After saying that she would freeze her salary, President Collado’s compensation increased

BY ALEXIS MANORE AND ELIJAH DE CASTRO

Despite claiming multiple times that she froze her salary for the 2019–20 fiscal year, former Ithaca College President Shirley M. Collado’s monthly base compensation increased by $1,039 to $41,174 per month, according to the most recent Form 990, a federal finance document.

Additionally, the 2018–19 and 2019–20 Form 990’s say that Collado’s “other reportable compensation” increased from $1,585 in 2018–19 to $96,019 in 2019–20. Collado served as president from July 2017 to August 2021, the shortest tenure out of the college’s 10 presidents. Collado stepped down in July 2021. Collado brought her former President Li-ferne Cornish to Ithaca College to serve as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, and she was later promoted to provost and executive vice president. These increases occurred as she led the college through a pre-pandemic financial crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic. As a part of the five-year strategic plan, Ithaca College committed to the Academic Program Prioritization (APP) — an austerity measure that Collado and Cornish called “transformative change.” Despite protests, the 116 full-time tenure-eligible faculty positions and 26 departments programs and majors are in the process of being eliminated.

It is unclear if Collado’s compensation increased, decreased or stayed the same during the 2020–21 fiscal year, as the Form 990 for that year will not be released until July. However, Collado said in a March 2021 interview with The Ithsonian that she took a pay cut during the 2020–21 fiscal year.

For the 2019–20 year, Collado’s base compensation was $487,875. The bonus and other reportable compensation was $96,019. Collado’s total reportable compensation was $583,872. “Part of Collado’s imputed income — benefits employees receive that are not

Survivors of sexual violence and allies march into Ithaca

BY CLARE SHANAHAN AND OLIVIA STANZL

“Claim our bodies, claim our rights, take a stand, take back the night,” Ithaca College students chanted April 29 as they marched to the Commons for the fourth annual Take Back the Night (TBTN) march and rally in Ithaca. TBTN is an international foundation and movement against sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence and sexual assault. The Advocacy Center of Tompkins County has been involved in the college’s hosting of TBTN events since 1979. At the 2022 event, three marches began at 6:15 p.m. at Ithaca College, Cornell University and the Greater Ithaca Activities Center. The marches convened at 7 p.m. on The Commons where about 70 people, from children to older adults, gathered for a rally featuring survivor speak-out sessions, performances and a vigil.

Representatives of IC Strike led the march of about 25 people from Ithaca College to The Commons and provided signs and led chants for marchers. IC Strike is a student organization at the college created to raise awareness, promote change in the campus community regarding sexual assault and violence, and provide support to survivors and allies.

“It’s our Sexual Assault Awareness Month, so this is a good way to kind of set off the month but remind people that this is an ongoing issue and it’s not just contained to one month,” senior Sarah Moon, co-president of IC Strike, said.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month is honored in April, and at the college, events were hosted by clubs and campus organizations, including the Women’s Resource Center, Ithaca College Parents and the Ithaca College Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Club.

Laura Lewis, acting mayor of the City of Ithaca, gives a speech April 29 on The Commons during the Take Back the Night rally. DREW VGIL THE ITHACAN IC reacts to SCOTUS draft to overturn Roe

BY ALEXIS MANORE AND ELIJAH DE CASTRO

Despite longstanding legal precedent and public opinion, the United States Supreme Court intends to overturn Roe v. Wade, a landmark piece of civil rights legislation that made access to abortion a constitutional right. On May 3, the Ithaca community gathered in protest.

According to an initial majority opinion draft leaked to Politico, the Supreme Court is planning to overturn Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey in the coming months, removing abortion legislation to the jurisdiction of individual states. Chief Justice John Roberts verified the authenticity of the draft opinion May 3.

The draft decision was authored by Associate Justice Samuel Alito, a conservative judge whom former President George H. W. Bush nominated to the court. Justices Clarence Thomas, Amy Coney Barrett, Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh have joined Alito in the decision, according to Politico.

“We hold that Roe and Casey must be overruled,” Alito said in the draft decision. “The Constitution makes no such reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision.”

Roberts has yet to vote, but regardless, the conservative justices hold the majority on the court and on the draft decision. However, Roberts did note that because it is a draft, it could change before the final ruling, which is set to be released in June.

Since Ithaca College is located in New York — which has codified the protections in Roe v. Wade into law — the campus community will likely still have access to safe and legal abortion. However, at least 23 states, including Texas, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, Utah, Idaho and more, have laws banning abortion that preceded Roe v. Wade already on the books or have trigger laws that will go into effect once Roe v. Wade is overturned. The leak ignited both outrage and celebration from thousands of people across the nation. Many gathered to protest the draft decision and to show their support for Roe v. Wade, including in Ithaca.

About 100 members of the Ithaca community gathered at the Bernie Milton Pavilion on The Commons to rally in support of the right to an abortion. Protesters held signs that read
Kendall Day party proceeds with risk

BY ELIZABETH KHARABADZE

As the 2021–22 academic year comes to a close, Ithaca College students looking to celebrate are being encouraged by the college to celebrate responsibly because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kendall Day is a tradition that started in 2008 by students. On this day, students gather on Kendall Avenue for large house parties on the weekend before finals. This year, the celebrations fall May 7.

Sam Swarts, assistant director for Emergency Preparedness and Response, said his office is acting proactively to make sure students stay safe while celebrating. While the current COVID-19 alert level is low risk, the college currently has 19 total active cases. As of April 27, Tompkins County is now classified as an active COVID-19 alert area, with residents being encouraged to wear masks while in public settings. COVID-19 numbers are lower than earlier in the year, with January seeing a spike in up to 361 new positive cases. In 2021, students were discouraged from participating in gatherings like Kendall Day due to COVID-19.

