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By Linda Goldstein

On Wednesday, April 2nd during lunch, from 11:30-1:30, the Commons vegetarian station played host to Chef Johann Becker, the Culinary Training Officer for Sodexo South Africa. Chef Becker came to IIT through Sodexo’s Global Chef Program, which, according to Sodexo’s website, started in 2003. “This innovative program facilitates the exchange of our executive chefs between affiliates around the world. Each Global Chef shares authentic international cuisine and traditional cooking techniques with clients, customers, staff, and on-site culinary team.” Maybe some of the recipes and ideas that Chef Becker brought with him will linger on in our Commons experience. IIT also reaped the benefits of the Global Chef program last semester with a guest chef who drew lines that blocked walkways.

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What is the worst thing about IIT?

By Joe Kaiser

ASSISTANT EDITOR IN CHIEF

If you were to ask the typical IIT student to talk about IIT, it is given that you would get a fair amount of complaining. Some would say it is because IIT is a low-quality school, others would argue it is because the students are generally whiny. But if you were to ask them what the worst thing about IIT was, you might get a bit of a roundabout answer. Perhaps you would be treated to a concept like bureaucracy or malaise instead of an actual tangible thing. Most of these problems are not easily diagnosable - and indeed, if they were, IIT would have already fixed them. They’re systematic issues of approaches that cannot be measured tangibly.

If you know me, you’ll know that I’m generally a pretty happy camper about the state of affairs around campus. Malaise is a fun afternoon diversion, and bureaucracy breeds character. There’s a blight on the campus, however, that has only gotten worse since I’ve been at IIT. It’s merely mentioned in polite discourse, but certainly has been all but ignored by the administration. It is by far the worst thing about IIT, and that the issue hasn’t been addressed is damn-near unforgivable.

I am talking, of course, about the odor of the men’s restroom on the north side of the second floor of Siegel Hall. Every time I fall for it, I step there in a moment before my IPRO and am immediately confronted with that wretched odor. I’ve never smelled something like that in a bathroom in my entire life. I step there and I’m brought back to the smell of my dinner table back home when we are eating cauliflower and I am holding my nose because I hate cauliflower. The bathroom should not smell like cauliflower. I’m reasonably sure that there is nothing growing in there, especially not cauliflower. Somehow some weird mix of chemicals emanating from that bathroom is triggering all the wrong receptors in my nose.

When I walk into a restroom of a terrible smelling restroom, you generally think of the odor of a port-a-potty. This is not the odor of the bathroom in Siegel Hall. It is unique among restrooms. It is, in all likelihood, some rank cocktail of dead bacteria, human waste, cleaning supplies that have long-since gone off the market, perhaps even some standing water. I was born after the asbestos revolution - is this what asbestos smells like? Perhaps someone’s last will and testament asked their last living relative if they could be buried in a University restroom. Is this the best they could find?

IIT, for the most part, has a wonderful variety of restrooms. In each building, they’re laid out slightly differently - IIT has the “lobby style” two-room setup, MTTCC has the translucent bubble walls, Siegel has a more classic one-room half-and-half layout, and to its credit, Siegel has the distinction of a long wall of full-length urinals, aptly described as “foot-warriors” in a classic episode of the Adventures of Pete & Pete. I am not some process-ahound who believes that we should replace this restroom with a new generation of automatic flushing will-mushy superlatives. I love the rim charmos. But it’s absolutely vital that someone clears the tile morass out of that room. I don’t care if it needs to be loaded with pine-tree air fresheners - IIT, lay off the newURS for just a half an hour and spank that stank.

Willful copyright infringement by IIT professor

By Roman Kofman

TECHNEWS WRITER

There are many reasons you might produce sub-par work for a class: you ran out of time, it didn’t matter much to your grade, something else came up, other classes took precedence. As a student you would do a perfect job every time, but whom among us is perfect? You put less effort into that which does not have as much impact. Now, imagine that this sub-par work is to be published online by your professor. It is indexed by Google, so that every time anybody searches for your name in conjunction with “IIT,” the work might show up. At my Computer Center of Ball State University, approximately 20% of content of this article confirmed my hope that, as a student, I reserve all rights to content that I produce for a class. With help from IIT’s Ombudsperson and some third-party involvement by IIT’s legal counsel, I am now clear on the fact that no student work can be published without explicit permission by the student. Finally, this time of pursuit resulted in all classroom work submitted by myself and my peers for Computers and Society being deleted from my professor’s website.

However, several weeks later, I decided to check the website again. Several of the class’s most recent assignments are posted online, and I am at a loss as to what my next step should be. Should I go to my professor with this “cause and desist”? Should I go to legal counsel with a Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) takedown notice? The DMCA notice would make IIT as the internet service provider for the site liable if the content was not removed. Surely, this would produce results. I doubt I would actually sue the school, but who knows? Unlike my research for my Computers and Society classroom, my research on my legal options has been thorough. Winning a case of willful copyright infringement would not mean a nice payoff to help me with my student loans.

