Naval ROTC Orientation Week

By Marijke Bochacin

Early morning, on Saturday, August 12th, the incoming freshmen to IIT's Naval ROTC unit began arriving at the Stuart building, hugging behind them all of their things for college. Every year, the freshman ROTC students arrive on campus early for their own Orientation week, prior to the official IIT orientation. Naval ROTC's O-Week is not as fun, but just as necessary for the success of these students. Joseph Crowley, midshipmen commanding officer of the IT/NUC battalion, explains it best: “O-Week is the first step among many in the NAVOCT program towards creating future leaders.”

The week started off with a meet and greet with the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, Captain Otto. After brief introductions, gear issue and paperwork, the new midshipmen were sworn in and shipped off to Great Lakes Naval Base for their orientation on Thursday, August 17th, the midshipmen went sailing on Lake Michigan in 38' and 42' sailboats. The week finished off on Friday with an inspection of the freshmen platoon by Captain Otto, on uniforms, military knowledge, and drill.

Midshipmen Holly Guadafisch, one of the older midshipmen who helped run O-Week, 2004, went through her own O-Week just last year. “O-Week is a good training evolution where prospective officers are given a very brief time to learn a lot of information about the Navy and Marines Corps.” The freshmen come to O-Week as civilians, and come out as proud midshipmen in the United States Navy Reserve.

Search has begun to find the next IIT President

By James Boozer

CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

John Rowe, chair-elect of IIT's Board of Trustees, announced in a statement last month that the search to find the next president of IIT had officially started. Several weeks ago, IIT President Lewis Collins announced his plans to retire after the Spring 2007 semester.

At the annual fall meeting of the Board of Trustees, plans were made to define the search process and establish a Search Committee charged with the responsibility of identifying qualified candidates that will be recommended to the board.

According to Rowe, the Search Committee (a total of at least twelve members from the university community) will consist of six trustees, three faculty members chosen from a list of candidates recommended by the University Faculty Council (UFC), a minimum of two members representing university leadership and at least one student representative. Additional members will be asked to serve in advisory capacities throughout the process. Current chairman of the Board of Trustees, Robert Pritzker, is expected to name the trustees who will serve on the committee soon.

Rowe will serve as chair of the Search Committee and has set a target date of October 6th to finalize identification of its members.

The committee will then select an experienced search firm to assist them in this process.

“Selecting a president is the single most important responsibility of any university board. The Board will rely on your support and input during this important process as we work - as a community - to identify the next leader for IIT,” said Rowe in his statement.

Search Committee representatives will be in touch with members of the university community during the process of selecting a new president. If you wish to e-mail your thoughts, it is asked that you send them to Judy Carr (at carr@iit.edu) who will serve as staff for the committee.

What to look for this homecoming week

By Rebekah Reid

BUSINESS MANAGER

Dancing, parades, lip synching, spirit teams, and cash prizes are only a sampling of the entertainment of an IIT homecoming. Every day, Sunday through Saturday, there is an event in which teams will participate to win daily prizes and $100. As of the first of the week, the overall first place spirit team will win an additional $300, which over the weekend saw several prizes.

Spirit Teams

Composed of a maximum of ten people, Spirit Teams are created the week before homecoming and limited to 12 teams. Any group of students interested simply filled out a sheet available from an RA, a Greek organization, student organization mail box, or the US office. These teams then compete in numerous, often highly entertaining and inventive, competitions to add to the excitement. With cash as incentives, teams often test their limits in order to gain victory.

Competitions

Sunday: Water Polo Painting, which began with a prize pick up from 9-12, continued throughout most of the day. Each team chose a window and began painting. They were judged by faculty and staff on creativity and other such categories.

Monday: Charity Booths were organized by the Spirit Teams, who chose how they would raise money for the soon to be renovated student life center, the SOG. Tea: Centennial trivia, until a dunk tank, a high renier, food, and games, these booths were seen by whose creative fundraising schemes will generate the most revenue.

ROMY: A Chorus Competition, arranged at a home women's volleyball game, scheduled to begin at 7:30 determines who can rally a crowd around the athletes. Each team will develop its own method of uniting the crowd, through cheers, chants, or maybe even some dance routines. But at Keating tonight for a guaranteed adrenaline kick.

Tuesday: Lip Sync Contest begins at 8 in the Hub Ballroom and is expected to be a night of laughter and entertainment as participants dance and move their lips to their favorite songs. Three judges will evaluate different criteria such as creativity and enthusiasm, or song selection, which will be judged by the audience response to the song and the performance.

Thursday: Move Remonstraments, like the Lip Sync Contest, will be judged based on similar criteria, from originality and musical scene selection. Occurring in the Hub Ballroom at 8:30, this night is guaranteed to ignite amusement.

Friday: Parade: Float Competition starts at 6, with teams competing with float entries. Entries will be judged along criteria of effort and inventiveness. The route will end around the quad, to be followed by a pep rally at 6:30. A barbeque will be held during and afterward by Alumni Relations and the food will not be something to miss.

Saturday: Tailgating in Stuart Field to celebrate the homecoming of the Men's Soccer Team. Then at 2, a Poster Contest will judge the entries of the Spirit Teams. The evening will then be consumed by the Homecoming Dance.

With a bold Egyptian theme, and catered Middle Eastern food this homecoming dance will begin at 9 o'clock pm. There will be a DJ, who will be available for the taking requests. Tickets for Homecoming have been sold thus far at all other homecoming events and will continue to be sold at such for $8 dollars each. Dress to impress and dance the night away after a riveting week of constant activity.
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Tuesday: Get crazy and cheer on your IIT womens volleyball at the game in Keating! face paint and hair dye provided!

Wednesday: Head to the mens soccer game at Stuart Field, then cheer on your favorite Spirit Team as they compete in the lip-sync competition held in the Herman Hall Auditorium 8pm - 10pm

Thursday: Enjoy free popcorn while watching the classic movie Animal House in the Herman Hall Auditorium! 8:30pm - 11:15pm

Friday: Cheer on your favorite Spirit Teams as they parade around campus in self decorated golf carts, and meet your IIT athletes at the Pep Rally! Begins at 6pm

Saturday: It's the Homecoming Game! Tailgate at 12:30pm then cheer on your IIT mens soccer team from 2pm - 5pm on Stuart Field! Then check out the dance from 9pm - 12am in the Herman Hall Ballroom Tickets are $8 and can be bought at any event!

