An Inauguration remembered

By Raymond Ballard

TECHNEWS WRITER

On Tuesday, October 30th, the much anticipated inauguration of IIT’s Eighth President, John Anderson, brought together over 1000 people for a great celebration. From the huge Inauguration in the morning and the 3rd Annual Pumpkin Launch in the afternoon to the Lady Hawk volleyball game in evening, the day represented one of the most exciting events of the fall semester and attended students a day of peace in a very stressful semester.

A highly decorated Processional of students, staff, faculty, and alumni from all over the world in caps and formal gowns came to watch the Inauguration. The festive occasion included the honourable presence of IIT’s greatest donors: M.A. Self, President of Allen Financial, Robert A. Pritzker, President and CEO of Colomn Associates, and Robert W. Galvin, President Emeritus of Motorola. Other notable honorary figures included Presidents of many Chicago Universities, Provosts, Deans, and Vice Presidents of many technical universities, and the keynote speaker, President Randi L. Cohen of Carnegie Mellon University.

The keynote speech featured many eloquent words regarding President Anderson’s success as the Dean of the Engineering College at Carnegie Mellon, his passion and dedication to the surrounding community, and his lasting impressions on the students. Mr. Anderson discussed the problems facing a University President of the 21st Century, concluding that many of the problems facing IIT, face all universities, and for the most part are the same problems confronting universities today. Problems confronting President Anderson include the greater development of the Universities core, engineering, as well as improving student life, athletics, and the surrounding community. The speech directed John Anderson to continue to strive for unparalleled success, and brought a plethora of applause from the audience.

Following the address, SGA President Brandon Lloyd, Eric Extrauda, Mary Anne Smith of 77’s, Philip Troy, and Bud Wendolph of ‘71 welcomed the new President on behalf of all students, parents, staff, faculty, and alumni. While there were challenges, they were truly sincere and full of excitement for the new era to come.

Finally, the long awaited moment, President Emeritus Lew Collins and Board of Trustees Chair John Rowe placed the Presidential Medallation upon the President, which bears the seal of the university. As President Anderson accepted the Presidential Medallation, he gave his Inaugural Address, “Many Voices, One Vision.” In the address, the President appealed to the entire IIT community to pledge their support for his vision to improve our college of Engineering, national prestige, campus buildings, student life, and surrounding community.

After the thunderous applause, William W. Parks of 44 led an energetic audience in the IIT Hawk Cheer... “E to the X De...”

And crowds exited the auditorium, friends and strangers mingled across Herman Hall, enjoying many of IIT’s favorite foods. Soon the festivities brought over a thousand students to Siegel Field where 20 teams competed in the 3rd Annual Pumpkin Launch. The audience included several news stations like CNN, NBC, and ABC away; and the entire nation away with pumpkin launches of over 150 feet. The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) set a new school record of 254 feet.

And of course, a great celebration at IIT wouldn’t be complete without an IIT Home Volleyball game. IIT’S Senior Night against our arch rivals Olivet Nazarene Tigers was certainly a crowd pleaser. The 200 students at the game pounded the bleachers with chants of “IIT,” enjoyed several doses of free pizza, and threw on their new special Scarlet Fever shirts as they watched IIT blow away the competition. Our lady Hawks were on fire as they went on to down Olivet 3-0, with brave pumpkin bringing IIT closer to hosting its first playoff game this Tuesday at 7PM at Keating Sports Center. It has been an exciting volleyball season for the Lady Hawks as they continue to impress the competition. The crowd left yearning for more domination this Tuesday when IIT plays Trinity Christian. It will certainly be a game to attend.

With their final throw reaching a record distance of 254 feet the ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers) clinched the victory at the Pumpkin Launch. This was a very exciting moment for the event and the team as leading up to this the ASCE’s massive 32 ft tall trebuchet had only managed a measly 50 ft in distance and was being outmatched again and again by the firing contraption of the team 50 dollar who had put up consistent numbers around the 160 ft mark. However, the ASCE was still confident that their build was the best and on their third try enlisted a little human help to swing the arm of their mechanism by attaching ropes to either side and pulling down to add extra weight. The extra force did the trick and was able to help them not only take the lead, but put their pumpkin within one foot of the maximum distance that was set in the rules making it nearly impossible for anyone else to pass them. After the competition I talked to Kevin O’Leary, one of the leaders on the project, who said that after he realized they won he just wanted to pass out because the long nights and weekends spent putting it together were finally over and the rewards now showed. The ASCE plan to use the prize money gained from this win to build a concrete canoe for competitions against other colleges in the Midwest, so congratulations to ASCE for a great building and good luck on their next endeavor.

