

## Car flips in Northwoods

Student charged with DWI after hitting guardrail

By Gabe Weintraub

On Sun, May 9, 2010

At approximately 11:30 p.m. on April 3, a student-driven vehicle struck a guardrail on the road from Scribner Village to Northwoods Village, flipping the vehicle and trapping the driver and passenger.

Emergency responders freed the two students, taking the passenger to Saratoga Hospital, and the driver, Denise Garofalo '13, to Albany Medical Center. Garofalo, 19, was charged with failure to keep right, a violation, and driving while intoxicated, a class-A misdemeanor.

In a statement released the morning after the accident, Dean of Student Affairs Rochelle Calhoun said, "Despite the severity of the car wreck, neither of the students received life-threatening injuries, and we are thankful for that."

Although the vehicle was a convertible, with its top down, and flipped several times, neither of the occupants was tossed out. According to Dennis Conway, director of Campus Safety, officers were nearby and called Emergency Medical Services within minutes.

"We responded immediately to assist and we had officers on the scene who were able to communicate with the students and try to keep them calm until we could get them out of the vehicle," Conway said. When EMS and the fire department arrived, they reportedly had to jack up the car off of the ground in order to free the victims.

A medevac helicopter was called to campus, but, according to Conway, it was not needed. Although neither victim suffered severe injuries, the helicopter dispatch was part of the protocol for an apparently severe accident. Albany Medical Center is the region's only state-designated Level 1 trauma center.

According to Conway, Campus Safety officers train with Saratoga Springs' fire and police departments to prepare for such emergency situations. "We have a direct hot line that goes to the dispatch office of Saratoga Springs, so they are able to dispatch EMS and fire rescue, and also police, immediately," Conway said. "We do table-top exercises and we have a lot of opportunities to work together. It went very well."

In New York, a first-time DWI is considered a misdemeanor, carrying a fine of up to \$1,000 and a maximum of one year in jail. The driver's license is also revoked for at least six months. "Also, you run

the risk of being arrested under the penal law for aggravated vehicular assault if you are driving and someone is injured in the car," Conway said.

In addition to such legal actions, students are generally required to go before the college's Integrity Board in order to determine whether an academic sanction is necessary.

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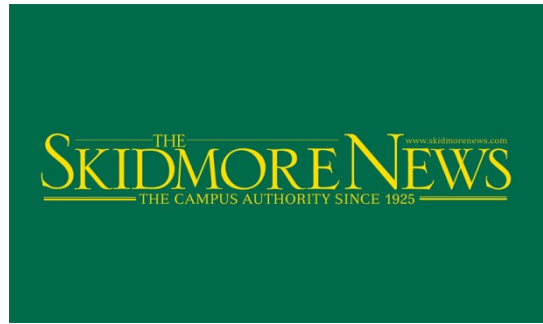
On April 6, Adam Perez '10 was sentenced to one year probation and ordered to pay more than \$2,000 in restitution for charges of second-degree criminal trespass and fourth-degree criminal mischief, resulting from a Feb. 25 incident on campus.

Those charges were reduced from second-degree burglary and second-degree criminal mischief, both felonies, which were issued after Perez was arrested for vandalizing his ex-girlfriend's car and breaking into her dorm room.

Perez was also ordered to submit a DNA sample to the New York State DNA Databank and submit to a mental health evaluation. He also must stay away from two Skidmore students, including Garofalo.

On Friday night, Jared J. Roberge, 21, a sophomore at UMass - Lowell, was charged with third degree-assault after an incident on Skidmore's campus.

*Kristen Travagline contributed to this report.*



## **Glotzbach to take six-month sabbatical, beginning Nov. 1**

On Sat, May 22, 2010

A letter from President Philip Glotzbach to the college community:

Dear Members of the Skidmore Community,

I write to share with you the news that the Board of Trustees has approved a six-month sabbatical leave for me, and a reduced workload for Marie, that will commence on November 1, 2010 and run through April 30, 2011. We will resume our normal duties on May 1st.

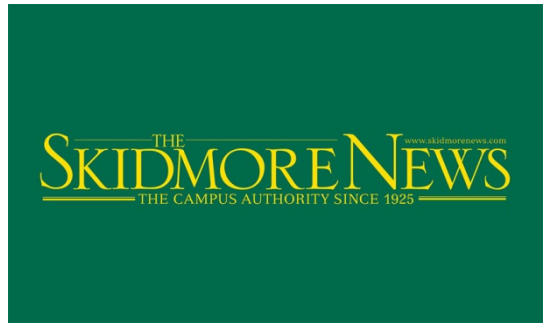
During that period, Vice President for Academic Affairs Susan Kress will serve as Acting President, Dean of the Faculty Muriel Poston will serve as Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Associate Dean of the Faculty Paty Rubio will serve as Acting Dean of the Faculty. (Coverage of the Associate Dean's responsibilities will be addressed at a later date.) I have every confidence in the leadership that Susan, Muriel, and Paty will provide in these temporary roles, as well as in the leadership that other members of Cabinet will continue to provide in their areas of responsibility and for the College as a whole.