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Homecoming 2006: Who around here cares?
By Colin Emch-Weil
CHICAGO EDITOR
A
ight, boys and girls of Illinois Tech, it’s homecoming and it’s about you! The
ions on your red, white, and black apparel, paint your face, and get your spirited self down to the Mies van der Rohe stadium to cheer on the Scarlet Hawk football team in their triumphant
ory on this most hallowed and celebrated of collegiate events, Homecoming, Homey Homecoming. Welcome.
Sorry, I forget our rival this year, but that’s what’s keeping me from praising anything going on at this school.

The problem is, it’s tough when most of your student body not only understands this, but also participates in it. During the first week of the semester, I heard someone kid a large group loudly proclaiming, “I’m at ITI! That’s what happens here!” This kid was a freshman. I applaud their clarity of vision and at the same time am horrified that it’s because that large a joke on campus that even the kids on the block are on “in” on these sorts of things (is nothing sacred?)

This year (Saturday, 10/14), all I know about Home-

coming is that it’ll be “juicy” (could someone, for the love of God, PLEASE explain what’s meant by “juicy”?), and that I’ll be able to vote on the logo for the new and improved Big Bear.

Bring on the tornadoes
By C. Emch-Weil
CHICAGO EDITOR

On Friday night, I had one of those perfect nights that had ended up with a good DVD (I don’t have any more books, so sue me), when my roommate up and left the apartment with his camera in tow, cell phone in the midst of dialing. I wondered if another track had played across the State Street median, or some other unforeseen woe had just gone through a public misfortune that now was privy to rubberneck.

I looked outside, and saw the most exciting thing I’ve seen in monster, big, dark, overly civilized little ones. I ran out, and heard screams. Swearing, shouting. Not only was there a tornado, but there was also a snow storm, which made the whole thing even more confusing. I ran back inside, and watched it all unfold.

I had no idea I’d live through something like this. In fact, I’ve lived through some pretty wild things, but none of them seem as extreme to me as this. The experience was nerve-racking, but after it was over, I felt really blessed.

The best is nice, but pretty good is even better
By Joseph Kaiser
CHICAGO EDITOR

I don’t have an iPod. Maybe it’s that sub-


conscious need that all young folks have to do what everyone else is doing right now. If it’s in one small area, we take pride in how unique we are. If it’s in the one in 24 demographic group that was given a survey, no one would admit to being a big bear fan. So there would be no more “trends”. But it does suggest (way too early in the article. I haven’t even started my test).

Apple just had a big press conference, where they announced a whole slew of expensive new crap. New Mac models for everything, updated iTunes, search, gplus playback, yadda yadda. Kevin’s article last week had the numbers, pick it up at a TechViews stand near you! It’s on the left at every nook, under the computers and near the preventual flush outs of this week’s!) And it has a lot of cool stuff with it, no doubt (I just said that! What is wrong with me? (If I don’t stop interject-


ing with parentheses, I will never get to the point of this line, which is the last line I had for this entire piece. I had two long rounds trip to school and back, took only pictures that were colored green, and had to be returned over ten times (a year use time. Never-


er). I bought it. And that was nice too, I was very satisfied. I bought a box of CDs that eventually started getting a bit too thick to store, and was very happy that you that were hanging out here for so very long. I mean, I can’t say the same thing. A content. The best is overrated. The best is nice, but the real deal is in the grad schools, shopping for a car, or trying to get a job, re-


al. It’s cheaper and it’s better because it’s new. It’s got a bend point, and it’s harder to break. It’s a lot better, and it’s a lot less money.

Anyway, this may not be the best, but it’s still a great deal. Thank you.
An incredibly tough lesson – really easily learned

By Disha Doshi

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For once, I am forgetting about how I learned an important lesson about life.

Last semester IT

By Vivek Shah

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A last semester IT really taught me something.

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**World News Briefs**

By Shea Lemley

TECHNEWS WRITER

Thailand coup leaders choose interim Prime Min-
ister

Officials from Thailand’s ruling junta reported the ap-
pointment of Surayud Chulanont, 62, to act as in-
terim Prime Minister Friday. Surayud, a former gen-
eral and advisor to the king, would hold power un-
til elections could be held and a new constitution could be written. A government official reported the appointment was “definite” but later denied mak-
ing the comment. However, supportive statements were reported from various government officials.

The junta, which deposed the government of Prime Min-
ister Thaksin Shinawatra and seized power on Sept. 19, will not dissolve but will only intercede in situations where national security is threatened.

-International Herald Tribune

Conflict between Russia and Georgia escalates

Relations between Russia and Georgia continued to dis-
limate last week as Russia recalled its ambas-
sador, announced the evacuation of diplomats, and warned Russian citizens in Georgia against leaving their homes. The advice followed the detention of five Russian officers on spy charges and claims of a series of false reports that began some 10 years ago with the Rose Revolution, during which Georgia pledged to build closer ties with the west. In addition, Russia has blocked Georgia a “bidding” state and called a meeting with the UN to discuss the matter. Georgia responded with a statement that the UN should be involved in any “hysteria.”

-BBC News & The Herald

Iraqi terror group

A message purportedly posted online by Abu Hamza al-Muhajir, the new leader of the terror group “al-Qa’ida,” claimed that more than 4,000 in-
ternational terrorists have been killed in Iraq since the beginning of the US occupation in 2003. The message stated the US and its allies have acknowledged their losses. In addition, al-Muhajir called for help fight-
ing the holy war against the west; specifically, he called on men and women to join the “hijab (holy war) can satisfy your scientific ambitions and the large American bases (in Iraq) are good places to test your unconventional weapons, whether biological or dirty, as they call them.”

-Associated Press

**Stem cell research - Is America falling behind?**

By Victor Guharoy

TECHNEWS WRITER

President Bush recently vetoed research bill H.R. 810; the expansion of federally

supported embryonic stem cell research. The bill had already been passed by Congress. He stated that the bill violates the sanctity of human life by destroying embryos left over from the fertilization process. (New York Times, July 20, 2006 and Washington Times, July 20, 2006).

Stem cells have a unique distinction from other types of cells in our body. They can be coaxed into devel-
oping special cells (such as brain cells, heart cells, blood cells etc.) under certain conditions. Scientists would like to identify the specific signals that cause the stem cells to become specialized cells. Stem cells can be extracted from cells obtained from different fertilization procedures at fetal clinics. These cells are used to create stem cells “in vitro” which can be grown indefinitely in the laboratory and may be frozen for future use or distribution available to different researchers. For clinicians, the potential of stem cell use is enormous since they can be copied in the laboratory and transplanted to replace cells in various organs of the human body.

