Air Gordon has IIT students flying high

By Abishek Gunduguri

TechNews Writer

Go Karting

Check out the most recent event hosted by the Motor Sports Fan Club.

P Diddy

Gain some insight as to how this one man finds the time to do so much.

Michael Schumacher

The longest career Formula 1 driver announced last month that he will be retiring.

Spring courses at Shimer

By Noah Kippley-Ogman

TechNews Writer

There are new people on campus this year, and it's not just the incoming IIT students. Shimer College, a small liberal arts college, has moved its undergraduate program to the IIT campus. With the college came not just its cadre of students, faculty, and staff but also a unique way of doing things. This is a whole new way of learning available to IIT students right here on campus. IIT students are free to enroll in Shimer courses and as a result, thanks to a newly clarified cross-registration agreement, have free access to courses and content between the two schools.

This spring, Shimer will offer a variety of courses in the Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Humanities to IIT students. You'll be able to take a course examining the various nuances of war and peace, and how war and the world emerged including some from the Bible, modern science, the Egyptians, and the philosophers of the Enlightenment. Or you could take a course exploring the literary arts, with readings from Homer's Odyssey through modern poetic songs with stops in between Shakespeare and Toni Morrison.

Or there's a course examining political practices and the values which underpin them. This course starts with the Ancient Greeks and follows the development of political thought through St Thomas Aquinas, Machiavelli, and Rousseau. It culminates not only with the writings of America's Founding Fathers, but also with the writings of Karl Marx and some Supreme Court cases.

Another course Shimer is offering to IIT students is entitled "Life, Law, and Models of Chemistry". Instead of memorizing Avogadro's number, students in that course will read Avogadro's paper as they follow the development of the periodic table from the Ptolemaics wondering about Earth, Air, Fire, and Water through Pascal's discovery of gases.
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We don’t need or want Da Bears

By Colm Emch-Wei
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It’s football season again, a time that I can’t ever really get myself involved in. I try to treat this time of the year as a casual observer, which growing increasingly more difficult as I watch large men with invited breasts smash each other to a pulp, while their fans don bizarre garb in complete disregard for my privacy. A strange Marki Gras, this is.

However, I’m not too concerned with pointing out the obvious atrocities of this sport. Today, I’d like to tell you that I don’t want the Bears to have an undefeated season. Hell, I’m not even sure if I want them to have a winning season.

Now, before you take a swing, bear me out. Last year, we discovered what happens when a Chicago-based sports team does well and subsequently wins major league championship. People Celebritee. They celebrate madly.

The few detractors around here cursed the team, cursed their luck, and continued being angry. After a few months, everything returned to normal, and people forgot about their respective camps and went back to normal life.

This is a natural cycle, nostalgia, Normalcy, then vigorous jubilation, then normalcy, then later, more normalcy. My firm belief is that if the Bears have an undefeated season, the city might combate in a way never seen since the last time a billion American dollars were ever spent on a sports psyche. This has the potential to be engorged in such a blast. If you have a problem picturing such a scene, think of the largest nuclear explosive possible. Then add football helmets. It got it? Let’s move on.

The problem here is that no one really hates the Bears. The fans on the north side and the south side both wear Bears hats, shirts, and whatever else you can adorn yourselves with. Everybody is proud of their team. At least the main standpoint. During baseball season, Cubs fans and Sox fans are easily distinguishable.

United Nation sanctions over North Korea

By Phuong Bui
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I still remember watching a documentary of P.O.S. Frontliner World on North Korea at 4am just two days before the October 9th - the day North Korea headed up the whole world by its first underground nuclear test. This documentary was broadcasted in January 2003 and was one of the rare videos that reveal true "on-site" images about the one of the most isolated countries in the world. My first, but only impression was that this whole country has been totally exhausted, from food, from freedom and from happiness. Noone could ever imagine a day it would be possible to possess a nuclear bomb - the king of all weapons - ever.

And... blink! That day came. Fast and furious. The world jumped. Within days later, the UN Security Council announced a longer and more stringent list of new sanctions over North Korea and "promised" further actions would be taken if the country conducts the test next. The United States, Japan, South Korea, China, Russia, Australia etc. start banning freezes, freezing assets and foreign funds, preventing North Korea contacts with foreign technology, and want of all halting humanitarian aid including rice and fertilizers to North Korea. The question is what is good in all that?

I am not against all the sanctions. Ban NK, from military materials - make sense. Prevent it from food or humanitarian aid - absolutely no.

First and most of all, the targets of the UN Security Council should be the government, NOT the people. According to the World Health Organization and UNICEF, over 4 million of North Koreans suffers from malnutrition, including 60% of all children - the worst rate among 110 developing nations in the world. Roughly a third of a North Korea food needs is imported from the United Nations. Now if the United Nations members cut back on the food aid, the first and the most miserable target is no other than PEOPLE. (Sad but true)

Moreover, the economic sanctions and the continuing isolation would just worsen the problem and result in a more chaotic and more drastic nation. Now try to put yourself in that place. Hyde Park shoes. If you were born and brought up in a place where the moment a child utters a word, they (the government) start him

My very first snow

By Shivlen Shah
TECHNEWS WRITER

Ever since I came to US I have always been curious about the climate conditions. The reason for this and the fact that city of Chicago is always considered one of the windiest and one that really gets chilly during winters. And this city has lived up to its reputation.

Last week when I was surfing weather.com I was quite amused to see the prediction for

snow on Thursday. I couldn’t believe it because it had been quite pleasant and sometimes sunny till then.

Wednesday night, I was struggling through my books in Night Owl, all tired and weary as it was, my Computer network module the next day. Finally I surrendered to sleep at 4:00 am in the morning after baring and brain-wrenching battle with networking concepts. Although I was sleeping, my mind was wandering in the dawn in which it was in the examination hall.

The questions were so deadly that I was unable to answer a single question. And with this scary thought I awoke with a shiver. 0.30 am in the morning. I was rubbing my eyes hastily. And thankfully that impossible paper was over. Then these words which I had heard a hundred times before came to my mind: "This is not a window, the beauty that it saw was beyond my imagination. It was snowing!!"

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Ramblings of an “ignorant” mind

By Disha Doshi
TECHNEWS WRITER

What is the one feeling that pops most into your mind when you: Google something? Well I think I know what most of you must be thinking at right now. Can one actually try for an internet search engine that looks up for answers to your profound questions? You simply put in the search query, wait for the minute to pop up, find the relevant query and get going once you have your much needed answers. Well, I am sure that is not the case. I am afraid, you have been disheartened.

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IIT Opinion—What you want to say...

TechNews IIT opinion survey results

By Abishek Gunduguri

Continuing the last week’s new initiative, TechNews’ new concept IIT Opinion. This week the survey is about the scheduling of midterms in Arts and Law at IIT. It was to gauge how many students, specifically freshmen and upperclassmen, think of how the midterm exam scheduling should be like. The sample size was considerably bigger than the first survey. It included a wider range of students of different representative groups.

The first question was for statistically gauging the variation of answers among the year of college. There were fewer freshmen who took this survey, but their opinion was important because of class size. The freshmen class size is the biggest this year. Upperclassmen have midterms in more numbers, that’s what the survey reveals.

A Big 36 students said the fall break was for relaxing. Only 15 said it was for both relaxing and studying. This is an important result because if most students want to relax during fall break, they should in the best case scenario, have finished all midterms before break. One student, Dev Narasimhan said, “If teachers and professors spaced out their test schedule instead of putting them all in one week, they would avoid problems of having students burn out before their next test or midterm.” Another student completely deferred from this survey. He said fall break should be gotten rid of and should give more days off for Thanksgiving. The idea of having one week of midterms is so that all students would have a break that they could do what they want to do, RELAX.

Overall, the results give only a glimpse of the opinion of students. Any deviation from this opinion cannot be expressed in the opinion section of TechNews. Any opinions on this survey can be sent to gundu20@iit.edu.

Survey About Fall Break

![Survey Results Chart]

Survey Results Quickie

70% of the survey takers were upperclassmen.
46% had 4 midterms
46% had 5 midterms
40% agreed that the midterms were tough.
50% thought having all midterms in one week is a bad idea.
35% thought having all midterms in one week is in a year.
72% agreed that fall break was to relax!!

The last dirty word on religious prejudice

By Joe Kaiser

It came to light recently that Ben Frankel, a Texas man running for judge as a Democrat, was a “protestant atheist” and believes the Tri-

bible is a "collection of myths." He, of course, denied that he ever professed to be an atheist and has never been a member of an atheist or-
ganization (coven, how he denies being an atheist?)

This upsets me.

I'll jump straight into the worst part of it, though. Replace the word “atheist” in that first paragraph to a word like “Muslim.” Or any-
thing else that’s not Christianity. It’s a given that the right, as it exists, is hell set, Mark Object and Women’s Equality, Marck Policy and Children, Dick Cheney and Hunt-

ting Buddies). But, you know, with a few key exceptions, there’s not a single person you can keep in an L-D. But atheism gets the special treatment.

For the record, I’m a professed athe-

ist who believes the Bible is a collection of

myths. I believe the world would be a better place without religion, and I don’t think it has any place in Government. Finally, and most importantly, I think it’s entirely possible for someone to have strong morals without having them listed for you in a book.