After the professor rejected my repeated requests to take my work off his website, I sought out a gem of an article published by the University Copyright Center of Ball State University. One of the pieces of content in that article confirmed my claim that, as a student, I reserve all rights to content that I produce for a class. With help from IIT’s Ombudsperson and some third-party involvement by IIT’s legal counsel, I am now clear on the fact that no student work can be published without explicit permission by the student. Finally, this time of pursuit resulted in all classroom work submitted by myself and my peers for Computers and Society being deleted from my professor’s website. I was, however, somewhat relieved to find that the piece was no longer online.

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Colin’s Corner: Joy of joys, pain of pains

By Colin Emch-Wei

A&E EDITOR

This is a weird part of the year for me. I am definitely excited about the quickly impending commencement. As evidence, I will admit to you that I’ve currently got a watch that displays the time left to that fateful day in days, hours, minutes, and seconds (41 days, 14 hours, 51 minutes, 52 seconds at the time of this writing). All in all, things are very much looking up.

However, this all comes at a price. It very much seems to me as though we Seniors are being tested, put through trials and tribulations that are formulated to prove our worth in the “real” world. I wonder if there is a hidden curriculum that we’re not privy to, one that has been handed down through the generations of professors, one that guarantees that we don’t ever sleep (til Brooklyn). You know what? We’re on to you. We know what’s up, and we see your type and call you twice that. In fact, we’ll in all. Now, do you think about that? Didn’t expect that should contrived poke analogy, did you?

All joking aside, in the last couple of months, I have to say that I’ve worked harder than I have for the sum of my entire collegiate career. I’ve written papers, burst through IPROS, worked on numerous projects, and I know it’s all worth it. I also know that I’m not alone. I know that many of my fellow Senior companions are feeling the same crunch, and I extend my heartfelt sympathies to them. We’ll get through this, I promise.

I wished to a professor of mine last week when he notified us of an upcoming presentation. He looked at me, shrugged, and told me it was going to be fine. The funny part is... I completely believe him. No matter what the workload is, how much horror the world of academia chucks our way within the next month, I realize that it’s just that. A month left. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, Seniors. If we can keep up the pace for just a little longer, it’s all going to turn out alright and we’ll all never have to write a paper for a grade ever again (those of you going to grad school, I apologize for offering any succor). While our “seniors” doth become inflamed and ever more apparent, it’s important to note that this phase will pass us by and that we’ll all be the better for it. Resist that lazy temptation, and promise that it’ll all be worth it. I want to be happy, and I want you to be happy. For most of us, that means finishing off our degrees and walking across our respective stages beaming at our friends and family, assuaging in the fact that we’ve worked so hard. With just a little bit longer, everyone. We’ll make it.
Empowerment of Muslim women

By Anam Moin Khan

LONDON: In a school in south London, women in headscarves are learning English, childcare skills and citizenship, to smooth their integration into British life.

The courses are encouraged under a new government policy to "empower" Muslim women, ultimately to combat the threat from extremists, a threat made brutally clear when four home grown suicide bombers killed 52 people in London in 2005. Triggered by events from racial violence in northern England in 2001 to the London bombings, British policy on ethnic minorities has shifted from a "laissez-faire" approach to encouraging integration or "community cohesion," said Rick Muit, a research fellow at the Institute for Public Policy Research.

But Shazia Qayum's story illustrates the obstacles still to be overcome in a country with more than 1.6 million Muslims. Qayum, who lives in the northern city of Derby, says her family kept her away from school for a year at age 15, planning a forced marriage to a Pakistani cousin. She ran away from her family after her marriage. Now aged 28, she works with women who are undergoing similar experiences. "In the eyes of my parents, I am dead," she said, adding, "The surprising thing is that no one from the police." This sort of alienation and discrimination are unequivocally recognized by Islam as the "empowerment" scheme could address.

"I want to see more done in communities to build the capacity of Muslim women to shape their communities and to engage with disaffected groups," she said, adding, "It's a message that resonates with the women at the Bellenden Old School in south London, but some Muslim leaders have denounced the policy as patronizing and clumsy. "I know I can offer something to this country," said Ines Meddah, a 26-year-old Algerian lawyer at the London school, adding, "But sometimes I feel like I am in a prison because I struggle to share my knowledge." From a new citizenship test for people seeking to live in Britain to a recent suggestion that young women swear an oath of allegiance to the Queen, the pressure to integrate is mounting - but it faces complex and deep-rooted obstacles.

