IIT's Fall 2007 IPRO Day

By Karina Powell

IIT witnessed yet another successful IPRO Day on Friday, November 30th. Students congregated to present information on the progress of their respective IPROs.

This semester, IPRO Day was open to high school students from Chicago schools. It was an eye-opening experience for many of the students who were looking for inspiration for their own science fair projects.

Bringing prospective students to IPRO Day is an excellent way to exhibit one of the most professional, intellectual events in which IIT students take part. So many students put forth their best effort to showcase their projects and present an entire semester worth of hard work and it's a great opportunity for prospective students to see what IIT is all about.

Congratulations to all of the award recipients! The 1st place team in each track and the winner of the project management award received $500 per team.

A new award has been developed to recognize leadership in the IPRO program. Each of the student recipients of this award received $500. The winners for this award were:

- Andrew Martin, IPRO 332, Professor Jim Bruband
- Jamie McClain, IPRO 325, Professor Dan Ferguson
- Amanda Lewis, IPRO 355, Professor Jim Bierstet

For a complete list of the fall 2007 IPRO Day results, turn to page 12.

Office of Undergraduate Research offers stipends to qualified students

By Karina Powell

On Tuesday, November 27th, a meeting was held during lunch to discuss the newly created Office of Undergraduate Research. Dr. Eric Brey, assistant dean for the OUR, gave a brief summary of the purpose and goals of the department. This was followed by presentations from several students on their experiences with undergraduate research. Some of these students were graduate students talking about how it benefited them to participate in a research lab as an undergrad and some were undergraduate students who are currently working in labs.

The primary goals of this department, as stated on their website, are threefold: 1) To centralize undergraduate research opportunities at IIT and provide a location for faculty and students to access and advertise research opportunities, 2) To promote undergraduate research efforts at IIT and provide a location for faculty and students to access and advertise research opportunities, 3) To promote undergraduate research participation through undergraduate research stipends, 4) To identify opportunities for additional support and organize interested faculty to pursue funding for novel undergraduate research programs.

This new program is a great opportunity for undergraduate students to get lab experience before they have to make the decision of what to do after graduation—go to graduate school and continue with research or enter into the industry.

The research fellowship program is designed to offer financial support to the most qualified student-faculty pair. A $3000 stipend will be awarded to at least 7 student-faculty pairs in the spring semester. The number of fellowships awarded will depend on matched funds from departments, so the quantity available is not yet known. Students are expected to spend at least 15 hours per week working on the project and a 1 page midterm paper and final report are required. The final report will be submitted to a research journal offering the student an opportunity to become published before completing his/her undergraduate work.

Faculty interested in developing a project and mentoring an undergraduate student are encouraged to submit proposals to the OUR website (undergradresearch.iit.edu) by Tuesday, December 4, 2007.

These research proposals will be made available to students on the OUR website. Students can rank up to three projects and submit applications on the website by January 16, 2008. The faculty members will then have an opportunity to review the student applications and select the most appropriate candidate for the position.

Once the faculty-student pairs are determined, the review process will begin and the fellowships will be determined based on the quality of the team and the research project proposed. The recipients of the fellowships will be announced on January 30, 2008.

For questions or more information, visit the OUR website at undergradresearch.iit.edu or contact Eric Brey at undergrad_research@iit.edu.

Ethics Bowl team places 2nd in Midwest Regional

By Linda Goldstein

On Saturday, December 1, 2007, Illinois Institute of Technology’s Ethics Bowl team won 2nd place in the Upper Midwest Regional at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and will be going on to the National Ethics Bowl in February.

Coached by Professor Robert Ladenson, team members Tim Nuccio, Julia Rybakova, Elena Davis, and Linda Goldstein competed with other colleges Oaknder, Harper (two teams), Edgewood, Carleton, University of Wisconsin Madison, Western Michigan University, and Northeastern Illinois University. IIT’s team won two of three arguments (only one team won three of these) and had a forty-two point differential (out of 450 possible points) over competitors.

Finals are in San Antonio, Texas on February 21, and the IIT Ethics Bowl team will definitely be there.

The competition was structured so that there were three rounds, where the schools split up two teams to a room and argued two cases per round, with arguments, rebuttal, and questions from the judges all taking place in a period of half an hour per case. Out of fifteen teams, six were used in the tournament. The cases covered were chosen to represent the epistemes of ethical dilemma with either no clear solution, or many possible solutions. Points were awarded not for arguing for the "correct" side but for arguing well with clearly-defined and valid points of ethical support for a course of action.

IIT’s professor Robert Ladenson created the Ethics Bowl competition in 1993 as an intramural event at IIT in Herman Hall. After two years, several local universities were invited to take part. In 1995, the competition became national with the aid of a grant from Sears-Roebuck and the association for the National Association of Schools of Law and Professors of Law. Professor Ladenson is a member. The number of schools grew too large for just one competition and regions were established. The movement grew independently until several years of planning, they were linked into a national competition. This year, 89 schools will take part.

Of the cases, the first round is about an Intentional design: is it morally justifiable to exclude evolution from a school curriculum in order to prepare the students for a scientifically-correct society. It could be used in polling places? (They might be offensive to secular voters or some voters who had a different religion.) Points raised included the act that churches (and schools) tend to be centrally located and equipped to be meeting places for large groups of people, and therefore are one of the best choices as a voting location.

In the second round, case one was about the creation and sales of native art by the Kaqchikel people of Guatemala. Case two asked what should be done with the remains of Afghani. In the question of whether to preserve the ruins, a small event attended mainly by the teams, coaches, and parents was held. Several local universities in the Midwest Regionals at the University of Wisconsin at Madison Technological the team will definitely be there.

On Saturday, December 1, 2007, Illinois Institute of Technology’s Ethics Bowl team won 2nd place in the Upper Midwest Regional at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and will be going on to the National Ethics Bowl in February. Cooperated by Professor Robert Ladenson, team members Tim Nuccio, Julia Rybakova, Elena Davis, and Linda Goldstein competed with other colleges Oaknder, Harper (two teams), Edgewood, Carleton, University of Wisconsin Madison, Western Michigan University, and Northeastern Illinois University. IIT’s team won two of three arguments (only one team won three of these) and had a forty-two point differential (out of 450 possible points) over competitors. Finals are in San Antonio, Texas on February 21, and the IIT Ethics Bowl team will definitely be there.

The competition was structured so that there were three rounds, where the schools split up two teams to a room and argued two cases per round, with arguments, rebuttal, and questions from the judges all taking place in a period of half an hour per case. Out of fifteen teams, six were used in the tournament. The cases covered were chosen to represent the epistemes of ethical dilemma with either no clear solution, or many possible solutions. Points were awarded not for arguing for the "correct" side but for arguing well with clearly-defined and valid points of ethical support for a course of action.

IIT’s professor Robert Ladenson created the Ethics Bowl competition in 1993 as an intramural event at IIT in Herman Hall. After two years, several local universities were invited to take part. In 1995, the competition became national with the aid of a grant from Sears-Roebuck and the association for the National Association of Schools of Law and Professors of Law. Professor Ladenson is a member. The number of schools grew too large for just one competition and regions were established. The movement grew independently until several years of planning, they were linked into a national competition. This year, 89 schools will take part.

Of the cases, the first round is about an Intentional design: is it morally justifiable to exclude evolution from a school curriculum in order to prepare the students for a scientifically-correct society. It could be used in polling places? (They might be offensive to secular voters or some voters who had a different religion.) Points raised included the act that churches (and schools) tend to be centrally located and equipped to be meeting places for large groups of people, and therefore are one of the best choices as a voting location.

In the second round, case one was about the creation and sales of native art by the Kaqchikel people of Guatemala. Case two asked what should be done with the remains of Afghani. In the question of whether to preserve the ruins, a small event attended mainly by the teams, coaches, and parents was held. Several local universities in the Midwest Regionals at the University of Wisconsin at Madison Technological the team will definitely be there.
Letter from the Editor

By Karina Powell

When it feels like you’re drowning, who will be there for you? How will you manage? It may be easy to name a few people off of the top of your head, people that you hope will be there for you, but it’s scary to think that you don’t really know how those people will actually react until a tragedy becomes reality in your life.

On Monday, November 12, 2007, I had the misfortune of being put in such a tragic situation. For 19 years, I grew up with my mother and my grandmother in a condo in suburban Detroit. While my mother went to work everyday to support our family, my grandmother filled the role of the ‘stay-at-home mom’. On a daily basis, she made breakfast, packed my lunch and drove me to and from school for most of my K-12 years, until I was able to drive myself. She cared for me when I was sick, helped me with my homework, taught me the domestic necessities of cooking, sewing, and laundry but most importantly, she shared her 91 years of wisdom with me on a daily basis. ‘Gram’ was a key player in my development and often happened to be much more accessible and apt to care for my daily needs.

