By Raymond Ballard
THE NEWS WRITER

On Friday night, November 9th, IIT students were surprised by the Monday Board of Trustees, President Anderson, and many other distinguished figures in the McCormick Lounge of MSV. After listening to the proposal from IIT Alumni, professor, and architect Dirk Denison for the addition of two new MSV wings and the remodeling of large portions of the existing halls and lounge spaces. The project has taken a great deal of input from many sources over the last year and continues to display a model of what students want in a building. The main purpose of this project is to add 300 beds to MSV, which will be desperately needed when the building reaches completion in 2010. Other great features include a huge diversity in room sizes, apartment styles, lounges, bathroom facilities, and architecture. The building also includes new walkways between all the halls, tons of space for students to interact, and the aspect of many of the basements key features to higher levels, including laundry services, study spaces, and recreational areas. These new wings will also use solar, geothermal, wind, and other creative technologies to decrease the cost of energy in the new wings, while also making these buildings unique in their design. All of these features require necessary funding from many sources, and thus, while many of these sources will require donations from outside the university, the support of the Board of Trustees is crucial in the success of this project and the continued growth and development of the new halls.

The occasion began with an hour of mingling between guests and Resident Advisors, with a large selection of food and drinks provided by Sodexo catering, and a panel discussion on the new MSV wings followed. The discussion, opened by President John Anderson and led by IIT Vice President for Business and Administration John Collins, focused on three main issues that the Board of Trustees should remember when deciding how to proceed with the new resident hall issue: housing issues, design details, and student opinion. Jennifer Littig-Krenzicky, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, spoke about the importance of friends while also making these buildings unique in their design. She noted that at IIT’s current growth rate (about 1,300 undergrads in 1997 to 2,576 undergrads in 2007) there will not be enough beds to accommodate students, resulting in creative living conditions, forced commuting of students, and other issues that require necessary funding from many sources, and thus, while many of these sources will require donations from outside the university, the support of the Board of Trustees is crucial in the success of this project and the continued growth and development of the new halls.

The panel discussion covered the most important issues which we could discuss with the Trustees, except for some of the most crucial, finances. New buildings cost money, and it will be one of the Board’s goals to find the funding. After the panel ended, students and Trustees walked together to the Commons, where a special banquet dinner allowed the two groups to interact and discuss dozens of topics ranging from “why I came to IIT,” to “your favorite and least favorite thing about IIT,” to discussions about life stories, the advice of many of our well-known trustees, and the happenings in the new and old BOG. In fact, after the wonderful dinner was finished, some of the Trustees wanted to “play an old BOG” where a packed Karaoke night put a great smile on their faces. It was terrific seeing our Trustees and IIT’s guests, walking together to the Commons, where a special banquet dinner allowed the two groups to interact and see our new buildings as they are now, and having a meal in our Commons. My favorite sound seemed to be the music of students heading down to the BOG for his first time. It was a terrific evening with IIT’s greatest leaders, and hopefully, with their support, we will soon see more progress on the status of these two new wings for the McCormick Student Village.

By Kevin Franke
THE NEWS WRITER

In light of the recent SGA Senate elections and the always-present need for student leadership in organizations, clubs, and classrooms, I thought it might be worthwhile to utilize our beloved school newspaper to help with this. I hope that this will be a great opportunity for IIT undergraduate students to learn more about leadership.

So on November 15th there will be a seminar entitled “How to Create and Excel Your Personal Best Environment.” It will be hosted by Jeff Sucea, a Premier of Performance Potential, Inc. Jeff is an adjunct professor at the University of Notre Dame, a founder and former owner of a premier sales training company, and a nationally recognized speaker and published writer. He has over 20 years of direct leadership experience with various organizations and now works for Performance Potential, Inc. to help major sales companies improve the quality and efficiency of their work. He accomplishes this through group and individual consultation on several important topics, one of which, not surprisingly, is leadership. On Saturday the 17th, Jeff will come present at IIT for the benefit of its undergraduate student leaders.

