IIT ready to be part of Campus Climate Challenge

By Abhishek Gundugurti

Global Warming is a serious problem reaching new standards in both importance and media limelight. Starting last year with former Vice President of the United States, Albert Arnold Gore’s movie “An Inconvenient Truth”, former President Clinton’s comments on global warming and then “Who killed the Electric Car” movie, there was a trend in media to make the common man knowledgeable about the issue. There were many organizations nation-wide which increased their efforts of teaching local communities, schools, hospitals, etc. College campuses are obviously high on the list.

Campus Climate Challenge was started in April 2004 in which 150 campus groups around the US and Canada joined to take action on the first annual Fossil Fools Day. By July 2004, the organization has 16 organizations working on clean energy and climate issues met in Washington DC to create a formal coalition. Their aim: to unite and strengthen the youth clean energy movement. The Campus Climate Challenge is made of the following organizations: Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, Black Mesa Water Coalition, California Student Sustainability Coalition, Climate Campaign, Energy Justice Network, Envirocitizen, Global Exchange, Greenpeace, etc. to name a few.

On the IIT campus, Professor Thor Hogan, a professor of the Social Sciences department, has been working with a group of students on this same movement, Campus Climate Challenge. Sarah Stone is one of the students; she gave TechNews some information about the program. “We have mostly worked out what we hope to accomplish with the group. Right now we are just looking to get other students involved. We are hoping to eventually get the organization recognized on campus and get other students and faculty members involved in it.” She also said that there will be two parts in the project. The first project will focus on the education part; using different tools to explain global warming and what can be done about it. The second part would involve the policies; changing how things work on campus and how energy use is approached.

As Al Gore said, “I don’t really consider this a political issue, I consider it to be a moral issue.”

IIT teams take top honors at CEQ

By Smit Bavishi

The Chicago Entrepreneurial Quest took place on February 16. The event was a great success with 35 students participating from 4 different schools. Plans are already in motion for the next Quest.

Starting with just a single clue, teams of the brightest undergraduate entrepreneurs from Illinois Institute of Technology, DePaul University, Milwaukee School of Engineering, and University of Illinois at Chicago followed a path of quick business decisions, innovation and money to compete for cash prizes. Using downtown Chicago as the Quest’s playing field, students get to meet between, several innovative Chicago-area companies and organizations, including Motorola, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Center, Stuart School of Business, Businesspov.com, Inventables, World Business Chicago and the F. Knapp Entrepreneurship Center, testing their entrepreneurial skills. The core of the Quest was the four main tasks: an elevator pitch, a rapid prototyping activity, a media interview, and a written opportunity assessment report.

The Quest was concluded with a closing ceremony at the IIT Downtown campus, where the day was presented in video for students, volunteers, sponsors and guests, as the top prizes were handed out. The IIT teams took top honors by clinching the first place and tied for the second place with a Milwaukee School of Engineering team. The third place was won by a team from University of Illinois at Chicago.

Congratulations to all the winners!!!

Watch what happened by visiting www.iit.edu/~ceq/

Spring ’07 Career Fair

By Disha Doshi

ADVERTISING MANAGER

The IIT Career Fair organized by the Career Management Center on Feb. 22 turned out to be bigger and better than ever before. This year’s Career Fair saw a sweeping increase in the number of employers attending compared to previous years reaching a total of 81. Some of the key employers from the endless list were Baxter Healthcare, Siemens Medical Solutions, Underwriters Laboratories, Northrop Grumman, Kenny Construction and Sargent & Lundy.

The positions ranged from full time and part time to interns and co-ops in a wide arena of fields like Software and Web Development, Marketing and Sales, Research and Product Development. The employers targeted at students with a technical and engineering background majoring in Mechanical, Electrical, Civil, Biomedical, Computer Science, IT, Electronics and Communication and Transportation Engineering.

The mood and ambience at Henmann Union Building was highly professional. Dapper young men and women handed out their resumes to potential employers and talked confidently about their resumes, platforms they worked with, the work cultures, chances of growth and how their academic background could fit in with the job profiles.

The representatives did a great job in using this opportunity to attract students they found apt and fit for their open job opportunities.