Getting the phone call from my mother saying, “They can’t get a pulse on Gram,” was by far the most traumatizing and surreal moment of my entire life. The week after that with making the funeral arrangements with my mother and going to the wake and funeral is a blur. I never thought I would be able to get past seeing my Grandmother in a casket without becoming a pile of emotional mush. I managed, though, but I wouldn’t have been able to get through it without all of the people in my life who gathered to support me. I am so impressed with how understanding and generous people were in my time of greatest sadness. There are a plethora of people to whom I will be eternally grateful including family, friends and even my professors, but I especially want to recognize the TechNews staff for stepping up and managing everything so smoothly. I knew that they are an incredible group of people, but I could have never realized the depth of their dedication and passion for TechNews and their embedded concern for me and each other.

Grief is a funny thing. As a psychology major, I’ve learned about grief in many different classes and contexts. I could talk about it in an objective scientific sense, but I had no basis of true understanding. I wish I still didn’t have a basis for understanding, but fortunately, now I do. There are five stages in the grieving process: denial, anger, bargaining, depression or acceptance. I figured that trying to determine which stage I was in would be a good way to pass the time. It wasn’t. When you’re grieving, it seems like all of the stages are just one big whirlwind of turbulent emotions.

To end on a more positive note, I want to share some of the things that I have learned in the past couple of weeks.

1. Don’t live a life full of regrets
When you lose someone, the last thing that you want to be thinking about is, “I just wish I could apologize for this or that.” The loss is hard enough without the added stress of guilt. Don’t be prideful. Admit to your mistakes and rectify them. It may seem difficult to do now, but you won’t regret it in the long run. Saying “I’m sorry” cleanses the soul and is a soothing balm to an open emotional wound.

2. Enjoy the time that you have with your loved ones
Since it’s getting close to the holidays, this is an easy one. Spend your time with the people who really matter and who will always be there for you; your family. It takes a little bit of time out of your life now, but when you don’t have the opportunity to make new memories with a loved one anymore, you will have many heartfelt memories from the years past to look back on. Be sure to say “I love you” often. You can never say it too much.

3. Surround yourself with people who care
As I mentioned earlier, it’s sometimes difficult find those people who will stand by you in a time of need. Do your best to be a good judge of character and try to figure out who those people are that you can lean on when something bad happens. I can’t say it better than Polonius did to Laertes in Hamlet. “Those friends thou hast, and their adoption try. Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel…”

4. Live your life one day at a time
It’s good to prepare yourself for the day that you lose a loved one, but dwelling won’t get you anywhere. It is hard to come to grips with the fact that we will all suffer loss in our life time, but a great step is to truly come to terms with that and this goes beyond just saying, ‘yeah, yeah, everyone dies’. Once you have that out of the way, be sure to enjoy every moment that you have with those you love and live each day to its ultimate good.

5. Be the best person that you can possibly be
To your parents and the people who love you, the best gift that you can give them is to be the best individual that you can be. They want you to be proud of them. It’s good to prepare yourself for the day that you lose a loved one, but dwelling won’t get you anywhere. It is hard to come to grips with the fact that we will all suffer loss in our life time, but a great step is to truly come to terms with that and this goes beyond just saying, ‘yeah, yeah, everyone dies’. Once you have that out of the way, be sure to enjoy every moment that you have with those you love and live each day to its ultimate good.

I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who held out their hand and heart to me these past couple of weeks. Words cannot convey what comfort you have brought to my life.

On behalf of the staff of TechNews, I want to wish you a happy and safe holiday season. May your lives be blessed with the joy of those who love you. Good luck with finals!
Myth of bad publicity

By Tim Nuccio
TECHNEWS WRITER

So the question was posted a few weeks back, “What do you think of all the Ron Paul stickers on signs all around the area?”

My answer? I think they’re a great way to make the campus more visible. If there is one thing this campus is lousy at, it is marketing itself.

If there is one thing this campus is lousy at, it is marketing itself. There was an area for coffee dispensers, one for meals at our commons, one for sandwiches, one for soup, one for breakfast foods, one for fruit, one for dessert, and a handful more. In addition, the selection was better in most cases; for instance, two choices of entrees and six choices of sides at the commons like station and apples, bananas, oranges, strawberries, and more available at the fruit station. In addition, counters with prepared food like bagels of frisbee, lay chips and bowls of spring water, filled the spaces between stations, offering yet more choices.

The consensus about the IIT commons is that they provide subpar food at best. On the ChangeIT website, there is a food thread almost entirely filled with negative comments and outright complaints about the quality of said victuals. Word of mouth gives that cafeteria no more credit; I have heard a handful of people say that the food is “not that bad,” but the majority of students asked say that the food is some combination of terrible, greasy, and monotonous. But you probably already knew that.

So why do some IIT commons stack up to the food at competing universities in the area? I plan to find out.

My journey starts with the Bartlett Commons at the University of Chicago—one cafeteria of three major facilities on their campus. The first thing that struck me is that the atmosphere of Bartlett is very different, approaching that of a restaurant and being much more gym than modern. Instead of our glass and steel walls, Bartlett had stone block. In place of our harsh white lights, Bartlett’s cast warm yellowish tones. Replacing our plastic and pressed metal chairs and tables, they had solid wood furnishings.

When I went to select some food to sample, the two locales appeared much more similar, though in the case of Bartlett the designers had the good sense to put all the stations on one end of the room rather than placing them on either side of the diners as IIT does. Neatly there were, and though, and the similarity was on the surface very significant. There was an area for coffee dispensers, one for meals at our commons, one for sandwiches, one for soup, one for breakfast foods, one for fruit, one for dessert, and a handful more. In addition, the selection was better in most cases; for instance, two choices of entrees and six choices of sides at the commons like station and apples, bananas, oranges, strawberries, and more available at the fruit station. In addition, counters with prepared food like bagels of frisbee, lay chips and bowls of spring water, filled the spaces between stations, offering yet more choices.

In the early days of the United States, when Congressmen would sometimes resign their positions to become a representative in the state legislature.

Regardless, the point is clear. If nothing else, seeing all of the stickers applied around campus may call others to action. Perhaps, at some point, we may have political organizations on campus. There just may be one person here at IIT that is not really sure of what he/she wants to do that may be inspired to attend low sack, run for political office, or become an activist in an attempt to change the politics that surround us. At the bare minimum, perhaps the Hillel Life Society will have more visitors at its meetings.

Either way, we stand to benefit significantly, and forgo very little by becoming more politically active as a university. I am proud to see Ron Paul stickers all over campus.

Perhaps one of those “random acts of libertarianism” can benefit us all.

Bad publicity exists

By Joe Kaiser
ASSISTANT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I am annoyed by bumper stickers on street signs. I do not care who they are for, what cause they might support, what color they are. They’re really annoying. I don’t like having to look twice at a parking sign on the 33rd Street side of campus if there are any restrictions on parking there (Five seconds of common sense could reason that out, but I usually don’t have five seconds while I’m driving!).

I’m a pretty politically aware dude. I voted in 2006, even against my general party line (don’t worry you would have voted for Tiposka now? Tell you so told you so). I intend to vote during the primaries. I’ve been impossibly wrong with the presidential primaries for months now and have read enough articles to know that everyone without an interest in politics sick enough of the issues to swear off voting forever. And I’m sure there are others out there that have the same problem.

The unending din of internet libertarians that refuses to cease, I know who Ron Paul is. Waterdown 38.4% of the national vote. He was very far to the right for that era, and praised all sorts of small government. He was a staunch fiscal conservative and a militant anti-Communist.

So I have a pretty high tolerance for bad publicity, as far as awareness goes, but when you’re lobbying for a President, there’s only so far publicity goes. Certainly, because of the unending din of internet libertarians that refuses to cease, I know who Ron Paul is.

But I disagree with him, think many of his ideas are bad ones, and am tired of the constant chanting of his name from a crowd that seems to be convinced that if you know about this guy, you’ll support him. He’s not an idiot, and I see him where he is coming from. That is more than I can say about the rest of the candidates.

But I disagree with him, think many of his ideas are bad ones, and am tired of the constant chanting of his name from a crowd that seems to be convinced that if you know about this guy, you’ll support him. He’s not an idiot, and I see him where he is coming from. That is more than I can say about the rest of the candidates.

Perhaps there is no such thing as bad publicity, as far as awareness goes, but when you’re lobbying for a President, there’s only so far publicity goes. Certainly, because of the unending din of internet libertarians that refuses to cease, I know who Ron Paul is.