Discrimination: The Muslim Public Affairs Committee, which calls itself Britain's largest Muslim civil liberties group, said Beare's initiative was missing the larger point - discrimination. "What Beare seems to fail to recognize is that women are unequivocally recognized by Islam as the moral authority in their homes," the organization commented on its website, adding, "They do not need condescending advice on how they can better fulfill their roles in this sphere."

Two whales in a week

By Anam Moin Khan

KARACHI: The cetacean conservation team of the WWF found on Saturday another body of a 30-foot long baleen whale, estimated to have died a month ago, at Dam village, near the Sonmiani beaches of Balochistan's coast, four days after the first one was found.

The team issued a high alert among the project staffs and fishermen in the 1,050-kilometer coastal belt. "It is a matter of concern that another dead whale has been found after just four days of finding the first and this body is completely putrid. The bones have almost separated from the body and we found that it died about a month ago - the body rotting in the waters,” said Cetacean Conservation Project Pakistan Project Officer Babar Hussain.

The team found the body of a 40-foot long Bryde's whale near Somani village on April 1. Samples were collected. "There were lots of small cuts on the body and we assumed it died during a pygmy killer whale attack. However, we have found no cuts on this baleen whale so we cannot confirm if it died in a whale attack, a stroke with a ship, disease or of natural causes."

There are many small channels scattered in the waters of the Sonmiani beaches and the body of this baleen whale was floating in these channels, where it had rotted completely. It came out onto the muddy beaches following high tides.

The cetacean conservation team formed a Whale and Dolphin Society of Pakistan and fishermen living on the 1050-km long coastline of Pakistan are members of this society. An SOS has been sent out to the Whale and Dolphin Group of Oman.

"Perhaps this baleen whale came from Oman, Iran or UAE, as the waters of these countries come into the same region as the coast of Pakistan," said Hussain.

The IUCN's Tahir Qureshi feared these whales died because of chemicals, particularly nuclear waste. I have found several injured whales in the pocket between Asotila Island in Sindh and Jiwani in Balochistan, injured because the Marine Security Agency has allowed ships to come within 12 nautical miles of the coast, whereas internationally, a buffer zone of 30 nautical miles is kept free from ships so that different species of fish may live freely," said Qureshi.

He said that the pygmy killer whale has not yet been reported in the waters of Sindh and Balochistan. However, in Balochistan some blue shark whales have been reported as going to the Persian Gulf. "The final assessments will be disclosed after investigating and observing the bodies of these whales," he concluded.

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**Summer festivals shaping up**

By Andrea De La Hoz

If you’re planning on spending your summer in Chicago, this year’s music festivals are shaping up to be quite interesting.

Following disappointing lineups from Coachella and Bonnaroo, Lollapalooza is poised to be the top attraction of the year. The festival is scheduled for July 3-5 and is expected to feature some of the top names in music. Ticket prices range from $79.50 for one-day passes to $179.50 for three-day passes.

In August, the Pitchfork Festival will return to the city. The festival is known for its focus on newer and more experimental music and is a great place for discovering new talent. Tickets for the one-day festival start at $55.

If you’re not a music lover, there are still plenty of options. The Chicago Cultural Center offers a Sunday Salon Series with free admission. The concerts are held every Sunday at 3pm and feature a variety of performers. To find out more, visit the Chicago Cultural Center website.

Overall, it looks like there will be plenty of entertainment options in Chicago this summer. Whether you’re a music lover or not, there’s something for everyone.
Gardasil, the HPV Vaccine

By Tara Bealor
DIRECTOR OF ADMIN SERVICES, STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

In May of 2008, Andrew Weiner will be meeting 39 of his fraternity brothers of Pi Kappa Phi from universities across the country and embarking on a 14 day test of will known as Gear Up Florida. Gear Up Florida is an 800 mile cycling trek that raises funds and awareness for people with disabilities.

The team members are all members of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and are joining forces to pave the road for a better understanding of people with disabilities. From Miami to Tallahassee, the Gear Up Florida team will be cycling from city to city, bringing the message Push America in a unique and inspiring way.

The Student Health Center will be assisting the team by providing medical care and support services. The Student Health Center: 312-808-7100

“I am so excited for this trip!” said Andrew Weiner. “I think that it will be a life-changing experience. He advised students to avoid linear thinking while weighing options to find the best balance in designing an engineering product. Overall, the talk aimed to illustrate the concept of compromise while designing solutions and encourage students to work as hobbyists. He said that students should learn to experiment, and that when engineering becomes a hobby, a gives birth to innovation. It gives students opportunity to explore more and provides problem-solving experience. He advised students to avoid linear thinking while weighing options to find the best balance in designing an engineering product.