The program overview for Saturday’s seminar is as follows:

“This seminar will give you the tools and exercises that will clearly demonstrate to you how you can take your leadership skills to higher levels and to sustain those higher levels over time. Participants will see in two ways: they will learn how to utilize the tools and strategies to enhance the performance of the people they lead and work with and they will learn how to utilize the tools and strategies to enhance their own performance.”

Essentially, the aim is to teach you and your organization how to “do stuff real good.”

This seminar will be useful for any IIT undergraduate who has held, is currently in, or hopes to one day hold a leadership position. This not only applies to current on-campus student organizations but also to future workplace settings and career goals. It will also be a great chance to meet other students and to learn and experience something new on a Saturday morning instead of sleeping in until noon! (Don’t worry; you can always go back to bed once it’s over!)

The event starts at 10:00am in the Armour Dining Room in the HUB, and runs until 2:00pm. Food and beverages will be provided during an intermission halfway through the seminar, where you may mingle with other students in attendance. You can find further information and register for the event online at leadershipacademy.iit.edu, under “schedule.” If this sound too intimidating, then give me a holler if you see me around campus, or shoot me a Facebook message; you will find I am a veritable fountainhead of helpful information and jovial good tidings.

I hope to see you there!
Colin’s Corner: back in an interstellar burst

By Colin Emch-Wei

A&E EDITOR

After a week’s hiatus, I’ve come back to bring unto you more commentary (mostly) uncensored. Please, you like:

Shoot IIT: Calm yourselves, I’m not trying to instigate violence at the school. Rather, I am pretty sure that I’ve found the best use for the current IIT marketing campaign—a drinking game, called “Shoot IIT.”

I have to give props to my very own Opinion Editor for coming up with this game off the cuff during a get-together last Friday night. The game goes as follows: place the participants near a window or some other vantage point where CTA buses can be clearly seen. When a bus goes by with an ad on it, like “Tenacity,” take a shot.

Due to the unlimited nature of buses donning this logo, you should be pretty happy within half an hour. Then again, the CTA is very good at not showing up when you need it most...be prepared to wait. (As a side note, a better name for this game is CTA is very good at not showing up when you need it most...be prepared to wait. (As a side note, a better name for this game involves inserting the marketing convention into an expletive ending in “-faced.”)

Underclassmen in my classes: I’ve taken a few Social Sciences and Humanities classes during my term here, and I have unfortunately found a disturbing trend in these courses...obnoxious, stupid, and loud underclassmen. These kids insist on talking without any regard to volume, subject matter, or any topic worth spending breath on.

Listen here, kiddos: these classes are worth several thousand dollars. Treat them accordingly. If you need some guidance in this matter, I propose the following rule: If I can hear you, you’re too loud. Shut up and take notes.

Fred Phelps: Burn in hell, sucker. But until you reach that point (the man is 78 and lives in Kansas, it can’t be that long), enjoy paying millions of dollars to the father of a killed soldier whose funeral you protested at. For those of you unfamiliar with Fred Phelps’ particular brand of crankpimping, this miserable excuse for a preacher takes his congregation to funerals of soldiers killed in battle abroad, saying that the soldiers deserved to die. The reason? They serve in a “big-enabling” country. Finally, one of the victimized families has fought back and put this douchegag in his place. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you.

Quickly, Things I Don’t Care About: Dancing with the Stars, whether or not Dennis Kucinich saw a UFO, OJ Simpson, Calcutta.

Generation Click: It’s come to my attention as of late that the only way our generation will do anything for anyone is if a button, web link, or Facebook group is involved. For example, Stephen Colbert’s Presidential Campaign garnered over a million members in its Facebook group, but at his rally only one thousand people showed up...and not all of them were college kids. We will do anything for Darfur, breast cancer, AIDS, or starving orphans...provided there’s a link or button for us to click. Damn, we’re lazy. And sad.

Naming the Legend: I’m so terribly confused about this. I know we have a mascot, and I thought he was a Scarlet Hawk. I thought that was his name. Maybe we can just call him “Reddy”, “Hawk”, or my personal favorite, “Killer Ninja Athletic Death BlIZZ”. As per usual, thanks for reading. Send mail to: emchcol@iit.edu.
Submit photos for consideration to technewsphotos@gmail.com by Saturday at 11:59PM. Subject matter is open. Include your name as you would like it printed. Include a description that you would like printed with it. Open to all IIT students, faculty and staff.