But I disagree with him, think many of his ideas are bad ones, and am tired of the constant chanting of his name from a crowd that seems to be convinced that if you know about this guy, you’ll support him. He’s not an idiot, and I see him where he is coming from. That is more than I can say about the rest of the candidates. Perhaps there is no such thing as bad publicity as far as awareness goes, but when you’re lobbying for a President, there’s only so far publicity goes. Certainly, because of the unending din of internet libertarians that refuses to cease, I know who Ron Paul is.

But I disagree with him, think many of his ideas are bad ones, and am tired of the constant chanting of his name from a crowd that seems to be convinced that if you know about this guy, you’ll support him. He’s not an idiot, and I see him where he is coming from. That is more than I can say about the rest of the candidates.
By Joe Kaiser

ASSISTANT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I hate to say it, but IIT is perhaps on one of the biggest upswings in recent memory. Enrollment is up. The neighborhood is getting much better. SSV and MTCC are still pretty fresh, and Crown Hall’s recent renovation still looks good. The whole campus is on the National Register of Historic Places. The BOG is reopened. The President of Lithuania can claim IIT as an alma mater. There’s a 33rd Street entrance to the Red Line and the Green Line runs mostly on time. The new marketing campaign is annoying (but the most successful ones are). SGA recently brought in its first student Senate and can boast sweeping reforms as of last year. UB is thriving and provides entertainment on campus on a weekly basis, which was nearly unheard of in my freshman year. Even TechNews, the best student organization on campus, wasn’t that hot half a decade ago.

By no means is IIT perfect. There’s always room for improvement. Students will gripe and moan about the university’s laundry list of shortcomings (Colin) but that’s the same at any university: we’re starry eyed 18-25 year old idealists who can always find something to complain about. It seems like we’re finally closing the complaint gap with the national average. Food committee - any one of these can help to improve campus life. I haven’t eaten in the Commons for about six months, as I think I’ll be a bit too carried away to eat it.

ChangeIIT provides a service that IIT students can use to combine their two favorite things, complaining and sitting on the internet. After that, they continue complaining, and then either wait for someone else to offer up a solution, or just complain more. A decent number of students on the boards are convinced that IIT is in a horrid state of decay, that our academic reputation is shriveling, that students are bored and depressed and disillusioned and it’s IIT’s fault. Is it? Is IIT really that bad? My guess is simply this - engineering, the basis for most degrees at IIT, is hard. It’s really hard, and takes a lot of work. Anyone who is aiming to become an engineer is someone who has a lot of devotion to the subject matter and is to be lauded if they can make it out in one piece. (Just so you don’t think I’m tooting my own horn, I’m in Computer Science. I don’t know whether or not it’s as hard as engineering, but it seems like a lot less work).

Nevertheless, if you’re making the effort to change things at BT, it’s certainly applaudable. But why do it through ChangeIIT? What can ChangeIIT do, really? It seems to attempt to be SGA, only it has loftier goals, a more disorganized structure, and a smaller voice. In fact, you can find an organization on campus to work to improve anything you want to improve. RAHA, UB, the Food committee - any one of these can help to improve campus life. I haven’t eaten in the Commons for about six months, as I’ve moved off-campus, but while I was there I did see changes made to the setup at least every semester, if not more. Maybe they weren’t hitting all the right notes, but they were certainly moving things around and shaking things up to see what they could do. Colin wrote an article a few weeks ago commenting on his frustration with “Generation Click,” as he’s titled them, the new breed of activism that thinks that joining a Facebook group declaring your support of the Jena 6 is enough to be an activist. ChangeIIT is a ringing endorsement of that. The problem with online-based activism (and yes, I know you guys have weekly meetings) is that it serves as an excuse to feel like you’re making a difference when really all you’re doing is espousing your opinion, talking about solutions, and never doing anything. You can make it look like you care, like you’re a concerned reformer who wants to change the injustices in the world, but you don’t.

Really, all ChangeIIT has to offer is that it operates outside the bounds of the campus - and to see that as a significant benefit one would have to believe the entire faculty and staff are a corrupt group of miscreants who are intentionally sabotaging student efforts to change for their own personal benefit, which is somehow linked to the University failing. Some weird Evil Genius plot.

As much grief as I’ve given them in the preceding paragraphs, I would gladly be one of ChangeIIT’s greatest supporters if it were to start making some differences, if they could at some point in the future produce a list of accomplishments that they could take direct responsibility for. But I don’t think it’s going to happen. If you’re really emphatic about improving campus, I encourage you to attend one of the countless meetings dedicated to those purposes - and don’t claim ignorance, I know all about them and I’m more interested in writing jerky articles than making a real difference. Unless ChangeIIT can come up with a purpose, focus your attention elsewhere.
NewTech
By Celeste Wegrzyn
TECHNEWS WRITER

Imagine: someone reaching into their pocket, and shaking their hand vigorously as whatever in their pocket emits a metallic clinking noise. Or perhaps a friend is worried that their cell phone is low on battery, so they rock it back and forth in their bag. Sounds strange, no? Well, with the new system called “Shoogle”, this odd story is now a reality.

By shaking or moving a Shoogle-equipped phone, you will be able to tell how low the battery is and even how many new messages you have without ever having to look at the screen. The phone feels and sounds as though it is full of liquid, the amount thereof declining as the battery wanes. Give it a shake and the number of balls you hear and feel rattling will correspond to different people. The sounds range from metallic to wooden and everything in between. Since the files are in .wav format, it likely would be quite easy to upload any kind of sound you want.

The software runs through an accelerometer, which senses movement of the phone. (Not to mention that the system can differentiate between the directions in which you shake it!) It has been tested on both cell phones and PDAs. You can purchase a programming kit in order to develop your own uses of Shoogle.

“I’m not sure how comfortable I would be, feeling a cell phone “sloshing around” in my pocket, but that’s progress for you.” Shoogle was presented at the Computer/ Human Interaction 2007 conference held in California in 2007.

Rheumatoid arthritis drugs: all the same?
By Victor Guharoy
TECHNEWS WRITER

Rheumatoid arthritis is a debilitating disease that causes pain and damage to bone joints. It affects more than 2 million adults in the United States. It occurs between the ages of 30 and 55 and is more common in women than men. Typical signs may include joint swelling, pain, tiredness, and morning stiffness and they vary from person to person. Unfortunately, there is no cure for the disease and the treatment aims to reduce inflammation of joints to relieve pain and prevent or slow joint damage. The treatment option include agents known as disease modifying drugs, such as leflunomide, methotrexate and sulfasalazine and biological modifying drugs, such as adalimumab, etanercept and infliximab. The biological modifiers are very expensive costing the patients billions of dollars annually.

In a review of comparative effectiveness of disease modifying drugs published in the Annals of Internal Medicine (www.annals.org, November 20, 2007), the authors reported that the evidence does not support one drug over another. The researchers from University of North Carolina analyzed 23 head to head trials and reported the findings. Adverse drug reactions were also similar among all agents. The authors concluded that further research on comparative efficacy, effectiveness and harms of medications for treatment of rheumatoid arthritis is warranted.

Giuliani talks energy issues at NASCAR race
By Abhishek Gundugurti
TECHNEWS WRITER

In a highly ironic and paradoxical move, Republican Presidential Candidate, Rudolf Giuliani talked to the fans of NASCAR in Homestead-Miami about “the need for America to break its dependence on foreign oil. He likened the pursuit of energy independence and the development of alternative energy sources to the race to put a man on the moon several decades ago. This type of analogy is used by many scientists, policy makers and environmentalists around the world.

Giuliani also said it is a matter of national security and “we have to pursue all of those alternatives that exist”. Regrettably he did not mention any ideas for alternate fuels for NASCAR. He stated that the US needs to focus on domestic as well as foreign sources of Oil from friendly countries like Mexico and Canada.

As a fan of NASCAR, he said this was his third race this year and spoke to a tent full of drivers and pit crews that “it [NASCAR] really represents the very best of America. You should be very proud of where you’ve taken it and where it’s going to go.” Asked whether he was going to cheer for Jeff Gordon or Jimmie Johnson in the race, Giuliani said: “I’m going to pull for both of them. They’re both good guys. May the better man win.”

SOURCE: ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you would like to contribute to the News Section or would like to see something else in it
Contact Anam
akhan50@iit.edu
IRS raises mileage rate to 50.5 cents for 2008

Press Release

(DOWNERS GROVE, IL- November 29, 2007) – The Management Association of Illinois is reporting a two cent raise in the standard business mileage rate for 2008. The IRS has announced that the standard business mileage rate, used to compute the reimbursable cost of operating a passenger car for business purposes paid or incurred beginning January 1, 2008, will be 50.5 cents per mile, up from the 48.5 cents per mile rate effective in 2007. The rate was 44.5 cents per mile in 2006. This rate can also be used to compute the deductible cost of operating a passenger car for business purposes if a company uses four or fewer vehicles. For larger companies ineligible to take the deduction, the IRS standard mileage figure is widely used as a benchmark in setting reimbursement rates for employees’ driving expenses.

