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IC gets 24-hour service and new counselors

BY ALEXIS MANORE
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Ithaca College Center for Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) has implemented a 24-hour call service, hired a new director and 11 staff members — the most it has ever had — and expanded its Let's Talk service for Fall 2019.

CAPS faced criticism from the campus community in the past for its lack of counselors and long wait times. In 2015, students launched the Get CAPS Ready campaign, a funding effort for CAPS after the college rejected a recommendation to increase CAPS staff. This pressure on the administration led to the hiring of an additional postdoctoral resident. In 2017, President Shirley M. Collado announced that CAPS would add two new counselors and a case manager.

Stephanie Nevels, a mental health counselor and licensed master social worker, was hired in January 2019; and Lis Tomlin, a licensed professional counselor and mental health counselor in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and pending in New York, was hired in August 2019.

The new 24-hour call service, called the CAPS after-hours on-call counselor, is available any time that CAPS is closed — after 5 p.m. on weekdays and 24 hours

every weekend, holiday or day that the college is closed — said Alice Meilman, interim co-director of CAPS. The service began Aug. 19. The after-hours on-call counselor can be reached at the main CAPS phone number, (607) 274-3136, and then by following a prompt to talk to a counselor immediately. The service can also be used by faculty, staff and family members if they are worried about a student's mental health and need assistance.

CAPS has partnered with ProtoCall, a company that works with organizations to provide care services 24 hours per day and seven days per week. CAPS receives daily reports of the calls taken by the after-hours on-call counselor and will reach out to callers the next business day to provide further support. All of the call reports will be kept as confidential records at CAPS. Meilman said ProtoCall has the CAPS counselors' phone numbers in case it needs backup during times when CAPS is closed.

Sasha Lerner, interim co-director of CAPS, said ProtoCall works with other colleges to provide 24-hour counseling services as well. ProtoCall works with over 400 organizations and responds to more than

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One man arrested, one at large after downtown Ithaca shooting

BY SIERRA GUARDIOLA
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A victim has been identified and one man is in custody after a shooting occurred the morning of Sept. 4 on Green Street near The Commons.

The Ithaca Police Department has one man in custody who has been identified as Woodrow Turner of Ithaca. Dennis Naylor, acting chief of the IPD, said Turner is not believed to be the shooter, but he allegedly was an accomplice to the crime. Police said he was found trying to dispose of the .357 caliber revolver.

Vincent Monticello, IPD's deputy chief of operations, identified the primary suspect in the investigation as 33-year-old Andrae Martin of Ithaca.

"We are still trying to locate him, but we have some pretty solid information that we are working with right now," Monticello said at a press conference Sept. 4.

Monticello said Turner will be charged with criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree and tampering with evidence.

The victim of the shooting was



From left, Mayor Svante Myrick and Dennis Naylor, acting chief of police of the Ithaca Police Department, brief the media Sept. 4.

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identified as 30-year-old Shane Lott of Rochester, New York. Bangs Ambulance arrived on the scene and treated Lott for multiple wounds before he was stabilized and transported to Cayuga Medical Center. From there, he was transferred to a trauma center. He has since undergone surgery and is currently in the intensive care unit at the trauma center, Naylor said.

Naylor said the police could not comment on a potential motive for

the shooting at the moment because the investigation is ongoing.

Police received multiple calls about a shooting at 9:44 a.m. Sept. 4 near the Green Street parking garage right off The Commons. Police said five shots were fired at the scene. IPD, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office, state police and the FBI responded to the call and are all still currently assisting with the

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SURPRISE STARTER



All-American quarterback Joe Germinerio transferred to Ithaca College for his final season of eligibility after spending three seasons as the starter at The College at Brockport.

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Iranian government recognizes rocket explosion for the first time

Iran acknowledged for the first time Sept. 2 that a rocket at its Imam Khomeini Space Center exploded after satellite photos showed the blast last week. An official said a technical malfunction during a test caused the explosion.

The comments by government spokesman Ali Rabiei were the first explanation offered by Iran for the Aug. 29 explosion, which came ahead of a planned satellite launch by the Islamic Republic that the U.S. has criticized. Rabiei also criticized U.S. President Donald Trump for tweeting what appeared to be a surveillance photo of the aftermath of the explosion shot by a U.S. spy satellite.

Tunisian Court refuses to release jailed presidential candidate

A Tunisian court refused Sept. 3 to free jailed presidential candidate Nabil Karoui from prison, an act that would allow him to campaign for the Sept. 15 election.

Karoui, a leading candidate among 26 people in the race, was jailed Aug. 23 during an investigation into money laundering and tax evasion charges against him.

Dozens of Karoui’s supporters rallied outside the Tunis courthouse, chanting “Liberate him!” They claimed the charges are politically driven.

Walmart says it will stop selling certain kinds of gun ammunition

Following two deadly shootings in Texas, one which occurred in a Walmart, Walmart announced that it will no longer sell handguns and

.233 and 5.55 caliber short-barrel rifle ammunition.

Walmart also publicly requested that customers refrain from openly carrying in stores, even where state laws allow it, unless they are law enforcement officers. Handgun sales in Alaska will also be discontinued. Walmart stopped selling handguns in the mid-1990s with the exception of Alaska.

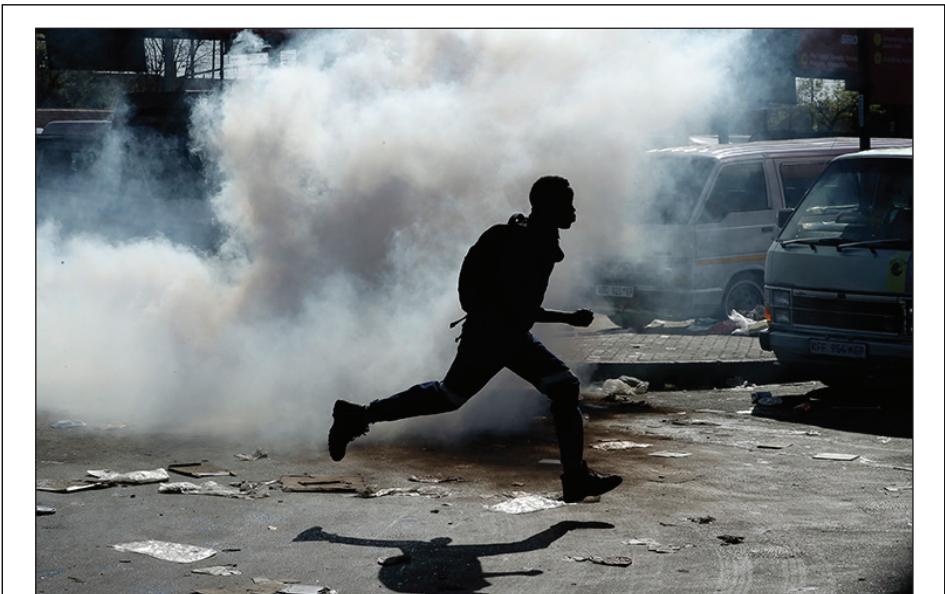
Alabama boy faces murder charges after killing five family members

A 14-year-old Alabama boy faces murder charges for killing five family members, including an infant brother, two other siblings, ages 5 and 6, and his father and stepmother. Stephen Young, Limestone County Sheriff’s spokesman, said Sept. 3 that the teen is being held in a juvenile facility and faces five counts of murder in the juvenile court system.

Southern California boat fire leaves over 30 scuba divers dead

Officials said Sept. 3 that 34 people died after a commercial vessel, called the Conception, packed with scuba divers caught fire near an island off the Southern California coast. Officials said they have called off search efforts for survivors.

The Coast Guard and law enforcement said no one has been found alive after flames tore through the dive boat early Sept. 2 as passengers on a recreational scuba diving trip slept below deck. The Conception carried 33 passengers and six crew members, and only four of the crew and



Violence in South Africa spans over days

A man runs away from tear gas Sept. 3 after stealing goods from a store in Germiston, South Africa, east of Johannesburg. Looting and violence spread across South African cities after a series of attacks seeming to target foreign-owned shops.

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one captain sleeping on the top deck were able to escape by jumping off and taking a small boat to safety. Investigators have not yet determined how the fire broke out.

Legislators make renewed push to ban high-capacity magazines

Lawmakers around the country are pushing to ban high-capacity magazines that gunmen have used in many recent massacres, allowing them to inflict mass casualties at a startling rate before police

can stop the carnage.

Nine states have passed laws restricting magazine capacity to between 10 and 15 bullets, and the Democratic-led U.S. House plans to consider a similar ban at the federal level in the coming weeks. In arguing for the bans, politicians, experts and gun-control advocates point out that in the time it takes for a driver to wait through a stop light, a shooter with a 100-round magazine can kill and injure dozens of people.

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Students enjoy a day at the State Fair

Students enjoyed the New York State Fair on Aug. 31 in Syracuse, New York, as a part of a First-Year Residential Experience trip.

Freshmen celebrate First Bomber Weekend

Freshmen participated in various activities over Labor Day weekend, including a carnival, Irish road bowling and yoga on the quad.

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H&S dean aims to build stability

Melanie Stein was selected to be the dean of the Ithaca College School of Humanities and Sciences in March. Stein started in her position July 1 after serving as the dean of academic affairs at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

Assistant News Editor Ashley Stalnecker sat down with Stein to discuss her plans for H&S and her hope to bring stability to a school that has seen frequent leadership turnover in recent years.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Ashley Stalnecker: I know you're an Ithaca native. So, what is it like to be in Ithaca as a dean for the college's School of Humanities and Sciences?

Melanie Stein: It's pretty exciting to be back, to come back, because this is my home. ... It's pretty exciting to be back, to come back, because this is my home. ... But then, Ithaca College and the community with the college are brand new to me. So it's this amazing combination of this comfort of being home but then exploring this brand new thing.

AS: You're also coming at a time in which IC is going through a lot of changes. So, what changes do you have planned, particularly for the School of Humanities and Sciences?

MS: Part of what drew me here is the changes that are going on. So, the new administration that's come in and sort of the direction that they're taking the school, the focus on sort of inclusivity and building



Melanie Stein, dean of the School of Humanities and Sciences, started in her position July 1. As an Ithaca native, she said she is excited to be back home and to engage with the campus community.

community, the centrality of the student experience ... Every Ithaca College student ends up taking courses in H&S, so it really is sort of the core of the institution. ... Since I'm brand new, and it's my very first year, a big part of my job this first year is to really get to know deeply the culture of IC and of H&S and build trust within the community and work with them to move the strategic plan forward, as opposed to coming in with a bunch of preformed initiatives that I would impose on the community.

AS: You mentioned wanting to give H&S students and faculty a greater sense of identity. So, how do you plan to do this?

MS: We're working with all of the departments to make sure that they all feel that they're part of one organization, and they're all part of H&S. One of the challenges is that H&S is so big that it's spread out all across IC in a bunch of different buildings. So, we're working on ways to develop signs that will help students really feel "Oh yeah. Now I'm in H&S," similar to the way when they're in the Park School building.

AS: H&S has seen quite a few deans in recent years. So, how do you plan to develop roots and familiarize yourself with both the students and the faculty here?

MS: My goal is that by the end of the year, I will have met all the faculty

in the school. Students are harder because there's more of them. ... I met students in orientation. I'm going to keep going to student events and meeting students.

AS: What key tenants or ideals at the college do you hope to uphold while you're here?

MS: So, the core purpose of the institution is to educate students to lead successful and engaged lives so that you guys can go out and improve the world. And, of course, that's something that I have been dedicated to my entire career and will continue to be here.

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Council plans ICC changes

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Ithaca College Faculty Council members met for the first time under new Faculty Council Chair Chris McNamara, clinical associate professor in the Department of Physical Therapy and clinic director, to discuss new developments in the college's plan to revise the Integrative Core Curriculum.



The plan provided a detailed timeline for ICC changes from September 2018 to August 2021.

The timeline starts with the initial program review from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education review team and the ICC Program Review Committee and outlines revisions to the ICC beginning during the 2021–22 academic year.

The plan relies heavily on feedback from both review teams, the college's internal self-study and campus community members that attended open forums in Spring 2019.

Jeane Copenhaver-Johnson, associate provost for academic programs, presented the timeline to the Faculty Council and encouraged faculty to get involved in the revision process.

"It's something that we have to continue to do, and that relies on transparency, granting things and evidence and making sure that there's a process that's inclusive," Copenhaver-Johnson said.

Based on the feedback the college received on the ICC, Copenhaver-Johnson said the e-portfolio is no longer a viable assessment of the core curriculum.

"It is also pretty clear to see in the evidence from the external reviewers, from our internal self-study, from the feedback of people who showed up at meetings and who responded in the multiple ways written responses were collected that the e-portfolio has not lived up to what our hopes and dreams for it were," Copenhaver-Johnson said.

Copenhaver-Johnson said the task force plans to establish a process for campuswide updates and feedback starting October 2019.

By March 2020, the task force hopes to work with individual schools on their curriculums and hold regular meetings.

Beginning April 2020, the task force hopes to have proposals vetted and approved by the Committee for College-Wide Requirements.

During the 2020–21 academic year, any gaps within these proposals will be addressed and the task force plans to launch initiatives.

Copenhaver-Johnson said all revisions to the ICC will be implemented by August 2021.

Multiple Faculty Council members stressed the importance of creating student-centered strategies moving forward with the ICC and the college's strategic plan, Ithaca Forever.

La Jerne Cornish, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, and Jason Freitag, associate professor in the Department of History, presented updates on Ithaca Forever at the meeting.

Freitag said the strategic plan steering committee wants to create a year-round campus for living and learning opportunities as well as form a better relationship between the Ithaca community and the college.

Freitag said he hopes the college will become a national model for other universities committed to the values of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Collado addresses finances at gathering

BY MADISON FERNANDEZ
NEWS EDITOR

Ithaca College President Shirley M. Collado discussed the strategic plan and the financial health of the college at the All-College Gathering on Aug. 29 in the Emerson Suites.

More than 200 people attended the meeting, the majority of whom were faculty and staff. Collado acknowledged that members of the campus community may be concerned about the state of finances at the college. Last year, the college announced budget cuts due to projected lower enrollment. However, she said the college has a higher operating margin this year than it did last year.

Collado said the college started the 2019–20 academic year with a \$5.5 million operating margin, including a \$4.7 million contingency, which is used for unexpected expenses. She said this is compared to a \$4.1 million operating margin last year.

"These numbers do not tell us everything's fine," Collado said. "What they tell us, actually, is right now, at this point in history, we're holding our own while balancing the sense of urgency that the higher-education landscape, which we hear about on a regular basis, is constantly redefining."

Collado also encouraged the campus community to continue engaging with the five-year strategic plan.

"Your participation in this is a key part of the planning process, and it'll take all of our energy and work and vision to get this done," she said.

