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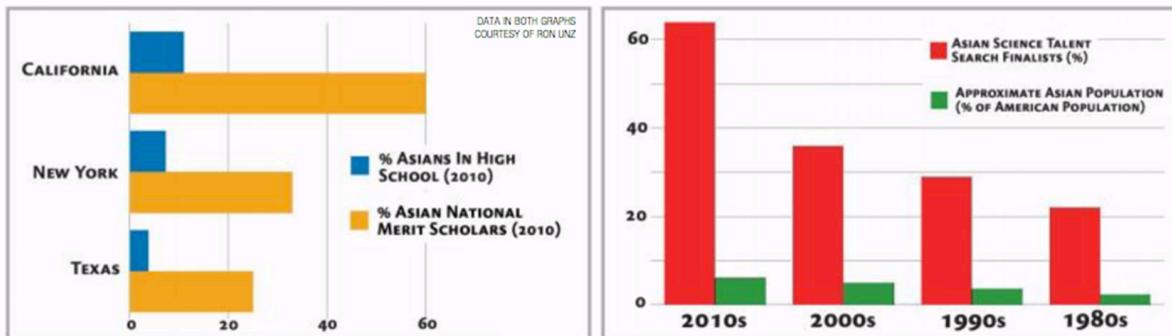


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Rain
HIGH: 74°
LOW: 62°

Do Ivies Discriminate Against Asian Applicants?



Closed Ivy towers | Data show that, although Asian-Americans outperform their peers in standardized tests and high school competitions, they face higher barriers to college admissions.

By DREW MUSTO
Sun Staff Writer

All three of Naomi Hill's '17 older siblings attended Ivy League schools. Hoping to follow her siblings' path, Hill — then a freshman in high school — sat down with her counselor to chart her own path to college. But before she could get her feet off the ground, her counselor warned, "because you're Asian, you will be compared against people with GPAs and test scores that are this much higher."

Hill, who was adopted and raised in a white, Jewish household, questioned the 'Asian' grouping.

"I didn't feel that it was fair for me to be put into that vast group," Hill said.

The same sense that Hill's counselor had about Ivy League admissions — that Asian applicants must perform better than non-Asians to achieve parity — underlies the newest tide of legal challenges to the use of race in admission, a tide that now is rolling toward Ithaca's shores.

In late August, a group called the Asian American

Coalition for Education filed a complaint against Cornell and Columbia with the Department of Education, alleging the two universities engaged in "systematic illegal discrimination against Asian American students." The AAC filed a similar complaint three months earlier against Brown, Dartmouth and Yale, again alleging discriminatory admission practices against Asian applicants.

Higher Standards

Hill said that her counselor, other Asian parents and Asian students at her high school shared the assumption that Asian applicants must meet a higher standard of assessment in admissions.

"I was told that, because of my race, my SAT score — my math score in particular — was not high enough to compete with other Asians and that I might not get into an Ivy or a top school because of it," Hill said. "I had one friend whose mother signed her up for every extracurricular that either I or my other Asian friends were in, just so her daughter would be on par with the other Asians from her high school."

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Mayor Myrick Endorses Plumb for Congress

Slams Tom Reed for supporting Trump, avoiding Ithaca area

By STEPHANIE YAN
Sun Assistant News Editor

Mayor Svante Myrick '09 endorsed Ithaca congressional challenger John Plumb Saturday, warning voters about the dangers of reelecting Tom Reed (R-N.Y.), an early supporter of Republican nominee Donald Trump.

Reed announced his support for Trump on March 16, becoming one of the first congressmen to endorse the controversial candidate publicly. Following Reed's statement, Plumb accused the Republican of "putting politics before the country."

In his endorsement post on Facebook, Myrick also criticized Reed for actively "avoiding" Ithaca, the largest city in his district.

"Maybe [this is] because he routinely insults 'extreme Ithaca' in his campaign ads," Myrick wrote. "Maybe because he routinely stands against the environment, in favor of fracking and against human



Mayor Myrick | Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick '09 announced that he is supporting John Plumb in the local congressional race.

rights for refugees."

In contrast, Myrick praised Plumb's commitment to upholding policies important to Ithaca, citing the fact that the candidate's family has lived in upstate New York for four generations.

"He understands the importance of the federal government investing in people, stopping climate

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Wings Over Ithaca Closes After Owner's Indictment

By JOSEPHINE CHU
Sun News Editor

counts of first degree offering a false instruments for filing.

