC program review.

### Neapolitan to extend its hours until Thanksgiving break begins

Neapolitan, located in IC Square, is extending its hours on a trial basis from now until Thanksgiving break. Neapolitan is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

# Public Safety Incident Log

SELECTED ENTRIES FROM  
OCTOBER 15 TO OCTOBER 19

OCTOBER 15

**PETIT LARCENY BETWEEN \$50-\$199**  
LOCATION: Z-Lot  
SUMMARY: Caller reported unknown person stole bike. Master Patrol Officer Bruce Holmstock responded. Pending investigation.

**SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE**  
LOCATION: East Tower  
SUMMARY: Caller reported thirdhand information that person sent photos misrepresenting themselves. Patrol Officer John Tagliavento responded. Pending investigation.

**MEDICAL ASSIST/ILLNESS RELATED**  
LOCATION: Roy H. Park School of Communications  
SUMMARY: Caller reported person is disoriented and not communicating. Person was transported to the hospital by ambulance. Assistance was provided.

**MEDICAL ASSIST/ILLNESS RELATED**  
LOCATION: Garden Apartment 26  
SUMMARY: Caller reported light fixture fell from the ceiling and injured their forehead. Person declined medical assistance. Patrol Officer Lance Clark responded. A report was taken.

**V&T LICENSE VIOLATIONS**  
LOCATION: S-Lot  
SUMMARY: Officer reported vehicle for failure to stop at stop sign. Officer issued person a campus summons for failure to stop, and the person was judicially referred for using another person’s license. Patrol Officer Dylan Hardesty responded.

OCTOBER 16

**PETIT LARCENY BETWEEN \$50-199**  
LOCATION: West Tower  
SUMMARY: Caller reported unknown person stole clothing. Patrol Officer John Tagliavento responded. Pending Investigation.

**FIRE ALARM ACCIDENTAL**  
LOCATION: Terrace 6  
SUMMARY: Simplex reported fire alarm. Activation caused by smoke from cooking. The alarm was accidental.

**SCC DRUG VIOLATIONS**  
LOCATION: West Tower  
SUMMARY: Officer reported odor of marijuana. Officer judicially referred two people for violation of the drug policy. Patrol Officer John Tagliavento responded.

**MEDICAL ASSIST/ILLNESS RELATED**  
LOCATION: L-Lot

SUMMARY: Caller reported person having an allergic reaction. Person transported to hospital by ambulance staff. Master Patrol Officer Bob Jones responded. Assistance was provided.

**MEDICAL ASSIST/INJURY RELATED**  
LOCATION: Campus Center Quad  
SUMMARY: Caller reported person fell and injured ankle. Person declined medical assistance. Patrol Officer Corrine Searle responded. A report was taken.

OCTOBER 17

**SCC DRUG VIOLATIONS**  
LOCATION: West Tower  
SUMMARY: Caller reported odor of marijuana. Officer judicially referred one person for violation of drug policy. Patrol Officer Neena Testa responded.

**UNDETERMINED CAUSE FOR FIRE ALARM**  
LOCATION: Job Hall  
SUMMARY: Simplex reported fire alarm. Unknown cause for activation. Patrol Officer Bryan Versoza responded. The alarm was accidental.

**V&T LEAVING SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT**  
LOCATION: B-Lot  
SUMMARY: Person reported

unknown vehicle damaged parked car and left scene. Officer reported person declined to file report. Patrol Officer Lance Clark responded. No assistance was provided.

**MEDICAL ASSIST/INJURY RELATED**  
LOCATION: Hill P.E. Center  
SUMMARY: Caller reported person in personal defense class injured knee. Person declined medical assistance. Patrol Officer Corrine Searle responded. A report was taken.

OCTOBER 18

**FIRE ALARM ACCIDENTAL**  
LOCATION: Cerrache Athletic Center  
SUMMARY: Simplex reported fire alarm. Person accidentally struck detector causing activation. Master Patrol Officer Jon Elmore responded. The alarm was accidental.

**FIRE - ACTUAL FIRE/FLAME/ IGNITION**  
LOCATION: Circle Apartments Building 130  
SUMMARY: Caller reported stovetop fire. Person used fire extinguisher to put the fire out.

**FIRE ALARM ACCIDENTAL**  
LOCATION: Circle Apartment Building 211

OCTOBER 19

**LARCENY 4TH DEGREE GRAND OTHER VEHICLE**  
LOCATION: Campus Center Quad  
SUMMARY: Officer reported person stealing golf cart. When confronted, person stopped operating cart, and three people fled the area. Patrol Officer Jon Elmore responded. Pending investigation.

**CHANGE IN THE CASE STATUS**  
LOCATION: Office of Public Safety  
SUMMARY: Officer determined person on the Campus Center Quad on Oct. 6 will be issued a warning rather than judicial referral for irresponsible use of alcohol. Master Patrol Officer Jon Elmore responded. Warning issued for judicial action.

Full public safety log available online at [www.theithacan.org](http://www.theithacan.org).

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SCC – Student Conduct Code

V&T – Vehicle and Transportation

AD – Assistant Director

IFD – Ithaca Fire Department





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## EDITORIALS

### IC religious communities deserve equitable funding

What does equity truly demand? This is a critical question that religious communities at Ithaca College are currently grappling with. For the past couple of years, concerns have been raised about the way the college treats its religious communities. The three religious communities housed in Muller Chapel receive programming funding from the college, but all other religious communities on campus receive money either through the Student Governance Council's allocations budget or by other avenues — therefore, their budgets are much smaller.

A new position was recently created in part to address these concerns that some religious communities were being favored over others through funding. The position, director of religious and spiritual life, has been filled by Hieraal Osorto, who recently said he will be working on a new budget to fund the different religious communities more equitably. This move has caused tension — on Oct. 25, it was announced that Protestant Chaplain Rev. James Touchton is resigning from his position at the end of the semester. In a Facebook post obtained by *The Ithacan*, Touchton

expressed frustration that the ICPC would lose a portion of its funding and also said the college is changing its funding for religious communities on campus “without any transition period or dialogue with us . . . .”

Touchton's concerns are understandable, and he wants what's best for his religious community. However, we need to think back to the question we started with: What does equity truly demand? We need to acknowledge and critique structures on our campus that may be benefiting some and not others.

Equitable distribution of funds for each religious community at the college is what practicing religious students deserve, regardless of their religion. This structural change to Muller Chapel is one that is long overdue, and the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life is correct to implement it quickly to make sure that all religious students have equal opportunities, not just some.

If we wish to live up to the inclusive and equitable institution we claim to be, we must push forward in making all aspects of our college community equitable, regardless of what power structures are disrupted along the way.

### IC Republicans repeatedly show racial insensitivity

As we enter the Halloween season, multiple organizations, communities and individuals have sent out reminders via social media to not dress up in culturally or racially insensitive costumes. However, these statements have been met with ridicule and opposition from the IC Republicans in what appears to be an attempt to undermine “political correctness.” In its statements, the organization claims that not being allowed to appropriate a culture is taking the fun out of, and ultimately “killing,” Halloween.

While these statements could just be IC Republicans' way to “own the libs,” we cannot ignore that its sentiments exude a gross display of ignorance, signifying that the club is more concerned about white people being able to dress up as a person of color than people of color being rightfully offended. For years, Asian, South American, Native American and many other cultures have voiced their discontent with the costumes that depict their cultures as a single caricature of a stereotype.

This is hardly IC Republicans' first incident of racial insensitivity, and it indicates a disturbing lack of growth or understanding from the organization. In early September, the

organization tweeted about the murder of Mollie Tibbetts in a statement that employed racist rhetoric by generalizing about all undocumented immigrants being violent criminals. The organization has since apologized for the tweet — 20 days after the initial statement — but has not taken it down from its Twitter page.

To see these types of statements issued by what is supposed to be a conservative political voice on our traditionally liberal campus is disappointing. Political and intellectual diversity does not have to include racial insensitivity; however, IC Republicans seems to be incapable of making this distinction. This undermines the organization's reputation, making it a place only for white neoconservatives as opposed to the large number of identities the Republican Party has the potential to encompass and serve.

Moving forward, IC Republicans should introspectively examine itself and consider what messages it wants to send to our community, what discussions it wants to have and whether or not it is accomplishing that. The organization should also consider what individuals and communities it is ostracizing or excluding through its statements, and if that is its true intention.

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### Corrections

The story “Continuing to Compete,” published in the Oct. 25 issue of *The Ithacan*, previously stated that Anna Belson had narcolepsy. It has been corrected to say that she has sleep apnea.



SCIENCE  
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MIRANDA ELLA

## Procrastination affects emotions

In honor of the ever-growing list of homework and tasks I need to get done, I thought I'd step into the realm of psychology to discuss procrastination.

The unfortunate reality of being a successful adult includes work and responsibilities. And I have the habit of saving the obligations that are too anxiety-inducing until absolutely necessary — but hey, save the best for last, right? This is the logic behind procrastination, and it's something that many of us ritualize in one degree or another.

A common pattern of procrastination is indulging in preferable activities to reduce anxiety in the "here and now." Later, these temporary benefits are replaced with the added stress of completing the task in a shorter amount of time, likely resulting in decreased quality in the finished product and an overall increased stress level and lower personal well-being.