Collado also said the college's endowment — which has been increasing over the past three years — is \$343 million. At the Spring 2019 Ithaca College Board of Trustees meeting, the board voted to move \$1 million of the 2018–19 operating margin to the college's endowment.

Bill Guerrero, vice president of the Division of Finance and Administration, said the college's finances are still highly



President Shirley M. Collado said at the All-College Gathering on Aug. 29 that the college's operating margin is higher than last year's. She also discussed the college's strategic plan.

dependent on students, with about 86% of the college's revenue coming from student tuition and fees. Guerrero said he is attempting to diversify the college's revenue streams.

The majority of the college's expenses — 61%, or approximately \$155.1 million — are from expenditures related to employees, including salaries, wages and benefits. He also said the college's 2018–19 expenses include \$137.6 million in financial aid.

He said it is important for there to be resources in order to implement the strategic plan.

"That's what a budget is," he said. "A budget is taking a strat plan and translating that into numbers."

Laurie Koehler, vice president for marketing and enrollment strategy, said the college's first-to-second-year retention rate has increased by approximately 1.4 percentage points. The college's retention rate for the Fall 2017 cohort was 85%, according

to the 2018–19 Facts in Brief, and the year before, the retention rate was 82.7%. She said this is the second year that the college's retention rate has increased.

Koehler said that like other small- and mid-sized colleges in the Northeast, the college is not immune to the challenges of enrollment. The number of high school students graduating in the Northeast is projected to decrease over the next 10 years, according to the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education. Koehler — who began in the position Aug. 7 — said her goal is to recruit a more diverse and talented student body by using data to innovate the college's recruitment strategies. She said she intends to have a student-centered and holistic approach to enrollment.

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600,000 calls annually.

Approximately 52% of respondents of the college Campus Climate Survey, which was conducted in Fall 2016, said that mental health has impacted their learning, working or living activities at the college. Respondents described poor mental health resources at the college, from the lack of staff at CAPS to faculty and staff not willing to work with students who have mental health conditions.

Within the last year, approximately 57% of undergraduate respondents nationwide felt hopeless; 88% felt overwhelmed; 85% felt mentally exhausted; and 67% felt very lonely, according to the Spring 2019 American College Health Association National College Health Assessment.

Dean of Students Bonnie Prunty said via email that the college will not disclose the contractual agreement between the college and ProtoCall but that she thinks the 24-hour service is an appropriate use of the college's funds. Meilman said the contract with ProtoCall is less expensive than hiring another counselor.

The 24-hour service was first proposed two years ago but was approved in 2018, Lerner said.

Meilman said the 24-hour service was implemented because when students experienced mental health problems during times that CAPS was not open, they were getting help from individuals who were not as qualified as counselors.

"After hours, a lot of the distress that students were experiencing the RAs were responding to, and sometimes that's really appropriate," Meilman said. "But sometimes, things are beyond what they really can handle. And often Public Safety was being called in at times when maybe a

counselor could help."

Junior Daniela Rivero, event planner for Engaging Mental Health in People of Color, an organization created by the inaugural cohort of BOLD scholars in 2018, said she thinks the 24-hour call service will be helpful for students because mental health crises do not only occur during business hours.

"I think it's definitely a step in the right direction because people can't schedule when they need help or when they're having a crisis," Rivero said. "I think it can be beneficial for students to have someone to call at any time when they need help, and I hope that they'll keep expanding resources to be available and directing funding and staff toward making that happen."

Meilman said the 24-hour service is essential because the need for CAPS services is increasing. During the 2018–19 academic year, CAPS had 13,000 appointments, said Brittany McCown, administrative assistant in the Office of Counseling and Wellness. In the 2016–17 academic year, CAPS had almost 7,000 appointments. Meilman said students do not have to be clients of CAPS during the day to call the after-hours on-call counselor.

Senior Kelly Madden, Active Minds National Student Advisory Committee member and co-president of the college's chapter of Active Minds — a nonprofit organization that supports spreading mental health education and awareness — said she thinks the addition of the 24-hour call service is helpful but wishes the service was run through the college.

"I think the addition of the 24-hour help or crisis line is great," Madden said. "I think it's a little fishy, though, because they've outsourced the call



The Ithaca College Center for Counseling and Psychological Services has added several resources for Fall 2019. CAPS has faced criticism from the campus community in the past for insufficient services.

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line to a different company or school. It's not directly on the college."

Madden said she thinks that the program is a step in the right direction.

"I definitely think it'll help, but I don't think it'll be the end-all to problems that students have," Madden said.

Rosanna Ferro, vice president of the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Life, announced Aug. 28 via email to the campus community that Brian Petersen was hired as director of counseling and psychological services at the college. Petersen was previously the associate director and coordinator of consultation and outreach services for the counseling center at Pace University in New York City. Meilman and Lerner have been interim co-directors since June 2018.

Petersen declined to comment un-

til after he begins his position at the college Sept. 16.

Prunty said Petersen was hired after going through a national search process for a new director of CAPS. She said she believes Petersen will cultivate beneficial relationships with the campus community.

"Brian was highly evaluated in the search process," Prunty said. "Brian is highly regarded on his campus for his ability to build positive relationships with very diverse student populations and colleagues across the institution."

CAPS also expanded its Let's Talk program after running a pilot program in Spring 2019. Let's Talk is a free, informal and confidential service that allows students to talk one-on-one with CAPS counselors at different locations on campus. During Spring 2019, Let's Talk was offered

in the Dillingham Center, Smiddy Hall and the James J. Whalen Center for Music.

CAPS counselor Ron Dow said via email that Let's Talk was successful during Spring 2019, so three more CAPS counselors and two more buildings were added.

Let's Talk is now offered from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. on Mondays in the James J. Whalen Center for Music and the Office of State Grants in Towers Concourse 110, from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m. on Tuesdays in Muller Chapel and from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. on Thursdays in Smiddy Hall room 431 and Roy H. Park Hall room 136.

Lerner said Let's Talk fulfilled its purpose of making CAPS more accessible to students.

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Naloxone kits available in residence halls

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The Center for Health Promotion has added 27 naloxone kits to the residence hall lounges at Ithaca College.

Naloxone — also known by the brand name Narcan — is a medication that works to counteract the effects of opioid overdoses. The naloxone kits are now available inside red first-aid boxes on the walls of most of the lounges or public spaces of residence halls in the lower and upper quads, Emerson Hall, the Towers Residence Halls and the Terraces Residence Halls. The boxes contain two doses of naloxone nasal spray, a face shield, a pair of latex gloves and instructions that explain the process for administering the spray. Information Technology programmed the boxes so that a signal is sent to the Office of Public Safety when the box is opened.

Naloxone was first installed approximately two years ago in the automated external defibrillator kits around campus — which are mostly found in wall cabinets in academic buildings, said Tim Ryan, assistant director for environmental health and safety. These AED boxes are also located in the Circle and the Garden Apartments.

The Center for Health Promotion decided to expand the availability of naloxone to residence halls after an announcement by the U.S. surgeon general, said Nancy Reynolds, program director for the Center for Health Promotion. This statement recommended that naloxone be made accessible to bystanders due to the spike in opioid overdoses nationwide. The center received approximately \$11,000 from the college's Facilities Planning Committee to purchase the first-aid kits.

The naloxone from the AED kits and the red first-aid boxes has not been used, Ryan said.

There were 18 opioid overdose-related



Naloxone, a medication for opioid overdoses, is now available in most of the lounges in residence halls. Training on naloxone usage has been available on campus since 2018.

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deaths in Tompkins County in 2017, according to the New York State County Opioid Quarterly Report. Naloxone was administered by emergency medical services in Tompkins County on 98 occasions in 2017 and 74 times in 2018.

The Southern Tier Aids Program (STAP), located in downtown Ithaca, ran six workshops on how to use naloxone and on opioid prevention during the 2018–19 academic year. Between 15–45 members of the campus community attended each of the workshops. Four workshops will be held this semester and will be free of cost, Reynolds said. After the training, individuals can receive a personal naloxone kit.

Reynolds said that information regarding the naloxone kits was shared with residential life staff, who then shared it with resident assistants.

RAs are not required to attend the STAP workshops, but they are encouraged. Sophomore RA Alyssa Carbonell said she did not receive much information regarding the naloxone.

"They did mention that if we were interested that we could attend those workshops so that we can get trained on it and get our own personal Narcan kit, but it's not really required," Carbonell said. "We had questions about whether we were going to get trained in it, but there's no answer yet about it."

Junior RA Aidan DeBolt said that he is certified to administer naloxone but only because he had a lifeguarding job. He said he was surprised that residential life did not provide more information on this medication to RAs.

DeBolt said he thinks the naloxone kits can bring awareness to the issue of opioids usage.

"I think it's really smart to have these stations all over campus because you never know when someone needs it," DeBolt said.

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investigation. Officials worked to collect eyewitness statements from individuals present at the scene who were waiting to board a bus to New York City at the Green Street bus stop.

Ithaca College released a notification informing the campus community of the shooting through its Emergency Notification System. The message outlined the situation and encouraged anyone who has information to contact the IPD.

Mayor Svante Myrick tweeted about the shooting the morning of Sept. 4, urging anyone in the vicinity to remain away from the area.

At the Sept. 4 press conference, Myrick said he applauded the response of the IPD, along with the help of state police, the sheriff's office and the FBI.

Myrick said he was able to see the response unfold because he was in a meeting with Naylor when police received calls about the shooting.

"I saw how fast, how professional, how excellent our police department was in real time," Myrick said.

Naylor said a press release will be sent out soon containing information and a photo of the alleged suspect at large.

"It's an active investigation," Naylor said. "It's fluid and ongoing."

The Green Street parking garage will be reopened as soon as the investigation at the crime scene is finished, Naylor said.

Myrick encouraged anyone in the community feeling affected by this incident to use the resources available, like calling the 211 Tompkins/Cortland Helpline to talk about the incident.

"It became clear today that when something like this happens, there is more than one victim," Myrick said. "Everybody in the vicinity and everybody who is coming to downtown Ithaca is feeling a little traumatized right now."

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TCAT tests new South Hill routes

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The Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit Incorporated (TCAT) has added two new supplemental routes — the 11S and the 11N — to the South Hill area.

The 11S runs on weekends from the Ithaca College campus to The Commons and the southwest shopping outlets, including Wegmans and Walmart. The 11N goes to Collegetown at night hourly Monday through Wednesday and every 30 minutes Thursday through Sunday. These routes extend the original Route 11 service area, which is primarily for Ithaca College students and services the campus and The Commons. The additional lines came into effect Aug. 25.

The 11S will completely replace the 11 on the weekends, and the 11N will replace the night loop schedule for Route 11, said Matthew Yarrow, assistant general manager for service development and planning.

TCAT made these changes in response to the decline in ridership along Route 11. Ridership for Route 11 declined by approximately 60,000 riders between 2015 and 2018, and it is expected to fall another 20,000 in 2019, Yarrow said. He attributed this decline to the arrival of Uber and Lyft to the area and to competitive rates from local taxi companies.

Currently, TCAT is running Routes 11S and 11N until the second half of the fall service period in October when the company will reevaluate the use of the routes and change accordingly, Yarrow said.

The 11N is currently acting as a proxy between the typical Route 11 and Route 90, partially combining the lower half of Route 90 with



In response to declining ridership over the last four years, TCAT added two routes to supplement Route 11. The 11S will go to The Commons on weekends, and the 11N will go to Collegetown at night.

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Route 11. Route 90 travels between Cornell University’s campus and Collegetown. This is in response to the closure of College Avenue, Yarrow said.

Along with the new routes, TCAT has removed the old fare system of zones, which separated the county into lower and higher-paying areas. Instead, the Zone 1 fares — \$1.50 — will apply throughout TCAT’s entire service area, according to the TCAT website.

The decision to create Route 11S was made after a meeting held by the Student Governance Council last year.

“On the 11S, that’s a direct result of what we heard from the [SGC],” Yarrow said. “We were actually really impressed by the students there. I mean, it was almost completely unanimous, the decision. ... Because it was such a clear response, we thought

that was actionable.”

Members of the SGC were excited to see the new routes and were hopeful for the opportunities that the new routes would add for students. Senior SGC President Farwa Shakeel said she thinks the new routes to campus will benefit students.

“I think the new weekend service to important spots like Wegmans will be crucially beneficial to first-year students as well as students who do not have cars,” Shakeel said. “Even though it’s only weekend service, it is certainly a good start.”

Yarrow said that if ridership increases as a result of the new routes, the company will continue to run the lines. However, if ridership continues to decline, the routes may be terminated or service to South Hill and the campus may be cut further, Yarrow said.

“We’ve gotten creative with the 11 because we’ve seen this fairly continuous decline in ridership, and we’re really trying to turn that around,” Yarrow said. “If ridership continues to decrease on the 11 and it’s too variant, it’s harder for us to maintain the level of service that we put onto South Hill.”

Junior Miriam Goldstein was unaware of the changes, even as she was waiting at the TCAT stop in front of Roy H. Park Hall.

Goldstein was also looking forward to the prospect of having new routes that go from campus to other areas of town, rather than just The Commons, without having to make a transfer to other buses like Route 15 and 90 as students had to do previously.

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IC resolves complaint

BY MADISON FERNANDEZ
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A gender discrimination complaint filed by a former Ithaca College lecturer against the college has been resolved.

James Eavenson, former lecturer in the Department of Health Promotion and Physical Education, filed the complaint in November 2018, according to CourtListener, a legal search engine. Eavenson claimed that the college violated Title IX, Title VII and the New York State Human Rights Law. The complaint was filed to the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York.

Guilherme Costa, vice president of legal affairs, said via email that a stipulation of dismissal with prejudice — meaning that an agreement was made between the two parties and the case is dismissed permanently — was filed Aug. 13, 2019. Costa did not comment further regarding the specifics of the agreement. Hayley Harris, vice president of the Office of Human and Organizational Development and Planning, also did not provide further comment regarding the details of Eavenson’s employment.

Eavenson instructed yoga classes at the college but no longer works at the college. Eavenson had been at the college since 2000 and his last semester was Spring 2019. He did not respond to a request for comment.

According to the complaint, a female yoga instructor was hired over summer 2017 and her hiring caused Eavenson to teach fewer yoga classes. The complaint states that having fewer classes to teach impacted his compensation.

Eavenson demanded a trial by jury and requested liquidated and punitive damages from the college.

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Librarians publish article on pros of therapy llama

BY ALYSHIA KORBA
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Therapy llamas are not a common subject for academic articles, but Ithaca College Library staff Kelly Hallisy and Ben Hogben wrote about their experiences hosting a therapy llama in an article published in June.

The article, titled “We Invited a Llama to our Library and Here’s what Happened: Animal Assisted Activities at the Library,” was published in Associates, and it discusses the library’s experience holding animal-assisted activities (AAA) during exam weeks.

