A Funny Feeling: The Cafeteria
An in-depth look into the IIT dining experience

Sandeep Gangireddy
Investigative Reporter

With eager anticipation, students wait in line clutching their red plastic trays, craning their necks to get a look at what's being served. Move closer to the front of the line, and the line suddenly transforms into a group of prisoners waiting for a scoop of mush.

Any of these students will tell you that there are many problems with IIT's cafeterias. Unfortunately, few people have spent the time or resources to advance their initial analysis of "man, this food really sucks," into something that can be used to correct the problem.

For this reason, TechNews conducted a month-long investigation, and compiled a comprehensive 18-page report analyzing the dining services at IIT, as well as possible solutions.

The following series of articles are only a summary of the report. We encourage you to read the entire report located at http://www.ilt.edu/publications/technews.

Change will only happen if students voice their opinions. If you support these problems and solutions, send an email with the line "I support the food report" to cafeteria management at pittrell@iit.edu.

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Tragedy Strikes Spring Breaker
Mourning, sorrow, and despair cloud Spring Break in Fort Lauderdale as NJ teenager dies from fall

Jose O'Brien
News Editor

Thousands of spring breakers will travel to Fort Lauderdale, Florida to celebrate the 2001 Millennium Spring Break, according to a recent telephone survey conducted by Concierge Consultants Inc. This year will be unforgettable for many after a New Jersey teenager was killed after a three story fall from his motel room.

Michael Santiago, 19, was rushed to Broward General Medical Center early Sunday with head and leg injuries, according to the testimony of Fort Lauderdale police detective Mike Reed. Santiago was listed in extremely critical condition.

Witnesses said Santiago, a student at Rutgers University, was trying to jump into the Days Inn's swimming pool from his room's balcony 20 feet away when he lost his footing on the railing and slipped.

"There were a lot of kids up there drinking and I saw him jump off once and he made it," said motel guest Michael Ball, 20, of Erie, Pa. "He went to grab the railing (for some leverage) and he slipped. His head hit the second floor railing and it looked like he hit the ground directly on his head."

Paramedics said they arrived at the motel four minutes after getting a 911 call, adding that Santiago probably landed on his legs first, injured them and then hit his head.

Reed said it had been some time since an accident like Santiago's occurred in Fort Lauderdale. During the city's Spring Break heyday in the early 1980s, many partiers died or were injured trying to perform similar stunts.

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Saving Our Shoreline
Lakefront revetment project

Nathan Corbett
Reporter

Along Chicago's lakefront just southeast of campus, the land is falling. Beneath the surface, large caverns are suspected and the huge limestone blocks are crumbling into Lake Michigan.

Battered by decades of wave action, many blocks are out of place, sunken, or have been eroded into mere debris. The College of Architecture has been asked to recommend a plan that will restore the structural functionality of the barrier while ensuring a pleasing environment for park users.

A revetment is the wall that retains and protects the land from erosion, and the current one is reaching the end of its life. It is made from timber piles filled by stone and capped by lime-

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Tragedy

Local officials stated that Spring Break started in Fort Lauderdale 16 years ago in 1985. Over the years, Spring Breakers have flocked to Fort Lauderdale by the thousands. In 1989, more than 350,000 students spent their Spring Break in the Fort Lauderdale Area.

Then in 1990, the politicians from Fort Lauderdale and Broward County decided to end Spring Break. They were successful. Only a few thousand Spring Breakers came in 1990.

Spring Break and the City of Fort Lauderdale went in different directions. The Spring Break era was over!

In 1991, Don Meyer, Lisa Jennaro and the staff of Concierge Consultants, Inc. decided to challenge the political machine. The campaign to get the students to come back to Fort Lauderdale was started. Since 1990, most of the anti-student politicians have not been re-elected according to recent records.

Most of the residents and businesses have extended their hospitality to the Spring Breakers. The number of Spring Breakers has increased each year with 2000 having a very impressive number. Over 80,000 Spring Breakers enjoyed Fort Lauderdale.

After this year's tragedy; however, local establishments and vacationers will implement security measures during what should be an experience of a lifetime in Fort Lauderdale.

Cisco Delivers Career Possibilities

Internet giant, Cisco Systems, highlights newest technology at Illinois Tech career fair

Mujahid Zaidi
Reporter

With the efforts of IEEE staff and its members at Illinois Tech, Cisco arranged a comprehensive seminar for students eager to begin their technical careers. Although computer science majors were of specific interest to Cisco’s representatives, students from every field of study could apply for a position.

In the seminar, students were given brief and comprehensive lectures on the latest advancements of technology and its uses. The event revolved around answering how Cisco was able to grasp the full Internet market today, and how students can become a part of it.

The seminar took place on Wednesday, February 28 in the HUB. The main idea behind the whole program was the speech and presentation on the latest models of technology and how Cisco is helping this technology to make its way towards real advancements with students’ help.

Through a multimedia showcase, a Cisco representative patiently described the system designed by Cisco to introduce technology to the emerging students.

Cisco, the worldwide leader in networking for the Internet, is one of the biggest Software development companies. Since manufacturing its first product in 1986, the company has grown into a global market leader that holds either the first or the second place in market share in virtually every market segment it participates.

According to recent studies, Cisco has among the largest market capitalization in the world.

In just ten years of being declared a public company, Cisco has shaped its way to an immense success.

Since 1998, Cisco’s annual revenues have risen from $69 million to $18.9 billion in the 2000 fiscal year according to Cisco executives.

Most of this anticipated success has been due its innovative breakthrough ideas. Cisco’s management decided to build a career fair in Illinois Tech to help future leaders in technology choose their future.

Cisco’s networking solutions connect people, computing devices, and computer networks; allowing people to access or transfer information without regard to differences in time, place or type of computer system.

This achievement was a result of hard work and devotion of Cisco management and its employees.

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stone blocks with concrete seams, each block weighing 2-5 tons. At the end of 55th Street, the revetments protect Promontory Point, one of Chicago’s best-used lakefront parks.

The Point, as it is known, is located in the Hyde Park neighborhood just minutes away from the Main campus. A continuous bicycle and pedestrian path links it with miles of other attractions along the lakefront, including the beach and fieldhouse at 51st Street, which is the closest access point to Illinois Tech. Competing needs to protect the land from flooding and still provide public access are causing the source of debate.

According to College of Architecture Dean Donna Robertson, the four main issues are water access for recreation, universal access in all such locations, maintaining aesthetic and historical designs, and loss of use during the duration of the project. While the entire revetment replacement extends for miles, she is focused on the section from 54th to 57th Streets. The federal-city partnership, number of agencies involved, public interest in and scrutiny of the high visibility location, and historic and cultural aspects create a unique challenge, according to Robertson.

The current huge limestone slabs provide terraced steps on which people can sit, walk, or lie down and they extend right up to the water. Users want them to be replaced with similar blocks. Their imperfect shapes, textured surface and light hue create a warm feel that machined gray concrete would eliminate. They also blend naturally with the landscape of the Point, designed by famous architect Alfred Caldwell, who had two 15-year terms in the fall and finishing the second following spring.