“The standard mileage rate is based on the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile for business purposes,” said Nancy Mathis, an IRS spokeswoman. “The items that go into calculating the costs include maintenance, repairs, insurance, registration fees and, of course, one of the biggest variables is the price of gasoline,” she said. Mathis added that taxpayers can opt to use the standard mileage rate deduction or they can keep track of their expenses.

Gasoline prices currently exceed $3 per gallon on average nationally, compared to about $2.22 a gallon on average a year ago. Beginning January 1, 2008, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (including vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 50.5 cents per mile for business miles driven;
- 19 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes;
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

The standard mileage rates for business, medical and moving purposes are based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile, by Runzheimer International, an independent contractor for the IRS. The mileage rate for charitable miles is set by congressional statute.

Contact: Kathryn O’Connor, PHR, HR/Compensation Analyst Phone: 630.963.7600x260 E-mail: koconnor@hrsource.org

UN, world’s poor need $86 billion in climate aid

By Abhishek Gundugurti

TECHNEWS WRITER

A United Nations expert panel said last Tuesday that the world’s poor need about $86 billion dollars to adapt to severe weather events caused by a warming planet and most of this money should be coming from the rich nations. Co-author of the report by the UN Development Program, Claes Johnasson said that “they much have help from the rich world. Climate is forcing people into human development traps.” According to the study, half the cost or $44 billion would go for climate-proofing the developing nations and their infrastructure and the other half would be to help the poor adapt to how they live. A small $2 billion dollars would go to strengthening responses to natural disasters.

In a not so surprising recommendation, the report suggests the biggest share should be paid by the United States and other rich nations based on aid targets, financing calculations developed by the World Bank and the G8 nations. In the United States, the Bush administration said that one of its top priorities is to alleviate poverty and spur economic growth in the developing world by modernizing energy services. “

This report was published, as it is done annually, by the name of Human Development Report. This Report compares nations by life expectancy, literacy, and other data. This year, not surprisingly, the focus was on climate change. It adds a calamitous economic perspective to previous UN Scientific findings that carbon gases as well as other green house gas emissions must stabilize by 2015 and then decline.

The report goes on to say that without this financial aid to the developing and underdeveloped world, the planet will become warmer and a stall or even reversal in human develop will be seen. A staggering 2.6 billion people live in these poor countries where they live on less than $2.00 a day. The science of Global Warming has shown that the global temperatures have raised an average of 1.3 degrees in the past 100 years. Impacts like extreme weather events, rising seas, widening drought, disease, harm to fisheries, forests and farmland will have an unnoticed effect in the financial markets but will impact the economy of the poor countries more in the later future. Some other numbers from another expert claim that 600 million more people in sub-Saharan Africa will go hungry, 400 million people will be exposed to malaria, 200 million will be flooded out of their homes and a huge estimate of costs will go into the insurance payments for weather-related damages.

Developed countries, meanwhile, are failing to meet their targets under the current climate treaty, the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, for cutting greenhouse gases by 2012, the report said. France, Germany, Japan and Britain have reduced their emissions somewhat, it said, but the European Union is falling short of its goal of a 20 percent cut by 2020.

SOURCE: ASSOCIATED PRESS
Out-of-town Guests love Architecture tours

-Holiday visits perfect opportunity to tour Chicago

Press Release

(Chicago, IL- November 20, 2007) When friends and relatives visit Chicago from out-of-town, savvy Chicagoans add tours to the visit. While much of the trip may be focused on celebrating, shopping and eating, tours are inexpensive and not fattening.

Chicago Architecture Foundation Tours offer a break from over-the-top holiday activities and provide an opportunity for guests to see Chicago from a fresh angle. Sending the folks on a tour also gives the hosts a chance to regroup, relax, restock the refrigerator and get some work done.

Most of the tours start and end at the Chicago Architecture Foundation, 224 S. Michigan. A favorite for out-of-towners is the Highlights by Bus tour. It takes off at 9:30 a.m. and lasts 3 ½ hours, covering 30 miles of Chicago architecture, including the Loop, Hyde Park, Mies van der Rohe’s IIT campus, Frank Lloyd Wright’s Robie House, the Rookery and several historic districts. There are plenty of opportunities to get off the bus and explore the buildings. For departure dates of this and the 87 other architecture tours, see www.architecture.org.

If guests cannot stop themselves from shopping, the Chicago Architecture Foundation shop at 224 S. Michigan is well stocked with holiday gifts, decorations, ornaments and cards.

About the Chicago Architecture Foundation: The Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing public interest and education in architecture and related design. The Chicago Architecture Foundation pursues this mission through a comprehensive program of tours, exhibits, special events, and lectures. Home to a new permanent exhibition: YOU ARE HERE, the Chicago Architecture Foundation is located in the Santa Fe Building at 224 South Michigan Avenue at Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604. For further information visit www.architecture.org or call 312.922.3432.

Contact:
Susan Ross
Director of Communications
Chicago Architecture Foundation
224 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL, 60604
312 922 3432 x 254

Leadership Academy Scholarship Opportunity!!!

Once again, the Leadership Academy is offering full scholarships to qualified undergraduate students at IIT. All freshman, sophomore, and junior students are invited to apply for this scholarship.

Scholarships are awarded based on a multi-stage assessment process.

Applications and faculty nomination forms are available on-line (http://leadershipacademy.iit.edu/scholarships.php) or at the Leadership Academy office located at the Life Science building, room 90B (basement).

Applications are due February 8, 2008 and the faculty nomination forms to accompany the applications are due February 15, 2008.

Questions? Contact us at leadership.academy@iit.edu; 312-567-3945
Or check us out on the web at http://leadershipacademy.iit.edu
“No Country For Old Men” finds Coens back

By Andres de La Hoz

It’s a little baffling to think about the fact that the Coen brothers, directors of lighted face fare like “The Big Lebowski” and known for their sense of humor even in their more serious films, are taking on McCarthy’s “No Country For Old Men”. Coming back from a few minor works, mostly comedies with a little too much homage in them, the Coens cement their position as one of the foremost American filmmakers of their generation.

Based on previous features, even those in a body of work as diverse as the Coens’ (modern classics such as Barton Fink, Fargo, Raising Arizona, and Lebowski), you’d think you have an idea of what No Country is going to be like. And you’d be wrong. Based on a minor work by Cormac McCarthy, the film is a perfect marriage of author and director. Though the Coens have routinely dealt with criminals, nothing in their filmography quite prepares you for the level of dread presented here. Where “Fargo” had its small-town paranoia and incompetent schemes, this film’s antagonists are practically undecipherable.

There is a plotline, though many details are intentionally vague and the third act manages to go off in many different directions, none of them quite expected. To call the film’s denouement unconventional is understating the reactions of audience members to the credits rolling. Wasting little time with build-up, Vietnam vet Llewelyn Moss finds in the site of a botched drug deal and steals the money that was going to be used to make the payment, which results in hired hand Anton Chigurh (as well as other, separate hired hands) chasing him and a small town sheriff trying to figure out what’s going on before it’s too late. The lives of these characters, and the choices they make paint a rather desolate view of the world. It is telling that Moss is doomed not because of any shortage of money, but because of his poorly thought act of good will which results in a return to the scene of the crime, setting off a chain of events that leaves a trail of bodies that an audience is not necessarily as it is incomprehensible. Though the audience sympathizes with Moss in the sense that he’s presented as a relatively good man, the tone is one of overwhelming dread. How does a man like Moss, experienced as he is, battle against the forces that are against him? The addition of several other bounty hunters only complicates manners, and the ease at which they operate makes a mockery out of Moss’ previous abilities. Moss proves a formidable opponent, in the sense that he seems to survive and make it out alive, but his character seems less the protagonist and more the victim in a slaughter film, running away bloodied every five minutes.