The library organizes a variety of de-stress events and activities for students during exam weeks, including virtual reality experiences, coloring and social events with President Shirley M. Collado, Hogben said. AAAs are informal opportunities that provide motivational, educational and therapeutic benefits, according to Pet Partners, an organization that promotes animal-assisted therapies, activities and education.

The library began organizing AAAs in 2014 and has since hosted dogs from Cornell Companions, a pet visitation program sponsored by the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University, and Therapy Dogs International, a volunteer organization dedicated to the registration of therapy dogs. Dogs from private pet owners have also attended AAAs, Hogben said.

Late For Breakfast, often just called “Breakfast,” is a therapy llama from Cornell Companions who was first brought to the college during the Fall 2018

final exam week. Breakfast has visited the college three times.

Hundreds of students come to visit Breakfast during her visits for the chance to pet, hug and take pictures with her, Hallisy said. Sophomore Elizabeth McCann said the library’s AAAs helped her during exam week.

“It was a fun experience,” McCann said. “It was a distraction from all of my stress.”

Hogben said library staff from other colleges contacted him before Breakfast’s first visit to ask about the event.

Hallisy said they decided to write an article on AAAs because many other libraries were asking about how the event was organized and how effective it was. She said the event benefited the library as well as the students.

“I have seen so much more engagement and so much more awareness of the library as a whole on our own campus since we started doing this,” Hallisy said. “I kind of just wanted to communicate to other people that this is something you can do and to give them the tools to be able to do it.”

Some students were critical of the event’s effectiveness in reducing stress, and they criticized the college on social media by saying they would prefer to have more resources at the Center for Counseling and Psychological Services.

Junior Maddie Rohan was one of the students who expressed this concern on social media. She said she wishes the college would spend its time and resources on a greater variety of mental health services.

“I think it’s definitely important to try to have things that benefit all sorts of people,” Rohan said. “Going to pet some



Freshman Mark Puskey de-stresses with therapy llama Late For Breakfast on Aug. 23. The llama has come Ithaca College three times as part of the Cornell Companions program.

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dogs is fun and all, but it doesn’t help me get through my stress and my anxiety.”

Hallisy said these AAAs do not cost the college anything because Cornell Companions is a volunteer program.

A 2018 study by Joann Jarolmen and Gunjan Patel at Kean University showed a correlation between AAAs and decreased blood pressure in college students. The article, titled “The Effects of Animal-Assisted Activities on College Students Before and After a Final Exam,” was published in the Journal of Creativity in Mental Health, and it examines the potential of AAAs as an inexpensive resource for stress reduction.

Jarolmen said therapy animals are especially effective with college students because they may be separated from their own animals at home.

“College students are usually homesick,

and a lot of times they have pets they left behind, so when they come and see these wonderful, friendly, loving dogs, it’s just so stress-relieving,” Jarolmen said. “They lose the focus on the exam for the time that they are playing with the dogs.”

The library staff’s article has been well received by other libraries, Hogben said, and they have been asked to publish it again in The Camelid Quarterly. Overall, the library has received positive feedback on the AAAs and plans to continue to bring therapy animals to campus, Hallisy said.

Breakfast’s owner also owns a therapy camel and a therapy goose; however, the camel is not able to travel. Hallisy said they have not ruled out the possibility of inviting the goose to future events.

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Volunteers keep on-campus food pantry stocked

BY ASHLEY STALNECKER
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Even in the coldest weather, Stephanie St. John, academic operations specialist for the Office of the Provost and a volunteer at The Pantry, said that Ithaca College students have lined up for their turns to pick out food from the food pantry established last spring in the DeMotte Room on the ground floor of the Campus Center.

“That just shows how much people really needed the food pantry because of the fact that, even though it was freezing, people still came,” St. John said. “That made me realize that what we’re doing is a really big deal. Being able to help with that is really important.”

The college has completely relied on volunteers to stock and manage The Pantry since it first opened Feb. 21. The Pantry is an on-campus food pantry where students can take a free bag of food items and toiletries. In July, the college partnered with the Food Bank of the Southern Tier so that it can purchase items directly through the food bank. The committee pays for the food from the food bank with donations from alumni and staff. Previously, through donations, volunteers would purchase about \$200–\$250 a week in food from stores like Aldi’s or Dollar General.

The Pantry is open Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. and Fridays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The Pantry usually has three to five volunteers per shift, said Dave Prunty, executive director of auxiliary services. So far, The Pantry has had volunteers from the Ithaca College

Nutrition Club and from the honors civic engagement course taught by David Harker, director of the Center for Civic Engagement. Faculty, staff and students can also volunteer by signing up online or contacting one of The Pantry committee members, including Harker and Doreen Hettich-Atkins, director of strategic planning and administration in the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Life.

Prunty said approximately 35–45 patrons attend The Pantry every time it is open. The Pantry had 698 total visits with 323 unique visitors as of June 24, Harker said via email.

St. John said that volunteering for The Pantry was one of the most memorable parts of her experience at the college. St. John is leaving her position at the college in September for a new job. Volunteers are asked to greet patrons at The Pantry and occasionally check the inventory. Some volunteers, like St. John, would help restock before the college partnered with the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

“It’s made me really aware of not just food insecurity on our campus but how many other campuses are experiencing something like this,” St. John said.

As of Sept. 18, 2018, over 318 swipes donated through the Swipe Out Hunger program at the college were used by students in need, according to past reporting by *The Ithacan*. Swipe Out Hunger is a program that allows students to donate guest passes from their meal plans to students in need.

Data from the 2016 Campus Climate Survey showed that out of approximately 3,000 students who responded, 47% reported



Doreen Hettich-Atkins, director of strategic planning and administration in the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Life and a volunteer at The Pantry, Ithaca College’s on-campus food pantry, stocks the shelves.

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experiencing financial hardship while attending the college, and 36% of those — approximately 500 students — reported difficulty affording food.

For junior Laura Kenny, she said that volunteering at The Pantry is more than an addition to her resume — it is her passion. Last semester, she volunteered every Friday.

“Since my freshman year, I’ve been really interested in food deserts and just figuring out things with communities with low incomes, and it never really was brought to my attention how much food insecurity there is on campus,” Kenny said. “I felt like this was like a huge stepping stone toward working on that.”

The Pantry provides several food essentials, including cereals, condiments and basic cooking ingredients. Hettich-Atkins said The Pantry has added recipe flyers to help patrons cook for themselves with the food they obtain. She said patrons tend to be students who are cooking for themselves for the first time.

As president of the college’s nutrition club, Kenny plans to work with Hettich-Atkins to host programming so The Pantry can do more than provide food. Kenny said she hopes to do cooking demonstrations to help pantry users make complete healthy and sustainable meals. Overall, Prunty said The Pantry has

been successful because of community support and its partnership with the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

The Pantry was established through the Lissy Family Foundation. Dave Lissy ’87, chair of the Ithaca College Board of Trustees, provided funding for the food pantry.

“The problem of students experiencing food insecurity resonates with my wife and me, and we were happy to be able to contribute through our family foundation to providing one more tool to help Ithaca College respond to it,” Lissy said via email.

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Faculty, staff raise concerns at strategic plan meeting



From left, Hayley Harris and Bill Guerrero, members of the strategic plan implementation design team, presented on the plan and fielded questions from faculty and staff.

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BY SAM HAUT
SENIOR WRITER

Members of the campus community asked for information regarding the specifics of Ithaca College’s strategic plan at a meeting about the plan Sept. 3, and they were told more concrete information will not be released until October.

The meeting, held by the strategic plan implementation design team — including La Jerne Cornish, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs; Jason Freitag, associate professor in the Department of History; and Hayley Harris, vice president for human and organizational development and planning — was the first strategic plan meeting held for the campus community this semester. Approximately 90 people, mostly faculty and staff, attended the meeting.

The strategic plan, now called Ithaca Forever, was released in June and lists nine goals the college hopes to implement in the next five years.

Cornish said the implementation design team will present the timeline and budget at the Oct. 23 Ithaca College Board of Trustees meeting. After the board meeting, the implementation process of the strategic plan will be announced to the campus community at an October information session.

During the Q&A portion of the meeting, faculty and staff raised concerns about the role students have in the plan, how ideas from the campus community will be considered during the implementation process and what role the budget will play.

Jenny Pickett, assistant director for the Office of Residential Life, said she wanted to know more about the specifics of the strategic plan.

“I was hoping to hear what the goals were that they’re hoping to implement for each year,” Pickett said.

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Board of Trustees approve delaying presidential home



The Ithaca College Board of Trustees announced in October 2017 that 2 Fountain Place, the previous presidential residence, was going to be put on the market.

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BY MEAGHAN MCELROY
SENIOR WRITER

Construction for an on-campus residence for the president of Ithaca College has been put on hold to prioritize other construction projects.

The Ithaca College Board of Trustees approved delaying further action involving the project to prioritize student-centered and mission-critical construction projects, said Tim Carey, associate vice president for the Office of Facilities, via email Aug. 30.

“That project had reached the design phase, but will not be further advanced for the time being,” Carey said.

The board of trustees announced October 2017 that 2 Fountain Place, the former presidential residence, was going to be put on the market. The residence was purchased March 12 by an alum. The board of trustees announced April 2018 that a new presidential residence would be

built on campus, near Emerson Hall and Z Lot. Doug Weisman ’78, chairman of the board’s Buildings and Grounds Committee, told *The Ithacan* that the board decided to build an on-campus residence for the college’s president so they could be closer to the campus community.

The decision to put a hold on construction also comes after budget cuts for the 2019–20 academic year. President Shirley M. Collado announced via email to faculty and staff May 8 that the college failed to meet its projected enrollment of incoming freshman for the 2019–20 academic year. Collado also said in the email announcement that overall enrollment may be lower, but the college’s finances are still strong.

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COLLEGE

Scott Hamula wins AAF award at national advertising competition

Scott Hamula, associate professor and chair of the Department of Strategic Communication at Ithaca College, was selected as the recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Advertising Educator Award.



HAMULA

Hamula was honored June 7 at the National Student Advertising Competition (NSAC) luncheon during the American Advertising Federation's (AAF) national conference in Hollywood, Florida.

The Distinguished Advertising Educator Award, which is awarded annually, recognizes the most talented advertising professors in the country.

Nominees must be known for hard work and skill in teaching and in student advertisement. They must also show an active involvement in the advertising community.

Hamula moved to the college as a professor shortly after becoming an assistant professor at Keuka College in 1993.

He co-created the Integrated Marketing Communications major and is now a tenured associate professor and IMC program director.

As an active member and leader of many organizations within the advertising profession, Hamula has received several awards in recent years for his service to these organizations.

The college has also made it to the NSAC finals six times under Hamula's leadership. The Ad Lab team at the college was recently named the 2019 winner of the AAF NSAC competition.

Health center offers free resources to students to promote wellness

The college's Center for Health Promotion is offering a variety of free and reduced cost resources to support students.

The office is offering free safer sex supplies and free print resources regarding

several health and wellness topics. Light therapy units are available in the office for students to use as well. The office offers free "Be Tick Free at IC" tick removal kits to prevent tick borne illnesses like Lyme Disease. Also available in the office are free nicotine cessation and sleep kits. The office offers free one-on-one or group wellness coaching through its THRIVE at IC program or its Balancing Alcohol and Substance Use to Increase College Success program. The office offers monthly student chair massage days for a charge.

Civil rights attorney comes to Ithaca to speak about the rise of hate crimes

Civil rights attorney Kristen Clarke will speak at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 in Textor 102. Clarke, the president and executive director of the National Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, will speak on the increase of hate crimes.

Clarke recently represented Taylor Dumpson, American University's first black female student government president, in her lawsuit against Andrew Anglin, founder and editor of the Daily Stormer. Dumpson alleged that he initiated an outpouring of online racist comments and other hate speech toward her.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia set a legal precedent Aug. 10, ruling that racist online trolling activity can interfere with one's equal access to a public accommodation.

The event is co-sponsored by Constitution Day, Health Promotion and Physical Education, the Department of History, the Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival, the School of Humanities and Sciences, the Department of Legal Studies, the Park Center for Independent Media, the Department of Politics, and the women's and gender studies program.

Marketing and Enrollment team launches brand strategy website

The college's Marketing and Enrollment Strategy team has released a new brand identity standards website, located at ithaca.edu/brand.



Fireworks kick off First Bomber Weekend

From left, freshmen Julie Kratz and Claire Thompson sit on the ledge of the Dillingham Fountains to watch the fireworks display Aug. 27 as a part of First Bomber Weekend. "Ithaca really made it feel like I'm supposed to be here," Kratz said.

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The website provides guidelines for voice and tone, color, photography, video, graphic elements, the college's logo and official fonts.

The guidelines are designed to help maintain visual continuity and protect the college's logos.

College to retire mylthaca portal used for prospective students

In the early 2000s, the mylthaca portal was created and allowed students to apply to the college online and check the status of their applications. This helped every student navigate the application process in a personalized fashion. After five years, a new feature was added, IC

Peers, that allowed applicants to chat directly with one another to build relationships. This social media activity in mylthaca and IC Peers has been a part of student recruitment and enrollment at the college.

The mylthaca platform, built and maintained by the college, has become less effective over time with the emergence of other global technologies and social media applications.

This fall, the college will turn off mylthaca after more than 15 years of service to the college and replace it with "state-of-the-art constituent relationship management tools."

Public Safety Incident Log

SELECTED ENTRIES FROM
AUGUST 19 TO AUGUST 25

AUGUST 19

SAFETY HAZARD

LOCATION: West Tower
SUMMARY: The caller reported two bicycles chained to a loading dock railing. Environmental Health and Safety placed confiscation notices on the bicycles. Tim Ryan, assistant director for EH&S, responded.

ACCIDENTAL PROPERTY DAMAGE

LOCATION: Facilities Maintenance Building
SUMMARY: Officer reported accidental property damage to vehicle paint when vehicle was washed. Patrol Officer Bryan Verzosa responded.

V&T LICENSE VIOLATIONS

LOCATION: Not reported
SUMMARY: The caller reported finding a wallet and turned it over to the Office of Public Safety and Emergency Management. The officer reported the wallet contained a fictitious driver's license. Patrol Officer Lance Clark responded. The investigation is pending.

AUGUST 20

MEDICAL ASSIST/ INJURY RELATED

LOCATION: Eastman Hall
SUMMARY: The caller reported

a person injured after lacerating their hand while moving items. The person was transported to the hospital by a personal vehicle. Patrol Officer Sophia Dimkos responded.

BURGLARY NO FORCE SECOND DEGREE

LOCATION: Clarke Hall
SUMMARY: The caller reported an unknown person entered the room and stole cash. Patrol Officer Sophia Dimkos responded. The investigation is pending.

LARCENY FOURTH DEGREE OVER \$1,000

LOCATION: Landon Hall
SUMMARY: The caller reported an unknown person stole a box containing a costume and other items. Sergeant Don Lyke responded. The investigation is pending.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT/ PROPERTY DAMAGE

LOCATION: Tower Skyline Drive
SUMMARY: The officer reported a motor vehicle accident with vehicle and curb property damage. Sergeant Don Lyke responded.