Prior to student departure for winter break in December 2021, a surge in COVID-19 cases was linked to Santacon, a large gathering of unmasked partygoers celebrating the holidays Dec. 11. Following the surge, the college raised its alert to "Orange: Moderate Risk," which shut down social gatherings and closed shared on-campus spaces. After lowering its alert to "Green: Lower Risk" Feb. 4, the college lifted indoor mask mandates March 4.

The college is offering several events to celebrate the end of the academic year. The IC Kicks Back event will take place May 6 and feature a performance by Christian French, an American pop singer on the Campus Center Quad from 3 to 9:30 p.m. Campus Center Dining Hall will also host in annual IC Community Brunch on May 7. The college also held a virtual gathering May 2 to discuss ways for ofcampus students to be mindful of their health and the surrounding community in their celebrations. Bill Kerry, executive director of Public Safety and Emergency Management, said students can expect local authorities along Kendall Avenue and the surrounding areas to make sure the event runs smoothly, like on past Kendall Days.

"Kendall Day grows so quickly," Kerry said. "[Police] will help when not asked if they see someone who's having any kind of medical condition . . . or if someone's injured themselves."

Campus life VP to step down

BY SYD PIERRE

Rosanna Ferro, vice president for student affairs and campus life at Ithaca College, is stepping down from her position and will leave June 24, 2022.

In a May 3 email to the college community, President La Jerne Cornish announced that Ferro will become the Chief of Education at College Track, an organization that aids students in confronting systemic barriers to completing bachelor's degrees. Cornish said that current Dean of Students Bonnie Prunty will serve as vice president for student affairs and campus life through 2024 during which a search will be conducted for the position.

The email said Prunty has appointed Mandha Dawson as the next dean of students. Dawson is currently the director of the Offices of Residential Life and Student Conduct & Community Standards. Cornish said the college will be conducting an internal search to fill Dawson’s current position which could begin as early as this summer.
Faculty, staff and students at Ithaca College attended open sessions between May 2 and 5 to speak with the four final candi- dates for dean of the Roy H. Park School of Communications.

The current interim dean is Jack Powers who assumed the position at the start of the 2020–21 academic year. Powers became interim dean after former dean Diane Gazeski stepped down from her position at the end of the 2019–20 academic school year.

Each candidate talked with the campus community in person and on Zoom during two one-hour open sessions; one for faculty and one for staff and students.

The first candidate, Virginia McDermott, dean of the Nido R. Qubein School of Commu- nication at High Point University, held her open sessions May 2. McDermott said she wanted to work on more effective ad- vertising for the Roy H. Park School of Communications at Ithaca College.

She highlighted that students create valuable media and prod- ucts for recruitment.

“My job is identifying what’s happening in the school of communication that needs wider recognition,” McDermott said. “I don’t know how to run a camera. But what I know how to do is support people who know how to do that.”

The second candidate, Kar- en Loop, associate dean and professor at Columbia College Chicago, introduced herself to the campus community May 3. She said a great way to keep alumni engaged with Ithaca Col- lege is through mentor programs like the one she built at Colum- bia College, where all the stu- dents have an alum mentor.

“I think alumni engagement is so important on so many levels, not only in terms of fundraising, but the opportunities it creates for students,” Loop said.

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“To me that’s a challenge that I’m increasingly interested in tak- ing on,” Mihailidis said.

He also mentioned creating a community where staff, faculty and students feel comfortable and like they have the support they need.

“Any successful community is only as strong as how the com- munity members feel a part of it,” Mihailidis said. “The effort has to be made to create community and I do see that as a dean’s core responsibility.”

The last candidate, Amy Falkner, will introduce herself May 5. Falkner has been the in- tern dean of the Newhouse School of Public Communica- tions since April 2019.

I got a new identity — 88987. … It is very special to me. It’s an ID card. It’s a card — I got a new identity. What did I hope for when I was a little girl? What did I hope for being able to survive all this? What did I hope for? … I got a new identity. … It is very special to me. … It is very special to me.

But I also know that I survived. I was not in the business of believ- ing, “I was not in the business of believ- ing,” Wechsler said. “I was not in the business of believ- ing, “I was not in the business of believ- ing,” Wechsler said. “I was not in the business of believ- ing, “I was not in the business of believ- ing,” Wechsler said. “I was not in the business of believ- ing. … It’s so incredibly unfair to be put in a position to decide whether we’ll be able to celebrate amongst the people we care about,” Wechsler said. “It shouldn’t be a choice we have to make because we are just as deserving to walk across that stage as everyone else is.”

Swarts said the Office of Public Safety and Emergency Management will continue to look at the latest guidance from Tompkins County and New York state.

“We need to remember that COVID-19 has changed drastically from where we were two years ago,” Swarts said. “I want to recognize that many folks still are not com- fortable with our current circumstances and so we must respect those individuals. We will have an ample supply of KN95 masks available at commencement ceremonies for individuals who would like an upgraded, high-quality mask.”
"Abortion is a human right" and "Not your body, not your life, not your business." Leslie Danker Burke, a local political organiza-
tion and candidate for the 53rd New York State Senate district, said she has fought for abortion rights for so long that she could see the over-
turning of Roe v. Wade coming — it was no less a punch to the gut.

"Abortion does not end when it's illegal," Burke said. "Not everyone can just go to New York." Junior Claire Thompson is from Houston, Texas, where abortion has become almost en-
tirely banned. Thompson said that in states like Texas, there is a different perspective on abortion that is influenced by religion.

"I was raised in the Southern Baptist Church," Thompson said. "It does sound ter-
trible to say that people are killing babies. But if you talk about the lives that we should put to an end to it. But, you know, that's just not really the case." In a statement provided to The Ithacan, Ithaca College Republicans condemned the posi-
tion that Altio took in the draft decision.

"The Churches, the community to support survivors, and the entire 130,000 individuals that were assaulted in the past thirty years. The Clothesline Project. Naomi Barry, adult community educator at the Advocacy Center, said the shirts were made by local survivors on the last day of The Clothesline Project.

"The Clothesline Project is really a way for survivors to express their experiences of violence and kind of 'handle their dirty laundry,'" Barry said.