By Madhur agarwal
TECHNEWS WRITER

IEEE has booked several speakers this semester. The theme of one such talk, held on March 27th, 2008 in Windisch Auditorium was ‘Engineering is the Art of Intelligent Compromise’. The speaker, Dan Watts, is from MCLC, Inc., a renowned manufacturer of power amplifiers and systems for the satellite communications market for over 40 years. The IEEE has booked several speakers this semester. The theme of one such talk, held on March 27th, 2008 in Windisch Auditorium was ‘Engineering is the Art of Intelligent Compromise’.

Chef from Africa wows students in cafeteria

By Madhur agarwal
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Dan Watts, from MCLC, Inc., spoke last week as part of the IEEE speaker series. The topic of his speech was ‘Engineering is the Art of Intelligent Compromise’.

“Going the Extra Mile” for people with disabilities

By Andrew Weiner
TECHNEWS WRITER

What is the HPV Vaccine? The HPV Vaccine (Gardasil) is a vaccine that protects against cervical cancer and genital warts in females caused by the genital human Papillomavirus (HPV). The vaccine provides protection against two strains which cause 70% of cervical cancers and 90% of genital warts. The full series is three shots over six months. The vaccine is nearly 100% effective in preventing the diseases associated with the four types of HPV in the vaccine.

Who should get the HPV Vaccine? The vaccine is recommended for girls and women age 9-26. Ideally the vaccine should be given before females become sexually active, before they are exposed to HPV. However, females who are sexually active may benefit from the vaccine, but they may get less benefit from the vaccine if they have already acquired one or more HPV type(s) covered by the vaccine. Very few women are infected with all four types of the HPV types covered by the vaccine, so even if a female has been infected with HPV, the vaccine can still provide some protection (not the other type(s)).

How long does the protection last from the HPV Vaccine? Since the HPV vaccine is so new, it is not known how long the protection or immunity will be from the vaccine. Currently, it is known that the vaccine provides protection for at least five years.

What are the side effects of the HPV Vaccine? The HPV Vaccine can cause minor side effects such as: pain, swelling, and redness at the injection site, headache, fever, fatigue or a vague feeling of discomfort. Less common side effects such as allergic reactions to vaccines are rare, but usually occur within minutes to a few hours after receiving the vaccine. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include: difficulty breathing, hoarseness or wheezing, hives, paleness, weakness, a fast heart beat or dizziness. If any of these symptoms occur call 911 immediately.

Who should not get the HPV Vaccine? Anyone allergic to yeast, has had a reaction to a previous dose of the HPV Vaccine, is pregnant, or is moderately to severely ill should not get the HPV Vaccine. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any severe allergies (not the other type(s)).

If I get the HPV Vaccine, do I still need to have cervical cancer screenings? Absolutely! The HPV Vaccine does not protect against all types of HPV that cause cervical cancer. It is very important for all women, even those vaccinated with the HPV Vaccine to continue to have yearly cervical cancer screenings (Pap smear/ pelvic exam).

What about guys? It’s not yet known if the HPV Vaccine is effective in boys and men. It is currently being studied.

Where can I get the HPV Vaccine? The Student Health Center has the HPV Vaccine on hand and it is available by appointment. Most private physicians’ offices and clinics have the vaccine available as well. Some health departments offer the HPV Vaccine at a discounted price. The Federal health program Vaccines for Children (VFC) will cover the HPV vaccine for those under 19 who are uninsured.

Contact your local health department for more information and to see if you are eligible. The Chicago Department of Public Health can be contacted at 312-746-5380.

How much does the HPV vaccine cost? Currently, the Student Health Center offers the HPV Vaccine for $140 per dose ($420 for the full series). The Student Health Center charges students the exact amount that the vaccine distributors charge the Student Health Center for the vaccine (the wholesale price).

Does insurance cover the cost of the HPV Vaccine? Some insurance companies may cover the vaccine, while others may not. You should check with your insurance company to see what coverage they provide for the HPV Vaccine.

Does the Student Health Insurance plan cover the HPV Vaccine? No, the ITF Student Health Insurance plan does not cover the vaccine.

Where can I get more information? The Student Health Center: 312-808-7100 CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention): www.cdc.gov/std/hpv/

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He said that Engineering is clever thinking. Engineering is an art, more than just the design. There is “no one right answer” in an engineering design. Intelligence is the ability to solve a problem using logic and reasoning. He said that compromise is not a bad thing, even though it has a negative connotation attached to it. Engineering designs are all about compromise between the important and the unimportant aspects. Differentiating the unimportant from the important helps an engineer to recognize priorities while designing the product.

He said that students should have a very broad spectrum of knowledge, as it helps them to solve many interdisciplinary problems on the job. For example, an electrical engineering student be able to pave the road for a better understanding of people with disabilities. The team members are all members of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and are joining forces to pave the road for a better understanding of people with disabilities. From Miami to Tallahassee, the Gear Up Florida team will be cycling from city to city, bringing the message Push America in a unique and inspiring way.