Local wings joint Wings Over Ithaca permanently closed its doors Friday after its owner Bruce McPherson was charged with grand larceny.

McPherson is facing 26 felony charges for sales tax evasion. The Sun previously reported. He pleaded not guilty to second degree grand larceny, second degree criminal tax fraud, four counts of third degree criminal tax fraud and 20

rights for refugees."

Wings Over Ithaca, located at 335 Pine Tree Road, was voted to have the "best wings in

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Seth Siegal '74 stresses urgency in the face of a worldwide water crisis.



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Senior Gabe Dean set a Cornell wrestling record for most bonus points recorded all-time against Columbia.

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Weather

Rainy
HIGH: 46°
LOW: 46°

'No Ban, No Wall' Protest Fills Ho Plaza

Putting up a fight | Demonstrators pack Ho Plaza in solidarity with nationwide protests directed against President Donald Trump's immigration ban.



By DENA BEHAR

Sun Staff Writer

Nearly 100 demonstrators held up signs reading "No Ban, No Wall on Stolen Land" as they listened to speakers condemn President Donald Trump's America on Ho Plaza Tuesday, adding Cornell to the list of campuses nationwide that have been erupting in similar protests.

At the beginning, three of the organizers of the protest, Skye Hart '18, Emily Dong '18 and Arwa Awan '17 read a statement. The statement specifically denounced a recent executive order signed by Trump known as the "Muslim Ban."

The executive order, which was signed on Friday, Jan. 27, banned entry from seven majority-Muslim countries. It has

caused distress and confusion at airports as well as lawsuits filed from five different states, all of which challenge the legality of the president's order.

"Since Trump has claimed that American shores are still open to Christian refugees from these countries, the ban rests on the presumption that Muslims from these countries are terrorists and that Islam is an inherently violent religion," Awan read to the crowd.

"This has been the trajectory of American power since its inception, and therefore [Trump's] actions simply continue America's legacy."

Emily Dong '18

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Students Support Starbucks Stance on Refugee Initiative

By RACHEL WHALEN
Sun Senior Writer

It's no longer just the lattes that give Starbucks fans a reason to support the international coffee empire.

Following the announcement of its new initiative to hire 10,000 refugees across the United States in the next five years, Starbucks reigns in general approval from college town coffee fans.

The initiative comes in the wake of an executive order by President Donald Trump that aims to ban all refugees from entering the United States for 120 days and to prevent the entrance of Syrian refugees indefinitely.

"I think it's good that they're taking a stance and showing that they care about people and are not accepting what Trump is doing," said Kevin Beaulieu '17. "I've been impressed with how much I've seen in the past few weeks with businesses doing things like that and releasing statements. I think people realize how important it is to speak up about these things."

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More than mochas | College town Starbucks dwellers have shown approval for the company's new initiative.

Co-ops Open Doors for 'Mosey'

Students seek democratic housing

By KIMBERLY LEE
Sun Staff Writer

Over 100 Cornell students knocked on the doors of the co-op housing community Sunday, marking the beginning of the 2017 "mosey" season.

Co-ops are a form of independent cooperative living, often used as an alternative to traditional Cornell housing. The community includes eight University-owned cooperative residences, as well as some houses which operate independently of University purview.

Across all co-ops, housing rules and daily operations are determined democratically and managed by residents.

"From garden maintenance to shower scrubbing, each person in a house contributes to the

upkeep and proper functioning of the co-op," said Avery Hill '17, a member of Cayuga Lodge. "This engenders a tight-knit community working towards a common goal: wholesome living."

Cayuga Lodge is the only co-

"The mosey process is centered around the forging of interpersonal connections."

Avery Hill '17

op not owned by the University, which gives its residents a lot of freedom as well as a lot of responsibility, according to Hill.

"We don't report to anyone but each other, so if I wanted to have a concert in the basement, or drill moorings for a hammock in my bedroom, or throw

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Hundreds of students participate in the most successful day in the history of 'Greeks Give Back.'

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Catherine Hwang '18 reviews Ithaca College Theatre Arts' Production of Blood Wedding.

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**Sports****Sprint Stays Strong**

Sprint Football overcame an early 16-point deficit but fell victim to a late touchdown.

