IT receives a full 10-year re-accreditation from NCA

By James Booser
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IT has received a full 10-year re-accreditation from the National Central Association (NCA) of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) according to a letter the university received two weeks ago. IT has met all five criteria for re-accreditation and will not have to file any reports until the re-accreditation cycle ends in 2016-2017. The NCA praised the university for its overall mission, faculty and administrative expertise to deliver high quality academic programs and services, concern for student learning, engagement with the community and effective board of trustee support.

“I want to personally thank everyone—students, faculty, staff and trustees—who assisted in this process and who spoke with the site visit team last October. The team was very impressed with the progress made over the past 10 years, as is reflected in their comments in the assurance section of the report,” said IT President Lewis Collins in a statement released last week.

According to the report, IT has, since the last HLC review 10 years ago, “increased the academic profile of its undergraduates, initiated an aggressive enrollment management strategy, created international challenges and Curriculum Development initiatives, raised $270 million, 100 percent ahead of the campaign’s declared goal and in less time, expanded its international presence, increased research productivity, and initiated fiscal practices that are leading to continued sustainability. In addition, new program initiatives have focused on alignment with national trends in interdisciplinary programming and research.”

While the NCA Evaluation Team felt that IT is an internationally rich campus, in their words, “there is a need to expand the concept of diversity.” They feel the “unanticipated result [of increasing the international population] has been a campus which is more culturally diverse than it was before. And while this diversity is an asset, the concept of diversity needs to be expanded to include religious, cultural, ethnic, geographic, socio-economic status, political ideology, age, and student populations.” The report states that “institutional diversity is a very complex matter. It needs to be recognized that the campus’ diversity is a mix of forms of diversity that includes both cultural diversity including other types such as gender, nationality, religious, cultural, ethnic, geographic, socio-economic status, abilities, disabilities, and/or sexual orientation. To attempt to address just one of these differences will not allow success in regard to diversity.”

The report also revealed the need to improve communication internally and externally at IT. According to the report, both IT’s Mission and the 2010 Plan have not been clearly communicated to the university community. The NCA Evaluation Team felt that a continuing dialogue with members of the university community and publication of the 2010 Plan goals and progress status would be ideal in addressing these two communication issues.

The NCA Evaluation Team also felt that while the “accomplishments, activities, and plans within IT are exciting—they do not have an optimum impact if they are not communicated to a broader audience.” According to the report, both internal and external constituencies noted a lack of information of what was going on within other groups on campus. This was noted specifically among the following constituencies: (1) cross campuses (e.g., Downtown, Main, and Rice), (2) different departments and divisions within the university, and (3) external stakeholders, both within the neighboring community and the broader region.

The NCA Evaluation Team recommended that an enhanced communication plan be developed at all levels that would include attention to the following areas:

- Description of major planned activities within departments, e.g., planned improvements in facilities and schedules for renovations.
- Orientation of new staff and faculty to geography and activities of new campuses.
- Campus activities designed to bring faculty and staff outside of their home department to increase opportunities for conversation and collaboration.
- Communication of accomplishments of alumni, students, staff, and faculty to all university constituencies on a regular basis.
- Highlighting of community outreach activities for all campuses in order to clarify the university’s continued engagement with its local neighborhoods.

The concluding thoughts on the assessment of student learning from the NCA Evaluation Team revealed that “as IT moves forward, it will need to continue to build on the base of assessment practices which are currently in place, and equip the faculty with the resources necessary to improve assessment practices. While recognizing the autonomy inherent in the various academic units comprising IT, [a] more systematic effort of the status of assessment activities and/or dissemination outcomes beyond the School or department level would provide more consistent oversight of institutional assessment of student learning.” The full report can be viewed at http://www.iit.edu/nca/team_report.html.

Chicago Recognizes IIT’s Lisa Montgomery

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On March 6, Lisa L. Montgomery was the recipient of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations Advisory Council on Women Sage Award. The Chicago Commission on Human Relations is charged with enforcing the Chicago Human Rights Ordinance and the Chicago Fair Housing Ordinance. The Commission also employs pro-active programs of education, intervention, and constituency building to discourage bigotry and bring people from different groups together.