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The Internet unleashed: WiMAX Day at IIT

By Juan Martinez

Salsa Champions Urban Vibe followed suit and impressed the crowd with their perfect executions. Fellow peers would improve their dance steps throughout the rest of the night with Latin beats and rhythms provided by WIT community ID "El Caido". Latecomers were introduced to the dance floor by earlier participants whose shyness went away after a few minutes. Caobo”. Latecomers were introduced to the dance floor by earlier participants whose shyness went away after a few minutes. Caobo”. Latecomers were introduced to the dance floor by earlier participants whose shyness went away after a few minutes.

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By Byad Berg

IIT Wiki builds momentum to help future IIT students

By Adam Berg

IIT is not alone in developing a university-specific wiki. Students at other schools have established wikis, notably Duke University (duki.com), Stanford (stanford.wikia.com), and Harvard (harvard.collegewikis.com). Duki, which claims to be “America’s oldest, largest, and most popular independent university wiki,” currently has about 300 articles. As of April 5, WikiIIT has 64 articles. Despite the success of the WikiIIT Kick-off event, there is still considerable work ahead for the organization. The challenge of creating a functional knowledge base for IIT is collecting and maintaining that knowledge, and WikiIIT hopes to address that challenge by making content contribution as easy as possible.

Interested in contributing to WikiIIT?

Visit www.changeit.com/wiki for instructions on how to register and create/edit content. Also, join the WikiIIT-chats on the Bog every Thursday night at 9pm to hang out and write some articles.

Current WikiIIT Articles:

* TechNews
* Student Government Association
* MediaWiki
* Chinatown
* Galvin Library
* Orientation
* The Bog

Proposed Articles:

* All student organizations
* CTA
* Millennium Park
* VanderCook College of Music
* WiMax College
* Sodexo
* Global Grounds
* Business’s Office
* The Tennis
* Famous Alumni
* Taco-Thurday

By Hannah Rosenthal

Year-end Bash

On the evening of Saturday, March 29th, the Mies Society, world-renowned authors, IIT faculty and staff, and the Duke Ellington Band, and many architecture students tested the “universal space” that is Crown Hall by transforming Crown Center into a classy night-club to honor Mies van der Rohe’s birthday. Set up began early in the afternoon with colored lighting, extravagant computer graphics, Cash bar was available for those over the legal limit and the stage was set for one of the best jazz bands around.

By Byad Berg

WikiIIT recently held its kick-off event to establish an IIT wiki. Students spent a productive evening in the Bog Friday, April 4, writing an astounding 52 articles to seed the new wiki with a foundation of IIT knowledge. (Visit WikiIIT at its current home, www.changeit.com/wiki.)

A hand-working writer will win $100 for the best contribution to a single article, to be announced April 11. The concept for WikiIIT was developed last semester by ChangeIT founder Smit Baviscoli, who identified the difficulty for new students to learn the subtleties of IIT’s culture and organizations. Working with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Communications, and Marketing, and a handful of ChangeIT members, the idea for an “IIT Wiki” gained traction. The goal was to create a functional repository of the wisdom of IIT’s student body, so that new students would easily find accurate information about the university’s organizations, departments, and life.

WikiIIT established itself as an official student organization in January 2008. Its executive board consists of Romans Koffman (CS senior), Adam Berg (EE senior), Tim Lipman (PSYC sophomore), and Piyush Sinha (CPE freshman).

The Bog had some Latin flavor with karaoke, presented by LIFFE, and salsa lessons, presented by Daniel H."
Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Student Government Association

University Calendar

Tuesday, April 8

SGA Elections: Remember to Vote!

Getting a Job: Making a Positive First Impression
12:50-1:50pm Main Campus, MTCC Ballroom
Learn how to make a great first impression when at a career fair, on an interview or in a networking situation. Learn the art of preparing, and delivering an effective elevator speech. (This workshop is required to become a Certified Candidate).

Shimer College and One Book One Chicago Present: The Mystery as Literature
6:00-7:00pm, 3424 S. State Street, Second Floor, Hutchins Classroom
A book discussion of Raymond Chandler's The Long Goodbye, this season's choice for the One Book, One Chicago program. What distinguishes The Long Goodbye as Chandler's most ambitious attempt to take mystery writing into the realm of serious literature?

Wednesday, April 9

Thinking about studying abroad?
12:30-1:30pm, MTCC Bridge
Stop by the information booth to learn more about your chance to travel the world and earn course credit in a different country. http://studyabroad.iit.edu e-mail: lcenter@iit.edu

Thursday, April 10

IIT AIAAS Daytrip: Prarie Grassroot Conference
7:45am-7:00pm, Springfield, Illinois
This is a Great opportunity to learn more about advocacy not just for Architectural issues but everything meet with IL State reps AIA representatives etc... and get an insight into the political process.