Where a typical film would have the sheifer hot on the trail of the killer, Ed Tom Bell is presented as competent without being particularly efficient. Though he is never portrayed as making any particular mistakes, his entire mission is futile from the first moment he sets eyes on the money, but rather because anyone that runs into him must have deserved his fate in some twisted way. The performances are uniformly excellent. There’s really no way Javier Bardem won’t be heard supporting actor at the academy awards for his role as Chigurh. Josh Brolin puts in his best performance ever, making the audience relate to Moss as he makes questionable calls and his motivations remain murky. Production values are strong as usual, and the Coens go for an almost total lack of bloodshed and mayhem portrayed onscreen, turning characters’ values, everyone gets their comeuppance in different ways: they lose their lives, their peace of mind, or their personal philosophy. Everyone is contradicted in some way, leading to an ending some might call anticlimactic, but it really couldn’t have gone down any other way. It’s fitting that the Coens pepper the movie with their occasional bits of comedy. In a film like “Fargo” it gave it a sense of humanity, in a film like “No Country” it further contrasts with the bloodshed and mayhem portrayed onscreen, turning characters’ humor into a depressing reality of the reality that is in front of them. In the end, “No Country” makes us wonder about the possibility of change, and how much of a chance we really do stand when we go against the script. Ponderous, sure, but with enough charisma to pull it together and with enough memorable characters and scenes to add this to the list of Coen classics.

Creepy guy on the El: Cheap Chicago

By Celeste Wegrzyn

Finals are fast approaching, but as much as we all know we need to study, sometimes you need to just go out and kick back. After your finals end early, take advantage of the still-mild weather, and book it downtown to explore. No money, you say? Well, here’s a few things to keep you entertained anyway.

A&E Gallery
750 N. Franklin, Suite 200: Chicago stop, Brown line

This completely free art gallery focuses on architectural art and drawings by the likes of Frank Lloyd Wright, Daniel Burnham, and Elizabeth Nowicki among others. Beautiful work for archies and techies alike.

Artisan Cellar
Merchandise Mart, suite 116: across from Aon Bon Pain

With inexpensive and extremely tasty espresso (the espresso bar is managed and staffed by present and previous IIT students), this place is worth a trip whenever you’re in the area - but especially on Fridays from 4-6pm, when you can sample a selection of their amazing wines for free (usually paired with crackers and cheese... their cheeses are to die for).

Brown Elephant
Brown Elephant Health Center, Brown line

Brown Elephant has fabulous modern and retro apparel for all styles and tastes - as well as many other unique treasures (not to mention a great gift for从事者 from friends, for shoes to wacky Halloween-like garb and odd tchotchkes.

Remember!
Tuesday is free day at the Museum of Contemporary Art (Howard stop, Red line), and Thursday from 5-9pm is free day at the Art Institute of Chicago (Adams/Wabash).

And as always, you can plug in the directions, none of them quite expected. To call the film’s denouement unconventional is understating the reactions of audience members to the credits rolling. Wasting little time with build-up, Vietnam vet Llewelyn Moss finds in the site of a botched drug deal and steals the money that was going to be used to make the payment, which results in hired hand Anton Chigurh (as well as other, separate hired hands) chasing him and a small town sheriff trying to figure out what’s going on before it’s too late. The lives of these characters, and the choices they make paint a rather desolate view of the world. It is telling that Moss is doomed not because of any shortage of money, but because of his poorly thought act of good will which results in a return to the scene of the crime, setting off a chain of events that leaves a trail of bodies that an audience is not necessarily as it is incomprehensible. Though the audience sympathizes with Moss in the sense that he’s presented as a relatively good man, the tone is one of overwhelming dread. How does a man like Moss, experienced as he is, battle against the forces that are against him? The addition of several other bounty hunters only complicates manners, and the ease at which they operate makes a mockery out of Moss’ previous abilities. Moss proves a formidable opponent, in the sense that he seems to survive and make it out alive, but his character seems less the protagonist and more the victim in a slaughter film, running away bloodied every five minutes.

Where a typical film would have the sheifer hot on the trail of the killer, Ed Tom Bell is presented as competent without being particularly efficient. Though he is never portrayed as making any particular mistakes, his entire mission is futile from the first moment he sets eyes on the money, but rather because anyone that runs into him must have deserved his fate in some twisted way. The performances are uniformly excellent. There’s really no way Javier Bardem won’t be heard supporting actor at the academy awards for his role as Chigurh. Josh Brolin puts in his best performance ever, making the audience relate to Moss as he makes questionable calls and his motivations remain murky. Production values are strong as usual, and the Coens go for an almost total lack of bloodshed and mayhem portrayed onscreen, turning characters’ values, everyone gets their comeuppance in different ways: they lose their lives, their peace of mind, or their personal philosophy. Everyone is contradicted in some way, leading to an ending some might call anticlimactic, but it really couldn’t have gone down any other way. It’s fitting that the Coens pepper the movie with their occasional bits of comedy. In a film like “Fargo” it gave it a sense of humanity, in a film like “No Country” it further contrasts with the bloodshed and mayhem portrayed onscreen, turning characters’ humor into a depressing reality of the reality that is in front of them. In the end, “No Country” makes us wonder about the possibility of change, and how much of a chance we really do stand when we go against the script. Ponderous, sure, but with enough charisma to pull it together and with enough memorable characters and scenes to add this to the list of Coen classics.

Glowing tomatoes

By Celeste Wegrzyn

As cool as you might think

Tomatoes, as a general rule, are pretty uncult. They sit there, roundish and reddish, until they are either eaten or rot. Now, the question here is, what can we do to make a tomato cool? Let’s think. What generally makes things cooler? Oh, right - things that glow are generally pretty cool. So how do we make a cool glowing tomato? Read on.

Materials and Tools
* a box of NON-safety matches

* hydrogen peroxide

* a tomato

* knife

* small container

* syringe

Time: <1hr

* Pour in enough bleach to completely submerge the match heads, and allow the material to fully dissolve.

* Let the bleach / match mixture sit for 20 minutes.

* After the mixture has sat for long enough, you should see two distinct layers in your container: solid on the bottom, liquid on top. Using your syringe, extract the liquid layer.

* Find a spot along the side of your tomato and inject some of the extracted liquid.

* Move over an inch and inject the tomato again.

* Repeat the last two steps until you’ve made it all the way around the tomato, and used up all of your extracted liquid.

* Fill the syringe with hydrogen peroxide and inject it into the center of the tomato.

* Continue injecting the center of the tomato until it starts to glow, or you’ve run out of hydrogen peroxide.

* Sit back and marvel at the coolest tomato you’ve ever seen.

Disclaimer: As cool as you might think it would be to eat the tomato, the chemicals used make it poisonous. Do not eat it. No, it won’t make you glow. Promise. No, really. If you eat it, you will die, and then it’s not cool anymore.
Sigeps run blood drive

By Daniel Votipka

Thanks to Curt Aubry, the Sigep fraternity, the American Red Cross, and everyone that came out to give blood, IIT was hosted its most successful blood drive in recent history. Eighty-nine people gave blood throughout the day, and 81 pints were collected by the Red Cross. This feat was only achieved through the volunteer work of all those involved who began working a few weeks ago to publicize the drive and sign people up for appointments. The volunteers who worked all day on the 20th to register people to give blood and give them food and free t-shirts when they were done were invaluable.

John Rhoda, one of the Sigep volunteers, said “There were people waiting in line to give blood all day. It was a really successful day and I’m glad to see that all these people found time to come out and give to a good cause”.

New OTS printer available in MTCC

By Sarah Duston

OTS has a new printer available for remote printing at the McCormick Tribune Campus Center. The printer is located just outside of the Commons Cafeteria and is available during MTCC building hours: Monday through Wednesday from 7 a.m. to midnight, Thursday through Saturday from 7 a.m. - 1 a.m., and on Sunday from 8 a.m. to midnight. Changes in building hours will affect the availability of the printer.

To use this printer you must have the printing package from the MyPrint portal channel installed on your computer. You can also print from the 13 public computers in MTCC lower level, which already have the remote printing package installed.

Remote Printing Instructions:

The remote printing service allows users to send a print job from their personal computer to select OTS print locations. To use the remote printing service you must first download the printing package from the MyIIT Print Channel. For installation instructions go to the OTS Website at http://ots.iit.edu. Use the drop down Quick Links menu to select How-To’s and then click on the link for “Install the Printing Remotely Package.”

When you print a document it will be sent to the OTS lab printing queue. The document will remain in the print queue (up to 24 hours) until you log into a release station (special computer for releasing print jobs) and send the document to your chosen printer. For printing instructions go to the OTS Website at http://ots.iit.edu. Use the drop down Quick Links menu to select How-To’s and then click on the link for “Print Remotely.”

‘Tis the season to advance your career while attending the office holiday party

By Emily L. Breckenridge

Though you may be the life of the party at IIT, that role at an office holiday party may be a mistake to take on. Your behavior at the office holiday party could help or kill your career, so you’d better be good, not for goodness’ sake, but for your career’s. The holiday party is an opportunity for you to demonstrate your capacity to handle social business situations, which is a required skill for upper level executives at most companies. These five tips will enable you to make a good impression on your co-workers, and let the office gossip on Monday morning revolve around someone else.

