What can the Career Fair do for you?

By Karina Powell

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In coating through our college careers, it often becomes easy to focus on the present and near future. What’s due tomorrow? What tests are next week? What classes am I going to take next semester? We often lack a vision of what happens after crossing that stage to receive diplomas which cost four years and a lot of money that we really don’t have. Conveniently, the Career Management Center offers students a glimpse of what exists beyond just the borders of the university, at the semestersly Career Fair.

Regardless of what you believe your calling to be, there’s something at the career fair for everyone. IIT’s Career Management Center has been working diligently to produce the most effective, professional environment with the most applicable companies present. There are going to be 130 companies in attendance with job-openings for positions in the entire spectrum of majors that IIT offers. The recruiters are looking for students to fill internships, co-ops and full-time positions at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. Since it’s important to do your research on these companies ahead of time, a complete list of recruiters can be found on the Career Management Center’s website.

This week’s issue of TechNews, the CMC has put out an article with some tips for success at the career fair (page 9). Even if you are a seasoned career fair attendee it might be beneficial for you to look over the advice that is offered. It seems that regardless of how many work-stops or career fairs you attend, there is always more that you can learn in working toward the goal of becoming proficient at speaking with employers. This career fair is going to be the largest in IIT history. What does that mean for students? More recruiters, more positions, more possibilities. Don’t miss out on all of the opportunities that await you; attend the Career Management Center’s Fall Career Fair!

Date: Thursday, September 27, 2007

Time: 12:00pm-5:00pm

Location: Herman Hall

Contact cmc@iit.edu with any questions.

A week that set the tone for ‘07

By Michael Morley

This year’s Homecoming was a huge success thanks to the enthusiasm and dedication of many students involved in the spirit team competitions and everyone else who came to support the various athletic events and help out.

Homecoming 2007 was unique in various respects. It may have surprised many of you because it was held two weeks earlier than usual. Additionally, this year many student organizations and residence hall teams participated in competitions that in past years have been dominantly Greek, thus bringing the campus together. One of the reasons for pushing the date forward into mid-September was to have the best weather possible which helped the positive mentality throughout the week.

Every year the first Homecoming activity is the Window Painting competition. You may have been wondering why all the main windows on campus had been painted throughout the week. These are intended to express the school spirit, artistry, and creativity of the various teams involved. Many of them were impressive in their artistic ability and creative genius, but ultimately a panel of 7 generous staff members helped critique the paintings with Campus Crusade’s window finishing first overall in the competition.

The window painting is the first activity for the week, but the real first Homecoming student event on campus this year was the volleyball game against Robert Morris College. Union Board’s Scarlet Fever led the chants at the game throwing out free T-shirts, water bottles, and Frisbees to the crowd and leading them in their madness. The success of our Scarlet Fever (SF) branch this year and the past can be attributed to Alex Thaler, our SF Programmer, and Ray Ballard the respective Vice President of the Impact committee which encompasses SF. In total the game attracted roughly 200 enthusiastic students and staff as they watched the LadyHawks demolish Robert Morris in three straight games.

Wednesday’s big event was the Lip Sync competition which was encired by comedian Ryan Buds. More than 200 people came to cheer on the nine teams that entertained the roughly 500 attendees. The scores were close, but the Sig Eps with their very effeminate dancing and singing came out on top for the night.

Thursday night was exciting for both the spirit teams and the general student body. Late at night “Baby Wam Candy,” an improv musical troupe, performed an entire musical based upon a topic that was given out by the audience, which happened that night to be about “Eating Babies.” Meanwhile the spirit teams were racing all over campus and Chicago in search of the answers to the Homecoming Scavenger Hunt. The clues led them to Greek Town, China Town, Millennium Park, the Lake Front, and to various lesser known places around campus. At the end of a sleepless night for many team members, the lists were turned in at 4am the following day with the Sig Eps completing 100/100 and Honors Medical Society coming in a very close second with 99/100. The genius and creativity behind Scavenger Hunt clues came from Saagar Patel and Serena Chacko, our UB Treasurer and VP of Weekend events respectively.

Friday I am sure was a day that almost everyone remembers. The Homecoming Carnival had been hyped all week and I’m sure did not fail to impress anyone who came. Roughly over 500 attendees, staff, and family members took part in the festivities. Four hundred free shirts were handed out almost instantaneously, free food for nearly 500 people, and all of the events completely free. The X-Treme Air vertical skydiving simulator stole the show, blasting students up in the air with 120mph winds with assistants holding their arms and legs to stop them from flying away. Our VP of Impact Events, Ray Ballard, organized the event from our end almost single handedly and we would like to thank Facilities and Public Safety for being so receptive and dedicated to the students on campus and to the ASA, Kappa, and Delta chapters for all their help in setting up and running the event.

Saturday was an early start for those involved in the float competition. It is not easy to design, build, and decorate a float in under 12 hours, but every group did an outstanding job. The parade was led by the Scarlet Hawk sitting on a public safety vehicle with the horn ringing. The parade ended at Stuart Field where SF was again ready with hundreds of free T-shirts, thunder sticks, kazoos, and burgers for hundreds of fans. The men’s and women’s teams both came out victorious by the end of the afternoon with 9-1 and 3-2 finishes respectively. Finally, the Homecoming Dance was a huge success. By 8:45pm there were 200 students dancing, illuminated by the thousands of glowsticks that lit up the room. Dhs. Mokgweiti Phabi and Saiman Nimmagadda spun a variety of R&B, House, and Rap music during the four hours keeping the crowd hopping.

Finally, congratulations to the Honors Medical Society for being the overall winners of the spirit team competitions during Homecoming week. It took an enormous amount of effort and talent to pull off some of the tasks that they did. I would also like to once again thank all of the staff, especially the Office of Student Activities and Orientation, the President’s Office, Facilities, Public Safety, the Greek Community, and Residence Life, for coming together to help support and run these events which make IIT a great place for students to study and live.

More about homecoming on pages 10 & 11
A modest proposal

By Colin Emch-Wei
A&E EDITOR

It’s no secret that the biggest problem on campus is student apathy, or at least the hatred of Illinois Tech by its own students. Many people, administrators and students alike, have tried to solve this problem. Only recently have they made some steps to correct this problem.

However, the efforts of these people (and I applaud you, don’t get me wrong) often falls short and then into obscurity. The reason is simple: for every excited and involved student, there are one hundred jaded and apathetic students. As a result, no matter how much these people jump up and down, waving their hands in the air, everyone else will walk by and go sit in their rooms. They eventually give up, and much like a disease the apathy spreads.

I’ve been here enough time to consider myself an expert in this field. Myself and a few friends helped start a gaming club on campus our freshman year, but due to the IIT disease, it failed the year after. As a scientist and social thinker, I’ve internalized this data and I believe I’ve found a viable solution.

Let’s break this down...I’ll go slowly. After the completion of this academic year, stop accepting students. For, say, the next five years. That’ll be enough time to flush out anyone who is a freshman this year. The school should be able to sustain itself on these students’ tuition, and faculty without classes can go on sabbatical for the time being. I suggest a tropical island.

