Who Gets the Blame?

by Thomas E. Swiatlewski Jr.

Here’s the scenario. For some odd reason whether you forgot something or you need to get some work done, you go on over to one of the buildings on campus. You’ve traveled through the cold winter air with your books and notes, only to get to the door of the building and find it locked. Now furious, you say in a muttered or if you are very highly agitated, scream something about those incompetent Public Safety officers, however you would be wrong in your estimation of the situation.

In reality, Public Safety is not the law-making body, it is the enforcer. There is no set time schedule for each building to open or close on campus. They all vary, and this is due to the different policies of the deans and administration officials of those buildings. Each official sets down his/her opening and closing, and cut off times. The facility availability times are then referred to Public Safety which they follow. For instance, if the officials in charge of the building do not relay their wishes to Public Safety, the building will probably not be open when you get there.

Another question arises, how can I get into the building if it is locked, and can I stay after closing hours? If the building is locked during the hours it should be open, all you have to do is call Public Safety 808-6300, and they will send someone over to open the building. However, if the building is locked after the cut-off time, which is a time that no one is allowed to be in the building, then an individual will need to have special authorization, such as permission from the dean. Public Safety officers are or orders to patrol the buildings and clear these individuals out that don’t have authorization.

Here’s another scenario. Joe “Bag of Denim” and his buddies want to play basketball, but when they get to Keating Hall, the courts are full or what they believe to be non-IIT students who aren’t even guests. Joe “Bag of Denim” looks around and sees a Public Safety officer, and immediately thinks to himself, “Isn’t the fuzz supposed to be patrolling the area for non-IIT students?” First, Public Safety officers are not assigned to Keating Hall, but they may pass through. Keating Hall fits into one of the Public Safety patrol zones. Secondly, the door guards are supposed to be checking the ID’s of all individuals that enter the gym, and the ID’s of those individuals that other IIT students feel are not supposed to be there. Third, if you have problems with one of the door guards, you should relay your message to the Director of Athletics, Mr. James Derrah. Fourth, Public Safety officers are under orders while on duty not to take part in sporting activities. Fifth, if you have a problem with a Public Safety officer, contact Public Safety at 808-6300 and ask for the Supervisor on Duty.

In summary, remember these points. If you have a problem to a door guard call 808-6300. Second, if you intend to stay in that building after a cut-off time, you better have special authorization. Third, Public Safety is an enforcement body that doesn’t have any real jurisdiction over actions in Keating Hall until one of the door guards gives them call. Fourth, if you can’t play basketball because of those non-IIT students, blame the door guards. I would like to thank Mr. Ernie Bibbs, Deputy Director of Public Safety for his cooperation with this article.

SLC News

by Sanjida F. Chowdhury

The Student Leadership Committee (SLC) met on Tuesday, October 31st for their biweekly meeting. This week’s guest, Daryn Frank, Director of IIT Public Safety Department, discussed a few of the rules and regulations that the students are required to follow while on IIT property. These rules and regulations are compiled in the form of a pamphlet and can be obtained from the Public Safety Office (PSO) in Farr Hall. Mr. Frank also mentioned the policies of the PSO that are currently under revision. These changes include the elimination of the service fee that is charged to students who require a "jump" or lock their keys in their car and need assistance from the PSO.

Some concerns were presented to Mr. Frank, who stated that the PSO is currently under revision. The Department of Housing is making sure the family is housed for the stay. Provisions are being made for funeral arrangements.
IIT to Honor Asian Business Leaders at Alumni Banquet
via public service announcement

Four prominent Asian business leaders and graduates of Illinois Institute of Technology will be honored at the university’s first annual banquet for Asian alumni on Saturday, Nov. 11.

The gala will be held at Hemann Hall, 3341 S. Federal St., on IIT’s Main Campus. The cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 7:30, and the awards presentation gets under way at 8:30 p.m.

The university’s first annual Distinguishev Fellow will be presented to four IIT engineering graduates: S.R. Cho, chair of Hysung Group of Korea; Dinhchau Lamsam, president of Losxley Public Company of Thailand; Ajja Tulsad, president of Telecom Asia of Thailand, and Sam Pitroda, a prominent Indian business leader and president of World Telecom.

The awards will be presented by Darsh T. Wain, IIT senior vice president, provost, and professor of chemical engineering. For more information, please contact William Black, associate vice president, at (312) 567-6925.

Students from more than 70 countries attend IIT, an independent teaching and research university dedicated to excellence in undergraduate and graduate education in technology and the professions, with programs in engineering, law, architecture, design, science, psychology, and business.

STATEMENT BY SENATOR CAROL MOSELEY-BRAUN ON STUDENT AID

U.S. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL) today called on her colleagues to vote “yes" on a resolution to instruct the budget reconciliation conference to accept the Senate position with regard to student loans. The House bill ends the direct lending program and contains additional measures which would price many students out of higher education.

The direct lending program facilitates access to student loans by eliminating several intermediary steps. In 1983, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that the direct lending program would save the federal government $4.3 billion over 5 years.

“The House bill also fails to address the interest free grace period that gives graduates six months to find a job before they have to start paying interest on their student loans. This will add between $700 and $2500 to the price of the average student loan. The House bill also raises the interest on plus loans—to parents of undergraduates with student loans—from 3.1 percent to 4 percent. The bulk of this increases—from up to $5,000 family—will fall on working families that borrow heavily to send their children to college.

“Education is one of the most important factors in determining the amount children will earn in their lifetime. We want to expand, not diminish opportunities for our children. We should not cut essential investments in education," said the Senator.

“Pricing more Americans out of a college education should not be one of the priorities of this Congress," said Senator Moseley-Braun.
Plans for Hermann Hall Stairs and Sidewalks

by Nancy Hamill
Director, Facilities Management
Planning Construction

The stairs at the southeast entry to Hermann Hall have deteriorated due to many freeze-thaw cycles and the application of de-icing compounds. In August we discovered that the stairs were in need of a major overhaul. When we called contractors for estimates to repair the stairs it was determined that the stairs should be closed to foot traffic because of the rusting metal pans that support the granite walking surface. This technical problem coupled with the dream I had of people falling through the platform forced me to close the entrance.