Leslie Anderson, the assistant director of Career Management Center was delighted to welcome all the students and employers participating in the Spring ’07 Career Fair. “We are pleased to welcome all the employers coming to our campus for the first time and the returning ones. We are happy to see that the students at IIT are all so well prepared and ready to plunge into the job market.” She also had words of advice for students who thought the career fair did not have many firms participating in the Career Fair that have the same job profiles and academic background needed as their own, we request you to make sure you have an E-Recruiting account and make full use of it.”

Just the right opportunity for IIT students to get noticed in the job market and channelize their job search process and make it all the more easier and smoother.

In addition to hosting the Career Fair for IIT, the CMC also offers you the following services to help you secure the perfect job or internship.

• Web based job listing service e-recruiting
• Industry Interface Times which feature opportunities to network with several employers
• On-campus interviewing each spring and fall
• Access to online resume books that allow students to post resumes
• Resources for resume, interview and networking tools, job search engines and major-specific resources
• Quality of Hire and Certified Candidate Programs to enhance the skills of students
I'm back, and I've got a lot of things to complain about.

By Joshua Mullin

OPINION EDITOR

Sorry, my disciples, for deserting you for so long. I've been a bit busy, and this may come as a shock, but I've never been one for kowtowing to my schedule. All that is changing, though, as I can only store up so much frustration without pissing off my roommates too badly. So get ready for this. It's going to be intense.

Residence Life

Let's start with Housing. Aside from forcing students to have full-year academic housing contracts which pretty much stop anyone who realizes they're being overcharged for an apartment mid-year from leaving, Housing keeps up with the latest in future issues in some unknown way. My roommate needed a new bed because his was breaking badly so he was about to fall through it. Six months later, after he thought Housing had forgotten about him, he got an e-mail saying they came through to give him a new bed, but there was stuff in the way that he had to move before they could do it. As it turns out, they forgot to knock before they came. I'm sure glad I'm such a slub, or I'd have had to deal with it twice. Even then, I'm really sure that if they had removed my SSV bed and given me the MSV bed they ended up giving my roommate, they would have had to remove two of the SSV beds. Apparently Helmut Jahn's bed wasn't designed to be broken up.

What the hell is up with the north door of SSV? What the hell is up with the north door of SSV South? For these who are unaware, that little door out of operational then broken more times than I can count. It's operational, then not. I swear it breaks more often than that little thing that you press down on 33rd street. Now it would seem they've given up on it. It's a nice transparent back drop door. So welcome to the day where it's not the effort of it to stop people from entering it. That, along with a duct tape barrier ensures no IIT student will see this door in the near future. Perhaps ever again. That's the door with the automatic opener for physically-disabled individuals. Wouldn't that be operational all the time? ADA anyone?

And now, the reason of all reasons to be upset with Housing. I was in my room on February 15, 2007 from the Housing Office that rang me.

"Attention Residents: Any vehicles parked in the Wabash lot on 33rd Street (D1 and D2) or the 31st and State St (A2) need to be moved, by Saturday, 2/17 at 11:30 PM for overnight snow removal. D1 and D2 parkers may move their vehicles to the lot at 34th and State (D5) for the interim. A3 parkers may move their vehicles to A2 next to Keating Hall. The D1, D2 and A3 lots will be available for parking after 1:00 PM on Sunday 2/17. Thank you for your cooperation."

Meanwhile, I had left at 7:30 that morning for Seattle, and my car was parked in D2. I sent an e-mail response detailing that I would not be able to move my vehicle because I was out of town. I received no response, but when I got back in town, my car had been relocated. Nobody has a key to my car except me, and nobody touches my car without my permission and I won parking spots. That's absolutely unacceptable, and the Housing Director should explain himself to all those whose vehicles they violated. It's a good thing Public Safety didn't notice the car was parked across two spots. I would have gotten a ticket, and if you saw my previous article from last semester regarding my IIT parking ticket, you'd know how I feel about the extra money. In this situation, it seems that the snow melted two days later. I was on campus only a few days later and didn't see much of a difference. I called Housing regarding this situation, and I was never called back, as per typical IIT/avoid-the-students-when-they're-angry protocol.