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What do I think about Beauty and the Geek recruiting at IIT? I think it’s great. It’s great for the school to possibly have its name put up with a student on national TV. It’s great for a lucky student who may get the chance to make a bunch of money, not to mention the chance to make a dramatic life change. I have been a fan of the series for many seasons and it does create a significant impact on people’s lives. The fact that Beauty and the Geek have heard about IIT and are coming to look for “geeks” just shows the academic reputation of the university. It would be amazing if a student got this opportunity. –OB Vincent
Networking for success: start asking yourself who will be connecting you to your next job?

By Emily L. Breckenridge

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

According to New York career-management firm, BH Careers International, 80% of all available jobs aren't posted in the classifieds or on job boards. Additionally, 60% of people surveyed by BH said they got their last job by networking. Though networking can be awkward and uncomfortable, the fact is, it is the best way to find a job. Here are a few tips to help you develop, and successfully execute a networking strategy.

1 Prepare an elevator pitch. Data shows that when you initially meet someone, their first impression of you is formed within the first two minutes they spend with you. After that first impression is formed, it is extremely difficult for it to be changed. A 30-second elevator pitch should be a part of every professional's job search arsenal, including yours, for this very reason. An elevator pitch is a quick speech that you have memorized in case you ever meet someone who you need to make a good, professional impression on. It is also a great starting point for beginning a conversation with employers at job fairs, or as a way of summarizing yourself at the beginning of an interview. Make it upbeat, and to the point, stating who you are, what you do and what you're looking for. For additional information on elevator pitches, check out First Impressions: How to Deliver a Professional 30-second Elevator Pitch from the September 18, 2007 issue of TechNews.

2 Keep your marketing tools up-to-date. Keep your resume, and any social or professional network profiles up-to-date. You should provide a resume to all of your networking contacts as an initial point of reference, and send them a new one every time you add something new to it (i.e. a new degree or a new job). If you have a MySpace or other social networking site profile, make sure that it is appropriate, and that nothing on it would prevent a job offer if a potential employer saw it.

3 Tap into your existing network. It's a small world, and you never know who your parents' friends or your friends' friends might know. Spread the word that you're looking for a job to family, friends and ex-colleagues, and ask if they might be able to offer any advice. Then have that network connect you to a broader one, by asking, "Do you know anyone else who might be helpful for me to meet?"

4 Become involved in an industry-specific association. Professional organizations and associations are one of the best ways to expand your network. Student membership fees are usually inexpensive, and the benefits of membership definitely outweigh the cost. Professional associations are an easy way to connect with others in your field, and these connections often result in job referrals. Many associations also post job ads on their websites, sometimes limiting access to members. Many HR representatives report that they like to advertise, sometimes exclusively, on these sites, because good candidates are usually members of professional organizations. Additionally, many HR representatives report that they use association conferences and/or trade shows to seek potential hires, because attendance and participation show that a person is committed to staying on the cutting edge of the field. To increase your visibility to HR at those events, don't just attend association events or trade shows – instead, participate! Volunteer to help organize a meeting or a part of the event, offer your expertise by presenting on a topic, or simply just ask educated questions.

5 Take it slow. If you've met someone for the first time whom you think would be a great person to have in your professional network, don't rush it. Build your relationship with your new contact before asking for help. Stacey L. Bradford of the Wall Street Journal suggests that you “Consider dropping a personal note to any new contact you meet at an industry event. Then follow-up, perhaps with a helpful article or introduction to someone you know.”

6 Networking is a two-way street. Show your concern and interest for your networking contacts, and make sure that you are a benefit to all of them by referring them to positions for which you think they are qualified, and by putting them in touch with people whom you think might help them, etc. Ask them questions about themselves and their business experience. The more you help them, the more they will be inclined to help you.

7 Don’t ask for a job! Instead, ask for advice. When you ask someone about their experience in a field, or for their advice on job searches, they are typically more generous with their time. If you are qualified for a job that they may have open, they’ll ask you to apply.

