I’ve often thought that the best food in a particular area is often found in places that you wouldn’t often look, places that are somewhat difficult to find. This was true once before with a Senegalese restaurant that I reported on last semester, and it’s once again true with Brian’s Juice Bar and Deli, a small sandwich joint in the loop.

I first visited Brian’s three years ago in the middle of a snowstorm. I was tired, hungry, and it was the first place I stumbled into. I liked what I ate, but I didn’t check on the name of the place and therefore lost it.

Needless to say, I’ve rediscovered it. Brian’s Juice Bar and Deli is the epitome of a hole-in-the-wall restaurant, smaller than most people’s bedrooms. You’ll feel as though you’re almost sitting outside of the restaurant, as the seating area is about as close to the sidewalk as you can get. It’s perched just north of Prudential plaza, and shares its building with a luggage store. The best way to get there is the Randolph stop on the Green Line, Prudential plaza, and shares its building with a luggage store.

As the name dictates, Brian’s Juice Bar and Deli serves mostly sandwiches and smoothies. With no bit of exaggeration, I’ll say that these sandwiches are among the best in Chicago, and they’re extremely cheap to boot. A meatball sandwich will set you back just under $4.00, and the sandwich is big enough to fill even the heartiest of appetites. The Italian beef sandwich that I ordered was bursting to the seams with meat and peppers, and the bread was almost super-saturated in au jus. Delicious, indeed.

My dining partner had a tuna sandwich, and he reported that it was “quite good.” Our two sandwiches ran us just over ten dollars, which I think is just about as good a deal as you’ll find anywhere. I should also mention that Brian’s only accepts cash.

Brian’s also offers a small selection of Middle-Eastern cuisine, which I’ve heard mixed reviews of. Some people will say that it tastes wonderful, while others will lament that it’s not “true” Middle-Eastern food. There’s a good chance that next time I’ll try some of that selection. Unfortunately, I haven’t yet sampled the other half of Brian’s namesake, the smoothie. However, it is important to mention that almost every other patron I saw either walked out with a smoothie with their sandwich or ordered just a smoothie. It seemed comparable to what I call the “Joy Yee Effect”, where people will go to an eatery for the sole purpose of getting a signature beverage. These smoothies will run you about four bucks.

For the price, quality of food, and close proximity to campus, I’d like to suggest that Brian’s be placed in that “can’t miss” category of specialty Chicago eateries.

Brian’s Juice Bar & Deli

On the Cheap: Brian’s Juice Bar & Deli

By Colin Emch-Wei

SPORTS
Welcome our new Sports Editor, Stephanie Herrera.

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Bob Pritzker sighted on campus.

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Check out this brand new section.

OPINION

TRAC club performs at Maroon Invite

By Christie Ferraro

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Sarah Bowes

TUESDAY March 6, 2007

Up ‘til Dawn

"Fight the yawn – stay awake to cure childhood cancer.”

Up ‘til Dawn is a student-led student-run fund-raiser for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. St. Jude is the largest cancer research institution for children in the United States, and it is primarily funded by public donations. Up ‘til Dawn has spread to more than 180 campuses across the country, who participate in a variety of events to raise money and spread the word about the St. Jude and the program. We are proud that Illinois Institute of Technology was part of this event this year.

Above: Up ‘Til Dawn was sponsored by Greek Council.

Left: A student filling out their fifty letters.

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It’s official; it’s on Facebook.

By Lory Mishra

That is a running joke on any college campus. Whenever two people start dating, most others find out through Facebook. There is always a tone of irony and self-deprecation, that our generation has chosen a lame Internet social network to announce important events. If it were not for Facebook, I would not remember anyone’s birthdays and if it were not for Facebook, I would not keep in touch with as many old friends as I do now. Admittedly, it is said, Facebook has become a replacement for real life interaction, for telephone calls, and long emails. It’s now enough to drop a few, generic lines on someone’s Facebook Wall and all is still well with the world.

Everything I’ve just said is just nothing earth shattering. Along with our strange disconnect from one another, we are also very self-aware. However, it was not until recently that I realized the extent to which Facebook has permeated our generation. A few days ago, two of my friend’s friends lost their fathers. One of these men passed away from a car accident. Both stories were heartbreaking, shocking and chaotic in their nature. I did not know these kids personally, let alone their fathers. Then how do I know about their fathers’ deaths? Facebook, of course.