That being said, just because someone’s an atheist doesn’t mean they’ll say, in line with an iron fist to the quirk of the Christians. Without making any judgments specifically on Mr. Frankel, let’s just say that one’s religious beliefs, null or otherwise, should not have an effect on their rulings.

If you’re afraid the gay might force you to say a prayer to listen every day under pen-

alty of death, well, you’re quibbling with his politics, not his religious beliefs. And if this shameless pandering is because his religious beliefs might get in the way of his ruling, well, you are the same cack with a Christian judge — and Church and State mixing in’t right, even if you agree with the religious texts. Then again, I don’t have much of a risk of a Jewish or Hindu judge imposing their beliefs on everyone else, so to this almost seems like a non-issue.

Why’s atheist the last dirty word? Sure, there are atheist groups and rights groups, just like there are for every other race and creed. But it’s a rare sight to see someone openly ac-

cess a judge of being a homosexual or con-
cious someone (or being black). Though you’d think we’d see a little bit more, considering how many of them don’t believe in evolution. If it’s not adjusted melanin levels for Vitamin D levels, then what? Answer me? (PS. Thanks The Eyes of Nye. Someone got WTTW to carry the new Bill Nye show, I learn so much about Science). It’s always masked in words like “af-

firmative action” and “civil unions,” the issues are so redacted that only those with loose tongues could be accused of straight out big-

oty, all the others are masked behind a wall of talking points. But atheist is still a dirty word — probably because it’s so blatantly at odds with the current GOP agenda — an agenda that seems afraid of things like science and civil rights because it’s afraid to let society change from what the Bible says (of someone can seri-

ously explain to me what the “inaccuracy of mar-
riage” is and why it means gays shouldn’t get married withoutawakening the Bible. I’d be ever so grateful. I’d love to know that there’s actual-

ly a reason behind that). That rhetoric lets them hide what they mean, but the open animosity toward atheism makes it pretty clear how im-

portant religion is to their policy.

In the next few weeks, my panel could be a wesam president, then maybe a half-black presidenet (or, if they pull a Keyes, maybe even an all-black president). We’ll have different races, then different creeds, as generations pass and people start to grow up in a more toler-

ant environment, wealth barriers break down. Then we’ll get the flying car. More varieties of people will get to their first Presidency, and then, just as America is tending on the brink of sociopolitical and economic collapse (damn you, low-gas-mileage flying car! we might have an Atheist President. Maybe. But as long as religious are so polarizing, so divisive, as long as we have wars over religious and have court cases to see how many people you can con-

vert to your religion (that must explain the guy at the McDonald’s. I never want to go to a Youth Group. I don’t care if they have a band, as long as... hell, as long as religion exists, someone’s going to be pandering to it. Where else can you get such a great gut reaction?"
Indian community burgeoning in America

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By Abhishek Gunduguri

"The Indian-American community is asking whether the American dream is enough." Indians are also working outside politics to influence broader society. They are overrepresented among college professors, engineers and technology workers. Between 10 percent and 12 percent of all medical school students are Indians, according to the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, the biggest apogee of the flock. Many Indian immigrants arrived in the US focused almost entirely on individual success — getting a top-notch job, making good money and pushing their children to do the same. But things are changing. After the attacks of Sept. 11, many Indian Sikhs, who were turbaned as part of their faith, were mistaken for Muslims — and terrorists. Hindus were harassed or worse. In Mea, Arizona, a Sikh gas station owner was shot and killed in 2001, by a man who told police "all Arabs had to be shot." There is also a new trend. The Indian-American is asking whether the American dream (making a lot of money and having fancy cars) is enough. They feel that giving back is also a necessary part. In New Jersey, Ready to Run, a Rutgers University-based project that helps women seek public office, will next year for the first time court Asian women, said Reema Desai, an immigration lawyer who is helping organize the outreach.

In recent years in Edinburg, there's been low-grade tension between Indians and the police, and it cropped up during the July 4 celebrations. Police were called to a heavily Indian apartment complex to disperse a crowd of nearly 300, and one official said he was beaten by police, said Jerry Beca, spokesman for Edinburg's mayor. City officials called on state mediators to help build bridges in the community, and the advisory body includes two Indian-Americans, Beca said. "It's going to take time, but it's good because now people in Edinburg are talking — as opposed to you: 'I live over there and we live over here.'" Source: Yahoo! News by EBRU TERYEA, AP National Writer

Creative writing may make doctors better

By Abhishek Gunduguri

Doctors, mainly medical residents, practicing in an in-patient hospital might improve their bedside manner by honing their creative writing skills, a small study suggests. Researchers at Yale University found that medical residents who completed a creative writing workshop felt the experience helped them better view their patients as people, not just medical cases. According to the researchers, the effect seems to extend to the way that residents not only changed their own emotions and the experiences of their patients, but also wrote it down as a story.

In one example of the study, Dr. Reema Reisman said that many residency programs have support groups where young doctors can discuss their concerns. However, the process of writing a narrative may help residents examine their experiences in a more thoughtful way, according to Reisman, as assistant professor of internal medicine at the Yale School of Medicine. She said "Focusing on the craft of writing, in other words, provides a means of increasing one's powers of observation and improving one's understanding of both self and others," in the Journal of General Internal Medicine.

Their study included 15 residents at Yale-New Haven Medical Center who took part in a 2.5-day writing workshop with well-known doctor/writer Abraham Verghese.

No residency program had ever offered a creative writing course before, Reisman said. "I know when we first talked about it, people were quick to say "what is the point?" In focus groups held after the workshop, residents said that writing helped them process their own emotions and improve their understanding of their patients. Their stories "were unique in the sense that they included their own insecurity and feelings of powerlessness, broken bad news, awareness and burnout of "how little physicians know their patients." In the focus groups, Reisman's team notes, one resident said, "I didn't realize some of the emotion I was feeling until it was written down." Another said, "The act of writing changes the way you look at patients. One of the goals in starting the writing workshop, Reisman said, was to help residents "cultivate a curiosity about patients beyond their disease." Though the study couldn't account for how the workshop changed participants' medical practices, one of the hopes, Reisman said, is that it will help them better communicate with patients.

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5.47-carat diamond found in park

By Abhishek Gunduguri

"What's the best that could happen when you visit a state park? Try finding "Diamond in a Diamond." Rebecca Washington must just did that. He visited one state park in Murphysboro, Ark, and took home the ultimate souvenir — a 4.21-carat diamond.

The World of Ropes, Wick Westlake and Diamond City, found the diamond at the Crater of Diamonds State Park in Murphysboro, October 14. The park is the world's only publicly operated gem mining site where three civilians are allowed to search and keep any gems they find. Wick's 5.47-carat diamond is light yellow and has no visible flaws, said Tim Suddard, park superintendent. It is the second-largest gem recovered this year at the park.

"At first glance, it makes you think of lemon drop candy," he said.

The largest diamond this year was found by Texas couple, Donald and Brenda Ramsdell of Poteau, Texas, a 5.47-carat brown diamond in September.

Bill Henderson, assistant park superintendent, said park officials have an estimated value of the stones found by visitors. But what makes them the most interesting is that he has found a 4.21-carat flawless diamond, the largest he has ever seen. Mounir Aouf, a researcher by a New York diamond expert at $15,000 to $60,000.

The largest diamond ever discovered in the United States was unearthed in Arkansas in 1924. Naturalis, the white diamond weighed 83.23 carats.

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The high cost of obesity in the United States

By Abishek Gunduguri
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Obesity, considered an epidemic and which affects one in every three Americans, has hit the American economy also. The Illinois Association of retail health care associations, a University of Pennsylvania researcher said. Sadly the United States (among developed countries) has the most obese and overweight people, representing 66 percent of its overall population. Costs tied to excess pounds (or kilograms) account for 5.04 percent of all US health care costs.

The calculations by Professor Adam Golden of the University of Pennsylvania, presented at a conference on obesity last Saturday, are based on a comparison of 30 previous studies on the cost of obesity for the US health care system. An obese person racks up an additional 1,604 dollars (or 49 percent) in health care costs for doctors' visits, medications and medical procedures compared with a person of average weight. For someone who is overweight but not yet obese, the additional medical bills amount to 273 dollars more a year, or 9.3 percent more than those of an average weight person. And obese patients over the age of 65 pay an additional 2,511 dollars in medical bills.

Obesity often leads to other conditions, such as arthritis, asthma, breast cancer, colon cancer, diabetes and heart disease. Other studies sought to determine whether gastric bypass surgery and similar procedures were a good investment for health plans. Such operations generally cost between 15,000 and 25,000 dollars and are not covered by most health insurance plans. Although the financial benefits of such procedures are few, they are actually more economical over the course of seven years in terms of medical savings: Source: Yahoo! News

Illinois Senator Obama wehegs White House run

By Abishek Gunduguri
TECHNEWS WRITER

Illinois Senator and the first African American in the United States Senate, Barack Obama has made big news last Sunday. He talked on NBC’s “Meet the Press” and changed his stand on the possibility of a run for the white house. Although he did not confirm it completely yet, he said he thinking at this time. Given the responses that I’ve been getting over the last several months, I have thought about the possibility, although not with the seriousness or depth required. I said. “My main focus right now is in the ‘06. After November 7, I’ll sit down, if I sit down and consider, and if I sit down, I’ll make a public announcement and everybody will be able to go at me,” said Sen. Obama during the show.