U.S. Congressman Bobby Rush (D-IL-1st) invited President Low Collins to participate in the renovations, according to Robertson. The project is a collaboration between the Chicago Park District, Chicago Department of Environment, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Studio Professor Dirk Denison and Assistant Professor Frank Flurin join Robertson on the project, and she credits 5th Ward Alderwoman Leslie Hairston with “overseeing the entire process” and “bringing groups together.” Many non-governmental groups and private individual citizens have had input.

Robertson says that the College of Architecture was invited to participate because of its design activity and knowledge of engineering. Just as important is “being a good neighbor” in its advisory role. Her task is to “supervise the development of new designs,” although the final decisions will be made by the groups who paid for the study.

Dean Robertson herself has prior experience, acting as a consultant on the Whitney Young Pool Restoration in New Orleans’ Audubon Park. Both projects are community-based design processes, a specific method of involving the community in planning projects.

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**TUESDAY**

SLC meeting, 9:30 pm, EI auditorium

**WEDNESDAY**

Greek Council, 9:30 pm, TBA
Graduate Salute Commencement, 3:30 – 6:30 pm, HUB Lobby
Internet Searching Workshop, 3:00 – 4:00 pm, Galvin Library, Canvas Room

**THURSDAY**

Finance Board Workshop, 12:00 pm, HUB
Baseball at Concordia, 3:00 pm, Concordia
Saturday Night Fever, 7:30 pm, Chicago Series Event
TechNews meeting, 9:30 pm, HUB Cafeteria
Vertical Limit, 9:00 pm, HUB auditorium
Union Board Bog Nite: “Painful Teeth,” 10:00 pm – 1:00 am, Bog

**FRIDAY**

Internet Sources for Science and Technology Workshop, 1:00 – 2:00 pm, Galvin Library
Phoenix Regional Event, all day, TBA
Vertical Limit, 7:00 & 10:00 pm, HUB auditorium
Baseball at Home vs. North Park, 12:00 pm, Illinois Tech

**SUNDAY**

Vertical Limit, 3:00 pm, HUB auditorium

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Dorm Food not Fit for Dogs
An in-depth report on the problems with our dorm cafeteria

SANDEEP GANGIREDDY
Investigative Reporter

Rock hard cookies, tasteless jello, recycled rice, recycled overcooked pasta, and stale bread are not uncommon in the IIT main dorm cafeteria.

Food is not only recycled in the main dorm cafeteria, but also improperly handled. Cafeteria managers should realize that the customer is the boss and should make every effort to accommodate the dietary needs and preferences of every individual student.

Food recycling should be kept to a bare minimum by investigating better food management. Statistical surveys can be done to show the amount of food item eaten every day, and the amount prepared can thus be altered accordingly.

A far more shocking problem is the improper manner in which certain food items are preserved. Lunch meat and salad bar items are not put away after lunch, leaving them un-refrigerated for seven hours.

Why the Bog is a Drag
Problems with the Bog that put fear in the hearts of men

Enter the Bog on any night other than a Thursday day, and be greeted with a deserted land of empty tables. The eerie theme music to Jerry Spring plays in the background and is enough to scare even the most hardened of students.

Check the menus, and you'll get the feeling you're in a ghost town. The menu's are out of date, and many items are non-existent. The men on the board offer a chicken salad on a croissant, but this item has never been available for the last year and a half.

The table menus are also out of date and poorly written. Flavors for items such as muffins are not listed, and students often end up with a "mystery muffin."

The Bog also experiences the same pricing problems that the HUB experiences. Exchange regular fries for early fries on your meal, and you'll be charged the full price of the early fries, not the difference. The Bog needs to correct this soon, as many students tire of being ripped off.

Another pricing anomaly is that the cafeteria states that a Hawk Meal dinner is worth $6.25, yet I can't purchase wings for $3.75 using my meal credit. If all I want is wings, I am forced to use $3.75 off my points, while my meal worth $6.25 goes to waste. The Bog should let students get what they want using meals, and return or charge the difference.

Perhaps most concerning is the lack of information regarding what meals a student can have with a Hawk Meal. What is allowed on the Hawk Meal should be posted, otherwise students are left in the dark.

The most disturbing problem noted with the Bog is the service. A typical experience to expect at the Bog is to arrive and wait around for a few minutes for the cashier to pay attention to you.

When the cashier finally does notice you, she will most likely respond "What?", as if she doesn't expect students to be placing orders. After placing an order, your card will be snatched from your hands, and thrown back in front of you. Many students are scared of the employees in the Bog, and stay away only because of the terrible service.

Bog employees should be trained how to treat customers. Employees don't have to act as if they're having the time of their life, but they should be attentive, polite, and professional. Employees need to be disciplined, and an online comment card would help to keep track of complaints and suggestions for the Bog.

Drinks of Gold
Why drinks at the HUB and BOG are worth 100 times more than drinks at the Dorm Cafeteria.

Many a nervous freshman make the mistake of asking for a drink refill at the BOG or the HUB. After having the door slammed in their face, they walk back to their table with their tall between their legs, and wonder why it has to be this way.

Why is a drink at the HUB or the BOG worth so much more than at the Dorm? The answer is simple. It's not.

Drinks at the dorm cafeteria, HUB, and BOG all employ the same soda and juice made from mix, the same coffee, and the same milk. The fountain beverages are worth the same, and so is the milk and coffee. At the Dorm cafeteria, students are allowed as much soda, milk, juice, and coffee as they want. Yet students are restricted to only one 16 oz. cup at the HUB and BOG.

I could drink 100 glasses of juice in the dorm cafeteria on my meal plan, and the total value of my drinks would be the same as if I got one 16 oz. juice at the HUB. With this comparison, one would think HUB and BOG drinks are made of gold, and not of
THROWING MONEY DOWN THE CRAPPER

How the cafeteria can force you to throw away $90 a week

Students’ money is thrown down the drain because they are being prohibited from using the meals they paid for. This is absolutely ridiculous. Why would anyone pay for a meal credit if they’re not allowed to use it?

Loss of meal card points and students being banned from using their meal card twice at one meal is a problem for many students.

On a typical Friday morning, a typical student, let’s call him Bob, wakes up late and runs to the HUB to grab a few bites to eat before he realizes that his class starts in 10 minutes. Since Bob didn’t get a proper lunch before, he decides to go back to the HUB and get lunch again. “Meh, I’ve got meals to spare”, he thinks. Unfortunately, Bob’s card will be rejected.

Bob often misses breakfast, and has only used 10 of his 19 meals for that week. Seeing as how he has enough meal credits to buy 5 lunches, and still eat brunch and dinner on the weekend, why shouldn’t he be allowed to eat again right? But alas, when he swipes his card, it will still be rejected.

If we take a similar scenario and say a student missed all 19 meals during a week and then decided to blow them all on Sunday dinner for his friends, the cafeteria could literally force him to throw $90 down the drain by saying no.

Now that I have students salivating with the anticipation of getting more meal for their money, the question is how? The meal plan and snack shop policies should be revised in such a manner that students are allowed to use their meal credits whenever they want, and any unused meals should be converted into snack shop points. Students should be allowed to eat as many breakfasts, dinners, or lunches they want as long as they have the meal credits for them.

Students who have extra meal credits should be allowed to use those credits to treat guests to meals. The students already paid for those meals, and should have every right to use them in whatever manner they choose fit. Left over meal credits at the end of every week should be converted into a dollar amount and added to that students snack shop points.