What I'm calling "acute" procrastination happens with many. You have occasional time-management issues or find more pressing projects to work on instead of the undesirable one. However, chronic procrastination is more complex, and in some cases, evidence of an underlying mental health concern such as depression, ADHD or anxiety — all are linked to hitches in executive function.

Executive function is seated in the frontal lobe of your brain and is a set of tools that we use in organizing, remembering, focusing, behaving and multitasking in everyday life. I think of executive function as my mental daily planner that also has some handy guides called "How to Behave in Any Situation!" and "Tips on Emotional Control."

This impacts procrastinators in two main areas: failure of self-regulation and difficulty managing emotions. When you procrastinate, you have a temporary lax in this area of executive function, and you're more focused on feeling better now.

But when I say that these folks may have difficulty managing emotions, I'm not talking about a rollercoaster of happy one minute and upset the next. Rather, think of it as high impulsivity paired with low self-discipline. My impulse is to watch "Once Upon a Time" instead of writing my ecology lab report. If I follow my impulse and watch my show, I'll be more emotionally gratified in the moment; however, I'll still have to write the report another day — initial benefit at a later cost.

I've collected a few potential solutions. Self-forgiveness is an important first step because procrastination is often self-inflicted — one study showed that students who forgave themselves procrastinated less with later projects. This step breaks the cycle of negativity related to procrastination by reducing the negative emotions tied to the task so you might try again. Next, take small steps to accomplish your goals by dividing scary responsibilities into smaller, achievable tasks. You'll likely be more motivated to accomplish a few small tasks than to embark on a large project. And third, which if you know me, is a hypocritical statement, seek help from others — especially a counselor or other professional if you think you're a chronic procrastinator or suspect you have a mental health condition.

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### NATIONAL RECAP

# Birthright citizenship threatened

BY MEREDITH BURKE  
OPINION EDITOR

In an exclusive interview with Axios on Oct. 29, President Donald Trump said he plans on signing an executive order that will end birthright citizenship, which is when children born on United States soil to noncitizens and unauthorized immigrants are given citizenship.

For years, Trump has decried "anchor babies," who he claims cause unauthorized immigrants to stay in the U.S. However, this is the first legal action Trump has planned on taking against them. The potential executive order opposes the 14th Amendment of the Constitution, which states "all persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and the state wherein they reside."

"We're the only country in the world where a person comes in and has a baby, and the baby is essentially a citizen of the United States for 85 years with all those benefits," Trump said in the interview. "It's ridiculous. It's ridiculous, and it has to end."

Contradictory to the president's statement, there are 30 countries that currently provide birthright citizenship, which



President Donald Trump speaks at a rally at the Southern Illinois Airport in Murphysboro, Illinois. Trump said in an interview that he is planning to sign an executive order abolishing birthright citizenship.

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include Canada and Mexico.

Although Trump said he can change U.S. immigration and citizenship policy via an executive order alone, it is likely the other branches of government will need to extensively review and debate its legality within the Constitution. When Axios told Trump the legality of the potential executive order is debatable, Trump reiterated that he has to power to change the policy.

"You can definitely do it with an Act of Congress," Trump said. "But now they're saying I can do it just with an executive order."

U.S. Vice President Mike Pence backed the legality of Trump's potential executive order in an interview with Politico on Oct. 30. In the interview, Pence suggests that the 14th Amendment could only apply to the children of natural-born citizens or authorized immigrants.

"We all cherish the language of the 14th Amendment," Pence said. "But the Supreme Court of the United States has never ruled on whether or not the language of the 14th Amendment — 'subject to the jurisdiction thereof' — applies specifically to people who are in the country illegally."

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### GUEST COMMENTARY

## Students should utilize Career Services

BY ZOE LEVITT

What's going to happen to you after college? Is there a job in your future, or is your resume not good enough? Did you choose the right major? Should you have joined more clubs? Did you just waste your parents' money? These are just a few of the questions that dart through the minds of college students over the course of their four years of undergrad.

Going into my junior year, I have to admit that I've asked myself some of these questions as well. I started applying to internships too late freshman year, leading to no internship and my starting in November of my sophomore year but no luck, yet again. Now, it's October and I'm starting up again. But does starting to apply so early on mean that you will actually have a better chance of getting an internship? There are herds of students from all over the country applying to the same internships with identical resumes and cover letters, full of volunteer work and great past experiences, but how can you get your foot in the door when you can't even answer the question, "What makes you unique?"

But on top of that, some students just happen to have great connections through their parents. But what about the students who are actually qualified? Going into his senior year of college at George Washington University, my brother worked as the only American intern at the Spanish Embassy in Washington, D.C., and had interned back home in NYC. He graduated in 2017 and has sent out more resumes than I thought possible but hasn't been able to find work in Washington, D.C. This is someone who graduated with a degree in International Affairs, took ten years of Spanish and was part of several organizations at GW that were volunteer-based. But at the same time, he has friends with identical resumes who have had jobs since graduation. So do we all really have an equal chance?

According to a Student Voices article from April 2017, 67 percent of college grads did not have jobs lined up after graduation in



Junior Zoe Levitt, Integrated Marketing Communications major, writes that students should utilize the college's Career Services in order to be as prepared as possible for the job market.

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2017. Well, it's not too easy when job insecurity continues to rise. But according to CNBC, the reason why we're struggling so much is that we don't try hard enough to connect with the career services centers on our campuses. There is a center dedicated to helping us find jobs, preparing for them and everything in between, yet many students haven't even popped in for a quick visit. I remember that the first time I went in was for a business class I had freshman year. I had to have my resume reviewed and that one visit helped me more than I thought.

Although I couldn't find an internship that summer due to my lack of effort, I was prepared in the sense that I had a resume and I knew that I could always stop in for help. And so I did. I went in multiple times to get help writing my cover letter because that's not something that was taught in my high school. Writing a cover letter can be tedious, especially changing it over

and over every time you apply to something, but having a solid cover letter and resume already takes you a step farther and will make you feel more prepared.

So what's going to happen once you graduate? Are you going to regret not spending more time on your resume and using the resources right in front of you? Because while nothing is guaranteed, at least you'd have gone the extra mile. And that extra mile can make all the difference when we live in a time where the economy and job market are too unstable. If we want to secure our futures at this time, maybe we need to stop waiting on our parents' connections and give 110 percent. Because even if it does not go as planned, at least you'll have tried your best and that will open doors to other opportunities for you.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

# Protestant chaplain reflects on time at college

BY JAMES TOUCHTON

Anyone who’s been at Ithaca College for any length of time knows the language and goals of “safe space.” And I’d like to think that reflects the best of our hopes for educational settings — both in and outside the classroom.

Students, especially those from marginalized or underrepresented communities, deserve to be fully themselves without fear of judgment or harassment or even the presumption that it is their job to educate the rest of us. The reality, however, is that the real world cannot guarantee this

despite the best efforts of educators, ministers, and other community leaders. A professor has no control over what a student in a study group says to a peer outside of class. Over the past few years, institutions of higher education have been coming to terms with this and have increasingly adopted the language and paradigms of “brave space” vis a vis “safe space.” The five main elements of such a space, according to Brian Arao and Kristi Clemens, are controversy with civility, owning intentions and impacts, challenge by choice, respect, and no attacks.

Long before I was aware of the brave space movement and terminology, this was my goal as the Chaplain to the Protestant Community here at IC. My heart was to foster a

brave space in which bridges could be built, or restored, between fellow human beings, as well as between us fallen and flawed human beings and the God who is Love. But anyone who knows the breadth and tumult of the seas separating various Protestant Christians from one another knows what we’re up against. On my best of days, I’m still hopeful that such bridges are worth pursuing. But this kind of brave space requires an element of basic trust for fellow community members that we’re each committed to each other’s

w e l l - b e i n g as well as a w i l l - i n g n e s s to enter into dialogue w i t h e a c h o t h e r w h e n c h a l - l e n g e s a r i s e .

“My heart was to foster a brave space in which bridges could be built ...”

– James Touchton

That takes great vulnerability, though. In the Christian tradition, we take our cue from Christ’s own vulnerable example and seek to foster brave spaces by treating each other with dignity and respect and seeking forgiveness and reconciliation when we fail. This is a practice we have been especially pursuing this past year and the community is committed to continuing to do so long term.

I have had the privilege and honor of seeking to foster a brave space within the Protestant Community



Rev. James Touchton, Protestant chaplain at Ithaca College, reflects on his time at the college and the work he has done to make the college’s Protestant community a brave space in light of announcing his resignation.

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at IC for eight and a half years and I am deeply thankful for this season. The past year we experienced great challenges to that ideal—both in our own failures to always live up to it as well as in the methods and demands pursued by those who we had failed. It is truly unfortunate to see a student community so committed to growing in love and respect and inclusivity be portrayed the way it has. In an increasingly partisan and siloed world, the students I work with choose daily to navigate the tensions of deep

disagreement and difference. We don’t always get it right, but we regularly recommit ourselves to the inclusive welcome Christ himself offers: “Come to me all...” Even in his death on the cross, his outstretched arms continued to embody that message we all struggle to live into in some way or another.