Obama was largely unknown outside Illinois when he burst onto the national scene with a widely acclaimed address at the 2004 Democratic National Convention. In recent weeks, his political stock has been rising as a potentially viable contender for president in 2008 after former Virginia Gov. Mark Warner announced earlier this month that he was bowing out of the race.

In a recent issue of Time magazine, Obama’s face fills the cover next to the headline, “Why Barack Obama Could Be The Next President.” He is currently on a tour promoting his latest book, “The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream.” Obama dismissed notions that he might not be ready to run for president because of his limited experience in national politics. He said the job requires a certain seriousness and seriousness and cannot be something you pursue on the basis of vanity and ambition. He also added that he was not sure of anyone in ready to president before they are president. He said he’s not ready for the judgment of the American people. “We have a long and rigorous process. Should I decide to run, if I ever did decide to run, I’ll be confident that I’ll be the person that you’ve been pretty good,” Obama said.
Ninjas and pseudo-adults: go-karting with MSFC

By Kevin Franke

A month ago, as I entered into my 20th year of life, I realized that I am currently in the midst of a unique and privileged place in the course of my life's timeline, where not only am I aware that I have never enjoyed such mental and physical vitality, passion, and strength ever before in my life, but I am also a "pseudo-adult," that is, a moderately matured-up young man. Why? Well, in college, savors the fruits of independence and freedom that have not yet been spoiled by the burden of adult responsibilities.

In light of this realization, I have made it my fervently maintained personal resolution to greedy snatch up whatever opportunities are in my reach to allow myself to gather new, exciting, interesting, or just plain uncommon experiences, in order to cultivate the richest life possible. Ego, I have become a TechNews staff writer, and furthermore, I have a fantastic topic for my inaugural article—matt fuggin' KO-KAREN!!

On Saturday, October 7th, I went with the Motor Spats Fan Club to Chicago Indoor Racing in Buffalo Grove to enjoy an afternoon full of high-speed, tire-squealing, white-knuckle, neck-to-neck, ninja-go-karting action. Stupendous "Abilities" Gundagardi, the fearless founder of MSFC, platted and organized the trip, which was funded largely in part by the ever-loving Student Activities Fund. Thanks to their hard work, at 10:00am, a rather normal yellow school bus drove all the soon-to-be racers to their far more exciting vehicle companions.

But, before driving any of the go-karts (or "Mini-Indys," as I like to call them), we were required to sign a waiver that released Chicago Indoor Racing of any responsibility for any bodily injuries we could possibly sustain. Apparently, there was also some fine print that gave them sole possession of our souls. Luckily, despite essentially being our humanity was assigned by the mandatory viewing of a riveting low-budget instructional safety video. After the 7 minute manuscript's breathtaking conclusion, we dried our eye and were ready to gear up.

And what gear, indeed! The mandatory equipment provided both safety and authenticity to our racing experience, as the neck brace and a helmet protected us from neck injury and the real-life body suit not only concealed our street clothes but was tagged with patches of various product sponsors to make us feel like real professional racers. (Not like there’s any sort of strong connection between Jim Beam and the racing community.)

However, my favorite part of the attire was the head sock, which was to be worn under the helmet to protect my pristine, glowing locks from the striking, infectious rash left on the inside of the helmet from the previous racers’ competition. In real lures, of course, was to make me look like a ninja. Ninjas are fast and bad-ass, and so were the go-karts we got to drive. We were told that the Honda CRX modified to the karts revved up to 5,500 RPMs and reached top speeds of 30-35mph, but being fairly expectant to the air and so close to the ground, it felt something like 60-70mph. The tires were really smooth, and on the racetrack, quite slick. There was definitely a certain amount of skill needed to drive quickly while not spinning out on every turn and getting SLAMMED by the guy coming up wayyy too fast right behind you who doesn’t want to slow down for bad drivers.

I asked my friend and fellow-racer, Tony Scatchell, to comment on his favorite part of the trip. He replied, “Well, Kevin, the purple monkey-film at midnight.” Whatever. Tony, I think what he wanted to say and what all the other racers thought, was that they’re very glad they had the opportunity to be ninja racers drivers for an afternoon.

I managed to get a hot bit of gossip from Abhishok about future go-karting trips. He said, “Look forward to the event in Spring 2007. We’re planning a 120-minute event along with Union Band.” Boo-yay! I know I’ll be there.

By Douglas Staubuer

Denver, Colorado, was the site of the 101st annual Convention of Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society. The members of Colorado Beta, the collegiate chapter at the University of Colorado at Boulder, hosted the event. These hundred thirty engineering students from 223 collegiate chapters received leadership and management training and then practiced their skills in conducting the business of the Convention, held this year on October 5-7. There were 465 members of Tau Beta Pi on hand for this gathering of talented engineers.

The growth of the Association is a testament to the steady and enthusiastic 121-year invigoration. I realized that I am one of the world’s largest engineering societies. National awards to outstanding members and chapters were presented.

At the welcoming banquet, Dr. Bernard Amadeo, founder of Engineers Without Borders, delivered a moving keynote address entitled “The Role of Engineers in Poverty Reduction: Challenges and Opportunities.”

Major General William A. Anders, Ohio State ’52, astronaut on the 1962 Apollo 8 lunar-orbit mission, was recognized as Tau Beta Pi’s 2006 Distinguished Alumnus.

The R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award for 2005-06, the top honor to a campus group, went to Maryland Beta at the University of Maryland, with honorable mentions to University of Texas at Austin in the South and Michigan Gamma at the University of Michigan.

The R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award for 2005-06 was presented to Arizona Alpha at Arizona State University, with honorable mention to Texas Theta at the University of Texas at El Paso. Both the Matthews and Nagel awards are names for former secretaries of the Association.

The Laureate program recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding expertise outside the field of engineering. Devra T. Wiley, Arizona Alpha ’97, selected for his achievements as a musician and composer, was honored as the Association’s 2006 Laureate, receiving a $2,500 cash award and a commemorative plaque. In addition, fifteen scholarships of $500 (totaling $7,500) were presented for sustained excellent performance in project activities to many chapters across the country.

San Francisco State University and the United States Military Academy were each awarded a charter to establish a Tau Beta Pi chapter. In addition, a new Executive Council, or board of directors, was installed to serve the 2006-10 term.

Douglas Staubuer, vice-president of the Illinois Beta Chapter on this campus, participated in the 2006 Tau Beta Pi national Convention in Denver, Colorado, on October 5-7, as a delegate. He served on the Awards Committee, which was responsible for choosing the R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award and the R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award. Illinois Beta was honored with the 2005-06 Secretary Award.

Tau Beta Pi is the engineering honor society, now with 230 collegiate chapters, 16 active alumni chapters, and a membership of more than 445,000 engineering students in the top eight of their junior class or top fifth of their senior class scholarlyly are elected to membership on the basis of character. Graduate engineers may be elected on the basis of their eminent achievements in the engineering profession. The national headquarters of the Tau Beta Pi Association is located in Uxton’s main campus of the University of Tennessee.
Halloween Bowl Photos

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Campus dining to help stop hunger

By Olaiuwu Adeola

IIT and Sodexo Campus Dining Services held an event called Class Across America on Wednesday, October 18 which was involved in trying to break the record for the most canned food donations during a single event in multiple locations across the United States and at the same time trying to stop hunger by using the food donated to help feed hungry people across the world and right in our community.

At Class Across America, the goal was to donate canned food to help those who need it in our own community. The event was an exciting attempt to set a new Guinness World Record for the most canned food donations during a single event in multiple locations across the United States. The best part is that all of the food collected during this promotion on campus will help those in need right in our own community. According to Eddie Skillmore, Sodexo

The Vagina Monologues at Shimer College

By Noah Kippley-Ogman

Eileen Buchanan, Director of Theatre, will present The Vagina Monologues by Eve Ensler on November 10, 11, 17, and 18. For over two years, Buchanan has anxiously anticipated Shimer’s opportunity to present this compelling work of theatre. This Obie Award-winning play originally premiered off-Broadway in 1996 as a one-woman show. Author Eve Ensler, starting as herself, read each of the monologues compiled from numerous interviews she held with women of all ages, on topics such as women’s bodily functions unmentionable, while men glory in theirs. This has encouraged a sense of shame shared by women. That has got to stop. And that is why it is so important for people to see this show.

Performances will begin at 7 p.m. at Shimer’s new space on the second floor of 424 A State Street, on November 10, 11, 17, and 18. For more information please call 312.233.3512.

CDC Recommends routine HIV testing

By Victor Guharoy

Center for Disease Control (CDC) has recently revised recommendations for HIV testing making it a routine part of medical care for all patients between the ages of 13 and 64 in all healthcare settings (www.cdc.gov). They have also recommended an enhancement of routine voluntary screening of all pregnant women. "These steps are needed to advance progress in elimination of HIV transmission in the United States," said Dr. Julio Garberding, director of the CDC, in a media telebriefing on September 21.

Health care settings offer a major opportunity for early diagnosis of HIV infection. However, HIV testing remains low in many facilities. In one study, 60 percent of those newly diagnosed with HIV had already progressed to an advanced stage of disease leaving a vacuum for early treatment and good progress.

brining the tech back into TECH NEWS
By Rohit Loomba and Mike Li

TECHNEWS WRITERS

After a hiatus from releasing your own albums, what made you release Press Play now?