The shirts mainly featured writing, including "Girls sexually abuse girls" and "I'm as free as a bird and this bird you can not cage."

Freshman Abbey Hall said she decided to attend the event because in her own so-
cial circles, she has seen sexual assault and unhealthy relationships.

"I think that a big thing for me is I never had education from my family or my school [on] how to speak up when you feel like you've been in a situation where you have been assaulted or where you have been in-
validated," Hall said.

Sophomore Sophia Testani attended the event and said hearing other survivors speak about their experiences was her favorite portion of the event. In Fall 2021, Testani was sexually harassed at the college and went through a semester-long process with Title IX.

"Just getting to hear [the survivors'] sto-
ries and talking to people who were brave enough to share their stories . . . was just really empowering," Testani said.

According to the Ithacan, de-

livered a proclamation that recognized the power structures that leaves groups vulner-
erable to sexual violence and the need in the broader community to support survivors, especially those from marginalized groups.

"It is through community that folks cre-
late. They support survivors' strength and courage as we work to change the culture that perpetuates violence and kind of 'handle their dirty laundry,'" Barry said.

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ries and talking to people who were brave enough to share their stories . . . was just really empowering," Testani said.
The Ithaca College Faculty Council met May 3 for its final meeting of Spring 2022 to discuss employee benefits, elect the executive committee for the 2022–23 academic year, confer degrees and meet with President Lahey. 

Members of the council were able to share their concerns and questions about the changes made to their dental plan that was enacted this year, elected the executive committee and hold an executive session for about an hour.

Hayley Harris, vice president in the Office of Human Resources and Planning, presented on the changes made to the college’s dental plan for 2022.

The college’s Faculty and Staff Benefits team and partners like Aetna, a managed healthcare company, and the National Federal Partners Corporation, an insurance company, consult the Office of Human Resources on developing benefits for employees.

Harris said that at the end of Spring 2021, her team and partners recommended that the college offer more coverage for network dentists by 10%.

The college also changed the amount it was reimbursing employees for using services outside of the network.

Harris said while sal-

ary is the largest portion of the Office of Human Resources budget, at 50% — faculty benefits are second at 15%.

In an email sent to the college’s faculty and staff March 25 that was obtained by The Ithacan, Harris said the prior structure of dental benefits was not a good use of the college’s resources.

According to Harris’ presentation, the components of the benefits budget include $1.2 million for dental, vision, life, accident and long-term disability insurance, $5 million for the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association, $3 million for tuition remission, and the remainder include benefits like flu shots, unemployment and workers compensation.

Harris said that after making changes for the dental plan, the reimbursement amounts for out-of-network services aligned with reimbursements for in-network services. She said what the out-of-network dentists were charging was significant.

Charis Dimaras, professor in the Department of Music Performance, said it is difficult for the college to run smoothly day-to-day if professors are out sick for dental related issues because they were unable to get the care they needed.

“If you’re sick, or if you’re fatiguing, or if you can’t eat and if you can’t teach, then I don’t think you’re very worried about what will happen in your retirement in 30 years,” Dimaras said.

SGC discusses plans for Fall 2022 at final meeting

BY OLIVIA STANZL

During Spring 2022, the Ithaca College Student Governance Council (SGC) passed just one bill, but at its May 3 meeting, discussions focused on goals for Fall 2022, which do not center around bills.

The SGC appointed junior Lila Weizer to chief of staff and junior Austin Ruffino was the only candidate who ran for senate chair.

Ruffino held the position of senator chair for the 2021–22 academic year. Both of these positions are separate from the SGC elections because they are internally appointed by the elected senate and executive board. As part of the internal election, Ruffino answered questions about student engagement and the quality of bills passed in Spring 2022.

The Ithacan asked Ruffino why the SGC passed so many fewer bills than the year before and what he would like to do to increase productivity.

“The main thing I would attribute [fewer bills] to is focusing on still doing work but recognizing that students aren’t always the most effective way to do that,” Ruffino said. “So, if you take a look at the bills we passed last year — half of what I wrote — most of them were just putting forth ordinary and little bills that we would send off and then whenever we sit it to, we would say no, and that would kind of be the end of it.”

In the 2020–21 academic year, the SGC passed 45 bills. The SGC passed four bills during Fall 2021, two of which were during former President junior Deontae Guy’s time in office. Guy was elected to serve throughout the 2021–22 academic year but resigned from the position in November 2021. Afterward, SGC decided to leave the position of president unfilled and to delegate the president’s responsibilities instead. So far this spring semester, the SGC has passed one bill, called the All-Gender Bathroom Bill, which proposes adding at least one gender-neutral bathroom to all academic buildings.

Ruffino said that because bills are so often passed over by the college, the SGC has been focusing on building relationships with campus partners.

“Acking for things becomes a lot easier rather than reading a big scary bill like we’re trying to attack someone,” Ruffino said. “Those are things that don’t need bills but have the potential to make a lot more positive change. So I’m less focused on the number of bills and specifically what those bills are doing.”

During the spring semester, the SGC hosted staff and faculty members to speak at each of its weekly meetings. The executive board and senate would use the meeting as an opportunity to ask questions toward the guests’ area of responsibility at the college and discuss how the SGC could provide support.

Sophomore James Zampetti, vice president of communications, asked Ruffino how he plans to improve student engagement. During Spring 2022, eight of 25 senator positions were filled and so far just seven senators have assumed their positions for the 2022–23 academic year.

“I think it’s no secret that senator engagement was a bit low last semester and we didn’t have much retention,” Zampetti said. “How do you plan to shift that to kind of increase membership?”

Ruffino said one way he already worked to make the SGC more accessible to students is by increasing flexibility for senators with committee requirements. All senators were required to be on two committees, but because some committees had larger time commitments than others, Ruffino said the requirement was changed to be more based on overall engagement.