1. Skip the eggnog: Or if you do choose to drink, do so in moderation, and make sure you have a safe way home. Drinking too much is the easiest way to embarrass yourself, and make a lasting, bad impression. Keep all beverages, alcoholic or non, in your left hand, freeing your right to introduce yourself with a firm handshake. Eat a light meal before you arrive, not so that you can enjoy the food, but so that you’re not too busy eating to talk. Pick finger foods that are easy to eat with one hand.

2. Save the Flannel PJs for Christmas Day: Dress appropriately, and keep it professional. Some offices may require black tie for the holiday parties, while others may allow jeans. Either way, make sure that your clothing won’t harm your professional image. Keep the holiday pizzazz tasteful and to a minimum, and for women, make sure nothing is too short, too tight or too revealing.

3. Timing is Everything: Though attendance at the office party may be optional, you should plan on attending, and you should spend a significant amount of time there. You can be fashionably late, but don’t show up 15 minutes before the party ends. Plan to arrive about 10 to 15 minutes into the party. Though you shouldn’t show up too late, you also shouldn’t stay into the wee hours of night. Once the party has dwindled, and the party planner is cleaning up, it’s probably time to go.

4. Network, Network, Network: This may be your only chance to meet the C.E.O. of the company. Take it. Introduce yourself, and if you’re not sure what to talk to him/her about, ask if they have plans for the holidays or a new year’s resolution, but don’t monopolize his/her time. You should also introduce yourself and socialize with people who you don’t work with on a daily basis. You may meet someone who can help you with a project, or introduce you to a new client.

5. Don’t Forget Your Manners: Make sure you thank the party planners before you leave. You’ll stand out from the crowd, because most people will forget about those people who worked hard to plan the evening.
### Public Safety Incident Reports

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Offense/Incident</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>11/20/07</td>
<td>Theft</td>
<td>0915 hrs</td>
<td>Farr</td>
<td>Student turned in a watch they found in a restroom.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/9/07</td>
<td>Theft</td>
<td>1550 hrs</td>
<td>3140 S Michigan</td>
<td>Student reported the theft of their bicycle. Victim was informed to file a CPD report as well.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/9/07</td>
<td>Accident</td>
<td>1809 hrs</td>
<td>31st &amp; State</td>
<td>PSD observed a vehicle hit the tire of a bicycle ridden by a student. Medical treatment refused. No damage to either vehicle or bike.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/9/07</td>
<td>Miscellaneous Incident</td>
<td>2123 hrs</td>
<td>Gunsaulus</td>
<td>CFD responded to a call of a fire at Gunsaulus #705. Upon arrival, nobody answered the door causing CFD to break in. No irregularities found. Housing Supervisor on scene after entry. Facilities called to repair door.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/9/07</td>
<td>Miscellaneous Incident</td>
<td>2115 hrs</td>
<td>Bailey</td>
<td>A visitor reported the smell of something burning on the 6th or 7th floor. Investigation revealed a resident was ventilating some smoke out of his unit. CFD and Housing Supervisor on scene. No further action needed or taken.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/8/07</td>
<td>Injured Person</td>
<td>1730 hrs</td>
<td>Keating</td>
<td>Student reported an unknown individual going through his book bag that was accidentally kicked on the roof.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/8/07</td>
<td>Theft</td>
<td>1809 hrs</td>
<td>Crown</td>
<td>PSD responded to a report of a student who sustained an ankle injury while playing basketball. Student refused transportation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/8/07</td>
<td>Theft</td>
<td>1550 hrs</td>
<td>3140 S Michigan</td>
<td>Student observed that as he observed an unknown individual going through his book bag that he left unsecured. Student called out to the subject, got control of his bag, causing the subject to flee the scene. Student discovered his cell phone and watch were removed from the bag. CFD contacted and a report filed as well.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/8/07</td>
<td>Theft</td>
<td>1545 hrs</td>
<td>31st &amp; State</td>
<td>PSD observed a vehicle hit the tire of a bicycle ridden by a student. Medical treatment refused. No damage to either vehicle or bike.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/8/07</td>
<td>Accident</td>
<td>1809 hrs</td>
<td>31st &amp; State</td>
<td>PSD observed a vehicle hit the tire of a bicycle ridden by a student. Medical treatment refused. No damage to either vehicle or bike.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/8/07</td>
<td>Miscellaneous Incident</td>
<td>2123 hrs</td>
<td>Gunsaulus</td>
<td>CFD responded to a call of a fire at Gunsaulus #705. Upon arrival, nobody answered the door causing CFD to break in. No irregularities found. Housing Supervisor on scene after entry. Facilities called to repair door.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/8/07</td>
<td>Miscellaneous Incident</td>
<td>2115 hrs</td>
<td>Bailey</td>
<td>A visitor reported the smell of something burning on the 6th or 7th floor. Investigation revealed a resident was ventilating some smoke out of his unit. CFD and Housing Supervisor on scene. No further action needed or taken.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/8/07</td>
<td>Injured Person</td>
<td>2050 hrs</td>
<td>Keating</td>
<td>Student observed an unknown individual going through his book bag that he left unsecured. Student called out to the subject, got control of his bag, causing the subject to flee the scene. Student discovered his cell phone and watch were removed from the bag. CFD contacted and a report filed as well.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/8/07</td>
<td>Theft</td>
<td>1730 hrs</td>
<td>Keating</td>
<td>Student reported an unknown individual going through his book bag that he left unsecured. Student called out to the subject, got control of his bag, causing the subject to flee the scene. Student discovered his cell phone and watch were removed from the bag. CFD contacted and a report filed as well.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/8/07</td>
<td>Theft</td>
<td>1809 hrs</td>
<td>Crown</td>
<td>PSD observed a vehicle hit the tire of a bicycle ridden by a student. Medical treatment refused. No damage to either vehicle or bike.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/8/07</td>
<td>Accident</td>
<td>1809 hrs</td>
<td>31st &amp; State</td>
<td>PSD observed a vehicle hit the tire of a bicycle ridden by a student. Medical treatment refused. No damage to either vehicle or bike.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/8/07</td>
<td>Miscellaneous Incident</td>
<td>2123 hrs</td>
<td>Gunsaulus</td>
<td>CFD responded to a call of a fire at Gunsaulus #705. Upon arrival, nobody answered the door causing CFD to break in. No irregularities found. Housing Supervisor on scene after entry. Facilities called to repair door.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/8/07</td>
<td>Miscellaneous Incident</td>
<td>2115 hrs</td>
<td>Bailey</td>
<td>A visitor reported the smell of something burning on the 6th or 7th floor. Investigation revealed a resident was ventilating some smoke out of his unit. CFD and Housing Supervisor on scene. No further action needed or taken.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/8/07</td>
<td>Injured Person</td>
<td>2050 hrs</td>
<td>Keating</td>
<td>Student observed an unknown individual going through his book bag that he left unsecured. Student called out to the subject, got control of his bag, causing the subject to flee the scene. Student discovered his cell phone and watch were removed from the bag. CFD contacted and a report filed as well.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Chromatin Leases at University Technology Park At Illinois Tech

**Press Release**

(Chicago, IL – November 15, 2007) – Chromatin, Inc. has signed a lease to move its headquarters and molecular biology research and development operations to the Technology Business Center (TBC) at University Technology Park At IIT (UTP), it was announced today.

Chromatin develops and markets novel proprietary technology that was first developed at the University of Chicago. The company’s technology enables entire chromosomes to be designed and incorporated into plant cells. These mini-chromosomes can be used in any plant to simultaneously introduce multiple genes while maintaining precise control of gene expression. Chromatin’s mini-chromosome technology can be used to deliver genes that benefit the agricultural, nutritional, energy, pharmaceutical, and chemical sectors. Visit http://www.chromatininc.com for more information.

“UTP is a great setting for our research and provides access to excellent facilities and connections to the City of Chicago and IIT,” said Daphne Press, Chromatin’s CEO and co-founder. “We are experiencing significant growth and UTP provides capacity for our current and future needs.”

“We’re delighted to welcome Chromatin to UTP,” said David Baker, UTP Executive Director. “Our goal is to bring businesses like Chromatin’s to UTP, which will help keep growing technology companies in Chicago.”

Chromatin’s lease includes options to extend the term and to expand into additional space. Chromatin’s recent licensing agreements with leading agriculture companies, as well as the company’s new activities in the biofuels sector, are expected to spur this growth.