Contractors were notified and asked to submit a bid for the rebuilding of the stairs as they currently are designed. A redesign is being completed by IIT Architects so that the stairs can be rebuilt in the spring. In the meantime, a temporary support system for the granite slabs will be installed. This work will probably be completed in the next two weeks. When the stair is redesigned the cost of construction should be greatly reduced. As for the concept of installing concrete walkways where foot traffic exists, I am all for it. But as you may know, the cost of concrete greatly exceeds the cost of sod and we currently don't have enough money to install a complete system of concrete paths. You may have noticed the curved concrete paths that were installed at the Commons and the residence halls. Foot traffic generally follows these walkways and to improve the campus, more should be installed. However, until we raise the money to install additional concrete walks we have to improve the appearance of the campus through the means we have. We started planning for this summer's improvements in December of 1994 and invested over $100,000 in sod and $30,000 in concrete.

When I was a kid I had a morning paper route. Every day at 5:30 I would get up, run or shine, walk my route and deliver the Tribune, Sun Times and the Wall Street Journal. After a few months on the route one of my customers stopped me and showed me the path I was wearing across her yard. She asked me not to walk on the grass because I was an impressionable twelve year old, I stopped. I can't expect all of the IIT family to not walk on the grass but until we can afford to install the system of walks and landings we all desire, I ask for your understanding.

Tech Bloopers

In the article published last week about the International Fest, we made a mistake. We interviewed all but one of the winning booths. To correct the situation, Kiya Beyene, representing our African students states "I think that it was great coming in third considering that it was our first in the competition and as a representative group of African Students." Despite small numbers, they held for third place and hope to do better next year.

In the SLCC article published last week on the master planning committee, we printed an error. The placement of Chicago Police Headquarters on campus is not being considered, but the Chicago Police Academy is being considered.

Our apologies to those who might have been misrepresented.
Network News

Mid-term grades are out and there are things you can do to make them better. You all want to finish the term in a blaze of glory! Be sure to get in touch with Normandie, X784-35 to work out strategies for success. Some of you have stopped by the Women’s Center but there are still those who may need to “touch base”. Remember, the Women’s Center is located in the Residence Hall, Cohen Lounge.

That is also the spot where we will continue our “GIP” get together. It seems to be a good thing. People feel free to wind down after a hard working week. Look for the open door, cider, cookies and conversations on Friday, Nov. 10th, 2:00PM.

One of the items to be picked up at the Women’s Center is the student survey. This information will help us meet your needs a little better and offer a voice for that idea you know will work beautifully.

The Women’s Network Brown Bag Lunch takes place soon. November 6th in the Herman Union Mezzanine. Surveys for faculty and staff will be available then along with other morsels of information, beverages and desserts. Doors open from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

-from The Women’s Network Center

Police Blotter

Public Safety Department

30 Oct 1995 A staff member reported that person(s) unknown removed an AST 396 key board and system computer from room 6019 at the stated location. The loss is charged to the stated account. Person(s) unknown to be charged.

31 Oct 1995 A student reported that person(s) unknown threw a brick that broke the front glass on the passenger side of the vehicle parked at the stated location. Vehicle was checked for missing items. No results. Student declined to make a police report at this time.

31 Oct 1995 A faculty member reported that on 30Oct 95, employee to his vehicle parked in the faculty lot, he slipped and fell on the wet pavement due to rain, and injured himself. His laptop top computer, and wrist watch were damaged as a result of the fall. Faculty member proceeded to the University of Chicago Hospital for medical treatment.

31 Oct 1995 A student reported that approximately three weeks ago she lost her key card in her car after leaving from the above location.

1 Nov 1995 ITT students reported that CHA officers stopped their vehicle in front of them at the stated location, and shouted “Get off the street!” (using profanity). Also, one officer got out of the vehicle and bumped one student in a provoking matter. The officers refused to identify themselves, and notified their supervisor of the incident. Upon the CHA supervisor’s arrival, the students were interviewed, and were told that no information could be given out on the officers involved, but they did get a complaint number to file with CHA.

1 Nov 1995 A faculty member reported that person(s) unknown had taken four hub caps from his Plymouth Voyager parked at the stated location. Victim declined to make a police report.

1 Nov 1995 A student reported that person(s) unknown removed his calculator from a table at the stated location. Victim declined to make a police report.

1 Nov 1995 A student reported that she was returning back to her office, and noticed a male leave, and exit through the northeast staircase at the stated location. She entered the room and found that her purse had been over turned, and her VISA/Check card missing. R&A advised victim to report the incident to the credit card company. The building was checked with negative results. Victim declined to make a police report.

Suicide, It’s a Killer

by Samantha Shelton

Suicide is one of the top ten causes of death in Western countries. More than 200,000 people attempt suicide each year in the United States. There are about 26,000 successful suicides each year, which means that a suicide occurs every 20 minutes. The peak age for suicide attempts is between the ages of 24 and 44, and people at risk to commit suicide than are women. The question that we must ask ourselves is “why?”

This irreversible choice is made when an individual is alone and experiencing severe stress. Their stress enables them to see the world objectively or to discover other options available to them. Abnormal Psychology and Modern Life, by Carson and Buchter states “Mary college students are particularly vulnerable to the development of suicidal motivations, especially those attending the larger institutions. The rate seems to be higher in larger universities than in community colleges and small liberal arts colleges (Peck & Schurr, 1971). The combined stresses of academic demands, social interaction problems, and career-choices—perhaps interacting with challenges to their basic values—evidently make it impossible for such students to continue making the adaptive compromises that underlie their life situations demand.”

About 10,000 college students attempt suicide every year in the United States. I know it is hard for us to imagine, why someone would want to make such a drastic decision, but students make it every year. Yes, ITT is a difficult school, and most students experience demanding schedules and academic loads that make access a daily part of their lives. If you are contemplating suicide, please consider the options available to you. Give Coexisting & Health Service a call at 808-7100, 8:30-5 daily, or pay the counselors a visit at Farr Hall. They can help you beat the mid-semester blues. Take advantage of the resources available to you.