My resignation, while not an easy decision, is something I have chosen to do for my own health. I am saddened my time at IC is ending in

the way it is. But, I am also thankful that I can look back to bridges that were built, brave spaces created, and discoveries of the Divine that occurred during my tenure here. I am a better person for it. The Lord bless you and keep you, IC. May God’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you and give you peace.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

# Do not become desensitized to gun violence and hatred

BY AUSTIN REID

Since 2011, the number of mass shootings in the United States has tripled, with one occurring roughly every 64 days. In such a climate, it is understandable why many people develop a desensitization to news of gun violence.

Indeed, I myself have forgotten about several recent mass shootings until I took the time to look them up while researching for this piece. These included the Santa Fe High School shooting on May 18, 2018, the Capital Gazette shooting on June 28, 2018, and the T&T Trucking company shooting on September 12, 2018.

Last Saturday, 11 people were murdered at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, representing the most recent mass shooting in the United States and the deadliest attack on an American Jewish institution in history. The past year has seen a significant spike in anti-Jewish hate crimes overall.

In 2017, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), a civil rights organization that monitors extremist groups currently active within the United States and compiles data on anti-Jewish incidents, reported that 1,986 anti-Semitic crimes had occurred throughout the country. This represents the largest single-year increase on record and the second highest total number reported since the ADL began tracking anti-Jewish hate crimes in 1979. In New York state, a total of 380 anti-Semitic incidents were reported in 2017, a 90 percent increase from the year before.

The growing prevalence of anti-Semitism within the United States ought to

engender feelings of concern among Americans of all backgrounds because the treatment of Jews has traditionally served as a bellwether for a community’s social health. Where anti-Semitism is present, other hatreds, including homophobia and racism, are also likely to grow.

This is one of several reasons to take special note of last week’s events in Pittsburgh. One of the most effective ways of doing this, I feel, is to learn the names of the victims. The 11 victims are as follows: Joyce Fienberg (75), Richard Gottfried (65), Rose Mallinger (97), Jerry Rabinowitz (66), Cecil Rosenthal (59), David Rosenthal (54), Bernice Simon (84), Sylvan Simon (86), Daniel Stein (71), Melvin Wax (88), and Irving Younger (69).

Cecil and David were brothers and Bernice and Sylvan were husband and wife. Another victim, Dr. Jerry Rabinowitz was noted for his compassion and understanding of those suffering from HIV/AIDS at a time when the condition was only just coming into the public light and deeply stigmatized. A former patient, Michael Kerr, took to social media in the hours following the shooting to memorialize Dr. Rabinowitz as a man who, “held our hands (without rubber gloves) and always, always hugged us as we left his office.” Dr. Rabinowitz was also celebrated by Kerr as a physician who kept HIV/AIDS patients “alive the longest.”

It is believed that the gunman decided to attack the Tree of Life Synagogue due to the work performed by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), a 137-year-old Jewish nonprofit that works to support refugees of all backgrounds. In particular, HIAS assists in



Austin Reid, Hillel springboard innovation fellow, holds the names of the victims of the recent Pittsburgh and Louisville shootings, both of which were racially driven hate crimes.

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the resettlement of refugees within the United States. During the week before the shooting, approximately 270 synagogues across the United States participated in National Refugee Shabbat. National Refugee Shabbat was an initiative of HIAS dedicated to raising awareness of the growing difficulties faced by refugees throughout the country.

Saturday’s shooting at Tree of Life represents not just an attack on the American Jewish community but an assault on the some of the most fundamental values enshrined in American law and political tradition, including freedom of religion and freedom of speech. We must all do our part to ensure that the victims are remembered and that we do not surrender to intimidation or fear.

This Friday, November 2, all members of the Ithaca College community are invited to join Hillel for Shabbat services and dinner inside Muller Chapel at 6 p.m. During the service, the names of Saturday’s victims will be recited and Mourner’s Kaddish said. Hillel will also be incorporating elements of the HIAS National Refugee Shabbat into its service. Let us ensure that our values of welcoming the stranger and comforting the bereaved continue to shine forth despite the darkness in our world.

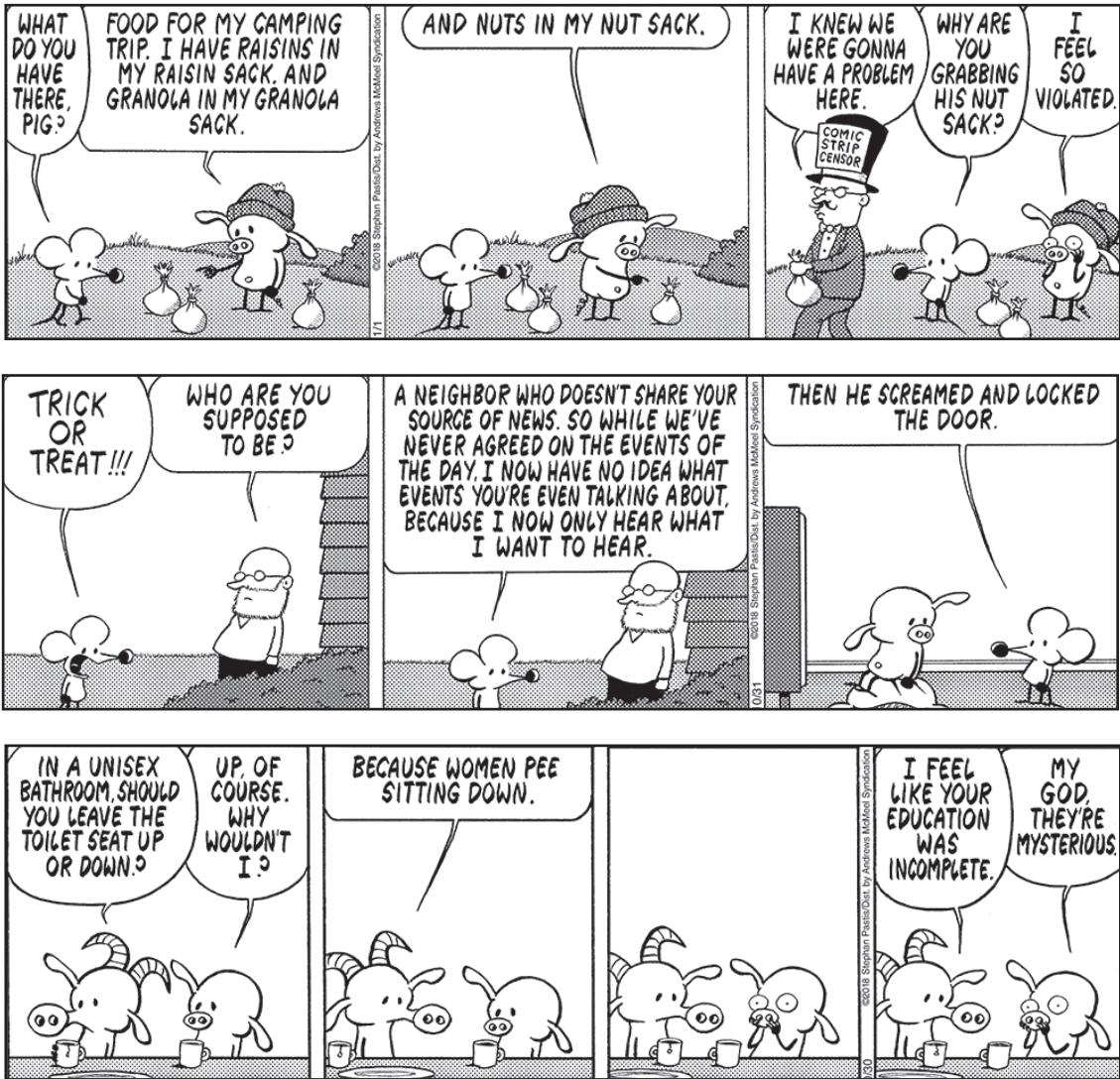
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# DIVERSIONS

## Pearls Before Swine®

By Stephan Pastis



## Yesterday's Pasta

By Avi Kendrik



## sudoku

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6			7					
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9			6			7		5

answers to last issue's sudoku

medium

8	6	4	1	5	2	3	7	9
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2	7	1	9	4	3	5	8	6
1	8	7	6	9	5	4	3	2
9	2	5	8	3	4	1	6	7
3	4	6	2	1	7	8	9	5
4	5	8	3	7	6	9	2	1
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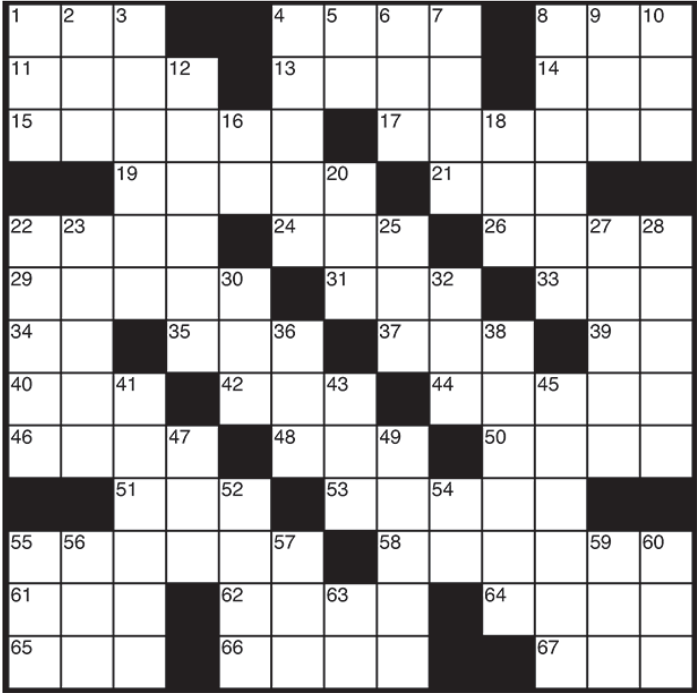
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## crossword