Chicago recognizes IIT's Lisa Montgomery
If you can’t spell it, don’t advertise it

By Colin Emch-Wei
A&E Editor

An old saying goes, “It’s better to keep your mouth shut and be thought a fool than to open it and remove all doubt.” I think of this just about every time I see a flyer or poster somewhere on campus. In a vast majority of these postings, there’s a glaring spelling error that undermines the message of that the poster meant to pass on. It’s incredibly embarrassing, and I’m still not quite sure how it happens.

My roommate and I have a collection of these pieces of paper. Whenever we see one that is particularly humorous or dumbfounding, we take it as our own and file it in our box o’trashed words. We’ve got stuff as far back as a year or two ago, and what’s very interesting is that no single student organization is guilty of this crime...a great many are perpetrators in this most cardinal of grammar sins.

I bring this up only because I’m sick and tired of it. I don’t mean to point fingers at any particular organization or any individuals. I don’t want to cause any trouble, I just want to raise some awareness. I can’t bear to see this happen anymore, and I’d like you to be proactive about it.

I saw a poster earlier this week advertising a performer that was coming to the BOG. It seemed innocent enough, until I saw that in big bold letters the word “Orginial”. I mean, come on now...I understand that this guy is a comedian and we were advertising a show of comedic origins, but the misspelling was probably not the comedy that was intended. If it really was a mistake, then I pray that this performer never sees the poster. If it was intended, I step back into the shadows. Stuff like this happens in every wave of postings. Keep your eyes open and you’ll see.

All I’m saying is this: it doesn’t take all that long to give any piece of writing a once-over or to simply hit the “spellcheck” button. It doesn’t take any time out of your day to check your writing and expression for simple errors that make you look like you’re not at a collegiate level. I’m tired of seeing typos that shouldn’t ever happen in this academic setting. Fix it, because I’m done with seeing them.

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U.S. education falls into ‘gap’

By Anna Zagari

(Onely College - Penn State)

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — The United States is falling behind other countries in what a recent report calls a “degree gap,” citing financial and diversity issues for American colleges.

The report, “Hitting Home: Quality, Cost and Access Challenges Confronting Higher Education Today,” estimates 13.6 million Americans need to obtain either a bachelor’s or associate degree by 2025 to close this “gap” between the United States and other nations.

Travis Reid, program director of Jobs for the Future and author of the report, said there are a number of factors causing the nation to fall behind.

“Troubling trends,” such as college costs and the quality of learning are major reasons why Americans are falling so far behind, Reid said.

One main issue is that students attend school but end up not finishing their degrees.

According to the report, the United States ranks in the top five nations for young people attending college, but 16th in the list of students completing their educations.

This is largely credited to financial issues faced while attending school, Reid said.

“Some students feel they must choose between a job and staying in school,” he said.

Ashley Stoddard (sophomore-communication arts and sciences and Spanish) agreed with college financial issues being a major deterrent to earning degrees.

“In Europe, college can be free if you have really good grades... It’s too expensive [in the United States],” Stoddard said.

Penn State spokeswoman Jill Shockey said Penn State is “consistently making every effort to keep costs at a minimum.”

Shockey said that the university is taking several initiatives to keep costs down such as revising budgets and reviewing university costs.

Three hundred students gathered at the state capital Tuesday in a rally organized by the Council of Commonwealth Student Governments (CCSG).

Many speakers focused on the need for an increase in state appropriations from Gov. Ed Rendell’s budget as a way to combat high tuition.

CCSG President Jerry Livingston told the assembled crowd Rendell’s proposed increase of 1.6 percent to Penn State’s appropriation was vastly inadequate and students would pay the difference with higher tuition costs.

Rep. John Yudichak, D-Luzerne, said at Tuesday’s rally that it was ridiculous that about two-thirds of Penn State graduates leave college with more than $20,000 in student loans.

Reindl also cited students’ preparation in high school as being below what is expected of them in a higher education environment. He added other countries do a better job in preparing their students for schooling.

The report said there are clear gaps in the United States between minorities attending college, especially between groups of Caucasian and Asian students and groups of African American, Hispanic and Native American students.

Reindl said minority groups are vital to the success of America because of high growth rates. Their college attendance and success rates are important to economic prospects for both themselves and America, he added.

Edwin Escalante, director of Minority Admissions and Community Affairs at Penn State, said the minority rate at the university — 13 percent overall — isn’t high by any means, but is on the rise.