AUGUST 21

ASSIST TOMPKINS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

LOCATION: State Route 96B/ Danby Road
SUMMARY: The caller

reported a two-car accident with personal injury. Bangs Ambulance and IFD assisted. Ithaca College Officers assisted with traffic control until Tompkins County Sheriff's Office arrived. Master Patrol Officer Bruce Holmstock responded.

MEDICAL ASSIST/ INJURY RELATED

LOCATION: Hood Hall
SUMMARY: The caller reported injuring their nose when it struck a table Aug. 20. The person received medical assistance from the Health Center staff. Master Patrol Officer Bruce Holmstock responded to the incident.

MEDICAL ASSIST/ INJURY RELATED

LOCATION: Terraces
SUMMARY: Caller reported dropping a glass bottle and cutting their foot. The person declined further medical assistance. Master Patrol Officer John Tagliavento responded.

AUGUST 23

FIRE ALARM ACCIDENTAL

LOCATION: Circle Apartment Building 150
SUMMARY: Simplex reported fire alarm. The activation was caused by steam from a shower. Fire Protection Specialist Max Noble responded to the incident.

TRESPASS NO DEGREE

LOCATION: Natural Lands
SUMMARY: The officer reported several people on recreation trail after hours. The officer issued seven people warnings. Master Patrol Officer John Tagliavento responded.

FIRE ALARM ACCIDENTAL

LOCATION: Circle Apartment Building 110
SUMMARY: Simplex reported fire alarm. The activation was caused by burnt food. Master Patrol Officer John Tagliavento responded.

AUGUST 24

SCC DRUG VIOLATIONS

LOCATION: East Tower
SUMMARY: The caller reported an odor of marijuana. The officer judicially reported three people for violation of the drug policy. Security Officer Joe Opper responded.

FIRE ALARM ACCIDENTAL

LOCATION: Circle Apartment Building 141
SUMMARY: Simplex reported fire alarm. The alarm was activated when a person was cooking food. Patrol Officer Bryan Verzosa responded to the incident.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

LOCATION: Natural Lands
SUMMARY: The officer reported

people in possession of marijuana. The officer judicially referred two people for unlawful possession of marijuana. Patrol Officer Bryan Verzosa responded to the incident.

SCC FIRE SAFETY RELATED OFFENSES

LOCATION: Circle Apartment Building 151
SUMMARY: The officer reported a candle burning. Environmental Health and Safety staff judicially referred one person for a fire safety violation. Patrol Officer Bryan Verzosa responded.

AUGUST 25

MEDICAL ASSIST/ ILLNESS RELATED

LOCATION: East Tower
SUMMARY: The caller reported an unconscious person on the floor. The officer reported the person's condition was a result of sleepwalking. Master Patrol Officer John Tagliavento responded.

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AD – Assistant Director
IFD – Ithaca Fire Department

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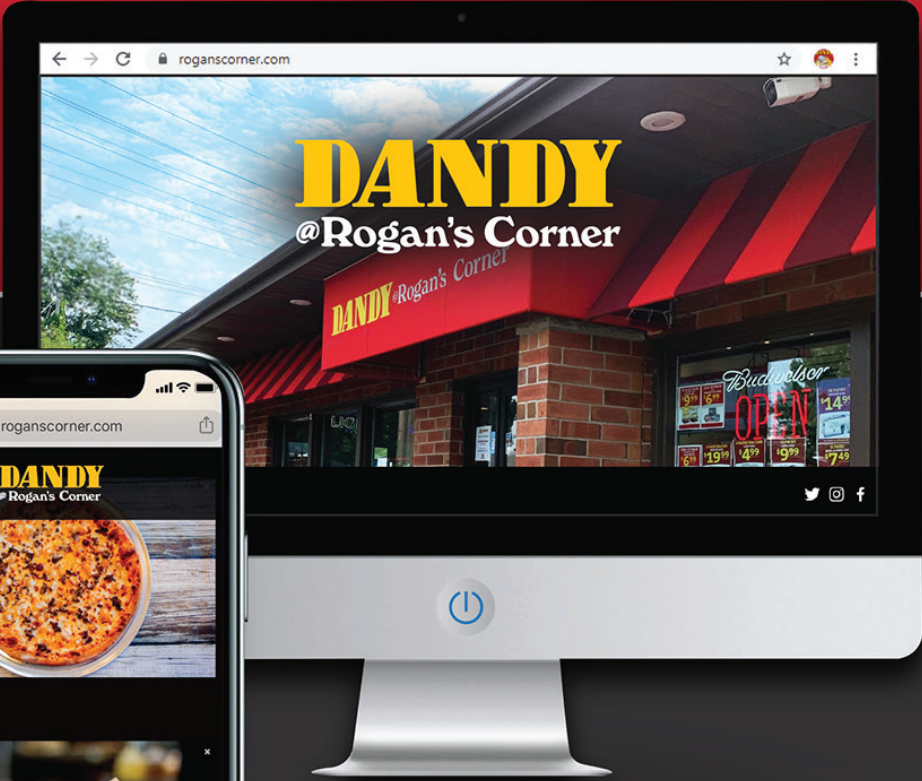
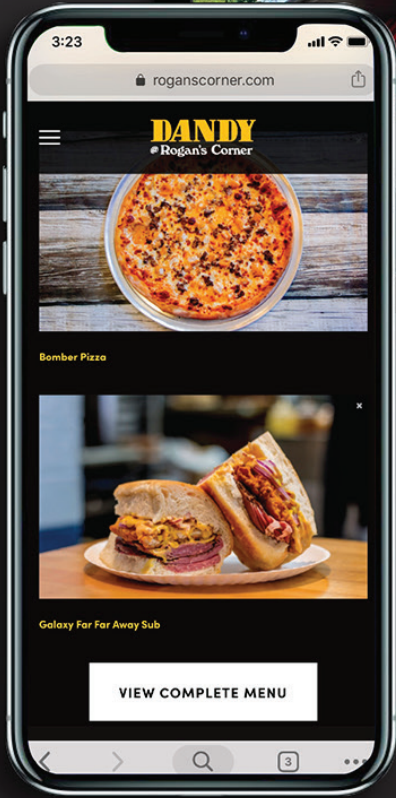
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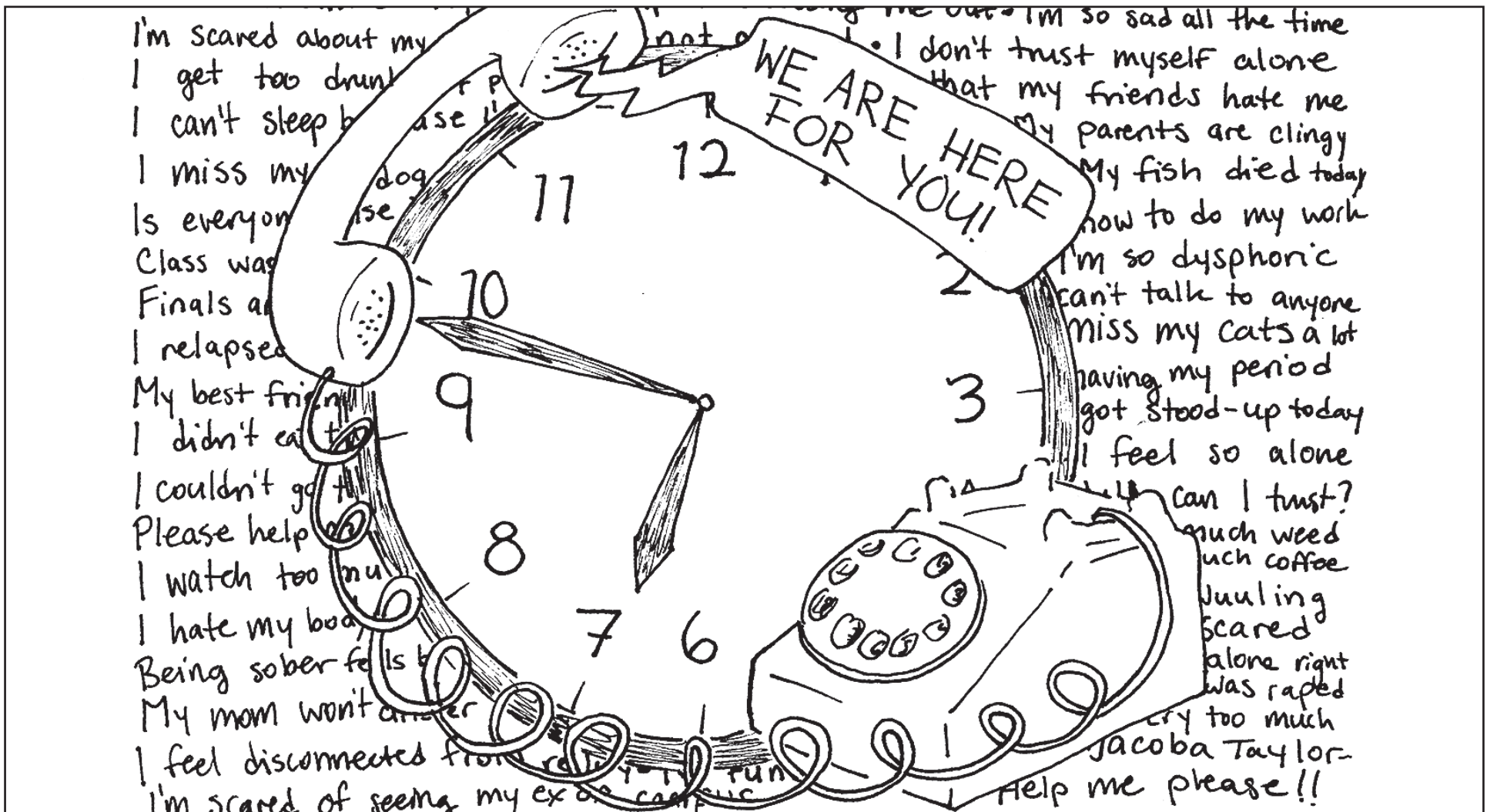
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EDITORIALS

CAPS after-hours service vital for students' health

Just before the start of the 2019–20 academic school year, the Center for Counseling and Psychological Services at Ithaca College (CAPS) began offering a new after-hours on-call counseling service. The service will be available during the hours the center is closed, including nights, weekends and holidays. CAPS is partnering with a telephonic health company called Protocol to provide this additional layer of mental health support. For the first time in recent history, the center is also fully staffed.

The college's decision to provide 24/7 access to mental health resources is a vital move. As rates of loneliness rise among students nationwide, the introduction of around-the-clock mental health support on campus is a necessary measure to support and advocate for struggling students.

Suicide is the second-leading cause of death among college students. More than 60% of college students said they experienced "overwhelming anxiety" in the past year, according to a 2018 report from the American College Health Association.

The increased sense of stress and anxiety among today's college students is only worsened by the prevalence of social media and by increased academic expectations. Between Fall

2009 and Spring 2015, the number of students who visited campus counseling centers increased by 30%, according to the Center for Collegiate Mental Health.

Despite the increasing demand for mental health counseling, colleges often fail to meet students' needs. A 2017 report from the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors reveals that students typically have to wait seven business days for an appointment with an on-campus counselor.

However, the college's new relationship with an after-hours counseling phone line shows CAPS' desire to support those who are struggling. Not only will the call center be open during night and weekend hours, but it will provide mental health support in an accessible, low-commitment way. To receive support, students can call the CAPS primary phone number — 607-274-3136 — and they will be transferred to a trained and licensed professional.

As the semester continues, the new after-hours crisis line will provide a resource for students to deal with stress in an accessible, healthy way. The college's partnership with the call center shows a commitment to students' well-being and will be an extremely positive change for the college community.

All-College Gathering draws attention to changes at IC

On Aug. 29, the Ithaca College administration hosted an All-College Gathering for students, staff and faculty to come together and hear the administration's latest updates regarding changes on campus.

President Shirley M. Collado opened the gathering with a speech that highlighted the positive changes the college will see during the 2019–20 academic year. This fall, the college welcomed 1,600 new undergraduate students and 240 new staff and faculty members, Collado said. Throughout the gathering, administrators also announced the college's increased student retention rate and expressed excitement for the upcoming Cortaca Jug game at MetLife Stadium.

The gathering's focus on positive change was refreshing. The new in-house dining plan is undoubtedly a monumental change for the campus. The college's increased student retention rate and the addition of a permanent mobile food pantry on campus are both worthy of praise. But the administration's focus solely on positive changes also raises a crucial concern: Is the celebration of these changes premature?

In June 2019, the college released a five-year blueprint for the college's

future. At the All-College Gathering, administrators praised the plan's commitment to students. The document highlights a number of the administration's primary goals, including its desire to build a thriving campus community. It would be premature to praise the plan until it leads to concrete steps for action.

The plan comes after nearly a decade of tension and turbulence within the college's administration. When Collado joined the college in Fall 2017, she brought with her a sense of excitement. The college's renewed dedication toward positive change should be recognized — but let's not celebrate too soon. As the administration moves forward with its plan that will take years to implement, we must remain aware of the college's complicated relationship with transparency. The community can't be expected to support the administration's efforts if it doesn't provide information regarding budget and staffing — both of which significantly influence the college's culture and community. Moving forward, the college community must remain conscious of the administration's claims of triumph and insist on the implementation of concrete change on campus.

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NATIONAL RECAP

Hurricane Dorian reaches the East Coast

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OPINION EDITOR

Millions in South Carolina and Florida are under mandatory orders to evacuate as Hurricane Dorian approaches the east coast.

Earlier this week, the hurricane left large-scale wreckage and devastation in the northwest Bahamas. It made landfall on the islands late Sunday as a Category 5 hurricane, the strongest category of storm. It hit the islands as one of the strongest hurricanes on record in the Atlantic Ocean and remained in the area until late Tuesday. The storm stayed in roughly the same position for 12 hours; from Monday to Tuesday, it only moved 30 miles in 30 hours, delivering constant winds and downpours to the islands. On Monday, the primary airport in Freeport was mostly underwater. The following day, Dorian downgraded to a Category 2 storm with a “life-threatening” storm surge winds nearing 110 mph.

Despite the category decrease, the storm continued to grow

“What we are hearing lends credence to the fact that this has been a catastrophic storm.”

– Matthew Cochrane

in size as it passed over the Bahamas. The storm induced severe flooding and caused home-wreckage. More than 13,000 houses, or approximately 45% of the homes on the islands of Grand Bahama and Abaco, were destroyed by the storm. More than 60,000 people on these islands will need food and approximately 62,000 people will need clean drinking water, according to The American Red Cross. As of Tuesday afternoon, at least five hurricane-related deaths have been identified.