With the Creative Thought Bold Promise campaign soon to achieve its very successful conclusion and as we reach the mid-point of the current Strategic Plan, I felt - and the Trustees agreed - that this was an opportune moment to step back and reflect upon the wider higher education landscape. More specifically, this leave will afford me an opportunity to complete a number of writing projects on various topics relating to higher education and to consider Skidmore's future direction within that broader framework.

Marie and I are deeply grateful to Skidmore's Trustees for the confidence demonstrated through their support of this sabbatical - confidence not just in us but in the entire Skidmore community. Marie and I are deeply grateful for your support as well. We would especially like to express our appreciation to everyone who will assume new or additional responsibilities during this time.

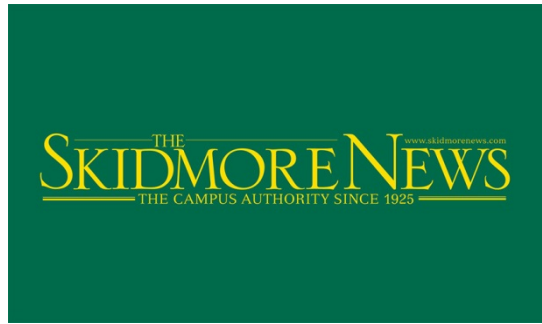
In community meetings last year, I stated that there was no other college where I would rather serve as president. That statement remains true today. Marie and I will return to campus life refreshed and reinvigorated following this leave, and I very much look forward to continuing to serve our community as President in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



Pg Philip A. Glotzbach

President



## Commencement to honor students, speakers

By Robin Krosinsky

On Sat, May 22, 2010

The college will host the 99th Commencement Exercises May 22 at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

Along with the graduating class of 2010, the college will confer honorary degrees upon three individuals: Sir Clive Gillinson, Gwen Ifill and Gregory Howard Williams.

Each of the celebrated guests will briefly address the graduating class.

Philip Glotzbach, president of the college, Janet Lucas Whitman '59, chairwoman of the Board of Trustees and Michael Cass-Antony, senior class president, will also deliver congratulatory speeches.

Each year, the recipients of honorary degrees are elected after several rounds of voting.

Initially, Glotzbach invites members from the college community to present potential candidates for the honorary degree, and the Committee on Appointments, Promotions and Tenure then reviews these nominations.

Following CAPT's consideration of the nominations, they are then moved to the Board of Trustees for further review. Through recommendation from Glotzbach and the Trusteeship Committee, the Board of Trustees votes to determine what honorary degrees will be given to what recipients.

Gillinson is the Executive and Artistic Director at Carnegie Hall. He is a partner in the Academy Program, with the Juilliard School and the Weill Music Institute, which brings ensembles of postgraduate musicians to the college.

The college will honor Gillinson for his commitment to the performing arts and his devotion to working with student musicians.

Jeanne M. Sisson, the Board Administrator for the Office of Trustee Affairs, offered her comments on Gillison's achievements. "The college admires his innovative and creative work in implementing The Academy program, for which Skidmore is enormously proud to be a partner with Carnegie Hall, the Juilliard School and the Weill Music Institute," Sisson said.

Ifill has also been elected to receive an honorary degree at this year's Commencement Ceremony.

Ifill is a journalist, a television newscaster and an author. She is the managing editor and moderator for "Washington Week," as well as the senior correspondent for "The NewsHour," both appearing on PBS.

The college will honor her for her contributions to journalism, as well as her insight in helping the community to think critically on a wide range of issues as moderator and managing editor of "Washington Week" and senior correspondent for "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer".

Williams is the third and final figure to be honored at the 2010 Commencement Ceremony.

Williams is the president of the University of Cincinnati and he is the author of "Life on the Color Line," the Class of 2010's First-Year Experience reading selection. The remainder of the year was then filled with programs and events that focused on various issues pertaining to Williams' novel.

"Skidmore will honor him for his insight into the human spirit through the power of his writing and for his journalistic accomplishment in 'Life on the Color Line: The Story of a White Boy Who Discovered He was Black,'" Sisson said.

The programs and events taught the students about issues of privilege versus struggle, racial oppression, poverty and overcoming obstacles throughout their lives.

"His inspirational, on-campus presentation to the Class of 2010 and dialogue during that year provided the opportunity for students to discuss these often difficult issues and to learn about their roles as responsible citizens," Sisson said.