Because I had taken a design break, I was just producing so much. When you’re in a creative rut, it becomes repetitive to you and it becomes dangerous so you have to take more time off. So you have a little bit of a rest, you can sit on something, you can sit on Broadway, and did a couple of other things that were on my mind. And when I came back I definitely felt like I had a different outlook on what my listeners and what my audience is very musical, it’s different from what’s out there in pop music. People who are really into music, who brings to the party. I felt like I was on so much better form and I had more personal and different. All my other artists are into more drama and more meaningful and I feel you have to influence me and come from that place which is a different type of energy. This album will still be pop, it’s just evolving as a person and with, and what comes with love, the good, the bad and the ugly.

After working on the album for so long, how did you know when the album was done?

I had done like 30 to 40 songs and when I listened to it and it started sequencing them and I wasn’t sold on a story and I realized the story was told. I had this song ‘Partners for Life’ and it talked about the reality of the people who have AIDS. I think it was a true statement. You can’t let it down and up. That’s what’s about us and you know it’s about the love of my music and about that relationship, something we can all relate to. Nothing will be perfect, we all have our good days and bad days. So when I thought it was ready is that it was complete because it was the truth, it wasn’t bullshit. You worked with Kanye West, Twista, and Shawanna on the album which was you choosing Chicago in your own way. What gave your attraction with these artists and how did they fit into the project?

The artists from Chicago, this isn’t a new thing. We’ve had artists who have been working with Kanye since the start of his career as a producer. Twista started with me on my first album and has been on almost all of my albums. I know how it’s been. I think it’s a different type of artist. If you know hip hop music you know there’s a certain type of pain that goes into it and what they talk about is not regular, it isn’t like “I’m flipping out, I’m trying something a bit different”, there’s a level of that you think it’s true and so I was always attracted to those artists and in general, I’m attracted to that type of artist who are doing something different.

Tell Me was sung by Danyel Kaye on Making the Band and it’s the single off your album but now it has Christian Aguilera on it. How does that work?

When you send out a song to an artist to be on your record and you have written the song you send a vocal reference guide so part of the show was using them to get the reference vocal. So the vocal that I sent to Christina was the girl’s reference vocal. I was just testing out there voice. That’s what happens in Daddy’s Play. We make songs and whoever is there, Cher, Denis, Hayle James, Tonya, they may all do reference vocals. I don’t mean that it’s always necessary but I like to be on the safer side of it. It was never supposed to be on the song, it was always for Christina.

How did you continue to relate yourself with this album while maintaining a certain standard?

I think on this album it was important for me to open to things and understand that is a different type of music.

In the back communities and the other minority communities there is a strong digital divide. It’s very hard; it’s like it’s out there almost to see it. What had me scared was it might be so difficult and I didn’t want it to be that way. I thought it’d be boring, I got to do. I get on I was like “This is what I’ve been missing all along?” Then everybody in my studio had a music page and I’m that type of guy that doesn’t want to be left out, I don’t want my celebrity to trap me, so I was like with this album I want people to be able to touch me and reach me so I started a music page. I don’t want everybody to think I’m a genius, I’m just catching up. I didn’t even know you could watch videos on the internet. I was like “what can you do on video?” It’s fast and the kids can tell if it’s fake.

How do you find the time to do so many things and make sure you do them all well?

I’d say I’ve been doing it for myself and say I’m not, but when you’re coming from the space of your motivation and you have to, you have to do it. I have spare time. I have extra time to do things. I have to. That’s what I do. I want to be engaged with the music and the world and the culture.

What have you learned from some of the artists you work with and what have you learned from them?

It’s an exchange. The exchange is everything. We’ve been an exchange. We’ve been an exchange and it’s an exchange. I don’t think I’ve learned as much as I’ve taught. I’ve taught more than I’ve learned. I’ve always used my power as far as in AIDS awareness whether it is traveling to Africa and doing a benefit concert in South Africa or going into the shanty towns. I’ve gone into the actual clinics and met the people who have AIDS. It’s just the way you hug them and love them and let them know that everything is gonna be alright. There’s so many things I’ve done and I think that what you have to do. You have to do so much as you can and do your best and speak out about it as much as you can and make a difference in the world. We have the power and I definitely take pride in doing as much as I can for that cause.

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Last Week’s Winner

Congratulations to Konstantin Balakirev for being the first to identify last week’s picture as the Millennium Park Bean.
**Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006**

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**A & E**

**TV Spotlight**

**Tuesday, 10/31**

7:00 PM
Standoff
FOX

Movie: The Punisher
FX

Most Haunted Live!
Travel Channel

8:00 PM
House
FOX

The Unexplained
Biography Channel

9:00 PM
100 Greatest Songs of the 80s
VH1

Nip/Tuck
FX

**Wednesday, 11/1**

7:00 PM
Bones
FOX

Weird Weapons: The Aliens
History Channel

8:00 PM
The Rich List (Series Premieres)
FOX

Myth: Busters
Discovery Channel

Ghost Hunters
Sci-Fi

9:00 PM
Vanished (New Day/Time)
FOX

Csi: NY
CBS 2

CBS 2

**Thursday, 11/2**

7:00 PM
Jarlath
CBS 2

Wednesday @ 7PM

Movie: Scarface
AMC

The OC (Season Premieres)
FOX

Real World/Road Rules: Challenge: The Duel
MTV

9:00 PM
Rob & Big (Series Premieres)
MTV

Friday, 11/3

7:00 PM
Reservoir Dogs: 15th Anniversary Edition
FOX

The Road to Guantanamo
Sci-Fi

Sons and Arrows: Season 2

Slither

3:00 AM
That's My Bush!: The Complete Series

The Facts of Life: Season 3

Hamish MacBeth: Season 2

Justice League Unlimited: Season 1

106 & Word: Season 3

MacGyver: The Final Season

10:00 PM
Beyond the Posado Adven-

ture

Nacho Libre

The O.C.: Season 3

The Red Shoes (2005)

Reservoir Dogs: 15th Anniversary Edition

The Road to Guantanamo

Sci-Fi

Sons and Arrows: Season 2

Slither

The Facts of Life: Season 3

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**New on CD**

**Beyond Measure**
Jeremy Camp
Bec

**Endless Wire**
The Who

**Bat out of Hell**
Meat Loaf
Virgin Records

**The Greatest Songs: The 60s**
Barry Manilow

**Once Again**
John Legend

**Live to Win**
Paul Stanley

**Broadcast to the World**
Zebrahead
SPV

**The Black Parade**
My Chemical Romance

**Reprieve/Wea**

**New on DVD**

**Oct. 24th**

The Addams Family: Vol. 1
An American Haunting*

Batman Beyond: Season 2
Bewitched: Season 4

Creature Comforts: Season 2

Creature Comforts: Merry Christmas, Everybody!

Degress: Season 4

The Facts of Life: Season 3
Hamish Macbeth: Season 2

Justice League Unlimited: Season 1

106 & Word: Season 3

MacGyver: The Final Season

**Oct. 31st**

Beyond the Posado Adven-
ture

Fatal Contact: Bird Flu in America

It's a Wonderful Life: Special Edition

Keeping Up with the Steins

Mission: Impossible III

Tales from the Crypt: Season 5

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**CSI: Miami**

The fourth season of Monday's #1 crime/drama show.

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**TV Spotlight**

**Saturday, 11/4**

7:00 PM
College Football in Primetime

Teams: TBA

ABC, ESPN and TBS

**Sunday, 11/5**

7:00 PM
The Simpsons, American Dad,
Family Guy and War at Home

FOX

**Monday, 11/6**

7:00 PM
Prison Break

FOX

8:00 PM
Heroes

NBC

9:00 PM
CSI: Miami

CBS 2

**This Week:** The slick gang leader Jonah bails Mitchell out of jail and agrees to give back the food that he and his friends stole and agrees to keep out of Jericho. The plan goes off-course as Jonah negotiates new terms involving Jake. -TV.com

**Beyond Measure**

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On the Cheap: Pequot’s Pizza

By Colin Emch-Wel
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

This week On the Cheap comes from a place that's truly unique. We were told through channels about Pequot's Pizza, a restaurant and bar on the North side. Apparently, this place serves some of the best deep dish pizza in Chicago, hands down. With such a lofty recommendation, it was impossible to ignore this place on our list.

Pequot's Pizza is a small restaurant on Clybourn, a cozy place that seemed perfect for a first stop of the day. The decor is modern and neutral, giving the place a comfortable, casual feel. On a Thursday night, the restaurant was quiet, but it's easy to imagine that the joint could be packed on weekends because of its relative proximity to the loop.

The crust was created in a way that I wasn't familiar with, but it wasn't an unwelcome departure. There wasn't really a crust to the traditional sense on this pizza, as a slice doesn't terminate in a flat, doughy crust like other places. Rather, the good people of Pequot's chose instead to slightly crisp the edge of the pizza to just the point of burning, which gives it a nice, crispy, greasy edge to chew on once you've finished the slice. Also, the crust on the rest of the pizza is extremely thick, which is great because it holds up the toppings and sauce.

The thin crust pizza was a little lackluster, probably because we had just finished tasting the pan pizza. The thin crust is a large pizza, with a traditional crust and lots of cheese, and it's prepared in layers. The cheese is put above the toppings, and the sauce below the toppings. As with the pan pizza, there's an abundance of toppings. In fact, the Canadian bacon was almost an entree in itself, just a whole lot of it. The crust was a little disappointing. It wasn't bad, but not as amazing as I would have expected.