Curry

by Cool Shades Wearing Man

Post! I got something you might be interested in. Come on, don’t be afraid. Look it won’t cost you much dough, and besides you are not required to purchase it. Alright, here’s the deal, I’ve got this cool kit that can get you a hunk of this cool material for a couple grand. Wait, just a minute! I am not trying to sell you drugs. No, with this material you can power entire nations, poison water sources, lay waste to entire regions, and at the same time keep the dogs out of your yard. And just for you, under our limited time offer, it’s only $19.95. That’s right, only $19.95 and if you act now we will even point you in the direction of one of our contacts that can fill your every need.

For over 40 years the threat of all our global thermonuclear war stood over the world, but now the threat is nonexistent, right? Wrong, the world has become a much more dangerous place.

The Nuclear Club was once very exclusive, and now it’s well there goes the neighborhood. The nations of the US, USSR, France, Great Brit- ain, and China were the old members, but such nations as Pakistan, India, Israel, South Africa, and Libya are no longer admitting their membership have joined with the breakup of the USSR, Kazakhstan, Belorus, and the Ukraine also joined by default. Meanwhile, such nations as North Korea, Iran, Iraq, and Libya are pursuing their own programs. Other nations have dropped their interest in acquiring a nuclear weapons program such as Brazil and Argentina, and other nations such as South Africa, which reportedly have had make shifts in its inventor have gotten rid of them. So the world went from a superpower nuclear-armed globe to anybody on the block could join in. What are we to do, arm control maybe?

Let’s draw a line in the sand with arm control and gun control. The government passes tons of legislation to ban assault weapons because such weapons are considered miniature "weapons of mass destruction," cap- able of taking down individuals in one shot. On the other hand, the international community passes the Non Proliferation Treaty to halt the spread of nuclear weapons. In

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Congratulations to all participants in the International Fest. Participants interested in receiving certificates of merit, may submit names to the International Cultural Center. Copies of photographs of the International Fest are available, based on requests.

Meeting—The next International meeting to be held on December 7 is cancelled.

Travel—Students travelling abroad must have their I-20s and or IAP-66s signed by the Director or the International Student Advisor prior to travel. Documents should be brought in at least two days prior to departure date. Students planning on renewing their visas while overseas, must make an appointment in order that the International Cultural Center may ensure adequate travel preparation for return to the U.S.

Scholarship—Scholarship awards have been sent to the Student Finance Center. If students have not received their award yet, it may be because the application or appeal form has not been completed by the student, or the award has not been inputted by the Student Finance Center. To ensure correct bills, all students eligible for the international scholarship should keep copies of their forms, along with copies of the insurance waiver forms.

Students are not eligible for the international scholarship if enrolled less than the minimum of 12 credit hours and obtaining GPA of less than 3.0. Cumulative Graduating students must be aware of needing to enroll for 12 credits in the final semester to be eligible for the international scholarship. Furthermore, international students residing in the fraternities are entitled to the off-campus scholarship and not the on-campus scholarship. I trust that the students will be honest in letting the International Cultural Center know about a need for an adjustment in the scholarship if living in the fraternities.

Corrections in the article on the International Fest published last week

There were certain omissions about participants in the International Fest that offended certain groups and organizations. These omissions were: Jeyangir Ahmad from Bangladesh a Chess master, successfully defeated ten chess players in a simultaneous chess display from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Hemmat Hall.

The United Nations of Africa put on a wonderful surprise performance reflecting “Africa In Motion” in the second half of the program of evening entertainment. The participants were Yasin Ahid, Amadeg Sunkova and Vishwas Seeth.

The Fashion show comprised participants from the following countries: Poland, Sudan, Greece, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, Germany and Cuba. Countries and organizations that participated in the display and food setup:

France: United Nations of Africa, Kenya, Chile, Indonesia, Taiwan, P.R. to China, Tunisia (involved in Purdue Education), Algeria, Morocco, OASIS, Malaysia, Muslim Student Association, Arabia, Jordan, Poland, Hong Kong, Bangladesh, Kuston, S.P.E. and West Africa.

Insurance—A reminder to students who have been insured, please ensure with the Counseling and Health office that your waiver will continue in the Spring semester of 1996. If there is a waiver form to be completed for a Spring 1996 semester, please check with the Counseling and Health Office located on the first floor of Farr Hall.

Work Off-Campus—Students planning to work off-campus must first check with the International Cultural Center regarding immigration regulations prior to visiting the ICT Development Center. This will avoid any miscommunication or conflicting information.

- Vanita Misquita, Director, ISSC Multicultural Program

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**IIT Honors Community Leaders at Annual Banquet**

Six individuals and organizations will be honored for their commitment to community involvement at IIT's fourth annual Community Recognition Awards Dinner on Thursday, November 9, beginning at 6 p.m. in the PUB Ballroom. With administration and the Follett's bookstore representatives to discuss these problems and possible solutions.

Two new organizations were recognized by SLC at this meeting. The first, the Stuart Business Group, was formed to help students exchange information with the business community and establish a business to aid in funding the group's activities. The second, the Honors Medical Students, will provide IIT students who plan to attend medical school with an opportunity to meet others with similar goals. Their main focus is to discuss medical school preparation and give students an outlet in which to discuss concerns and problems.

The meeting concluded with an announcement concerning the need for members for the Selection Committee for Finance Board. These members will aid in appointment of the new Finance Board Executive officers. Students interested are encouraged to sign-up at the next SLC meeting.

The next SLC meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th, 1995 in the E1 Auditorium at 9:30 p.m. Requests for further information and details about the above mentioned committees, the standing committee (SLC Master Plan, SLC Empowerment, and Constitution Revision Committee), SLC in the Faculty Commitment to the Community Award, Dirk Denison, Associate dean, College of Architecture.

Student Commitment to the Community Award, Quan Erobogho—Fourth-year electrical engineering student at IIT.

Community Redevelopment Award, Debrah Homes Resident Management Corporation.

Community Service Award, Tracy Matthews—Coordinator, Keepers of Culture Project.

Education Award, Tolton Adult Education Center.