“If you don’t have enough people, they get overworked so they have to leave [SGC] and then that’s sort of a cycle and it’s very hard to break,” Ruffino said. “We just want to make sure we are giving each individual senator the freedom to serve their community as they think is best.”

Engagement within the student body regarding elections has been another concern in recent years. A total of 1,22 student voters participated in the SGC election of out of 4,800 students — according to the Office of Analytics and Institutional Research — which is 2.4% of students. In the 2018–19 academic year, 1.1% of students voted. 7.7% voted in the 2017–18 and 2016–17 academic years and about 18.9% in the 2015–16 academic year.

Junior Grace Madeya said she is looking forward to beginning Fall 2022 with the new group of SGC members.

“I know IC United is really looking forward to focusing on enhancing our community, getting more communication, being more visible with students and really improving academic accessibility on campus,” Madeya said.
College Briefs

Human pyramid takes on the quads

Members of Ithaca College Circus Club (iCircus) perform at the Fairy Tales End of Year Circus Showcases held at 3 p.m. May 7 on the Campus Center quad.

iCircus creates a relaxed environment for community members to do circus arts.

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Public Safety Incident Log

Selected Entries from April 18 to April 24

April 18

ACCIDENTAL FIRE ALARM
LOCATION: 111 College Circle
SUMMARY: Simplex reported that a fire alarm went off. The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) reported that the alarm was activated by burnt food. Charlie Sherman, fire and building safety coordinator for EH&S, responded to the scene.

Criminal Tampering/Third Degree
LOCATION: 406 Grant Egbert Blvd
SUMMARY: During a fire drill, the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) reported a smoke detector was covered with a bag. One person was referred to the Office of Student Conduct for criminal tampering. Charlie Sherman, fire and building safety coordinator for EH&S, responded.

April 19

AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT/Second Degree
LOCATION: All other/other
SUMMARY: A person reported an unknown group of people were making alarming threats and statements on a social media platform. Patrol Officer Sophia Dimkos responded.

Sexual Misconduct/No Degree
LOCATION: 151 Tower Skyline Drive
SUMMARY: Caller reported a known person made unwanted sexual advances. Master Patrol Officer Sophia Dimkos responded.

April 20

ACCIDENTAL FIRE ALARM
LOCATION: 146 East 8th Street
SUMMARY: Simplex reported that a fire alarm was set off. The Office of Fire and Building Safety was called due to a mechanical issue. Patrol Officer Marya Colon responded to the scene.

Fire Alarm/Undetermined Cause
LOCATION: 116 Flora Brown Drive
SUMMARY: Simplex reported a fire alarm. The officer reported the cause for the alarm was unknown but was able to determine the alarm was accidental. Sergeant John Elmore responded to the scene.

April 21

Scc Irresponsible Use of Alcohol/Drugs
LOCATION: 143 Tower Skyline Drive
SUMMARY: Caller reported three people vomiting in a bathroom. Patrol Officer reported the people were ill due to ingestion of edible marijuana. All people declined medical assistance. Patrol Officer Bruce Hall referred three students to the Office of Student Conduct.

Welfare Check
LOCATION: 125 Tower Skyline Drive
SUMMARY: Caller requested a welfare check for person who was unresponsive. Patrol Officer Marya Colon responded to the scene.

April 22

Scc Safety Related Offenses
LOCATION: 110 Flora Brown Drive
SUMMARY: The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) reported one student was referred for failing to leave a building during a fire drill. Charlie Sherman, fire and building safety coordinator for EH&S, responded.

April 23

Scc Irresponsible Use of Alcohol/Drugs
LOCATION: 406 Grant Egbert Blvd
SUMMARY: Officer reported the driver of a vehicle was acting suspicious. A vehicle identification check showed the vehicle plate was previously reported stolen. The officer made contact with the owner and verified vehicle information. Sergeant John Elmore responded.

April 24

Petit Larceny under $50
LOCATION: 113 Campus Center Way
SUMMARY: Caller reported an unknown person cut a lock and stole beverages. Patrol Officer Marya Colon responded to the scene.

Criminal Mischief Fourth Degree
LOCATION: 286 Lyceum Drive
SUMMARY: Caller reported an unemployment Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit bus. Patrol Officer Bruce Hall reported the event to the police department.

Assistant Ithaca Police Department
LOCATION: 122 Farm Pond Rd
SUMMARY: Ithaca police requested information for a vehicle involved in an accident off campus. Security Officer Jimmy Martinez responded.
Ongoing on Monday night, an unprecedented Politico leak of a draft opinion indicating that the United States Supreme Court has voted to overturn Roe v. Wade — undoing nearly 50 years of access to abortion as a constitutional right — continued to usher in a wave of responses and reactions.

Twitter recorded some of the nation’s first reactions to the news. Comedian, writer and actress Tocarra Mallard tweeted at 9:29 p.m., “Forced birth in a country with the highest maternal mortality rate, no paid maternity leave, no universal, subsidized child care, no continued birth parent care and frequently inaccessible mental health care.”

Antiabortion activists tweeted under hashtags of #ProLife and #ProLifeGeneration, making demands to “choose life” and #ProtectTheUnborn.

The day after the leak, a shift in attitude resurfaced as a main topic of discussion on college campuses. In Ithaca, the community rallied in support of abortion, vehemently opposing a foreboding future of regression and illegal abortions. At the protest, it was made clear that we are indeed a lucky campus community because Ithaca College is located in New York — a state protected by the Reproductive Health Act, which permits abortions after 24 weeks and places the decision of when a woman’s life or health is at risk in the hands of doctors rather than the government.

This means we will be seeing an influx of people traveling to New York to seek abortion care because at least 23 states have laws or policies in place that could restrict or ban abortion if Roe v. Wade is overturned. Post-Roe in states that do not explicitly secure abortion rights, folks will resort to illicit markets or even perform abortions on themselves — all of which can lead to mismanaged procedures and serious health issues. Putting countless people’s lives at risk is far from pro-life. Ithaca College Republicans statement is misguided and ill-informed. If Roe v. Wade is struck down, abortions will not end; safe abortions will end. Those who find themselves with an unwanted pregnancy will seek out alternatives to a medical abortion — they will resort to illicit markets or even perform abortions on themselves — all of which can lead to mismanaged procedures and serious health issues.