Facebook has a unique ability to cheapen the meaning of the word “friend”. Back in the day, friends were hard to come by. It took months, and even years, to make friends. There were friends with whom you could share your deepest secrets, go on road trips with, and even argue with. It takes time to get to know people, especially when you are in the early years of your life. Facebook, in its chaotic nature, has reduced this process to just a few clicks. It is easy to jumble up your “friends”黑名单, especially with every new addition to your friend list.

I had met these two unfortunate kids at two separate parties once before. Within a day of meeting one another, we were friends on Facebook. When their fathers passed away, they opted for Facebook to announce their losses.

Once I had managed to get over the eerie similarities of their experiences, I was amazed that they had written Facebook Notes about the events that unfolded on the days of their respective fathers’ deaths. There is a big difference between announcing your new relationship and announcing the death of your father. It struck me as odd that they were comfortable sharing this painful experience with hundreds of strangers. These strangers would have no idea who these men were, and would have no reason to post personal condolences and mechanical messages of sympathy on these two people’s Walls. I’m fairly sure many of them did not even fully read the Notes explaining the deaths. Yet somehow, they thought it necessary to express their “empathy”.

I cannot explain in words the awe and disgust I feel at feeling increasing significance of something so trivial as an online social network. Are we so self-important as to think that everyone is interested in every aspect of our life? Is this some sort of insecure popularity contest, to see how many of our friends express congratulations on a new relationship or condolences at the death of a close one? Is it true that at the present moment, most would not write a Facebook to announce the death of their father. But it is also true that as soon as I submit this article, as my hundred-plus friends will testify, I will log on to Facebook to see how many people have posted on my page. It’s a put on spell on me!

MicroSpeak:

Your guide to the Microsoft Vernaculars!

By Dishu Doshi

As I opened my Pandora’s Box like goodie bag of free stuff that I have collected on my visits to Career Fairs so far, I chanced upon a Sudoku book handed out by Microsoft at a Career Fair. After a myriad of mind bogging suokus puzzles, I found a section called Micspeak – Microsoft’s very own dictionary and guide to its colloquial speech.

Here are the few very interesting ones to give you an insight to the Microsoft Vernaculars:

**Ego Surfing:** Scanning the Net, databases, print media or any source of information for “Stuff We All Get”.

**Swag:** Used to describe any object or article of clothing that has a Microsoft Company or product logo on it. Because such items are frequently handed out as rewards, every employee has a collection. In this sense it stands for “Stuff We All Get”. (Note: This is not a run-of-the-mill article on the technical specifications of random cars you have never seen before or heard about.)

**404, URL Not Found:** meaning that the document your voice heard
By Alyssa Montalbano
(U-WIRE) AMHERST, Mass. -- Acquiring the support of young voters has proved to be a near-impossible task for political hopefuls in the past few decades. But recently, in hopes of gaining an edge in the 2008 Presidential elections, some politicians have begun using a tactic that speaks to the very core of young adults: Facebook.

This method has sparked intrigue among administrators and avid Facebook users. Sen. Barack Obama (D-III.) who has gained popularity early-on in the campaign, is one of a handful of presidential candidates to create and maintain a Facebook page. “So many people are dependent on the Internet these days for communication, the news, etc.,” said sophomore Christina Alfinno. “I think using the Internet is a great and clever way for communication, the news, etc.,” said sophomore Christina Alfinno. “I think using the Internet is a great and clever way for politicians to campaign. It draws the people in, and keeps them clicking.”

Obama is one of many candidates with a presence on social networking Web sites. All the major presidential hopefuls, including Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.), Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), former Sen. John Edwards (D-N.C.), Gov. Bill Richardson (D-N.M.) and Republican Rudy Giuliani, the former mayor of New York, have groups supporting them on Facebook and MySpace.

“With Facebook, not only do you get college students together for a candidate, but you also get them networking and creating events with one another,” said UMass junior Matt Giancola, a member of the Barack Obama Facebook group, “One Million Strong for Barack.”