If for some reason pizza isn't really what you're into, Pequot's does offer other items. They serve the standard Italian fare of pastas and salads, and generate appetizers. None of these were sampled, but I'm sure that I'd like to eventually.

Pequot’s is a perfect place to grab some good food at a low price. For $13, a large pizza of the highest caliber can be yours to enjoy. With that, I bid you adieu and good eating.

Pequot’s Pizza
2207 N Clybourn Ave.
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Off with Her Head

By Jessica Schmit
TECHNEWS WRITERS

The only excuse I can find is Sofia Coppola. She’s one of my favorite directors, so I can’t help but be drawn in by anything she creates. She has a way of turning the ordinary into the extraordinary, creating a world that is both relatable and unique. Her films are like a dream, with characters and settings that feel like they exist only in her imagination.

The film opens as a fourteen-year-old girl (Emma Stone) arrives at the Von Trapp house, where she will begin her journey as the new governess. She quickly becomes friends with the children and they begin to feel like family to her. But things take a turn when she discovers the true nature of the family's relationship with the Nazis.

The film is a modern retelling of the classic story, with the Von Trapp family living in war-torn Austria. The film is both a love letter to the original and a powerful commentary on the human spirit.

Plot to blow up Eiffel Tower say goodbye

By Andres De La Hoz
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

One of the funnest hard rock bands of recent memory, The Plot To Blow Up The Eiffel Tower, are wrapping up their final tour across America as they say goodbye to their fans and leave on to different musical projects that stray away from hardcore. The band, voted San Diego’s best punk band for two years in a row, was praised for their hybrid of hardcore with free jazz and funk, as well as for their confrontational, crazy live show. The Plot’s final album, “Dissonance, Honesty” is on its way to being a cult classic, being a good example of when a band not only has the skill to develop a unique sound, but the melodies to back it up.

Last year’s “Love In The Fuehrer Brothel”, while good, seemed somewhat more conventional, the band apparently trying to shed the image of being “that hardcore jazz band”. In retrospect, that album (as well as 2006’s INRI ep) point in a band trying to leave the music they’d been playing. 3 of the 4 members of The Plot have started the band The Prayers, with a sound rooted in older rock and pop rather than The Plot’s hard-core leanings. Super bangs Welch’s rightfully predicts some anxiety, saying “I’m sure a lot of Plot fans will hate the Prayers, but a lot of Plot fans are more. A bit of Plot fans hate the Prayers whenever we step outside of the boundaries they build up for us in their heads, so yeah, I’m sure a lot of them will hate us.”

Such negativity, however, was nowhere to be seen at their last Chicago show, at the Beat Kitchen. The band played a short set to a disapprovingly small crowd, with band members thrashing wildly, posing for the photographers, and playing with the audience. The show was less intense than some of The Plot’s more notorious ones (their shows are known for stripping, the kissing of random men in the audience, and leaping offstage to full wildness), but they far outpaced the opening bands. Playing a selection of songs from their entire brief career, the band was entertaining, ending the show by having their fans come onstage and sing the closing song with them (the singing closely resembled a gang fight), and then stayed for a while as a fans hugged them or tried to talk them out of breaking up the band.

The members of this band have shown that they’re talented enough to make something new out of established genres. Hopefully, The Prayers will be able to do the same with the influences they’re taking. For now, though, we have The Plot’s discography and good memories of a fine band.
Art Brut, We Are Scientists bring a sense of humor to rock

By Andres De La Hoz

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Art Brut, We Are Scientists, and The Spinto Band’s show at the Metro was one of the finest the venue’s hosted in recent memory.

The Spinto Band’s show was particularly good for a band that’s in the midst of releasing material for two others. Their brand of joyful, esoteric indie rock was received well by the audience, as well as their repeated takes of songs being contractually obligated to give away free to the best bidders.

We Are Scientists have a powerful sound considering the scarcity of members they have. Their set was the finest of the night, mostly because of the interaction they created. Bass player Chris Cahn, wearing full body pink tights, addressed the audience with bizarre stories and walked in the crowd for a white, pooping fans (making dumb faces, really). The band was then joined onsite by The Spinto Band, who provided backup vocals, clapping, and theatrics as We Are Scientists blazed through a few songs. This was furthered by a cover of Art Brut’s “Bang Bang Rock N’ Roll” done in a fast slower style with much more swagger and grit than Art Brut’s hilarious original. The band ended their set with the participation of Art Brut’s guitarist Ian Catatulio for some shredding.

Art Brut’s set was close in quality to We Are Scientists, though having seen them at Pitchfork which was only a few months ago probably affected the novelty.

It is to the lead singer Ed-die Argos’ credit, however, that his conversations and anecdotes weren’t some recycled bits from months ago. The charismatic singer had the audience laughing almost as much as the band had them bobbing their heads and dancing. The band played a few new songs (Argos, acknowledging the frequency with which they play in Chicago, decided to just call them ‘unrecorded songs’ since the audience has probably already heard them repeatedly), but saved the best for the encore, playing “My Little Brother” and “Good Weekend” and getting the audience to chant and clap.

The show successfully managed to translate the band’s sense of fun and humor to the live setting, and the bands were effective at acknowledging the crowd and making them feel like they were partying with them, not just lending to some people playing some songs. Art Brut’s new album is coming out soon, with single “Nag Nag Nag” being available now.

“The Prestige,” backed by a powerful script and great performances

By Andres De La Hoz

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

“The Prestige,” Christopher Nolan’s latest, closely resemble his breakthrough film “Memento,” not in any particular plot details, but in the fact that, much like the 2000’s neo-noir, it is a film which keeps changing as it goes along, playing around with the audience in a sneaky but honest way, as anything that happens in the movie must be reevaluated several times throughout the course after revelations change the meaning of scenes, characters, and plot points.

Hugh Jackman and Christian Bale play Algier and Borden, two magicians who start a rivalry after an illusion fails and kills Algier’s wife. What follows are increasingly excessive attempts to obtain revenge, but the focus slowly shifts from being merely a question of rivalry, to more a question of each of the characters’ obsessions with their truth and their inability to accept not being the very best. Jonathan Nolan’s script successfully makes neither character the “good guy,” as the audience follows both of them down a path that can only lead to tragedy.

The main focus of their skills as magicians comes from the performance of a trick called “The Transported Man,” where Borden enters a door and almost immediately appears from another door far away from it. Algier, impressed by the trick, decides to do the same trick but fails, since he has a greater skill in showmanship than Borden. And he does, but still has doubts over how Borden performed his trick, and is unsatisfied with the way his trick doesn’t allow him to back in the glory of audience approval. The debate Algier to a search for scientist Nicola Tesla (played by David Bowie), and the movie gains full steam.

The Transported Man trick is what drives the entire movie from a thematic standpoint, as well as in terms of showmanship. The Nolan’s way answers in front of your face, with practically every single line of dialogue in the movie spelling out the mysteries. It is to their credit, however, that characters’ purpose of the trick, aren’t merely some exposition to make the audience think “you won me.” Instead, they’re what humanizes the the characters and adds several layers of depth to the movie.

To discuss how the tricks are done would ruin the movie, though it needs to be said that one of the explanations would clearly be a key point of contention for most audiences, seemingly like it would constitute ‘not playing fair.’ However, the script for the movie sets up these ideas and situations in such a way that, while merely describing it in one line would make it seem like a cop-out, it’s actually an integral part of the movie and wholly supported by everything that came before. If anything, it adds more depth to the movie in the statement it’s making about what we consider ‘magical’.

The performances by Jackman and Bale are solid, both crafting characters that are both easy to love and to hate. The script structure allows both of them to have moments where the audience hates them and where the audience sympathizes with them, and it is only after the movie is over that one is able to properly identify the nuances of their performances. David Bowie is solid as Tesla, and Scarlett Johansson is somewhat wasted as the love interest for Algier and Borden. Michael Caine is excellent as Algier’s friend and trick designer, and Andy Serkis has a rare part as a normal human being, for once.

All in all, “The Prestige” is one of the best scripted movies of the year, a film that seems like a silly little movie about magicians but slowly turns into a complex, powerful show of obsession that also manages to entertain the audience by playing them and making them, but never doing anything fundamentally dishonest or out of left-field.

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IIT NROTC beats NU NROTC at Madison Drill Meet

By Marijoke Bochanti

This last weekend, amidst the rain and cold, drill teams from both IIT and Northwestern University's Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps programs headed uptown for a drill meet at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. This competition occurred every four years, with approximately eight schools in attendance, larger names among them being the University of Illinois and the University of Colorado. Midshipmen from every unit turned out for competitions like these, as it is a way to learn your training and earn prestige for your school.

This year IIT sent two squads up to Madison to compete in squad and platoon drill competitions, as well as two individual competitions—male and female. The squad drill went well, with only minor mishaps. Platoon drill also went well without a hitch, leaving IIT in front of its main competitor, Northwestern University. The rivalry between the two schools has been ongoing for years, and while we both are in the Chicago Conservancy, we will always be on top for the spot. This year IIT drill teams dominated over their sister battalion at Northern Illinois University.

The endurance team competition was a little rougher this year than it has been in the past, but IIT's two "E-teams" worked hard to stay ahead of the competition. This year the course was designed by a Marine major and totaled thirteen miles and in around the University of Wisconsin campus. The four-person teams consisted of a platoon commander, one platoon member Zach Hartman, "combined with the rain and the cold it was one of the most difficult races I've done."