Residence Life

Actuarily like Residence Life. I know, I know. I'm a sucker for nice people who like to SERVE the students. The only thing I've got against them is the whole door guard portal thing. For those who are unaware, the door guard portal was the little program that had a picture of a person wearing a OU (or whatever he wrote) who ran on all the door guard computers to let them sign in guests and out, checking them against a database of student ID numbers. After countless problems and no support, the door guard portal died about six months ago, and now we get to sign guests in by hand. Not a travesty among travesties... Just a bit annoying. Perhaps the pursuit for memorizing everyone's names in case one of them decides to start drinking is worthwhile after all... That's a thought. Or let's be serious: It's much safer than students going out into the city and doing the same thing... Commuting with booze is bad enough without pissing off my roommates too

In order to pass admission standards when the IIT isn't the only university they'll ever be able to go to, one has to work harder. IIT students are used to doing it much, and to far too many people.

At the beginning of every year, I go to a meeting in Crown Hall with all the other architecture students. The dean of the college of architecture speaks to us, telling us about developments in the department, and what we can expect in the coming year. Her speech always begins the same way: “This year, we’re experiencing record enrollment, resulting in a larger freshman class than we’ve ever had.” She then goes on to explain what changes are being made to the school to accommodate the students. Usually, one large group of students is surprised or somewhat inconvenienced by the changes.

At the beginning of this campus, the same problem is happening but being realized in completely different situations. Many students are living in MSV in order to get a good part of the fall semester or simply didn’t have a place to live. Computer labs are filled to bursting on a daily basis. Classes are crowded, there are simply too many people everywhere.

I bring this up because it’s college admissions season. Soon, high school seniors will be filling out all the paperwork and waiting for her current student population goes to their parents (I believe a previous IIT non-CS student once wrote me) and they’ll decide where they’ll be spending the next four years of their life. IIT, like all other colleges, looks to raise their admission standards. Far too many people at this school take the fact that they’re in college for granted, and don’t perform at a higher education level just because they’re expected to.

I’ve met a community college student that was brighter and hard-working than an IIT student, because they had more at stake. They knew what they wanted to do for a fact, and they were willing to do whatever it took to get to it. They are a model student that schools fight over, and surpass admission standards. Well, it’s not hard to pass admission standards when the only one is a pulse and the ability to breathe unassisted.

I’m not saying that everyone on campus is a moron...it’s just that I’ve seen far too many of them around here. I sometimes wonder if I’m actually in college, or in 13th grade.

I’m tired of this school being filled to bursting and having the average student be below average. Admissions, the BOG, anyone? It’s time you took into account the fact that your current student population goes PRAY. This plain thin fact, I’m begging you...
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APPLICATIONS FOR THE IIT / RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE
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Program Description
Illinois Institute of Technology and Rush Medical College offer a joint admission program for motivated and intellectually promising college sophomores preparing to attend medical school upon completion of their undergraduate degree and who intend to become research-oriented physicians. This program is for current IIT sophomores majoring in chemical engineering, electrical engineering, computer engineering, mechanical engineering, computer science, or molecular biochemistry and biophysics, and for students attending other colleges or universities and transferring to IIT after completing their sophomore year.

Students will be admitted to this program the summer between their sophomore and junior years and will complete their undergraduate degree at IIT. As part of this experience they will participate in a year-long research project that bridges engineering/science and medicine.

Eligibility
- IIT students who by the end of Spring ’06 will have between 48 and 72 credit hours left to meet the requirements for their major and the Premedical Studies minor and will graduate no earlier than Spring 2009
- Minimum of a 3.25 cumulative GPA
- Students majoring in chemical engineering, electrical engineering, computer engineering, mechanical engineering, computer science or molecular biochemistry and biophysics
- Applicants should have successfully completed or be close to completion of courses which include eight semester hours in biology or zoology, eight semester hours in laboratory courses in inorganic and in organic chemistry, and eight semester hours in general physics

This is a highly competitive program with limited space available.

If you would like to contribute to the Opinion Section or would like to see something else in it

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Flu spray vaccine better than shots in kids

By Victor Guharoy

A recent study reported that the nasal flu spray appears to be better than a shot in the arm or thigh for protecting young children against the flu. The study involved 7,852 children between 6 to 59 months of age who received either the flu vaccine or spray. There were 54% fewer cases of the flu spray, while the spray vaccine is made from weakened live viruses. The shot stimulates production of flu-fighting antibodies in the blood; the spray vaccine stimulates production of antibodies in the blood and nose.

Currently, the spray is approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the age group 5 to 49. It is expected that the findings would lead to FDA approval of the spray use in younger children. Medimmune, the maker of the spray has petitioned the FDA to approve the nasal vaccine for children between the ages 1 and 5 years old who do not have a previous history of wheezing and asthma. Unlike the old formulation, the new version of the spray is not required to be stored in the freezer. It can be stored in refrigerators easing the way for use by the schools, doctors and pharmacists.