8 Mind your manners. Always follow up a conversation or meeting with your networking contacts with a thank you note or email. Also, keep the contact updated on your job search by mentioning any interviews you’ve had recently or any offers you’ve received.

9 Respect your contact’s time. Your contacts have their own responsibilities. Make sure that you respect their time by always being flexible, and by not continually asking for favors. Additionally, make sure that you do not call too often.

10 Be in it for the long-run. Your relationships with your networking contacts should not end when you begin a job. These should be relationships that you maintain long-term. Plan on staying in touch by arranging a monthly touch base with a few contacts where you call them or send them an email to update them on your career, and to find out if there is anything new going on in their lives. Fostering a long-term relationship can lead to further opportunity years from now.
Public Safety Incident Reports

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The sun shone brightly and pumpkins flew over Siegel Field on Tuesday, October 30th — the day of the presidential inauguration. The pumpkin launching competition, sponsored by the Union Board, kicked off at 1:30 pm. Seventeen teams from IIT and one team from Argo High School were vying for the grand prize of $1000. From the first two informational meetings at the beginning of October they had approximately four weeks and a budget of $300 to come up with a safe, working, and creative device for launching pumpkins. Catapults and trebuchets of various designs predominated at the competition, with a few ballista-type apparatuses making an appearance. Most teams said they used their own knowledge to design and construct their launching equipment. Some went on-line to get more information on the specifics, like team “Catastrophe.” (And they did see an entertaining Youtube video called “Rich English guy and his Trebuchet.”) “We went on the Internet to figure out what’s already been done, ’cause we wanted to come up with something different,” - said Josh Sullivan of the “Delts”. The “Delts” ended up with a ballista, of which they claim to have a solid computer model.

Several teams came about naturally, usually through a network of friends. Others, for example “Tau Beta Pi,” “Medieval Society of IIT,” and “American Society of Civil Engineers” - the triumphant winners of the competition - were student organizations. Yet others consisted of either members of a fraternity (“The Delts”), roommates (“Vox 57”), or classmates (“Physics 11”). One team in particular, comprised of one faculty member, two staff members, two graduate and two undergraduate students, was put together, it seems, by fate. Blake Davis, a professor of architecture, recalls that there was only one spot left when he showed up to the second informational meeting held by the organizers of the Launch. He and approximately six other people in the room resolved the issue by uniting in a single team, called “Sons of Lancelot.” The team and their launching device, described as “basically, a very large crossbow,” came in third overall.

The time that the teams spent on the development and construction of the equipment varied anywhere between 20 and 100+ hours. It appeared that for many participants, the process of design took up a lot of time: “We vetoed many decisions for safety reasons,” reports Vinit Prabhu of “Tau Beta Pi.” Members of “The Medieval Society of IIT,” who used magnets instead of springs as part of their mechanism, said that they originally planned to use magnets strong enough to disrupt the functioning of nearby electronic equipment. However, that option turned out to be too costly and was rejected by the organizers on safety grounds.

Some of the names that the teams came up with for their devices were as creative as the devices themselves: “Timmy the Trebuchet” and “Death-a-Pult Jr.” are just a few examples. The members did a fine job decorating as well.

This time there were more teams participating than last year, and the maximum tossing distance saw much improvement. Whereas it was only about a hundred and twenty feet in 2006, this year the winning ASCE team hauled their pumpkin roughly as far as two hundred and thirty feet. The materials used for equipment construction ranged from lumber and steel to a workout bench (“Argo”), garage door parts (“Sons of Lancelot”), and even a bicycle (“Red October”). Most teams came either within or slightly over the $300 budget allocated by the Union Board. The team that got second place and was originally called “Shabbat Shalom,” changed their name to “$50” because that was the total money they spent on their project. However, unlike most teams, “$50” had something to go off of, as they had participated in and won the Pumpkin Launch last year. Their strategy was to determine the shortcomings of the existing apparatus and improve it.