Matthew Cochrane, a spokesperson for the International Red Cross, said the organization authorized half a million dollars for disaster relief. “What we are hearing lends credence to the fact that this has been a catastrophic storm,” Cochrane said. The hurricane will pass near Georgia and South Carolina late Wednesday night and Thursday, according to the National Hurricane Center.

On Thursday evening, the storm will creep near the North Caroli-



A car sits submerged in storm wreckage in Freeport, Bahamas, Sept. 3. More than 13,000 houses in the area were destroyed by the storm. As of Wednesday, at least seven deaths were confirmed by the prime minister.

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na coast. The storm is no longer expected to hit Florida but will creep dangerously close to the coast, according to CNN. Downpours will continue around the Southeast through Friday and are estimated to result in flooding. Parts of Florida and Georgia’s coasts are expected to receive between three and nine inches of rain.

In preparation for the storm, more than 1,300 flights have been canceled

within the U.S. and to-and-from the country. It is likely that up to approximately 1,000 more flights will be canceled.

As the storm approaches the east coast, it continues to grow in size. As of Tuesday afternoon, hurricane-force winds extended 60 miles out of the center of the storm.

The National Hurricane Center is warning people on the east coast not to be fooled by a false

sense of safety because of the decrease in Dorian’s speeds. The center emphasizes that the combined wind, surge and flood hazards will likely get worse as the storm becomes larger and moves more quickly towards the East Coast.

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NEWSMAKER

Professor invited to star in one-woman play in Lebanon

Kathleen Mulligan, professor in the Department of Theatre Arts, is in rehearsals for “The Belle of Amherst,” a one-woman play she will perform in Beirut later this fall. This will be her first time performing abroad. While she’s in Lebanon, she will also lead vocal production workshops for local women and help them “find their voice.”

Opinion Editor Brontë Cook spoke with Mulligan about the play, her hopes for the production and her passion for helping women find their voices.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Brontë Cook: You’ll be performing a one-woman show — what is the play about?
Kathleen Mulligan: It’s called “The Belle of Amherst.” It’s about Emily Dickinson. It was written for the actress Julie Harris, who did it on Broadway and won a Tony for it. I’ve always wanted to do it. The plot, ... it’s not anything that actually happened. She invites an audience into her living room. It’s near the time of her death, ... its all kind of fantasy, and it moves back and forth in time. At times I’m 17, at times I’m my own age — she says she’s 53 — and she’s just talking about her life and trying to get her poetry published, get her voice heard.

BC: How did you get the opportunity to perform “The Belle of Amherst” in Lebanon?
KM: It’s kind of a crazy story. I’m a part of The Cherry Artists’ Collective, which is a theater downtown. A professor at Cornell was putting together a conference on theater and translation. ... It was held at The Cherry. We had some people around the world and around the country who translate plays from other languages. ... I volunteered to be a reader. ... After one of the readings, a guy came up to me and he said, “Really nice work on the reading,” and I ended up sitting with him and a bunch of people at dinner. He works at the American University of Beirut. I don’t remember

how it came up, but I said, “I’ve always wanted to do ‘The Belle of Amherst!’,” and he said, “I’ll bring you to Beirut to do it.” ... Two weeks later he wrote to me and said, “I was serious. Let’s talk.” ... I’ve been talking about doing this play for years, for about 10 years. ... That sort of, that was the kick in the butt that made me say, “Okay, I’m going to do this.” This summer we started rehearsing it, and we’re going to Lebanon in October.

BC: This is your first one-woman show — and your first performance abroad — what will that be like?
KM: It’s an hour and a half of me talking. ... I’m a little terrified, but it’s getting there. I’m working on it every day. It’s going to be a little scary, you know. I mean, I’ve played big parts — I played Prospero in “The Tempest,” I played Rosalind in “As You Like It.” But being out there, being by yourself, ... It’s just you. It’s scary, ... but if somebody will give me the opportunity to travel anywhere in the world, I’ll pull out all the stops to make that happen. ... I’ll have three performances [in Lebanon], and then I’ll come back and do three performances at The Cherry. And then, my hope is to do it literally all over the world.

BC: When you’re in Lebanon, you’ll also be leading vocal production workshops for women — tell me more about that.
KM: I had a Fulbright in 2010 to go to India, and my project was called “Finding Women’s Voices”. ... I worked with women all over India — just as I always say, encouraging women to take up a little more space in the world with their voice ... because in a lot of societies, including our own, women are taught to be quiet. ... [I’ll be] just sort of encouraging women to stand up and be counted, let their voices be heard. And that’s really a challenge for some women. I teach workshops here in the U.S. and have women who find that very challenging ... In India and in Pakistan, well, I’ll ask at the beginning of a workshop, “What kind of messages did you get



Kathleen Mulligan, a professor in the Department of Theatre Arts, was invited by the American University of Beirut to perform the one-woman play “The Belle of Amherst” in Lebanon this fall.

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growing up about how you should speak?,” and a lot of them say, “Well, that you shouldn’t.”

BC: How are you preparing for the role?
KM: Emily Dickinson is a big role to play. I’ve been doing a lot of reading. ... [My director and I] took a research trip to Amherst this summer and visited her house and had a special appointment with one of the special collections librarians at Amherst College. ... We got to see some of her original manuscripts and her hair, which I totally loved! It was pretty cool. I’ve been doing a lot of reading. One of the challenges is there’s been a lot of stuff that’s come out about [Dickinson] since “The Belle of Amherst” was written that kind of turns the play on its head. ... There’s a lot of

evidence that she had an intimate relationship with her sister-in-law. Of course, there’s no proof, but there’s a lot of evidence. And so, we’re trying to kind of navigate that and let that be in the play without changing the text. ... So, that’s interesting, and we’re trying to figure it out... but it’s cool! My father was a great lover of poetry, and it taught me to love poetry. So, to have a chance to portray someone that he loved and who I’ve grown to love, ... it’s like in my bones. That’s really exciting for me too.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Students must acknowledge homelessness

BY MARIA BUSHBY

Hold on to your hats, everybody; here is a word I have literally seen people cringe at: “homeless.” Our society has created a strong negative stigma around those experiencing homelessness and often enforces systemic obstacles to make sure that certain communities of people are stripped of their rights to a home. This needs to change. Let’s start with the community that we are living in, the Ithaca community. How many of us, when we are walking down The Commons or are by the bus stop at Walmart or Wegmans, see someone who is experiencing homelessness? And how many of us look away, walk away, avoid any sort of contact? I’m not trying to call anyone out right now; I’m inviting you to hear me out. People say that Ithaca is a bubble. Let’s pop that theory. Ithaca has a population that is experiencing homelessness like any other city. People in the Ithaca community are living without homes, trying to keep their homes or beginning the process of Section 8 to receive public housing. Often, these people are ignored. Last winter, people experiencing homelessness died due to the cold. During the summer, people living in Ithaca’s “Jungle” — a homeless encampment behind Walmart — may not have to worry about the cold, but they do have to worry about extreme heat and the health risks that come with it.

“Just get a job” is not a claim that is relevant in this situation. Homelessness is systematic; it’s not because of a lack of effort. In many cases of homelessness, including in Ithaca, people do have jobs. They’re working hard to save up, to provide for themselves and their families. But, in life, things happen. This may be an injury, sickness, lack of gas and the list goes on. Forty percent of people living in America are literally one paycheck away from experiencing poverty. That is not due to lack of working hard. This is due to a system that does not want to see its people thrive. Let’s talk about how there is redlining in Ithaca. Let’s talk about how prices for housing are rising and how students coming to live in the Ithaca community actually allow landlords to boost their prices and push previous residents out of their homes due to cost. Let’s talk about how, in Ithaca, gentrification is real. Now you may be thinking, “Woah, this is too much. I just got back to school.” Freshmen may be thinking, “I just got here! I need to get used to and find a place within the Ithaca College community before I even start thinking about any of that.” I hear that. That’s real. I also present a challenge to think about how Ithaca College is a part of the Ithaca community. As in any community, we all have choices to make and voices to raise. We can all create change. We can help people experiencing homelessness through organizations like Second Wind Cottages or Habitat for



Senior sociology major Maria Bushby has spent much of her time at the college working to address the issue of housing affordability in Ithaca. She writes that students must help destigmatize homelessness in the area. TENZIN NAMGYEL/THE ITHACAN

Humanity. We can listen to their stories about their lives, look up the housing policies in the area and be present and recognize what’s happening around us. If it feels like people not having access to housing or decent housing doesn’t matter or is not relevant to you, it is. Call your local senator. Get involved. Go to local town hall meetings. Work with existing shelters here in Ithaca. If you have a mind for numbers, think about the intersectionality behind economics and homelessness. If you have a passion for the environment, think about how the increasing climate changes and emergencies can impact people who have housing and how it can impact those who don’t. For those of you whose hearts are in education, think about redlining and how many individuals and families move into public housing as they begin to get onto their feet and how where their home is impacts the quality of education they’ll be able to receive. Think about what you believe in. I believe that housing is a right. It is not something that should be taken away or stolen from people, yet it continuously is, especially for people of color, the LGBTQ+ community, people experiencing mental illnesses, low-income communities and people with intersectional identities. Let’s be clear: Homelessness is not due to a person’s lack of trying, lack of effort, lack of smarts or lack of heart. Homelessness is a result of systematic oppression. MARIA BUSHBY is a senior sociology major. Connect with her at mbushby@ithaca.edu.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Asian-Americans lack visibility in entertainment industry

BY CHRISTINE HWANG

When I was a high school student auditioning for college acting programs, I received a good amount of advice and knowledge from my older peers and mentors who had gone through the process before. Don’t pick overdone songs. Try to choose pieces that show you best. Make sure your resume is clean and easy to read. Apply early. And, also, being Asian is going to help you or hurt you in the process. Don’t take it personally. Asian-American and Pacific Islander actors and artists in theater are few and far between. As a mentor once told me, we’re a “rare breed” in the industry. He even mentioned that male-identifying AAPI performers were more difficult to come by, calling them “unicorns.” This is not entirely untrue. Many AAPI theater artists tend to know and equate with each other through social media and real-life circles. Simply put, we are an intimate group of artists. Still, the thought had always bothered me. Why is being AAPI and a theater artist a “strange” thing to come by? And why is being Asian-identifying a large factor in my life as a theater artist? Theater, and art in general, has always been deeply associated with Asia and the Pacific Islands, their cultures and people. Why does it have to be any different in the United States? My peers and mentors weren’t saying anything that wouldn’t make sense in the context of the theatrical industry today. AAPIs were, in fact, the only minority group that saw a decrease in representation during the 2015–2016 season on New York City stages, as reported by the Asian American Performers Action Coalition.

This was the same season that produced shows like *Hamilton* in which there was a significant increase in the amount of representation by nonwhite actors. That didn’t carry with AAPI actors, however, as they were represented in less than 4% of all roles in the U.S. entertainment industry. The overall industry average for AAPI actors in the past 10 years from 2005 to 2015 has been 3.7%. From 2005 to 2015, that percentage has only gone over 4% twice. These statistics can be disheartening for any AAPI artist as they’re not only relevant to theater but also to many other divisions of the U.S. entertainment industry. On TV, the number of AAPI performances was low for all AAPI-identifying actors, with Pacific Islander-identifying actors making up less than 0.02% of series regulars, according to a 2015–16 report. Even when represented, 87% of AAPI artists were on screen for less than half an episode and 68% of those TV shows had only one AAPI actor represented. It is not unreasonable to say that the presence of AAPI people has been underrepresented in comparison to other non-AAPI people of color and white people in almost every visual aspect of the entertainment industry. As someone currently pursuing a career in the entertainment industry that also happens to be Asian-American, I could easily see these numbers and give up. Maybe try to find stability in another field. Become a doctor, or whatever. But that would be too easy. To give up would mean to give up trying to bring my own stories, my own experience to light. Everyone should know what it feels like to see someone like themselves on screen and

“Everyone should know what it feels like to see someone like themselves on screen.” — Christine Hwang



Junior Christine Hwang writes that Asian actors are still extremely underrepresented in the U.S. entertainment industry, despite the popularity of movies like “Crazy Rich Asians.” ABBEY LONDON/THE ITHACAN

on stage. Movies like “Crazy Rich Asians,” “To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before” and most recently “The Farewell” have seen an uproarious amount of positive feedback from viewers, both AAPI-identifying and not. It’s because these stories aren’t just for AAPI viewers. We have stories that relate to our communities, yes, but they also cross over into experiences that everybody else has. We experience love. We experience hate. We have moments of rage and jealousy and also immense sadness. We go through life like any other person walking down the street — we just so happen to be Asian, too. I’ve learned to take all advice about being AAPI-identifying with a grain of salt, especially from non-AAPI-identifying people. Recently, I’ve been trying to emulate “The Farewell” director Lulu Wang when going about my life as an AAPI artist. “Approach everything with the audacity of a mediocre white man ... take on that audacity of saying, ‘I don’t care if you don’t understand. This is my reality, and I’m going to assume you do.’” There is a wealth of experiences and stories waiting to be told by AAPI artists — we need to be given the room to share the realities we face in our day-to-day lives. CHRISTINE HWANG is a junior musical theater major. Connect with her at chwang@ithaca.edu.

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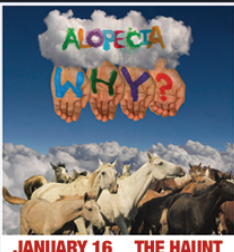
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SUSTAINABLE SHOPPING

TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT OFFERS ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

BY HANNAH FITZPATRICK
STAFF WRITER

Within the basement of Clarke Hall lies a room full of hidden treasures. Used textbooks, CDs, VHS tapes, clothing, kitchenware and even full-length mirrors can be found in the Take It Or Leave It room — commonly known as TIOLI.

TIOLI is Ithaca College's free thrift store run by the Eco-Reps, a group of students employed by the Office of Energy Management and Sustainability. The Eco-Reps program serves as a mediator between the Office of Energy Management and Sustainability and other members of the college community. Eco-Reps educate students about sustainability efforts and encourage the college community to have a positive impact on the environment.

Though TIOLI is open to all members of the college, its hours and location are limited. TIOLI is open every weekday from 12 to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Junior Gemma Gallucci has been part of the Eco-Reps for two years. They said that although TIOLI has increased in popularity over the years, people don't realize that they are also helping the environment by taking advantage of this resource.

"It's not the first thing on everyone's minds because when people hear about free or cheap things, they believe it affects them personally at that moment," Gallucci said. "The sustainable and environmentally friendly aspects of TIOLI, and thrifting in general, are just that people who no longer have a need for the things they're using aren't throwing it out — they're donating it so somebody else can use it and at the same time creating less waste that ends up in landfills."

Approximately 53% of all municipal solid waste (MSW) — which consists of everyday items that are used and thrown away — produced in 2015 ended up in landfills, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Out of that percentage, plastics made up approximately 19% of total waste in landfills, while paper and textiles made up approximately 13% and 8% of total

waste in landfills, respectively. Most of the MSW recorded was recyclable materials.

