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Ithaca SWAT Team Raids C-Town House

By SUN STAFF

Some Collegetown residents on Friday evening witnessed an unusually dramatic scene unfold, as police stormed an apartment in search of drugs.

At approximately 7:30 p.m., the Ithaca SWAT team and Tompkins County Sheriff executed a narcotics-related search warrant at a house on the 200 block of Linden Avenue.

About 10 armed SWAT team members unloaded from a bus, crossed the street in a single file and dispersed around the house. Fully equipped with bullet proof vests and helmets, the team separated, with one member watching each exit.

With guns drawn, roughly five officers gathered at one entrance. After a brief pause, the door blew down with a bang. Several SWAT team members rushed in yelling, "Police!" while one officer guarded the door.

The search recovered an undisclosed amount of cash and scales, according to an Ithaca Police officer who asked to remain anonymous because he is not leading the investigation. No arrests relating to the incident have been made.

The officer said that the search and investigation were targeting heroin.

Witnessing the event, one college-aged bystander was heard saying, "I always knew that was a crack house."

An officer quickly replied, "Not any more."

The Ithaca Police Department said last night that no further details were available and the investigation is ongoing.

C.U. Encourages Staff Retirement

Univ. aims to shrink staff but avoid layoffs

By DONIAL DASTGIR
Sun Senior Writer

Cornell announced on Friday its voluntary retirement programs for staff. In the wake of a budget crisis that has crippled the economy, the University has decided to offer the packages to eligible employees in an

effort to alleviate financial strain on the University.

"The national and global economy has continued to decline, increasing the need for further budget reductions, including postponement of many faculty recruitments and reductions in staff," Mary Opperman, vice president for human services, stated in

a press release.

"Because layoffs are inevitable, President Skorton and I believe that Cornell University has a responsibility to give long-serving staff members the opportunity to leave with dignity and a measure of financial security," she said in the statement.

The University announced two separate retirement programs as

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The Sun Elects 127th Editorial Board

By SUN STAFF

After six weeks of thinly-veiled hazing — in which the usual calisthenics, forced drinking and blind-folding were traded for copy-editing, editorial-writing and strategizing — 30 new editors of Sigma Upsilon Nu fraternity have been initiated into our house at 139 W. State Street. That's right, the 127th pledge class has taken the reigns, and from here on out, we're in charge. We're young, we're ambitious and we're making some changes around here (we might even buy a kegerator). So without further ado, we present the 127th Editorial Board.

Chief flip-cup organizer



MATT HINTSA / SUN PHOTO EDITOR

Taking charge | The 127th Editorial Board of The Cornell Daily Sun poses at its office yesterday.

Emily Cohn '10 will be in the big office, making big decisions. Her keen ability to not only induce people to

play drinking games, but also to win, will serve her well as Editor in Chief.

Lindsay Bass '10 has a

tough job as Business Manager in this economic climate, but until she realizes it, we'll be submitting our beer receipts for reimbursement.

Managing Editor **Ben Eisen '10**, the self-titled frat-daddy himself, will be at 139 W. State St. until the end of time, sitting at his computer slowly drinking his way into oblivion.

Web Editor **G. Scott Russ '10** loves live-blogging truly, and also girls named Julie. Watch out for next generation Drupal, because he will definitely school ye.

Advertising Manager **Ilea Malaney '11** works by day

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Getting jiggy



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Ludacris performs in Barton Hall on Saturday. See page 14 for The Sun's exclusive interview with Luda.

S.A. Presidential Candidates Present Platforms for Future

By NIKHITA PARANDEKAR
Sun Staff Writer

In the wake of a historic national election, Cornell University's student government elections are making history in their own way this year. This Tuesday marks the first time that the general student body will be able to directly vote for the president and executive vice president of the student assembly. Last night, WVBR broadcasted

a forum amongst the candidates as part of "Sunday Forum," a monthly talk show hosted by Tommy Bruce, vice president for University communications and Kara Capelli '09. The forum was followed by a debate that aired on WVBR's website.

According to Michael McDermott '09, director of elections for the S.A., WVBR staff contacted the S.A. when they heard about the direct elections

because they wanted to the issue to receive the level of publicity that they thought it deserved.

The seven slates of candidates running for vice president and executive vice presidents are as follows: Chris Basil '10 and Nikki Junewicz '11; Scott Purdy '10 and Emlyn Diakow '11; Murtza Firé Manzur '11 and Jon Dobrin '11; Tony Miller

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