Thus, those who showed up to Siegel Field after the inauguration ceremony two weeks ago had a chance to enjoy some spectacular feats of launching, as well as snacks and pumpkin-carving fun going on to the side of the field. Many of the competitors resolved to come back next year and some were already discussing plans on improving their equipment. Hats off to the winners, much applause to all participants on their efforts and creativity, and may the Great Pumpkin be with them in 2008!
The Writer’s Guild is on strike right now, and the repercussions of the strike are being felt slowly. Writers in Hollywood receive residuals from home video sales. At the time the contracts for home video were settled, the guild (and producers) incorrectly predicted that the impact of home video wouldn’t be as great as it turned to be. As such, writers get little in the way of residuals from home video sales.

Now that contracts are up in the air, writers want better terms and conditions for digital distribution sales. As entertainment models change, writers feel that they don’t want to be missing out on a big chance again.

While writers are on strike, no new scripts can be turned in or worked on by writers. The Hollywood community is very tight-knit, so the possibility of scabs (writers outside the guild working for producers) is practically nonexistent. Any writer who writes while on the strike would be blacklisted, while producers who go against the strike by hiring scabs wouldn’t get guild writers to write for them ever again.

How will this affect Hollywood? In terms of movies, the effect isn’t that great. Studios bought plenty of scripts and will produce those. However, the possibility of rewrites and fixes is limited now, which is an issue. Due to production times in film, this shouldn’t be that much of a problem. Television sees more of an effect. As shows rely on scripts being delivered throughout the season, some of them are already in trouble. Talk shows find themselves either airing reruns, or having interviews instead of scripted content. TV shows only have a few episodes already filmed; after the scripts they have are exhausted, and if the strike is still on hold, they’ll be on hiatus.

Fox has already confirmed, for instance, that 24 will not air this season because due to the nature of the show, they can’t just air some episodes and then leave it hanging. It’s hard to predict the outcome of the strike. However, as actors from the Screen Actors Guild have negotiations for contracts in a few months, it would be unwise for producers to not budge and give the writers their fair contracts. If the SAG gets involved, they would shut down Hollywood easily.
By Anam Moin Khan
NEWS EDITOR

Global warming is taken as a serious issue in Australia. Ten of thousands of people came out on the streets on Sunday to protest against the rise in global warming and urged the political parties to take strong actions to stop this rise in global warming.

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By Victor Guharoy
TECHNEWS WRITER

Dr. Andrew Von Eschenbach, the current Food and Drug Administration Commissioner could not deny at a Congressional hearing on November 1st that there are serious deficiencies in ensuring safe manufacturing practices by foreign manufacturing plants (Wall Street Journal, November 2, 2007). Although, Dr. Eschenbach often claims that our drug supply is the safest in the world.

Currently, over 80 percent of all chemicals ingredients used by the U.S. drug manufacturers are supplied by foreign drug makers. While the FDA is supposed to inspect domestic drug manufacturers every two years, there are no such requirements for foreign manufacturers. Based on recently published reports on questionable quality of China’s manufacturing process, quality control in other countries is a huge concern. According to a testimony at the Congressional hearing, FDA’s record keeping is so sloppy that it does not even know which of the foreign drug manufactures have not been inspected. At the current rate, FDA will take more than 13 years to inspect each foreign establishment once and in the meantime millions of units of chemical ingredients could reach patients in the U.S. without any inspection by the FDA. Witnesses also testified that FDA gives foreign drug manufacturers advanced notification, while the inspections for domestic manufacturers are unannounced.

In some cases, FDA relies on the manufacturers to provide translators. Marcia Crosse, director of health care for the federal watchdog agency Government Accountability Office (GAO) commented “FDA’s effectiveness in managing the foreign drug inspection continues to be hindered by weaknesses in its systems”. The GAO found that the FDA could not identify a previous inspection for 2,133 facilities out of 3,249.

Dr. Eschenbach commented “FDA must revamp the entire strategy”.

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The winners of the “What does this display about Utah” contest are Baroukh Ovadia and Dan Copeland, both of whom demonstrated above average ability to type “Utah” into Google Images Search and send me an email that explains that the map displays something about Radon, which is more than I can say for the rest of you lugs. Come on, pick up the pace! Don’t you want a free t-shirt?
I have had enough of this:

By Joe Kaiser

WHAT DO I DO TO BIKES IN A SHARED LANE? WON’T SOMEONE ANSWER ME? As a bicyclist, I’m afraid of how random acts of libertarianism may affect my daily commute. You might say it really “grinds my gears.”