By Linda Goldstein

SAVANNAH EDITOR

Around fifty candidates and interested students arrived at the senate open house to talk with candidates and to get the low-down on possible action items that may be introduced in the next year by the SGA. As it turns out, many of the candidates aren’t sure what they’re getting into or what they’re going to do. However, they’re certainly enthusiastic about it, and several of them have run in the past. I think we all see it as a productive year, don’t you?

It occurs to me that with a good marketing campaign, there probably wouldn’t be more Senator candidates, perhaps even enough to fill all the positions. There were 218 nominations, and although the final count is not yet in as of this writing, there are around 45 candidates currently anticipated for the ballot (and 50 seats available, not including special seats like those for Greek Council and for the Graduate Students Association. In fact, as of November 1st (and voting is on Nov 6), there wasn’t even one candidate for the one seat belonging to the SGA and
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Last week’s question: Do you think that the shifting focus of the new administration is going to be a benefit or detriment to the IIT community?
Response: The new administration is likely going to be a benefit to the IIT community. The last administration led by Emeritus Lew Colliness contributed so many things to IIT. Under his leadership, IIT has successfully survived from the dark ages. We must acknowledge that. But, I think, he has nothing to deliver in the present context. The new administration is focused on the need of today and the President seems to have such capabilities already.

-Raquib Hasan
Women should be allowed to drive: Saudi foreign minister

By Anam Moin Khan

The freedom of women in Saudi Arabia is highly restricted. Many people might not know about the fact that women, by law are not permitted to drive in the country. When asked to comment regarding this policy Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal said on Thursday that these restrictions are more due to the society and are of no concern to the state. He said, “Myself, I think they should drive. But (we) are not the ones who decide on that. It has to be the families who decide on that,” Prince Saud told Britain’s Channel 4 news following a state visit by King Abdullah to London this week. “For us, it is not a political issue, it is a social issue. We believe that this is something for the families to decide, for the people to decide and not to be forced by the government, either to drive or not to drive.”

This is the first time that the people have gotten the government’s perspective on the matter. Some people believe that with such statements being given the restrictions on the women might be eased and they might be given more freedom. Others on the other hand are adamant on the fact that these statements were released just to avoid further discussion on the subject.

Sources: Daily Times

The problems of Pakistan started off on the 9th of March when on the advise of the Prime Minister the President restrained the Chief Justice from functioning. This lead to street protests of the lawyers culminating into the July 20th dispensation by the Supreme Court reinstating the Chief Justice. The problems were further accentuated when the candidate of the incumbent President was challenged by another candidate in the grounds that he was not entitled to hold two offices after November 15th, as allowed by the 17th amendment. However, the election commission did not accept the petition and the case was filed in the Supreme Court against the decision of the election commission. The basis of the petition was that since the election as he had not completed the mandatory 2 year period which any government servant must complete on retirement before entering politics. However the Supreme Court allowed the elections to take place on October 5th as per constitution but instructed the election commission not the notify the results of the elections officially.

The two other incidents which are also significance are, firstly the arrival and departure of Nawaz Sharif; Ex Prime Minister of Pakistan on 10th September and the arrival of Benazir Bhutto on 18th October. During her homecoming rally there was a suicide attack which killed 140 people and injured over 500. On another note, the incumbent President was 57% of the total votes, however, this election was not notified and the Supreme Court started regular hearing of the petition from October 18th. These delaying tactics used were with one aim alone, which entailed delaying the case till November 15th, the day the President of Pakistan term expires and his new term begins.

The above incidents led to a period of unrest and uncertainty in the country but no major street unrest took place. Once it was clear that the Supreme Court will not be in a position to pass judgment on the case of the illegibility of the President as some members of the bench were not available in the week starting 5th November. All these factors resulted in the President taking the extreme step of imposing emergency and issuing a PCO (Provincial Constitution Order) on 2nd November 2007, by which all provincial governments and other functionaries of the government would continue functioning however the judges of the Supreme Court and High Court will have to take a new oath as a judge of their respective offices. The constitution is also being held in abeyance at this point of time.