However, opponents claim that since the left over embryos (called blastocyst) from these kinds of research are taken from a fetus, it is morally objectionable. Scientists dis-
agree and claim that H.R. 810 could allow research on excess embryos from fertility treatments that would other-
wise be destroyed. President Bush allowed scientists to conduct federally funded research on those embryos that are left after fertility treatments that would otherwise be destroyed. The veto would have allowed scien-
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**Health Briefs**

By Sharvani Pasupneti

TECHNEWS WRITER

Prisons willing organ donors

A new government investigation by the BBC uncov-

ered the booming business of organ sales from executed prisoners in China. A reporter from the BBC was told that organs could be obtained for £3,000 per person, a strain of polio less than three weeks for a fee of £94,000. At China’s National Day, which is on October 1st, there has been an increase in executions and consequently, a greater supply of organs. The Chinese health ministry does not deny knowledge of this activity, and is cur-
rently investigating. Officials claim that prisoners feel they are giving a “present to society.” In April, Brit-
ish officials called on China to end its use of organ harvesting from executed prisoners and transplant them in China, but only “in a few cases.” However, it has been documented that 6001 liver transplants occurred in the No 1 Central Hospital.

Anti-Polo campaign proposed in India

An emergency program to contain an outbreak of polio in India in the next 12 months has been launched as there is a total of 297 cases of polo reported in the country so far this year, a significant jump from the 66 cases reported since last year. The majority of the cases have been reported in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh. Health minister Ambanishand Ramdasl offered, “A large number of people have died during last year’s immunization drive in Uttar Pradesh.” While p Geli has been inoculated in most countries, there is no polio vaccine available to people born in India who originated in Uttar Pradesh, but cases have been con-

-Associated Press

**Gene therapy for cancer - The beginning of a new era**

By Victor Guharoy

TECHNEWS WRITER

Two patients with mel-

oanoma, a form of skin cancer that causes pain, the ma-

jority of skin cancer-related deaths, have been in full re-
currence because of gene therapy. Both patients were

terminated ill with no other treatment options available to

them. The landmark study was conducted by the Na-
Pional Cancer Institute (one of the nation’s premier research

organizations) and was pub-

lished in the Journal Science last week. (“Cancer Regres-

sion in Patients After Genetically Engineered Lymphocytes”, Science Sep-

tember 5, 2006).

For the treatment, the patients own white blood cells were initially transplanted and genetically engineered to fight tumors. The researchers engineered the white blood cells with genes to produce pro-
tected called T-cell receptors. These receptor recognized

molecules on the cancer cells and directed the white blood cells to destroy them. The study involved 17 patients and the genetically changed immune cells helped to keep two patients disease free for at least 18 months. The scientists, however, are not disappointed that the other 15 patients did not respond well. In fact, modified cells were detected in their immune systems for several months. Gene research is still in the early stages and patient outcomes will improve sig-

ificantly as the researchers conduct further studies in the future.

Scientists have been anxious waiting for use of gene therapy for the treatment of many incurable diseases and these new findings bring hope to those suffering from the disease. The investigators are opti-

mistic that these findings will also help for the treatment of other forms of common cancers, such as breast and lung cancer.

Measures of HIV severity questioned

A recent study of 2,800 people at Case Western Reserve University concluded that measuring the number of CD4 T cells, or: total cell count, was not a reliable measure of the severity of an individual’s condition. The results of this study are far reaching, the most notable will be that it may lead to altering when antiretroviral therapy (HAART) is started. HAART is a powerful tool to stop the progression of HIV, but it has a number of undesirable side effects. Therefore doctors have to administer the treatment before it is absolutely necessary. Currently, doctors are taught to measure a patient’s viral load or T cell count to determine if a patient should receive treatment. It was believed that the viral load was responsible for depleting CD4 T cells, a type of white blood cell, in the patient’s body. The viral load was used to determine if the viral load “indicates that only about 5% of the virus from person to person is the rate of CD4 cell loss.” This indicates that the viral load is not an accurate indicator of rate of CD4 cell death. Edward Grani, in a study of AIDS Treatment Update, said, “This study provides important new scientific information about precisely how much viral load can predict the need to start treatment on an individual level.”
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CHICAGO
Faculty of the week: Emmanuel Opara

By Babajide Oke
TECHNEWS WRITER

Professor Opara sits in office busy with work.

Please could you tell us a little about your growing up years?

I grew up in Nigeria where I was born, and for a while was not sure what I was going to do for a career. In high school, I started thinking about going into Agriculture, but a civil war in Nigeria in the late sixties changed all that. Right after the civil war in 1970, my career interests switched to medical problems.

What college did you graduate from?

I received my bachelor’s degree from the University of Nigeria, my master’s from the University of Surrey and my Ph.D. from the University of Lancaster, both in the UK.

For how long have you been teaching here?

3 years.

What courses do you teach at ITI?

I am primarily a researcher, but I teach undergraduate IPROs on new technology multidisciplinary undergraduate IPRO teams. I am a big fan of the IPRO program, because it gives me the opportunity to challenge and motivate students as well as recruit very bright students to do research with me.

One of the highlights of your teaching career?

It was when one of my IPRO teams won all the prizes in the Fall 2004 IPRO Day.

What do you do in your free time?

I like to read news-stories and listen to CNN.

Are there any other comments/interesting things about yourself that you’d like to share?

I have learned quite a lot about the application of engineering to biomedical science since being affiliated with ITI.

Do you have any advice to give to ITI students?

To make the best use of all the opportunities that ITI offers.

Profile:

Name: Emmanuel C. Opara
Hometown: Asaba in Imo State of Nigeria
Favorite Book: Thingis Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
Current Reading: Nothing Left to Lose by Wole Soyinka
Preferred Music: Power of Love by Celine Dion
Favorite Quote: "Courage is not the lack of fear, but the ability to do the right thing despite our fear" by Senator John McCain

//Baking BBQ BME style

By Pufai Santisakultharm
TECHNEWS WRITER

The most common topic all biomedical engineer- ing students converse is no foreign subject: a lot of complicated assignments, endless lab reports, and very difficult, challenging class mate- rials. Students often spend long hours studying in groups, getting most of the work done; but most of all, sharing their complaints about the professors.