Majority of the clinicians believe that the successful control of annual influenza epidemics depends on vaccinating a high proportion of young children. The flu spray offers high acceptability because of the mode of administration and in addition, the current study demonstrated higher efficacy than conventional shots. More widespread vaccination of children would also be a boon for parents since the virus spreads very fast in day care centers and schools. If approved by the FDA, the vaccine should be available in time for the 2007-2008 flu season.

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By Rohit Murali
TECHNEWS WRITER

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Mugging and Criminal Trespass incidents near/at MTCC
According to Richard L. Cohen, director of Public Safety at IIT, on Feb. 16 at approximately 8:40 p.m., a student reported that he was robbed at gunpoint by three male subjects on Wabash Ave. near the tennis courts while he was walking by himself to Bailey Hall. In follow-up discussions between Public Safety and the student, he was not certain it was actually at gunpoint, but believed it might have been. Public Safety has increased visible presence in the area and it is a focal point during patrols in the evening and night shifts.

A second incident occurred last Wednesday when a middle-aged, African-American man was arrested for criminal trespass when he attempted to steal a muffin from the coffee shop inside the MTCC. This same individual was observed by Public Safety on Feb. 19 entering the MTCC area where he also stole a muffin just before he was apprehended.

According to Cohen, both offenses are misdemeanors and this individual has been barred from being on campus by Public Safety. And if he breaches IIT property in the future, he will be arrested.

IIT Public Safety will continue to be vigilant in their patrols and on the lookout for unusual or suspicious behavior. They ask that everyone also be cognizant of where they are and who might be around them.

Chatting on a cellular phone or listing to iPods/MP3’s significantly detracts from a person’s ability to be sensitive to their surroundings so if you can avoid doing so, it is probably a good practice. And remember, Public Safety should be called anytime someone observes persons who may not belong on our campus and are acting suspiciously.

Portal’s “Personal Announcements” Now “IIT Announcements”
In response to your suggestions, the myIIT portal development team has changed the name of the “Personal Announcements” channel on the Welcome Tab to “IIT Announcements.” This is the place to see urgent official notices from Office of Technology Services, Facilities and other administrative offices. This is also the place to see system-generated notices from Banner once the various Banner modules are launched in the coming months. Announcements from Group Studio groups also appear in this channel.

Some urgent university-wide announcements are sent from myIIT as both mass emails and as IIT Announcement channel messages. The header on these mass emails will be titled “IIT Announcement” instead of the current “Personal Announcement.”

Announcements of a less urgent nature should continue to be submitted to IIT Today for publication on Mondays and Thursdays.

Nominate an Excellent Teacher
The Provost’s Office is now accepting nominations for the Excellence in Teaching Award and for the Bauer Family Undergraduate Teaching Award.

[1] The University Excellence in Teaching Award honors a faculty member from across the faculty representing Armour College of Engineering, the College of Architecture, the College of Science and Letters the Institute of Design, the Institute of Psychology and the Stuart School of Business.

[2] The Bauer Family Undergraduate Teaching Award honors a faculty member whose teaching load consists of at least 50 percent freshmen students.

Do you have a professor who has mentored you and/or other students, helping you make the most of your educational experience? Are you a freshman who has found this first year easier because of the efforts of an excellent teacher? If you know a professor or instructor who goes the extra mile to help students, contact Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs Mike Goez at goez@iit.edu or nominate him/her.

Professor John Kalldell will chair the review committee for these awards. The nominations are due March 12, and student recommendations are only part of the process, so contact Professor Goez as soon as possible to have your favorite teacher recognized.

CMC Logo/Tagline Contest Winners Announced
Congratulations to Career Management Center (CMC) logo design contest winner Hridikesh Arun Madane, graduate architecture student and the tagline winner, the Business Writing and Communications Class at the Stuart School of Business (a group submission).

The main campus Career Management Center (CMC) and Stuart School of Business Office of Career Services (OCS) recently joined forces to establish a new direction for career management under the name, “Career Management Center” (CMC). The CMC is the liaison between IIT’s highly diverse talent pool of students and alumni and employers who benefit from their expertise.