Leadership Award, Director, Elliot Donnelly, Youth Center.
State Spends $354 Million of FY'96 GRF Money for FY'95 Lapse Period

(Springfield) Illinois government continues to spend hundreds of millions of new Federal spending money to cover the previous fiscal year's bills, according to Comptroller Latona A. Didrickson. Spending for the Fiscal Year 1995 Lapse period that ended September 30th totaled $748 million from General Revenue Funds-$534 million more than the June 30th end of year balance of $124 million.

"That's $354 million of FY 1995 spending authority that was paid for with FY 1996 dollars. It proves the need to take a number of steps, like shortening the lapse period as most states have already done. Ultimately it makes the case for better, more honest budgeting that reflects true levies of spending," Comptroller Didrickson said.

The lapse period is the three months following the end of the fiscal year used for paying bills incurred by June 30th. "Because there are few restrictions, many agencies go on a spending spree each June with their unused spending authority," the comptroller said. "Millions of lapse period dollars go to goods and services delivered during the new fiscal year, which really should be considered current expenses."

An analysis of lapse period spending over the past 10 years shows its high cost to state government:

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College Republicans Endorse Student Loan Cuts

College Republican leaders from Chicago area universities will announce their position to a $500 tax credit for student loan borrowers passed by the Senate Finance Committee last week. The CR leaders will endorse the House Republican package of student loan cut at a news conference Monday and urge COP Congressman to defeat the Senate tax credit in the conference committee.

The presidents for the College Republican chapters at DePaul, Loyola, Northwestern, and the University of Chicago will discuss student loan reforms at DePaul University's Stuart Center 218, 2311 N. Clifton Avenue, Chicago at 10:45 a.m., Monday, October 30th. College Republicans will be distributing 5,000 student loan fact sheets on local campuses to build support for Republican reforms.

On graduation day, the average student's biggest financial obligation won't be his student loan, but his share for the national debt," said John Noak, President of the DePaul College Republicans. "Every single one of us will now owe over $16,000 as our part of the debt, and unless something is done to stop federal deficits, that number will skyrocket. We have to make reasonable cuts in government spending to avoid fiscal disaster.

"You don't have to be an economics major to realize that the burden of the deficit falls heaviest on our generation," said James Ehrard, President of the University of Chicago College Republicans. "A person graduating this year will pay more than $100,000 in income taxes over his lifetime just to cover the interest on the federal debt. Unless something is done, we will spend the next several decades forking over ever-growing payroll taxes to fund Social Security and Medicare systems which will still go bankrupt long before we can retire."

The Republican student loan reforms protect the integrity of the federal student aid system, argued Philip Garman, President of the Northwestern College Republicans. "Total funding actually goes up by 50% over the next seven years, more students will be eligible, interest rates and fees remain the same, and Pell grants for the neediest students will be increased to record levels.

"Liberals who oppose the COP plan should look twice at whom they're defending — large banks and private guaranty agencies who have been reaping guaranteed excessive profits from students and taxpayers. It's worst form of corporate welfare," said Garman. "The House Republican plan saves over $5 billion by reducing subsidies and raising fees on banks and guaranty agencies. By law these costs cannot be passed on to students."

"The only additional cos for students will be the end of the interest subsidy for the six-month grace period after graduation and before loan repayment must begin. The federal government will continue to pay the interest on loans while the student is in school. The average student loan borrower will pay only an additional $6 per month, a medical student who takes out $75,000 in loans will only pay $22 more a month," said Eric Ross, President of the Loyola College Republicans. "That's less than the cost of a pizza a month, a very small price to pay for a balanced budget."

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College Conservative Network

The Pretty Mean Snow-Man.
Decisions, decisions, decisions. Everyone has to make responsible decisions in their life at least one time. There are so many things that a person must have waited in their life for them to feel at peace and make the “right” decision help by a great deal. Some of the many puzzles that one must go through are the following: “what college should I attend?”, “should I join the military and then go to school?”, “should I change my major for the fifth time or should I just stick it out for this last semester?” All of these are very important decisions that requires attention. One decision that most people are making nowadays is whether they should get romantically involved with someone or not. This is one of the many mind bogging and strenuous decisions that people deal with almost everyday in their lives. They’re thinking: “should I ask him/her out to a movie?”, “if they agree to go, what will we talk about?”, “what happens if they find out that I really am a homicidal maniac?”. These are some really scary thoughts that run through our heads and that can put a lot of pressure on the person who is doing the initiating. It takes a lot of nerves to go up to someone and ask them out. But once the two have gotten used to being around each other, everything should fall in place. Or does it?

One big decision a couple makes is whether to consummate their relationship or not. This can be very frightening for both parties, especially if it is their first time having sex. They have to consider the consequences that go along with being in a sexual relationship, like contracting an STD (sexually transmitted disease, especially HIV which leads to AIDS), getting pregnant (the female anyway). I’ve yet to hear someone say yes, but in most cases this is how technology is going, maybe one day we’ll see a man on ER (one of my favorite television shows) giving birth. Just a thought., and possibly getting their feelings hurt if the other person does not truly love them and just wanted to satisfy their hunger. But let’s say that they (male and female) are both virgins (which is rare, but they’re some out there) and they really, really love one another and decided to have a monogamous relationship. If they are not aware of all of the protection that is out there, chances are she might get pregnant. If that happens (and most likely it will), what will they do? There are some options: they can keep the baby and raise it together, she can go through the nine months and give the baby up for adoption, or they can terminate the pregnancy all together. Well, I wouldn’t write a commentary about a couple giving up their child for adoption or that they kept the child and lived happily ever after (well... I take that back. Depending what the topic was about, I would). But this conversation piece, for now, is about abortion.

Abortion is a very big topic that has been an issue for a very long time and it doesn’t seem that it will ever be truly resolved. Everyone has their own opinion about the subject, but for the female who has to deal with decision (most of the time by herself) it can be very confusing and stressful. If she keeps the baby, she has to think about how her going to finish school (if she’s even in school), how it will affect her own lifestyle all together, if she’s at a young age where she can’t support herself, how will her parents react and most of all how will she take care of the child, especially if the father doesn’t help. These are a list of decisions that the female must make and guys I’m sorry if you felt offended by me saying this, but in most cases, the female is the one who really has to decide if she wants to deal with a child or not, even though you guys took part in producing this child. If she can’t count on you to help, then why should you have a say in whether she should keep it or not?