What better way is there to revenge them if not to ridicule the teachers?

This year, the Biomedical Engineering Society had a plan. During the annual departmental BBQ at El linedows on Friday, September 22, students surround professors by making them wear giant animal balloon hats. Thanks to the unique talents of the twins, Beth and Lisa Nielsen, colorful, fantastic, super-awesome hats were customized by one for each professor. The view not only lightened up the gloomy weather but also cheered up the spirits of students, especially freshmen, who have already heard about their upcoming intense curriculum for the next 3 years of college.

With nearly 75% of the department attending this social gathering, it was a great source of comic relief for both students and faculty so they begin to prepare for the first onslaught of midterm exams.

Operation Urban Thunder storms through Farr Hall

By Kevin Franke
TECHNEWS WRITER

On Friday, September 8th, the third floor of Farr Hall was transformed into a simulated urban war zone, as Army, Air Force, and Navy ROTC cadets participated in an optional one-day training event called Operation Urban Thunder. I sat down with fifth-year engineering management and materials engineering student Michael Hagan, an Army cadet who participated in the operation, to talk about this exciting event.

Kevin: Let’s start with the basics. Where and when did Operation Urban Thunder take place?

Mike: We were in the top floor and the stairwell of ITI’s Farr Hall, where the ITI Army ROTC Department is located.

Kevin: Who was involved?

Mike: Nine ITI Army Cadets, five ITI Navy Cadets, and three cadets from UIC and DePaul University all participated in the operation. The instructor of the course was the Army ROTC instructor, Major Rhettman, who is Special Forces and Ranger Qualified. Also, MSG Wamanger helped organize the event by securing the supplies, coordinating the instruction, and notifying ITI public safety about the event.

Kevin: Could you give the readers a brief description of the operation?

Mike: It was a training course that taught the basics of "Missions on Urbanized Terrain (MOUT)." Essentially, it was a lesson of how to fight inside a building. After reviewing Army MORT information, the cadets were armed by Major Rhettman. Using dummy weapons, the cadets learned and practiced such skills as room clearing, movement in a hallway, irregular sized room clearing, and an open area search.

Kevin: Are these skills that cadets would normally learn in ROTC?

Mike: Not quite. ROTC generally trains in the wooded areas around Chicago, such as Maryland Training Area, Joint Training Area, and Ft. McCoy, WI. Training in these environments gives cadets an excellent understanding of basic tactics, which can be applied anywhere, but it leaves out the experience of fighting indoors.

Kevin: So was this event designed to provide cadets with this extra experience?

Mike: Yes, it was. The ITI senior cadets thought it would be good to get some training in the type of environment the U.S. Army is currently operating in. This is the same type of training that cadets graduating this year will receive in their next training course, ROTC II, but by requesting to be invited to MOUT, the cadets get a head start on the tactics needed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Also, it was an extra opportunity to build teamwork among the new freshmen cadets.

Kevin: Was there anything else about this that made it different from usual Army ROTC training?

Mike: Well, it took place on a Friday afternoon, and it included cadets from the Air Force and Navy. Mainly, though, it was an optional supplement to the normal training. ROTC cadets would receive. It was requested by cadets and was planned from the bottom up to provide everyone with a new experience.

Kevin: Was Operation Urban Thunder a useful experience for you?

Mike: Yes, it was nice to get some experience practicing skills in a real building. Prior to this I had only practiced clearing out a small, empty room made out of plywood in the middle of a forest, and it’s good to get some practice before the BOLC training course.

Kevin: Do you think the other cadets feel the same way?

Mike: Yeah, I think so. The freshmen enjoyed it especially because it was their first exciting team experience so far this year. Until now, they’ve basically been working on things like marching in formation. This was a chance for them to get hands-on experience and a chance to work with older cadets. And, like I said, senior cadets like me appreciated getting the experience before graduating.

Kevin: Congratulations on a successful operation. Thanks for your time, Mike!
The many tastes at International Fest

By Olaloluwa Adeola

The numerous cultural organisations set out to display different elements of their culture concentrating mainly on the food.

A lot of the organisations just had a basic set up for food although some of them put some extra effort to augment the display. The African Student Association had a punch card for free tickets to the event. At the entrance, a mini display of some African cultural materials, the Japanese Film and Animation Society had a screen displaying anime, the Student Association had a nice structure which had Thailand written on it, the Iranian Students Association had a slideshow going on, the Japanese Students Association, Korean Students Association and Europe (which had a French themed display) had their booths come with displays of their individual cultural elements, others like the Indian Student Association had their servers dressed up in their traditional garb and Kazakhian had one server who surprisingly dressed up. The Muslim Student Association did not have a lot of food at their stand and closed up early probably because they are in their fasting month. Turkey had some nice looking girls at their stand and much like the Taiwanese Student association which had very friendly girls with some nice tasting brown colored egg while they gave us a taste free. Some other organisations went all out for the event, taking time to construct elaborate structures. Hifadel had a Sukkot which is the tent that is lived in during the Jewish holiday of Sukkot built and displayed right in their booth. The Vietnamese Student Association had a display structure with different cultural elements placed right on it at their booth. The Latvian involved in Purifier Education had a pyramid built, the purpose of the pyramid was to be the first stop for visitors to the booth to purchase their food tickets and get food tickets and get food. Turkish food stand, it took a over a whopping twelve hours to construct.

The Archipelago crowned it all with a very nicely decorated and very elaborately built structure where they had a lot of Mexican food going at various prices. They get the first place position at the booth beautification awards.

The judging had to be the hardest part for the judges. Just like you, the judges are always in a position where they have to take time to tally scores with each other. The three judges, Lax Montgomery, Fabio Bufa and Nazi Logan (an IIT Alum) were very impressed with all the performances. During the time they were tallying the scores, there was a cultural Fashion show which showcased the fashion from different countries like China, India, Vietnam, Korea, Thailand and Japan. The ISO Advisor also showcased a Syrian dress which was gifted to her by her friend. After this, Ms Bhuldev announced the winners with the help of the MCs. Third place went to the Vietnamese Students Association for their classical Danseuse dance. Second place was the powerful performance by the African Students Organisation for their "Lilabis". The winner for the 31st International Fest at IIT was, second year in a row, the Indian Students Association for their musical depiction of the pre-independence India.