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**Weather****Mostly Cloudy****HIGH:** 70°**LOW:** 51°

MICHAELA BREW / SUN SENIOR EDITOR

North campus nomads | Ten transfer students are still living in student lounges due to high demand for housing this year.

Transfers Forced to Live in Lounges

Students complain of crowded conditions, poor communication

By SO HYUNG KIM

Sun Staff Writer

At the beginning of this semester, nearly all of the student lounges in Jameson and High Rise 5 were converted into temporary housing for 30 transfer students.

Due to an exceptionally high demand for housing among incoming residents, the transfer students were told to move into seven of the 10 lounges in the two buildings — some crowding with four of their peers to live in a single lounge — according to Mark H. Anbinder, web communications manager for Cornell Housing.

These students' residential advisors, when contacted by

"We were told on move-in day that we would be moved out ASAP, so I ... just lived out of a suitcase."

Tigran Mehrabyan '19

The Sun, had been instructed not to speak to the press about the housing shortage.

When these transfer students were notified about their living arrangements, they were also told they would be moved out as soon as possible, according to Tigran Mehrabyan '19.

He was not relocated to the Just About Music program house until the second week of classes, and some students have yet to move.

"We were told on move-in day that we would be moved out ASAP," Mehrabyan said. "So I didn't even unpack my clothes and just lived out of a suitcase."

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Mayor Proposes Lower Property Tax Rate

Mayor Svante Myrick '09 proposed a budget to the Ithaca Common Council Monday that includes a 6.6 percent decrease in the Ithaca property tax rate, according to the mayor's Facebook post.

If his proposal passes, more than half of the homeowners in Ithaca will pay less in taxes in 2017, even the ones that saw their assessments increase, according to Myrick. He explained that homes that saw "huge jumps in their assessments" will only experience "modest tax increases."

"My budget will increase Fire Department staffing by five people, increase our investment in street paving and still lower the tax rate in the City of Ithaca next year by 6.6 percent," he said.

Myrick added that, if the proposal passes, the city's tax rate will be the lowest it has been since 2003, "essentially rolling tax bills back by 13 years."

For the last five years, Myrick said he has been "aggressively" seeking federal and state funds, controlling city costs to operate "more efficiently" and expanding the city's tax base through smart growth "in the core of the city."

"New growth means the value of land in the city increased by 10 percent last year," he said. "Some of that is in assessment increases on existing property but most is in the growth from new apartments in Collegetown and Downtown."

Ithaca Common Council meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at City Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 5.

— Compiled by Josephine Chu

Ithaca to Welcome Dozens Of Refugees From Syria

By BLAIR LEGERE

Sun Contributor

This month, Ithaca will become home to roughly 50 Syrian refugees — the most immigrants the city has received since 2007, according to Ashley Meeder, an Ithaca Welcomes Refugees spokesperson. Individuals are expected to hail from Syria, Iraq and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

IWR consists of individuals who are passionate about creating the smoothest possible transition for the refugees, according to Meeder. She explained that Ithacans have been planning several events to welcome the newcomers.

"This summer, IWR hosted a community dinner as both a fundraiser and an opportunity to bring people together for the

purpose of building a welcoming community," she said. "[IWR has] also had a presence in classrooms and at community events, such as Ithaca Fest and a wide variety of panels and community speaking events."

Coordinating with Catholic Charities — a local Ithaca group dedicated to assisting vulnerable members of the community — IWR has created a system to provide refugees with basic amenities, according to Salma Shitia '18, president of the Arab Student Association.

"If someone needed hearing aids, they would be able to access it through the organization," she said. "Basic needs, such as transportation to and from work or job interviews, is where the funding goes."

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About 50 Syrian refugees plan to immigrate to Ithaca this month from Syria, Iraq and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Above, Syrian Kurdish refugees prepare to be moved to shelters in Yumurtalik, Turkey, on Sept. 29, 2014.

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Photos of Palestine
Italian photographer Federico Busonero captures the "diminished land" of Palestine.



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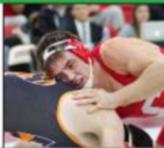
Lion Is King
Becky Frank '19 says Lion is an emotional, outstanding must-see.

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Not Done Yet
Wrestling won its 11th straight EIWA title, and looks to make another splash at NCCAs.