Once the current student population has graduated, hire some psychologists, some organizers from other schools...you know, people who know how to make a campus a crazy and cool place. Get some exciting and new people in the mix (this is already happening, kudos to all of you), and allow them to work their magic for a year or two. Let them completely revamp Illinois Tech’s image. Start an epic campaign to make Illinois Tech sound like the best damn school in the world...if you don’t go here, you might as well not go to college.

Then, you start accepting students. The school will be essentially new, the faculty will still be the seasoned and knowledgeable mass they are. The only difference will be a student population with all the apathy flushed out. These kids will love their school, and be proud of it.

Simple, no? The only other alternative I can think of is rounding up all the jaded students after this year and shipping them off somewhere. Or you kill them off. One of the two.
3. Bad Food

Advice: Steer clear of places that start with the word China. You’ll be disappointed.

Exceptions: China town. That’s a completely different story.

Case 2: Chinese

Example: Chinese Kitchen

Price: Decent. Look for specials to save more money

Food Quality: Good—but bad for you—food.

Justification: Bad food gets a little better when you add MSG.

Advice: Go there until the health department does. (Chinese Kitchen was shut down last summer by the health department, but their food was so good and cheap eat at your own risk)

Exceptions: None found yet

Case 3: Person’s Name’s

Example: Wang’s

Price: Usually not a cheap

Food Quality: Usually fairly decent. It usually depends on time of day for food quality because restaurants like this usually let food sit out in large batches and serve it as it’s ordered.

Justification: These restaurants usually have one chef.. Hence the person’s name in the title. They have to make a bunch of food ahead of time because they might not be able to handle making all that food at once as it’s ordered.

Advice: Skip it. You can do better for your money...or tastebuds. Buy cheaper food that tastes the same from a cheaper restaurant or buy food that costs the same and is better from better restaurants.

Exceptions: No. There are no exceptions. However, don’t think this applies to restaurants named in the Person’s Name’s Product Name format. This is totally different.

Case 4: Person’s Name Product Name

Example: Joy Yet’s Noodles

Price: Higher, but worth it.

Food Quality: Pretty good.

Justification: Having a specialty makes a restaurant good at something specific before they end up making some huge menu full of food they’re not good at making.

Advice: If you can afford it, go for places that look like this. They might not deliver, but their food is good and worth the higher price.

Case 5: Noun Chinese

Example: Friendship Chinese

Price: High

Food Quality: Good

Justification: These restaurants are usually trendy restaurants... Maybe they have Sushi bars for those craving Japanese cuisine. They’re kind of expensive, the food is kind of high-class (e.g. Spicy Orange Chicken in a Grand Mariner Reduction)... It’s different, but still good.

Advice: Not your run-of-the-mill Chinese places. Don’t plan on them being your staple restaurants that will deliver to you at a reasonable price... Unless you’re rich. Then, go for it... and scalp me some money in the process.

Case 6: Something Hanun or Hanun Some thing

Example: Hanun House

Price: Low to Moderate

Food Quality: Good

Justification: These restaurants are just copies of restaurants that fall under the Single Person’s name (i.e. Case 4 above).

Advice: A good place to regularly visit if you really want that fake Chinese flavor on a regular basis.

Choosing the perfect Chinese Restaurant: According to this formula, the ultimate Chinese restaurant should be called: “Chang’s Chinese Kitchen of Chinese Noodles Chinese”

Find a restaurant named accordingly, and you will find the best Chinese food in the country. It might be out there. If you find it, let me know. Send me an e-mail at mulljos@iit.edu. I look forward to trying the best Chinese food around.

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Word of the Week: Floof – The act of manually inducing a sexual mindset for a woman on the set of an adult film between scenes... The female version of “thud.” A good floof can mean the difference between a video ending up in the $2.99 bin or selling for well over $50.

“Get the floofer over here or else I’m going to have to start faking it.”

Next Week: Hear what the Counseling Center has to say about your questions: One question, two responses. This may result in advice you can actually use. Stay tuned!

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The usefulness of doorguards at Illinois Tech
And the power trips that accompany their uselessness

By Rebekah Reid
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After three years of schooling, the concept of the doorguard still is fascinating. To protect the IIT community, these valiant souls have life and limb to sit at a desk and check IDs. Oh fear not citizen! Your lives are at great
doors, they will battle with untold minions of evildoers intent on the destruction of everything we hold most dear. Who does these courageous souls do battle with most often? The very students and faculty they are intended to protect.

How often do you see some hapless individual who has forgotten their ID having to sign in a little book when they are already late to class? How often does someone have to wait at the door of the MTCC till a defender of the innocent will let them pass? How often will the oppression be necessary to protect our hapless selves?

What is truly appalling, is that often times, the doorguards recognize the very people they harass. This morning (8:25 AM, Monday, Sept. 10, 2007) I walked into Stuart Building, to be met by someone I’ve ignored numerous times. After three years, senioritis has set in and I refuse to show my ID to someone who’s been here two weeks but thinks that their job gives them authority to inhibit me traveling to mine. Unlucky me, this time I did not have my headphones on to pretend I did not hear his pitiful cries of “ID, Please show ID.” This guy knows me. He knows I work in the building. He was on a power trip.

This young male stalked me into my office. A 5’5 woman who obviously belongs where she is heading is greater than any other threat that might enter while he abandons his post. I completely understand the logic. He spots, a master he’s memorized about rules. His feelings were hurt that I didn’t succumb to his powerful, god-authorized version which he must also know to be his birthright. So his solution was to stalk me. I showed him my ID for his protection. I didn’t want to end up needing to hurt him if he began to get aggressive. As a responsible martial artist, I diffused the situation by giving him in his power trip. However, what would have happened had I not? Would he have enclosed on my personal space, searched my things for an ID, or possibly gotten physical? As a brown belt, I would have dealt with him accordingly, with as little harm as possible. Who might he follow who will not react so kindly? How will he react to them? How many more people need to be harassed before the policy of “everyone needs their ID” is revamped? Why, when he sees me daily, do I need to show him an ID every time? The logic is flawed, as obviously, is the position.

According to thefreedictionary.com, a power trip is “an action undertaken chiefly for the gratification associated with the exercise of power over another or others.” Any position which gives someone who has been here two weeks the power to delay someone, like my associate, who has been here six years, is bound to have negative consequences. If the safety provided were worth it, I would agree to their inspections of my IIT authenticity. However, there are very few doorguards who could defend the entrance against someone actually bent on damage, so I fail to see the reason in spending money on a needless expense.

But fear not, gentle souls. Your turn. You too will have a bad morning, not feel like giving into the bureaucracy, and you too will be followed into your class, office, or bathroom of choice. Carry pepper-spray, and be on your guard, these defenders of evil are protecting more than the IIT community. They are trying to protect the obvious. That their jobs are useless and that the IIT community should not pay for their function, or for the superiority complexes they create.