The average cost of a meal at IIT per day is $4.9167 (averaging breakfast, lunch, and dinner). Thus about $5 should be returned to students for every meal credit left over at the end of the week.

If the problem ended here, I could stop writing this article and we could all go back to watching the Simpsons. Unfortunately, students are still getting the short end of the stick on top of these problems. Meal credits and points left over at the end of every school year vanish into the pocket of Sodexo Marriot.

At the end of the semester, left over meal credits and points shouldn’t magically “disappear” into the wallets of the IIT dining services. They should be carried over into the next semester, or returned to students in the form of a refund check.

Until these changes are made, Sodexo Marriot will continue to force you to throw your hard-earned money down the crapper.

The cafeteria forces students to throw away money? Students pay hard-earned money for their meals at IIT cafeteria, yet time and time again, students are prohibited from taking advantage of those meals.

IIT Coffee Shop

A bold new plan for a coffee shop in the HUB

Coffee is the drug of choice of the American people. Young and old, the masses breathe life into their tired bodies day after day with the help of coffee.

The HUB could profit immensely, while increase morale on campus, by selling premium coffee all day long.

The window gate on the corner of the HUB cafeteria could be used to sell coffee to students. Since the HUB window gate is closest to the revolving doors, it is in an optimal position to sell coffee to students and professors walking to and from classes.

Many smaller community colleges, such as Montgomery College in Maryland have successful mini coffee shops. Business is obtained from students, professors, and visitors.

Personnel should be appointed to investigate the feasibility of selling coffee all day long. Many students here, as at most colleges, would purchase Starbucks or Seattle’s Best Coffee from the HUB if it were available all day long at a convenient location.

Coffee shops at colleges like the University of Maryland College Park and RPI offer specials to students and professors, promoting business. These specials are often “coffee club” cards, giving students and professors a frequent buyer promotions. This coffee shop would compete with the 7-11’s monopoly on the coffee business at IIT, lowering prices and increasing sales.

A convenient, full-time coffee shop benefits the HUB, students, faculty, and the entire IIT community at large.

The Last Line of Defense

As investigative report on the problems with the HUB cafeteria

If you ask any upperclassman how they live on campus food, they’ll all tell you the same thing, “I eat at the HUB every chance I get!”.

The HUB is seen by many as the only cafeteria on campus with good food, and it certainly deserves its reputation. The food and service at the HUB set the standard for IIT’s cafeterias.

Chef Pascual Moreno sets the standard here, as he serves the best food, is extremely fast, and is friendly to every customer. But even IIT’s best can’t boast perfection.

The food at the HUB is of high quality, which you’ll quickly notice when you go to pay for your meal. Most students experience sticker shock when they are forced to pay for what they thought was included with points.

The problem with prices at the HUB is that they are inconsistent for various items. Take orange juice for example. With any hawk meal, a 16 oz. soda is included. Clearly stated is the $0.30 extra charge if soda is replaced with minute maid juice. Unfortunately, cashiers at the register seem to think that this applies to any beverage and any size for persons using a Hawk Meal.

To test this theory, my friend and I both purchased 20 oz. beverages. He filled his with coke, a distinctive dark brown color, while I filled mine with orange juice. Both of us were charged the extra 30 cents. In the end, my friend was overcharged 30 cents, and I was undercharged 10 cents.

This isn’t just the case with taking a larger drink, as I have also been charged 30 cents extra when taking a 12 oz cup of juice. Since this size normally costs 70 cents, I should only have been charged 25 cents. Cashiers need to be re-educated about what they are doing.

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Illinois Tech's Culinary Sensation
Pascual serves up good service and good food with a smile

STEVEN MORNO
Editor-in-Chief

Sizzling salad, sautéed beef, and overflowing chicken fajitas overwhelm even the most insatiable of appetites at Pascual’s station in the Herman Union Building cafeteria.

Culinary veteran Pascual Moreno knows how to make customers keep coming back — good service and good food. Known to most students simply as Pascual, he caters to each individual customer. "The customer is my boss," says Moreno.

Modest and understated, Moreno warmly greets each student and faculty member with a smile and the phrase, "what would you like my friend." Moreno then prepares your meal in front of you, tailored to your every desire.

Although Moreno does not have any formal culinary training, he has acquired a wide array of experience. Stir fry’s, western omelets, and pepper steaks are counted among his specialties. Striving for culinary perfection, Moreno constantly trains under various chefs to offer exciting new cuisines.

"I like my job," says Moreno. Cooking is not just Moreno's occupation, but his passion. In fact, Moreno is known for his zesty homemade salsa, made from vegetables and spices from his own garden.

Accompanied by his wife and three sons, Moreno left Guanajuato, Mexico almost 20 years ago. Since then, he has worked for Carson International for 18 years before coming to Illinois Tech. A member of the IIT community for almost two years now, Moreno brings a refreshing enthusiasm and passion to the dining experience at IIT.

"His friendly attitude, and devotion to quality make him the ideal model for Sodexho's service," says Gary Koo.

"He makes great food, and he's friendly to everybody," says Chris Boyd.

It's no wonder that Moreno enjoys a large group of loyal patrons. Quality, attitude, and personalized service is what you can expect from our local culinary maestro, Pascual Moreno.

No Points left Blues?

Problems with the IIT Snack Shop

Confusion, hostility, helplessness. These are the emotions one would expect to see from students at a high class restaurant, not at the register of the snack shop. This wondrous, however, is for an entirely different reason.

It begins with the lack of healthy beverages such as juice. Aside from the over priced smoothies offered, there are no peanuts sold by the snack shop with more than 10% juice.

Resources for beverages are poorly used, and many students would most likely enjoy purchasing coffee, tea, or hot chocolate. Students should be able to purchase minute maid juice, coffee, tea, milk, and hot chocolate.

Another problem is that employees display poor judgement in handling customers with special needs. Many students are vegetarians for religious reasons. When employees cook veggie burgers, they often use the same spatula to handle meat and veggie burgers. Sometimes chefs cook veggie burgers in the left over grease from a hamburger, offending the students. Chefs should allocate a separate spatula and plate on the grill for vegetarian foods.

The previously available Snapple line of drinks was highly popular with the students, whereas the new Tradewinds brand is a poor substitute. Many students feel the Snapple's were a much better choice. Also, the cost of the Tradewinds drinks at $3.75 seems a bit inflated. The cost of snack shop fountain beverages are also highly inflated, considering students were allowed to have all they wanted only a few hours before dinner. Beverages should be cheaper, and

Drinks

carbonated sugary water.

Since drinks are the same at both the HUB and the dorm cafeteria, students using the Hawk Plan should be allowed as much drink as they want. Refills should be free, and could be enforced for students with the meal plan only. Cashiers should simply let any student who used a Hawk Meal return for free refills. Students could wave their ID cards, proving that they ate on the meal plan. This would ensure that no student goes thirsty, and

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Since this breaks FDA guidelines which mandate that packaged foods sold individually must have a nutrition label, it is possible that legal action could be taken against the snack shop, Sodexho Marriott, and IIT. Sodexho Marriott has enough problems on its hands as it is, as it is currently facing a class action law suit from African Americans who believe Marriott management exhibits racism in selecting who receives promotions.