“You have to remember that 10 years ago, we were about 6 percent minority, so we’re moving forward,” Escalator said.

The university is also making outreach efforts via recruitment centers across the state, as well as regionally.

According to the report, Canada leads in degree attainment with more than 50 percent of people ages 25 to 34 having an associate’s degree or higher.

Richard Willie, vice-president academic and provost at Concoradia University College of Alberta in Canada, wrote in an e-mail that he believes there are several reasons why Canada does so well.

The country strongly promotes post-secondary education in high school, and university education in Canada is relatively affordable and accessible to most students, he wrote.

Willie wrote that, “with economies becoming increasingly global in scope, higher education is seen as a priority so that Canadians can stay competitive.”

World Health Briefs

By Shravani Pasupneti

TECHNEWS WRITER

“New drug to stop HIV from entering cells”

HIV-positive individuals who have exhausted all of the treatment options available to them may have a new option in the near future. Pfizer is manufacturing a drug called Maraviro, claiming it can prevent the virus from entering the cells of the immune system. The drug functions by blocking CCR5 receptors, whose activation allows the virus to enter CD4 T-cells. A recent 24-week study involving 1,000 patients found that patients on a combination treatment of the Pfizer drug and the standard drug who had undetectable virus levels was twice that of patients taking the standard drug alone. In addition, the patients on the combination therapy had a higher CD4 count.

“Vitamins: more harmful than helpful?”

Researchers from Copenhagen University recently published the results of their study on the effects of taking vitamins in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Vitamins have been thought to help maintain one’s health as they prevent the formation of free radicals, which cause oxidative stress on the body’s tissue. The group reviewed 815 clinical trials, which studied the benefits of vitamins A, C and E, beta-carotene, and selenium. Initially, a sampling of 86 trials showed that the anti-oxidant supplements had neither a positive or negative influence on patients’ health. However, after eliminating a number of studies which the researchers believed were “skewed” they concluded that beta-carotene, vitamin E and vitamin A increased the patients risk of death. One possible explanation put forth by the researchers to explain their findings is that free radicals may be a necessary part of the body, perhaps as a defense mechanism. However, the scientific community has yet to accept the results of this study, and some are arguing its validity. Dr. Ann Walker, from the Health Supplements Information Service, said the results were “worthless.” She went on to say, “How sensible scientists can suggest that a modest intervention of a single antioxidant supplement, can have a major effect in reversing life-threatening pathology, where patients already have advanced cardiovascular disease, is ridiculous.”

“New anti-malaria drug for children launched”

A European pharmaceutical company, Sanofi-Aventis, partnered with a non-profit organization, Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative, has released a new, low cost malaria drug for children for use in sub-Saharan Africa. The medicine is a combination of two drugs, artesunate and amodiaquine, that have had efficacy against the disease in the past. While this idea of combining these two drugs is not new, the revolutionary concept behind this drug is the fewer number of pills an individual must take. Previous therapies required the patient to take six pills a day for five days. However, this new therapy only requires adults to take two pills a day for three days and children to take one pill a day for three days. The advantage of this shorter treatment period, in addition to the increased convenience, is that the patient will complete the treatment faster, hopefully before the parasite develops a resistance.
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Chicago resident and visitors have, for the past few years, been treated to a growing number of quality music festivals over the summer. There's still a long way to go, but most of the major festivals are announcing their artists, and speculation runs rampant on who else might be announced. Lollapalooza, which has been held in Chicago's Grant Park for the last two years, will be returning this year. The first year was a two-day festival with Pixies and Weezer headlining. Last year, it expanded considerably, hosting 60,000 attendees and running from Friday through Sunday, with headliners such as The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Kanye West, Mzaa Chao, West, and Death Cab For Cutie. [Lollapalooza organizers] are determined to turn Lollapalooza into a major American festival in a short timespan. This has resulted in some initial financial issues, but there's confidence that the festival will be at least equally as successful as Austin City Limits (also organized by Lollapalooza organizers). The location and band roster should help, as other major American festivals (Bonnaroo, Coachella) require a far greater commitment for the usual concert-goer as opposed to the traditional festival attendant.