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### ACROSS

- 1 Decide
- 4 Glimmering
- 8 Dog's bark
- 11 Cable
- 13 Protuberances
- 14 Strong alkali
- 15 Tilted
- 17 Spoiled rotten
- 19 Meadow rodents
- 21 San Francisco hill
- 22 Azure, in Arles
- 24 Antique clock number
- 26 Band bookings
- 29 Worthless talk
- 31 Swimsuit piece
- 33 Marquee notice
- 34 Family MD
- 35 The lady
- 37 Tijuana "Mrs."
- 39 Ozarks st.
- 40 Checkout scan
- 42 Pocket jangler
- 44 Crinkled fabric
- 46 No, to Ivan
- 48 Yr. ender

- 50 Super Bowl cheers
- 51 Not keep up
- 53 Nonswimmer, maybe
- 55 Required
- 58 Raoul or Fidel
- 61 Constantly, to Poe
- 62 Per capita
- 64 More -- meets the eye
- 65 Stuffed animal
- 66 Wing tip
- 67 Lubber's aye

### DOWN

- 1 Harry Potter's messenger
- 2 Fruit pastry
- 3 Go places
- 4 Helpful book feature
- 5 Fond -- Lac, Wis.
- 6 Recede
- 7 Slippery -- eel
- 8 Cover stories
- 9 Deli loaf
- 10 Kept up the fire
- 12 Plenty

- 16 Overhead train
- 18 Wetland area
- 20 Close kin
- 22 Air rifle (2 wds.)
- 23 Fresh
- 25 Returns org.
- 27 Chart
- 28 Blisters
- 30 Cartoon mice -- and Meek
- 32 Eyebrow or rainbow
- 36 Barn color
- 38 Police action
- 41 Tuna salad ingredient
- 43 Hedge shrub
- 45 Coarse
- 47 Modicum
- 49 Hidden supply
- 52 Turns right
- 54 Trial VIP
- 55 Mesh
- 56 Help-wanted abbr.
- 57 Telegraph syllable
- 59 "Norma --"
- 60 Add- -- (extras)
- 63 Denver's st.

### last issue's crossword answers

KEY	DEWY	TATA
EYE	ERIE	OVID
ERA	LETS	ALONE
PERCH	XENA	
AID	TED	
NOSY	IOU	ODOR
TRI	ORB	OHO
HOPE	DEB	DEMO
LIE	YEN	
UNDO	NANNY	
GREENLAND	EEO	
OARS	OLEO	AMY
BLOT	BLEW	TOO



## HELPING OUT INSTEAD OF HEADING HOME

### Students volunteer for fall break

BY MOLLY BAILOT  
STAFF WRITER

While most Ithaca College students were asleep at home during fall break, junior Lucy Hemingway was shoveling horse poop.

Hemingway is one of the 10 students from the college who chose to spend their fall break doing community service. Rather than go home, sleep excessively and eat home-cooked meals, she and three other students traveled to Grantville, Pennsylvania, to volunteer at a therapeutic riding barn. While they were in Grantville, six other students traveled to Buffalo, New York, to volunteer at a food bank and a refugee center.

These two trips were a part of the Alternative Break Program. The program is run by Don Austin, assistant director of community service in the Office for Student Engagement, and is an opportunity for students to travel and do community service at little cost. The students only have to pay a deposit to secure their spot on the trip, while the college covers transportation, housing and food.

"It's an immersion program that gives students a wider view of what service is and what community is, and how we build relationships with others based on our time volunteering," Austin said.

The Office of Student Engagement and Multicultural Affairs runs 10 volunteer trips per year: two during fall break, five during spring break and three during summer break, right after finals end. The spring and summer break trips are usually seven or eight days long, and the fall trips last three to four days. Multiple trips are offered each break, and students can choose where to go according to their interests — like combating food insecurity and preserving natural environments.

Over fall break, one group traveled to the Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association, or CATRA, which offers therapeutic riding lessons to help people with their physical, cognitive and emotional well-being through assisted horse riding programs and interactions with horses. As a completely volunteer-run organization, CATRA relies on individual and group volunteers for day-to-day duties like cleaning the barn and running the riding programs. Volunteers with limited experience at horse barns had to learn the system of the barn and how CATRA operates.

"Learning how a barn works was a major thing," Hemingway said. "Seeing how each thing we did — it connected to something else. By cleaning one stable, they could bring the horses in, then they could eat. It's a whole system they have down."

The volunteers worked with some older adults and helped by leading the horse, keeping the rider stable and handing the riders games to keep their minds active.

Junior Lauren Bovenzi said her interactions with the riders were memorable

"One of the people who was riding couldn't speak, but while he was on the horse, playing the

game, he was laughing," she said. "Laughing is such a pure form of joy, and seeing him was the most rewarding part of my experience."

Meanwhile, in Buffalo, six students packaged food at the Food Bank of Western New York. Their task was to unpack large boxes of food, like canned fruits and vegetables and cereal, and repackage them into smaller boxes that could be transported. As they worked throughout the day, they watched the pile of finished boxes grow steadily larger. After nine hours of work over the course of two days, the students packaged 7,000 pounds of food.

Sophomore Christopher Griswold was a student leader on the trip. He organized an orientation prior to the trip and prompted self-reflections at the end of each day.

Griswold said that working at the food bank opened everyone's eyes to the limitations of the organization and broader issues in American society. The nutritional value of the food they packaged was not always good, and despite the good intentions of all the volunteers and the people who run the food bank, they have limitations on what they can serve.

"There were moments in the day where we would be packaging 6-pound boxes of Fruit Gushers for two hours," Griswold said. "If that's somebody's food for the day that they're getting from a food pantry ... these organizations are

amazing, but you see how many limitations they still have. And it sucks. You feel like you can't do enough."

After two days at the food bank, the group volunteered at Journey's End Refugee Services, an organization that helps refugees with relocating, education and employment. The student volunteers cleaned out the gardens and greenhouse that refugees use to grow food to sell for extra income.

Being away from home during break was initially difficult for some students, but they found a sense of community quickly. They bonded by cooking breakfast and dinner as a group, talking together in the evening and working as a team during the day.

Bovenzi said she initially wished she was going home to relax at her parents' house. But once she arrived in Pittsburgh, she said she realized that she would rather be there than sitting around at home not doing anything.

Freshman Hailey Aldrich, who went to Buffalo, knew she wanted to take an alternative fall break before she even arrived in Ithaca.

"It's in that hump before Thanksgiving where you're still so new, and if you uproot yourself right now, it could be hard to transition back," she said. "I wanted to meet more people, do something I already knew that I love and bond with people that had that common interest."

Even though Aldrich knew she wanted to go on the alternative break, she thought it would be hard to be away from home. She said that instead, the trip changed her perspective.

"The trip made me feel more grounded in my place in campus," she said. "You don't necessarily need to be an overachiever in order to give back. We were able to accomplish so much in just a few hours. It doesn't take a lot to make a big impact."



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For more on Alternative Breaks, go to [theithacan.org/alt-breaks](http://theithacan.org/alt-breaks)  
Volunteers packed boxes of food at the Food Bank of Western New York, packaging 7,000 pounds of food over two days of work.  
COURTESY OF DON AUSTIN



In Buffalo, volunteers cleaned out gardens and a greenhouse used by refugees to grow and sell food at Journey's End Refugee Services.  
COURTESY OF DON AUSTIN



Students volunteering at Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association helped with therapeutic riding lessons and mucked out stalls.  
COURTESY OF DON AUSTIN



# CULTURED

## Musicians give free concert tickets as part of #iVoted initiative



Ty Segall, Playboi Carti, Drive-By Truckers, Iceage, Superchunk, Julien Baker, Iron & Wine and more have joined the new #iVoted initiative. The initiative is aimed at increasing voter turnout by offering music fans free entry into venues Nov. 6. In order to be entered to win the drawing, fans must post a picture of themselves at their polling place and tag the venue and @ivotedconcerts. Tickets are available for over 78 events throughout 32 different states on Election Day.

## Caitlyn Jenner revokes support for Trump after proposal to delegitimize trans identities

Last week, The New York Times reported on an unreleased memo from President Donald Trump's administration that sought to redefine gender as "a biological, immutable condition determined by genitalia at birth." People have been speaking out on social media with the hashtag #WontBeErased. Caitlyn Jenner, reality star and former athlete, came out as transgender in 2015 but was open about her support for Trump during his campaign. In a piece for The Washington Post last Thursday, Jenner admitted her mistake in believing Trump would support the LGBTQ community. She said, "The trans community is being relentlessly attacked by this president."