The snack shop should sell legitimate food, and place time-date labels on all ready made items.

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LAST DEFENSE

everything is worth and in basic mathe-
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chart for what you should be charged
for a drink on the Hawk Meal.

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purchasing my meal, I replaced my al-
lowed drink with a 16 oz. coffee. The
drink I am allowed is valued at $0.75,
and the drink I replaced it with costs
$1.25. Instead of being charged the
difference, I was charged the full $1.25.

Students should be allowed to substi-
tute lunch items with other items of
their choice. If the item costs less, they
should be refunded the difference
in value on their meal card. This should
apply not only for beverages, but for all
items.

It seems pretty simple right? sell items
at their value rather than on a barter sys-
tem. Even so, management seems to have
a problem with it.

A problem that many light eaters face is
the cost of the salad bar at the HUB.
Even though the salad items offered
in the HUB are the same as they are in
the Dorm cafeteria, students are restricted
to an extremely small amount. Students are
forced to weigh out small amounts of
salads for lunch, which is often all they
can afford to eat at the HUB on their
meal card.

While at obviously can not be argued
that all food at the Dorm cafeteria is of
equal quality to that at the HUB, and
thus students should be allowed to have
as much as they want at both
places, salads are an exception.
There is no special preparation or
increase in quality for the salads at
the HUB, making it worth not
as much as the salad in the Dorms.
Students should be allowed as
much salad item as they want. This
could be enforced for any student
who had an ITD E card.

Beverage Chart:
Your 16 oz drink is worth $7.25 cents. Follow the chart to see what you should be charged on a hawk meal for each beverage. The prices were taken from the HUB beverage menu board.

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Dorm Food

meal separately for the small number of
students who eat Kosher or Halal, a
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consumption.

The IIT cafeteria has the worst web site
I have ever seen for any college cafeteria.
Upon investigating the many Top 50 and Tier 2 schools, I couldn't find a single cafeteria website that is worse than ours.
Not only does the cafeteria website look like it was designed by a 4
year old, but its information is out of date, incorrect, and utterly useless
Anybody. The best ideas from many col-
leges include an online comment card, online menus, ability to check points online, a menu mailing list, ability to order pizza online, and the ability to put money on your card via credit card.

Lack of variety in the IIT Dorm cafeteria is a problem seen far too often. Even at the international table, where variety is the key feature, chefs fail to realize that changing the name of the stir fry
and adding an ingredient like carrots
does not make it different. There’s a whole lot of food out there, try cook-
ing some Korean soon du bok, some Thai pineapple salad, some Mexican pizza, some Indian curry chicken, some French crepes, some Japanese tempura, any-
thing new.

An extremely simple and cheap way to
improve variety would be to emulate
Franklin and Marshall College’s waffle
iron idea. The college places two deep
pockets of Belgian waffle irons on a table
every morning, along with a pitcher of
batter, and dishes with blueberries,
strawberries, peaches, and whip cream.
Students create their own waffles with
the batter, and choose the toppings of
their choice. The waffle iron is so popu-
lar at some schools that it is often avail-
able all day long.

Franklin and Marshall also employs
“special beverage days.” The cafeteria
buys a number of oranges, limes, and
lemons for use at one meal. An employee
then uses a manual metal juice press,
available very cheap, to make fresh juice
for any student who wishes some. Juice

from half a citrus fruit is combined with
sugar water, making a ball park fresh
drink.

Even if creativity was employed and
new food items were served, sub par
ingredients would still be a problem for
students. The ice-cream can be c Hands on in the kitchen, using the ice-cream
seems to contain more water than any
milk. Management needs to find the bal-
ance between quality and quantity. No-
body would pay for one bowl of melted
disgusting ice-cream, but many people
pay huge prices for a small bowl of high
quality ice cream.

One of the worst policies enforced by
the cafeteria is the one prohibiting stu-
dents from taking food from the cafet-
aria. If a student is in the middle of eat-
ing an apple and has to leave for class,
he is forced to throw away that apple
since he can’t take it with him. Later in
the day he will get hungry, and will eat
more because he didn’t get to finish that
apple.

At other schools like RPI, management
knows that students who carry food
with them make better use of it. It makes
sense to assume that if they plan to
carry the food around with them, they
will most likely take less and waste less
since they have to carry it. Thus IIT
should allow students to take what they
want from the cafeteria.

Many students also experience a prob-
lem with employees. Some employees
need to be trained in customer relations.
Customers should be treated with re-
spect, and they should in turn treat the
employees with respect. While most em-
ployees are friendly and helpful, there
are a few that have a rude dispo-
sition, are confrontational, and treat
customers with disrespect. Some have
earned names such as the “hamburger
nazi”, because of how they treat custom-
ers. Employees who are reported should
be disciplined, and those who exhibit
exemplary service should be rewarded.

The key to resolving all of these prob-
lems is for the cafeteria to act more like
a professional restaurant, and less like
an elementary school cafeteria. Manage-
ment and employees need to be re-ed-
cuated, and need to investigate solutions
to problems.

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Who knows what evil lurks in
The Shadows... Gary knows?!!?

GARY KOO
Guest Writer

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erally understood qualities of a
good paper include unbiased writ-
ing, fairness, accuracy, honesty and
good writing. The Shadow tried to
play itself off as a good paper, yet has none of
the above.

The Shadow is "IIT's Underground News-
paper for the students... by the students." That
little statement is quite funny, as it seems that
after perusing much of the publication, it is
quite apparent that everything was written
by the same person, despite the 4 supposed
people on the staff of The Shadow.

In its first issue, the claim to be better than
TechNews seems ill founded and quite hypo-
critical...

The Shadow: "Of course, some people are
bound to dislike us... that always happens
with good newspapers."

If all good newspapers have people that
dislike them, doesn't that mean if PrinceOfAmber
dislikes TechNews, that TechNews is in fact a
good publication? Not to mention if you are
trying to state that The Shadow is a good pub-
lication, shouldn't you at least say, "that al-
ways happens to good newspapers." [sic] Grammatical mistakes such as these are fre-
quent throughout the writing. Aren't compe-
et editors an integral part of any good pub-
lication, not to mention at least SOMEONE to
proofread?!!!

TS: "Free press has returned to IIT"

Proclaiming itself as an "underground news-
paper", The Shadow assumes it is "free press.
"Congratulations to one and all...free press
has returned to IIT." That would imply that
free press previously existed at IIT. That neg-
egates the statement that The Shadow is "IIT's first underground paper"

TS: "I could give you my opinion on the mat-
ter, but I choose to let my actions speak for
themselves. What I did was start this - IIT's first underground paper."

If you were to let your actions speak for
themselves, then why would you even have to say that? Sec-
ondly, "I have done no research, and have not thought this
through." If you want those actions to scream, then your actions can
easily be heard. As it turns out, TechNews was started as an "un-
derground paper", and I'm sure that throughout IIT's existence, there
have been a few more other than TechNews.