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The Arcade Fire’s “Neon Bible” fails to disappoint

By Andres De La Hoz

The Arcade Fire released their debut “Funeral” in 2004 and jumped from being a little-known band to becoming the ‘it’ thing for indie rockers. Much like one of their earlier songs, being a very well-done and well-acted film, with a plot that’s interesting enough to capture just about anyone’s attention. As the movie progresses, the three main characters that grab a hold of your attention and don’t let go. Robert Downey Jr. plays a great paranoid, Jake Gyllenhaal is immediately perplexed by the case, and Mark Ruffalo captures the essence of a frustrated cop perfectly. All in all, the cast is great.

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Palermo’s: a real Italian treat

By Colin Emch-Wei

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I2V's opening keynote lecture will be delivered by Professor Janusz Filipiak, Chairman and CEO of Comarch. Filipiak holds a professor's degree in technical sciences and has been working in the field of new technologies for over 20 years. In 1993 he founded Comarch, the first knowledge-based company in Poland and one of the few companies with deep academic roots. At present, Comarch constitutes a global network with enterprises in the Americas, Europe and Middle East, employing over 1500 top-end professionals and delivering innovative IT systems to all sectors of the economy.

Stanford Ovshinsky, inventor of the nickel metal hydride battery and holder of patents that have led to the creation of photovoltaic cells, digital video discs, and the battery for GM's EV-1 electric car, will be the keynote luncheon speaker at I2V. Although he never went to college, Ovshinsky founded a new field of physics based on the superconductivity of certain alloys. In 1955, he began working in the field of amorphous materials; his work resulted in amorphous semiconductors – which was previously considered an utter impossibility. In total, Ovshinsky has earned about 200 U.S. patents at a pace that has not flagged since the early 1970s. Time Magazine lists him as one of their “Heroes for the Planet” and The Economist recently named him “the Edison of our Age.” Ovshinsky is President and Chief Scientist for ECD Ovonics.

The cost to attend this workshop is $10 for IIT students and $25 for IIT faculty, staff and alumni. For more information, visit http://www.invention2venture.org/events/IIT/agenda.html or send an email to keplinger@iit.edu.

My experience as an IPRO Leadership Fellow

By Alayna George

Last summer, actually during a rain storm, I was checking my email and noticed a subject line that went along the lines of “New Leadership Initiative for IPROs”. I was interested by it, so I decided to apply. And that’s how my year started. I learned that this program was completely new – I was the only person in the program, called the IPRO Leadership Fellows. Over the past year Professor Daniel Ferguson and I developed this program.

The purpose is to select and train people to be leaders, specifically in the context of IPROs. Practically, it means that Fellows learn about leadership and project management topics, then participate in IPROs as Leaders and apply that knowledge.

My personal learning has happened in a number of ways. I have attended Leadership Academy weekend seminars and IPRO Project Management seminars. I am currently enrolled in BUS 402: Leadership Seminar. As a team leader in my past IPRO, I learned delegation, conflict resolution, and how to structure a team. In my current IPRO I am a subteam leader, and I apply the knowledge I have learned to the paperwork side of our team.

This fall I will have finished my IPROs, but that doesn't mean my involvement in the program has ended. I had the opportunity a few months ago to attend a professional conference on project management.

In the fall I will be hosting a weekend seminar for IPRO Leadership Fellows on project management.

This experience has been great for me. I have always been viewed as a leader or capable person, but through this program I have gained some hard knowledge on what I used to do by instinct. Also, being forced to be a formal leader in IPROs has made me take responsibility for those difficult roles. In short, this program has formed me into a leader well beyond my years.

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Dr. Geisler is a scholar with contributions in a broad range of studies including evaluation metrics, technology management, entrepreneurship, and technology transfer. He is a pioneering work in defining the field of management of medical technology in health care, for which he has co-founded the International Journal of Healthcare Technology and Management, the forthcoming Journal of the Management of Medical Technology, and the annual International Conference on the Management of Healthcare & Medical Technology, for which Dr. Geisler is best known.

Dwayne Wade's "We're All In" Commercial shot here at IIT

NBA superstar Dwayne Wade of the Miami Heat was seen on campus several weeks ago shooting his latest commercial commercial "We're All In." The Kearing Sports Center was the backdrop for the 30-second spot which has already made its way to the popular video-sharing site, Tube. The Kearing Sports Center and Wade were also featured in a recent episode of ABC's "Supernanny."
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These TOS constitute the entire agreement between people who read TechNews and people who write TechNews, and it replaces the space in which I would usually place a list of personal insecurities. By reading this, you basically agree to everything listed above and also to give me five bucks.