People of Pakistan are in a state of utter confusion at the moment as to what the future holds for them. All that they can do is wait and see the result of these extreme measures. The President in his address to the nation has promised the national election will take place as per constitution and stability will be achieved once again.
Broaden your mind by flying it to a new place

By Linda Goldstein

Spontaneous Tourism: the Busy Person’s Guide to Travel, by James C. Samans, is exactly as politically correct as its title. He is not racist, and he barely mentions politics except to say that you shouldn’t mention it. The only thing that he advocates is travel. “Travel is enormously important,” he says. There is more to the world than your job or your dorm room. You can’t understand globalization through the internet.

This book is available on Amazon for ten bucks brand new. Warning: used copies may be covered in foreign foods, and you may end up with someone’s old airline ticket/bookmark in your lap. This is a book meant to be used and taken with you, a book that you should read before you leave, not afterwards.

Based on the “make it up as you go” and “just do it” principles and aimed towards people who haven’t traveled much, aren’t traveling on business, and are uninterested in excessive luxury, Spontaneous Tourism is utterly non-condescending while still conveying detailed information on basic concepts. It has both a regular and detailed index, Spontaneous Tourism is both a good read and a good guide. It conveys information without boring the reader.

If you’re going to Paris this summer with IIT, you’ll want this book for your weekend trips across Europe. If you’re going traveling this summer, if you’re taking Spring Break as a chance to pub-crawl in Dublin, you want to check this out. Even those who know what they’re doing could benefit from the tips of this uber-experienced traveler. No matter how knowledgeable you are, James Samans is 200,000 miles/year wiser. What’s more, he has elite status with United Airlines, Continental Airlines, and Airtran, as well as with Hilton and Marriott.

Basic things like minimizing and coping with jet lag, how to keep the airport security screening process chill, an overview of ways to get what you want when booking an airplane flight, the types of places that you could stay, and the basics of taking good photos. Also, there are profiles of 16 domestic and 8 international major destinations. One of the best bits of the book is the vocabulary of travel: a flashpacker is a backpacker who carries a lot of electronics. It sounds like something you’d hear in SexTech, right? Er... let’s not go there.
ME major Nastasia Terry wins $1000 grand prize in IIT’s Flix2Clix contest

Press Release

Chicago, November 2, 2007 – Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) students were asked to show their view of IIT and they responded. Nastasia Terry, a senior majoring in computer engineering from Chicago's Ashburn neighborhood won the contest, including $1000 and bragging rights, for her fast-paced video offering quick glimpses inside and around IIT. Her video will be featured for a year on IIT's website at www.iit.edu. The five best videos were posted online at www.flix2clix.com for the public to judge.

“I saw the Flix2Clix contest as a creative outlet, an escape from hard-core engineering,” Nastasia said. “It was a chance to think outside the box, to not follow strict rules or governing equations. I’m glad I won and so is my mom. She said ‘don’t come home without that grand!’

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Above: Exec Board members introduce themselves and their countries.

Photos by Sarah Bowes
Above: LIFE won the Best Booth prize. Below: the winning team of the evening competitions.
Although not as exciting as the pumpkin-launching contest, the pumpkin-carving contest, cosponsored by RHA and Sodexho, was a large success, with more than 50 participants (we took up 3 tables in the Commons) carving 45 pumpkins. What’s more, there were no major injuries to human beings. This is, if not an unprecedented success, at least an epic lack of fail, and the event will definitely be continued next year.

Unexpectedly, Sodexho provided free pumpkins, cider, cookies, and table-covers (the last was probably for their own benefit). A reliable source says “We [RHA] love them, now. A lot. :D” RHA bought carving tools (that mostly ended up bent, as they were cheapo goods, intended for onetime use, many students brought out pocketknives), and outline books for the students to play with, which explains the preponderance of delicately carved trees and spiders in window frames.

No pumpkin-carving guide contains instructions on how to carve Goatsie into a pumpkin. But with typical ingenuity, several IIT students did the deed and created their very own Goatsie pumpkin. Note: Goatsie is a disgusting but amusing internet phenomenon that you very much do not want to google.