Another group of people that the female has to deal with are religious groups. There have been so many cases where abortion clinics have been hassled by religious groups because in their minds (or God’s mind), it is wrong for someone to kill a child. It’s considered to be murder and is an act against God for doing so. Forgive me my friends who believe this, but who gave you the right to interfere with a person’s rights to do this act? How do you know if this person isn’t terminally ill and needs this procedure in order to live? How do you know if this person can actually take care of this baby? If they can”, are you these? Some are very important decisions that one must make and to have a group of people come at you with this holier than thou attitude can make you very angry (like I said, I felt the same way for what I am saying but in most cases this is how religion is, it should stay fanatics, react. I know this sounds very stereotypical, but I’ve got my upsets when I see a group of people interfere with a person life, especially if they have no intention in helping that person out). To continue, having an abortion is a serious decision that one must make in their life and this will require a great deal of attention and thought.

Welp, I guess I’ll be mozzan all along. Hope I gave you something to think about and as usual: may peace, love, and happiness prevail in your life.

From the Commentary

Editor

Keeping the Lights Up All Year Long

by Paul Stelzer

You may or may not have notice, but more and more people are getting into the holiday spirit. Stores keep putting up their displays earlier each year. Houses become decorated from yard to rooftop with lights and plastic statues. And when the day finally arrives, everyone seems filled with the holiday spirit.

Don’t be confused here. I’m not talking about our favorite month of December. I’m referring to Halloween.

Yes-Halloween. When October 31st rolled around, we seem to have become immersed in all kinds of incentives and advertisements telling us why we should buy into Halloween. Years ago, most people were content to carve a pumpkin, put a candle in it, and leave it on the porch. However, while strolling through my neighborhood in mid-October, I was surprised to find lights, giant spiders, fake webs, and pillows dressed up like dead bodies. Yes, these items have been around for years,

but I counted at least several houses decorated on every block (only within a small vicinity when I was considering this idea, but I believe it is fairly accurate).

Our current time-of-year represents a triumph of holidays. Clearly, Thanksgiving and the Christmas season have always been well-noted. Now retailers are turning more and more to the first holiday of the trio. If you still don’t believe me, try counting the number of jack-o-lantern lawn bags still out on your way home tonight.

The exploitation of Halloween could become an epidemic. Just imagine red, white, and blue blinking lights for Flag Day and July 4th (keep them up half a month!). Perhaps plastic replicas of the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria are more to your liking. Best of all, image 10 foot high buntings in early Spring for every corner. You can leave the lights on your bushes all year long, but just change the colored light bulbs once in a while.

Techopinion

Do you feel safe walking around IIT Campus at night?

"Yes, now that I know how to act in a big city." "Yes, but only because I lived here long enough to get used to the interesting characters in Chicago."

Ted Nyemyisky
Physics, Senior

"For the most part yes. Although walking to the "El" can be scary. There are those emergency things around campus, but the one on 33rd street. I never see the magnificent Safety officers walking around late at night. Why can’t we get escorts to Bridgeport? Oh, I forgot legal reasons."

Shannon-Marie Adams and
Sidekick Anderson; Arch, Sophomores

"Even though this is the South Side of Chicago, I don’t feel threatened at all to walk around campus alone. I feel I can take care of myself well enough."

"Being a woman, I don’t feel as safe as him and confident that I could handle a situation if confronted by one."

Emili
Biology, Sophomore

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Matt Trout and Laurie Powels
ME, Sophomores

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9. Would you be interested in joining this committee? __Yes __No
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Romance Advice From (Gulp) the Campus Minister (?)

by Eric Schweitzer
ITT Catholic Campus Minister and Religious Life Advisor

Here's a free tip for all of you aspiring romantics — and who of us isn't? — and it can be summed up in one word: Music. You've got to have the right sound to create the appropriate mood when wooing that someone special.

For creating a romantic mood I can think of no better selection than a little known 1988 CD which speaks the language of the alternative group called the Go-Betweens. The album is entitled "16 Lovers Lane" and is unequaled in creating a warm, snuggly, cuddly mood for you and that person you call your date.

The music sounds like it was written by two lovers on a cold and rainy November evening, with nothing to do, nowhere to go, an open bottle of wine on the coffee table and a medium all-everything pizza on the way to their front door.

Believe me, while wooing my wife back in our courtship years, this little CD served me well in many 'similar occasions.

By the time the group members to their second track, Quiet Heart, you are ready to be swayed by the disarmingly simple, yet profound lyrics, "The heater's on / The windows are thin / I'm trying hard to keep this warm in."

But let's say that you, like me, are attracted to someone of the Latin American persuasion. (My wife is from Mexico.) Now your situation is more complex, you need to find music which speaks the language of your loved one's heart, namely, Spanish. For that I have two words: Luis Miguel.

Forget that he is a heartthrob who makes the rest of us guys look ugly as toads in comparison. The man can sing — and sing with a passion. Just a few notes of his music wafting through the air and your proverbial "Latin Lover" will be putty in your hands. You may think that wanting to keep the CD case out of sight — you don't want any comparisons being made.

Now, you are probably saying to yourself, there goes that crazy, transparent campus minister doing it again. He thinks he can use sex to get our attention and then he starts talking about religion.

Well, my answer to that is two-fold: a) yes and b) my point — and I vaguely remember starting out with one — is that some of the greatest music, the greatest love poetry in the history of the Western world (at least) has been inspired by one's relationship with God. Holy women and men have expressed their absolute passion for God in terms which humans usually reserve for that cute guy or gal we have a crush on.

You can find this in some of the writings of the mystics (Meister Eckhart and Julia de Nebra, to name a few), the saints (Francis of Assisi, John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila, for starters) and even in the Jewish and Christian bible.

For more evidence let's look to the Hebrew scriptures. (That's the "Old Testament," for you Christians scoring at home.) The most obvious starting point is the book called "Song of Solomon," also "Song of Songs" (meaning the "greatest song"). This is heavy, passionate stuff. Read it carefully and imagine the characters of Melrose Place dressed in sixth century B.C. middle eastern garb.