Coffee House in the Bog
Coffee House in the Bog
Photos courtesy of Sarah Bowes

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One of the greatest dangers toward the vision of the architect is the redesign process. It is the duty of the architect to steadfastly protect his/her vision while incorporating the necessary design revisions. This is where the project can succeed or fail, the point at which the architect holds, compromises, or folds on his/her ideals.

Each option, as one would expect, has its own set of consequences. If the architect is so stubborn that he/she will not disturb their vision, the designer will fail, the project will become more, perhaps even simpler, but all the more beautiful – the addition of the architect was faced with a challenge. The solution was created a new set of issues, but led to a more beautiful process with an attitude focused on skillful compromise. When the architect achieves this mindset, the user can very easily accept and understand the design, at least in some general sense.

Let us now look at the Chicago Spire, quite possibly the most exciting building project in Chicago. Originally, the design of the building was meant to resemble the rigidly beautiful spiral of a seashell, and the addition of the system allowing the project to be subject to fewer consequences. If the architect is too lax in supporting his or her vision, the project will also fail. The redesign will replace signature elements with cheaper alternatives, flashy shapes with the ordinary – the project will become ever more severely diluted. While the state of economic affairs ever increases on the project, the understanding and acceptance of the end occupant invariably suffers. There are two ways to resolve this issue, the one calling for more compromise, or the other being much more humanly possible. The architect can either design while remembering every code, assuming correctly the wishes of the public, or, he/she can enter the redesign process with an attitude focused on skillful compromise. This then gives the architect the ability to balance with changing conditions in the second quarter of the system allowing the project to be subject to fewer redesign issues.

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Cliff’s Notes: FutureSex/LoveSounds

Justin Timberlake’s latest album, “FutureSex/LoveSounds,” is an epic concept album that should be viral reference for anyone planning on becoming an internationally renowned sex icon and hooking up with Cameron Diaz. But the life of an aspiring sex symbol has relatively little opportunity to listen to the sage words of wisdom of an experienced ladies man. Don’t worry – with this guide, you can absorb every bit of wisdom J.T. espouses, track by track – you don’t even have to listen to the album!

1. FutureSex/LoveSounds

**Summary:** Let’s have relations.

2. SexyBack

**Summary:** Let’s have relations.

3. Sexy Ladies/Let Me Talk to You

**Summary:** Let’s have relations.

4. My Love

**Summary:** Let’s have relations, Cameron Diaz.

5. Lovethem/I Think She Knows

**Summary:** I am doing Cameron Diaz.

6. What Goes Around.../...Comes Around

**Summary:** My “friend” is on the rocks with his girlfriend (Not Cameron Diaz)

7. Chop Me Up

**Summary:** We have been having relations for at least three months. 10. Until the End of Time

**Summary:** I intend to continue relations for the foreseeable future.

11. Losing My Way

**Summary:** There is inexplicably something missing in my life.

12. (Another Song) All Over Again

**Summary:** I’m about to get dumped real bad.

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By Joe Kaiser

Online/Sideshow Editor

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The power of words may be your best chance to interact with the world! Do it now!

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I trust that you will use your forces for good, and not evil.

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If your strength is without equal...

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If you are unkind...

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I’m about to get dumped real bad.
Review: Ways in Which I Have Been Solicited for Money

By Joe Kaiser

1. Pitch: “I just got custody of my son, I need to get a train ticket to Cleveland.”
   Location: Just in front of SSV Middle

   Strategy: Started off by sharing his “great news” with me. Was going to work up to asking me for money, but didn’t realize I was entering his dorm. “Suddenly remembered” he needed eight bucks after I started to walk away.

   Analysis: Started off by getting on his side, getting my sympathy. Smart move. Nice use of improvisation when he had to depart from the script. Asked for a believable amount of money, not too much.

2. Pitch: “I need a few singles in my pocket. I reached in, hoping to get about 3 bucks to give the guy, as my shoes were Zenfully clean. Pulled out $16, which he saw clearly. As I walked away, he shouted after me, “but I change $12!” and the smartest thing I could think to yell back was, “I didn’t ask!”
   Location: Outside Ogilvie Transportation Center


   Analysis: Story was short enough that I didn’t have time to fully process it. By referencing Luggage, sounded legit enough that he wasn’t trying to take my money. Took it quickly, said “I’ll be right back.” and got into a cab and drove away.