Oh, I’m sorry officer. I thought this was just a no-parking zone for Ron Paul. I mean, that’s what the sign says. What? It’s just a misguided expression of anti-big-government sentiment haphazardly applied to one of our least offensive municipal institutions, the parking sign? Well, I never.

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RON PAUL HAS A POSSE

by Randall Munroe

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The Perry Bible Fellowship

By Nick Gurewitch

Well, Well. Well. I’ve finally nailed you knuckleheads.

Words from last week’s Crossword clues the Spellcheck in InDesign CS did not recognize

By Joe Kaiser

sketch
fearless
cookie
staffer
Bach
concertos
caucus
blockhead
furiously
Maria
workplace
tomb
referendum
info
masked
balls
lentil
stew
Canadian

silently
Asian
(suggested: A si an)
comics
superhero
tubular
pasta
amadus
synagogue
grrrry
cart
underhanded
linen
duo
quagmire
sermon
rotates
spiteful
Comcastic
What is the Scarlet Hawk’s name? You tell us.

By Raymond Ballard

The Scarlet Hawk is...
The Hawk mascot name will soon be revealed. At 7PM on Wednesday, November 14th, IIT’s Men’s Basketball team will have their first home game at the Keating Sports Center. Athletics, UB, and Scarlet Fever will be unveiling the new name of our mascot. Currently, the three finalists for the Hawk mascot are Hercules, Talon, and Scar. We are in the making of IIT history as students vote on this name. There’s an incentive too, students who email namethehawk@iit.edu using their personal email address (or who vote at lunch Monday or Tuesday on the MTCC Bridge), will be entered to win an iPod 30GB Video!!! So vote for the new name, and come to the game if you want to win the iPod, see the new Hawk costume in action for the first time, and to witness the unveiling of our Hawk’s new name. Will it be Hercules, Talon, or Scar? YOU DECIDE.

Also, at nearly every home basketball game, there will be a halftime shooting contest, in which one member of the audience will get a chance to shoot a lay-up, free throw, 3-point shot, and a half-court shot. If the shooter makes all 4 shots, he or she wins an all-travel paid vacation to anywhere in the contiguous US for Spring Break!!! This could be your chance for the vacation of a lifetime...

And of course, it wouldn’t be a great IIT sporting event without Scarlet Fever providing new and FREE IIT basketball shirts being thrown out to the crowd, with the added bonus of free pizza for our starving fans. Free food, shirts, an exciting half time shoot out, the hawk unveiling, and tons more to enjoy, never mind the awesome basketball team IIT has this year. Need I say more? Come out Wednesday night, and bring your game face!

Poem of the Scarlet Hawk

The Scarlet Hawk is one of us
The Scarlet Hawk is all of us
The Scarlet Hawk is none of us
The Scarlet Hawk is the best of us

It is he, it is she
It is you, it is me
It is us, it is we
It is IIT

Its everywhere, anywhere, nowhere, and elsewhere
It is here, it is near, it is free from fear
It soars, it dives, with school spirit it thrives,
But without our support, it surely dies,

It surrounds us all,
But remains within
Its what pushes us, drives us,
Leads us to win

We fight, we win, we cheer to the end,
In games, in war, our home we will defend
There we stand in unity,
To defeat Olivet and Trinity,

Its red fame is said to have truly spread
Without it my life would surely be dead.
For this poem is indeed a tale untold,
To the ones I love, you must behold
A bird like no other, so strong and grand,
Has a destiny upon us, it is at hand
One of success, one of strength,
One of love, and of great length

It is sweet, it is kind, in its character I find
It supports what is great in all mankind
That we, the free, always be
To the future, the greatest key

When needing comfort, when in doubt
It is in this figure, that I pour
For in a moment, the cheering will commence,
As I stare in awe at a crowd intense
It is in this moment, that I believed
I am home, I am free, I am relieved
For what is there left, but scarlet and grey
A type of red, yet sophisticated to convey,
A school of scholar, integrity, beauty and pride,
A school in which I will always reside

In my heart, in my soul, to my eternity will I hold
That forever, wherever, my IIT banner will unfold
It shall display two columns, scarlet and grey,
And to the world’s past, its future, it will always hold sway,
To the world that there is only one place to be,
That is right here my friends, at IIT.