Buying items second-hand has sustainable ramifications. The production of polyester-based clothing and other textiles produces twice as much greenhouse gas as cotton, according to an article published by the World Resources Institute. In 2015 alone, polyester production of textiles resulted in approximately 1.5 trillion pounds worth of greenhouse gases. This figure is the equivalent of the annual

hosts a podcast, "Climate: TBD," through the Eco-Reps. She said people have a hard time understanding their impacts on the environment because they tend to believe that the environment is separate from themselves.

"Everything that humans do affects something else, including other humans," Devlin said. "It's challenging for people to understand the implications of them thrifting something versus buying a totally new product. For me, I don't see the point of

just because someone made those cookies a few hours ago."

Junior Bryan Robles is a resident assistant in Clarke Hall who has a long history with TIOLI. He said his first interaction with the free thrift store was during his freshman move-in day when he left all of his new clothing hangers at home and needed to find some to use. Once he heard about TIOLI from his RA, he found all the clothing hangers he needed, and since then, he visits TIOLI often to find new items for his dorm.

Now, as an RA, he encourages all of his residents to go to TIOLI because of the intriguing items that can be found.

"You really never know what you can get from TIOLI and save some cash that could be used to go eat somewhere or for books," Robles said. "There are plenty of things college students leave because they are graduating, or they purchase stuff to make their room look better but forget they have no space to store it."

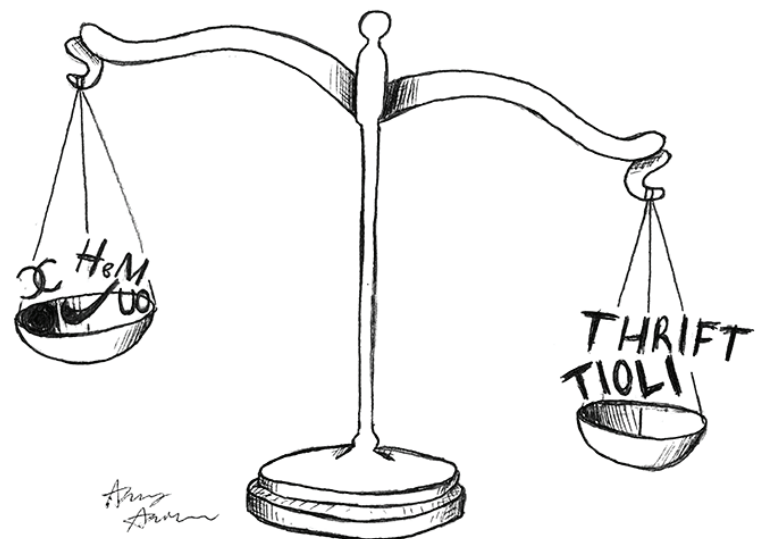
Robles also said that with programs like TIOLI, people can become more aware of their impacts on the environment and implement sustainable changes in their lives that can help erase their more destructive habits toward nature.

"Cutting down trees in excess without replanting and the emission of fossil fuels into the air are only some things that we as people have done to cause problems for nature and ourselves," Robles said. "If we don't take action to take care of our planet, soon it will become irreparable."

Besides TIOLI, Devlin said there are plenty of other ways people can shop sustainably if they can not find time to visit during the opening hours.

"For shopping in general, don't purchase something that you would not get its full use out of," Devlin said. "Even using something small, like bringing your own bag when shopping, can make a huge difference. All of that plastic and paper adds up."

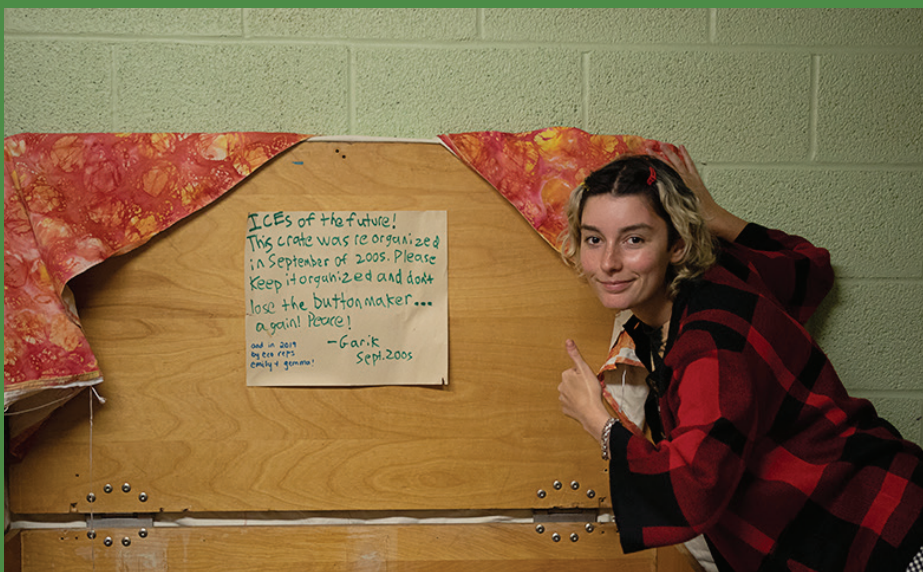
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Junior Tessie Devlin has also been part of the Eco-Reps for two years and

buying something new when there is a perfectly usable product already in existence. If someone baked you cookies, you wouldn't go out and buy the same exact cookies at a grocery store



Junior Gemma Gallucci has been a member of the Eco-Reps for two years. Take It Or Leave It gives students on campus the opportunity to reuse, instead of buy, new items.

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The store, located in the basement of Clarke Hall, is free and offers an wide array of used and donated items. There, students can find books, decorations, clothes and more.

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Harley Quinn comic book film 'Birds of Prey' to shine a spotlight on female characters



Margot Robbie's nuanced and charming performance as Harley Quinn in the critically mixed 2016 movie "Suicide Squad" led Warner Bros. to put several Harley Quinn movies into development. "Birds of Prey," one of those several ideas, is in production now and will have Harley Quinn in a lead role. The film features a group of DC female characters banding together in a girl-gang dynamic. "Birds of Prey" writer Christina Hodson said in an interview with Total Film that she hopes this film will allow Harley's character to grow without entirely relying on what came before.

Comedian Kevin Hart in major car accident, reportedly sustained serious back injuries

Kevin Hart was involved in a car accident Sept. 1, reportedly suffering major back injuries. The comedian was a passenger in a car that reportedly veered off the road and into a ditch in Malibu, California. The other two occupants of the car were trapped inside, and Hart "left the scene to his nearby residence to get medical attention," according to a police report obtained by Us Weekly. The driver of the car, Jared Black, also sustained serious injuries in the accident. Black was reportedly not under the influence of alcohol when the accident occurred.



Alex Trebek returns to host 'Jeopardy!' after five months of chemotherapy

TV personality Alex Trebek is returning to host "Jeopardy!" after going through chemotherapy. Approximately five months ago, Trebek announced in an internet video that he was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer and would be entering treatment. Trebek said in a video released by "Jeopardy!" producers Aug. 29 that he is now finished with his treatment and "on the mend." Trebek returned to tape the show July 22.



Bumbershoot Music and Arts Festival brings the house, and the stage barricades, down

At the Bumbershoot Music and Arts Festival in Seattle, more than two dozen people were injured when a large metal stage barricade collapsed Aug. 31. There were approximately 25 people assessed for injuries, according to David Cuerpo, Seattle Fire Department spokesman. Cuerpo told AP News that approximately 3,000 people were pressed against the barricade, which caused it to break. While no one was seriously hurt, four people were hospitalized with minor injuries.



Alum temporarily takes over Handwerker

BY ARLEIGH RODGERS
ASSISTANT LIFE & CULTURE EDITOR

As an undergraduate, Anna Gardner '19 worked at Ithaca College's Handwerker Gallery. In May, she was given the position of interim gallery manager, a temporary position she will hold for Fall 2019.

"It's funny to be working here now in this capacity," Gardner said. "Some of the people ... were just my peers last semester — now I'm their supervisor."

The Handwerker Gallery, a small art space in the Gannett Center, is a place for Ithaca College students to learn about creative work through exhibitions, class visits and lectures. Students can work at the gallery as interns, gallery monitors or assistants.

Gardner, who double majored in film, photography and visual art, and art history, worked as a gallery monitor. She said her previous experience eased the shift from her past position to her current one. Gardner said that in her later years at the college, she was able to take part in the shows as well.

"For the spring semester of my senior year, I was able to, with two other students, curate a show on African art called 'Get Real,' which was really ... rewarding," Gardner said. "I also showed some of my own personal work in the student senior show, so I've definitely been fortunate to show stuff, curate stuff, and now, I get to oversee it all for a little while."

Gardner will be temporarily filling the role for Handwerker Gallery director Mara Baldwin while she is away for the fall semester on parental leave. Although she will only

hold the position for a few months, Gardner will manage three events at the gallery this semester. Baldwin said that Gardner's focus will be on smaller, behind-the-scenes administrative work rather than curation or planning.

Alongside her responsibilities at Handwerker, Gardner will be working on a small exhibit for the display case in front of the art history department — which will include pieces from the Handwerker's permanent collection of art — as well as an installation for Muller Chapel.

"That's the boots-on-the-ground kind of stuff that I've been doing," she said. "My supervisor, Jennifer Germann, ... knew I wasn't going to be doing any specific curation for the gallery, [so] she wanted to ... offer that as something for me to flex my creative bones."

Instead of its standard of two exhibits, Handwerker will host one collection this semester, titled "Ambiguous Territory."

The exhibition, which features art from approximately 40 different artists, was curated by David Salomon, assistant professor in the Department of Art History, along with Cathryn Dwyre, adjunct associate professor from the Pratt Institute; Chris Perry, associate professor from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and Kathy Velikov, associate professor from the University of Michigan.

For "Ambiguous Territory," the gallery is broken up into three separate sections — the atmospheric, the biologic and the geologic — with the art ranging from photographs to sculptures and a documentary-style video with a false narrative. The artists of these pieces pose both ominous and optimistic visuals about the



Anna Gardner '19 is taking over the Handwerker Gallery as interim manager. The usual manager, Mara Baldwin, is on parental leave until November. Gardner will manage three events and a few smaller projects on campus.

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relationship between humans and nature, and often their concentration is on portraying the effects of climate change, Salomon said.

"They're not saying, 'Here's our solution for that problem,'" Salomon said. "It's kind of like a mirror: 'Here's the world you are creating.'"

Similarly to the exhibit itself, Salomon said, the curation process was equally deliberately

focused on collaboration.

"The selection of pieces was very collaborative amongst the four curators but then with the artists themselves," he said. "There's a lot of people doing this kind of hybrid work, a lot of people doing work that want to talk about adding things to humans, not separating them."

Gardner worked alongside Baldwin and Salomon on the

three-weeks-long installation of "Ambiguous Territory" and helped with the logistical elements as well.

"I feel very familiar with all the pieces in the show," Gardner said. "It offers up a lot of self-interpretation."

The opening reception for "Ambiguous Territory" will take place 5 p.m. Sept. 5 in Handwerker.

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Fellowship offers student cultural opportunities

College provides numerous opportunities for students to explore the world around them. With countless study abroad programs and travel opportunities, it is possible for students to travel the world long before graduation. One such opportunity is the Killam Fellowship Program.

The Killam Fellowship Program is an undergraduate exchange program sponsored by universities in the United States and Canada. The program allows students from the U.S. and Canada to spend either a semester or a school year at a college in the other country. The program awards every fellow \$5,000 per semester. 15 institutions in the U.S. partner with the program, including Ithaca College. Junior Stephanie Mooney was accepted into the fellowship for the spring semester. Mooney will travel to Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

Alumni who are accepted into the program are eligible for enrichment opportunities like the Local Ambassador Program, the Killam Community Action Initiative and the Fulbright Canada Alumni Internship Program. These programs are selective. For example, the Local Ambassador Program is designed to give 15 Fulbright U.S. Student Program alumni the chance to be representatives for the Fulbright program.

Life & Culture Editor Avery Alexander spoke with Mooney about her experience through the application process and her reasons for applying to the program.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Avery Alexander: Why did you apply for the fellowship?

Stephanie Mooney: I was looking for study abroad options where I could study at a full-on university instead of an American center abroad. ... If I want to apply for a Fulbright grant later, like post grad, I thought that this might be a good segue into it, or to practice a fellowship application process. ... Mainly I wanted to apply for it because my major at Ithaca is cultural communication. I have to declare or design a concentration of classes that I'm interested in, and a lot of classes I want to take around global development studies ... are at Queen's University.

AA: Can you go into detail about what anyone interested in the Killam Fellowship would have to do to get accepted?

SM: You have to have a solid plan and purpose. You have to write a statement letter saying ... "Why this university? What will you be gaining out of it, more so than just academically?" ... You have to choose three [affiliated universities] and rank them first choice, second choice and third choice. And for each university, you have to go through and map out what classes you would hope to take at each university, so there's a lot of planning. ... You have to make sure you have a few letters of recommendation. But I would say the most ... important part of the application is your statement purpose, which is 500 words describing where you've been in your academic journey, what classes you're taking, where you hope to be and how the opportunity provided with a Killam Fellowship will get you there and how it will be important ... moving forward.

AA: What do you hope to achieve with the



Junior Stephanie Mooney was accepted to the Killam Fellowship Program. In Spring 2020, Mooney will travel to Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, for the program.

COURTESY OF STEPHANIE MOONEY

knowledge you learn with the fellowship outside academia?

SM: That's a question I think a lot about. ... I don't really have a concrete vision of something I see myself doing, and that just kind of comes with my major. ... I know what I like, things that I'm interested in and things that inspire me and push me forward. So I hope for a career that I'm working towards, I get to ... have a seat at the table talking about issues I care about or things that inspire me. ... So something that I'm really excited for this year is having this opportunity to study. ... When

I come back, I'll have a more narrow scope and focus.

AA: Besides academia, what are you most excited about going to Canada?

SM: I'm so excited about a lot of things, but I think what I'm most excited about is to live more independently than I do at Ithaca. ... I'm excited to experience something new and learn from that ... for that energy and experience and learning process of it all.

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Continuation of ‘Invader Zim’ conquers

BY ALEX HARTZOG
STAFF WRITER

The last time audiences saw Invader Zim of the Irken Empire, he flushed himself down a toilet, never to be seen again. That was in 2002. Cut to the present, and Zim has finally returned from his hiding toilet, ready to begin phase two of his evil plan to conquer Earth.

The movie, which serves as a continuation of the original series, was overseen by series creator Jhonen Vasquez and saw much of the original cast reprising their roles.