The student poll is a farce within itself.
It is obviously made up, as being able to take a poll with preci-
sion to 0.03% means a few things.
First, that means that at least
3333.337 students were polled. Ac-
cording to Henry Martinez, an am-
bassador of IIT and the president
one at that, the undergraduate popula-
tion is 1700; graduate population is
2900; which leads to a grand total of approximately 4200 students at
IIT. Now take into account that 40%
of the student population commutes, I would have to say polling 3533
people must have been quite diffi-
cult. If done at all. I don't remember being polled by
anyone, and neither do 15 other people I have asked. Statistically at least 3 out of 4 people that attend IIT
should have been polled, and as a result at least 12 of
us should have remembered being polled. Good news-
papers seem to fudge their polling don't they?

TS: "I'm not going to lie to you"

Seems a bit comical now, doesn't it, especially since
it's in the mission statement...

TS: "This is change, and change is good"

Change is inherently good? What kind of half-baked
statement is that? I'm used to rich people lost
off all my money in the stock market. It's a change, so it
must be good, just like The Shadow...

TS: "SI: My pleasure...join IEEE."

(I'm sure that "Dr. Safari Johnny" specified the..."
Now isn't PrinceOfAmber obsessed with the..."? But wait, this interview was done by Cyborg Tesser

TS: "Legal Information (so we don't get sued)

How could one go about suing an anonymous
"group" of writer(s). This publication must also have
a crack team of lawyer(s) be-

TS: "If you really don't like us, stop reading this publication! What are you doing???? You don't
like our opinions, so bug off!"

If you didn't like TechNews, why didn't you "bug off?"!!!

TS: "A stunningly close depiction of the offended part at the Carnitas Weekend con-

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TS: "If you really don't like us, stop reading this publication! What are you doing???? You don't
like our opinions, so bug off!"

If you didn't like TechNews, why didn't you "bug off?"!!!

TS: "A stunningly close depiction of the offended part at the Carnitas Weekend comedia-

performance." (the caption beneath a shot of Fat Bastard played by Mike Myers in Aus-

The Shadow

Shaged me)

Mike Myers was here?!?!

TS: "First, one last bit of school-bashing...

If it were the first last bit of school bashing, wouldn't it just be "a bit of school-
bashing"? Another thing, what's with the repeat occurrence of "..." when this was
written by another staff member, holden...

TS: "Should the internet be free?"

This section of The Shadow begins by bla-
tantly misinterpreting gnus.com. "The
Internet Was Meant to be Free" uses the
word "free" in terms of freedom, not free
meaning of having no consequence or price.
This bit is repeated through the whole "ar-
ticle," which is a long-winded blurb in the
clothing of an article...

Generally understood qualities of a good
paper include unbiased writing, fairness,
accuracy, honesty and good writing. The
Shadow tries to play itself off as a good
paper, yet has none of the above. "For the
students... by the students." If there was
an editor for The Shadow, it should have
been edited to "For the student, by the
student." The Shadow is quite the under-
achiever within the ranks of underground
publications. It is an underground paper
with nothing underground. It has no con-
spicuity theories, pro/anti-drug articles,
any type of political stance for that mat-
ter, or anything that has to do with the
ture and proper underground. In fact the
only thing that could be underground about The Shadow is that it may have been
printed in east basement...

Even TechNews had an article that said
certain drugs should be legalized and why.
Would you like to hire me for my "bash-
ing" skills? I am not a member of the
TechNews staff, but just another student
"like everyone else on campus..."
Fard Muhammad
Guest Writer

IT IS WITH MUCH PRIDE AND ENTHUSIASM THAT I WELCOME YOU TO THE 21ST MILLENNIUM OF THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR. YES—that’s right, I’m one of those "Y2K Party Poopers" scaring everyone about the year 2000 and how it’s the right year for the millennium.

Now, don’t get me wrong. I was among the millions of people watching their TVs on New Year’s Eve 1999 while the media welcomed the rollover into the year 2000. I celebrated the rollover with family and friends as the year that first began to feel "swucked across at midnight, but only as a year—NOT as a millennium in any way. It has been a strong belief of mine that the millennium is one year, that if one follows the calendar (if only for time-keeping reasons), then one must celebrate the millennium on the mathematically correct date.

For those of you who still do not understand why the millennium should be celebrated on a year as socially unacceptable as 2001 instead of the global attractive year 2000, let me briefly explain:

Years on a calendar are ordinals (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.) not cardinals (0, 1, 2, 3, etc.). The years on a calendar are like pages in a book. The first year AD begins on page one, not page zero. (Find me a book with that "a page zero", not including a table of contents.) Once one full page has been written at the beginning of year two, the AD calendar is one year old. Thus, the first hundred pages would end after the 1,000th page is complete, which is at the beginning of page 1,001.

The same thing goes for centuries and millennia—the second century begins in 111. The second millennium begins on 1,001. If the millennium were to be celebrated on 1,000 AD, then only 999 years would have elapsed. A millennium is 1,000 years. No less. No more.

Millennia are not gueestimates or conjectures, they are mathematical constants (we don’t say that a kilometer is "about 1,000" metres—its exactly 1,000 metres.) Using arithmetic, 999 + 1,000 is exactly 1,999 years and is not a millennium and cannot be treated as such. Since the 2nd Millennium began in 1,001, then the 3rd Millennium must begin 1,000 years later—the year 2001.

Another thing to ponder—calling the year 2000 the beginning of the 21st Century is an oxymoron. If you remember the AD calendar were to begin on the non-sense year zero, then the calendar would also have to begin on the non-sense century zero, and the non-sense millennium zero. Therefore, 2000 would be the beginning of the 20th Century, which is a contradiction.

There are those who wish to create a "phantom year zero" in history so that the year 2000 could be celebrated as a millennium. Please keep in mind that the year zero would bump every date in the AD calendar down one year (So IIIT would have been founded in the year 1889, for instance).

Thus, the millennium would begin in 2001; but it would be observed the year after since it was bumped down from 2000. So the celebratory year that I’m arguing for would be correct nonetheless.

This is the first modern Gregorian century when we as a people celebrate its beginning with a year ending with zero. Look at the newspapers from pre-vious centuries. You’ll see that the main celebrations were made on 1901, 1801, etc. The London Times considered celebrating the 19th Century in 1800 to be foolish.

So what’s the allure that made us forego arithmetic to celebrate a millennium one year early? Sometimes, things are obvious. The majority of the nation today were spoon-fed the notion of 2000 AD being the start of something big since childhood. 2000 was the symbol of the future. Put a "2000" in front of a 1950s product, and you gain sci-fi level status (First there was the Paper Master—nothere’s the Paper Master <p=2000>!)

Most of society is also stuck with odometer syndrome—we love to see all those 5s on an odometer to turn all zeroes to millions like 2000 miles or 15,000 miles. That sudden change from our group of numbers to another illicit a sense of discovery and wonder ("This car has taken me 1,000 miles. Let’s see where we go now...") The change of numbers from 1 —to 2—is something that bumbles masked into thinking how far we’ve progressed.

Some other reasons are a bit subtler. 2000 is a good even number, 2001 seems out of place or a lot of people. Also the celebration for New Years 2000 went from a Friday to a Saturday, the perfect days with the mindset for celebration. New Years 2001 went from a Sunday to a Monday—the worst days for the mindset for celebration. Finally, those little zeroes at the end looks "cooler". One can form Olympic rings, corporate logos, and grand designs with the use of three full circles. 2001 has that abrasive line at the end.