Ranging from the group “One Million Strong for Barack” with 305,942 members, to “Anybody That Would Support Barack Obama is a Moronic Liberal” with 469 members, the groups on Facebook have provided thousands of young people with a new platform through which to debate and decide issues. Obama currently has over 500 groups supporting him in the election on Facebook created by college students. He also has 3,708 wall posts, which are comments that the members leave. Obama’s has posted 10 “notes” on his page in topics ranging from explaining his plans for 2008 to thanking the people who are planning to vote for him. On his page he also includes two email addresses and an address that members can write letters to. There is a button under his picture that allows the person using the program to support him.

Also, during the month of February, the Susan G. komen for the Cure foundation is advertising that for one dollar the user can buy a gift (a picture of a duck, flower, troll, etc.) and give it to someone. Obama has received 185 gifts from supporters. Obama is not only taking advantage of Facebook to reach younger audiences, but he is also campaigning on other sites as well. On his Facebook site, there is a link that allows the user to go to his main Web site. Once the user is navigated to that Web site, there are other Web sites that the user can be linked too, such as www.Democrats.org/partybuilder, YouTube.com and flickr.com. On YouTube, the user can watch 16 videos about Obama and make comments on them.

“In support of Obama, he is really reaching out to students, getting them involved and Internet savvy,” added Giancola. Barbara McGlynn, journalism administrator and advisor at UMass, thinks using Internet sources popular with young people will help candidates get their message out.

“I think it’s really important for candidates to reach young people wherever they are and hopefully this will encourage young people to get involved and vote,” said McGlynn. This is not the first time that Presidential Candidates have tried to use popular media among the younger generations to speak out. Facebook, MySpace, etc., is just a new form of being able to be connected to younger generations. In 1992, the then-Governor of Arkansas, and later President, Bill Clinton, made an hour long appearance on MTV, answering questions from a group of 18 to 24 year olds.

Facebook, one of the Internet’s largest social networking sites which currently has nearly 17 million registered users, according to the Associated Press.
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By James Booser

On Feb. 26, the Illinois Innovation Accelerator (I2A) Fund, a $10 million seed-stage, for-profit investment fund, was officially launched with $6.4 million in capital commitments from some of Chicago’s top business leaders and IIT. The I2A Fund is considered by those involved in its development to be the state’s most innovative for-profit, early-stage investment fund ever created.

“Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) is dedicated to innovation beyond the classroom. The I2A Fund supports this initiative and serves as our strategic investment partner,” said Lewis Collins, president of IIT in a press release. “University Technology Park on our campus is designed to serve start-up and high-growth companies and will also function as a resource for portfolio companies of the fund.”

According to the I2A website, the Illinois Innovation Accelerator Fund is an innovative $10 million for-profit, early-stage investment fund created in direct response to the decrease in seed-stage investing that’s occurred since the turn of the new millennium. Structured as a member-managed fund with individual and institutional investors, the fund’s goal is to provide the first external professional capital raised by companies, allowing them to grow and allowing the fund members to capitalize on high-growth opportunities.

“The I2A Fund, in and of itself, is an entrepreneurial initiative. It was created and funded by several of Illinois’ most successful entrepreneurs to invest in the future of our local economies and the next generation of pioneering entrepreneurs,” said David Weinstein, president of the Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Center (CEC) in a press release. The I2A Fund will be administered by the CEC, a non-profit affiliate of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce.

“Illinois’ entrepreneurs stand to benefit not only from the funding, but also the invaluable knowledge and resources that each investment and advisory committee member brings to the table – such as guidance and connections to target customers, partners and key members of the management team,” Weinstein said. Venture capitalist J.B. Pritzker, of New World Ventures and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) played an active role as the early catalysts in the formation of the I2A Fund.

In addition to helping technology companies, the fund will also invest in consumer product and retail enterprises, new-media start-ups, as well as companies in biotechnology, nanotechnology, clean technology and life sciences. For more information on the Illinois Innovation Accelerator Fund, please visit www.I2AFund.com.

IIT’s Camras Bowl 2007

For the second year in a row, Alumni Relations has teamed up with the Camras Student Advisory Board to host this event. In quiz bowl style tournament, current Camras scholars are pitted against alum Camras scholars. Last year, the championship match was between an alumni team and a student team, and the students came out victorious. Once again, the final match was between an alumni team, only this time they were up against a student team comprised entirely of freshmen. Once again, the student team took the title. Bob Pritzker graced the event with his presence and passed the trophy on to the new champs.