This reconsideration is long overdue and constitutionally possible to do so,” Ziegler said to PBS. However, it is only those who have access to resources needed to travel and seek treatment that will be afforded proper healthcare. The Supreme Court’s expected ruling would specifically affect people in Southern and Midwestern states who lack the means to travel to other states: family responsibilities, housing, work situations and access to transportation are often binding factors.

In Ithaca, the community rallied in support of abortion care because at least 23 states have laws or policies in place that could restrict or ban abortion if Roe v. Wade is overturned. Post-Roe in states that do not explicitly secure abortion rights, folks will resort to illicit markets or even perform abortions on themselves — all of which can lead to mismanaged procedures and serious health issues. Putting countless people’s lives at risk is far from pro-life.

This is a fight that has been won before, and this is a fight that has been won before, and it is a fight we must win again.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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• Be 250 words or fewer
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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Abuses of power cannot be rewarded

BY IC OPEN THE BOOKS AND IC ALUMNI AGAINST AUSTERITY

Luvelle Brown has been a member of the Ithaca College Board of Trustees since 2018 and has been the superintendent of the Ithaca City School District (ICSD) since 2011. He has also allegedly abused his son and committed acts of violence in the midst of the family. His term on the board ends May 31, 2022, but he may not be reelected.

As a community, we cannot allow Brown to be reelected.

IC Open the Books and IC Alumni Against Austerity are organizations that formed in opposition to the Academic Program Prioritization process. Collectively they voice concerns about the board of trustees.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Trans and queer stories are vital to sex-ed

BY ANNIE PENA-CASTELLANOS

During my teen years, I wondered if other people were questioning their own gender and sexual identity too. Was I crazy?

Throughout the 2021–22 academic year, I devoted myself to looking into sex education while growing up and questioning their own gender identities. I interviewed eight nonbinary/trans people who were questioning their own gender identities. I interviewed in hopes of seeing the perspectives of queer individuals. This study wasn't only conducted to help going on dating websites at a very young age or not understanding when a relationship is inappropriate or borderline abusive.

This study wasn't only conducted to help me get my questions answered, but to bring the inequalities to light, like not having the information to make informed decisions on their bodies and their relationships. Although there have been active efforts by administration and teachers, there has also been a huge pushback on trans and queer conversations.

This topic has been researched many times in hopes of seeing the perspectives of queer and trans folks in order to make advancements toward a more inclusive society. But in order to see the change, people have to keep fighting the battle to normalize these queer experiences.

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**GUEST COMMENTARY**

### IC harms survivors by not holding abusers accountable

**BY ALEXIS MANORE**

This year, The Ithacan has focused on reporting on accountability. Throughout the semester, the staff and editors have dedicated hours to reporting, writing and editing stories about the abuses that go unchecked at Ithaca College.

The Ithacan has written about Luvelle Brown, a member of the Ithaca College Board of Trustees who has committed abuses of power. Student Financial Services, which has lost trust in its communication with — and support for — students, the Sports Media program, which has neglected to support the few women in the program; and the structures that allow for students to get away with committing acts of sexual violence.

While some of the groups that The Ithacan reported on have worked to make changes and to improve for the students, the majority have been allowed for the injustices to continue. While I understand that change, especially systemic change, cannot be made in a day, it seems as if no effort to improve or reform has been made at all — especially regarding Brown's position on the board of trustees and the issues that students voiced with the Title IX office.

As a survivor of both sexual harassment and sexual assault, it has been extremely disheartening to see how the college has supported and enabled abusers and offered minimal support to survivors. The fact that Brown, the superintendent of the Ithaca City School District and member of the board of trustees, has been allowed to retain his position of power despite credible allegations that he abused his child and misused his power as superintendent serves as an example to students that members of the college community can get away with committing abuses without consequence. This lack of accountability is dangerous — it is normalizing violence and abuse.

How are survivors like myself supposed to feel safe on a campus that clearly does not hold abusers accountable? This knowledge is the reason why many never report their experiences with assault to the college. I applaud the courage of those who do report to Title IX, but I have heard more instances of investigations finding the accused innocent than the accuser winning their case.

This leaves survivors powerless and even more traumatized than they already were.

The Title IX office has its own limitations, there is only so much its staff can do to support students. However, the onus does not solely fall on Title IX. It falls on the Conduct Review Board to fairly evaluate cases, it falls on the Center for Counseling and Psychological Services and the Hammond Health Center to provide prompt and effective support to survivors, it is on the college to make its campus a place where abusers are held accountable and a place where survivors are believed.

One way that Ithaca College can prove that it does not support abusers is by not reelecting Brown to the board of trustees. Brown's first term on the board ends May 31, and he could be reelected for up to two additional three-year terms as per the board of trustees' bylaws. If Brown is reelected, it will be clear that those in power at the college do not care about their students.

The college needs to be a safe place for all of its students. It is an unfortunate reality that sexual violence will continue to occur, but the best that the college can do is to provide effective support for its students and make it clear that it does not tolerate abusers.

**BY ZAHRA SANDHU**

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Once we wage into the past, we start combing an era of history and imagining a future. Tomorrow, we start thinking of what could be done, of how we can make us whole. Aristotle Gramsci, in his Prison Notebooks (1929-1935) makes this point. That the starting point of critical elaboration is the experience of the one who is already oppressed and in this experience of being oppressed, the one who is already oppressed is, and is knowing himself as a product of the historical processes to date, which has deprived him of an infinity of traces, without leaving an inventory — therefore it is imperative at the outset to compile such an inventory. And life is little more than figuring out what this inventory is.

Gramsci begs the questions: What are these traces? Who and what is being slapped at me? Who and what is it I am slapping at? Who and what did those slapping at me?