Another pumpkin was carved into the shape of a Halo helmet. (Speaking of awesome, I’m sad that no one carved a Sparta-themed pumpkin.) My personal favorite was the Macintosh Pumpkin. Several gleeful cries of “Omig! Apple pumpkin apple pumpkin oong yay!” were heard. Barbura, a Vandercook student, carved a saxophone and music notes. However, no Shimer student carved a pumpkin into a book. One pumpkin was carved into cake, and the first place winner (Pac Man and two ghostsies) got Chinese jingly medicine balls.

After the contest, pumpkins were placed on the front desk of MSV for the enjoyment of the general public.
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23. Bottom line
26. Furiously
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31. “___ Maria”
32. Chemist’s workplace
33. Ocean phase
36. Pharaoh’s tomb
38. Referendum choice
39. Tax prep. expert
41. Genetic info carrier
42. Ref’s decision
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46. Tear
48. Masked balls
51. Downfall
52. Lentil stew
53. Canadian province
54. Communicate silently
55. Make money

**Down**

1. Asian capital
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The first one to guess correctly wins a TechNews t-shirt! Good luck!
Men’s team gets 6 new players

By Stephanie Herrera

This year Men’s Basketball team has 6 new additions to add to the handful returning. New recruits include Carlos Fernandez, a sophomore from Spain, Montrell Edwards, a freshman from Florida, Adam Shultz, a junior from Ohio, Steve Koloko, a sophomore from Virginia, Bryan Benjamin, a freshman from Illinois and Brandon Bandewie, a sophomore from Virginia.

Coach Loyd has higher hopes for this year’s team. Mat McKeaney is returning as the leading scorer and Rob Knapczyk returns leading the Hawks in assists. Coach Loyd hopes that with his returning talent and his three transfers, Carlos, Steve and Brandon, the Hawks should have a better season.

The CCAC project the conference standing with IIT finishing 5th. Come see their first home game on Wednesday, and Brandon, the Hawks should have a better season.

Rough start for the Women’s Basketball team in tournament

By Stephanie Herrera

This year’s recruiting class for the Lady Hawks is the biggest it’s been in history. Coach Johnson managed to snag in 7 new girls to compete with the returning players. His expectations for this year are to compete all the time, in an out of practice, for the younger players to mature and the older players to use their experience to guide them and to win more games both in conference and in regular season games.

New players include Annie Hutches, a freshman walk-on from Aurora, Illinois, Shavonne Diamond a freshman from Chicago, Shay Burnett a sophomore from Detroit, Lisa Reed a junior transfer from Denver, Rashida Joiner a sophomore from Chicago, Marisha Hekmatpour a freshman from Chicago and Courtney Fisher a freshman out of Seattle. All older recruits should have an immediate impact with the returning players. The team is led by seniors Erin Pedersen and Allisyn Williams this year. Team captains are Erin and Rashida.

This weekends Game 1 in the Purdue Cal tournament started rocky, ending in a loss in the first match up against the hosts, Purdue Cal. After being up in the first half 38-35, the Lady Hawks lost it in the second half 80-75. Lisa Reed led the team with 20 points, Rashida Joiner and Erin Pedersen tallied at 14 points for the game and Jackie Puschkar with 11. Unfortunately, the foul trouble is what put the Hawks in jeopardy. Purdue Cal earned 26 points off of free-throws. Over all the team shot 61.5% from the field.

In Game 2 of the tournament the Hawks faced Calumet College of St. Joe to secure the 3rd place spot winning the game 71 to 41. St. Joe didn’t stand a chance after being down at half time 50-20. Returning senior Allisyn Williams carried the team with 17 points all in the second half, she was 8 for 12 from the field. Senior Erin Pedersen followed close behind adding 14 of her own points and newcomers Rashida and Courtney added 10 and 12 points to the Hawks score. Over all it was a good game the team shot 57.9% from the field.

The Lady Hawks stand at 1-1 for the beginning of, potentially one of the best seasons the team has seen in a long time. Catch the Hawks first home game after the Volleyball play offs at 7:30pm on Tuesday, November 6th.

Health Tip of the Week

By Stephanie Herrera

Eating less more times a day is key. For those of you that like to eat one or two big meals a day you are doing more harm than good. Your body needs energy to keep going and the best way to do that is to refuel every couple of hours. Your body gets energy from it’s metabolism, meaning when your metabolism has to work to break down food it supplies energy to your body. So remember small meals 4-6 times a day!