Thus the International Fest, a sold out event again with a much more enthusiastic audience, ended with praiising to all the organizers, participants and the staff who helped this to happen. It helped IIT once again celebrate and appreciate its rich and diverse presence of students.

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On the Cheap: Italian

By Colin Emch-Wei

I'm afraid of sounding too much like a commercial, I'll keep this one somewhat tactful. Italian food, especially in this city, is very easy to come by. Unfortunately, it's at such varying prices that it's sometimes difficult to weigh taste-price ratio in an effective manner, and it's often a problem to get a decent meal for a megabucks price.

At least for a limited time, I've been able to solve this problem in a rather elegant solution. Olive Garden (yes, I know, it's a national chain... so sue me) is currently running an all-you-can eat pasta special that I thought was too good to pass up. They claim that a patron can get this bottomless pit of pasta for $8.95...something that sounds far too good to be true. I gathered three (hungry) buddies and drove off to the nearest Olive Garden.

I wasn't sure if one of these joints for the better part of a decade, so I really didn't know what to expect. All meals came with a choice of soup or salad, and the salad was of the communal, family-style type. Probably the best part of the meal was the relatively open choices of pastas available to us. We were alleviated approximately six choices of sauces, and an equal number of pasta forms. Unavailable to us was anything with a spaghetti base, for obvious reasons. Some of us were feeling money, so we ordered an unlimited sausage/meatball side for an additional two dollars. Not too bad, methinks.

When the first round of food actually arrived, I was stunned by the amount of food present. I thought that since it was an endless stream of food, it would only be served in small portions. Alas, this wasn't true. The first plate that we were presented with was something that I could've expected to be a main dish; two massive sausages laid over a moderately sized plate of fettucine alfredo. Needless to say, I couldn't finish the first plate. Salad plus breadsticks plus half a plate of pasta equals very (unfortunately) full cooker.

I've got an employee pointer for the one that would be dinner. First and foremost, ask to try the house wine when it's offered, even if you're not planning on actually ordering any. They'll top off your wine glass (after asking for ID, of course), and watch you try it. Prussian the wine, and then that you are the designated driver (or some other excuse). They'll leave you with your full glass of wine, and not charge you for it. Free wine! On the cheap, indeed. This trick has been to work as some other Italian joints as well... just don't try it anywhere high end.

Final note: you're probably wondering how much food was consumed during this celebration of gluttony. Two of us had one bowl, another left, and one final dining companion showed us all up by having another plate of pasta, and then ordering dessert. A true man job.

For the amount of food given, plus the variety of need options, the limited time offer at the Olive Garden gets the On the Cheap stamp of approval.

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The Killers: Sam’s Town album review

By Andres de La Hoz

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

A few months ago, The Killers’ Brandon Flowers announced that their new album, “Sam’s Town,” was one of the greatest albums of the past 20 years, and that they were now influenced by Bruce Springsteen and had a more American sound. A statement like this causes two things: First, it makes people who would have otherwise not cared about The Killers’ new work feel more interested, just because the statement is so cocky you have to see what it’s all about. However, it also causes critics to pull out their artillery so they get ready for the release date, when they’ll ruthlessly bash Flowers for his arrogance, and look at every minor failing in the album as an excuse to prove to everyone that this band is over.

As was to be expected, “Sam’s Town” is not one of the greatest albums of the past 20 years. It is, however, a very solid album, and more consistent than their debut “Hot Fuss,” which had half a dozen great songs, and some truly abhorrent duds. The claim that The Killers were now a Springsteen clone was wildly exaggerated. Their old synths, epic pop melodies, and anglo style are here, as is evident in lead single “When You Were Young.” There is no restraint whatsoever, with more than one song going far into Meat Loaf territory. As such, it would be easy to bash The Killers over their earnestness, or their dodgy lyrics. But if there’s something Brandon Flowers has (besides a great sense of self-promotion) is the ability to compose extremely catchy melodies. At least half the songs in this album could be successful singles. The title track resembles their “Hot Fuss” more than most here, with synths and dance drums backing Flowers singing, which has improved in emotion since their last. The more up-tempo numbers, such as “For Reasons Unknown” and “Bones”, maintain a lot of the same sense of power present in previous singles like “Somebody Told”, but with a more down-to-earth approach, which is where the Springsteen influence shines. Their talks of aging “There To Run” don’t turn this band into Springsteen-like, but rather reign down some of their more excessive 80’s dance tendencies.

The high point of the album comes near the end, with the one-two punch of “This River In Wild” and “Why Do I Keep Counting.” Any sense of restraint is lost in these two songs, which are long, wistful, and more than a little silly, but have the conviction of the album, and some of the best the band has ever written. If you’re not singing along to “Why Do I Keep Counting” as the song winds along, you have no soul.

The Killers’ 2nd album is hardly perfect. Their lyrics aren’t particularly good, their huge sound can sound silly occasionally, but this is certainly an enjoyable album packed with possible singles. No one’s looking at The Killers to change the face of music, but their talent in writing a good hook are second to none in the mainstream. “Sam’s Town” isn’t one of the greatest albums of the last 20 years, but it has nothing in it that deserves the scorn it will get by those angered by Flowers’ posturing.

Catch The Killers at the Riviera Theatre, October 17th.

LIVE: The Black Lips/Be Your Own Pet

By Andres de La Hoz

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The Logan Square Auditorium might not have the greatest sound in the world, but every year it plays host to a slew of great musicians from the indie, metal, and punk scenes. Such was the case with Black Lips and Be Your Own Pet, playing a show last Friday to a crowd of young high-schoolers and older, jaded, inebriated hipsters.

Black Lips, whose sound on their studio albums is generally of the high-treble, garage-croak variety, packed a lot more punch than their recorded output, going through their setlist with ease and having audience members chanting and dancing to their songs, with little interruption (no witty banter, unfortunately), and mostly reigning in except for their lead guitar player’s occasional solos at using his teeth to play some licks.

While there was a sizable audience, there was no problem for those interested in getting into it to be up front, or even climbing on top of the stage. Among the audience members thrashing wildly and making faces was Be Your Own Pet’s member sans, their new drummer.

The show perfectly highlighted one of the appeals of smaller shows put on by younger bands, which is that the divisions between band and audience members are far less than in more high-profile gigs, which engages the kids a lot more than seeing a few rock tabs tuning guitars for an hour.