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IC dance group presents vibrant “Escape to the Islands” showcase

By Mike Ross

Crystal-clear waters reveal a group of friends enjoying a sunny paradise. From the tranquility comes scenes of intensity and drama as the same friends fight one another. The cinematic trailer for “Escape to the Islands” has already been seen by 1,155 people online, and as the trailer’s music boomed across the Emerson Suites, the wait for the showcase was over.

The Island Fusion Dance Team held its annual showcase “Escape to the Islands” April 30. The group performed 20 originally-choreographed dance numbers it had practiced throughout the year. The Island Fusion Dance Team, founded in 2014, is Ithaca College’s first and only Afro-Caribbean dance team. Despite the focus on Afro-Caribbean music, the group also performs hip-hop and Spanish dances.

Senior Malaka Dacelus is the co-president of Island Fusion with senior Aragnna Abreu-Garcia. In 2019, Dacelus’s sophomore and junior showcases were all canceled because of COVID-19, making “Escape to the Islands” her very first.

Dacelus said her initial interest in joining the group stemmed from watching her friends perform, as well as her history as a cheerleader in high school. “I had a couple of friends on the team in Fall 2018, so I went to their showcase and absolutely loved the show,” Dacelus said. “They had great energy, and their moves were incredible to watch.”

While the group’s co-presidents led oversight preparations and performance ideas for the show “Escape to the Islands” was choreographed by multiple members of the team’s executive board.

“Along with being co-president, I’m also the official choreographer of Island Fusion,” Dacelus said. “Being a senior, I didn’t have time to make all of the dances we had. Luckily, my [executive board] was great enough to choreograph dances with the songs they picked, which I really appreciate.”

Sophomore Nou Elshikh said he had the opportunity to choreograph a hip hop style dance number for the showcase to Kendrick Lamar’s 2012 hit “i.A.M.A.D City.” The performance was the show’s opener, and saw two teams of dancers challenging one another, reminiscent of the first “Escape to the Islands” trailer.

“Choreographing ‘i.A.M.A.D City’ has to be one of the hardest things I’ve ever done,” Elshikh said. “Even though I was inspired while making the dance, I ended up stuck at some points and didn’t know what to do. I have choreographed before, but not to this extent and genre sections of the show included hip-hop, Caribbean, Spanish and Afrobeat, as well as a ‘sexy’ section which used songs from different genres. Guest performances included Ithacapella, Premium Blend, K-Pop and others.

Sophomore Viviana Morales said she was choreographed by multiple members of the executive board.

“At first, we wanted to come up with an idea that could really make a name for ourselves,” Elshikh said. “We later realized that we shouldn’t worry about others and that we should focus on ourselves and what we want to represent. Escaping to the islands shows people we’re focused on getting to our roots and freeing ourselves from the pressure of what others think we should be.”

Island Fusion reached out to content producers junior Steven Howard Jr. about creating the videos for the team. Howard said Island Fusion worked efficiently on the trailers and paid attention to detail in order to bring their theme to life.

“We started working on the trailers on April 1, it was a two-day process,” Elshikh said. “It was nice, we had to push through the cold, but we were able to complete the scenes in a total of five to six hours.”

While the group has been working toward the showcase for months, the year isn’t over for them yet. Island Fusion will be making a guest appearance at the Katalyst K-Pop dance group’s showcase May 6.

“I’m so proud of all the hard work that was put into each dance and all of the energy each dancer brought,” Morales said. “I think ‘Escape to the Islands’ really captured what Island Fusion is all about.”
After Tesla CEO Elon Musk made what The New York Times called an “unsolicited bid to buy Twitter” for $54.20 a share, Twitter adopted a “poison pill.” This barrier was a force of action put in place to stop Musk from claiming shares of their company. However, just under two weeks later, Musk struck a deal to buy Twitter for about $44 billion. Editorial board member Greg Bensinger called the prospect of Musk’s Twitter to be a scary place in an opinion piece he wrote. Female Twitter users, in particular, ought to worry about whether Mr. Musk will bring his apparent disdain for women to the company he is about to own,” Bensinger said. The American Civil Liberties Union tweeted online, “We should be worried about any powerful central actor, whether it’s a government or any wealthy individual — even if it’s an ACLU member — having so much control over the boundaries of our political speech online.”
Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village, was the birthplace of the idea of a march. The marches were a response to the Stonewall riots, gay rights activists proposed creating a march alongside them. The idea of a march containing a series of events, including drag performances, dance parties and documentary screenings, was born.

The DIA is readying for Pride Week for the very first time by organizing and promoting pride events by the Ithaca community. Organizing and promoting pride events by the Ithaca community will check out all of the opportunities they have to offer. "[Our event] stands out because it will be as responsive," Schimkus said. "I think it was just … the last step of me adjusting to this transition that I've been through. And I'm very thankful they sent me in, even though I was nervous about talking. Having that [experience] was actually something that I needed, in a way."
New Future album finds itself stuck far in the past

ALBUM REVIEW: “I NEVER LIKED YOU”

BY NATALIE TRIBIANO

Notorious for his womanizer tendencies and promiscuous lifestyle, Future has established himself as the prince of toxic masculinity. The Grammy Award-winning artist knows exactly what his fans want him to do: simmering with his signature toxicity just in time for summer. His most recent project, “I NEVER LIKED YOU,” truly delivers great beats, quotable lyrics and a versatile composition, but Future drops a familiar album true to his notorious toxic player persona.

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Future drops a familiar album true to his notoriously toxic player persona.

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FOR U stands out among the other songs, with pleasuring vocals and fluid bars, and is a more emotionally centered debut from Future, with lines like “You pray for my demons/ Every time I sip on codeine, I get vulnerable.” This reveals a softer side of Emes’ verses that are catchy with solid lyrics.

Future opens with the track “7:12PM” and goes off hard with bars about his world of drugs, diamonds. This line sparks an array of multi-hyphenate and Ajumma actress Ko Young-Ok as he raps with bars about his world, and his fixation on his career.