Love,
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--Reviewed and Approved by Joe Kaiser

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This Day in TechNews History...

Volume #17, Issue #6, 3/25/1956, Page 4: *Fundamentals That Win Baseball Games Told By Krafft At Meeting* When this was published the atomic bomb had not yet been dropped on Japan, so there were still some die-hard Newtonians around. Krafft was one of them. When asked what would happen if the bomb was thrown at the speed of light, Krafft stated that it would merely travel a great distance in an infinitesimally short time, and “nothing else would happen." Krafft also had serious doubts about the use of Nuclear Power in baseball; however, it is now well known that most baseball parks are powered by a unified secret underground nuclear plant and that several baseball players, including Barry Bonds, are now nuclear powered. This is how a steroid is made.

Volume #59, Issue #2, 3/26/1945, Page 3: *Hope...For Women* "As ‘Hope...For Women’ and given a floral US Fighting Man still overseas, the demand share of disenfranchisement. However, the allowed them a license to despair and a 75% been given a fair shake already, having already the makers of Hope believed that women had several baseball players, including Barry Bonds, are now nuclear powered. This is how a steroid is made.

Volume #52, Issue #5, 3/30/1951, Page 6: *The Student Body Is Contented And Happy!* Since the paper’s founding, the opinion section was dedicated to bringing light to the injustices on campus – whether it be dehumanizing bureaucracy or failing technology. By the late 1940s, however, the commentaries became more and more trifling in nature (“2/4/1948, Page 3: They don’t serve the hamburgers I like anymore”) and by 1951, Opinion declared victory and went into hibernation.

Volume #88, Issue #7, 3/20/1970, Page 4: *Moog Synthesizer Produces Electronic, Mind-Bending Sounds - Tonight in HUB:* The Moog company was later responsible for Moog Synthesizers, a brand of synthesizers designed by Dr. Robert Moog in the early 1970s, the Moog Synthesizer was the revolution that would probably get you a double-patent, due to important-nouns. A diagram depicting this, which I will never show you, because you may figure out how to arbitrarily deem it “useful” and get the patent.

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A method of finding distinct geographic bodies

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“A Nebraskanewer”

Copyright

The song “Beautiful Nebraska, Saskatoon by Moon”

A cure for cancer in pill form (note: this would probably get you a double-patent, due to important-nouns)

“Tumortussin”

A viral campaign masquerading as a fanatic in which the cast of Desperate Housewives all get cancer but use Cancertussin to cure their ills.

A new system of patenting

“I hate the United States Patent and Trademark Office”

The Swearing Machine, Which Also Solves Global Warming (REJECTED: Offensive to public morality)

Trademark

“eMagiaritz”

A computer program that generates newspaper articles from other Patent

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A method of printing money

“A Counterfeitery”

A written tract on how to avoid paying the ridiculous amount of money for one frigging patent (one?)

Seriously, I just want to patent one thing.

And remain in college.

Guide compiled by Joe Kaiser

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**SIDE Show**

**A Girl threw a Beer at Nice Peter on Thursday**

By Joe Kaiser

Those beers cost like, three bucks, and you just threw it all away?

I wonder if anyone’s gonna get electrocuted... I don’t think you’re supposed to throw water on electronics. Does beer conduct electricity? Maybe light beer conducts electricity.

I hate it when I get to the end of a soda and my straw just makes that annoying slurping noise.

I guess she didn’t have to worry about that because it’s beer. Why don’t they serve beer with straws?

I bet it’s because of the ice.

I guess it would be kind of more annoying to get hit with a drink that had ice in it.

But I guess if you got pulled over on the way home the beer would be more annoying.

“I oh yeah I know it’s tail light is out. What? Not just from a concert I played. Someone thought I sucked a lot and threw this at me.”

“No seriously I’m not drunk seriously.”

“OK I will use your breathalyzer.”

“I just swallowed today.”

“OK I will use your breathalyzer.”

You could lose like, five minutes to that.

More if you had pot in the car.

That would be so annoying.

Was security there before? I guess there are a lot of people here.