Congratulations to the ‘Pi Rho’ team pictured here from left to right:

Amber Purcell
Galina Shpuntova
Joy Blascak
Hannah Kolb
Jeff Mielke

Applications can be picked up at the information session, from Rm. 211 inside the MTCC, or online via the orientation website, http://www.iit.edu/orientation/undergrad/home.htm. Please e-mail orientation@iit.edu with any questions or concerns you may have.

• Alcohol Awareness Day

The Counseling Center will host Alcohol Awareness Day today [March 6] from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the MTCC Bridge. The center has activities planned to stress safety and responsibility and discuss the realities of alcohol use and abuse.

1) Put on “drunk goggles” and play a driving simulation video game
2) Test your knowledge with the Alcohol Myth Quiz
3) Join the Counseling Center staff to “Air Your Dirty Laundry”

• Star of the Month Nominations

Please be on the lookout for stars of the month for February. Nominate a professor, teaching assistant, alumni graduate student, or undergraduate via e-mail to Shans Rajpal, srg.awards@gmail.com. Please include your name, the nominee’s name, and sufficient reasoning. Recipients will be announced at the first SGA meeting this month and be recognized in TechNews and IIT Today.
Across


Down


Jokes found in “The Slipstick”

By Joe Kaiser

SAYS THE SENIOR TAKING BACTERIOLOGY, “I CAN’T GET IT ALL THROUGH MINDS.”

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LETS HAVE SOME GINGER ALE.

PALE?

NO, A GLASS WILL DO.

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“SPEAKING OF JASON SCHOMMER’S EMERALD HAT, WHAT DO YOU THINK?”

“IT’S SO THEY CAN SIT IN THE GRASS WHEN A NEW FORD GOES BY.”

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THE GREAT PROBLEM OF THE AGES HAS BEEN SOLVED. THE RIDDLE OF HOW TO GET UP IN TIME FOR AN EIGHT-THIRTY HAS BEEN EXPLAINED. “Tu simple. Don’t go to bed. Na charge.”

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TYPICAL JOBS OF ARMOUR GRADS

Bond salesman

Selling Bonds

Securities salesman

Selling Securities

Stock salesman

Selling Stocks

None

First frosh: How many are in the chemistry lecture class?

Even Dumber: I don’t know, but I can tell you a swell way to find out.

First frosh: How?

Dumber: Take half the number in the class and multiply it by two.

Jokes not found in “The Slipstick”

By Joe Kaiser

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SPEAKING OF JASON SCHOMMER’S LEGAL BLINDNESS, WHAT DO YOU THINK?”

“HE SAYS THAT WITH PROPER APPLICATION ONE CAN USE IT TO DEFORM ONE’S ESTRANGED WIFE.”

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SHE: CAN YOU DRIVE WITH ONE HAND?

HE: (HOPEFULLY). AND HOW.

SHE: DO NOT.

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TYPICAL JOBS OF ARMOUR GRADS

Poor man

Being poor

Untrustworthy man

Being untrustworthy

Dis likable man

Being dislikable

President of the United States

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First frosh: How many are in the chemistry lecture class?

Even Dumber: I don’t know, but I can tell you a swell way to find out.

First frosh: How?

Dumber: Snip some hair from each one and then count that hair.

Screen
**Failed Inside Jokes**

By Joe Kaiser

**Situation**: This is the average fine levied when someone is beaten in a hate crime in 1955. Also, whenever I said it, she had no idea I was thinking about Emmett.

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**The Perry Bible Fellowship**

By Nicholas Gurewitch

“Conditions Must Be Removed This Week”

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In a scathing editorial, TechNews writer Eric Hossengartner insists that all conditions placed upon him be removed by the end of that week. He declares that everyone knows his “situation” and the “issues” he has with a certain “person.” He continues down a winding, vague path to the bottom of the page.

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**Sudoku**

Compiled by Joe Kaiser, Online/SlideShow Editor
Seniors say goodbye as the ’06-’07 season comes to an end!

By Anna Dannhausen

On Tuesday, March 27, the Women’s Basketball Team saw another season come to a close in the first round of the conference tournament (6-25), where they faced number two seed Olivet Nazarene (20-12). The Lady Hawks were plagued with a small roster this season; the six players fought hard in every game, but fell victim to fatigue in the final minutes of a number of games.