Much of “Enter the Florpus” feels like a love letter to not just the original series but to animation in general. Even minor characters like Bloaty the Pizza Hog make an appearance, and the movie is rife with references to the entirety of the “Invader Zim” canon, including a scene of Floopsy Bloops Shmoopsy, a gag from the “Invader Zim” comic book. Various references to other animes, like “JoJo’s Bizarre Adventure” and “Dragon Ball Z,” are sprinkled throughout the movie, allowing for extra gags for fans of those series. The movie’s over-the-top art style combined with an overly serious speech from main

character Dib Membrane sets the eccentric tone perfectly. It is clear to the audience that “Enter the Florpus” is going to be extremely self-aware throughout its runtime.

Similar to the original series, “Enter the Florpus” sees Dib attempt to stop Zim and his evil machinations from conquering Earth. The most recent product of these plans is the massive Florpus — an interdimensional black hole — Zim created accidentally as part of phase two of his plan to conquer Earth. The Florpus gives a sense of urgency to the story; if Dib and his family cannot save Earth in time, the planet will be absorbed and collide with alternate realities.

The movie also tackles themes of acceptance and family. Dib constantly deals with his father, Professor Membrane, not believing him about Zim’s existence on the premise that he is not scientific. Dib’s little sister, Gaz, ceaselessly puts him down. Zim deals with similar feelings, as he realizes he was never meant to conquer Earth on behalf of the Irken Empire. These themes allow for meaningful character development.

One unsettling aspect of “Enter the Florpus” is the occasional use



It has been 15 years since the last episode of “Invader Zim” aired, and the new “Invader Zim: Enter the Florpus” movie is a welcome addition to the show’s canon. The comedy is dark and wacky, and its jokes are well-executed. NETFLIX

of computer-generated animation. To someone who watches animated shows or is an animator, the shift between computer-generated and hand-drawn animation can be quite jarring. The switch between the two, while slightly unsettling, does not detract from the feel of the movie.

The same comedy that made the original series popular makes

a triumphant return in “Enter the Florpus.” The humor can get quite dark at times, especially for a movie produced by Nickelodeon, and sometimes the jokes are not executed to their fullest extent. There are times when a joke could go far darker but stops just short of what the audience would expect to happen. Outside of those fringe cases, “Enter the Florpus” executes many of its jokes flawlessly,

with hardly any falling flat. “Invader Zim: Enter the Florpus” is an absolute joy to watch for longtime fans of the series and newcomers alike. This love letter to the Invader Zim franchise shows every ounce of effort that went into it and is a worthwhile addition to the series’ canon.

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Netflix’s ‘13 Reasons Why’ has killer dramatic presence

BY GABRIELLE TOPPING
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“13 Reasons Why” is a thrilling Netflix series about life, death, truth and lies. The students of Liberty High School have already encountered far too many traumatic events during their high school careers in the first two seasons, but the consequences are only starting to be revealed in season three.

In season one, Clay Jensen (Dylan Minnette) attempts to understand what led his friend Hannah Baker (Katherine Langford) to commit suicide. In season two, classmate Bryce Walker (Justin Prentice) is sentenced to only three months’ probation for sexual assault. In season three, eight months after the trial, Bryce is reported missing and later found dead. There is ample motive for many characters to want him dead.

Throughout her testimony at the police station, newcomer Amorowat “Ani” Achola (Grace Saif) narrates the events leading up to Bryce’s death. Ani provides a riveting narration that helps the viewer understand the characters’ intentions and recognize what scenes took place before and after Bryce’s death.

“13 Reasons Why” deals with heavy topics like suicide, murder and sexual assault. Although these topics are difficult to watch, the mystery and suspense do contribute to the binge-worthy



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quality of the series. Every episode reveals clues that indicate a new suspect. Jessica Davis (Alisha Boe) runs for student president by publicly announcing Bryce raped her. Even Clay threatened Bryce’s life — but the series leaves the viewer guessing who is guilty until the very end.

“13 Reasons Why” is exhilarating and captivating. As Ani acts as an amateur detective, she uncovers more secrets about her classmates. The character’s pain when dealing with their grief is apparent, even when they might seem guilty to the audience.

Although “13 Reasons Why” is controversial for its glamorization of suicide in season one, the series has grown in the later seasons. The series addresses difficult topics while keeping the viewer interested throughout the season, and the season finale suggests an equally exhilarating season four.

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Loss and pain explored in moving R&B album

BY ARLEIGH RODGERS
ASSISTANT LIFE & CULTURE EDITOR

Raphael Saadiq’s 40-year-long music career is one well-versed in R&B. Although he frequently participates in collaborations over solo music, Saadiq’s first album in eight years, “Jimmy Lee,” is a testament to his knowledge of soulful, stirring music. Saadiq remains genuine and effortless in his sound and lyrics.

Saadiq’s late brother is the haunting inspiration for the album. Saadiq grapples with Lee’s substance abuse through various lenses, including in “Kings Fall” in which Saadiq considers the destructive relationship between a drug abuser and his dealer. The song is embellished with laid-back drumbeats, Saadiq’s coiling rhymes and an acute bassline, which constantly calls for the listener’s attention.

Saadiq contrasts his loaded lyrics with a placid framework. In “My Walk,” Saadiq uses the voices of family members hurt by Lee’s addiction to fuel his lyrics. The song’s call-and-response nature is elegant and jaded, the silent mourning hidden under blankets of sweet R&B and gospel background vocals.

The same applies to “Sinners Prayer.” The lyrics are in Lee’s voice, begging God, “Help me make it/ ... When a sinner is praying,” with a powerful bass in the back in playful competition with the drums.

Along with gospel and R&B, Saadiq uses spoken word on “Jimmy Lee.” He is

joined by actor and writer Daniel J. Watts in “Rikers Island Redux,” a song in which sound takes a backseat to instead put a spotlight on Watts’ poignant words. The backtrack remains simple, allowing Watts’ voice to ring through the music. He spits clever and biting commentary with lines like “We got the same glass ceiling/ But I’m s’posed to be thankful for my sunroof.” Rapper Kendrick Lamar also makes an appearance on the album. His few lines shuffle in the background of “Rearview,” the album’s closing track. Though short-lived, Lamar’s voice sounds bitter and removed. Saadiq’s smooth lines suggest a counternarrative in which he is able to look back on the life he’s been given and reflect.

Many of the songs on “Jimmy Lee” cut short of a polished ending. The half-transitions are jarring yet welcoming as they pay tribute to the theatrics that incite the album, and the payoff is sizzling dramatic relief. They also invite comparison to Lee’s own life. What follows is Saadiq’s reckoning with Lee’s death, and the album howls to be heard.



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ALL-AMERICAN TRANSFERS AFTER GRADUATING FROM BROCKPORT



Senior quarterback Joe Germinerio, right, runs through drills during a practice Aug. 22 against Lycoming College. Germinerio said he expects to start at quarterback Sept. 7 against Saint Vincent College. He transferred to Ithaca College this semester for his final year of eligibility after spending three seasons as the starting quarterback at The College at Brockport.

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BY EMILY ADAMS
SPORTS EDITOR

The Ithaca College football team has a surprise addition to its offensive lineup this season under unusual circumstances. Senior quarterback Joe Germinerio transferred to the college for the fall season to compete as a Bomber in his final season of eligibility.

Germinerio transferred from The College at Brockport in Brockport, New York. He led the Golden Eagles to the Final Four of the NCAA tournament in 2017 and the Sweet 16 in 2018. He also holds eight passing records at Brockport. He was also named an All-American by d3football.com in 2017.

So far this season, Germinerio has been splitting reps in practice with junior quarterback Wahid Nabi. Nabi has been the Bombers' starting quarterback since his freshman season and led the team to back-to-back Cortaca Jug victories in 2017 and 2018. Nabi said that he was disappointed when head coach Dan Swanstrom told him Germinerio was coming to South Hill. Nabi said he knew Germinerio would be competition for the starting spot.

"Obviously it sucks to hear," Nabi said. "It's not something you want to have happen, but what was I supposed to do? It was a matter of 'it's happening and he's going to be a part of the team,' so you have to welcome him with open arms."

Nabi said that during the Bombers' scrimmage against Misericordia University on Aug. 31, he played for the majority of the second half after Germinerio started the game. He also said Swanstrom has announced who the starting quarterback will be for the season, but

Nabi would not reveal which player was selected.

Germinerio said he expects to start in the Bombers' first regular season game Sept. 7 against Saint Vincent College.

"I've been getting first-team reps, and it looks like I will be the starter," Germinerio said. "As Coach says, everything's subject to change, so my goal is to keep staying at the one spot."

Swanstrom said he was not actively searching for a new quarterback when Germinerio began looking for a new team, but that when Germinerio expressed interest in the college, he was excited to have him join the program.

"In our mission statement with the football program, one of our core values is competition," Swanstrom said. "We think it brings the best out of everybody. [Nabi] understood that, and he said he was excited to compete."

Senior wide receiver Will Gladney said the news of Germinerio's transfer was unexpected.

"I was caught off guard," Gladney said. "Just from the history of Brockport, for their starting quarterback to come to Ithaca, no one was really expecting that."

Germinerio began his collegiate career at Division I University at Albany, but he redshirted his freshman season because he was not going to receive playing time. He then transferred to Brockport for his sophomore year and competed in his first collegiate competitions.

Germinerio said he was originally hoping to transfer to a Division I or II school after playing most of his career at Division III Brockport. Because he only has one more season of eligibility remaining, he said the upper-level programs were not interested in a quarterback who could only compete for a single season. Germinerio said he chose South Hill because he believes he

can help the program become one of the best in the country.

Germinerio said that when he decided to transfer for his final season, there was no bad blood between himself and the Brockport program. Brockport head coach Jason Mangone declined to comment on Germinerio's transfer.

"People had their opinions about it," Germinerio said. "You get criticized no matter what you do in life. People still criticize Tom Brady and some of the best football players of all time. I knew what was best for me."

Though Germinerio's transfer will be significant for the Bombers on the football field, his academic standing is unclear. Germinerio graduated with an undergraduate degree in finance from Brockport in 2019. However, he is not enrolled at the college as a graduate student. He is only taking 12 credits, the minimum required by the NCAA to be eligible for competition.

According to the NCAA, student-athletes must make satisfactory progress toward a degree as determined by the institution. However, Gina de Haan, a member of the NCAA's public relations team, said the NCAA does not require student-athletes to complete their degree program. Swanstrom said Germinerio put together a plan with Sean Reid, dean of the School of Business, that would allow him to compete. Reid declined to comment on Germinerio's academic plan, citing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Germinerio said the requirements for the college's Master of Business Administration program did not align with his rigorous football schedule, so he is taking relevant coursework toward an undergraduate degree in business administration. However, Germinerio said he

currently does not plan to complete a degree in business administration and intends to leave the college at the conclusion of the fall semester. Germinerio declined to answer questions about whether he is receiving financial aid from the college.

On the field, Germinerio has been working on finding his rhythm with a brand new offense and coaching staff. Before the start of the Bombers' preseason, Germinerio had not trained with a team for nearly nine months because he was not able to participate in Brockport's off-season training after announcing his transfer.

"It's been a long haul for me, so it's been really nice for me to get back out there," Germinerio said. "I'm highly competitive, but there were days where I really had to motivate myself. I definitely grew from it and learned, but it's good to be back."

Gladney said he enjoys competing alongside a quarterback of Germinerio's talent and experience level.

"It's just like having another coach out there," Gladney said. "Having a guy like that that loves football that much is really great."

Germinerio said his goal to bring the Bombers the same success that he had at Brockport.

"I want nothing more than for this team to experience a playoff run," he said. "I was fortunate enough to be a part of two teams who went to the playoffs, and I want to share with this team how cool it is to see the sign 'NCAA Championships' hanging on the fence. It's so special, and I think these kids deserve it."

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Germinerio looks downfield during Brockport's game against Framingham State University on Nov. 17, 2018. He graduated on May 18, 2019.

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Germinerio prepares to make a pass during practice Aug. 27. He started for the Bombers in their scrimmage against Misericordia University on Aug. 31.

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THE BOMBERS ROUNDUP

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

Men’s Cross-Country

RESULTS		
Name	Place	Time
Chris Singer	1st	15:46.4
Jeff Montgomery	2nd	15:47.8
Danny Jagoe	4th	15:52.9
Pat Robertson	5th	15:54.2
Chris Tinti	6th	16:00.4

Next meet: 11:30 a.m. Sept. 7 at the Hamilton College Short Course Invitational in Clinton, New York

Women’s Cross-Country

RESULTS		
Name	Place	Time
Parley Hannan	1st	18:29.0
Sarah Rudge	3rd	20:29.0
Lizz Eberhardt	4th	20:35.5
Lindsay Scott	5th	20:56.8
Kelly Farrell	6th	20:57.1

Next meet: 11:30 a.m. Sept. 7 at the Hamilton College Short Course Invitational in Clinton, New York

Field Hockey

RESULTS					
	4—3			5—0	
Ithaca	Aug. 30	Cabrini	Ithaca	Aug. 31	Drew


Next game: 7 p.m. Sept. 4 against Utica College in Utica, New York

Golf

RESULTS		
Name	Place	Score
Peyton Greco	1st	147
Sophia Israel	25th	167
Cristea Park	27th	170





Next game: 1 p.m. Sept. 7 at the St. Lawrence Invitational in Canton, New York

Women’s Soccer

RESULTS					
	1—2			5—1	
Ithaca	Aug. 30	Endicott	Ithaca	Sep. 1	Gordon

Next game: 4 p.m. Sept. 4 against Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Penn-sylvania

Men’s Soccer

RESULTS					
	4—0			1—0	
Ithaca	Aug. 30	NYU	Ithaca	Aug. 31	Messiah

Next game: 4 p.m. Sept. 4 against Morrisville State College in Morrisville, New York



Freshman defensive specialist Hannah Hughes serves the ball during the volleyball team’s home opener against Ohio Wesleyan University on Aug. 30 in Ben Light Gymnasium.
JILL RUTHAUSER/THE ITHACAN

Volleyball

RESULTS					
	3—1			2—3	
Ithaca	Aug. 30	Ohio Wesleyan	Ithaca	Aug. 30	Berry
	3—0		Next game: 7:30 p.m. Sept. 6 against Juniata College at the Asics Invitational in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania		
Ithaca	Aug. 31	Wisconsin-La Crosse			

Field hockey adopts 3-year-old girl with cancer

BY WILLY WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Ithaca College women's field hockey team held an adoption ceremony Aug. 17 for 3-year-old Nora Zelko and welcomed her as its newest team member. Zelko has stage 4 neuroblastoma, a cancer typically found in the adrenal glands.

After the adoption ceremony, the Bombers showed Nora her own decorated personal locker in the locker room. They also gave her a field hockey stick and backpack for the new school year. Zelko got the chance to go out onto the field and run through some drills with the team along with some playful duck, duck, goose games.

Sophomore striker Kyra Feick said this experience is unlike anything the team has done.