## Stephen King gives rights to movie adaptation to students

Horror author Stephen King sold the rights to his 2003 short story "Stationary Bike" to 14- and 16-year-old filmmakers in Wales for just \$1. The two aspiring directors are students at Blaenau Gwent Film Academy, a youth film school founded in 2017. The academy wrote to King to ask for the rights, and his representatives granted them in return for just a dollar. The "Stationary Bike" movie adaptation will be filmed around the town of Tredegar, Wales.



## Nicki Minaj faces copyright infringement lawsuit

Singer-songwriter Tracy Chapman sued Nicki Minaj over her unreleased track "Sorry," which samples the Chapman song "Baby Can I Hold You." In the suit, Chapman says the Minaj song uses the most recognizable lyrics and melody of "Baby Can I Hold You" without authorization. Before the release of her newest album, "Queen," Minaj tweeted Chapman to ask for permission to use the song but was denied. Chapman is suing Minaj for damages and an order to not release "Sorry."





# Fantastik film festival celebrates horror genre

**BY ARLEIGH RODGERS**  
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The trademark wafts of butter and warm popcorn filter through the compact lobby of Cinemapolis, Ithaca’s independent movie theater. Usually, the lobby is defined by a sage-colored wall opposite the box office, with a collection of posters at its center. But since Oct. 26, these posters have acted as the backdrop to the merch and logo of Ithaca Fantastik, Cinemapolis’s annual genre film festival.

Fantastik will continue into this weekend, concluding Nov. 4, when festival attendees can view movies both psychologically bizarre and unsettlingly gruesome. The festival is in its seventh edition of programming, and, this year, the lineup includes a celebration of genre films, cinema pur and retrospectives — all of which have some element of horror or thriller. Previous years have featured films with more classic horror themes, complete with blood, guts and gore. But, at this year’s festival, the program deviates from its typical grisly lineup, Hugues Barbier, co-founder and artistic director of Fantastik, said in his introduction to the festival’s opening film, “Birds of Passage.”

“It’s always a journey to do a lineup for a festival,” Barbier said. “By February and March this year, we started to realize that there is a couple of trends that are defining this year, which is way less gory movies. ... This year is what I like to call a tame year.”

An array of diverse films discover a home at Fantastik. Many features are created by directors outside of the U.S., and the stories themselves twist away from the boundaries of cliché or divisions of conventional narratives. The presence of cultural commentary in “Birds of Passage” exists in other

films in the festival’s lineup too, said Rachel Huley ’17, a short-films programmer for Fantastik. “We do scouting at different film festivals,” Huley said. “It’s kind of shopping around for things and seeing what would work with the festival because the festival is genre-oriented, so we have Fantastic [Fest] films and horror and sci-fi — and anything that seems a little bit abnormal.”

Even though the selection is genre-oriented, the films’ individuality shines through their stories and essences. Kevin Fermini ’17, another shorts programmer, said this attention to genre films is not necessarily to the detriment of the festival.

“So, the thing with Ithaca Fantastik is it all revolves around genre ... something you can put in a box,” Fermini said. “But the thing is that the genre scene right now is moving in so many directions so quickly, and there are so many new voices getting involved in it that it creates really diverse kind of outcomes.”

The festival also showcases a series of retrospective films, which are selected around a theme, Huley said.

“Our theme this year is kind of about all about generations,” Huley said. “We have ‘The Wildling,’ which is our retrospective, so all of our retrospective films that we’ll be showing this year are going to be about cynical children who are pretty much going on killing sprees.”

Sophomore Alex Kavalec said they plan to attend the festival this weekend because they appreciate the range of films Fantastik offers.

“I love Ithaca, and I love how not only welcoming but how open it is to film and all of its genres,” Kavalec said. “I love going down to Cinemapolis as often as I can. ... There’s a German



Mike Skvarla, a producer of Ithaca Fantastik, stands with a film festival poster in the lobby of Cinemapolis. Ithaca Fantastik hosts a series of horror films and Q&As with directors for the festival, as well as an art show. MAX HANSFORD/THE ITHACAN

horror film ... called ‘Luz’ that was all shot on 16 millimeter that looks really interesting because that’s the kind of thing you don’t see a lot anymore.”

Drunken Cinema — a movie-themed drinking game at Chanticleer Loft on Nov. 2 — will also take place throughout the 10 days of programming. The cinema concert, which took place Oct. 27, brought together groups of local musicians who then chose favorite horror films and created their own original soundtracks to them, Fermini said.

The festival also curates an art show alongside the movies and short films. “Generations of Submission” opened Oct. 31 at The Space @ GreenStar, and “We Cannot Fully Know” opens Nov. 1 at Angry Mom Records. The

shows will include art from Ithaca College students and a virtual reality exhibit by Becky Lane, IC Affiliate faculty member, Huley said.

Fermini also said the festival will have directors in attendance, specifically A.T. White, the director of “Starfish,” which will premiere Nov. 2. A Q&A with White will follow the showing.

Of all the films, Huley said, she is curious to see “Knife + Heart,” a French film showing Nov. 2. The plot is an example of the range of films Fantastik displays, Huley said.

“It seems to me like it’s going to be this queer-culture thriller that doesn’t actually take the stereotype on — a gay porno where it just kills all the gay people like, you know, every gay film

made by a straight person tries to,” Huley said. “So I’m excited to see that because I think it actually tries to do something with it.”

Fermini said “My Name is Myeshia” is a film he thinks will stand out to the Ithaca community.

“That’s a really interesting combination of social-justice film that mixes kind of supernatural and experimental elements as well,” he said. “It played at Boston Underground earlier this year and was a huge hit there. ... That’s one that I think people in Ithaca are really going to like and that we want to kind of get attention towards.”

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# IC Bigs connects local kids with student role models

**BY HARLEY MCKENZIE**  
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When senior Riley Corcoran, Big Brothers, Big Sisters mentor, was first matched with her Little, the girl was about 12 years old. The two struggled to connect right away, but after some time, the pair formed a meaningful bond. Corcoran’s Little now introduces Corcoran to others as her sister, and Corcoran noted a shift in her Little’s overall behavior as well.

“I noticed a huge change,” Corcoran said. “When I first met her, she wasn’t really interacting in school, and she didn’t really talk to me. But now she’s very open and talking to me about things she’s experienced, which I think explains the kind of relationship we’ve developed. Her attitude about the future has changed as well, and she is now determined to go to college.”

IC Bigs is a club that assists in fundraising and recruitment for the local Big Brothers, Big Sisters (BBBS) chapter. BBBS brings together “Littles,” children ages six to 18 and “Bigs,” adult volunteers. The club also hosts volunteer Saturday programs with the Ithaca Youth Bureau. At these Saturday programs, students from the college spend two hours with children every week.

Junior Kaitlyn Sevilla, president of IC Bigs, said that a main objective of the club is to support BBBS — IC Bigs itself does not match youth with mentors, but instead, works alongside BBBS to support the program.

“I would say our main goal is not only to volunteer for the Saturday programs but to also raise awareness about the organization on a national level,” Sevilla said. “We do a lot of outreach to try and get students to actually become a Big Brother or a Big Sister within the community.”

BBBS caters to children who live in the city of Ithaca in need of a role model. According to the

organization’s website, many Littles come from low-income households and have a parent who is absent, incarcerated or in the military. BBBS and IC Bigs hope to provide some guidance to these children as they navigate through life. The impact a caring mentor can have on a Little is meant to prevent the children from engaging in unhealthy behaviors.

“Being able to give children the opportunity to see students specifically allows them to open up that possibility for themselves,” Sevilla said. “They’ll able to look at us and say, ‘I really think someday this could be me,’ or ask us questions about it. I think that being another resource for them is very influential.”

Sevilla said that while BBBS aims to support the growth of a Little, both Littles and Bigs can benefit from the organization. Relationships developed through BBBS are meant to be intimate and long-lasting.

“I think that becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister can be beneficial for not only the kid that you’re paired with but also to you,” Sevilla said. “It’s something that can really impact your life. We just had a mentor panel, and Riley told a story about how sad she was to be leaving her Little, but she knows that’ll be a lifelong connection that she’s able to have.”

Since mentors recruited through the college are required to meet with their Little once a week, for at least three full semesters, managing to keep in touch over breaks can be tricky. The two become pen pals, writing each other notes each week to make up for time missed.

Due to graduation, the end of a pairing is common for students, but it doesn’t always mean the end of a bond.

“She’s kind of known the whole time that I won’t always be here, so we’ve started a



The students involved in IC Bigs help organize Saturday programs with local children. Members of ICircus taught the kids circus tricks and played with hula hoops and props. COURTESY OF KAITLYN SEVILLA

transition,” Corcoran said. “But she knows that doesn’t mean we’re not sisters. I hope to visit her once a month, and when I come back to graduate in May, I hope to have her there.”

Saturday programs aim to connect children in the area with college students, in hopes that they may have a similar positive influence. The programs also work to encourage students through the connections they make to become a Big. Both Sevilla and freshman Eve Lampugnale hope to be paired with a Little during their time at the college. Lampugnale said her time at a Saturday program helped her realize that she wanted to connect with a Little to mentor.

The children who attend Saturday programs often take some time to settle in and aren’t very social right away. Lampugnale said she was happy to get one boy out of his shell for a

couple of hours.

“One of them was hiding under the couch, wouldn’t come out,” Lampugnale said. “Eventually, once I got them to come out and open up ... Once they know that all you wanna do is engage with them and be their friend, it’s really great.”