Harry Potter: “Seven unfathomable jewels?”

By Abhishek Gunduguri
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Harry Potter. This name has been used scores of times to grab people’s attention in a newspaper, magazine or periodical. Unfortunately, I have to do the same. Yes, to make a point and to share my opinion with you.

Last issue of TechNews had, I am guessing here, a more than 1000 word article about Harry Potter and how the last book is such a thrill. I initially did not have the patience to read it, but as this week was full of midterm exams for me, I did spend my time reading it. In the conclusion of the article, I found the words from the author — “...we have an epic saga in the form of seven unfathomable jewels among us — fantasy though it might be...” Great point there, dear author. Harry Potter is an unfathomable fantasy kingdom, though. J. K. Rowling is a good writer and millions of people around the world do keep her in high esteem. But Harry Potter is still not an Epic.

I will tell you why Harry Potter cannot be considered an Epic; when the ‘best Epic book for children’ award is selected, that’s when. It is inescapable that Harry Potter and everything portrayed in the book is fictional stories for children. Children have a place in their heart for J. K. Rowling, yes, I agree. But they cannot have a place in their heart for unlimited fantasy. The human emotions in the book are great, personally enjoyable, but they are only momentary. A literary written in fantasy can only bring in human emotions for a temporary time period, that’s my personal opinion.

One other thing I greatly disliked in the end of the article was that the author compared the Harry Potter series to a REAL epic of the Indian Culture (India – Asia). Now, for the people who had no clue what the author was saying last time, he compared the Indian epic Ramayana and Mahabharata with Harry Potter series. I will tell you my opinion of why this is all wrong. The Ramayana and Mahabharata, the two great epics of Sanskrit literature, portray a civilization of people and their way of life and how there was a social, amiable, traditional and orthodox culture in the people in a distant past. It also told and educated the reader of many values that the human civilization should hold dear if they wish to survive in the future. Harry Potter, it did not do any of this. Harry Potter was fictional teenagers who had to escape fantasy to grow up! Think about it. The characters in Harry Potter, Ron, Hermione, all were teenagers/children going through life and facing (fantasy) dangers. If anything, Harry Potter can be a fantasy version of what a real kid is going through. But I think it is not a jewel among the people of the world. I think people in this world, if they like Harry Potter as much as the author of the last week’s article, are just so sick of their real lives that they secretly wish that Harry Potter was real and that’s why they hold the book to such high standards of writing. And the author’s comparison towards the end to a similar incident in the Indian Epic shows, in part, that J. K Rowling could have party got her inspiration from other cultural and regional writings.

I will close by saying that the article was wrongly published in the A & E section. My opinion, it should have been in the ‘Opinion section’.

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Save the CTA

By Kaushik T. Ganesan

“A friend in need is a friend indeed”, they say. And there’s no better time to help a friend than when he is in distress. The CTA is a classic case in point. I do not know how many of you would be tempted to consider the CTA to be your friend, but I most certainly do. How many times have you caught the red line just in time for the Cubs’ game? How many times have you caught the 29th State just in time for the fireworks at Navy Pier? How many of you made it just on time for an interview downtown, thanks to the CTA? Me, maybe not all the above, but definitely, the CTA has been my friend for more than a year now. Be it my escapades downtown or my monthly shopping exercise at Devon Avenue or the all-important and by-now-regular visits to O’Hare, the CTA has been a good friend to me, cheap too, thanks to the U-Pass. Accepted, not always has the CTA been on time, and with these innumerable renovations going on in most of the lines, there have been those teeny-weeny delays of late, but they are few by far. I cannot imagine a bustling Chicago without an efficient CTA. Imagine if you didn’t have all those trains running on time to the Loop, how many many offices would be having their employees drive in late, stuck in those oh-so-many traffic jams all over Chicagoland, more tasty and rich than any of Heinz’s choicest ketchups? Frankly speaking, I, for one, feel, Chicago would not even be half of what it is now, if not for the CTA. I have not been to New York, but I am told they have the best urban transit system. To hell with New York, I’m fine, thanks, with a city that boasts of an awesome lake front, a couple of awesome sky-views, arguably the best architecture in the whole of mainland urban America, not to forget the best people (Ah well, at least close to the best, if “the best” sounded too much of an exaggeration for you) in the United States of America, to name a few. And to run such a multi-ethnic, multi-social, multi-religious, multi-lingual, multi-cultural city, the most important in the Midwest, transport does play quite a stellar role, in ensuring people are on time in the places where they have to be. And the CTA, notwithstanding the occasional humane error, has stood up to the challenge.

Now, when the CTA faces such a huge funding problem, I am rather surprised and disturbed. Surprised because I thought funding was a problem only for privately-run educational institutions like IIT, disturbed because I cannot think how Chicago can afford to find itself so low in the graph shown alongside.

It’s time for us to act. Let us do our part in helping out our friend in distress by signing up at the link below and showing how important Transport is to us Chicagoans (in general) and IIT’ians (in particular).

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After all, isn’t a friend in need a friend indeed?

Photo of the Week

Fire escapes in downtown Chicago. ~Sarah Bowes

Submit photos for consideration to technewspictures@gmail.com by Thursday 8pm. Subject matter is open. Include your name as you would like it printed. Include a description that you would like printed with it. Keep in mind that it will be printed on this page in black and white. Contest is open to all IIT students, faculty and staff.

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YOUR VOICE
Melted ice opens up new Arctic Northwest Passage

By Abhishek Gundugurti

Just when the focus on Global warming is growing, more proof to suggest the dramatic power of the phenomenon occurred last week. The ice in the Arctic has shrunk to the lowest level on record. The European Space Agency released new satellite images, nearly 200 of them, taken together showed an ice-free passage along northern Canada, Alaska and Greenland. This has risen the possibility of the Northwestern passage which could not become an open shipping lane. The waters are revealing unexplored resources. The opening of the passage would mean ships can now cut thousands of miles from Europe to Asia, as they would bypass the Panama Canal. According to the Danish National Space Center’s Leif Pedersen, the Arctic ice has shrunk to only 1 million square miles. The previous low was 1.5 million square miles in 2005. Shockingly, in just two years, half a million square miles of ice has melted and retreated.

Mr Leif Pedersen said this strong reduction in just one year raises [warning] flags that the ice (in summer) may disappear much sooner than previously expected. He added that the extreme retreat this year suggested the passage could fully open sooner than expected. The European Space Agency did not say when, and efforts to contact ESA officials in Paris and Noordwijk were unsuccessful. A United Nations panel on climate change has predicted that Polar Regions could be virtually free of ice by the summer of 2070 because of rising temperatures and sea ice decline.

In a flip side of the story, Russia, Norway, Denmark, Canada and the United States are among countries in a race to secure rights to the Arctic that heated up last month when Russia sent two small submarines to plant its national flag under the North Pole. It is suggested that 25% of world’s undiscovered oil and gas could be hidden in the area. Environmentalists have expressed fear of increase in maritime traffic and man-made disasters like oil spills could endanger the lives of animals as well.