"We do a lot of community service on our team, but I don't think we've ever done something so personal or big," Feick said. "I think it means a lot to every single one of us and especially our coaches. It's really great."

The relationship stemmed from the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation, an organization created to help brighten the lives of children who have brain tumors and cancer. The foundation was created in 2004 for 9-year-old Jaclyn Murphy. After receiving the news that she was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor, Murphy became an honorary member of the Northwestern University women's lacrosse team. In 2005, Jaclyn and her family started the foundation to support other children with similar challenges.

Zelko's mother, Ashley Bailey, said that at first, Zelko's cancer was less life-threatening, but it has since progressed.

"At the beginning, it was low risk," Bailey said. "After they did the biopsy

at two months old, it was considered stage 4S. She was like that for the first 18 months, and then she relapsed at 18 months old with a tumor in her right ear canal."

Stage 4S is a special form of neuroblastoma in which only one side of the body is affected and cancer has not spread significantly into the bone marrow, liver or skin. When Zelko relapsed, her neuroblastoma was high-risk stage 4, which meant cancer had spread to her distant lymph nodes, liver, skin and bone marrow.

However, thanks to the Bombers, Zelko now has 25 more supporters cheering her on. The team has sent Zelko videos on treatment days, and she will also attend practices and games whenever she is able. Bailey said the positivity keeps her daughter moving forward through the difficult times.

"She loves having a team of girls behind her," Bailey said. "It just helps her when she's having rough days. It gives her that little extra boost of confidence and makes her feel special."

Erin Stimson, executive director of the foundation, said many people do not realize that the children often lack social support because of their health.

"Really, what we try and do is give these kids something to look forward to — a place where they feel they fit in and that they're wanted," Stimson said. "A lot of these children, through their diagnosis, will lose friends. They don't get to be around their peer groups, and they're isolated because of their health."

Bailey started a Facebook page titled "Strong like Nora — a fight against Neuroblastoma" for other people to follow her daughter's story. The page has over 3,400 likes and 3,600 followers.

"I started Nora's page about six



Members of the Ithaca College women's field hockey team guide Nora Zelko through drills Aug. 17 in Higgins Stadium. The team adopted Zelko, who has neuroblastoma, through the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation.

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months into her journey," Bailey said. "I wanted to share the good and the bad. I wanted to raise awareness and show how not rare it is. Not only do I share what's going on with Nora but I share a lot of our friends' journeys and the amazing families we've met along the way."

Head coach Kaitlyn Wahila said the team was inspired by fellow athletes and teams that had similar partnerships.

"I had a couple of players ask if that was a possibility because they had friends who were doing the same things with their collegiate teams," Wahila said. "I contacted Friends of Jaclyn, and they said, 'We'll put you on a list.' It took maybe six months to a year to when they contacted me that they had Nora. They asked if we

wanted to initiate the relationship, and we said absolutely."

Feick said the whole process has been eye-opening for the team.

"It's really put us into perspective of how lucky we are, and we all have become so grateful for our own lives," Feick said. "I see Nora having to go down a different path than we had to go down. I think it's brought a lot of positivity as well."

Zelko and Bailey live in Horseheads, New York, which is approximately a 40-minute drive from Ithaca, so Bailey said it is fairly easy for Zelko to spend time with the team. Zelko also has a 6-year-old brother, Jackson, who also got to meet the field hockey team and play with them.

"I plan on taking both kids to most of the games as often as we can,"

Bailey said. "We want to show our support to the team."

As much as the team motivates Zelko, Wahila said that Zelko's presence on the team has been inspirational for the players and coaches as well.

"The effect she's had have been motivational and influential just by us knowing what she's gone through," Wahila said. "When you think you're having a bad day, we think of Nora, and we think of all the challenges she's had in her life, and it really gives us that bit more motivation to get through a practice or a sprint or to make it to the last couple minutes of scrimmage."

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Men's soccer dedicates game to deceased athlete

BY EMILY ADAMS
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The Ithaca College men's soccer team won its home opener 4-0 against New York University on Aug. 30, but for the players and spectators, it was much more significant than a typical match. The Bombers dedicated the game to former student Jase Barrack, who died unexpectedly in May.

Barrack was an athletic training major at the college and a goalkeeper on the club soccer team. He died after falling from the steps of a house in Ithaca and hitting his head on the pavement. He was declared brain dead and removed from life support May 9.

Senior defender Justinian Michaels made a speech before the match remembering Barrack, who Michaels called his best friend. Michaels then presented a goalkeeper's jersey with the last name Barrack on the back to the athletic training department. Michaels received the jersey from Patrick Ouckama, former men's soccer head coach, who currently coaches the New England Revolution's U-17 academy team. Michaels said he met up with his former coach at a Revolution game in Foxborough, Massachusetts, and Ouckama brought him onto the field and gifted him the jersey to honor Barrack.

"I really wanted to have something physical that was there to leave our name and his name in the legacy here," Michaels said. "I thought, what's better than donating something to the athletic training program and have it hanging up in the clinic where he treated athletes for three years. That was one of the most special things that I could think of."

Athletic director Susan Bassett said she

was proud to see the team honor Barrack and to hear Michaels' heartfelt words.

"It couldn't have been any more perfect," Bassett said. "The day was beautiful, and [President Shirley M. Collado] could be here and myself. It's just nice to be here to support Justinian and meet Jase's family."

The ceremony was a touching tribute, but the Bombers truly honored Barrack's memory on the field. Just under five minutes into the game, senior defender Tom Dillman sent a free kick from the left sideline sailing into the box where Michaels was waiting to head it into the net.

The goal was only Michaels' third at the college because he primarily plays defense. As he celebrated, Michaels pointed to the sky in a clear nod to Barrack and the meaning behind the game.

"For him to do the pregame ceremony for his best friend and then score the first goal, it's a Hollywood script," head coach Kyle Dezotell said. "It almost brought tears to my eyes, and I think everyone here felt chills from that. None of us will ever forget it."

Michaels said he could not imagine a better way to remember Barrack.

"Having all these guys standing behind me while I was talking and then getting to celebrate with all the team and the people who were out here today was incredible," Michaels said. "All of that was for him up there."

Sophomore midfielder Alex Leahy also had a stellar performance, putting away the Bombers' second goal of the day after beating NYU freshman goalkeeper Luca Mancuso in a one-on-one. The South Hill



Senior defender Justinian Michaels celebrates scoring the first goal against New York University on Aug. 30. Michaels spoke at the pregame ceremony honoring Jase Barrack.

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squad's other two goals came from sophomore midfielder Ali Kapasi and an own-goal by NYU junior goalkeeper Andrew Ashley after a scramble in the 6-yard box.

Barrack was also honored by fans on the sidelines who were wearing rubber bracelets created by junior softball player Erin Copozzi. Barrack was one of the athletic training students who worked with the softball team last season, so Copozzi said that she created the bracelets in the spring to sell at its postseason competitions.

"I hurt my knee in softball season, and we just clicked together," Copozzi said. "We were like best friends. He was my trainer through all that, and we wanted to do

something for his family."

Copozzi said they have raised approximately \$2,000 from selling the bracelets since Barrack's death. She said all of the money will go to Barrack's family as well as toward a plaque that will hang in the athletic training clinic alongside the jersey donated by Michaels.

"Jase was the most kind-hearted and down-to-earth person that I've ever been fortunate enough to be around every day here on South Hill," Michaels said before the game. "I miss him every single day that goes by."

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Volleyball player discusses goals for season

Sophomore outside hitter Alison Lipton has been a starter on the Ithaca College women's volleyball team since she joined the squad last fall. In her freshman season, Lipton notched 156 kills — the third-highest total on the team — and had a hitting percentage of 0.179%.

However, Lipton suffered a season-ending injury and was unable to contribute during the Bombers' Elite 8 match against Emory University, which they lost 3–1. After going through the recovery process, she is back on the court for 2019. At the Bomber Invitational on Aug. 30 and 31, Lipton posted 30 kills across three games. She is currently second on the team in kills to junior outside hitter Reagan Stone.

Staff writer Shehane Fernando sat down with Lipton to discuss her reflection on last season and her goals for the upcoming year.

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Shehane Fernando: How did you feel after last season?

Alison Lipton: It was a really great feeling to see all the hard work that paid off throughout the season. We obviously didn't go as far as we would have liked to have gone, but to just make it to that point and see everything we worked so hard to get to that point was really amazing. Moving forward from that, I know the feeling now, and I know that I want to feel that again and go even further.

SF: What is the biggest lesson you learned from last year?

AL: The biggest thing that I learned

is that change isn't always easy and it takes time. I learned it takes every single person on and off the court giving 100% to get where we want to be. We all have the same goal in mind, and we can't do it with just the six people on the court.

SF: How have you recovered from your injury?

AL: It takes a lot of hard work off the court. I spend a lot of time in the AT clinic rehabbing, doing treatment and everything like that, making sure I stay on top of my responsibilities off the court.

SF: How have you improved since the start of last year?

AL: I think going into practices, games and lifts with the attitude of "I'm going to give everything I have left in me for the day" is something that I have worked to improve and is something that I will continue to work towards and use in the future.

SF: What are your individual and team goals?

AL: One of my individual goals is working on my mindset. Knowing that the best that I can be is going to vary from day to day and understanding that if I give everything I have in me for that day then that is all I can ask of myself is something I want to focus more on. One of my team goals is getting back to where we were last season, if not further.

SF: What are you looking forward to this season?

AL: Honestly, I am just looking forward to playing again with a great



Sophomore outside hitter Alison Lipton goes for a kill during the Bombers' season-opener against Ohio Wesleyan University on Aug. 30 in Ben Light Gymnasium. The South Hill squad defeated the Bishops 3–1.

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group of girls. I love everybody on the team, and I am excited to be here already practicing with them. I'm also looking forward to growing as a team and creating memories together for years to come, whether that be on the court, in the weight room, on the bus when we travel, etc. I can't wait to see where we end up this year.

SF: Why do you enjoy being a part of

the volleyball team?

AL: It is an automatic, built-in family, and I love that. Even last year, coming in as a first-year, I already knew that I had a group of girls that I got to call my own family here at Ithaca. That's the biggest one. The second one is that we push each other not only on the court but in life in general. We want everybody to be their best, and we want to be there for them to help them and push them with whatever

they need, whether it be homework or a test or a personal situation. It is just nice to know that there are other people around you that want you to be the best you can be and to have people that you want that for as well.

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Database offers resources for athletics community

BY JACK MURRAY
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While students at Ithaca College were home for summer vacation, the Office of Intercollegiate Athletics compiled and released the Optimum Performance Strategy webpage. The webpage puts all of the resources that student-athletes are entitled to in one place.

The athletics office launched the Optimum Performance Strategy webpage on its website. The webpage has six columns that pertain to different themes of resources. The themes include nutrition, physical training, sports psychology, sports medicine, leadership and life skills. Within the categories are different resources, including the Eat to Compete web portal and a page that shows all guest speakers and special events for athletes.

Susan Bassett, associate vice president and director of intercollegiate athletics and recreational sports, said that the webpage has been something that she has hoped to do for awhile and that the goal was to let the student-athletes know all the resources they had in their possession.

"We have always been committed to doing comprehensive educational programming for student-athletes," Bassett said. "What is fundamental to our philosophy is that participation in our athletics is an educational experience, so we want students to learn how to take care of themselves, how to make good choices and how to eat properly and sleep properly."

Bassett said the athletics office started the project after the 2017–18 academic year and started making progress after hiring Erienne Roberts, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator. Bassett said she felt that

the project would be beneficial because she wanted to have a more cohesive way for student-athletes to be able to identify their resources and felt that having a webpage would do this perfectly.

The webpage was put on pause during the 2018–19 academic year, but in June, the group added Associate Director Justin Lutes, Head Athletic Trainer Mike Matheny and Vic Brown, strength and conditioning head coach, to the planning team to help bring the project to reality. They also gathered various athletes and coaches and used their feedback to finalize the database.

Roberts said that developing the program at the college was easier than she anticipated because most of the resources were already offered, so it was just a matter of putting them all together.

"Since most things were already in place, we just wanted to create an easy, one-stop-shop," Roberts said.

Head volleyball coach Johan Dulfer said the webpage provides an example of how the college hopes to shape Bomber athletes beyond competition.

"Athletics is much more than what you see on the court or on the field or in the pool," Dulfer said. "We are not just in the business of winning games, we are representing Ithaca and teaching life lessons in the process. There is so much that comes into that — Ithaca College has a lot of great resources, and I think this wraps it up."

Dulfer said that he plans on using the webpage as a recruiting tool for prospective athletes in the future.

Senior golfer Peyton Greco, who is a co-chair for the Student-Athlete Advisory Council, said the website will allow



Erienne Roberts, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator, was a significant contributor to the Optimum Performance Strategy webpage, unveiled Aug. 22.

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student-athletes to see their resources in a much more organized way.

"Whether student-athletes are incoming freshmen or outgoing seniors, I think this website touches on a number of important resources that can be used by everyone in the athletic community," Greco said.

Junior gymnast Elyse Ryden, who is also a co-chair on the Student-Athlete Advisory Council, said she is excited about the access to the nutrition and sports psychology tabs on the website.

"All IC athletes are provided with education on both topics, but the webpage combines the main information we are presented within a concise way that's easy for us to find," Ryden said.

Bassett said that developing the website shows how committed the college is to helping its athletes excel in all facets of their lives.

"We have a championship mindset here, which is that we always want to improve and strive to be better than we were before," Bassett said. "I hope that this webpage shows people that we have a thirst for knowledge, we are committed to continuous learning and that it starts with the administration and the coaching staff and that it pervades through the entire department."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

ALEX LEAHY

STATS FROM THE WEEK

Scored a goal in each of the Bombers' games Aug. 30 and 31

Scored the game-winner against then-No. 5 Messiah College



Sophomore midfielder Alex Leahy dribbles past freshman defender Jake Kent-Loop during the Bombers' game Aug. 31 against then-No. 5 Messiah College. The Bombers defeated the Falcons 1–0. PETER RAIDER/THE ITHACAN

GETTING TO KNOW ALEX

What got you involved with soccer?

What are your hobbies outside of soccer?

What has been your favorite class at Ithaca College?

What is your dream job?

I basically got involved in every sport when I was younger. I was playing six at a time at one point. Over the years, I just became much more passionate about soccer than any other sport or activity.

I love to be outside and moving. So, any sport or physical activity I am always up for. My favorites are hockey, skiing and lacrosse.

My favorite class has been Plants, People and Food Production. It taught me how to take better care of my body and which food choices I should be making on a daily basis.

My dream job would be to be a professional soccer player so I could do something I love every day.

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From left, freshmen Carolyn Thomas and Cassidy Copenheaver tie-dye shirts Sept. 2 on the Campus Center Quad. The tie-dye and ice cream social event ended First Bomber Weekend.

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