We don’t want another E2 I guess.

Oh wait they’re carting away that girl.

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SPORTS EDITOR

Hot: Nintendo Wii

For those of you who aren’t aware the Nintendo Wii is the greatest thing since toilet paper. This new system uses not one but two “Wiimotes” to play all the sports games you can think of. With the flick of a wrist you can hike a football, stiff arm a defensive linemen, upper cut a boxer or bowl a 300. Not only has this game acquired the exact attributes of our generation but the senior retirees of our Sunday-Drivers of America. Senior citizen, Ruth Ebert, picked up a game controller for the first time in her life in Los Angeles. “I’m 82 years old, so I missed that part of our culture. Soap opera, yes. Video games, no,” I played it for the first time over winter break and was completely exhausted after one round of boxing on my knees. This hot item is not only resolving our over weight kids of America problem, it serves as a daily recreation for retired communities all over the States. Compared to the insane $600 Sony wants you to pay for their blue ray DVD player with... oh yea... a video game console built inside (PS3), Nintendo only charges a mere $250 to start gaming your way into shape. Better act quickly though, average wait time for the Wii is 7 days on line or maybe if you’re lucky you might find it in a game stop. Your best chances of finding one are taking any color up in the box but your best bet is to hit the corresponding arrows with your feet when they fly past the beat line. The people in the commercials and on the box fail to show the dancing impaired. For those of you who marched to your own beat, or lack there of, this game is not for you. The extent of activity in this game will leave you staring eyes wide with your mouth open dancing around like you have underwear creeping up your butt. Don’t worry the up side is that you can experience all this awkwardness in the privacy of your own home.

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It’s all but sunny days for the hawks on the West Coast. Baseball gave up a double header in Santa Clarita (6-0 & 5-3) and lost both ends of the double header in Costa Mesa, CA (10-8 & 10-1).

Master’s College gave the hawks a run for their money on the offensive end. Mustang’s strong pitching staff held the hawks to a 6-0 game. Freshman Branden Schombert shows his strips again by opening the game with 3 strike outs in 3.3 innings. In a late attempt to gain the lead Hawks picked up in the 5th inning, but revealed to be too little too late.

The Hawks used the late start to pick up where they left off in day two, getting 3 runs in the 2nd inning. Mustangs manage to score 5 runs in the 3rd and hold the hawks to a 5-3 game. Freshman Kyle Guglielmo helps the team with 2 RBIs.

Weekend College faces off after they tie up a 4-0 deficit early in the 2nd inning. Trevor Dickson leaves his mark on the mound, pitching 6 innings only giving up 3 runs. Lions gave Illinois Tech a hard time with a 3 run inning, but Hawks answer right back with 3 of their own in the 8th, unfortunately, not enough to close out the game. Hawks carried by Freshman Thomas Hotz with 3 RBIs and Andrew Kungis with 500 average for the game ending in a 2 run deficit.

Hawks have a rough time in the tail end of the double header against the Lions. Jess Stepniewski lead off the mound with 6 strikeouts in 4 and 2/3 innings, only giving up 2 earned runs. Lions took no prisoners with a game just shy from perfect only giving the Hawks 4 hits and a run.

Rough start for the Hawks away from home, so come show your support when they play on familiar territory at their home opener vs. North Park at 12pm on Saturday, March 24th. Don’t miss the game to follow on March 27th at 3pm. Go Hawks!

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How many consecutive Tour de France’s did Lance Armstrong win?

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**Sports World Catches Green Fever**

By Stephanie Herrera

"Blah, blah, blah…we’re all gonna drown in 200 years! It’s time to start taking what you hear seriously sports fans. Finally, the ozone depletion has impacted a group of people enough that they are actually doing something about it! Why aren’t they? The Superbowl came to rescue of all the fans of cricket that under the sun is affected.

The World Cup of cricket, in Euroa, is most recently affected. Only 1 of the 7 events took place this winter, all canceled due to extreme conditions, too little snow, too much snow, etc. The unfortunate event suffered four reschedulings dates before they were finally able to compete. Talk about a long wait, imagine preparing for an event, that only last minutes, for four years and by the time the expected date arrives and your enthusiasm is at their peak, you go through the turmoil of having to prolong one of the most important moments in your life. Other snow sports, like alpine skiing, not had a traditional event in five years. And the 11-city skating marathon hosted by the Dutch and their iconic canal has only competed once in the last 20 years.