Stubborn celebrants of the year 2000, though, made all sorts of excuses to justify their mathematical inaccuracy. They blame everyone from the people who made the calendar to the millen-rium purists themselves. They use unanswerable statements like "we celebrate of the significance of the number 2000," "People are not born at one year old," "Computers count from zero, so why not we?"

Most of the statements are given without merit or solid evidence. And usually, they speak louder than the millennium persists and thus drowned out any thing they have to say, for it’s a general feeling that "no one really cares about 2001 except for that guy who did the movie about that killer computer..." There are even those who argue that the Gregorian calendar wasn’t even observed at the pivotal 1 AD mark, so even though there was no year zero, the people who lived in 2001 years ago did not believe that the year was 1 AD.

However, that excuse is not a justification for violating the laws of mathematics. Simply because the calendar wasn’t observed for all the years of the AD calendar, doesn’t mean that is meant to be misconstrued.

However, despite all the psychological reasons that people may have for celebrating the millennium in 2000, it still does not dispute the fact the millennium should not be celebrated until 2001. This widespread delusion about the beginning of the 21st Century could be considered the greatest mathematical error of the 20th Century.

Look at how we entered 2000. For 24 hours, a lot of us were in a state of fear of computers switching into oblivion, traffic lights malfunctioning, nuclear rockets flying all over the place, and (what of all) ATMs refusing our requests for quick cash. We feared about the end of the world. However, 2001 was ushered in with peace and tranquility. This is the way we ring in the new millennium—not with a bug-ridden bang, but with a roaring cheer.

That’s what the IIT Millennium Crew has been set out to do since the end of 1999—ring in the new century with the rest of IIT (and possibly the city) on the right right year and in the most peaceful way possible. In the newborn millennium, IIT will see some great things. The expansion of the campus, the discovery of new technology, and tremendous new feats of engineering await us as the future becomes the present. In the new centuries to come, we will begin to break new barriers of our own humanity as we reach further into the universe and deeper into our-selves.

The progress of technology is ever upward, and we as students and future students will be working towards a bright future for all of us as a whole. We hope you join us as the new semester, year, decade, century, and millennium dawn upon us here at IIT.

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"Beyond Mies" or "Beseiged Mies"?

Sohan D'Souza
Features Section

In early 1998, Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas of the Office of Metropolitan Architecture in Rotterdam, won an international competition for the design of a new student center for the campus of Illinois Tech. Ever since then, there have been several outbreaks of controversy and debate over how the construction of the McCormick Tribune Campus Center will affect the institute's appearance and whether the potential benefit of a new ostentatious building on campus outweighs the potential compromise of its unique history.

The famous architect Mies van der Rohe designed most of the standing structures on the campus in the 1950s. These cubic buildings stand at a few stories in height, with the characteristic blend of brick, black steel and glass composition. Opinions vary as to how aesthetic this kind of architecture appears. It does however, lend a distinctive and temperate outer facade to the institute. While van der Rohe's original designs and ideas for the layout and design of the campus were not fully implemented due to constraints regarding the rate at which funds could be gathered and the lack of vacant land to construct the new campus, Van der Rohe became a legend and his legacy lives on in his visionary style.

Some opponents of the idea of the McCormick Tribune Center feel that this legacy is being seriously threatened. Some of the buildings such as the chapel are in need of maintenance and restoration. Then, the proposal for a new campus center came along. The bastion argument of the opposition against the new center is that the Commons building, constructed around 1953, will be subsumed within the proposed Koolhaas-designed structure, and will be subsequently altered, such that the historic Mies building's place in the campus will be compromised.

David Sharpe, Associate Professor at the College of Architecture decries the manner in which the new campus center "wraps around" the Commons Building, which once fed most of the campus. He also feels that the new center will hinder the masses of people that traverse the Commons daily. He says that he has been bringing these issues up in various meetings, but they have been ignored, or the solutions proposed did not converge on the idea that the Commons ought to be set aside and allowed to stand on its own.

Even so, Koolhaas has a legion of supporters, many of whom are administration, that are just as convinced that his vision for the layout, position and design for the new campus center is unsurpassed and will not be a source of what Sharpe calls "disrespect" to Mies' legacy as a whole or to the Commons Building in particular. They instead believe that the scheme will add substantially to the repose of both the architect and the school.

On May 11, 2000, the debate took an interesting turn with the release of a report by the Illinois Historical Preservation Agency (IHPA) that objects to the Koolhaas proposal on a number of counts. The IHPA maintained in the report that the Commons was intended to be an independent, autonomous building, and that its absorption into the Koolhaas complex would divest it of its unique architectural identity. The report also criticized the proposed addition of a stainless steel 'underpinning' to the Commons' foundation, as well as the proposed erection of a wall that would tower over the building thus obstructing its upper-level windows. Sharpe says that he would rather see the building stand by itself and be connected to the McCormick Tribune Campus Center by a less invasive method, rather than be "engulfed" by it. He says that the construction of the campus has and will continue to chew up a lot of funds, and compares the $20 million cost of the new center to the $300,000 cost of the construction of Crowne Hall (taking the inflation index into account).

Sharpe also adds that certain architectural aspects of the center are unsound, such as the sloping section of the roof and the diagonally intersecting streets within the center. He does not think well of the idea of shifting the Residence Hall dining facilities to the McCormick Campus Tribune Center, agreeing that it will be inconvenient for the students to have to walk to the center on cold wintry mornings for breakfast. He does not think that that center will end up as a major landmark either.

Sharpe feels that the propaganda about it being "Beyond Mies" is a mockery of the great architect's legacy, and insists that the institute cannot bring back Mies' class just by putting a big portrait of him up in the McCormick Campus Tribune Center.
Recent surveys confirm proposed list of store types

NATHAN CORBETT
Features Section

THE MOST RECENT ROUND of surveys and focus groups confirm that the Illinois Tech community identified almost exactly the same list of needs for retail shops in the new McCormick Tribune Campus Center as the original design program. The Campus Center, scheduled to be open in the Fall of 2002, will need up to four times the retail space currently housed in the Commons building, according to Jean M. Bingham, Director of Auxiliary Services and Housing. The Campus Center stores will create a sense of a "town square" for students, says Richard R. Thomas, Director of Hermann Union and Student Activities.

The list of retail stores includes a student bookstore, convenience store, sports bar or hangout similar to the BOG, coffee shop or café, copy center, post office, and recreation center. The coffee shop or café will be open extended hours. The recreation center will include pool, Ping-Pong, and foosball soccer tables. The post office will be only for retail mail, such as student and private packages. This will be separate from official school mail, such as sorting of incoming the and outgoing metered mail. The present location is a United States Postal Service contract station, which means that it has authorization to run as if it were a part of USPS, but its employees work for Illinois Tech, not USPS.

The process of choosing retail stores for the new Campus Center began several years ago with the architectural firm of Perkins & Will, according to Bingham. The firm produced the design program that includes the list of stores. Both Bingham and Thomas held meetings during the week of March 5-9. They sought to confirm answers to questions such as "how do you use the space" and "do you go there and why," said Bingham. They included residents, faculty, staff, commuters in Techmate, and part-time evening students found waiting in the Commons before classes. Focus groups were held during the two weeks prior to interviewing volunteers who responded to announcements at meetings such as Techmate and the Student Leadership Committee.