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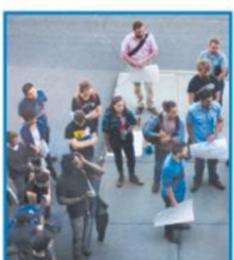
Weather
Cloudy With Light Rain Showers
HIGH: 57°
LOW: 38°

CGSU Gains Over 1,200 Signatures Supporting Union

By ANNA DELWICHE
Sun Staff Writer

In a landmark moment for graduate students, Cornell Graduate Students United has announced that they will be notifying Cornell of their intention to file for a union recognition election.

"We are excited to move forward



CGSU | Graduate students present a petition with over 1,200 signatures.

ward and we have a strong majority of grads behind this movement with over 1,200 signatures on the petition. We are ready to vote yes and win," said Paul Berry grad, CGSU member.

In presenting a petition to the University with over 1,200 signatures from graduate students in support of CGSU, this petition will trigger the process to initiate voting for graduate student unionization on campus.

"I found out today officially through text that the union is going forward with the election.

This is a very exciting moment," said Tyler McCann grad, CGSU member. "This has been building up for a long time. A lot of us are feeling this great relief that it's finally being filed."

This official announcement to the administration, per the agreement outlined in the contract, gives the University seven days advance

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GPSA Debates University's Workers' Compensation System

By JEANETTE SI
Sun Staff Writer

The Graduate and Professional Student Assembly invited Jason Kahabka, associate dean for administration, graduate school, to clarify current University policy on workers' compensation at their meeting on Monday.

Kahabka's presentation comes following a proposed resolution offered by a Cornell Graduate

"In general terms, Cornell is a very safe space. The rates of injury are low."

Jason Kahabka

Students United member at a past meeting this semester.

Kahabka acknowledged the

importance of the topic for the GPSA, but assured assembly members that the current rate of serious injury at the University is relatively low.

"The reality is that with over 5,000 students, some level of injury ... is a reality," Kahabka said. "But we are reinforcing that in general terms, Cornell is a very safe place. The rates of injury are low, and the types of injuries, when you look at the data, are most frequently very minor."

Kahabka outlined the University's tripartite policy of health insurance, fiduciary obligation and workers' compensation when dealing with injuries on campus.

Workers' compensation was tightly regulated under New York State law and only covered individuals who were injured in the "process of working" or performing

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COURTESY OF FACEBOOK

Tragedy | Angel Hierro '17, was found dead in the Latino Living Center on Sunday night.

CALS Student Found Dead

Angel Hierro '17 remembered as a 'caring friend'

By NICHOLAS BOGEL-BURROUGHS
Sun Staff Writer

A College of Agriculture and Life Sciences student who aspired to become a veterinarian and was active in LGBTQ+ and other groups on campus was found dead in the Latino Living Center in Anna Comstock Hall on Sunday night.

Angel Hierro '17, remembered as a caring friend who represented the familial qualities of the living center, was studying animal science and

was set to graduate this year, Vice President Ryan Lombardi said in a statement.

O'Connell

said, adding that Hierro was found in his residence.

Hierro was from North Bergen, N.J., Lombardi said, and was active in many campus organizations promoting the rights of LGBTQ+, first-generation and Latinx Cornell students.

"He was an active member and leader in the LGBTQ+ community, Latinx community, and the First Generation Student Union," five Student Assembly members said in a

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Olympic Medalist Aly Raisman to Speak

By ZACHARY SILVER
Sun Staff Writer

She has been to London and Melbourne, Rio and Tokyo, Glasgow and Indianapolis, and even the Netherlands. But now, the Aly Raisman tour will make its way to East Hill when the three-time gold medalist comes to speak at Cornell on March 22.

Cornell Hillel told The Sun it plans to announce Raisman as part of its Major Speaker Series, according to Molly Pushner '19, chair of the series' committee. Raisman will speak to Stader Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on March 22, with a VIP reception taking place earlier at 5:30 p.m. Information on the reception's availability to the public is yet to be released.

"We hope students learn

Police are investigating the death but do not believe any foul play is involved, Lombardi

about how her struggles as well as successes made her able to achieve her goals," Pushner said. "We also hope student

learn how Judaism inspired and motivated her as an athlete."

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CHANG W. LEE / THE NEW YORK TIMES

Perfect score | Aly Raisman competes on the floor exercise on Day 2 of the women's gymnastic U.S. Olympic Trials in 2016.