Chromatin will join more than 20 technology companies now calling UTP home. These companies, ranging from start-ups employing two individuals to the North American headquarters of Comarch, a Polish software development firm, have added 113 new jobs to Chicago’s South Side in the year since the park opened.

University Technology Park At IIT is an entrepreneurial ecosystem designed to nurture a wide range of technological and scientific innovation with the support of the talent and resources available at IIT. The Technology Business Center and Incubator make UTP one of the premier technology parks in the country. The TBC offers access to a variety of IT biomedical research laboratories, pre-clinical testing, cancer and toxicology research and highly-qualified student researchers. UTP is located at 3440 S. Dearborn in Chicago, 4 miles south of Chicago’s Loop, and will eventually consist of 9 buildings with 1.5 million square feet of state-of-the-art space on 15 acres.

**Contact:**

Karen Kring
Jeffrey D. Bierig
312-567-6950
312-567-5057
kring@iit.edu
bierig@iit.edu

Alpha Sigma Alpha charity Dance-A-Thon

**By Karina Powell**

**EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

Alpha Sigma Alpha’s annual Dance-a-Thon fundraiser was held this past Thursday, November 29th, in the BOG. The sisters of Alpha Sigma Alpha raised money for charity through pledges from friends and classmates for a specific amount of time to be spent on the dance floor. The amount of money and time pledged to dancing was entirely up to the donor. Some even pledged money to have girls stop dancing for a period of time! There was also a 50/50 raffle that took place at the event and the winner was generous enough to donate all of his winnings to charity.

To mix things up a bit, a professional dancer came in to teach swing dancing. It was certainly a big hit with those in attendance. The fundraiser was for the S. Jane Smith Center which provides support for children with developmental needs. The money raised at this event will be used to help these children through educational programs, therapeutic services and family-centered programming.

A special thanks to Priscilla Simmons for planning and executing such a smooth running event. If you didn’t make it this year you missed out on a lot of fun! I hope to see you there next year for some fun, dancing and philanthropy!

**Photos by Sarah Bowes**
Fall 2007 IPRO Day results

continued from front

Top 5 Exhibits
#1 IPRO 310: Designing and Building Prototypes for Assisting Blind Swimmers
#2 Auburn: Zephyr Wind Energy
#3 IPRO 325C: Designing Affordable Water Solutions for the Rural Poor of the World
#4 IPRO 301: Undergraduate Research on Interprofessional Education
#5 IPRO 354: Emotion: Conveying Emotion over the Web

Top 5 Presentations
#1 IPRO 325C: Designing Affordable Water Solutions for the Rural Poor of the World
#2 IPRO 325A: Designing Affordable Shelter Solutions for the Rural Poor of the World
#3 IPRO 354: Emotion: Conveying Emotion over the Web
#4 IPRO 333: Interactive Web Site Module Design for Museum of Science and Industry
#5 IPRO 310: Designing and Building Prototypes for Assisting Blind Swimmers

Top 3 Business Plans
#1 IPRO 354: Emotion: Conveying Emotion over the Web
#2 IPRO 325A: Designing Affordable Shelter Solutions for the Rural Poor of the World
#3 IPRO 350: Browsable Audio for Mobile Device Interactive Language Learning

Top 3 Websites
#1 IPRO 328: Developing a Computer Science Text with Practical Open-Ended Problems
#2 IPRO 308: Developing an Artificial Pancreas
#3 IPRO 333: Interactive Web Site Module Design for Museum of Science and Industry

TechNews is hiring.

Campus Editor
Copy Editor
Distribution Editor

Email technews@iit.edu to apply.
Across
1. Sandwich filler 32. Charged particles
7. Highlander 33. Written reminder
10. Elated 35. Guts
11. Sean of "Mystic River" 37. TV's Oscar?
12. Colony members 39. In great demand
13. Shop clearance 41. Previously
15. Cried 42. Insect
17. Bunk 43. Writer Edgar Allan
18. 'Fore 44. "The Joy Luck Club"
20. Sci-fi killer author
21. Sphere 45. Prescribed
23. "___ in Black" 47. Absorbed
24. Mauna ___ (Hawaiian volcano) 50. Witty remark
26. Printing error 52. Exchange
27. Pasture 54. Culprit
29. Charity 55. Black stone
31. Campus bigwig 56. Information unit

Down
1. Something to talk 26. Heavy weight
about 27. Summer cooler
2. 24/7 28. Anonymous John
3. "The King and I" role 30. What's up?
4. Hint 34. Treatment
5. Eucalypt 36. Truth
6. Nibble 38. Enigma
7. Ginger cookie 40. Bug
8. Prime 42. Charge
9. Sharp, as of cheese 43. Basil-based sauce
14. High ball 46. Sir or madam
16. Wapiti 48. Pinnacle
18. Distinguished 49. Record
19. Animate 50. King Carlos
22. Cowboy show 51. Nose-in-the-air type
25. Supporter of the arts?

Last Week’s Solution

6 7 1
4 3 2 7 8
9 6
1 8 2 4 7
7 9 5 8 6
1 2
3 4 9 7 1
5 8 4

---

Crossword

Push it to the Sudoku limit

---

Chris Webber is Listening

---

Copyright, Lovatts Crosswords
The Slipstick

Patent application for a terrible alarm clock

By Joe Kaiser

Terrible Alarm Clock

Inspired by alarm clocks I have had in the past that were decidedly sub-par.

1. AM/PM light should be barely labeled, and easily forgettable so when you collapse on your bed one summer night at 7PM and then wake up the next day at 8AM, you can’t figure out whether you’ve been asleep for 13 hours or just one hour, since the sun is at approximately the same level and you have to go down and ask someone.

2. LCD screen that displays numbers should be significantly indented into the clock, so that when you look at it from an angle you can’t see every number in full and therefore have to elevate yourself slightly in bed so that you can figure out what the numbers actually are, which when you’re trying to sleep can totally mess up your rhythm.

3. Buttons should be almost identical so that when you try to turn off the radio in the morning you accidentally switch it to AM and you have to press that button again and then hunt around for the “off” or “snooze” button again.

4. Should have one of those annoying scrolly things for the radio station where you can never figure out exactly where it is and almost inevitably end up changing the radio station because you bump the wheel (not pictured) while trying to turn it off in the morning and you end up just waking up to a static buzz anyhow.

5. Should offer a “hilarious” mode that will “laugh you awake” by playing funny sound clips but once you choose one sound clip there’s no way to switch to another sound clip and the alarm clock makers think ethnic stereotypes are a good way to make comedy and you just want to THROW it at a WALL every time it turns ON.

6. Should have one of those annoying scrolly things for the radio station where you can never figure out exactly where it is and almost inevitably end up changing the radio station because you bump the wheel (not pictured) while trying to turn it off in the morning and you end up just waking up to a static buzz anyhow.

By Joe Kaiser

Ideas people had for the April Fools edition of the Slipstick earlier this year

“Breakout” is a stupid game.

“You should just put a bunch of depressing news in there. You know, like, “50 people die in Iraq,” or something like that.

“You should just pull a feed from Reuters, put a bunch of regular news in there.”

“Just take all the real articles from the rest of the paper and put them in your section.”

“You know how your section usually has jokes? You should do the opposite of that.”

“The funniest option is usually the most obvious one, so just do something really super obvious and everyone will laugh.”

“Well, April Fools’ day is usually the day where people come up with really fantastic jokes. You, being the guy who writes jokes for the paper, should probably be the one to not write any jokes! Wouldn’t that be a super idea!”

“No one else will write any jokes! Wouldn’t that be a super idea!”

“Do something not funny, which would be funny because it’s not! YES”

“Have other people do your work for you! I mean, that’s what you’re trying to do now, asking me to figure it out, right? So why not have someone else write your section, jerk?”

“Come up with your own damn idea.”

By Joe Kaiser

Joe Kaiser, Editor
jkaiser2@iit.edu

TechNews
Tuesday, December 4, 2007
Men’s Basketball Update

By Stephanie Herrera

In the Manchester Tournament last week the first match up was against Depauw (1-0). The Hawks struggled with turnovers, giving up the ball 19 times to Depauw’s 8. Fouls are what put the game out of reach for the Hawks. Depauw converted 14 of their 25 free throw attempts. The Hawks had four guys in double digits to end the game but it wasn’t enough to seal the deal. Rob Knapczyk lead the team with 24 points. Following was Carlos Fernandez with 13 points, Wes Klockowski and Matt McKinley added 10 each to the Hawks final score 66-89.

The second game of the tournament against Taylor University ended in a loss as well 87-91. The Hawks out rebounded and out hustled Taylor but shooting percentage kept them out of the game. Brandon Brandewie had another double-double with 26 points and 10 rebounds. Carlos Fernandez performing bouncing back from the game before had a double-double with 22 points and 11 boards and 6 assists. Teammates Rob Knapczyk and Wes Klockowski added 14 points each to the final score.

