

SGA Newsletter

DIVERSITY ISSUES

The campus community should be made well aware of the various issues of hate and discrimination that have occurred thus far this year. More well-known issues include swastika graffiti in Emerson and chalk drawings outside Friends Hall. Incidents that were made less apparent include offensive comedy routines at IC Standup, hateful verbal exchanges between black and white students in a classroom and in the Towers parking lot, and the destruction of Jewish heritage paraphernalia outside of a resident's door in Emerson Hall.

These events will not be tolerated on Ithaca College's campus, and SGA is fully dedicated and behind any efforts to effectively educate and reprimand the perpetrators of these hate crimes. Diversity extends far beyond issues of race. It is about gender, age, disability, sexual orientation; anything that makes anyone different from another

SGA has created a resolution to the Institutional Plan to say that what has occurred is not acceptable and does not cohere with the Institutional Plan of this college. We recognize this behavior as unacceptable, and Bevin Kennedy has declared that, "as a governing body of students, we will strive to create a more diverse atmosphere and educate these individuals on what it means to be inclusive."

HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY

The Handicap Accessibility Committee is well underway for the new school year and working hard to continue the progress made last year. Currently, the Ad-hoc committee is redrafting the proposal that began last year. In doing so, the certain issues the group is planning to present and advocate are: creating ramps for all Residence Halls, so that all handicapped students can access at least the ground levels, all public handicap accessible water fountains and bathrooms, sidewalk cut-outs, and overall safety and accessibility on all campus terrain.

This college leaves out an entire group of individuals in its current building setup. By creating a more handicap accessible campus, we can open the school up to many more applicants and create a more diverse community. This should be an important issue to everyone. The committee is open to all students and meets on Thursdays at 7pm in the Student Activities Center, located on the third floor of the Campus Center. Come help us make a difference!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REVIEW

SGA extends a gracious thank you to everyone who opened their doors to us on Community Outreach Night! It was a great success, and SGA was able to gather pages of information about what concerns you and what you feel needs improvement within the Ithaca College community. Many responses included expense issues regarding textbooks and meal plans, room condition issues, and food quality. As your representative voice on campus, we, your governing student body will do everything in our power to make sure that these issues are properly addressed.

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