While the weekend was long, rainy, and for the E-teams painful, the vans on the home were full of lively chatter and positive feedback. The female E-team was chatting about better ways to train for next year, as this was the first time IIT had a female E-team. The drill teams were filling in those around them on the ups and downs of the competition and ways to prepare for next time. Best of all, however, was the bragging on the walkie-talkers that served as liaisons between all the vans including the Northwestern vans. I am proud to report that the rivalry is still going strong, and we will get another chance to put them in their place next spring.

IIT Campus News Briefs

IIT's Diversity Statement announced

The following statement was recently released by the Office of the President. This statement was reviewed by the University Faculty Council, the resident Council, the Campus Life Executive Committee (a student government body) and the Quality of Work Life Committee before it was approved by the Board of Trustees on March 21, 2006. It was also presented as part of IIT's institutional self-study for the High Commission of the Central Association of Colleges and Schools (INCA).

According to Lewis Collins, IIT President, this statement is a declaration of policy and priority. "It is an expression of the university community's commitment to provide a welcoming and supportive environment in which faculty, staff and students are able to realize their full potential. As indicated in the document, the university welcomes the diverse perspectives and contributions of all the members of our multi-cultural community. They are in fact critical to the continued success and growth of our institution," Collins said.

Illinois Institute of Technology Diversity Statement

"Illinois Institute of Technology is a multi-cultural community that values and respects its members. We take pride in the fact that our faculty, staff and students come from various backgrounds and all parts of the world, and we welcome their diverse perspectives and contributions. It is our purpose to provide a working and learning environment in which faculty, staff and students are able to realize their full potential as productive members of the IIT community." To this end, IIT affirms its commitment to equal opportunity and non-discrimination in employment and education for all qualified individuals regardless of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, applicable veteran status or any other characteristic protected by applicable federal, state or local law. Further, IIT is committed to taking affirmative action to increase opportunities at all levels of employment and to increase opportunities for participation in programs and activities by all faculty, staff and students. Every member of the IIT community—faculty, staff and student—is expected to cooperate fully in meeting those goals.

New Immunization Requirements Due by Nov. 10

Due to the recent mumps outbreaks in the Midwest and the Chicago area, the immunization requirements at IIT will be revised to accommodate the recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the American College Health Association. The revised requirements are for all students born after 1957 to have documentation that they have received two doses of MMR or two doses of Measles, two doses of Mumps and one dose of Rubella. Students who have a history of the disease(s) must provide confirmation, by a physician or nurse practitioner, documenting the date of diagnosis. Students who have immunity confirmed by blood test must provide a copy of the laboratory report.

IIT's new immunization requirements will apply to all students registered for Fall 2006 semester and all those students who are not currently in compliance with the personal immunization requirements. This new policy does not apply to students who are registered for classes less than half-time and to students born prior to 1957.

Students who are not compliant will have holds placed on their accounts beginning on November 10. Students may submit their proof of immunization to the Student Health Center in Parr Hall Rm. 110 or via fax at 312.787.3115. Students may receive immunizations at the Student Health Center by calling 312.787.7100 to schedule an appointment. Please contact the Student Health Center if you have questions or concerns at 312.787.7100.

Presidential Search firm selected, website up and running

Heidric & Struggles, an executive search firm with significant academic experiences, has been selected to work with the Presidential Search Committee in identifying IIT's next president. They will assist in developing the official position description, review applications and, most importantly, identify and recruit candidates for the position at IIT.

According to a statement released last week by John Rowe, PSC Chair and Chair-elect of IIT's Board of Trustees, the Search Committee held its first meeting in which they discussed expectations, defined ground rules and participated in a preliminary discussion of the position description. Five Advisory Committees, reflecting the university, students, staff, alumni, and the community, have been created. These committees will provide opportunities for the entire IIT community to contribute their ideas and opinions on the personal qualities and professional experiences we should be looking for in our next president.

Also, a Presidential Search website, http://www.iit.edu/presidentSearch, has been created as a resource for both the IIT community and prospective candidates. It is encouraging that members of the university community visit this website for answers to questions they may have about the process itself (Frequently Asked Questions, FAQ), to learn who is serving on various committees and how to nominate candidates.

3rd Street Bridge to close for reconstruction

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will close the 3rd Street Bridge in construction from early November through early April 2007. To reduce the impact this will have on U.S. Cellular Parking Permit holders, a missed hour might not result in a ticket between 8-10 am and 4-6 p.m. (for the duration of the construction) between the U.S. Cellular Parking Lot and the main campus beginning on Monday, December 10, 2006. Please visit: iit.edu for more details.

If you have any questions, it is asked that you send them to: pres@iit.edu.

Employment Opportunities for Students

Student jobs are available in MTCC & Hermes Hall. A table will be set up today (10/31) through Friday (11/3) from 11-7 p.m. on the MTCC bridge where you can stop by and fill out an application.

b) IIT Update: Business Process Analysis

As part of the move to Banner, IIT is performing Business Process Analysis of our key processes. Business Process Analysis (BPA) is a tool for examining business processes and determining whether and how to re-engineer these processes to achieve greater accuracy and efficiency. Analyzing our processes in this way is important in order to avoid managing the system, and possibly business processes, as the new Banner system.

BPA is used to capture the current state of an organization's key processes. The resulting "picture" can then be studied and analyzed to identify ways in which the process can be improved. This second step is called Business Process Re-engineering (BPR). The third step, which is implementing the improved process, may require policy changes, and certainly requires teamwork and the ability to manage change.

All departments at IIT are being asked to identify their key processes and to document the way these processes are currently performed, using Business Process Analysis. Priority should be given to processes that involve multiple departments and those that will be impacted by the move to Banner.

Carol Emmens, Director of Institutional Information, Planning and Research, and the b-Banner Team Lead for Data Standards and Reporting, is the BPA Coordinator for the university. For more information about BPA at IIT, contact Carol Emmens. (Courtesy of the IIT Office of Communications and Marketing)

Innovate Now! Summit kicks off major regional innovation initiative

President Lew Collins and the IIT community welcomed over 450 regional leaders to the Chicagoiacan Chamber of Commerce's Innovate Now! Summit last Tuesday. Speakers including Secretary of Energy Samuel W. Bodman and representatives from CD W, Argonne National Lab, and Motorola discussed the initiative to advance innovation in several key sectors of the economy and to help make the Chicago region, and eventually the entire state of Illinois, a globally recognized center of innovation. The first phase of the initiative focuses on manufacturing and promoting innovation with leading small and mid-sized manufacturers in the region.

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By Melissa Lee

SECRETARY of State Condoleezza Rice once said in a commencement speech, ‘‘With the privilege of higher education in hand, you also have certain obligations.’’ According to Rice, these obligations are to help those with less opportunity and to be optimistic. Last year, a group of students and faculty met with President Lew Collins to add to the mission statement the concept that IIT should produce students that are responsible citizens that give back to their community. These students then forged on to put their beliefs into action, pairing up with staff to create a volunteer presence on campus. In result, a new program, called Service-Learning, was launched at the beginning of this year.

Service-Learning is more than just community service. It combines volunteerism with learning objectives. The idea is that the students involved in the events will come away with an understanding of the implications and necessity of their contributions. They will have background information, learning about socioeconomic deficiencies in our South Chicago community and beyond. This type of stepped-up volunteering has been a recent national effort to promote a more globally aware perspective in young people.

One of the students who championed this volunteer movement was Tim Winter, a civil engineering major. Winter was compelled by his personal beliefs, saying “IIT does a great job with the technical aspect, but an engineer has other dimensions. IIT lacked the opportunity to apply and make use of my skills.” Like Rice, Winter acknowledges that as college students we are being equipped with abilities and opportunities, and they should be used for good.

Winter also believes that a student of any major will eventually have professional responsibility, and as they enter the workforce they should be able to relate to others. Winter’s social consciousness represents the Service-Learning team as well as other IIT students and staff. According to freshman Christopher Lee, he is “interested in the program since it sounds like something that should be part of a well-rounded college education.”

Every month, there will be one Service-Learning event, focusing on one of five areas: environment, health needs, hunger and homelessness, and youth and education. The event in September addressed environment, as almost twenty students spent a misty Saturday morning cleaning an elementary school playground and tying mulch on trees.

Last Friday, a group of students traveled to a local Southside after-school program to play with or name “at-risk” children. As part of the learning aspect, students were given information about Bronzeville to help them understand the background of the young students.

After each event, there is a brief reflective discussion to share perspectives on the event. The event for the November will potentially tackle the issue of health needs. Transportation and dinner are provided at each event.

Service in the adjacent communities is not an entirely new concept at IIT. In the past years, freshmen have been able to participate in service during their orientation period, in which one day is dedicated for volunteering. On this day, called “Day of Service,” students were able to choose from a variety of locations and organizations they wished to help. Also last year, Demi Glori, service advisor and Student Activities assistance, organized another Day of Service, with multiple organizations to choose, in the Spring semester. Another goal of the Service-Learning program, aside from monthly events, is to reproduce these service days. On Martin Luther King Jr. day, IIT will host another Day of Service, joining schools across the country for it to be a “day on, not a day off.”

If students accrue 30 hours of service at their entire time at IIT, they will be acknowledged at the annual Stuyck Awards, a ceremony held to commend outstanding IIT members. One student will also be given a humanitarian of the year award for contributing the most.