Runners in China experience the affects physically. 22 runners were hospitalized during the Standard Charter Race of 2006, because of smog. Days after the race runners experienced itchy eyes and increased acne. China has the affects physically. 22 runners were hospitalized during the Standard Charter Race of 2006, because of smog. Days after the race runners experienced itchy eyes and increased acne. China has the highest levels of nitrogen dioxide, according to satellite images, due to the increase in car and truck emissions. But that didn’t stop them from promising a cleaner country by the 2008 Olympics. But watch out, London vowed to be the greenest of all Olympics in 2012. Leave it to the sports world to save the world a competition.

On a larger scale, with the help of The Natural Resources Defense Council, leagues in America have attempted to make their sport green. The NFL offset their million pounds of carbon dioxide during the Super Bowl XLII by planting 3,000 trees in Florida. Motor sports will probably have the biggest impact with their changes, holding the largest fan base and whose main activity requires polluting the atmosphere. Formula One has implemented hybrids and biofuels, and NASCAR has included itself in role models for the green movement. Saints Safety Steve Gleason runs his truck on processed vegetable oil, offsetting his carbon footprint. On a larger scale, with the help of The Natural Resources Defense Council, leagues in America have attempted to make their sport green. The NFL offset their million pounds of carbon dioxide during the Super Bowl XLII by planting 3,000 trees in Florida. Motor sports will probably have the biggest impact with their changes, holding the largest fan base and whose main activity requires polluting the atmosphere. Formula One has implemented hybrids and biofuels, and NASCAR has included itself in

The site would be located in an urban environment, holding 20,000 seats, plus hotel, an underground subway station and covered completely by solar energy. It would include all the sustainability necessary to entirely neutralize the arena as it, environmentally, if it did not exist.

**Calypso in the Caribbean**

By Kaushik Thinnaneri Ganesan

It’s finally here! The Cricket World Cup 2007! For the first time ever, the traditional giants of the game - West Indies, will be hosting the all-conquering team of cricket, the Criketting extravaganza. Cricket WC 2007 is going to be an exciting event for a lot of reasons. 20 countries, including the Aussies, the champions have mauled it. But the tournament came in the recently concluded tri-series in Australia, with a resurgent English team taking the bull by the horns, or should we say - the Kangaroos by the legs. After the 5-0 drubbing barely a few weeks before, the tri-series loss would have been the final nail in the coffin for the Englishmen. But a certain English gentleman by the name of Paul Collingwood had other plans. Having been one of the sole bright sparks for the England team during the Ashes series, Collingwood inspired a dramatic comeback, starting off with a breathtaking performance in beating New Zealand to enter the finals and with the defeat of Australia in the final league games, England has made their point. Call it over-confidence or plain submission, England whipped Australia in two straight games to take the series, and with that, signaling the long overdue re-emergence of a team that, till now, had promised much, but failed to deliver where it mattered. Not to be outdone, the Black Caps continued the humiliation of the Aussies with a clinical 3-0 drubbing at home, which included two mammoth chases exceeding 330 runs! Stand-in captain Michael Hussey had few words of consolation to offer.

Elsewhere in the Indian sub-continent, Sri Lanka playing decent cricket over the past few months there is much to be said about the athleticism of the team under Tom Moody, some even suggesting that the Lankans might have an outside chance.

Not much to say about the Pakistanis’ performance over the past few months, but that is one team you would never want to count out. Despite former skipper Wasim Akram’s comments that Pakistan do not stand too much of a chance, the team still has some highly capable players who can finish when the time calls.

Their neighbors across the border, despite a sketchy showing in the one-day series in South Africa, have come back strongly in the Urdu Cup and take notice. Bolstered by the return of former captain Sourav Ganguly who is striking the cricket ball at a career best, the Indian team is expected to make a good show at the world cup. Possibly being the last World Cup for the three pillars of Indian batting - “Master Blaster” Sachin Tendulkar, “The Wall” Rahul Dravid and “The Blaster” Sourav Ganguly. Moving on to the African continent, the newly crowned top-ranking team of world cricket - South Africa has no appeal for a World Cup triumph. Having tasted recent success, South Africa is looking to finally

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