Physics Colloquium: Magnetism Studies with X-Rays
3:35-4:35pm, LS 111
George Soper, Argonne National Laboratory
After a brief overview of the Advanced Photon Source, the nation’s most brilliant x-ray source for research, he will discuss an example that best illustrates the utility of using x-rays to study some intriguing magnetic properties of matter.

Friday, April 11

Preview Weekend

Trudge Toward Freedom: Education for Liberation
6:00pm-7:00pm, Shimer College, Cinderella Lounge
Bill Ayers, Professor of Education and Senior University Scholar, USC
Organized By: Shimer College

VanderCook Pops Concert
7:00pm-11:00pm, HUB
Please join us for a night of fellowship in support of the Great Teachers Scholarship Fund. The scholarship fund helps students of all financial backgrounds benefit from a VanderCook education.

Up Til Dawn Celebration (UB)
7:52pm, HUB & BOG
Up Til Dawn is a charity event to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. There are plans for inflatables in the HUB Ballroom (jousting, sumo suits, etc.), a sweet blockbuster hit shown in the HUB Auditorium, and a great lineup of bands and comedians in the BOG until the late hours of the morning possibly followed by a complimentary pancake breakfast.

Saturday, April 12

Pinewood Derby
12:00pm-4:00pm, Shimer College
Get ready for the 1st Annual Campus Pinewood Derby hosted by our neighbors at Shimer College! Teams of 2 to 4 people will be competing for the prestige and prizes of $100, $50, and $25 for the top three finishers. Email your teams to shimerpinewood@gmail.com before April 10th to register.

2nd Annual IIT Karl Menger Lecture and Award
1:45-6:00pm, MTCC Ballroom MTCC Pritzker Club
Professor of IIT from 1946 to 1971, is considered one of the finest mathematicians of the 20th century, and one of IIT’s greatest teachers. Special guest: Lloyd N. Trefethen, Professor of Numerical Analysis and Fellow of Balliol College at Oxford University.

Library Workshop: Introduction to Psychology and Social Sciences Databases
12:45-1:45pm, Calvin (Lower Level)
Join Janelle Ruswick, Reference Librarian for Psychology and the Social Sciences, for an introduction to the psychology and social science resources available to faculty, staff and students of IIT.

Monday, April 14

Advising Period Begins

Getting a Job: Marketing Yourself Effectively (CMC)
12:50-1:50pm, Siegel 118
Benefit from tips on how to improve your resume and cover letters to attract the right companies. Learn the key characteristics employers seek in candidates. Familiarize yourself with the basic questions you will be asked, and should ask during an interview. (This workshop is required to become a Certified Candidate).

Stryker Awards
5:00-8:00pm
American Medical Student Association (AMSA)

Tuesday, April 15

Library Workshop: Introduction to Engineering Databases
12:45-1:45pm, Library Learning Center on the lower level
Join Charles Uth, Senior Engineering Librarian, for an introduction to the engineering scientific databases.

Getting a Job: Marketing Yourself Effectively (CMC)
12:50-1:50pm, Wishnick 113
Benefit from tips on how to improve your resume and cover letters to attract the right companies. Learn the key characteristics employers seek in candidates. Familiarize yourself with the the interview process. (This workshop is required to become a Certified Candidate).

Don’t forget to renew your FAFSA for the 2008-2009 Academic Year!
You can do so now at www.fafsa.ed.gov! The priority deadline is April 15 for IIT students!

Greek Week
April 6-12, 2008

Schedule

Sunday, April 6, 2008
7:00 pm Skit and Banner Monday, April 7, 2008
1:00 pm Batting 9:30 pm Root Beer Race
Tuesday, April 8, 2008
3:00 pm Egg toss 9:30 pm Leg Tunnel Wednesday, April 9, 2008
1:00 pm 8-Man 9:30 pm Greek Council Thursday, April 10, 2008
1:00 pm Cart 9:30 pm Tag Friday, April 11, 2008
5:00 - 6:00 pm Can Castle

6:30 pm Community Castel 9:00 pm Greek Awards/UTD Part Saturday, April 12, 2008
10:00 am Haiti Awareness Walk in partnership with EWBB 8:00 pm Dance-Off After Party to follow in the BOG
Nokia N81: The new phone on the block

By Kamakshi Palakodety

Nokia has done it again. This time, it has come up with a phone that is touted as a more music-centric phone. There are two N81 models being released. One is an 8GB model and the other model which has comparatively lesser internal storage memory but has a micro SD card slot for greater flexibility. Though the 8GB is an added feature, the model fails to score as far as aesthetics are concerned. The N81 is a sturdy, slider phone having an 18mm thickness. The layout of the keys is not much impressive either. The call buttons are positioned on the side, whereas the center stage is occupied by the music player controls, hence highlighting the point that the N81 is more musically oriented. The volume controls for the music player have been planted on the side of the phone for easy access. Since the N81 is a slider phone, every time a call needs to be made, the phone must be slid open. However, to save the hassle of unlocking or locking your phone keypad, a keypad lock switch has been centrally positioned at the top. The N81 has a convenient audio feature as well. The audio can be heard through the external speakers on the phone’s side, and for those who wish to experience the full impact of the music, a 3.5mm headphone jack is also provided on the top of the phone. The jack is large enough to fit any choice of headphones, which is another added advantage for the music lovers.