"I compare you, my love, / to a mare among Pharaoh's chalices. / Your breasts are like two white rosy balls / Two white balls, / As the moon shines white / The moon in the sky above / Which will not go down / For ever."

"WARMING! Think carefully before comparing your beloved to a horse. This guy got away with it, but you may not be so lucky.

This poetry is describing an idealized human love, but it's also doing something else — and that's why it is in the bible. This relationship is a metaphor for God's love for his people. The covenant between God and human beings is expressed as a love relationship. This is actually rather prevalent throughout the bible. The prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah and Hosea in particular use the imagery of marriage to describe God's covenant with Israel. And you thought the bible was a bunch of pious platitudes abused by zealous preachers out to get your money! Boy that egg looks good on your face.

There's romance in here, kids: passion, even (shhhhh, sex!) Of course it's not just sex for sex' sake, or even just for titillation. It is metaphorical, symbolic, descriptive, pointing to a greater reality. It comes from people for whom God was not a philosophical concept, not an idea, not a force or simply a higher power. For them God was Love...and Love, a personal Creator, Sustainer, Savior. To describe God these people did not resort to mathematical formulae or dry philosophical terminology. They used the language of the heart, the Luis Miguel, Co- between language.

Whether you are a believer or not, I think you can appreciate this. Religion (whatever brand you choose) often turns people off because all it talks about is a dull, dry, abstract concept. But true religion, I heartily believe, is a relationship with a Person — a Divine Person.

Get two persons together and we human beings often get all funny inside, sweaty palms and all that. We open the bottle of wine, put on the music and start whispering sweet nothings.

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Student participation on creative music and reading
An Odyssey of the Night
by Phillip Wagstrom

Greek Council, the Residence Halls Association, Union Board, TechMate, Student Activities Office, and the Office of Student and Academic Affairs, with help from the Finance Board and Student Activities Fund, would like to extend an invitation to all students to attend An Odyssey of the Night on Friday, December 1, 1995.

There is a great deal of enthusiasm from everyone that has heard about it. All of these organizations were looking to do an event that would encompass the whole campus and allow a fun night. JTP doesn't really have anything in the name of a campus-wide formal event. We struck upon the idea of having a boat cruise on the Odyssey II, docked at Navy Pier.

For those of you that don’t know, the Odyssey II is the premiere luxury cruise yacht here in Chicago. It sports a 4-star chef with excellent taste in food and 3 luxury decks for dancing and relaxing. Though normally, this would be at the reach of the typical JTP student due to costs, we felt that this would allow an excellent chance for one final night of fun before finals start.

This will also allow a great opportunity to meet new people that you might not have been able to talk to before. By you’re in representation: Good s, Residence Halls, and Co-naters. In addition, select faculty and Administration have been invited as well. This way you’ll be able to get to know the administration on a personal level and let them know how you feel about things. However, the biggest benefit is to have fun and enjoy the sites of Chicago at night from Lake’s horizon.

The price for students will be $15.00 per person. The package includes a four-star dinner aboard the Odyssey II and dancing during its three to four hour cruise on Lake Michigan, as well as reserved tables to and from Navy Pier if necessary. Tickets will go on sale at Noon on Monday, November 13, 1995 at the HUB office. They will be sole on a first come, first serve basis, and you will be able to buy them with a current JTP student I.D. There are only 300 tickets available.

If you have any questions, please ask them! You can direct them through email to Greek Council (ifo@charlie.acc.lit.edu) or give the HUB Directors office a call at (312) 567-3070. We all hope to see you there!

Indian Poet Writes First English Work

Partnership Book services, the publishing division of Multi-Business Press announced the release of Huma’s English work by Indian poet Bharat Thakkar. The book was released July 31.

Humayn’s English work explores the mysteries of life, love, and the hereafter in poetry that has been compared to "waves on a quiet ocean". Thakkar’s writings are likened to both the poet William Blake and Buddha. They combine the best qualities of Eastern and Western philosophies.

Thakkar has lived in the United States since 1964. He has continued to write and publish in his native India, producing three other books of poetry. In 1968, he received the gold medal for the Gujarati book "Ruch of Grace.

Encouraged by his family and close friend San Pitru, illustrator for the book, Thakkar decided to publish his first all English work.

Thakkar is currently and adjunct assistant professor for the Illinois Institute of Technology's mechanical engineering department, and works for AT&T Bell Laboratories.

Stan Theselin, President of Partnership Book services said, “We are very excited that a poet of Thakkar’s caliber has chosen us to make his American debut.”

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PART VI: SCENE CHANGE

IT WAS NOT UNTIL THURSDAY WHEN I HEARD FROM BLANCHE AGAIN. IT was three days since I met her and the sox man on the EL. I’ve had plenty of time to forgive about the October snoozes and the deadly conversation. Until she left a sanguinary aftertaste in my mouth. That mattered little now, I needed to finish a data structure project and a humanities paper. I was in foetibus when Richard came, in his AFROTC uniform—tortuously neat and well-groomed.

“Hi, Mack,” he said.

“Hi,” I replied.

“Wilt that be all, sir?” the clerk asked me.

“Yes, I replied.

“Very well, sir,” he replied, turning to him.

“Richard asked, disturbingly, “How are you?”

“Fine,” I replied, turning to him.

“That will be two hundred and thirty dollars,” the clerk reported.

“I returned, “You don’t want to charge me, do you?” I queried.

“T the clerk thought for a moment. “You know, you’re right, I really don’t.”

“Of course I’m right,” I replied, gathering up the merchandise. “Why wouldn’t I be?” We left the store, and took a table in the Commons. Nearby, Professor Milosovic, my coarse humanities professor, ate a pizza that I smirred would kill him. The late autumn sun shone through the glass, glazing illusionary warmth. Richard disdainfully regarded my icons, and realized they knew what I had just done. I knew what he was going to say next.

“Mack, why didn’t you pay for those?”


Richard furrowed his brow. Maybe he wanted to believe me, but I knew that he had fewer more ruthless thought than I credited to him. What was he going to say next? If he really knew? You’ve been acting peculiar lately. I’ve known you for years, but not this much; besides, how is it that people can do anything you way? You’re not your usual self—what happened? He knew what old things he could remember.