Of course, one positive thing about the recent development is that the Northwest Passage is opening. Researcher Claes Ragnar of Norway’s Fridtjof Nansen Institute said that the new opening has only symbolic meaning for the future of sea transport. “Routes between Scandinavia and Japan could be almost halved, and a stable and reliable route would mean a lot to certain regions. Shorter transport routes means less pollution if you can ship products from A to B on the shortest route. But the fact that the polar ice is melting away is not good for the world in that we’re losing the Arctic and the animal life there” he said.

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Four Doctors Win “America’s Nobel Prize”

By Abhishek Gundugurti

The Albert Lasker Medical Research Awards, also known as “America’s Nobel prize”, have honored scientists and physicians whose accomplishments made major advances in the understanding, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of many diseases over the past 61 years. Lasker awards are widely considered the nation’s most prestigious honor. In fact, 72 Lasker award winners have gone on to win the Nobel prize.

Four doctors are the recipients of the 2007 Lasker awards (www.laskerfoundation.org). Drs. Alan Carpentier of the Georges Pompidou European Hospital in Paris and Albert Starr of the Providence Health System in Oregon are the joint winners of the Clinical Medical Research award. Both scientists worked on developing artificial heart valves that are widely used today. 90,000 patients in the U.S. have heart valves replaced each year.

Dr. Anthony Fucci of the National Institute of Health received the award for public service. He engineered the President’s Emergency plan for AIDS relief and is a pioneer in developing countermeasures against potential bioterrorism agents. He led federal government efforts in developing vaccines and drugs to treat anthrax, small pox, and ebola.

Dr. Ralph Steinman of Rockefeller University discovered dendritic cells that initiate a cascade of immune responses defending our body against infection. Research is now being carried out to identify whether the cells can be used to treat cancer, HIV and other disorders.

The awards will be presented September 28th in New York. Starr and Carpentier each will receive $75,000; Steinman and Fucci each will receive $150,000 each.
The list everyone has been waiting for. The Richest people in America – the top 400 list. The list carries no surprise as the man on top of the list is the usual suspect. William Gates III still rules the roost at the top of the richest people in America list. The Microsoft guru's worth is about 59 Billion Dollars. Following him closely in second is Warren Buffet. The media mogul, known as the 'Sage of Omaha', has been rated right after Gates at a value of 52 B dollars. In third place, is rages-to-riches story of, Sheldon Adelson. At a net worth of 28 billion dollars, it is shocking to know that at the age of 12, he borrowed $200 from his uncle to start selling newspapers. In fourth place is Oracle's founder and post-retirement age Lawrence Ellison. His company's sales rose 25% to $18 billion last year and profit were up by 26% to $4.3 billion. In a combined fifth place, the creators of Google are the surprise of the year. Sergey Bin and Larry Page, the young creators of Google were placed in the top ten list and are the first ranked people in the youngest rich people in America.

Sergey Bin and Larry Page's story of their money making machine, Google, is known mostly as the popular search engine. Their story is more than just a search engine. For example, did you know Sergey Bin and Larry Page met in a building which would be named Bill Gates center in Palo Alto, CA? Sergey Bin, who was originally from Russia, is now the President of Technology in Google. Larry Page, a native of Michigan, is actually the son of Dr Carl Victor Page, one of the first PhD Graduates from University of Michigan. Lawrence 'Larry' Page himself graduated from University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in computer science. He also has a Masters degree in computer science from Stanford; just like Sergey Bin. Larry Page currently heads the product division.

Google itself was started as a project in Stanford as a thesis for Sergey and Larry. Initially, it was being used by a few 1000s of students in Stanford. At ten thousand people using Google around Stanford, it is now the second most visited website in the world. With 4 million visitors or more daily, Google grew from a 4 billion dollar company in 2004 to $18.5 billion dollar company. Extending ad business into TV, cell phones, various online venues Google bought Web video portal YouTube for $1.65 billion last year; recently partnered with EchoStar, LG Electronics, and Salesforce.com. Google’s policy still remains: ‘Do no evil’.

The sale of new hybrid cars in the United States has surprising increased by 49 percent. In a country obsessed with SUVs, luxury cars and disinterest in fuel efficient cars, the sales comes as a surprise and a welcome sign. This increase in sales is said to have been caused largely due to a boom in sales in the Midwest. The state of Oklahoma was the winner. The number of hybrid cars in this state increased by a whopping 143 percent. These numbers are based on the registration of new hybrid cars and trucks. The comparison was base don the numbers from 2006 between January and July. In Southfield, Oklahoma the number of Americans with a new registered hybrid vehicle was 215,997; in 2006, the same city recorded a number of 144,721. In the Midwest, the sales were up 57%, the most increase for any region. The Toyota Prius and the hybrid version of the Toyota Camry were the most popular models. Hybrid sales increased to 52% in the West, 49% in the Northeast, 42% in the South. Louise Miller, a director of industry analysis, said hybrids are a bright spot in a US market which is currently doing bad in terms of sales. Miller’s prediction is that US hybrid sales will exceed 300,000 this year or more than 2% of all sales. Last year the total number of sales of hybrids in the US was 254,545. The rise in sales might be attributed to high gas prices and environmental concerns. “The data indicates that hybrids have not hit plateau and that there is room for continued growth within the marketplace in all regions,” Miller said in a news release.

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By Kaushik T. Ganesan
ADVERTISING MANAGER

After much ado, Starbucks finally opened a store right here in our own home—sweet-home. On 17th September, Mayor Richard Daley officially inaugurated the store at 35th and State in a gala opening ceremony that also included, among other dignitaries, Alderman Pat Dowell and Illinois HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson. The store was opened in association with Johnson Development Corporation (http://www.johnsondevelopmentcorp.com/), the 9th such store. Starbucks Coffee Company and Magic Johnson’s Johnson Development Corporation formed Urban Coffee Opportunities, LLC (UCO) in 1998 to enhance the development of Starbucks retail stores in ethnically diverse, urban and suburban neighborhoods across the country. Starbucks was thus, extended a warm welcome to the Bronzeville Community and its partnership with the Elliott Donnelly Youth Center was much appreciated. Mayor Daley also remarked about this being part of the “largest transformation of public housing in the world.” Secretary Jackson, in his address, said that the opening of the store was all about people. He spoke about how the opening of the store was going to boost job opportunities in the area. Two residents from the local community, Andre’ Williams and Sheila Taylor, were also invited to speak at the function. Complimentary coffee and yummy pastries were served to those present. Overall, it was a great inauguration to yet another feather to Bronzenville’s cap.

By Linda Goldstein
LAYOUT EDITOR

I attended the resume workshop thrown by the CMC in Wishnick Hall last week. The presentation reviewed the various sections of the resume and common formatting mistakes made in them. The presentation made a point of reviewing how to present projects like the ones that architecture students might do, or like the research projects that BME or engineering students might do, or projects like the ones that architecture students might do, or like the research projects that architecture students might do.