Let us walk you through the plethora of features this phone has to offer, starting with its strongest point. Music. The 8GB internal flash memory means you can store up to 6000 songs in the mobile. The player is equipped with playlist management for an organized and easy access to the music files. It also provides the basic media keys for play/pause, stop, rewind or forward. An added feature is the Navifoto wheel support, which provides a speedy scrolling through the music stored on the phone. There is also a provision of Bluetooth stereo audio, which uses the Bluetooth wireless technology. You can also download your own pod casts over the air direct to your handset using the Nokia pod casting facility provided. You can search, find, listen or watch your pod casts. Moreover, you are free to select the mode of connectivity for your pod casting application. You can either select a secure Wi-Fi network or a secure packet data connection. The N81 also provides a high-speed WiFi which allows you to surf the internet at a speed of up to 11 Mbps. You can also bookmark your favorite radio stations and choose your favorite from the regularly updated directory. You can even perform an advanced search for the song being played, the artist and the album being played in the station. You can also interact with the radio stations and participate in contests, or live radio air time. In case you are running out of songs to download and need new ones to pep up your day, you can always purchase the music online in the Nokia Music store. You can register and connect through your account using a compatible PC and mobile device. The connection is done through WiFi. You can listen to tracks on your PC or mobile. You can even listen to clippings of the music you wish to purchase to get a sneak peek of the music. In case you load your songs on the PC, you can use media player to synchronize your playlists and later on update them on your handset. To control the tuning of your music while it plays, there is an in-built equalizer as well.

If you thought music was the lifeline of the N81, then think again. The N81 also has several other features which will capture your interest. For starters, it’s the imaging and video features the phone has to offer. The N81 has a 2 megapixel camera with a digital zoom up to 2x times the original picture. The resolution is 320x240 pixels. It also has a video call as well as a video sharing support, courtesy the WCDMA service the phone supports. The camera has integrated flash modes including infrared flash. The navi wheel support in this case can be used to rotate through your picture gallery giving you a 360 degree view of the pictures. You can also upload the pictures shot from the phone on your online blog or networking sites directly from the gallery. You can also print your pictures using the Nokia XPressPrint solution, which enables the printing via USB or Bluetooth connectivity. Videos can be recorded for up to 3.5 hours with VGA and can be played back for up to 4.5 hours.

There is also something in this phone for hard core gamers. The N81 is equipped with some three demo games with graphics which are at par with the rest of the Nokia series phones. The N81 has the mobile equivalent of the FIFA 07 soccer, developed by Game Juggernaut Electronic Arts (EA). Let’s move on to the call management and connectivity features the N81 has. The phone has the basic speed dialing feature, automatic redial, conference call, recent contacts and call log comprising of missed calls, recently dialed and received calls. The N81 also has an advanced contacts database, which can add multiple emails Ids and phone numbers for the same contact, along with their picture thumbnails in the phone directory. The phone also has an integrated hands-free speaker, voice recorders, talking ring tones as well as Internet calls which use voice over IP (VoIP).

The battery provided offers a talk time of up to 240 minutes using GSM, or 180 minutes using WCDMA. The standby time is up to 17 days. It can handle gaming up to 6 hours and music playback time of up to 11.5 hours without recharging. You can browse up to 5 hours before recharging.

Additional features include dedicated game and volume keys. The screen size is about 2.4” main color display with a 320x240 pixel resolution, making the phone ideal for videos and pictures. The mobile functions on the S60 software on Symbian operating system. The OS provides the user with a powerful platform for multi-tasking and fast access to the menus.

The overall performance of the N81 is excellent. It has a user rating of 9.1/10. The music can be played in the background without interfering with the other functions being performed in the foreground. Though the handset is a little bulky and not particularly attractive, it does have several other features which are worth the money.
The Rundown

In the last fifteen years, the US has been involved in many conflicts, among them Somalia, Afghanistan, Iraq, and the War on Terror. For most Americans this violence was troubling, but for private military contractors like ex-US army rangers Elliot Salem and Tyson Rios it was a load of thrills and money in the bank. This game puts you in their (fictional) boots for 6 missions to relive some familiar scenarios from a new perspective.