Members for both bands could be seen with the audience, enjoying the music before or after they got their own part of the job done, or preparing on

the audiotorium’s balcony (preparing being a disciplined regime of drinking a couple of beers and dancing). Be Your Own Pet was a very high-energy, and a lot better than their recent gig at Lollapalooza, where even though their performance was very good, they were playing their brand of crazy rock on a stage too high and too separated from the audience to get them fully engaged. Here, however, the kids were up against the stage, dancing, moshing, and watching as the band tore through.

Bassist Nathan VanAecker spent a good third of the show rolling second-stage, while singer Jemima Pearl used the remaining two-thirds to spit out and belt out their lyrics. Crowd reaction was different than with The Black Lips, more active and excited even though more than a few had left after their set.

All in all, both bands put on a good show which was not only entertaining, but showed the appeal of shows by smaller bands, where you can feel the band members are as glad to see the other bands playing as their own audience.

This week in Chicago -Live Shows

Indie pop bands Clap Your Hands Say Yeah / Architect in Helsinki will play at the Vic Theatre on October 3rd.

Rilo Kiley singer Jenny Lewis and her backup band from her solo debut play at the Vic Theatre on October 4th.

The same day sees ex-Beat Happening singer Calvin Johnson and indie band Mt. Eerie play at South Union Arts. They will also play a set at University of Chicago the next day. Legendary indie band Yo La Tengo play at SURPRISE! The Vic Theatre on Thursday, October 5th. The same day sees emo/rock band Minus The Bear play at the Logan Square Auditorium, and electronica duo Metroz at the Claudia Cassidy Theater.

Friday, October 6th boasts shows by dance/new wave bands CSS and Ladytron at the Vic Theatre (this is not a paid advertisement, in case you were wondering).

Saturday, October 7th sees rockers Olkervil River play at Schubas (get your I.D.s out) and singer Ben Kweller play at... well, take a guess as to where.

If all of those have been a hit too sweet for your tastes, the “Radio Rebellion” tour stops at the House of Blues on Tuesday, October 10th. Bands playing include The Burzum And Me, N锾emos, and Misery Signals. If that’s too little, too late, you can stop at the Riviera Theatre for a show by New York’s flamebrato Scissor Sisters. Or you could stop by the Metro to see Good Charlotte (please don’t!).

Finally, Monday was sold-out rocking TV On The Radio play at the Metro, as well as DJ Shadow play at (Hal) the Vic Theatre.

So shell out those dollars and go out. These equations can wait a few days.
Movie review: "The Black Dahlia" (2006)

By Dawn Tian

Based on the true unsolved murder of Elizabeth Short, "The Black Dahlia" is set in post-World War II (1940s) Los Angeles and is told through the eyes of Dwight "Bucky" Hirsh, a corrupt police detective (Josh Hartnett), an innocent cop lost in a corrupt police department. Along with his psychologically volatile partner, Beulah Blanche (Aaron Eckhart), both men spiral into an obsessive and perverted infatuation with the bizarre murder of a young and beautiful wannabe actress. High is the success of their unparalleled success in arresting criminals, intertwined with the dynamics of their power struggle, and the love of an enigmatic figure, Kay Lars (Scarlett Johansson), they form a love triangle skilfully on edge.

The investigation twists and turns as the spider spins its web of lies and nothing is as it seems. A key witness, Madeleine Linscott (Hilary Swank), is the femme fatale drawn to evil, alluring, and sending lesbian clubs that drive her to investigate Dahlias. This tries to tangle and tantalize, bringing its audience with it 'who-done-it-ness' from beginning to end, but throughout the movie, one cannot help wonder when the movie will end.

Shakespeare's "King Lear" at the Goodman Theater

By Jessica Schmit

It is a tale to live in Chicago and not see the outstanding operatic "King Lear." Regardless of whether you love or hate it (and you will do one of those options), this is one of those plays that shake you to your core, resonating in your mind days after you have seen it. The play opens in a dirty room, with characters exchanging dialogues as they relieve themselves, manifesting the tone of the night. This is not your typical Shakespearean period piece. Dressed in rags or manners of any kind, the play truly starts at Lear's birthday party, where revelers wave machine guns and Cuban cigars to the hip-hop the bear-bowing decry plays. You are quickly engulfed in Lear's world of sexual deviance, naked body shaving, and ritualism. Rauphert with naked sex and salt, this is not a play for the young or the faint of heart. The play jumps from one accessibility to the other, Lear's eldest daughter receives one pleasuring under her minx coat, while a couple of scenes later, a Benn is up on stile with another ugly daughter, bullhorn marijuana smoke and blasing hotcrot.

The Tony award-winning director, Robert Falls changes the point of King Lear from gaining wisdom of love and family a little too late to drastic, shell-shocking parallels of the dark world we live in today. The second act scene looks to be taken directly from Bhagat, acus raped in half and resembling towers dominate the stage, reminding us of the devastating choice of September 11. Banned arms and men graves seem to warm against the Holocaust turn the world is headed for. Lear's world is a nightmare place to be; rape and eye gouging are common place here. The two female leaders, Lear's daughters Goneril and Regan are whores in tongues who use sex foolishly to get what they want. Sex and power corrupt all, shielding anyone that is witness to the Kingdom crumbling under the growing anxiety.

The impeccable cast delivers sporadically superb acting. Stacy Keach seems to be a mere of two structures and age in the first act, letting his anger pulse too far early on, yet shines magnificently when he deliverance as the broken homeless king. The play is so method that you are intensely aggravated by the nice guys of the play, Edgar (Joaquin Torres) and Kent (Steve Pickett), mainly because their humanity is left unexplored. Jonno Roberts as Edmund is a devisive comic genius, characteristically manipulating the chaos surrounding him into his favor. Kim Martin-Cotten and Kate Arrington, Goneril and Regan respectively, are caricatures of their characters, overacting to the point of irritation, but very appropriate for their roles.

This is an important play to see, making defined statements about our government and war. Although the frenetic production is often over the top, it is sensational in its ability to stimulate the mind. Be prepared to be emotionally drained and beaten after you have seen Shakespeare as you've never seen it before.

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The drunk and the soph.

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4 High School went to IT
6 Collin field is home to the
8 Quarter place on campus with a Milton book
10 Siring President of MIT

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Men, sometimes I feel I'm just a small, insignificant person here at IT that no one cares about...