Although the program is still new, Gloria has a long-term vision. Gloria says, “I hope that the service blare days during Orientation and Martin Luther King Holiday become a popular tradition on this campus. Another hope is to either have a class or perhaps a residence hall dedicated to learning more about the concept and purpose of service.”

Students who would like more information on the Service-Learning program can come to the Students Activities office or contact Glori, Winter, or the other Service-Learning interns, Emily Moore or Melissa Lee at service@iit.edu. There is also a website, http://service.iit.edu, that lists local opportunities and organizations if individuals want to help out in fields that suit their interests, such as working with animals.

The Greek Report

By Kevin Krupp

With a full schedule of events ranging from volunteer service to chapter development the Illinois Tech Greek Community hosted its fifth Greek Council meeting of the semester last Wednesday, October 24. Here’s a brief look at each chapter over the past two weeks and a quick glance ahead.

Individual Chapter Updates:
 Alpha Sigma Alpha
The girls from Alpha Sigma Alpha celebrated the spirit of the sweet tooth season last week with their Candy Grams chapter fundraiser. The young ladies sold and delivered Candy Grams to anyone on campus for $0.30 a Candy Gram.
 Alpha Sigma Phi
The men from Alpha Sigma Phi came out on top in the Intramural Dodge-Ball competition. The champions then spent their weekend volunteering as others at North Western.
 Kappa Phi Delta
The ever busy sisters of Kappa Phi Delta spent last week volunteering for the Chicago Marathon and brought teen (or sweet dreams) to campus with their bedtime Tuck-In and Nightmare Fundraiser and Haunted House last Saturday for the children of IIT professors and students on campus.
 Phi Kappa Sigma
Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity went to Second City and played Whirly Ball last week.
 Pi Kappa Phi
The New Members from Pi Kappa Phi attended a Risk Management session last Saturday and are hosting a dinner for their parents this Friday.
 Sigma Phi Epsilon
Sunday, October 22 marked the Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers’ Fall Semester Parent’s Club meeting. Local parents came to visit the chapter with dessert potluck while the brothers provided lunch. Last Saturday the brothers prepared soccer centres’ yards for the winter season as British Homes volunteers before celebrating their Nightmare on Weshab St Halloween party that night.
 Triangle
The Triangle brothers joined Kappa ‘hi Delta as course chairs for the Chicago Marathon last week and finished off the week with pumpkin carving.
 Zeta Psi Omega
The brothers celebrated their tenth year as a chapter two weeks ago, hosting a “play day” full of games and chapter history, and volunteered for Fairy Tide Trails last week.

The Chicago Marathon

Sarah Bureau / TechNews
Michael Schumacher says 'Auf Wiedersehen'

By Abishek Gundugurti
TECHNEWS WRITER

The longest career racing driver in Formula 1, Michael Schumacher, has announced last month that he is retiring from racing, ending his much successful career with the Ferrari Scuderia team. After 15 years in formula 1, and 7 world championships later, his racing life has come to a slow down. Though he said he would retire from Formula 1, he would continue serving the Ferrari team in some capacity, though the initial rumors are that he would be in the higher management.

Last weekend was Michael Schumacher’s last race in Brazil. Though he had a slim chance of winning the championship, he could have won the race if things went his way. Unfortunately, in the qualifying for the race, he had a fuel system problem because of which he qualified only 11th fastest. He started the race, over took 3 people and was hit by misfortune again, by a tire puncture. At that point of time, he was LAST place in the race. Then, through a very very spirited drive, he made up 13 places in a race, and finished 4th in the race. That is more overtaking than any other driver in one race this season (2006). Though he did not win the race in the championship, he was praised very highly for his very dedicated race drive in Brazil.

As his extraordinary career came to an end, he is statistically the most successful driver in Formula 1. He ended his career with the most wins in Formula 1 for any driver (91 wins). He, of course, has the most Formula 1 championships under his belt. He has 7 championships. He is and remains the first German driver to win the championship. He is also known today to have been the major influence in making Formula 1 a popular sport in Germany. He is also, in some respect, regarded as the Lance Armstrong of Formula 1. His motivation and dedication are comparable to Lance Armstrong. Also, he has been the recipients of the Laureus World Sportman of the Year. He is also known as the billionaire athlete since his annual income is said to be around $80 million.

Michael Schumacher, with his charisma and dominance in Formula 1, has also used his success for many good causes. He made a $10 million dollar donation for the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake. His donation surpassed many donations of big companies and also a few countries. He regularly participates in charity football (soccer) matches to raise money for different events. He also helps the FIA (Fédération Internationale de l’Automobile) with Road Safety Awareness. He participated in Think before you drive campaign in the Spanish Grand Prix of 2005. He is also the special ambassador for UNESCO and was named the UNESCO Champion for Sport in 2002.

Overall, Michael Schumacher’s presence in Formula 1 increased the viewership a lot and also have a very good reputation to the Ferrari team. He is known for his emotions and the spirit of the team. Though he has earned a lot of fame, he has also earned the envy of few people in the sport. As he ends his career as a racing driver in Formula 1, it can only be seen next year if his presence will be missed.

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What to watch for: NFL week 9

By Matt Helland
SPORTS EDITOR

Miami 18 Chicago 28

After eight weeks of football, the Bears are the hands-down favorite to win the NFC and reach the Super Bowl. The Dolphins shouldn't be a challenge for the Bears, especially in Chicago, where the Bears should be throughout the playoffs if they continue their solid play.

Cincinnati 24 Baltimore 17

The Ravens jumped out to a great start at 4-0, but then dropped their next two games due to inconsistent play by Brian McNair. The offense, which the Ravens promised would be better under the direction of McNair, has been uneven even in the teams wins. Cincy brings one of the best offenses of the league into Baltimore, and the Ravens will have to score this week if they want to avoid dropping another game to a playoff contender.

Green Bay 19 Buffalo 13

The little success that Buffalo has had this year can be attributed to their defense, and the fact that they play much better at home. Favre and the offense have looked impressive over the last few weeks, mostly due to the resurgence of their running game. Look for the Bills to challenge their Adams Green and force Favre to throw the ball into coverage.

Atlanta 27 Detroit 17

I just can't figure out the Falcons this year. One week they look like the best team in football, then the next they can't throw a five yard pass and their defense gets ripped apart. This week I'm assuming that their offense shows up and Vick and Dunn continue their dominance.

Tennessee 27 Jacksonville 23

Loosing Mike Peterson might kill the Jaguars playoff chances in the long run. He was key to their muffed defense, and his absence was noticeable in their recent loss to the Texans. However, at home the Jags seem to stage any offense, no matter who's injured. Of course, facing the Titans offense can probably help the situation.

Houston 13 N.Y. Giants 31

This game should be a blowout. The Giants impressed the nation by dismantling the Cowboys to Monday night, and appear poised for a Super Bowl run. The defense has been the key, led by Michael Strahan pressuring the quarterback and the secondary forcing turnovers.

Kansas City 20 St. Louis 21

In past years, a match up between these teams most likely meant 10+ points from each offense. Now, both teams possess a defense which can actually shut down opposing offenses. This has the makings of being the game of the week, and might come down to a key turnover this year. This year, I'll take my chance with Marc Bulger, who has thrown only one pick this year.

New Orleans 21 Tampa Bay 17

Matt Bryant's 62 yard field goal to beat the Eagles in week 7 not only gave Tampa their second victory of the season, it also kept their playoff hopes alive. However, with one of the toughest schedules looming and a rookie QB, the Bucs will have to pull off another miracle if they want to return to the playoffs this year.

Dallas 14 Washington 17

Drew Bledsoe's time in Dallas and career seems to be over. He's handed the reigns to undrafted fourth year quarterback Tony Romo. The more mobile of the two, Romo definitely can give the Cowboys offense a boost, but his inexperience might cost Dallas a playoff spot in the end.

Minnesota 21 San Francisco 13

The Vikings proved they could win on the west coast by beating NFC West powerhouse Seattle two weeks ago. San Francisco shouldn't be a problem for the Vikings, but if the Bears keep up winning a wildcard berth will be the best Minnesota can do.

Denver 14 Pittsburgh 26

The Steelers are 3-4 to start the season, and easily could be 1-6. It's hard to imagine Pittsburgh winning the playoffs, but the number of quality teams in the AFC means the defending Super Bowl champion can probably afford only two more losses if they want to make the playoffs again. Look for them to make a statement this week, and start a winning streak.

Cleveland 16 San Diego 35

Philip Rivers has played well in his first season as a starter, leading his team to a 4-2 start. However, Rivers hasn't been able to win the close game, as both these losses were decided three points and their wins were all decided by ten or more points. Luckily for the Chargers, this week's game won't be close.

Indianapolis 20 New England 28

The classic matchup of Peyton Manning vs. Tom Brady. Peyton always seems to struggle with the Patriot defense, although last year he did guide the Colts to a 40-21 win at Foxboro. However, Edgerrin James no longer plays for Indy and without James the Colts lack a running game and the ability to win at New England.

Oakland 13 Seattle 35

I don't understand what the NFL executives are thinking when they put teams on their Monday night schedule. Last year after they give teams like Oakland and Green Bay Monday night games, disregarding their formidable records from the previous year. Not one team was able to pull out on prime time, knowing there are about five other games this week that deserve prime time exposure.