But Blanche was right there on the EL; she was the only other passenger. When I asked Richard, he replied that he did not remember her. It’s as if she had disappeared. I cannot acknowledge it. Richard is usually, in a manner of sorts, aware of everyone. Perhaps, because of his character, Richard truly cannot see Blanche.

“Careful, Mack, I warned myself. I was about to sound semi-religious. Enough. Besides, how could I explain to Richard what was happening to me? Oh, by the way, I gained some mind-reading powers now. Wanting try? I gazed out the window, and it started to snow.

“Blanchehimm,” Professor Milosovic commented, disturbing my musings. He had risen and wandered over to me. The professor’s eyes gazed over, vast and empty, and bits of pizza dashed from his salivating mouth; he was zombielike. He stuffed a slip of paper in my hands. He looked over, shivering, choking and dying. Richard instinctively ran to save him.

“Mack, call 911,” he ordered, and I obeyed. We were too late. The paramedics came and hauled him away. So many obligations this week! And why Professor Milosovic? He said Blanche before he died; he it be. Why was she doing this to me? I left somehow responsible.

“Enough, Mack,” I commanded myself, “I’ll get you nothing. While Richard and the paramedics continued to converse, my eyes wandered to the slip of paper. I opened it, knowing precisely who it was from. Oddly enough, it was from her. What a surprise.
Affirmative Action: The Facts And The Fallacies

For 30 years, affirmative action has enjoyed bipartisan support as a fair and necessary way to promote equal opportunity, but recently the policy has come under attack as reverse discrimination. Many media pundits and politicians this year actually have asserted that racism is over in this country, negating the very need for affirmative action.

On July 20, the University of California Regents voted to do away with race-based factors in university admissions, hiring, and contracting at the school’s nine campuses. That decision sparked and unresolved national debate, and many other schools have threatened to follow UC’s lead in revoking affirmative action practices.

Listed below are some of the often-asked questions and answers pertaining to this controversial, hot-button topic.

What is affirmative action?

Affirmative action refers to a number of programs designed to open opportunities for women and minorities, who have been systematically excluded from America’s work places and educational institutions.

Affirmative action recognizes that women and minorities continue to be underrepresented and asks that conscious efforts be made to include them. In higher education, such programs include extending recruitment efforts to reach qualified women and minorities. They might also allow race and gender as supplemental criteria in admissions.

While not a panacea for gender and racial discrimination, nor a substitute for economic growth, affirmative action has proven to be the single most important tool to remedy the effects of past discrimination in this country. Since the policy was initiated by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965, millions of women and minorities have gained access into America’s work places and academic institutions.

Isn’t affirmative action just quotas?

No. Quotas are illegal, and any affirmative action program that uses them would be illegal as well. A quota system involves reserving a fixed number of percentage of available positions for members of non-targeted groups from competing. In sharp contrast, most affirmative action plans seek to increase the pool of qualified applicants by using aggressive recruitment and outreach techniques. Flexible goals are created only in order to evaluate progress.

Isn’t affirmative action preferential treatment?

No. Actually, affirmative action is an attempt to remove all preferences. Women and people of color—still trailing white men in employment, salaries, and educational opportunities—can hardly be said to be receiving preferential treatment. In fact, far more white students have entered the gates of the top most elite colleges through “alumni preference” than the combined numbers of blacks and Latinos who have ever entered them through affirmative action.

Isn’t affirmative action reverse discrimination?

begun consideration of omnibus reconciliation legislation designed to balance the federal budget by 2002. In addition, the Senate is due to vote shortly on its version of the fiscal 1996 appropriations bill funding other student aid programs.

As mandated in the budget resolution, the reconciliation bills include proposals that would cut more than $10 billion from the federal student loan program. The Senate version would, for the first time impose a tax on colleges and universities based on the amount of money their students borrow under the federal loan program.

Both the House and the Senate have service, more rapid loan processing for many students, and efficiencies that promise to save the federal government billions of dollars over the next several years.

The reconciliation bills would reduce funding for Department of Education oversight activities that prevent waste, fraud and abuse.

They also contain a provision that would require $1 billion in federal funds to be spent on state grants agencies.

Taken together, the cuts to the student loan program contained in the reconciliation bill and the reductions in other aid programs being considered in appropriations legislation could cost students and their parents up to $15 billion over the next several years. The result of these bills could be higher tuition and reduced access to college for millions of American students.

Congress Proposes To Cut Direct Lending And Financial Aid

by David Merkowitz

Millions of college students and their families will learn over the next several weeks whether the cost of their federal student loans will increase significantly and whether other forms of aid will be less available. In addition, colleges and universities face the prospect of having to pay a new tax to the federal government based on the amount of money their students borrow under the federal loan program.

Both the House and the Senate have

Opposing the Student Loan Tax Credit

The Senate Finance Committee passed a tax credit equal to 20 percent of the interest paid on student loans up to $500. The tax credit may be used only during the first five years of loan repayment. The House bill does not contain this provision.

"We support tax cuts in general," said Noak. "But this provision flies in the face of GOP promises to create a flat (or flatter), simpler tax code and moves us further from a balanced budget.

This program has introduced competition into the student loan system, resulting in significant improvements in

get." It makes no sense to use the tax code to tinker with student aid. Noak added, noting that many recent college graduates would not be able to claim the tax credit because they do not itemize deductions.

"Besides if we are asking the elderly to make sacrifices in Medicare to balance the budget, young people can hardly put our hands out and ask for more for ourselves."

Cash Station, Inc. to Upgrade Financial Services Network

Millions of consumers in the Midwest have come to rely on the 24-hour convenience of the Cash Station network, which provides them with access to their personal computer with a modem, touch-tone telephone, or computer telephone.

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Cash Station Network Upgrade

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ary, customers at specialty-marked ATMs will be able to buy prepaid calling card services in amounts ranging from $10 to $50. The ATM will dispense a receipt with a prepaid calling card number that can be used at any telephone. Each financial institution will elect which, if any, of these services it wishes to provide. Each financial institution will inform its customers of costs and options.