And it doesn't help to have a giant toaster for dorms and a huge toilet paper roll for a recreational center...
Fantasy Sports: A cheat sheet for NFL week 5

By Prateek Sanan
TECHNEWS WRITER

Columnist’s Note:
Football season is underway and everyone’s goal is to check out their favorite teams and get a feel for the way things are going. Teams like the Colts, Seahawks, and Bears have been as good as advertised, whereas teams like the Saints, Panthers, and Buccaneers have been huge surprises. Players like Matt Hasselbeck, Eli Manning and Chester Taylor have progressed nicely and are having career seasons. On the other hand, guys like Randy Moss, Deuce McAllister and Ben Roethlisberger have regressed and are off to rough starts. As far fantasy football is concerned, week 5 is around the time that the contenders and pretenders will begin to establish themselves in each league. It should be time to fine-tune your team and add those last few missing pieces to the puzzle so that you can optimize your performance from week to week. This week I will go over favorable trades in the Bay Low and Sell High section and continue with some favorite match-ups in the Start ‘Em and Sit ‘Em section. Finally, I will finish up with an injury round up for week 5.

Trade Deals:
Trading is knowing when to pull the trigger on a blockbuster deal to instantly improve your team into contention in your league. Owners are always looking to trade players that start slow, but figuring out which slow starters can rebound and which are likely to struggle for the season is crucial in determining whom you target. On the flip side, people instantly fall in love with one-week wonder players and usually package junk-rodeo players for great return value. Trading fantasy football players is a lot like trading stocks: you have to know when to buy low and sell high!

Buy Low:
Julie Delhomme, QB, Carolina Panthers: Delhomme has finally been given Smith back in the line-up to throw to. He’s a completely different passer with Smith being his top guy to throw to. Keyshawn Johnson is also a solid two number receiver for Delhomme. Combine that with the fact that the Panthers are struggling to run the football as of right now and the fact that Delhomme has started very slow, he could end up being a 3rd quarterback for the rest of the season.

Santana Moss, WR, Washington Redskins: Moss has struggled mightily in a stagnant Redskins offense. However, with coordinator Al Saunders calling the shots, the Redskins will definitely improve as the season progresses and Moss can be extremely sneaky and produce some huge point weeks. It should not be difficult to get him away from an owner because of his slow start and look for him to have some big games in the near-futurs.

Thomas Jones, RB, Chicago Bears: The Chicago Bears love to run the football. Yes, QOS Rex Grossman has completely altered that philosophy in the first two games of the season and the Bears rushing game has yet to take off, but eventually the Bears will have to count on the run. Teams will begin to respect the Bears passing game and games should take full advantage and get the running game going.

Sell High:
Edgerrin James, RB, Arizona Cardinals: The Edge is considered by most to be a top 10 fantasy player. However, the offensive line in Arizona is just not durable enough to vanish him into the elite running back category. James has enjoyed some early success and can still bring in huge returns in the right kind of trade.

Jerricho Cotchery, WR, New York Jets: Cotchery has been a huge surprise in the Jets passing game led by QBD Chad Pennington. He has produced top wide receiver numbers in the first few weeks of the season. Do not expect that to continue against the tough Jets schedule and the fact that Pennington is injury prone hurts his value. A deal for a player like WR Andre Johnson would be perfect for owners.

Seigo Chugunov, DST, Denver Broncos: The Chugunov defense was spectacular in the first two weeks of the season against the Raiders and the Titans. However, their schedule gets much tougher and their secondary is still somewhat suspect. A trade could land you a much better option at defense like the Jaguars or Seahawks.

Favorable Match-Ups:
Here is a list of guys you definitely want to consider starting or consider benching in week 5.

Start ‘Em:
Brady Quinn, QB @ Packers: Brady has improved in each game that he has played in this season. Although the Rams offense has looked a little less potent than usual without coordinator Mike Martz, Brady is getting in on new systems and should produce big numbers with his array of weapons like Tory Holt, Isaac Bruce, Kevin Curtis, and Steven Jackson.

Bray Forte, RB vs. Rams: The Packers have established that they are going to play floor behind and put the football in the air. Forte was unstoppable in weeks 3 and 2 recording 6 touchdowns and only 1 interception. Look for Forte to light it up against the Rams.

Robby Ggo, QB vs. Buffalo: Goo is completely on fire right now against the Bills. He has completed 60 of 63 games, with only a non-start being the day his daughter was born and even that day he came into play in the 2nd quarter. Alexader’s toughness and durability should accelerate his return and the bye week in week 5 helps. Look for him to be ready to play by week 6. Running back Marcio Morris might be a good back-up option here.

Terrell Owens, WR, Dallas Cowboys: Owens is arguably the best wide receiver in the NFL when he is healthy and happy. Not only is Owens supremely talented, his pinky finger, but also reports out of Dallas last week stated that he was depressed and trying to commit suicide. He, of course, denied those allegations and was ready to play and play. In week 5, Owens plays at the Eagles, his former team. This is the type of game that Owens will get up for and can completely dominate. If Owens is ready to play, he is a must start in week 5.

Adam Vinateri, K, Indianapolis Colts: The Colts seem to be pretty tightly lipped about Vinateri’s injury status. Although Vinateri is one of the best kick returners ever and has missed a kick yet this season, an array of injuries from a groin strain to a hip bone in his foot could eventually catch up to him. It might be a good idea to play it safe and wait to see how Vinateri’s kicks for a game or two before inserting him back into your starting line-up.

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Our coach is faster than yours!

By Christie Ferraro

This year the Hawk’s cross country team sits at the top of the heap. Of the most notable includes the addition of the team’s assistant coach Matt Lacy, who ran as a member of the 2005 team as a junior. He will be working this season, taking 3rd overall with 25:32. Usually coaches are not allowed to run in the race with the team, but he was allowed to enter unannounced so he did not contribute to the team’s scoring. He previously ran for Tulane University and is now a graduate student at UTT.

The men’s team (minus their constant coach) finished 14 out of 27 teams which included several NCAA schools. The team was led by junior Obi Okwara with a best of 26:57. Other contributors to the team scoring included freshmen Nick Wilksam, Jonnier Ed Arambayu, seniors Tom Francoceangeli and Jared Cordier, sophomore Chris Checkiak, and freshmen Oba Vincent.

The women finished 18 out of 33 teams, which also included several larger NCAA schools. The women were led by senior Liz Billi who ran a personal best of 20:26. The rest of the scoring was rounded out by seniors Anna Ogbevemaya, and Nadia Erin, as well as freshmen Lisa Nielson, Beth Nielsen, Brooke Jeffcoat, and Amber Parcell.