Last Tuesday they grabbed their first win after a two game defeat. The Hawks beat Silver Lake College in a close game 70-63. The next night they headed to Spalding in Kentucky to compete in a close match, unfortunately ending in a loss to break their winning streak 51-59. The Hawks went in at half time winning 26-15, but ended up in foul trouble fouling 18 to Spalding’s 9. Spalding converted 16 of their 25 free throws shooting 64% from the line. The Hawks matched up evenly with Spalding in shooting percentage, steals and rebounds, but the Hawks were unable to maintain their lead to finish the game.

The match last Wednesday’s against Purdue North Central ended in a 71-63 loss in Michigan City. IIT dropped there record to 4-7. Hawk started out slow, but picked it up in the last minutes before half time and when into the break 34-33. The Panthers came out with the same intensity as the Hawks, but the Hawks slowly lost competitive spirits due to tough defense from PNC.

Catch the Hawks next home game on December 5th against Wheaton at 7:00 PM at Keating.

Lady Hawks increase their record to 6-4

By Stephanie Herrera

It was no surprise that IIT slaughtered Indiana Northwest after their first meeting. IIT held Northwest scoreless for the first 12 minutes of the game and entered the second half up 42 to 5. The Lady Hawks showed no mercy for IUNW forcing 36 turnovers and shooting 71% from the free throw line and 49% from the field.

5 players ended the game in double digits. Transfer Lisa Reed had her first double-double of the season with 10 points, 12 rebounds and 5 steals. Junior Jackie Pusichkar had 15 points and 3 steals and Captain Erin Pedersen followed with 12. Freshman Shavonne Diamond and Courtney Fisher earned their stripes with 14 points each.

It was a tough loss against Rose Hulman at home. The Hawk started intense winning the tip and converting in the first minute. The Hawks gave Hulman a run in the first half have going into the locker room at half time up 31-15. Lack of intensity on our part let Rose Hulman back in the game in the second half. IIT shot 100% from the free throw line, but gave up 13 attempts to Hulman which they converted on 9 of them. The Hawks out rebounded, out shot and forced 22 total turnovers, but it wasn’t enough to sustain their lead in the second half.

Captain, Rashida Joiner, had 12 points and 4 steals, playing 36 minutes total. Jackie Pusichkar added to the Hawks score with 10 points shooting 50% from the field and 2 assists.

The first match up in the Ashford Tournament was against the home team Ashford University. It was a close game starting the first have up to 25. The Hawks out shot Ashford 37% to their 27%, but foul trouble put Ashford back into the game. Three of our players were foul troubled at one point the foul total was 8 to 2 not in our favor. Despite Ashfords aggressiveness the closed in on the win. They forced 18 turnovers ending in the 5th win for the Lady Hawks this season.

Freshman Courtney Fisher kept the Hawks competitive with her first double-double in points (16) and rebounds (14) also adding 2 blocks and 2 steals. Teammates Lisa Reed and Erin Pedersen added to the score with 9 points each and Rashida Joiner had 8 of her own. The game ended in a win 49 to 44.

The second game against St. Ambrose was a tough match up. St. Ambrose is known for their defeat against Olivet Nazarren, one of IIT conference foes. Shots weren’t falling for the Hawks as they shot 16 for 52 overall to St. Ambrose’s 31 for 69. Ambrose attempted 38 three pointers and converted on 18. The Hawks shot 30.8% overall and forced 18 turnovers, but suffered from 34 of their own, resulting in an 87 to 41 defeat.

Despite the loss, Freshman Courtney Fisher had another outstanding game with 19 points and 7 rebounds shooting 50% from the field, but unfortunately suffered from some foul trouble.

Next Hawks home game is Saturday December 15th at 1:00 PM against Taylor University.

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 Bornste@iit.edu

Do You Know Sports?

Phil Jackson was hired as an assistant in 1987. 2 Years later he became head coach by replacing whom?

A. Tim Floyd  
B. Johnny “Red”ker  
C. Doug Collins  
D. Red Averbach

Answer in next week’s issue.

Answer to last week’s issue: C. Seattle Super Sonics

Photos by Sarah Bowes

If you would like to contribute to the Sports Section or would like to see something else in it Contact Stephanie technews@iit.edu

TECHNEWS your voice
**Swim team brings in their first win**

By Stephanie Herrera  
SPOrTS EDITOR

Hawks have their first win at home last Saturday 103 to 69. It was an exciting meet for both the men and women over Morningside College. Joe Munsch won first in the 1650 and the 200 IM earning a total of 18 points for Hawks. Freedman Kalman Varga earned 18 points for the men as well by placing first in 200 and 500 Freestyle. Andrew Meir won in the 50 free and 100 back, along with Jay Park 100 Fly and 100 Breast to assist in 4 double event winners for the men.

The women had their first victory for the season with just 7 members on the roster. Junior Nicole Mullinger won in the 200 and 500 free. Senior Samantha Staley led the team with a win in both the 200 IM and 100 free.

Be sure to catch their last home meet over the winter break Friday, January 18th against Loras College at 11:00 AM. The Hawks will have a competitive break with meets against Carthage, a tournament in Florida and another tough meet against Montreal, Canada at another Master’s series event. So, the fans had a grudge match on their hands and as history has shown, grudge matches in any sport produce the best moments. This one was won by Nallanbarn 6-4, 7-6. The moment of truth had arrived. A Grand Finale against “The Chosen One”—Roger Federer.

Roger has a lot of respect for Nallanbarn and the head to head records show why. Federer leads Nallanbarn 6-6 coming into this match. David, as with all his Final matches starts slow, gauges his opponents strokes and decrypts their gameplan and then unleashes strokes that make his opponents run coast to coast and in the end give up. Federer, as expected won the first set 6-1.

By this time, Nallanbarn had measured up Roger and started on his quest. With baseline strokes that crept deeper and deeper down the baseline, Federer was made to work for a change. He had to chase down balls that had an added tinge of topspin just to allude any attempt to be caught by the #1. David packed up the second and the third sets 6-3 and 6-3. The Final scoreline read 1-6, 6-3, 6-3. The crowd gut their money’s worth and Nallanbarn had made a long awaited comeback. Hopping the New Year sees Federer, Nallanbarn, Djokovic, Nalbandian and the “New and Improved” Andy Roddick deliver some magical Tennis moments.

Shanghai Surprise: Federer lost the opening match to Sebastian Gonzalez, which came as a shock. On the other side David Ferrer was quietly demolishing the best seeds and took out both Nallanbarn and Djokovic. He came to the Final against Federer with a clean slate of 4-0 against the top players. Ferrer came in with 3 wins and 1 loss. The final was a speller. David was never allowed to drive the car and was quietly tuck in and fastened by a tight seat belt as Guru Federer decided to take him for a spin. The final score read 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 in Roger’s favor. This was his 4th Masters Series title in 5 years.

So, this was a great year for Lawn Tennis and was once said by someone so great that I forgot his name “A Lawn Tennis player has his best years at the age of 27 and 28. Well, we still have the best of Federer lined up. Till then, Adios to a great 2007 and hoping for an even better 2008.

**Health tips from Tara**

By Tara Bealor, BSN, RN

**DIRECTOR OF ADMIN**

Finals are coming up and for most students that means unhealthy eating and lack of sleep. However, those bad habits can decrease your ability to perform well on your finals and can wreak havoc on your overall health. Without enough sleep (around 7 hours) you may have difficulty processing, analyzing and retaining information. Not eating a balanced diet diminishes your ability to think clearly and concentrate. To ensure you don’t fall into those habits during your finals, start planning now and manage your time wisely.

1. **Make a schedule for finals week and stick to it!** Include time for meals (all three), a daily stress-relieving activity like exercise or a visit to Student Activities’ stress relief zone, study time, and an exact bedtime and wake time.

2. **Just say no!** Don’t over commit yourself during finals. Review the schedule you made for finals week and say no to favors or requests you don’t have time for or don’t really want to do.

3. **Reevaluate your expectations!** No one is perfect. If you spend a lot of time on papers and projects trying to get them perfect, try to reevaluate your expectations and set achievable, but still acceptable goals.

4. **Listen to your body!** This is by far, the most important thing you can do during finals. If you are nodding off while studying, take a nap, or go to bed. If you start to feel really stressed out, take a break from studying for a half hour. Your body will tell you what it needs if you pay attention to it.

Here’s to a healthy finals week! If you have any questions about your Health visit Tara Bealor at the Health Center, or email her at bealor@iit.edu.