3. Pitch: “I need change for a 28 to get my luggage back!” “I only have 15.” “That’s fine!”
   Location: Outside Green Line, about 3AM

4. Pitch: “Hey, is this train still running?”
   Location: Outside Green Line, about 3AM

   Strategy: Asked me if I was running this late, and then asked me for a few bucks to get on the train.

   Analysis: Polite, honest to the point. Didn’t look too desperate. Final amount given: About $2 of change, whatever I could scoop from my pocket. Reasoning: Nice enough guy. Good gus. Would give money to again, A+++++

5. Pitch: Blind guy shaking a cup
   Location: Clark/Lake Blue Line

   Strategy: Shook cup, was blind.

   Analysis: Angling for the sympathy vote, also the “stop annoying sounds” vote.

In retrospect: I wonder how he found that cup? Final amount given: 50 Reasoning: He was blind, so it’s not like he knows I stifled him.

6. Pitch: “Can I borrow your bike?”
   Location: Park near my house, I was probably eight.

   Strategy: Asked if he could ride my bike home, as he didn’t have one. Gave it him, then realizing that I was an idiot, I jogged after him as he wound through the neighborhood and eventually concluded at a house across the street.

   Analysis: Was preying on the naturally lower brain capacity of someone who was a year or two younger than him. Should hire interns.

In retrospect: Not smart enough to realize that his mom would probably not let him ride it as it was stolen. Final amount given: Bike, for like five minutes. Reasoning: Children are stupid.

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1. The oldest living thing is a quiet ______
2. eastern standard time
3. Columbia rockcress
4. Lupinus subvexus subvexus
5. Parks service ______ grazing plan (AU)
6. Rancher Pleads Guilty: Score one for ______ evidence
7. Victoria for short
8. Gulf of Mexico
9. Wild Rose (state flower)
10. Magnolia (state flower)
11. Panamou or Snake ______ A review of the abundant research...
12. Panamou or Snake ______? A review of the ______ animal research...
13. avalanche-lily genus (sci.)
14. daisy
15. Lupinus subvexus subvexus
16. snowy ______
17. Where the moon caresses my ______
18. GRC - grazing reduces fuels ______ that fires can’t burn
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20. Arizona sisters ______
21. Arizona sisters ______ where
22.______ the hillside no more
23. ______ a lightning fixture
24. The nights are cool and I’m a ______
25. The Ocean State
26. Utah yucca (symbol)
27. State bird of Rhode Island
28. Tribes criticize over ______ of Bureau of Indian Affairs
29. Coalition seeks funding for forest plan alternative
30. Commissioners offer ______ ideas for species act
31. ______ A review of the ______ animal research...
32. ______ cannot resist my command
33. State bird of Rhode Island
34. Lupinus subvexus subvexus
35. And ______ cannot resist my command
37. ______ from my pocket. Reasoning: Nice enough guy. Good gus. Would give money to again, A+++++
38. Cool ocean a buffer to ______ Nino
39. If the merc’ ain’t pumpin’ a ______-plus
40. Taylor Grazing Act
41. ______ the hillside no more
42. Desert Tortoise Council Presentation, March 16-18, 2001
43. Wild Rose (state flower)
44. Access, grazing among ______ raised by forest plan
45. __. Stephen Best
46. Desert Tortoise Council Presentation, March 16-18, 2001

Down

1. ______ Best
2. The Ocean State
3. Lupinus subvexus subvexus
4. Wildlands Project writ large (_____: HR652)
5. Parks service ______ grazing plan (AU)
6. Victoria for short
7. lubricants
8. Auditors Denounce BLM Land Swaps
9. Victoria for short
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11. Forest service manager not preserving ______ Padres
12. ______ of Wildlife
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**Pederson**

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**TechNews:** Is there a skill/attribute you don’t have, but think would make you even better?

**Pederson:** There are always things I think of that I need to work on (that the) list goes on forever. A few examples would be focusing more through with self-motivated schedules, focusing more on the task at hand and being more dedicated in my work.

**TechNews:** Do you have any pre-game and/or pre-practice rituals or routines?

**Pederson:** On game days, I always follow the same routine. I wake up and do anything and/or pre-practice rituals or routines? Any power forward/center wishes he/she were bigger, taller and stronger.

**TechNews:** Do you have any pre-game and/or pre-practice rituals or routines? Any superstitions?

**Valls:** Before games or practices, I try to think of something that makes me anxious such as our last loss or mistakes that I have made in the past. This gets my adrenaline flowing and motivates me to play my hardest. I am not superstitious.