There were about 30 people in the audience. I’d expected there to be more, with the Career Fair so near. Sometimes it feels as if the entire marketing, entrepreneurial, and graduate IIT communities are focused on nothing else. You may have noticed the IJA table on the Bridge in MTCC. They’ve been selling custom-printed business cards. Naturally, they’re making a nice profit; they’re the IIT Entrepreneurship Academy, after all.

The Career Fair is going to be fantastic; I’m hoping to get a lead on an internship, and to talk to potential employers. Also, I’m hoping to get past my apprehension of large groups of people whose primary thought is money.

By Linda Goldstein
LAYOUT EDITOR

Art says a lot about a person. There’s window art on campus this week, done by the Spirit Teams for Homecoming. What does this art say about IIT students?

Some themes were Pirates/Ninjas (4th east), Star Trek (Campus Bridge), and Dr. Zeus (Sigma Pi Epsilon). What does this say about us as a school? First, that we have some good artists among us. Secondly, that we’re geeks and nerds and enjoy it. Other themes were focused on the group that created them—the cross-country team gave us an impressive “trample the weak, hurdle the dead” two-window painting (on Perlstein), the Honors Medical Society presented the IIT mascot in a doctor’s lab jacket, and the Phi Kapps showed us a skeleton in a Phi Kappa Epsilon shirt as IIT’s homeie, frightening Robert Morris College. ASA gave us hot sauce, with “Spice IT Up” displayed prominently on E1. Yes, our art says a lot about us. And we are strange and awesome.
By Emily Breenkride

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

How to work a Career Fair

With the Full Career Fair quickly approaching, it is time to make sure you’re ready. This year’s Full Career Fair will be 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 27 at Herman Union Building (HUB). With more than 125 companies in attendance, it is sure to be a great opportunity for IIT students. Whether you are currently seeking employment or not, you should attend the Career Fair, because it is a chance for you to meet, and network with prospective employers and professionals in your field. But how can you prepare at the last minute?

BEFORE THE FAIR: Start by checking out the Career Management Center’s website to see what companies are attending: www.cmc.iit.edu. From this list, make your own list of which companies you want to meet with while you’re there. Next, visit each company’s website, and take notes. Find out as much as you can about the company, especially:

• What their mission/purpose is;
• What their products are;
• Who their clients are;
• What the company culture is like;
• Who their competitors are, and how they compare to other companies in the industry.

If you need additional information beyond what’s available on the company’s website, visit www시장.com or www.lessons.com. Next, write out a list of questions that you want to ask each employer. Questions show the employer that you have done your research, and that you are knowledgeable and enthusiastic. Avoid asking questions about salary, benefits, vacation, etc.

Once you’ve done your research, and made your list of questions, develop a career fair strategy. How much time can you spend at the Career Fair? Which are your target companies? What questions do you want to ask each employer? When you have done your research, and that you are knowledgeable and enthusiastic. Avoid asking questions about salary, benefits, vacation, etc.

AFTER THE FAIR: Follow-up according to the instructions you received from each employer. Also, make sure you send thank you letters within a few days of the fair to all of the employers you spoke to and for whom you have contact information. If you have any questions regarding a prospective employer, leading you forget letter formats, or questions regarding the Full Career Fair, please contact the Career Management Center at (312) 567-6800.
Homecoming, a week that won’t soon be forgotten

By Vladilena Gaisina
TECHNEWS WRITER

One of the many exciting events and activities on campus during Homecoming week was a Scavenger Hunt, sponsored by the Union Board. The Hunt started at 5 pm on Thursday, September 20th and was over by 4pm on Friday, September 21st. There were four Greek, two Residence Halls, and six Student Organizations participating in teams of five to eight. According to Michael Morley, a fourth-year Biomedical Engineering student who organized the Hunt, the participating Residence Hall and Student Organization groups brought diversity to an event dominated by Greeks in the past. There were 46 clues all worth a different amount of points that the competitors had to take pictures of. “In the past, there were issues with people stealing things, so we decided to make this a photo hunt,” says Morley. The winning team was the one that got closest to the maximum of 100 points. The prize was $200 to the team as a whole, as well as $15 gift certificates to individual members. To make the event fun and interesting, the Scavenger Hunt included a few clues about the city of Chicago besides those about objects on campus. Morley explains, “We originally wanted to do an Amazing Race Chicago type deal, but we were asked to keep it on campus as much as possible.” When asked about a similar event that the University of Chicago organizes for its students annually, Morley replied, “Theirs is very famous, but its also infamous, because they would ask students to do things bordering on illegal. We just tried to incorporate diverse things that engineers would know, and archies would know, to make this really fun and kinda quirky, and tied in with academics, IIT history and mythology.”

The ASA team said their strategy was to first go through the entire list and see what things they knew where to find for sure, and then split up and go get the pictures. The girls got excited over clue number 32: “Picture of the First Sorority House in Chicago” (answer ASA). Overall, it can be said that the Scavenger Hunt has reached its goal of educating students about the campus. Curt Aubry of the Sigma Phi Epsilon team said, referring to the Model Train Set room, “We found the single creepiest room on campus... The floor was shaking... We thought we might die.”

Congratulations to the Sig Eps, who came in first with 100/100! The HMS group wound up with 99/100, and the Campus Crusade for Christ were third with 92/100. All groups are applauded on their outstanding effort, as they must have dedicated an incredible amount of time to their tasks.

Photos by Sarah Bowes, Christopher Cheek, Linda Goldstein and Babajide Oke.
What better way to inaugurate the new president than at a good old-fashioned disc-golf course? Come join President John Anderson and John Collins, VP of business administration, for the inaugural toss ceremony on September 27th at 1:00pm, sponsored by IIT Facilities. The ceremony with 125 VanderCook students playing will be held in Siegel Field, which is on the Southwest corner of 33rd and State. Hot dogs and beverages will be offered in addition to free discs for the first 200 attendees. The first disc-golf course in the Chicago city limits will cover the grounds of the main campus. The effort to launch University Disc Golf course is spearheaded by two students, Ryan Yarzak and Ross Allen, whom you can contact at ryarzak@iit.edu and rallen10@iit.edu respectively.

By Vladilena Gaisina
TECHNEWS WRITER
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Could this be the end of the Fox TV series 24?

By Andres De La Hoz

A&E EDITOR

This week, a press release by Fox announced details of the upcoming season of their acclaimed action-thriller “24”. Contrary to other seasons, when the show has relied on the element of surprise and constant shocks to the audience, this release announced very straightforwardly that Carlos Bernard would be rejoining the show as Tony Almeida.

Back down for a second. In Season 5, Tony Almeida was killed. The audience saw the death happening. Jack Bauer referred to Tony as being dead later during the season. Why? Many fans thought Jack had killed. The audience saw the death happening. Jack Bauer was rejoining the show as Tony Almeida.