According to Thomas, the purpose of the stores in the new Campus Center is to keep the nature of the building in tune with "generating activity and enthusiasm." If effective, he says, it will do more than just meet the Illinois Tech community's daily needs as a place to eat, meet, socialize, and do business. According to Bingham, Rem Koolhaas himself analyzed the behavior and paths of people walking around campus, resulting in the design of the new Campus Center's walkways that crisscross the interior and set the framework surrounding the retail shops.

Since the Perkins & Wills design program has been confirmed by the latest research as a consistent list of retail needs, each has been given a place in the Campus Center. However, the need for improved banking facilities has also been identified to have a surprisingly strong response, according to Bingham. Many people desire a face-to-face relationship, even if a bank or teller were available only a limited number of hours per week. This need was not found particular to either international students or any other segment, but in fact across-the-board. Bingham is considering major banks, however, because Illinois Tech's international community would benefit from a financial institution that would have access to more sophisticated services, such as international transfers. Also, it would likely have branches in other Chicago and nationwide locations. Thomas said that banks do visit campus in the HUB during the beginning of the semester, primarily to open new accounts. However, students who prefer to make their deposits and other business in person must find a local branch off-campus. This reinforces the issue of convenience that the latest research confirmed.

The major item missing will be the bowling alley. Due to expensive funding and expected lack of use, it has been dropped from the Campus Center plans. To install four lanes and associate equipment would have cost about one-half million dollars, according to Thomas. Finally, Bingham and Thomas asked for suggestions if there was one more space available. They did so not because extra space is expected, but to find out what ideas exist. They found many ideas, but none with any significant popularity on a percentage basis. Some examples are video rental, dry cleaning service, and a hair salon—an enhancement over the barber currently in the Commons.
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Across:
3. disorganized failure; messy disorder
7. acrobatic flipping over of the body
9. with a disagreeable taste and/or smell of decomposing oil
10. memorial monument to the dead
12. illegal; unacceptable by prevailing social standards
13. assistant; slave; loyal servant
15. very small sum of money or allowance
16. unhealthy overweight
17. eating trough for animals; Jesus was born in one
19. girl or young woman
20. highest or topmost point
21. Roman goddess of agriculture

Down:
1. tiny supernatural beings found in gardens as statues
2. memory aid technique
4. weakening by persistent assault; sorrow for sins
5. husks of cereal grain
6. (heart)beat irregularly
8. legal authorization; permit
10. a deep rich red color tinged with purple
11. line of descent; group of people related through common ancestor
14. sacrament of reconciliation; self-punishment for committing sin
15. thinking deeply about something, especially in a serious manner
17. crazy; hectic; overexcited
18. recovery or improvement; gathering; automobile race

Last Week's Solutions

Across:
1. ALIBI
2. FLAIL
3. ROMULUS
6. OXYMORON
9. LTMSUS
9. AMERIGO
12. NINJITSU
13. CRASS
14. YORE
16. ANTEKOR
18. ORCA
20. MOLASSES
21. TREK
22. IDYLLIC
23. CANDID

Down:
2. FLAIL
3. ROMULUS
4. IMPUNITY
5. LTMSUS
6. OXYMORON
7. SALON
8. TURBULENCE
9. AMERIGO
10. ANTEKOR
11. CRASS
12. YORE
13. ORCA
14. COLLOID
15. MOLASSES
16. TREK
17. IDYLLIC
18. CANDID

Top Ten Reasons to Change the School's Name to "The IL. Tech"

Sanjeeb Gangireddy
Arts & Entertainment Writer

1. You can tell all your homies that your school is ill, and still be telling the truth.
2. The school has fifteen thousand dollars to blow.
3. Millions in research show that the average student finds the abbreviation "TIT" most appealing.
4. People will stop confusing us with the Indian Institute of Technology.
5. To lower the number of students who graduate from here never knowing what IIT means.
6. The school hopes to lower crime by confusing criminals as to where they really are.
7. Research showed that shortening our school name would save millions on printer ink and letterhead.
8. Many international students find the word IIT to be offensive in their native languages.
9. The school hopes we might move up in the rankings when they re-do the names, possibly placing us in the spot for MIT.

Deep Thoughts

"Do you ever wonder why people are so apathetic?"

Sanjeeb Gangireddy
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To me, everyone in this world is beautiful. Why anyone would have a preference for one body type over another is beyond me. All human beings are unique and amazing, and should be respected and appreciated by all. This is what I believe. On the other hand, I don't believe in telling the truth.

Do you ever wonder why people are so apathetic? I think it has something to do with why people never say anything about the crooked doors to the commons building. Every time you pull one door, you pull the adjacent door as well. This leads to extra work, but people don't complain because they know if they wait long enough, eventually they'll graduate and they won't walk through those doors any more.

Some people say that chivalry is dead these days. I know if I were courting a lady, I'd buy her flowers and chocolates to woo her. But then I think of what would happen if she were allergic to the flowers and they caused her to get all swollen and break out in hives. What if she was taking medicine for her allergies, and the chocolate caused some horrible side affect like uncontrolled bowel movement? Then I'd be going out with some swollen girl with frequent bowel movement, and I'd have myself to blame.

When I think about all that I decide I'd be better off not asking the girl out at all, let alone being chivalrous.

Sometimes I wonder why the characters on Star Trek are so stupid. Every single time something goes wrong with a ship, they always end up fixing it by bypassing the primary subroutines. You think they'd wise up and have that on automatic by now. Apparently their primary subroutines are pretty crappy.
Penang Restaurant: Great Malaysian Food

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Penang is named after a small island located on the northeastern coast of Peninsular Malaysia. The restaurant is located right on the corner of South Wentworth Avenue and West Cermak Road, a very short walk from the "L" station.

After an initial look-around, we were promptly found a place by an attendant and seated. The furniture was elegant and tasteful, with dark colored chairs and light colored tables of various sizes creating a pleasant contrast.

A pot of what appeared to be Chinese tea was already set on our table, along with little cups. The cutlery and seasonings were arranged appropriately, complete with a pair of chopsticks. After pouring ourselves a cup of tea each, we studied the menu.

The main menu featured a substantial selection of appetizers and soups. A large listing of entrees, which were categorized by their most characteristic ingredients—rice, chicken, beef, pork, and vegetables, followed the main menu. The entree range covered a variety of cuisines besides Malaysian, including Chinese, Japanese and Indian. The dessert range was quite extensive, and the spirit selection was sizable. The side menu was quite extensive too, featuring sushi items ranging from relatively inexpensive one-bite affairs to grand pricey offerings.

There was a spirits bar and a sushi bar, and decent wash closets, separate for men and for women. The place was cool and softly lit. The décor was smart and trendy with an agreeable Eastern touch. The crowd consisted of a mix of various types of people. The setting was subdued and trendy.

Each one of us got a glass of lychee. This turned out to be a subtly sweet tropical fruit drink, on the rocks, with soft white fruits immersed in it. It came with a straw, as well as a spoon for the fruit. Apart from providing us with something to sip while we pon-

A diner here at Penang can expect to pay anything from $10 to $20 for a filling meal. The food is exceptional and exotic. The sushi is a must. If you want great Malaysian food at a moderate price, Penang's the way to go.