Cross Country gets 2 bids to Nationals

By Stephanie Herrera

The women ran a competitive race on a hard course in the NAIA Region at Crow Creek Park. Stephanie Lucas finish 11th overall with a time of 19:46 securing a spot to Nationals in two weeks at UW Parkside, where she broke her own month long record. Contributing to the point total for the Ladies was, Lisa Nielsen finishing 19th at 19:55, Liz Bilz finishing 16th at 20:09, Brooke Jeffcooi finishing 23rd at 20:32, Beth Nielsen finishing 40th at 21:16, Lupia Cottes 44th at 21:28 and Maruja Yoshimura finishing 51st at 21:55. The Lady Hawks earned a total time of 101:42 with 87 points, putting them at 4th place for the region.

In front of Illinois Tech.

The men performed the best race of their season so far. Dan Oh tied his own school record finishing 4th with a time of 25:33 getting him a bid to nationals in two weeks. Adding to total team points were, Oba Vincent finishing 14th at 26:39, Ed Aramayo finishing 18th at 26:56, Nick Williamson finishing 29th at 27:34, Chris Chacakis finishing 31st at 27:43, Wes Villalobos finishing 38th at 28:03 and Kevin Acacio finishing 45th at 28:24. The Hawks scored a total of 96 points securing the second place spot for regions finishing just behind Olivet Nazarene.

Both teams had 2 represented in the top 15 of their race. Congrats to the Dan Oh and Stephanie Lucas for making it to Nationals. Good luck in 2 weeks at U-W-Parkside!

Do you know sports?

By Stephanie Herrera

What was the only NFL team in history to play a “perfect season” ending in a super bowl win?

A. Miami Dolphins
B. Denver Broncos
C. Green Bay Packers
D. Dallas Cowboys

Answer in next week’s issue.

Answer to last week’s issue: D. Beijing
Lady Hawks go into conference with a shut out

By Stephanie Herrera
SPORTS EDITOR

Tuesday night’s last home game against conference foe, Olivet Nazarene, ended in a sweep, 3-0. The Hawks showed no mercy winning each game by at least 4 points: Game 1, 30-26; Game 2, 30-22; Game 3, 30-21. Leading in kills was Captain Carlie Douglas with 14, then Raisa Pelae with 10 and Sarah Olson with 9. Alison Bagby led the team with 35 assists and 11 digs and 3 players scored points in double digits, Raisa Pelae with 10, Sarah Olson with 13 and Carlie Douglas with 17.

There conference tourney starts Monday November 5th against Trinity Christian. Also catch Tuesday, November 6th’s tournament at Keating at 5:00pm.

Snooker

Unusual Sport:

Snooker

By Stephanie Herrera
SPORTS EDITOR

Snooker is a game related to pool originally played among British officers. The actually name snooker is a term for inexperienced first year cadets. Snooker is popular in English-speaking countries and China, currently most popular in Eastern China. It’s played on various size pool tables, but most commonly, 12ft x 6ft.

The table is set up using 15 red balls in a triangular shape at one end of the table. These balls are all worth 1 point. There are 6 other balls placed on the table in various locations, a yellow worth 2 points, a green worth 3 points, a brown worth 4 points, a blue worth 5 points, a pink worth 6 points and a black worth 7 points. The object of the game is to earn as many points as possible, by potting the balls. But the rule is that you must alternate between red balls and colored balls. The red balls, if potted, remain in the pocket, but the colored balls, if potted, are placed back on the table. It is in the players best interest to pot the black ball as many times as possible, through out the course of the frame.

Once all the red balls are potted you must pot all the colored balls in point order from least to greatest. Once you miss it is the other persons turn. Another way to earn points is on fouls committed by the other person. Fouls include similar rules in pool, such as, hitting a colored ball when you are suppose to hit a red ball or potting a red ball on accident as opposed to intending to hit it in a specific pocket.

Matches are played in frames. A frame is from the time of the break to the time that the last ball is potted. In the World Championship there are 35 frames in a match and they are played over the course of two days.

IIT athletics needs your help to work games. If you like watching sports and you have work study, this job is perfect for you. For more information contact Coach Born at Bornstè@iit.edu