Element of surprise and constant shocks to the audience, this season 6, better than any other season of “24”. Throughout the show, a day of action in real-time, the crisis of the day started getting more repetitive. Though the structure of the show, presenting a day of action in real-time, seems to suggest that things have to be carefully planned, this isn’t the case. 24’s writers improvise and make up the plot as they go along, which has led to a lack of thematic cohesion and repetition. The newer characters were never developed properly, and the return of old characters for bit parts only emphasized it.

Season 5 saw the show bounce back, though at this point it was a parody of itself. The ending of the previous season suggested that the show was headed in a new direction, but that new direction lasted a whooping two episodes before things were back to normal. Furthermore, the last remaining memorable characters and fan-favorites were killed off almost immediately, to set the story in motion. While this gave the show an edge, and made the beginning of the season seem like the best one yet, it ultimately rang hollow as the deaths were pointless and without reason. In the case of Tony’s death, many audience members weren’t even sure he’d died, since the scene was handled so poorly.

The show, however, won the Emmy for best dramatic series, and the season closed off an exciting note, and again promising a new direction.

Season 6 finally went off the rails. As with the previous one, the new direction lasted on episode or two before it reverted back to the same old situations; every old plotline was recycled, and none of the characters besides Jack were interesting. For that matter, Jack himself stopped being interesting. He’s been living the same dramas for years, and he doesn’t seem to change much from it. A plot that seemed exciting (Jack’s family being terrorists) fizzled and disappointed; too much time was spent on new characters no one cared about, and the thrills were few and far between. Audiences declined heavily. Some people stuck for the finale, which ended up being a complete non-event.

After the end of the season, the producers admitted that things hadn’t been good, and they revealed that they considered a different finale: having Tony appear. Ultimately they called it off because they felt it was too unreal and it was deceiving since he’d died, and the show’s rules so far were that whoever appeared dead, was dead.

The summer went on, plotlines were scrapped, filming was delayed several times, and now the producers announce that they went back to the old idea that they thought was too much of a betrayal to the show.

It’s obvious that this decision is being announced to try and rope fans in again; the producers know the show took a betrayal to the show.

Tip: If you would like to contribute to the A&E Section or would like to see something else in it, please contact Andres De La Hoz:

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Killer margaritas, and food to match

By Colin Emch-Wei

A&E EDITOR

Sometimes, the need for a relaxing meal and a good Friday night come together in a fashion that can’t be ignored. Such was the case for this journalist, and I needed to satisfy that urge.

I found my sustenance in a Mexican restaurant just off the Belmont stop on the Red Line. I was famished and wanted to treat myself to something delicious.

The final price was about $20 a person, which isn’t too bad, considering the margaritas were $10 apiece. The food was definitely worth it, and the atmosphere helped as well. Simply put, it was a great place to unwind with a couple of friends on a Friday night.

We ordered the “Super Burrito” and the Enchiladas Suizas. Our meals came with a small cup of soup, and a seemingly endless supply of tortilla chips and salsa. The soup was very flavorful, featuring a semi-spicy base and some noodles. The tortilla chips are served piping hot, with a salsa that’s balanced enough to make sure that those who don’t like spicy food will still enjoy it.

We also ordered two Mega margaritas...26 ounces of frozen or on-the-rocks joys available for the 21 and over crowd. They come in several flavors, which seemed to be universally loved. For crying out loud, Cesar’s chooses to have their website bewwww.killermargaritas.com, rather than the name of that actual restaurant. That alone should tell you about the quality of these margaritas.

The food was excellent, as well. The Super Burrito was served suizo (covered in cheese and sauce) with a side of guacamole. It was reported to be quite good. These burritos, much like other items on the menu, can be ordered with your choice of chicken, steak, beef, or pork. We both elected to have steak. The enchiladas suizas were extremely tasty, covered in a very supple sauce, and a side of rice. The steak/corn tortilla/cheese combination was more than enough to suit my appetite.

The Used at the Riviera

By Stephanie Herrera

SPORTS EDITOR

The Used headlined for a very interesting show last week. The opening act was a group called Josephine Collective. Try to think of a thousand killer bees stinging your eyes out...that would be about how bad they were. The group came out like a hundred clowns from a VW Beetle. There were 7 guys in the band all without an ounce of talent, besides the drummer, the poor guy is the base of a band that sucks, that’s strength! There were two lead singers, one looked like he was convolution and wasn’t quite able to hold the mic in the right position. There were three back-up vocalists one that screamed and played the guitar, the other sang at the same octave as tickle-me-elmno while playing the heck out of a 21 key, keyboard and the drummer sang his two cents in a couple of songs. I felt the other two should have had mics in front of them, simply for aesthetics. The only memorable moment from their performance was when one of the lead singers did a back flip on stage while the other puked all over the front row.

The next band was Army of Me, which I had never heard before that night. They are an impressive 4 piece set that, were pretty good, but were playing for the wrong crowd. They should have opened for the killers or The Academy is... A perfectly good band, unfortunately, didn’t get the props they deserve from the somewhat aggressive, screamo crowd.

The Bled was the last opening act. They are definitely a hard-core screamo band, comparable to As I Lay Dying or Poison the Well. They are a 5 piece set that put on an amazing show. The lead singer was dressed in what looked like a European thrift store suit with big curly hair. The rest of his crew was hard-core metal with tattoos and chains. The drummer was phenomenal. He had a one-footed double bass line; I haven’t seen drumming like that since the 98’, Blink 182 – Enema of the State tour.

The Used, as always, played great, but I wasn’t completely satisfied with the show. Once I could finally see past the smoke, the lights placed behind the band allowed me to just barely see their silhouettes. The music was awesome, when they played; the lead singer talked about 20 out of the 45 minutes he was on stage. I wasn’t incredibly impressed, but I still would do it over again, just to see The Bled’s amazing drummer.

Quick Bits

By Colin Emch-Wei

Sick of on-campus food options? (Who could blame you?) Combine your hunger and your wireless connection to find some new feeding holes. Check out Coverpop’s Wheel of Food (www.coverpop.com/wheretofindchic). You can pop in your ZIP code, and then spin a “wheel” to randomly find a new place to eat.

Alternatively, you can search for “McDonald’s rap” in the search bar on YouTube.com.

YouTube of the Week

By McDonald’s Rap

OPINION EDITOR

McDonald’s Rap

Ever want to confuse and bewilder when ordering at the drive-thru window? These people did. They’ll break it down. Slow or fast, crispy or grilled, they’ll make the people working the window just a little less bored. It might take you a few plays through to figure out what they’re actually saying.

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By Anam Moin Khan

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Asked in an interview with the CBS news show “60 Minutes” if he would press his request in the face of US opposition, he said that if local officials could not make the necessary arrangements, “I won’t insist.” “Usually you go to these sites to pay your respects. And also to perhaps to air your views about the root causes of such incidents,” Ahmadinejad said, according to excerpts of the interview released ahead of Sunday’s broadcast.