The team was highlighted by the play of the two seniors. Polina Ivanova received First Team All-Conference honors at the conclusion of the season. Ivanova averaged 14.6 points per game (sixth in the conference), 4.8 rebounds per game (first in the conference), and an amazing 5.0 assists per game (second in the conference). Stephanie Herrera averaged 10.5 points per game and 3 assists per game, and was known off the court for her tough defense.

In closing statement for the seniors, last coach, Coach Antwon Johnson said, “We as a staff appreciate your leadership and your continuous effort on and off the court. Continue to strive for the best results in everything that you do and last but not least remember that I (Coach Johnson) will always be here for you. Both seniors averaged over 35 minutes per game and will be greatly missed next season.

With such a small roster, every player was critical to the team. Junior Erin Pedersen averaged 12.3 points per game, junior Allysyn Williams averaged 7.1 points per game, and sophomore Jackie Puschkar averaged 11.2 points per game. With high intentions for next year, new seniors Allysyn Williams and Erin Pedersen are expected to lead the team from the foundation that has been created these past two seasons. “My expectations for next season are no different than the past two seasons. We must get it individually and collectively, we also must understand what it takes to be a winner,” Coach Johnson states. A repeated phrase in his pre-game and half-time talks: “Winners find a way to win! Losers find ways to lose!”

What were your expectations coming into the athletic and academic programs here at IT?

PI: I knew from the beginning passing the courses would be harder than the junior college that I was coming from and I did my best to be on top of my school work as well as basketball. As for basketball I knew it would be challenging, but I saw the small roster as an opportunity to better my skills and help the team and the program.

SH: When I first came to IT I didn’t even know there was a basketball team at IT. I came to concentrate on my passion for architecture. One day I was shooting around in the gym and the coach (Annie Basic) came out and asked if I wanted to be in the team. Basketball has always been my passion, you can’t stay away from something you love.

Describe your career at IT?

PI: My last season went better than my junior year because I was able to improve my stats all around. I went from 10 ppg to 15ppg, and from 3.7 steals to 5.2 and We finally won a conference game!

SH: My career was full of peaks and valleys, but I loved every minute of it!

What was your favorite memory?

PI: Winning our last home game on senior night. Before the game started coach told the team to play for the seniors tonight because it’s our last game and I made Jackie (sophomore) promise me that we would win because the whole time I’ve been here we have not won a conference game and she fulfilled her promise. We beat Purdue Calumet by four points. Jackie contributed 15 points to the senior night game.

SH: It’s not as inspirational as Polina’s but during a game last year we were running a play and I was supposed to line up in the corner and cut baseline for a shot, when Erin called the play I was running to corner and fell down completely on my own. I didn’t get tripped or anything. Erin was just starting at me like, “what the heck is wrong with this girl!” Coach Houston was looking at me the same way. I’ll never forget it, it was the funniest thing that has ever happened in a game. I couldn’t stop laughing.

What are your plans for the future?

PI: I plan to attend graduate school in Information Technology and Management

SH: I hope to finish my degree next year and possible go to grad school. This summer I’m taking a 10 day trip to Italy to play some basketball. Maybe something will happen for me there in terms of playing professional basketball.

Is there anyone you would like to thank?

PI: I would like to thank Coach Johnson for supporting me all the way through my graduation.

SH: I would like to thank my Mom and Grams and all the other parents for coming to all the games. I would like to thank all my teammates for making my experience here unforgettable and my good friend Anna for always believing in me. I would especially like to thank Coach Johnson for taking on the biggest challenge of all, coaching a women’s basketball team. One last thank you goes to my High School diving coach, Kraig Forceyk, for teaching me how to never give up and how to be a winner.

Do you have any advice for the underclassmen?

PI: Work hard and everything will come to you.

SH: Always put in what you expect to get out. What ever you do in life be the best at it and last but not least, “Get better everyday!”

Polina Ivanova #20

By Stephanie Herrera

In the closing season seniors Polina Ivanova and Stephanie Herrera were asked about the emotional ending to their basketball career here at IT.

Position: Guard
Class: Senior
Major: Information Technology and Management
Hometown: Purik, Bulgaria
High School: T e c h n i c a l S c h o o l o f Economics/ Geneseo CC

By Stephanie Herrera

Athlete of the Week

Position: Pitcher
Class: Freshman
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Hometown: Lockridge, IA
High School: Fairfield HS

Branden Schombert #5

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