Lampugnale said she was able to let go with the children, acting like a child herself.

“It was nice to just goof around with them and get to be a 7-year-old boy for two hours while I was there,” Lampugnale said. “I remember some people were still sitting at a table making paper airplanes, and one of the boys said, ‘Let’s go over here, all the adults are at the table.’ And suddenly I wasn’t an adult anymore!”

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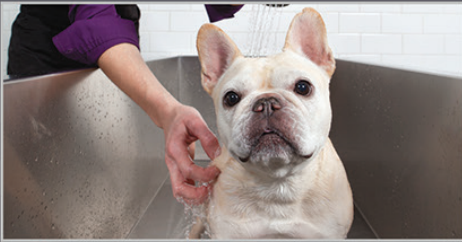
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# ‘Halloween’ horror reboot is better off dead

**BY JAKE LEARY**  
STAFF WRITER

On Halloween, 1978, Michael Myers — wearing his ghost-white mask and brandishing his signature kitchen knife — stalked the streets of Haddonfield, Illinois, and killed five people. Ever since, Laurie Strode (Jamie Lee Curtis) has lived in fear of his return; 40 years after the initial attack, her worst fear comes true. Michael is back.

Directed by David Gordon Green and written in part by Danny McBride, “Halloween” (2018) is a sequel to the original “Halloween” and ignores the other nine movies in the franchise. The film functions as a soft reboot, simultaneously setting up future films and erasing the worst elements of the franchise’s past. There are a couple of offhand references to past movies, but otherwise, the film is a fresh start for the series.

The sequel continues the Strode family’s struggle to live after the events of the first “Halloween.” Laurie’s paranoia has estranged her from her daughter, Karen (Judy Greer), and granddaughter, Allyson (Andi Matichak). But when Michael breaks out of the facility he’s spent his life confined to, the Strodes come together to stop Michael yet again.

“Halloween” (2018) gets off to

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
“Halloween”  
Blumhouse  
Our rating:  
★★★★☆

a slow start. Two podcasters, Aaron Korey (Jefferson Hall) and Dana Haines (Rhian Rees), investigate the Halloween murders and get murdered at the end of the first act. These characters themselves aren’t particularly interesting. Neither serves the plot nor interacts with the other characters in a meaningful way. They are vectors for exposition, interviewing key players in the original film so the audience knows what’s been purged from the canon. That’s about it.

The final act, when Michael arrives at Laurie’s house, is where the movie comes alive. Laurie’s home is a trap, full of metal gates, gun lockers and secret rooms. Her final fight is equal parts tense and exhilarating. Curtis displays confidence without becoming a superhuman badass à la Ripley; it’s one of the few character choices that bears the complexity of reality.

The slow, suspenseful chase through Laurie’s house ends with Michael throwing Laurie out of a second-story window, but the second he looks away, she disappears. It’s not only an homage to the ending of the first movie but is also the moment the power dynamic flips: The hunter becomes the hunted. The Strode women are in control. They kill Michael together, as a family. Or at least they try — this is Michael Myers after all: Death isn’t his forte.



“Halloween” (2018) revisits the iconic Michael Myers, a masked villain known for his bloody stabbings. The movie only acknowledges the first film in the franchise, picking up 40 years after the events of the 1978 original. Blumhouse

Oddly enough, “Halloween” (2018) spends very little time with Laurie. Her presence in the movie is overshadowed by almost every other character in the film. Of course, there’s an argument to be made that the “Halloween” franchise exists around Michael, not Laurie, and, to some degree, that’s true — Michael may be the mascot, but he’s not someone you can invest in or root for. Laurie has a personality and flaws, but we don’t spend enough time with her

to appreciate them. Instead, we’re given scene after scene of Michael stalking the streets of Haddonfield. And those scenes are exhilarating. Michael’s body count is significantly higher than it was in the original and his methods are gruesome: Heads are hollowed out or squished like rotting pumpkins, bodies are impaled on pikes and there’s plenty of pained screaming. It’s gruesome. Really gruesome.

“Halloween” is a compelling

attempt to bring Michael Myers into the modern era. Despite featuring intense action and uncomfortable violence, the film fails to recapture what made the original special. One frightful night was enough; like its ghoulish mascot, the “Halloween” franchise should have been killed long ago.

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## Awkward adolescence captured in cartoon

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The comedy cartoon “Big Mouth” defies logic, making it a perfect platform for exploring the hilariously awkward realities of adolescence.

The show follows Andrew (John Mulaney), Nick (Nick Kroll), Jessi (Jessi Klein), Jay (Jason Mantzoukas) and Missy (Jenny Slate) and their navigation through puberty with the help of their hormone monsters, Maurice (Nick Kroll) and Connie (Maya Rudolph). Using absurdist humor and convoluted narratives to its advantage, the second season proves how necessary its content is for the United States’ middle schoolers today.

The show picks up from where it left off in the last season: Jessi and Jay are on the run in a fit of teenage rebellion, Andrew is consistently letting his hormones get in the way of his relationship with Missy and Nick is insecure because he has yet to hit puberty. Primarily focusing on Nick’s arc, the first few episodes of this season are devoted to Nick’s relationship with a new character, Gina (Gina Rodriguez).

Gina’s breasts develop faster than any other girl’s, which immediately

**TV REVIEW**  
“Big Mouth: Season 2”  
Netflix  
Our rating:  
★★★★★

makes her a target for Nick’s, Andrew’s and Jay’s attention and makes Jessi and Missy feel jealous and insecure about their bodies. What could have easily turned into another overdrawn and hypermasculine approach to a story about a girl with big boobs was actually shown as an insightful learning opportunity for the audience. Missy and Jessi confront their body and self-esteem issues by going to a Korean day spa where everyone is completely naked, including Missy’s mom. After the initial shock and hilarity of the situation, together, the girls — through song — eventually decide to disrobe and join the melting pot of female bodies and, in turn, accept their own.

Other notable characters are invented in the same fictitious realm as the hormone monsters: the Shame Wizard (David Thewlis) and the Depression Kitty (Jean Smart). The addition of these characters opens up different conversations about mental health. The Shame Wizard is a surprisingly nuanced character who affects everybody in the world of “Big Mouth,” causing the characters to feel shame for the things they feel or do. Unfortunately, this character could have been effective if he were used as a plug for anxiety, specifically.

While the Shame Wizard’s storyline does more than most shows do to portray doubt and anxiety, the writers



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inadvertently continue to promote the stigma by labeling his effect as shame. Meanwhile, the Depression Kitty’s character is cleverly crafted to portray depression in a way that is funny and informative. However, it is unfortunate that this character only functions as a metaphor for a diagnosis for Jessi and fails to provide further explanation. It would have been more interesting to see how the Depression Kitty’s development would have shaped Jessi’s behavior throughout the entire season rather than in one episode.

From talking pubic hairs to sexually active pillows to songs about Korean day spas, “Big Mouth” tells stories without boundaries. The show’s raw and reeling characters, comedy and conflicts create vehicles for real social change and education. The promise of a third season is exciting because, overall, “Big Mouth” certainly has big potential.

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## Indie pop prevails

**BY ARLEIGH RODGERS**  
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Major Lazer’s 2015 pop hit “Lean On” introduced Danish singer Karen Marie Ørsted, known professionally as MØ. The gritty thrills of her vocals twist ferociously with Major Lazer’s anthemic backdrop, and with the addition of her newest album, “Forever Neverland,” MØ continues to showcase the strength of that combination.

This fearless mesh between pop instrumentals and MØ’s visceral melodies is intoxicating in “If It’s Over (feat. Charli XCX).” A heavy, throbbing drumbeat combines with MØ’s staccato vocals. The two hammer down on the listener as every group of four lines rhymes with one another. A distorted wind instrument drives the chorus forward, in which MØ details the newfound freedom after a breakup. The song sounds more like a fierce victory march than it does a pop song — a common theme that runs through “Forever Neverland.”

A tribal-like adrenaline runs through “Way Down” and “Red Wine (feat. Empress Of).” Their excellence rests in the computer-automated instruments, a

**ALBUM REVIEW**  
MØ  
“Forever Neverland”  
Columbia Records  
Our rating:  
★★★★☆

backdrop that relies on the clash between smooth rhythms and the percussion’s infectious beat. These instrumentals are another thrilling addition to MØ’s album, and their compelling force is asserted with a variety of instruments, including what sounds like a flute and trumpet in “Way Down.”

“Forever Neverland” is a testament to how pop artists aren’t necessarily bound to the conventional boundaries of pop music. The lyrics need not be generic to be catchy, and the songs need not be repetitive to be remembered. The synth beats and indie influences throughout this album are noticeable and shrewd. MØ stands tall with other talented pop artists, and in “Forever Neverland,” she has proven that reputation is well-deserved.

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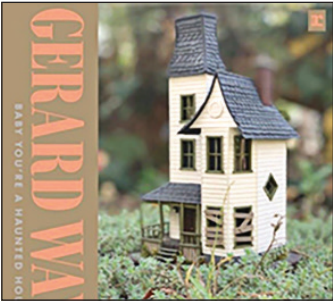
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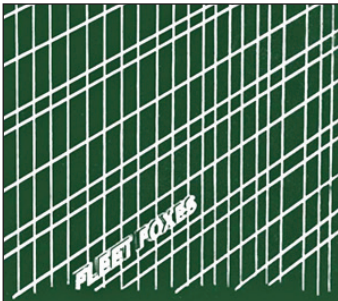
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**“MONEY”**  
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Pounding piano chords over bass beats are intimidating. The rhymes are straight to the point but still have Cardi B’s signature, brazen fun: “I need some money, yeah/I need cheese for my egg.”