**TechNews:** Describe a moment or obstacle you have had to overcome. What did you learn from that experience?

**Valls:** My first two years on the team were very tough: as a walk-on, I did not receive a whole lot of support from coaches and teammates. I was not in my best shape. That reminded me that nothing in life comes easy; hard work and perseverance will help you achieve your goals.

**TechNews:** So when you actually have free time to relax, what is it you like to do?

**Valls:** I like to hang out with my girlfriend, Linda, laugh with friends, listen to music or read.

**TechNews:** What has been the highlight of your basketball career so far?

**Valls:** In terms of stats, 16 points in our win vs. Concordia and a double-double vs. Robert Morris last season.

**TechNews:** This has been a tough season for the team. How are you and the team handling that? What plans do you have for the rest of the season?

**Valls:** It’s tough for everyone on the team: coaches, players and managers. Nobody likes to lose, but this is not the place for quitters. We are warriors and we handle wins and losses with honor and dignity; always improving, never [being] satisfied with our level of game.

**TechNews:** What inspires you?

**Valls:** Challenge.

**Pederson:** The last three years (playing for IIT).

**TechNews:** Do you think you are the team’s greatest accomplishment this season?

**Pederson:** Nothing active. Basketball has always been a release, and a refuge for me. The simple rhythms/motions and repetitions when you’re in a gym by yourself are not exactly relaxing, but relieving I guess.

**TechNews:** What has been the highlight of your basketball career so far?

**Pederson:** This match up was a close contest. Purdue Calumet was led by Linsey Smith (15 points) and Jessica Hamman (13 points, 9 rebounds). Even with these big numbers opposing them, the Lady Hawks came away with a hard fought win.

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**Pederson:** The situation for the men’s and women’s teams are quite different. We’ve both had a challenge winning, but for different reasons. Their challenge has been their youth and ours has always been numbers. We have a short roster, talented, but short and it’s very difficult to win. We intend to go into the tournament playing harder than at any other time during the season. As always, we leave everything we have on the court.

**TechNews:** Is there an interesting fact(s) about you that people would be surprised to know?

**Pederson:** I’m pretty boring. All I do is study, eat and sleep.

**TechNews:** Who are your role model(s)?

**Pederson:** My grandfather and my teammate Alliyon Williams.

**TechNews:** What are your academic goals?

**Pederson:** I want to [continue to] pursue my bachelor’s in Architecture. I’m looking into a specialization in design build.

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**Game Recaps**

**We Win**

- Lady Hawks win final home game of the regular season against Purdue University Calumine, W: 60-56

Lady Hawks win the final home game of the regular season against Purdue University Calumine last Tuesday, 60-56. This leaves Illinois Tech 1-10 in the CCAC Conference, and 5-23 for the season.

15 points to help send the Lady Hawks to victory. Purdue Calumine was led by Linsey Smith (13 points) and Jessica Hamman (13 points, 9 rebounds). Even with these big numbers opposing them, the Lady Hawks came away with a hard fought win.

- St. Francis beats Illinois Tech Men’s Basketball, L: 64-56, 2/17/07

- Lady Hawks fall to St Francis, L: 58-93, 2/17/07

- Olivet Nazarene beats Illinois Tech Men’s Basketball, L: 87-59, 2/21/07

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**Swim**

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Relays for IIT. Both the women’s and men’s teams have qualified relays to all five different events (200 Free Relay, 400 Free Relay, 800 Free Relay, 200 Medley Relay and 400 Medley Relay). The final composition of these relays will be determined based on performances at the National meet.

- **Athlete Name**
  - Amanda Babiak
  - Brian Brady
  - Brianna Elg
  - Ryan Feuerstein
  - Johnny Groszko
  - Marina Hartung
  - Jeff Larson
  - Nicole Mallinger
  - Andrew Mehr
  - Julia Nathrop

- **National Events**
  - 200 Free, 500 Free, 400 IM
  - 50 Free, 100 Free
  - 50 Free, 200 Free
  - 100 Breast, 200 Breast, 200 IM
  - 100 IM, 400 IM, 200 Fly

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**Schedule of Events**

**Men’s Basketball**

- CCAC Tournament: IIT vs. St. Xavier 2/27 7:00 p.m. (in Chicago)
- CCAC Semifinals: Location/Time: TBA
- CCAC Championship: Location/Time: TBA