“I think that when I do that, I will be paying, as I said earlier, my respect to the American nation,” he said. Quinn said universities should be a forum for a healthy exchange of differing ideas, but that there were limits. Columbia University did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Its web site says the forum aims to foster public debate on key economic, political and social questions.

What do you think?

Should Ahmadinejad be allowed inside USA and speak at Columbia University and visit the site of the World Trade Center? 

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World News Briefs

By Anam Moin Khan

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Four journalists jailed in India:

Two journalists, a cartoonist and the publisher of Indian newspaper Mid-Day have been sentenced to four months for contempt of court. This action was taken after the newspaper published articles criticizing the ruling of a former chief justice YK Sabharwal.

According to the paper the only reason Justice Sabharwal had ruled on the demolition of unauthorized buildings was to help his son’s business.

The Prime Minister has been in power since the past 11 years and is announce to election soon. Fortunately he wasn’t present at the residence at the time of the incident.

Massive Aid needed to cope with African floods:

Eighteen countries in Africa are facing serious flood threats. The floods have already affected 1.5 million people and killed more than 300. The coming days hold more rainfall for the region and the situation is bound to worse.

In Ghana the situation was worsened when the banks of the White Volta River burst flooding a massive area of farm land. The floods have made a large percentage of area inaccessible. This is giving rise to more problems as most villages only remain approachable via canoe. The Ghana navy is trying to provide the basic necessities of life to all but the ever-present rainfall is dampening their efforts considerably.

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footsteps of Ghana. The floods are said to be the worst the region has faced in the last 50 years and it is reported that 250 people have died and more than 600,000 have been displaced till now.

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The Media was supposed to be reporting unbiased, uninterrupted and uninfuenced news. Unfortunately, that seemed not to be the case. Recent accusations by Dan Rather, ex-host of the CBS Evening News, said that there seems to be undue influence of the government and large corporations over newsrooms. This comes in the light of the $70 million lawsuit that Mr. Rather has filed against CBS and its former parent company, Viacom. Last week, he said “Somebody, sometime has got to take a stand and say democracy cannot survive, much less thrive with the level of big corporate and big government interference and intimidation in news,” on CNN’s Larry King Live.

The lawsuit was filed in New York’s state Supreme Court in Manhattan and in the claim, Rather accuses CBS and Viacom Inc as using him as a scapegoat and intentionally botched the aftermath of a discredited story about President Bush’s military service to curry favor with the White House. He was removed from his “CBS Evening News” post in March 2005. “They sacrificed support for independent journalism for corporate financial gain, and in so doing, I think they undermined a lot at CBS News,” he told King.

Rather didn’t mention other instances in which he believed news organizations bowed to corporate and government pressure. CBS spokesman Dana McClintock did not return an after-hours call seeking comment Thursday. He has called Rather’s complaints “old news” and said the lawsuit was “without merit.” A spokesman for Viacom declined to comment. Bob Steele, a Journalist ethics Scholar, said Dan Rather would have a hard time to prove the White House influence on CBS. “It would be naive for us to believe that there was no influence from powerful institutions and individuals on journalism,” said Steele, a scholar at the Poynter Institute, a journalism foundation in St. Petersburg, Fla. Still, he said: “For the most part, the journalists who run news organizations and who report the news fight hard to protect the independence of the journalism, and most of the time succeed.”

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The frame is slightly too small for me, but it keeps my center of gravity lower, so I don’t mind. If I were up much higher, I would be much more susceptible to a sneak attack by a passerby, perhaps someone who wished to steal my bike by knocking me off it and rushing away with it while I was disoriented. The lower center of balance assures that I can quickly jump off directly into a high kick, if I need to.

My lock is a cable lock, rather than a U-Lock. I liked my U-Lock just fine, but the key was getting rusty and if it were to get stuck in there, someone could easily take advantage of my hesitation and knock me out cold, then steal my bike. They might have some trouble getting atop it, and they might fall down if they try to do a wheelie, but I’d prefer it never comes to that. Also, no one will ever guess my birthday, so my combination is safe.

The brakes are kind of squeaky, but I bet that would drive an attacker nuts.

The tires are still pretty good, but they’re completely inadequate for riding in any sand - you basically just sink when you ride through sand. That hinders an escape if I was in the desert or perhaps harassing children at a playground. It’s a minor advantage, but again, every advantage counts.

One of the pedals is starting to get worn out. You might scrape your leg on it if you don’t know about it.

The gear shift is slightly unresponsive at first, and you sometimes have to hold down the shift if you want to shift up to the highest gear. That could affect some criminals who might try to steal my bike and are masters of gear differentials.

Also, the bike is white-hot to the touch if you have an impure impulse in your body. It is only ridable by the virtuous.
The Slipstick

This Day in TechNews History

Volume #14, Issue #1, 9/24/1934, Page 1: Sphinx Initiates Publication Men
The Sphinx, a creature central to Egyptian Mythology, came to IIT to initiate the newest staff members of The Publication, the historical rival of TechNews that was eliminated some time in the 1950s. Shrouded in mystery, The Publication often presented the truths behind the articles featured weekly in TechNews, often drenched about or altogether indiscernible. The Publication was only delivered to students who had no interest in it, proving to be a valuable resource to those who found a way around the necessary conditions. The Sphinx would ask a series of riddles, none of which had to do with calling a wooden staff a “leg.” Whoever could appropriately answer these riddles would be invited to understand truths about the campus that they could previously never comprehend and disperse them amongst the campus to the least willing, most disinterested, and above all, the downright apathetic. Publication of The Publication ceased when circulation plummeted in the 1950s, as a new humor section sent interest levels to a record high and thereby thrust the distribution system into all sorts of chaos. The exclusive nature of the paper, which prevented accountability, snooping, and other misdeeds, years later would inspire the social networking website “Orkut.”

Volume #61, Issue #3, 9/28/1956, Page 1: ’L’Stop at 33rd Street Discussed at Conference
It was decided at the Fall 1956 ITSA conference that two ’L’ train stops ought to serve the main IIT campus: one at 33rd street, and one at 35th, so that students taking classes and professors doing research would not have to mingle on the same platform. The CTA rejected this plan, arguing that it would be extraneous to have two stations serving the general IIT area, and that it would be more efficient to instead have a second train line serving virtually the same area. Following completion of the Dan Ryan expressway, track for the Red Line was laid, the logic being that Professors who lived in Oak Park could take the Green Line out west, and students who wished to get drunk where a short zip down the Red Line to get to Wrigleyville.

Volume #79, Issue #2, 9/24/1965, Page 2: Twas A Long Time In Coming, But It’ll Be Worthwhile
This article was probably about Civil Rights. That’s pretty much the only thing that happened in the 60s.


Famous Jewish bellydancer Zsa Zsa Schwartz penned a column in this edition of TechNews, decrying the inherent sexism in pregnant male deer. Her argument was that if you are a male deer and become pregnant, that is impossible, because you can’t be male and also be pregnant, that would be silly. She also argued that deer cannot read, and therefore should not be reading this column. She concluded the article by wondering why her parents would name her “Zsa Zsa Schwartz.”