If you would like to contribute to the Sports Section
or would like to see something else in it
Contact Stephanie

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Lady Hawks basketball team ups their record to 3-3

By Stephanie Herrera

Sports Editor

It was a close loss to Judson on Tuesday November 6th, 44-58. Judson’s 47 rebounds to our 29 was the final say in the score. Captain Erin and Rashida held the team with 10 points a piece, but in the end Judson’s intensity was too much for the Hawks. That loss didn’t hold the Hawks back for too long. They slaughtered Indiana Northwest 85-33 on Thursdays match up to even up their record once again. The Hawk’s team work and composure kept the game out of reach after fouling out the night before and starting the half with 3 fouls, came back to score 14 points and truly save the game with her smart defense and key post moves. Junior Jackie Puschkar had 17 points and 7 rebounds. Captain Rashida Joiner followed with 13 points and 3 assists and Lisa Reed, Junior from Colorado cleaned the boards with 15 boards for the game, 12 defensive along with 4 steals. Captain Erin Pedersen had 9 points and 6 assists.

The Lady Hawks next home game is Tuesday November 20th against Rose Holman University.

Unusual sport of the week: rock, paper, scissors

By Stephanie Herrera

Sports Editor

That’s right the United States of America’s Rock Paper Scissors League is not a farce. Now we all know how to play rock paper scissors but this league that has decided to make it a professional sport has fabricated its own terminology and rules so that we all may play it in an orderly fashion.

The rules are that the game is played with two players, any sex, age or race. It is claimed to be an equal opportunity sport. There are three “throws” allowed in Rock Paper Scissors. Rock is a throw that involves a closed fist thrown with your palm down. Paper is a throw that involves an open hand with your palm flat usually face down. Scissors is a throw that involves your index finger and middle finger thrown in the shape of a “V”, usually in a vertical position, however I hear that the international rules are different. Of these three throws Rock crushes scissors, scissors cuts paper and paper covers rock. These are the only throws allowed; any others are grounds for disqualification.

Each throw is begun by a “pump” a pump is when your arm is straight out pointing the other player in a fist position with your elbow bend at a 45 degree angle. There are three pumps that must be made simultaneously before a position is thrown. In order to coordination so that the pumps are done at the same time, both players say “RO-SHAM-BO”, then throw.

Each throw is called an “engagement” and three “engagements” are called a “bout”. The best of three “bouts” win the match. Now that there are official rules to America’s most relied on method for making decisions, there can be less chaos and more order.

Swimming Update

By Stephanie Herrera

Sports Editor

Last weekends invite against University of Chicago and Saint Mary’s ended in a 2nd and 3rd place spot for the Scarlet Hawks. The men placed 3rd in the 200 medley relay, 4th in the 1000 yard freestyle and 200 yard freestyle, 1st and 2nd in the 50 yard freestyle, 2nd and 4th in the 200 yard IM, 1st in 1 and 3 meter diving, 1st in 100 yard freestyle, 3rd in the 500 yard freestyle, 1st and 2nd in the 100 yard breaststroke and secured the top three spots in the 200 yard freestyle relay.

Unfortunately, the women suffered from a small team, but were still able to hold their place in the meet, competing a lot of his girls in 3 events.

The lady Hawks secured 2nd and 4th in the 200 yard IM, 4th in 1 meter diving, 2nd and 3rd in the 100 yard butterfly and 4th in the 200 yard freestyle relay.

On Saturday the team suffered another loss in the Carthage and Lewis meet. The men lost to Carthage 163-39 and to Lewis 98-24.

The Lady Hawks suffered from the rule of thirds last Tuesday against Trinity Christian. It’s been said that you can’t beat a team three times, and it was true for the Hawks. Getting off to a rocky start the Hawks lost 24-30. The Hawks were able to pick up the intensity in the next to games, winning 39-26 in both. Too many unforced errors ended the match 2-3 and a tough ending to a great volleyball season.

The Lady Hawks have their next home meet on Saturday, November 17th.