Your Chicago Arts

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March 18 – 3:00 p.m. The Protege Philharmonic of Chicago, 2 youth orchestra dedicated to the future of music with a strong emphasis on children professionalism, will present a free concert in Preston Bradley Hall, at The Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Street. For more information, visit , or call (312) 341-1521.

March 21 – 9:30 p.m. The Center for International Performance and Exhibitions, located at 31 East Balbo, Chicago, presents Tatsuo Aoki’s Mitumy Project. This is a "stellar blend of African, Asian, Latin and European forms of musical and social expression." Aoki is an outstanding bassist, and Mwaza Bowden and Avveeay Ra will also make contributions to the performance. Students pay only $5. More information can be found on , or call (312) 362-9707.

Master guitarist John Scofield has just announced a U.S. tour for the month of March, 2001. Scofield will be joined by Jesse Murphy, Seamus Blake and Bill Stewart. A full itinerary will soon be available at . He will be in Chicago from March 20 to March 25. For more information, call Jennifer Levy – (212) 331-2035.

Dave Matthews Band’s “Everyday”

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Dave Matthews Band’s newest album, “Everyday,” is a good attempt by the band to explore mainstream pop. Some of the songs, such as “So Right” have catchy pop feelings to them.

Many of the songs sound very professional and clean in resonance, but they do not stand out. There are only a few inspirational moments, and what was expected to be more creative turned out to be mediocre at times.

Yes, Dave Matthews Band’s fourth album still has many qualities of musical talent and uniqueness in itself, but the melody of the songs does not seem to go anywhere. It does not have a progressive feel to it.

For example “Sleep to Dream Her” is a nice piece of jazz performance, even though at times it seems monotonous. The introspective ballad of "Angel" and "The Space Between" and the tanga and deep choruses of "So Right" are a few exceptions.

In general, the album seems to be work in progress rather than a developed, refined masterpiece that many of the band’s fans may have expected. Nevertheless, the band’s newest effort still is a good album for good easy listening.

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"Down to Earth" is Rock Solid

"Down to Earth may cause uncontrollable spurts of laughter, and sidesplitting pain"

ALBERT CHOE
Arts & Entertainment Writer

WHY IS CHRIS ROCK SO FREAKING FUNNY? - Because of his dead-on social and cultural commentary. His aim has always been simply to amuse, not to provoke, and his success stems largely from his wryly intelligent and universal charm. Those traits, combined with a daring and uncanny on-the-mark sense of what's funny, wrap up Chris Rock and his new movie "Down to Earth".

In this film, Chris Rock plays Lance Barton, a struggling stand-up comedian whose dream is not to get booked off stage at amateur night at "the Apollo". But his death comes prematurely due to an inept angel, Mr. Keyes (Eugene Levy). Amazingly, Barton finds that heaven is a nightclub and head angel Mr. King (Chazz Palminteri) appears to run the hippest club in town.

After admitting to their mistake, King and Keyes strike a deal with Barton to let him return to Earth inside another person's body, the body of Charles Wellington, a paunchy white Manhattan mogul whose body becomes temporarily available after his wife attempts to kill him. The change is imperceptible to anyone except Barton, who sees Wellington's body as his own.

While Barton continues to act like himself, cracking "Yo' Mama," jokes and singing along to hip-hop, people see a fat, rich tycoon acting foolish. While inside Wellington's body, Barton not only finds his comedic chops, but also gets in touch with his inner self when he falls in love with a young woman named Sontee (Regina King), who despises Wellington for greedily buying the hospital at which she works.

The plot of "Down to Earth" is based on Warren Beatty's 1979 hit "Heaven Can Wait," and, despite its seemingly predictable plot, is still successful because of Rock's comedic talent. The movie pokes fun at the division between white and black, and seeing Chris Rock rap while, in his white body, is absolutely hilarious. "Down to Earth" may cause uncontrollable spurts of laughter, and sidesplitting pain.

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Triandafilou Named CCAC Player of the Week

BEULAH VAZ
Sports Writer

The Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) announces "Player of the Week" each week for each sport. All the coaches who are part of the CCAC select the player, based on his/her performance in games during the week.

Nicholas Triandafilou of IIT's Scarlett Hawks Men's basketball team was the CCAC Player of the Week for the week of February 18th - 23rd. In two games, Triandafilou scored a combined 43 points including 8 of 16 shooting from 3-point range. He also had 12 rebounds in the 2 games. His strong play helped the Hawks in their exciting 59-57 victory over St. Francis.

Triandafilou, known fondly as Nick T, is a senior at Illinois Tech in the Civil Engineering department. He studies here on the Heald Academic Scholarship as well as a part basketball scholarship and hopes to graduate in May 2001.

Athlete of the Week:

BEULAH VAZ
Sports Writer

Matthew Robertson is a freshman at IIT in the computer engineering department. He studies here on a partial academic (Heald) and part sports (for diving) scholarships. He came to IIT because of its reputation as a high quality educational institution and also because of the scholarship package he was offered.

Robertson is the youngest of four children. He enjoys being away from home and visits his family over the holidays. He grew up in Kansas City, and graduated from the Olathe North High School.

He started gymnastics when he was in second grade and was on his school's gymnastics team all through grade school and then for the first two years of high school. He quit during his sophomore year in high school so that he could try out a different sport. He was also a member of his high school's swimming and diving team. Robertson earned third place in the state meet for diving during his senior year. His hobbies include using electronics and computers.

Robertson is a member of the Scarlet Hawks Men's Swimming and Diving team. He was one of the favorites at the Nationalals in Canada this year. He got a bronze in the 1-meter, and silver in the 3-meter diving competitions. He had 2.3 rotations on most of his dives, which was highly acclaimed by the other team's coaches present at the event.

Scarlet Hawks Rank 5th at Nationals

BEULAH VAZ
Sports Writer

The Scarlet Hawks Swimming and Diving team stood 5th at the 2001 NAIA National Swimming & Diving Championships. The very best in swimming talent was seen at the Nationals, with 13 teams participating from all over the U.S. and Canada.

The meet took place at the Simon Fraser University Aquatic Center, in Vancouver, Canada from February 28th - March 5th, 2001.

IIT's ranking at the Nationals was notable because the team comprised of just 8 members while most of the other teams had between 18 and 21 members.

Also, the team's head coach, Dennis Matsuch was unable to attend the meet with team due to illness. Instead, the team went to the Nationals with Asst. Coach. Arzo Burnett. This is the highest ranking that the swimming and diving teams have achieved since they started competing at the Nationals.

Scott Erdman got a bronze in the 200-meter medley backstroke event. Erdman had been training all year round for this event and missed the silver by 4/10 of a second. In each event that the Hawks participated they made it to the "A" finals.

The whole team had put in a lot of time preparing for the meet by practicing at least 4 times a week.

Coach Burnett received very good feedback from the other coaches regarding the team's performance this year.

The other coaches were impressed by the IIT team's competitiveness and also mentioned that they had noticed a great improvement in the team's performance since the past meet.

"Everyone was really supportive of everyone else. They were pushing each other to make it to the finals at the Nationals. Everyone had a lot of fun at the meet and the team's hard work really paid off," says Coach Arzo Burnett.