--Compiled by Joe Kaiser

Letter to the Editor
R.Kelly is the king of R&B and is second to none, I can confirm not suspect you are an idiot, do not try to compare the genius of R.KELLY TO ANYONE LIVING OR DEAD GOD BLESS R.KELLY.

--KELLY ROBERTS

Thanks for your letter, KELLY ROBERTS. As R. Kelly states in his song “I’m a Flirt,” he is in fact the King of R&B. The Slipstick regrets the omission.

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The Slipstick

50 Cent wants to debate.
Kanye says, “That’s the stupidest thing I’ve ever heard”

50 Cent threatens to retire near a chair.
Kanye predicts European samples from European children.
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More than 200 programs registered
This sport is named after the Henley-on-Thames Regatta, but its on the Todd which is in Alice Springs, Australia. This river is most popular for being dry the majority of the season, so they have invented a sport that races on the river, when there is no water. The equipment only involves a bottomless boat and a crew to race down the river bed to the finish lines.

Although the boats seem to be aesthetic, the real fun of the race comes at the end, when two teams race boats built on tracker-bodies with canoes fasten to the side. They contain hoses attached to water tanks and flour. This is a defense mechanism used to slow down the other team. When water and flour are mixed the crowd and the crews get pretty messy.

The participation usually turns out to be around 20 teams all sponsored by local corporations. It's a fun experience, but there has been, on occasion, a cancellation due to the fact that there was actually water in the river.

Unusual sport of the week: Henley-on-Todd Regatta

By Stephanie Herrera
SPORTS EDITOR

Do you know sports?

What summer Olympics contest commemorates the 490 BC feat of a Greek Soldier?

A. The Javelin
B. High Jump
C. Long Jump
D. Marathon

Answer in next week's issue:

Answer to last week's issue:

A. The Javelin

Health tip of the Week:

Health tip of the Week: Last week on Oprah, that doctor guy who always wears his scrubs on T.V., Dr. Oz, was telling people why Americans are fat...again! Something useful that came out of his reports was his study on cholesterol. This is a major problem that seems to exist only for Americans. He took 7 people all different sizes and age, which have bad cholesterol and put them on a primitive diet. Meaning they were only allowed to eat raw foods, like vegetables and fruits, uncooked. They ate 11 lbs. of raw food a day for 7 days. Not only were they unbelievably “regular” they all cut their cholesterol by 25%, which is phenomenal for the average American, considering that heart disease is the number one killer of men and women. Not only did they drop in cholesterol levels, but in weight as well.

Some other food myths that Dr. Oz cleared up for America was that salt, which a contributor to high cholesterol is an acquired taste. You tongue doesn’t actually like salt; it is something you get used to. Essentially if you cut salt from your diet than you will not have a craving for salt. This doesn’t mean stop putting salt on your French fries, this mean cut out salty foods all together.

If you are concerned about drinking enough water everyday, stop worrying, chances are you are probably getting enough without even trying. Truth is that there is so much water in the food you eat already, that additional water is not necessary, unless you just like water, then by all means, drink away!
Last week, Grand View gave the Hawks a run for their money last Saturday. Grand View’s aggressive defense seemed to rustle the Hawks’ feathers with their 19 shots to IIT’s 9 shots. Goalie Michael Tilatti had 8 saves for the game, but it wasn’t enough for Grand View’s one-sided offense. Our only goal was from Freshman Graeme Port. In the Homecoming game against Purdue Cal, the Hawk’s pull out a win late in the game 3-2. The Hawks add to 5-2-2 record.

Last week, freshman, Graeme Port was selected for athlete of the week on the Conference level scoring 3 goals in 2 games with an overall 6 goals in 8 games.

Name - Graeme Port  
Age - 21  
Year - Freshman  
Major - Humanities  
From - Perth in Scotland

TN: What do you like most about Chicago, so far?  
GP: I love that there’s so much to do in the city on any day or night of the week. 

TN: What do you not like about Chicago, so far?  
GP: I won’t like Winter when it arrives

TN: How is the overall IIT experience, so far?  
GP: Great. I’m still on a high after reaching the finals of our soccer team’s bus karaoke. There was no shame in losing to our goalie Michael Tilatti. He sings like an angel!

TN: What kind of music do you like?  
GP: Rock and anything Michael Tilatti sings

TN: What TV shows do you watch?  
GP: 24, Lost, Entourage, CSI, Bones, Rescue Me and Loony Toons Cartoons. 

TN: What other sports do you like to play or watch?  
GP: I’m a big Ice Hockey fan so I’m looking forward to catching some Blackhawks games this year.

TN: What are some of your interests or hobbies?  
GP: I love traveling around the world. (Iowa would be my one exception - Sorry J-Rod)

TN: What are some of your personal and team goals for this season/career?  
GP: To help the team win as many games as we can this year. After college I hope I can keep playing somewhere.
Lady Hawks increase their record to 8-2-0

By Stephanie Herrera

The Scarlet Hawks kill Northland Baptist last weekend 5-1 adding to their 5 game winning streak. It was a three man game with Amy Bourquard, Julia Campana and Kim Grubisich sharing all 5 goals and assists. It was an all around offensive team effort given IIT’s 40 shots compared to Northland’s 4.

Last Wednesday’s home game against Judson breaks up the winning streak for the Hawks with their aggressive offense. The game started slow, but Judson took the lead with nine minutes left in the first half. The hardest hit came in the 59th minute when Angie Skaar was sent off with a red card, giving the Eagles a chance to grab two more goals, before the end of the game.

The Lady Hawk's didn’t dwell on it for too long though. They out performed Purdue Cal at the Homecoming Game this Saturday, adding another shut out to their record. 9-0. The scoring was a true team execution spread between nine players, Stephanie Salem, Mary McCabe, Julia Campana, Amy Bourquard, Kim Grubisich, Erica Delgado, Carly Stanford, Anne Nadler and Emily Kunkel. The Hawks ranked 5th for the first time in history last week and player of the week, selected for Conference and Region, was Senior Amy Bourquard.

Record breaking race at the Lake Forest Invite

By Stephanie Herrera

It was a record break day for the Hawks during Saturday’s race. For the women’s 5K, freshman, Stephanie Lucas broke a 16 year old IIT record, by about 15 seconds with a time of 19:33 and placed in 2nd place for the race.

Four of the girls made the top 20 runners, giving the Hawks enough points to snag 1st place for the race. Top 5 runners were, Stephanie Lucas, Liz Bilitz, Lisa Nielsen, Brooke Jeffcoat and Lupe Cortes.

For the men’s 8K, senior, Dan Oh, shattered a 31 year old record with a time of 25:33, which was a personal best for him. He placed first overall and four of his team mates follow close behind, placing in the top 25. The men grabbed enough points to place 2nd overall, but only lost by one point. Top 5 runners were Dan Oh, Ed Atunayo, Oba Vincent, Wes Villalobos and Nick Williams. It was a great race and the team was all smiles.

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