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**“ICICLE TUSK”**  
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“Icicle Tusk” is a stereotypically soothing indie folk song. Charming chimes and the plucking of a ukulele add levity; otherwise, it’s only impressive to white hipsters who drink craft beer.



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Graduate student sculler Savannah Brija practices with her teammates at the Cayuga Inlet on Oct. 26. Brija competes for both the varsity sculling and the women's rowing team.

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**BY JACK MURRAY**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

When graduate student sculler Savannah Brija begins her practices, all she can think about is being faster than her teammates.

"I always have a racing, competitive mindset," Brija said. "I am always thinking 'I need to do what I can to beat the person next to me,' not just to make myself better but to make them better as well. The whole point of rowing is competing and racing, and if I'm not doing that every day then, I am not really preparing for the races."

Brija, who originally attended Ithaca College to play on the soccer team, joined the rowing team during the spring of her freshman year. She said she enjoyed the sport so much that she decided to focus on the rowing program and started to see success immediately — she is now a consistent top finisher. Her experiences with the program have led her to consider continuing to compete after graduation, possibly with the U.S. National Rowing Team, or at least an elite club team.

Brija's numerous accolades for the rowing program include winning the 2018-19 Small Boat Challenge Women's Collegiate Champion Award and being named to the 2017-18 Second Team Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association All-American. She was also a league honoree in her first season in the Liberty League Conference, taking home the 2017-18 All-Liberty League First Team and 2017-18 Liberty League Crew of the Year. In addition to this, she is a fifth-year physical therapy student who has been named to three all-academic teams and was a recipient of the 2018 Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association Scholar Athlete Award.

Brija has been on the sculling team since her sophomore year. She said that this is unusual because traditionally, the team consists of upperclassmen. She also said that she finds sculling compelling because it requires more technique than rowing does.

"I think it's more fun," Brija said. "It's more individualized and based on technical skill. You become a better rower if you know how to scull. I was really interested in doing that because, as a sophomore, I wanted to do everything I can, and now it is part of what I do."

The sculling team competes primarily in the fall, while the rowing team participates mostly during the spring. The biggest differences between the two sports are the boat and the oars.

In sculling, each person has two oars, and the boats either hold one person, two people or four people. In crew, they only use one oar, and the boats typically have four people or eight people. While Brija prefers the individuality found in sculling, she said the crew season is more intense.

"Our spring season is our more competitive season," Brija said. "We have nationals to fight for in the spring, and that is always the ultimate goal. Even during sculling season I am thinking about how the ultimate goal is nationals."

Beth Greene, assistant coach for both the sculling and the women's rowing teams, believes that Brija's enthusiasm toward the sport sets an example for her younger teammates.

"She is a great leader," Greene said. "She has a very positive energy that when she first got onto the team she intimidated some of her older peers, almost because they didn't have that outward positivity. She is very intense in herself and her desire to be competitive, but she also has genuine excitement for her teammates having success."

Greene also said that despite Brija's deep-rooted desire to win, she has never let her intensity get in the way of developing strong relationships and bonds with her teammates. Despite Brija's success, Greene said she never carries herself as higher than her teammates.

"She has never gotten to a place where she thinks she is better than her teammates," Greene said. "The fact that she can be so welcoming to others while being so competitive herself makes her exceptional."

While the time commitment for both her studies and her sport has been difficult, it has not led her to want to give up sculling and rowing. She said that she intends on applying to various

high-performance teams after her collegiate career ends. Some of the programs are located in areas such as Boston, Philadelphia, Oklahoma City and Saratoga Springs, New York. After graduation, she said that she would like to continue up the ranks, but job location and time availability will be major factors.

"This summer, I plan on doing a competitive club rowing team," Brija said. "It is not quite the national team, but I am going to see and keep competing at a high level. I am not going to push for the national team, but I am going to see where I can get to and definitely stay competitive."

Greta O'Hara, who is a co-captain on both teams with Brija, said she believes that Brija has potential to find success in the world of elite rowing.

"If she really commits to her plan to train I think she can go really far," O'Hara said. "It all depends on the coaches she gets and the teams she joins. I know that whatever she does, she will be successful at."

Brija has not only found her passion for sculling and rowing; she also loves her physical therapy work. She said she worked at an outpatient physical therapy clinic in Florida this past summer, which reaffirmed her love of working in the profession, especially when she could work with those with athletic backgrounds.

"I really want to work with athletes," Brija said. "Knowing how hard it is going to be for them is something I can work with."

While sculling and rowing have become her primary sports, she said that she does not want to only work with these sports.

"I want to work with more than one sport," Brija said. "Depending on where I want to live, I do want to bring rowing to the community. Within the Northeast, it is

well-known, but outside of the Northeast, it is not a known sport. However, I don't want to only work with rowing athletes. I love all sports, and I want to bring that same idea from rowing to other sports."

While Brija's commitment to both her sport and field are points of pride for her, they are not without their challenges. Brija is in a six-year doctorate program for physical therapy but is currently on pace to finish in five years, having already finished her undergraduate portion. She said that scheduling classes becomes difficult, as she must coordinate lab sessions around her practice times. In addition to class scheduling, the constant demand of work and practice and more work has led her to become disciplined.

"I study with every bit of free time I have," Brija said. "I will get to the boathouse, and sometimes I will bike and study at the same time. Then I will have practice and then go home and eat dinner and then study the rest of the night."

O'Hara said that Brija possesses the drive that is needed to find success in the sport, and her ability to motivate her teammates is remarkable.

"She brings people together and gets them to work really hard," O'Hara said. "She is able to get the younger players excited about rowing."

Greene believes having an athlete like Brija adds a different dimension to a team as she allows her teammate to strive to accomplish what they are capable of.

"When you see someone relatable doing something exceptional, there is more of a sense that it is possible," Greene said. "Pulling a certain time, or having a certain time improvement and drive isn't just for Olympians who aren't actually human. I think when you see it as a real person and a peer it makes it easier to see yourself in that position."

Brija said that no matter where the world of sculling and rowing takes her, she hopes it stays a part of her life for a very long time.

"Even if I can't stay at a high level, it is definitely something I can do for the rest of my life," Brija said.

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Brija is planning on competing for a high-performance club team when her collegiate career is over. She is planning on joining a club team that is located in the Northeast.

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# THE BOMBERS ROUNDUP

The Ithacan’s sports staff provides statistical updates on all of the varsity Bomber squads during the fall season




Senior midfielder Nate Schoen looks to kick the ball past junior defender Henrick Olsson and senior defender Tim Collins during the Bombers’ win against Vassar College on Oct. 27.

KAYLA ZEGLIN/THE ITHACAN


## Football

RESULTS



28—6

Oct. 27



St. Lawrence

STANDINGS

School	Conference	Overall
RPI	3—0	7—0
Ithaca	3—1	6—2
Hobart	2—1	4—3
Union	1—2	5—2
St. Lawrence	1—2	2—6

Next game: 1 p.m. Nov. 3 against Hobart College in Geneva, New York

## Volleyball

RESULTS



3—1

Oct. 26



Ithaca

Next match: 7:30 p.m. Nov. 2 against Clarkson University in Ben Light Gymnasium

## Men’s Crew

RESULTS

Name	Place	Time
Varsity 8	2nd	11:56.77

Next match: 8 a.m. Nov. 3 at the Cornell Classic at the Cayuga Inlet

## Men’s Swimming and Diving

RESULTS

Name	Place	Event
Justin Moczynski	1st	3-meter board
Stanley Zaneski	1st	50-yard freestyle
Jake Hewitt	2nd	1000-yard freestyle
Nate Bartalo	2nd	200-yard freestyle
Spencer Brownewell	2nd	100-yard backstroke

Next meet: 1 p.m. Nov. 3 against SUNY Cortland in Cortland

## Women’s Swimming and Diving

RESULTS

Name	Place	Event
Morgan Hoffman-Smith	1st	1,000-yard freestyle
Jackie Pecze	1st	100-yard butterfly
Katie Conte	2nd	1,000-yard freestyle
Ashley Warren	3rd	100-yard breaststroke
Kaitlyn Scott	3rd	200-yard butterfly

Next match: 1 p.m. Nov. 3 against SUNY Cortland in Cortland

## Field Hockey

RESULTS



6—2

Oct. 24



Oneonta



2—0

Oct. 27




Brockport

Next game: TBA


## Men’s Soccer

RESULTS




1—0

Oct. 24




RIT




4—3

Oct. 27




Vassar



1—0

Oct. 27



Skidmore

Next match: 1:30 p.m. Nov. 3 against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Potsdam, New York

## Sculling

RESULTS

Name	Place	Time
Savannah Brija	2nd	13:55.05
June Fortner	5th	14:50.48
Sophie Westfied	9th	15:22.49

Next match: 8 a.m. Nov. 3 at the Touchdown the Bear at the Cayuga Inlet

\*Updated as of Nov. 1



# Club founder shifts to varsity cross-country

BY EMILY ADAMS  
STAFF WRITER

Collegiate athletics was not on junior Meghan Beahan’s radar when she began running cross-country during her junior year of high school. Now, Beahan has grown to become a consistent top-10 finisher for the Ithaca College women’s cross-country team.

