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“I think the key thing is that it’s critically tied to the two major universities in the area. In that sense, some of the employment is fixed and very strongly connected with the universities.”

Vicki Bogan, assistant professor of applied economics and management, on a new report suggesting that Ithaca’s job market is expected to stay strong partly because more than 15,000 people are employed by either Cornell University or Ithaca College. *NEWS 10 NOW*, JAN. 20.

“That hit home for me, because I never felt in danger during my entire trip. It was just hard to think if I had still been up there.”

Freshman **Adam Fisher** on recently returning from an uneventful trip to Israel and reading about a rocket strike from Lebanon in the border region he had visited. *NY JOURNAL NEWS*, JAN. 11.

“Sinatra enormously expanded the emotional palette of his art, incorporating shades of self-pity, longing, rage, bitterness, panic and despair that no popular singer had previously touched.”

Roger Gilbert, professor of English, on “Frank Sinatra: the Man, the Music, the Legend,” a collection of scholarly essays about the singer, edited by Jeanne Fuchs and Ruth Prigozy. *CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION*, JAN. 23.

“The mind-boggling text may have the ratification of the majority, but it might not be the recipe for a viable country.”

Edmundo Paz Soldán, associate professor of Romance studies, on Bolivia’s new constitution, which recognizes 36 different indigenous groups, some with fewer than 100 people, in a country where three main indigenous groups wield much of the influence. *THE NEW YORK TIMES*, JAN. 25.



“I think it says it’s good that they’re taking it slow on the slowdowns.”

Art Wheaton, director of labor studies for the ILR School in Buffalo, on the area’s industrial plants, which are holding up better than many others around the country during the economic downturn. *BUFFALO NEWS*, JAN. 21.

“It’s also part of a wider effort to attract more women applicants.”

Camilla Morgan, assistant director of admissions and marketing for the Cornell-Queen’s University Executive MBA program, on the school’s Web site, which, on its home page, features a photo of a female executive, representing the program’s new, less male-dominated persona. *WALL STREET JOURNAL*, JAN. 21.

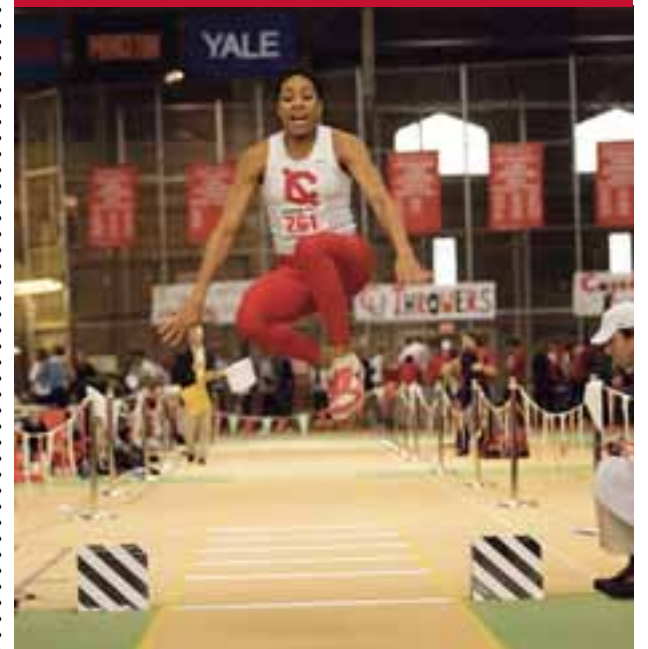
“We always saw a little bit of this, but it was in people already identified as having a psychiatric disorder. What doesn’t seem to make much sense is why we’re seeing it so much in seemingly healthy kids.”

Janis Whitlock, human development faculty member, on the growing number of teenagers and young adults who deliberately embed needles, paper clips or staples in their skin. *FORT LAUDERDALE (FLA.) SUN-SENTINEL*, JAN. 7.

Big Red Athletics



Track and Field



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Senior Jeomi Maduka broke three long-jump records Jan. 24.

Senior Jeomi Maduka continued to shine as she led the Big Red to a first-place showing at the Upstate Challenge in Barton Hall on Jan. 24. The women’s team finished with 294 points, with second-place Buffalo earning 115 points. Maduka broke the Barton Hall, Cornell and Ivy records in the long jump, clearing 21-9, only the third collegiate mark of at least that distance dating back to 2001. The Cornell men’s team posted eight wins and six IC4A qualifying marks in claiming a win at the Upstate. The Big Red tallied 226 points, well ahead of second-place Buffalo’s 176-point total.

Basketball

The Big Red men won their seventh straight contest, defeating Columbia 83-72 on Jan. 24 at Newman Arena. All five Cornell starters scored in double figures, with Alex Tyler matching a career-high 19 points along with seven rebounds. The women’s team snapped a six-game losing streak and earned its first Ivy League win of the season. Rallying from a 12-point first-half deficit, the women defeated Columbia 58-53.

Fencing

The Big Red continued its 2008-09 season Jan. 25 after a seven-week hiatus. Cornell traveled to Princeton, N.J., to take part in the Princeton Duals, winning four of its five matches with eight fencers posting winning records. Cornell was led by its foil team as Rebecca Hirschfield, Dana Baines and Jessica Tranquada all had 10 wins for the Big Red. Junior épéist Katherine Thompson led Cornell with a 13-2 record.

Polo

The men’s team opened its winter season with a 27-1 victory over Skidmore on Jan. 24. Cornell improves to 8-2 for the season. The Big Red will play host to Virginia on Jan. 31.

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