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“Future drugs, toning back on the abrasive toxicity. However, if you’re looking for something new, you can glance through the album and find some smooth tracks that catch your attention. ”

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“It’s Future’s take on his world and his fixation on his world, something he’s been exploring in his past projects. The album is packed with empowering and emotional lyrics. It’s Future’s take on his past experiences, and his journey to self-discovery.”

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By Natalie Tribiano

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**From Freeman Field to Yankee Stadium**

Tim Locastro’s journey from South Hill to the big leagues

BY TOMMY MUMAU

During his three seasons with the Ithaca College baseball team, Tim Locastro established himself as a force on the basepaths. Now, he takes the field 227 miles away from South Hill: Yankee Stadium.

Locastro is currently in his sixth season in MLB and his second with the New York Yankees. The outfielder is in the midst of his third stint with the organization after signing with the club as a free agent March 13, 2022. He was traded from the Los Angeles Dodgers to the Yankees on Nov. 21, 2018, but was designated for assignment Jan. 14, 2019, and did not appear in a game. After spending three seasons with the Arizona Diamondbacks, Locastro was traded to the Yankees on July 1, 2021, and appeared in nine games last season.

His season was cut short when he leaped to the field 227 miles away from South Hill. Yankee Stadium.

Locastro began the 2022 season just below the MLB level in AA with the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders and was called up to the major league club April 17. Being raised in Auburn, New York, Locastro said he has enjoyed the opportunity to play for his childhood team.

“Growing up, you come to this ballpark and the old Yankee Stadium and that’s your dream and that’s your goal as a kid,” Locastro said. “Now you’re living the dream. It’s surreal, but it’s exciting because you want to help this team win baseball games. As a kid growing up, all you want to do is have the Yankees win games and the goal is still the same right now.”

Prior to manning the outfield for the Yankees, Locastro made an impact on South Hill as the team’s shortstop before leaving for the draft after his junior season. Cooper Belaya ’15, current assistant coach for the college’s baseball team, said he has been impressed by his former teammate’s accomplishments.

“It’s been awesome to follow him ever since he heard his name on draft day and it’s been really fun to kind of follow his career and see him climb the ranks,” Belaya said. “It’s been fun to watch a former teammate and friend live out his dream, and obviously being with the Yankees makes it that much more special.”

Locastro had appeared in 14 games with the Yankees this season before the team’s game against the Toronto Blue Jays on May 4, after earning a call-up by hitting .331 with a .421 on-base percentage in five games with the RailRiders. George Valesente ’66, former head coach of the college’s baseball team, said he is proud of Locastro’s efforts.

“I’m so excited for him, he’s certainly very well-deserving,” Valesente said. “He always worked very hard when he was here, and he just kept improving all the time. [He is] mentally strong, very mentally strong, pushes himself to get the most out of [himself].”

Throughout his career, Locastro has established himself as a threat to steal each time he reaches base. He successfully stole bases in each of his first 29 career attempts, which stands as the MLB record for the most consecutive stolen bases to begin a career. The Yankees have relied on Locastro’s speed during his appearances this season, entering as a pinch runner in seven contests before the team’s game May 4.

Locastro’s first stolen base of the season played a integral part in the Yankees’ 5–4 comeback victory against the Cleveland Guardians on April 23 in the Bronx. He entered the game as a pinch runner at first base, as the club trailed by a run in the bottom of the ninth inning. Locastro promptly swept second base to get into scoring position and later came around to score on a double to knot the game at 4–4. The team went on to win the game later that inning on a walk-off RBI single by Gleyber Torres.

Yankees’ manager Aaron Boone said in his postgame press conference April 23 that he was impressed by Locastro’s ability to stay ready and make an impact when he was called upon to be a pinch runner.

“That’s one of his big roles right now,” Boone said. “We were going to be aggressive in that situation, and [Locastro] does a great job of making sure he gets a good jump and steals a big bag there to give us an opportunity to tie that game. Again, ready to go, prepared, knowing the matchup and a great job by [Locastro].”

Locastro’s speed has always been a key part of his game, stealing 52 bases in his 58 collegiate attempts. He swiped 40 bags in his junior season alone, setting the single-season program record. Valesente said Locastro’s quickness on the basepaths was apparent from the time he stepped on campus.

“We knew he had pro potential,” Valesente said. “The one characteristic when he first came here is he had just outstanding speed and base running instincts. … He just kept each year, seemed to be getting better and better and [had] more understanding of the game and how it’s played.”

Locastro also posted a .456 batting average and set a single-season team record with 71 runs scored in his junior year. These credentials helped him earn Empire 8 Player of the Year and All-American honors prior to being drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 15th round of the 2013 MLB Draft.

Despite being nine years removed from his last at bat with the Bombers, Locastro still stays connected to the program today. Senior Buzz Shirley, first baseman and pitcher, said Locastro’s story has served as an inspiration for him and his teammates.

“Being an Ithaca College Bomber, we’re family,” Shirley said. “Tim came on a Zoom meeting with us and obviously, he just kind of shared his words of wisdom and it was awesome to hear.”

Locastro said he is grateful for the support he has received from role models throughout the stages of his baseball career. These figures include members of the the college community like Valesente and T.J. Gamba ’89, his baseball coach at Auburn High School.

“All of the coaching staff at Ithaca, my coach from high school, who went to Ithaca, actually, … every single person along this way has helped me, and I wouldn’t be here without every single person,” Locastro said.

Gamba said that as Locastro’s high school coach, he believed the speedster had the potential to take his talent to the next level. As a former Bomber, Gamba helped Locastro during the college selection process, as he was confident that Valesente and the rest of the staff could help elevate his game.

“I knew that if he went to Ithaca, he would develop and he’d have every bit of a chance, professionally speaking, in the game,” Gamba said. “In addition to off the field, which would probably be even more of a plus [by] playing for Coach [Valesente]. … It ended up being a good fit for him all the way around.”