Come watch the Hawks in their short shorts next week at the Cardboard Invitational in Wisconsin!

By Sachin Jain

Now that baseball season is over, the city’s focus will shift towards the up-and-coming Bears. The team has started the season off on an almost perfect note, and has quickly risen to amongst the elite in the NFL. Unlike last year, the Bears now have complete team and present a more formidable opponent. This transformation has been in large part due to quarterback Rex Grossman’s ability to stretch opposing defenses with his arm. The Bear offense looks nothing like last year’s offense which struggled to move the ball during the second half of games that yielded over fifteen yards. Along with Grossman, the Bears receiving core also deserves credit for the Bear improved passing attack. Wide receiver Bernard Berrian’s speed has made opposing defenses respect the deep ball, and thus has made it easier for him to catch relatively shorter passes. Their starting wide receivers, Mushin Muhammad, has been everything the Bears could have asked for. His size makes him an excellent target for Grossman, especially in the bubble of the field. This revamped offense in combination with their defense has made the Bears a force to be reckoned with. This week the Bears play host to their ex-coach Dick Jauron and the Buffalo Bills. Similarly to when he was with the Bills, Jauron has almost no experience at the quarterback positions, as current starter J.P. Lesman has only started eight games prior to this year. Although they lack a serious passing attack, the Bills have a strong ground game, which features running back, Willis McGahee. Nevertheless, the Bears should have no problem winning this game as their defense should dominate the Bills’ offense.

The Chicago Fire has had another excellent season and with two weeks left, the Fire has already clinched a playoff spot. This is quite an achievement when one thinks back to earlier in the year, when the Fire had only won two of their first nine games. The team has been able to recover because of its incredible play after the All-Star break, as they have been the hottest team in the league. This turnaround can be attributed in large part to coach Dave Sarachan’s strategy of keeping his players fresh by continuing to rotate them in and out of the starting lineup. This has prevented any single player from having a breakout season, but it has resulted in four individuals having more than five goals. This week the Fire face off against the worst team in major league soccer, the Columbus Crew. The Fire should have no problem cruising to another victory, as they get ready for the upcoming playoffs.

This week in Chicago sports

By Matt Helland

What to watch for: NFL week 5

Buffalo 10 Chicago 24

The Bears picked up an important win in week 3, defeating the Vikings, which has been the only division opponent worth respecting. Chicago needs to dominate inferior teams like Buffalo if they want to keep a leg up in the division. Look for the Bears to try to reestablish the running game they had last year, setting up Grossman’s passing attack.

Cleveland 13 Carolina 24

The Panthers looked last the first two weeks of the season, especially against the division. Carolina looks like a completely different team. While their defense may not be as strong as in years past, their offense now has the ability to outscore opponents.

St. Louis 28 Green Bay 20

Since Favre has been in Green Bay, the Packers have been all but unbeatable at home. However, this year the Packers have dropped their first two games at home and will be looking for a win. The Rams defense has been opportunistic so far this year, and should make Favre turn the ball over numerous times in the win.

Tennessee 10 Indianapolis 35

I’ll be surprised if this game is remotely close after the first half of play. Since taking nothing from veteran QB Kerry Collins and look more like an NCAA football team than an NFL team.

Detroit 12 Minnesota 33

OVER is a mismatch and the Vikings should easily dominate this game. However, Detroit has actually given Minnesota problems and the game always seems to be decided in the last five minutes. Look for a low scoring game with a

Longwell field goal eventually deciding the winner.

Miami 10 New England 20

Tom Brady and the Patriot offense has looked mediocre to start the season, as Brady definitely appears to miss WR Delon Brunch. The running game has been decent, with rookie Laurence Maroney leading the way, and will be the key to beating Miami. With the way the Dolphins defense has been playing, two touchdowns and a steady rushing attack should win the game for New England.

Tampa Bay 7 New Orleans 24

With Chris Simms out indefinitely, the Bears will have to turn to rookie Bruce Gradkowski. Bruce Who? The un-drafted rookie from Toledo had great numbers in college, but will look lost against a Saints defense that confused veteran Michael Vick in week 3.

Washington 14 N.Y.Giants 24

Both teams got a slow start losing their two of the first three. Yet, expectations are still high and each city will expect nothing short of making the playoffs. With their talented offense, the Giants definitely have a better chance of making the postseason. However, a challenging schedule may keep New York from the postseason.

Kansas City 21 Arizona 16

The Cardinals have once again started the season off on a rough, losing two of their first three. Rumors have started to spread that rookie Matt Leinart is close to taking over for turnover-prone Kurt Warner. The visiting Chiefs will look to Larry Johnson to be the key to them winning this game. His lack of production, zero TD’s in the first two weeks, is the main reason why Kansas City went by week three bye.

N.Y. Jets 9 Jacksonville 17

The Jets have been the surprise of the league this year, starting the season winning two of their first three, and more surprisingly going 2-0 on the road. They travel to Jacksonville this week, where they’ll face a defense far better than they’ve seen this season. Look for the Jaguars to take away the Jets passing game, forcing the Juns running back to produce.

Oakland 21 San Francisco 33

Defense will be hard to find Sunday afternoon in San Francisco, when two of the worst defensive teams meet. On offense, the Niners have been able to assemble a potent offense this year, led by sophomore QB Alex Smith and RB Frank Gore. If Giant’s are able to figure out how to hold onto the football near the goal line this week, San Fran will be in line for a win.

Dallas 20 Philadelphia 31

It should be a rude welcoming Sunday, as the Philadelphia fans should be heckling and booing Owens the entire game. While the fans here at T.O., McNabb and the Eagles offense will take care of business on the field, showing Owens that football is a team sport, and the city and franchise is better off without him.

Pittsburgh 17 San Diego 13

I think this is the week that Roethlisberger and the Steeler’s find their offense and prove last year’s Super Bowl victory was not a fluke. The Chargers will definitely be favored at home, but they haven’t played anyone yet and their defense won’t be ready for the physical play of the Pittsburgh up front.

Baltimore 21 Denver 16

This game will depend on the play of Jake Plummer. If Plummer holds onto the football and forces the Ravens offense to beat Denver, the Broncos should win, but if Plummer turns the ball over, like he did in week 1 and 2, the Ravens will roll on Monday night.