This week in Chicago sports

By Sachin Jain
TECHNEWS WRITER

As the middle of the season quickly approaches, the Chicago Bears have maintained their place amongst the best in the NFL. Almost all of the team's components have functioned optimally every game, and when one aspect has struggled the others have been there to the save the day. However, within the offense the only category that has failed to produce expected results on a consistent basis is the team has averaged only 3.2 yards per carry, amongst the worst in the NFL. The Bears will likely utilize backup running back Cedric Benson more often in combination with Thomas Jones in order to give defenses varying looks.

This week all three of team's components should see good games as the Bears play host to the struggling Miami Dolphins. After their off season pickup of ex-Vikings quarterback Daunte Culpepper, the Dolphins expected to coast into the playoffs behind their strong arm and their running game, which features Ronnie Brown. However, nothing has gone as planned as the Dolphins have won only one of their first seven games. The Dolphins even benched Culpepper in favor of quarterback Tony Harrington. However, even that hasn't helped, as the Dolphins have lost their last three games with him at the controls. Although, Harrington has averaged over three yards per carry through the first five games of the season, he has thrown seven interceptions. The Bears' aggressive defensive should be able to take advantage of Harrington's mistakes and force at least two turnovers. This in combination with their stingy defense should allow the Bears to coast to victory.

This week the Chicago Bears begin their regular season with extremely high expectations. Thanks to the key off-season addition of center Ben Wallace, the Bears now have all the components to make a run for the NFC championship. If the rest of the team can continue where it left off, especially Kirk Hinrich and Ben Gordon, the Bulls will be hard to beat. The Bulls kick off their season against the defending NBA champions, Miami Heat. The Bulls may surprise everyone with a victory as they have played Heat star Dwyane Wade, fairly well and they now have Ben Wallace to guard Miami center Shaquille O'Neal. The Bulls then head to Orlando to face Dwight Howard and the Magic. The Bulls will have their hands full with Howard, but if they can limit the success of upcoming point guard Jannero Nelson, they should come away with the victory. Then they come home to play the Sacramento Kings, who will be without their star point guard Mike Bibby. To end the week the Bulls play host to the Milwaukee Bucks. In order to come away with a victory it will be critical for the Bulls to hold Bucks star Michael Redd from having a big game. The Bulls should be able to end the week winning three of four games.

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ILT vs. Viterbo (Scranton) M 11/2 7:30 PM

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ILT @ Trinity International University A 11/5 7:00 PM

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Chicago Bulls: 2006-07 Season Preview

By Prateek Senan
TECHNEWS WRITER

2006-07 Theme: Win now. Adding Ben Wallace and P.J. Brown to a team that is already looking good and is priced for a deep postseason run for the first time since its greatest years left after the 1997-98 season.

Team Review

The Bulls are back and look to be a big factor once again in the Eastern Conference. After back to back 40 plus win seasons and several off season additions, the Bulls lose one of the most up and coming and improved team in the NBA. The key to this Bulls team is the ridiculous depth, with the rotation easily going anywhere from 10 to 12 players deep. That is almost unheard of in this day’s NBA, but with promising rookies like Tyrus “T-Time” Thomas and Thabo Sefolosha and veteran additions like Ben Wallace, P.J. Brown, and Adrian Griffin the Bulls have added an already deep rotation and should be able to keep a strong rotation for an extended period. Finally, I would personally like to thank Noah Thomas of the New York Knicks for handling the Bulls several prime draft pick’s and allowing them to get rid of some overvalued talent.

The Offseason

The Chicago Bulls easily had the most active offseason in the NBA, with the New Orleans Hornets being a distant second. With the fourth pick in the NBA Draft and the Bulls selected LaMarcus Aldridge and then proceeded to add Thabo Sefolosha in a trade with the Portland Trail Blazers for the final pick in the draft, Tyrus “T-Time” Thomas and third year veteran Viktor Khryapa. With the sixteenth pick, John Paxson selected Rodney Carney and traded Thabo Sefolosha to the Philadelphia 76ers for Thabo Sefolosha. The Bulls addressed their needs for a promising big man and big defensive guard through the draft. Then in mid-June, the Bulls made the biggest move of the NBA offseason agreeing to a four year, 60 million dollar deal with highly regarded free agent center Ben Wallace. Wallace instantly added the veteran leadership and size that the team desperately lacked. Next, Paxson traded Tyson Chandler and his big contract to the New Orleans Hornets for P.J. Brown. P.J. Brown had a solid NBA back-up point guard. One of the smartest players in the league, Brown always knows what is going on around the court. He also has the occasional scoring run to get the team out of jams. Thabo Sefolosha has surprised people with his polished game this preseason. Thabo has a nice jump shot along with a long wing span to guard some of the best scoring two guards around. He will be used selectively.

Big Ben during warm-ups.

P.J. Brown, Kirk Hinrich, Ben Wallace and Andre Nocioni during the preseason.

Tyrus “T-Time” Thomas getting some preseason action as Adrian Griffin looks on.

But this defensive is advertised, do not be surprised to see him guarding the likes of Kobe Bryant this season.

SG, Ben Gordon, 6’3, 3rd Season: Gordon in a special talent and has shown flashes of brilliance throughout his first two seasons with the Bulls. However, a lot of young players the consistency is lacking sometimes with Ben. This year the Bulls need him to develop into a consistent scoring threat and a good goal for Gordon is to score at least 20 points a night.

SG, Andrei Nocioni, 6’7, 2nd Season: Nocioni is a spare alternate competitive 3rd year player from Argentina. Last year, Nocioni was huge down the stretch, finishing the season averaging 17 points and 11 boards for the last month. Nocioni finally scored his first shot last season and really developed into a threat at the 3 spot. Look for Nocioni to have a big season and continue to be a pleasant international surprise for the team.

PF, P.J. Brown (Captain), 6’11, 14th Season: Despite all the years that I have been a Bulls fan, I have not seen a player continue to be one of the most dominant big men in the NBA. Brown rarely misses any time to injury and in a great veteran presence on the court. Don’t look for Brown to get huge minutes every night, but he will be the starter and serve a similar role to what Antonio Davis did in the 2004-05 season.

C, Ben Wallace (Captain), 6’9, 11th Season: The first-time defensive player of the year brings his game from Mo-town to Chi-town. Wallace, even at 32 years old, is a dependable big man. He rarely misses time and always puts up unrelenting defensive numbers. However, the free throw shooting is always a concern with Ben, but aside from that he could easily be a double-double threat nightly and provide the spark the Bulls need to reach the next level as a basketball team.

Bench: The Chicago Bulls have one of the deepest teams in the league and their eight man rotation can easily be 10 players deep. There will be a lot of shifting around on the bench as coach Scott Skiles tries to exploit the best match-ups, but given the volume of good talent on the team, he should have no problem picking the right player for the task.

PG, Chris Duhon, 6’0, 2nd Season: Duhon is a solid NBA back-up point guard. One of the smartest players in the league, Duhon always knows what is going on around the court. He also has the occasional scoring run to get the team out of jams.

SG, Thabo Sefolosha, 6’7, Rookie: A native of Switzerland and a late pick in the NBA draft, Sefolosha has surprised people with his polished game this preseason. Thabo has a nice jump shot along with a long wing span to guard some of the best scoring two guards around. He will be used selectively.

Ben Gordon

Farewell.

Ben Gordon. Most experts would agree that the one thing the Bulls still lack is a dynamic scoring option every night. Gordon has averaged over 16 points per game the past two seasons for the Bulls despite spending a lot of time as a 6th man off the bench. This year, Gordon and coach Scott Skiles have separated their differences and Gordon gives us in being the first forward in the league to score over 20 points on a shot and look for the Bulls to use him more as a shooting guard. Gordon and what the future of this young team will bring. It is time for Ben Gordon to step up and be the best and most consistent offensive player on the Bulls and lead them into the playoffs.

Predictions and Projections

The Bulls are obviously much improved and the talent and depth on this team is off the charts as of right now. Also, with more cap room opening up after this season, the Bulls continue to have one of the brightest futures in the NBA. However, the “window” for winning in the East is closing and with the Bulls, better, because eventually that guy in Cleveland named LeBron is going to figure things out and lead the Cavs to easy deep post season runs. Thus, the Bulls need to win and win big in the next year or two. Here is how I see the season playing out.

Overall Record: 52-30, 2nd in the Eastern Conference
Scoring Leader: Ben Gordon, 21.5 points per game
Rebounding Leader: Ben Wallace, 11.5 rebounds per game
Assist Leader: Kirk Hinrich, 7.2 assists per game
Stolen Leader: Ben Wallace, 1.7 steals per game
Blocks Leader: Ben Wallace, 2.3 blocks per game
Postseason: Win Eastern Conference Quarterfinals 4-1
Win Eastern Conference Semifinals 4-2
Go to Eastern Conference Finals 4-3

Romeo Line: I think Mike D'Antoni will finally make the deep postseason run that everyone in Chicago has been looking for. They should easily get past the first round of the playoffs against a lower Eastern Conference seed. In the second round, they should also get past the 2nd round, with a little more struggle, against a team like the Cavs or the Nets. However, I foresee the Bulls losing in the Eastern Conference Finals in a hard fought series against D-Wade, Shaq, and the Miami Heat. It will still be a great season for the Bulls on the west side of town at the United Center and everyone should go check out one of the best teams in the NBA!