Valesente said that while coaching Locastro, he was impressed by the passion he has for the game. He said he believes Locastro will continue to have success at this level with the Yankees because of the enthusiasm and work ethic he brings to the ballpark each day.

[“He was] such a pleasure to have,” Valesente said. “From a coaching standpoint, if you have nine Tim Locastros on the field, you’re going to have an exciting kind of group that’s definitely going to be playing the game the way it should be played.”

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**Following the conclusion of the MLB lockout, Locastro re-signed with the Yankees and was assigned to the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders to start the season.**

**Tim Locastro has made his mark in MLB as a stolen base threat. He set an MLB record with 29 stolen bases without being caught to start his career.**
BY DAVID SCHURTER

Since Ithaca College senior David Alstott was a child, he dreamed of breaking a state record of any kind. He was on the swim team in high school, but on April 23, he got his record in powerlifting.

Alstott, a Connecticut native, broke the state record in the bench press, pressing 155 kilograms (341.72 pounds), breaking the previous record of 150 kilograms (330.7 pounds).

“It means a lot to me,” Alstott said. “Ever since I was a kid, whatever sport I was playing, being able to hold a state record for any sport is something I’ve been striving to do and to finally make that happen is just unreal because of the hard work come to fruition.”

Powerlifting is a sport that consists of bench press, squats and deadlifts. In competition, the lifter will complete three repetitions at a maximum weight in their chosen discipline. Alstott, who competes in the bench press, said he could not be happier about the record.

Alstott said he has had a tremendous amount of support from his friends and family, especially his gym friends. He is a part of a group at Flexx Training Systems, an online community of coaches and others who he works with other powerlifters.

Alstott said he feels that there is a sense of community with his gym friends, and said that he has helped him reach his goals.

“Being on a team where I have a lot of people to look up to and push myself toward has been really helpful,” Alstott said. “The people who are in the gym with me, we have a bit of a community there and we support each other in all the hard work to come to fruition.”

BY TOBIAH ZBORAY

At the NCAA Division III National Championships from March 16 to 19, sophomore swimmer Jack Wadsworth set a Division III record in the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 45.45 seconds. But just a few weeks later, he announced via Instagram that he would be transferring from the Ithaca College swimming and diving team to Division I Arizona State University (ASU).

Wadsworth had a strong sophomore campaign as a Bomber, his first season on the team because of the COVID-19 pandemic. During the 2021–22 season, Wadsworth was named an All-American and won the Liberty League Men’s Swimmer of the Year award. At the national championships, Wadsworth helped to push the swim program, or 330.7 pounds.

Senior Dejan Henderson, one of Alstott’s gym friends at the college, said his relationship with Alstott has grown recently through working out together. Henderson also said how impressive it is to watch Alstott up close and personal to be able to help him accomplish his goals.

“It’s cool because you don’t see someone rip out heavy weights like it’s nothing,” Henderson said. “Seeing him compete is cool because you don’t get to see many people hit the numbers he is hitting. It’s really cool to see that I helped him reach this point.”

Aside from his gym friends, he said the biggest support he got from his parents. Anne Alstott, David’s mother, said she was extremely excited to see him finally accomplish one of his biggest dreams.

Anne Alstott said how David Alstott has had this drive to improve since he was younger and that being goal-oriented has helped him become the athlete he is today.

“Ever since he was little, he has been all about hard work and he is so goal-oriented,” Anne Alstott said. “That’s just a part of who he is, he has a real drive.”

Leading up to the meet April 23, David Alstott worked for two months to get ready for the competition, including rest days and heavy workouts.

“It was about eight weeks of ramping up intensity and weights followed by a lighter week to rest my body,” Alstott said. “The last week we call taper, as just before a competition.”

Recently, Alstott decided to attend Columbus University starting in the fall as a graduate student. After finishing his B.A. in psychology at Ithaca College, he will work for his master’s degree in clinical psychology at Columbus.

“I searched for the best program in clinical psychology and Columbus was at the top of the list,” Alstott said. “Columbus was my first choice because not only is it a great school, but it also offers the best program for what I want to do, it’s in New York City and there are a lot of research opportunities.”

Although Alstott is at the end of his undergraduate days in college, he is hoping to continue to lift for a long time. He said powerlifting will still be a big part of his life, but not as his primary focus as he attends Columbus in the fall. In the long term, Alstott wants to earn his Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

“The good thing about powerlifting is that it’s not going to be a huge priority in my life,” Alstott said. “It will never take the place of schoolwork or any relationships. I think it is something I can carry around with me and make it happen, see where I can take it.”

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THE BOMBERS ROUNDUP

The Ithacan provides statistical updates on all the Bombers’ varsity squads during the season

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**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

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**UPCOMING GAMES AND SEASON RESULTS**

**BASEBALL:** May 7 and 8 at home versus Union College

**SOFTBALL:** May 5 at RPI, Liberty League Semifinals Game

**MEN’S LACROSSE:** Did not make Liberty League playoffs

**WOMEN’S LACROSSE:** May 7 at home versus St. Lawrence University, Liberty League Semifinals Game

**WOMEN’S GOLF:** 3rd Place

**MEN’S TRACK:** May 6 and 7

**WOMEN’S TRACK:** May 6 and 7

**MEN’S CREW:** 2nd Place in Liberty League, May 8 in NIRC

**WOMEN’S CREW:** 1st Place in Liberty League, May 6 in NIRC, May 27 and 28 in NCAA Regatta

**MEN’S TENNIS:** Did not make Liberty League playoffs

**WOMEN’S TENNIS:** May 6 at home versus St. Lawrence University, Liberty League Quarterfinals Game
Peter Johanns, associate professor in the Department of Television & Digital Media Production, gets dunked April 29 on the quad in front of the Roy H. Park Hall in his SUNY Cortland attire during the Park School’s week of events. Johanns taught classes and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication studies at Cortland.