"Technology is changing at an astounding pace, particularly in the financial services arena," says Cole. "This system upgrade will both enable Cash Station, Inc. to maintain the level of reliable service we have provided over the years, and position us to offer even more exciting and sophisticated financial services in the years to come. We value our cardholders' loyal patronage of the Cash Station network and appreciate their patience and understanding as we go through this necessary step to enhance our technological capabilities."
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Cross Country in Beloit, WI
by Jodie Primovic

The Cross Country team traveled to the 33rd Beloit Invitational to race against some of its toughest competition, North Central and Wheaton. This is one of the most challenging and exciting courses of the season. It was a cool, grey day in the wooded Leeson Park. It is famous for it's creek which all the runners must traverse through, and all the spectators get the thrill of seeing the water splashing and mud flying. As the runners continue with soggy, muddy feet, they must jump hay bails and wade through another creek. The women's 3.1 mile race consisted of 133 runners. In 44th place was Jennifer Evans at 21:37, Jodie Prymooze at 23:04, Stephanie Metzger at 23:29, Laurie Powles at 23:55, Kelly Billschner at 24:36, Sam Sheltto at 25:53, Brenda Leeney at 26:37, and Kelly Eldridge at 28:26. The winner of the women's race had a time of 19:14, and the last place finisher came in at 30:13.

The men's 8000 meter race had 136 runners. Crossing the finish line first for IIT was Matt Coffey at 30:37. Following Matt were Amador Contreras at 30:13, Mike Dunlavy at 30:31, John Consolito at 30:49, Brian Schott at 32:35, Jeremy Williamson at 32:41, and Mike Paus at 33:45.

The Cross Country team will be running at Illinois Benedictine next week.
Volleyball Team Falls Short At Tourney

On the weekend of Oct. 27, the women's volleyball team traveled to North Central to play in their annual tournament. The Hawks first played Illinois Benedictine College. IIT started out strong but was plagued with a injury to starting setter Jaime Halloran. After striking her head, Halloran was forced to sit out the rest of the weekend. Tara Lykowski filled in for her, but the Hawks still fell short as they lost to IBC in the fifth game.

The middle hitters dominated the match as Melaan Johnson and Meta Anderson combined for 23 kills. Tara Lykowski connected for 36 assists and contributed with 10 digs. Renate Reinfield saw a lot of playing time because outstaid hitter Chris Gould was sick.

Reinfield did a great job as she added 12 service points, 6 kills, and 7 digs. Renate Reinfield and Melaan Johnson also combined for a total of 8 solo blocks, 4 aces.

On Friday, the Hawks also faced Millikin University. Once again, the Hawks fell short as they lost in four games. Renate Reinfield and Melaan Johnson combined for 19 digs. Melaan Johnson led the team with 7 solo blocks, Melaan Johnson, Meta Anderson, and Renate Reinfield added 10, 12, 12 kills respectively as Tara Lykowski connected for 32 assists.

On Saturday, the Hawks went in for revenge. They first faced Lorenz and got their revenge as they defeated Lorenz in 3 games. Jaime Halloran connected for 20 assists as Renate Reinfield and Melaan Johnson combined for 23 kills. Melaan Johnson and Meta Anderson had 20 block assists. Dara Gray had a great game as she contributed 17 digs and Jaime Halloran added 12 digs.

The last game the Hawks played was against Augsburg College. It was a tough match as it went 5 games, but the Hawks lost in the end. Setters Jaime Halloran and Tara Lykowski combined for 32 assists. Tara Lykowski led the team with 19 digs and also contributed 20 block assists. Middle hitter Melaan Johnson led all hitters with 21 kills.

Check out our weekly sports section this week to see how the Hawks did in the Aquinas Tournament.

Ryno Returns

By Ed Gottfried

On Monday October 30, 1995 Ryno Sandberg made an announcement that shocked the entire baseball world. He announced that he is returning to Major League Baseball at the age of 36 to play for the Cubs. This came as a major shock to the Chicago fans including myself considering only 17 months ago he walked away after only striking the game of baseball, but from a contract that placed him roughly $7 million dollars per season. But, Sandberg was going through the toughest time of his life was able to get divorced a 15 year marriage, and was playing for an organization that he felt was going nowhere largely because of general manager Larry Himes. Himes had literally stripped the top of the title hopes that they might have by letting Greg Maddux, and Andre Dawson leave town via free agency.

But the question remains if this move will be a good one for the Chicago Cubs? In his day Sandberg was the most popular of the Cubs. He was the ballplayer every other wanted their son to be. In his day, his glove was made of gold, and his bat was one of late inning thunder. In his day, he was the spiritual embodiment of all things Cubs. Being with the Ivy and bricks and bleachers in a way few Cubs before him have.

What has been forgotten in that Ryno was starting to fade well before he retired 17 months ago. His power was diminishing. His offense was minimal. His infield range wasn't the same. His competitive zeal was a mere glimmer of what it used to be.

He was never one to rally teammates in the clubhouse, and insiders wondered if he was contributing much of anything for his enormous salary. The question remains should the Cubs have gotten to a different direction, and signed heavy-hitting free agent Craig Biggio of the Houston Astros, and moved Roy Sanchez to shortstop, and try to fill the hole at third party by resigning either Shawon Dunston, or Todd Zeile? This might have given them the missing piece of the puzzle to move them to the next level to challenge the Cincinnati Reds, and the Atlanta Braves.

On the flip side Ryno could come back, and inject some of his competitive fire into this Cubs ball club that is only in the brink of becoming one of the better teams in the National League. His defensive skills could bolster an already solid Cub infield, and his bat would almost certainly be more productive than that of Roy Sanchez.

But, to be realistic I have my doubts about someone coming back into the game at age 36 when most other players are on their way out. It might have been a better move for the Cubs to look in the direction of Craig Biggio who is younger, and more productive. But, this is a good PN. for the rest of baseball which is still trying to heal from the last years strike. I do know how effective Ryno will be this year, but I know one thing that is for sure is that no one will be talking for Ryno harder this year than myself. I hope he can prove all the critics wrong, and boost his stats for the next step after his career is over...The Hall of Fame.

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The women's volleyball team will be playing in the first round of the conference playoffs on Wednesday, Nov. 8th at 7:30 in Keating Sports Center against Trinity Christian.

Let's "Pack the Place" as we cheer our Hawks on to victory!