**Women’s Basketball**

- CCAC Tournament: Opponent/Location/Time: TBA
- CCAC Semifinals: Location/Time: TBA
- CCAC Championship: Location/Time: TBA

**Men’s | Women’s Swimming & Diving**

- NCAA National Championships A 2/28-3/3 TBA

**Men’s Baseball**

- IIT vs. Lindenwood Tournament (2) A 3/3 1:30 p.m. (in St. Charles, MO)
- IIT vs. Lindenwood Tournament A 3/4 11:00 a.m. (in St. Charles, MO)

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New Location, Same Excitement

-IIT Swimmers Take on San Antonio

By Marina Hartung

From Feb. 28 through March 3, the NAIA National Swim Meet will be held in San Antonio, Texas. For the past four years, the NAIA Swimming Nationals have been held in the Midwest. While this year’s locale may be different, the excitement and anticipation remained the same.

The National team is comprised of nine women and 11 men; many are returning athletes, but there are a few new faces. On the women’s side, two new freshmen joined the team this year. Brianna Elg is a 1st year Psychology major from Minnesota, and Lesli Traub is a 1st year Business and Psychology major from California.

On the men’s side, four new swimmers will compete for IIT at the meet. Brian Brady and Phil Soderling swim sprint freestyle, Jay Park swims breaststroke/butterfly and Branden Valls is the lone male diver.

With the addition of many new athletes to the National team, it is also the last time four athletes will compete for IIT. Seniors Ryan Feuerstein, Marina Hartung, Jef Larson and Julia Northrop are all expected to make a strong showing for IIT. Both Ryan and Jef are returning National Champions, with high hopes for a repeat. Both of the girls are competitive in their events and it is hoped that this year IIT will get its first female National champion.

Additional returning athletes include juniors Amanda Babicz, Samantha Staley, Sarah Stone, Liz Wang, Luke Shoerette, Amir Nafayji and Johnny Gronzko. The sophomore class is comprised of Nicole Mullinger, Andrew Mehl and E-Fann Saing.

Besides individual events, many of the swimmers will be competing together in relays.

Erin Pedersen

Full Name: Erin Marie Pedersen
Birth date: April 17, 1988
Hometown: Littleton, Colorado
High School: Chatfield Senior H.S.
Ht. / Wt.: 5’9” / 140
Class/Major: Junior / Architecture
Hobbies: Reading, listening to music, drawing, watching the Nuggets, playing basketball and hanging out with my friends
Favorite TV Show, Type of Music, Movies: I don’t watch a lot of TV, but “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” is one of the shows I watch occasionally. Love all kinds of music, I have everything from country to rap, to classical on the same playlist. I also love all kinds of movies. My favorite is either “The Last Samurai” or “Beauty and the Beast”.

TechNews: Did you always plan on playing basketball in college?
Pedersen: Always. As long as I can remember, I wanted to play at this level.

TechNews: What is the hardest part of being a student athlete at IIT?
Pedersen: Trying to balance the two. I love architecture, and basketball, and they both require a tremendous time commitment, being able to give each one the time dedication they need for me to be successful at each is always a challenge.

Nil Valls

Full Name: Nil Valls
Birth date: August 7, 1985
Hometown: Barcelona, Spain
High School: Sunken
Ht. / Wt.: 6’5” / 230
Class/Major: Senior (Red Shirted) / Physics and Aerospace Engineering
Athletic Awards/Accomplishments: IIT Men’s Basketball 2004-05 Best Newcomer, Province Champions and Regional Sub-champions in HS senior year.
Academic Awards/Accomplishments: Graduated from HS with Honors, figured in the IIT’s College of Science and Letters Dean’s List every semester.
Hobbies: Scuba diving, hiking, photography
Favorite TV show, type of music, movies: “The Simpsons”, House/Trance, “Das Boot”

TechNews: Did you always plan on playing basketball in college?
Valls: No. I fact, before starting college I feared academics would represent too heavy of a load that I would be unable to keep playing basketball. Fortunately I have been able to combine both.

TechNews: What is the hardest part of being a student athlete at IIT?
Valls: There is no hard part as long as you keep in mind what your academic and athletic duties are, plan ahead and keep a minimum level of diligence.

TechNews: Is there a skill/attribute you don’t have, but think would make you even better?

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