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Close battle: Adirondack's Danielle Dillabough, left, mixes it up with Western's Adrianna Riggio during the last of 15 women's ice hockey matches at the Empire State Winter Games. The match ended in a tie, 3 to 3, giving Adirondack the gold medal.

Big plan

Harriman campus to be transformed

By Jarrett Carroll

ALBANY — After months of discussion, a \$240 million quarter-century plan for the W. Averill Harriman State Office Campus was unveiled to mixed reactions Tuesday night.

With a long-term master plan that will take 25 to 30 years to complete, the 1960's state campus is to be transformed into a modern, publicly-accessible, mixed-use development.

The new campus will include research and development facilities for private technology companies and academic programs, a collection of small shops, a hotel, and new residential housing.

As a result of the proposed mixed-use facilities, fewer parking spaces will be needed, planners say. The plans only call for 8,000 parking spaces, down from the current 11,000.

About 200 people, including local residents and state workers now at the campus, expressed both concern and delight with the new plans unveiled in building number three of the campus.

The purpose of the meeting was to let residents and state workers know what is being planned and to get feedback from the community, according to Harriman Research and Technology Development Corporation President F. Michael Tucker.

The campus is located off Western Avenue in Albany, near the Guilderland town line.

The plan represents Albany's biggest development effort since the creation of the Empire State Plaza. It focuses on shifting the majority of state employees from the uptown Harriman campus to downtown Albany, and privatizing the campus with more technology, academic, retail, and residential development. Only about 1,000 state workers will be left at Harriman.

Much of the planning depends upon private investments, and is to create 8,000 new private sector jobs.

The tax-and-finance building, the power-plant building, and the Office of General Services warehouse are all slated to be torn down, as well as most of the outer road ring, which is over 250 feet wide, that surrounds the campus. However, connections to Interstate 90 and Route

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Neck and neck, Adirondack fights for gold

By Melissa Hale-Spencer

LAKE PLACID — Nicole Stagg is a team player.

The 26-year-old Voorheesville native was a member of the Adirondack women's ice hockey team that upset the traditional winner at the Empire State Games to bring home the gold medal.

"It was awesome," said Stagg on Sunday. "I was just glad to be a part of it."

The game was played in the Jack Shea arena, built for the 1932 Olympics, and named for a Lake Placid native who won two gold medals for speed skating and later became the town supervisor. It's part of the same complex that houses the rink built for the 1980 Olympics where, in the midst of the Cold War, the United States beat the Russian team in what has become known as "The Miracle on Ice."

The crowd Sunday was wrapped up in its own miracle.

The spectators stomped, rang bells, banged the boards, and roared as goals were scored first by one team and then the other.

"I'm not used to that many people watching. We usually get one or two, mostly somebody's boyfriend," said Stagg who, along with six other Adirondack team members, regularly plays with the Hudson Valley Waves.

The Empire State medal winners were determined Sunday in the final game of 15 games played by six teams during the weekend. The Adirondack team squared off against the Western New York team in a closely matched, very physical game.

Powerhouse Western New York had won the gold for the last several years while the Adirondack team had won the silver medal.

The final score Sunday was tied — 3 to 3 — giving the undefeated Adirondack team first place.

The Adirondack team mem-

bers skated into a joyous huddle when the final horn sounded, celebrating their gold medal.

Among them was Andrea Kilbourne, a native of Saranac Lake, who won a silver medal when she skated for the United States Women's Hockey Team at Salt Lake City in 2002.

"She was definitely a leader," said Stagg of Kilbourne, a forward like Stagg. "She made that first line dynamic."

Bomb ends Birds' season

By Tim Matteson

VOORHEESVILLE — A bomb of a shot blew up the season for the Voorheesville boys' basketball team.

Schuylerville's Chris Carson hit a long-distance three-point shot at the final buzzer to hand the Blackbirds a stunning 37-35 loss in a Class B Section II semifinal at the Glens Falls Civic Center on Wednesday night.

The 3-3 tie on Sunday gave Adirondack first place with four wins and a tie. Central, with four wins and one loss, won the silver, and Western — with three wins, an upset loss to Central, and Sunday's tie — won the bronze.

New York City was fourth; Long Island, fifth; and Hudson Valley, sixth.

"It was intense," said Stagg of the level of play at the Games.

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