Beahan’s journey to the varsity roster was a lengthy one. During her senior cross-country season in high school, she sustained stress fractures in both shins that kept her from running until May of that year. This meant that she did not have the results or the fitness level to be recruited and compete collegiately. However, she still had a love of running and wanted to remain involved at the club level after high school.

“Even though I couldn’t be on the actual team, I still wanted to be competitive, so when I got here and saw that they didn’t have one, I was upset,” Beahan said. “In spring of my freshman year, I talked to the club sports coordinator and got enough interest to start the running club here.”

Although she was having fun training and racing with the running club, she was not being challenged as much as she wanted to be.

“For club, the races are really small, so I was toward the front a lot,” she said. “I wanted to push myself more. Now I’m usually in the middle of races, and I like having more to work toward.”

The women on the varsity cross-country team during the 2017

season had seen Beahan training and spoke both to her and to head coach Erin Dinan about getting her onto the varsity squad.

“One of the girls on the team told me about her and said, ‘Hey, you should talk to her and see if she’ll come out for the team,’” Dinan said. “We had a meeting last spring, and she sounded really excited about it.”

Beahan was concerned about training and racing more competitively with her history of injury, but she and Dinan have worked hard to ensure that she can stay healthy through the season.

“We talked about really being cautious and making sure that we would make sure what happened in high school didn’t repeat itself,” Dinan said. “She was really eager to run a lot, but we set up a plan where she has to cross-train a couple times a week. I’m certain that’s a little frustrating for her, but I think she sees that that’s the best setup for her to continue to perform.”

Beahan completes a portion of her training each week doing alternative workouts in the pool instead of running outside or on the track. This kind of low-impact cross-training reduces the pounding on her shins that long-distance running causes and decreases her chances of sustaining another injury.

Beahan has been contributing to the team’s success throughout the 2018 season. She has been among the top-10 finishers for the Bombers in all but one of the meets she raced in this year.

“I definitely have improved a lot,” Beahan said. “The consistent



Junior runner Meghan Beahan runs for the Ithaca College women’s cross-country team a year after helping form the running club at the college. She has been a top-10 finisher in all but one meet so far this season.

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training helps. When I was running club, if I wanted to take a day off, I could, and it’s not like that anymore. Erin is also a great coach, so having her to push me has helped me a lot.”

Beahan has also enjoyed the team aspect of varsity cross-country that was not present when she competed with the running club.

“I love having a sense of team,” she said. “I made a lot of friends with running club, but it’s a lot different running varsity because we spend so much time together, and

we train together every day. It’s been really nice getting to know everyone so well.”

Senior captain Hailey Nase believes that Beahan has fit in well with the rest of the women and that having so many new runners, including Beahan, has made the team stronger.

“Meghan is a very positive and supportive teammate, and she’s also in the top for our team,” Nase said. “She has really shown her dedication, talent and heart during some tough

meets. I’ve been so impressed with all the newbies. They have really been a breath of fresh air for this team.”

After a successful first season, Beahan is excited about what lies ahead.

“I definitely plan on being on the cross-country team next year,” she said. “I might go back to club for the spring to get the best of both worlds, but I’m not sure yet. They might suck me into track too.”

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# Volleyball’s new strategy helps postseason chances

BY RYAN LEMAY  
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In 2017, the Ithaca College women’s volleyball team made it to the semifinals of the NCAA Tournament. This season, the team is looking to go further in the postseason by competing against tougher teams outside of the Liberty League Conference.

Head coach Johan Dulfer said he came to the college to accomplish the goal of getting the volleyball team national recognition. To do that, Dulfer has given the program the hardest out-of-conference schedule in New York state in Division III.

Typically, a team will play every opponent in its conference at least once throughout the regular season. However, some teams will play more games than there are opponents in the conference, leading them to face teams outside of their league, which can increase their chances in getting a bid for the NCAA Tournament.

Out of the 72 colleges in New York in Division III, Ithaca College has the hardest schedule in the state. The Bombers have a strength of schedule rating of .647, which is determined by averaging the win-loss percentage of all the teams they faced this season. The next closest rating in the state is Vassar College’s .618.

“When I was hired at Ithaca College, my first priority was to ramp up our strength of schedule,” Dulfer said. “I did this so we would look pretty good compared to other teams if we needed an at-large bid.”

In order to qualify for the NCAA Tournament, there are two routes a team can go down. A team can either win its league tournament or get an at-large bid. In the 2017 season, the South Hill squad lost to Clarkson University in the Liberty League Tournament Championship. However, the Bombers still qualified for the NCAA Tournament because they received an at-large bid.

For a program to receive an at-large bid, the NCAA looks at the list of regionally ranked teams. Currently in NCAA Division III volleyball, there are eight regions, with the Blue and Gold being in the New York region. Dulfer said the list of regionally ranked teams comes out three times a year, and the first one was released Oct. 17.

After the first set of rankings was released, the South Hill squad was ranked first in its region. At the end of each season, the NCAA committee looks at the rankings to see which top teams in each region still need an at-large bid.

“Ithaca is strong enough positioned where if we don’t win the league, to instead, get an at-large” Dulfer said. “There is a totally different strategy in trying to do that.”

This season, the team plays seven nationally ranked teams, and Dulfer said the Bombers will play 10 probable-ranked teams next season.




Sophomore outside hitter Reagan Stone said that after her experience last season in the NCAA Tournament and after playing seven ranked opponents this season, she believes her team is up to the task of playing 10 ranked teams next season.

“I, as an individual, feel prepared because I have trust in my team,” Stone said. “We have all worked hard and have the common goal of playing well no matter who we play.”

Dulfer said he believes this team is ready for the tough competition. The Bombers are 18–6 on the season with a perfect 7–0 conference record. With a win over Vassar College on Oct. 20, the Bombers clinched the regular-season Liberty League Conference title. However, if the college is defeated in the Liberty League tournament, Dulfer has scheduled games to ensure the Bombers build up an impressive resume.

This season, the Bombers, who are currently ranked No. 22 in the country in Division III, have already faced No. 1 Calvin College, No. 3

Teams Ithaca Volleyball Plays  
Outside of Conference  
(Ithaca College is ranked No. 22 nationally)

<b>Calvin College</b> Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Association	<b>Ranked No. 1</b>	
<b>Wittenberg University</b> North Coast Atlantic Conference	<b>Ranked No. 3</b>	
<b>Juniata College</b> Landmark Conference	<b>Ranked No. 6</b>	
<b>Hope College</b> Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Association	<b>Ranked No. 14</b>	

The Ithaca College volleyball team plays ranked opponents outside of the Liberty League Conference. The Bombers have faced these ranked teams so far this season.

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Wittenberg University, No. 6 Juniata College and No. 14 Hope College. The Bombers have struggled this season against ranked opponents, posting a 1–5 record.

Dulfer said he believes the trick to having a successful team is finding the perfect balance between a tough schedule and a good record.

“I could put together a schedule that could have us win 38 out of 40 matches no problem, and it may look good to people, but we would fizzle out in the tournament,” Dulfer said. “I want Ithaca College to be on the national map, so we got out and play the best teams in the country.”

When it comes time to putting the schedule together, Dulfer said he has a mixture of luck and strategy in planning who to play and when in the season. Dulfer puts thought into how teams played the current season and tries to predict how they will do the next season. He tries to find the best matchups for his program that will look good but not be too impossible for the

team to beat.

Stone believes playing harder opponents is one of the main reasons the team made it so far in the NCAA Tournament last year.

“The strength of schedule definitely helped prepare us for NCAA’s last year,” Stone said. “We had no fear going into our first match against Emory since we were used to playing tough teams all season long.”

Freshman libero Jordyn Lyn Hayashi said playing against so many ranked teams helps the team develop its skills.

“Our team has one of the hardest schedules, but as a player, this has helped me improve in all aspects of the game,” Hayashi said. “I think that the increasingly harder schedule has helped us acknowledge how good we are as a team.”

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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Junior running back Kendall Anderson carries the ball during the Bombers' loss to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on Oct. 6. Anderson has 375 rushing yards and three touchdowns this season.  
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STATS FROM  
THE WEEKEND

120 yards and 2 touchdowns  
against St. Lawrence

375 yards and 3 touchdowns  
so far this season

Helped football team to 6-2 overall record

GETTING TO KNOW  
KENDALL

What is your dream job?

What is your favorite class you have ever taken at Ithaca College?

What is something you are involved with that you are passionate about?

What got you involved in playing football?

My dream job is to be a Supreme Court justice.

My freshman year anthropology course that studied race, class and status in the U.S. taught by Sue Gee Lee. It was very political but open in thought with different opinions that were all welcomed.

I don't have time for the mentoring and teaching programs at the South Hill elementary schools while I'm in season, but the two semesters I spent teaching Spanish and being a New York state mentor were great, and I really care about giving back to and educating our youth.

My dad played at the University of Florida, my godfather played for the Cincinnati Bengals. As soon as my older brother started playing I wanted to as well.



Kendall Anderson  
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