Sound

Army of Two required a lot of quality sound effects to fill out its environments, and those it has. Guns boom, helicopter blades make their characteristic chop noises, and missiles whoosh. All of it sounds authentic to anyone not familiar with the real sounds of the military hardware featured in the game. Unless you spend a lot of your time around special forces training grounds, the sound effects are more than adequate.

The voice acting is excellent, particularly for the two protagonists. The handful of supporting characters all deliver some good lines, though one in particular bumbles a bit as he recites the most psychotic of the missions to relive some familiar scenarios from a new perspective.

Gameplay

The game was built from the ground up for cooperative play, so if you have no friends you will have to settle for an AI ally and in doing so you will miss out on a lot of the fun. You can encourage or rebuke your teammate physically in the form of a slap to the back of the head or a high five respectively, a neat if tangential mechanic. As in many tactical FPS games, you can heal a fallen partner with an injection, though in this game you can drag that friend to safety while he still shoots. Another interesting feature is the ability to improvise shields and have one player carry it while the other uses him as mobile cover.

Army of Two offers a campaign spanning some 15 years of quasi-history that is superficially about hunting terrorists for money, though the story plays out a bit more like what Tom Clancy might have written when in junior high. The 6 missions can be completed easily in under 10 hours, making it one of the shortest FPS campaigns this year.

The multiplayer puts a new spin on some tactical match types such as VIP protection and bounty hunting in that these levels are also built for cooperative play. The modes are fun and play a bit like Counter-Strike meets Rainbow Six, except in third person.

An innovative feature is a deepened system of “aggro” which even has its own meter. Firing particularly deadly or loud weapons will cause your character to draw enemy attention and build up your aggro meter quickly, while firing small silenced weapons will draw virtually no attention. When your partner fires, he reduces the attention and therefore aggro on you while increasing his own. This system can be used to keep enemies from ever fully focusing fire on one team member, or it can be used to keep the fire on one of you while the other flanks. In addition, if one member can hold a large amount of aggro for a while, then the other member becomes completely invisible to enemies for about 15 seconds while the firer gains a double damage modifier for the same period.

The enemy AI is mediocre; enemies will use cover, usually quite appropriately, but without it they run through large-open spaces to get to you or too often, leading to easy kills. And, once established in cover that is near a line of fire, an enemy is likely to stay strongly rooted in position. This behavior is realistic for inexperienced soldiers, but the supposedly professional troops encountered late in the game should do better.

The game consistently maintains a light-hearted action movie feel, with somewhat juvenile one-liners and a bit of comic relief, but it’s a direction that has been mostly eschewed in recent years for horror/sci-fi flicks or a sort of stoic realism and so it feels fresh.

Overall


Final Verdict

4 out of 5
Crossword

Across
1. Navy commando
7. Baseball stats
10. Drink dispenser
11. Bearded animal
12. “Blue” or “White” river
13. Stood for
14. Curtain holder
15. Cool __cucumber
16. Ryder Cup org.
17. “Shuck!”
18. Always, to a poet
20. Fireplug
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22. Stood for
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25. Supposition
26. Stood for
27. Ryder Cup org.
28. Curtain holder
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5. Frosts, as a cake
6. Offspring
7. Actress Russo
8. One of the Fondas
9. Stockholm native
10. Hollywood studio
11. Manhattan’s river
12. Cast-of-thousands film
13. Spider
14. Author Jong
15. Clan emblem
16. Cast-of-thousands film
17. Stage hog
18. __ King Cole
19. “Bali __”
20. Hall-of-Famer Hubbard
21. Mark with a branding iron
22. Corporate image
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The sound of sudoku
Rules of the Road: Free Market edition

By Joe Kaiser

Safety Belts

Seat belts may or may not be worn by passengers of any age, and the market will provide, removing passengers who elect not to wear safety belts through natural selection.

Construction Zones

Penalties for traffic violations in construction zones are no different than penalties in zones of regular traffic. Drivers who impede road construction or hit road workers will pay their price in the free market, as in the long run the overall quality of their roadwork will suffer. Out of town offenders who impede traffic may not see an immediate impact, but will eventually feel the free market’s wrath, as interstate commerce is vital to all of our livelihoods.

Funeral Processions

The free market hates funeral processions. Destroy them.

Accessible Parking

Businesses that provide accessible parking for their patrons will reap the benefits of a widely untapped handicapped market. Imagine if yours was the only hardware store in the county that catered specifically to the handicapped? Why, the free market is doing its job!

However, if you occupy a handicapped parking spot and you are not handicapped, there is no penalty other than inconveniencing the customers of the store you shop at, which impacts them negatively and by the power of the free market makes you less likely to shop there. So in a way, the free market takes care of that too.

Traffic signals

Green arrows? Yellow lights? Such regulation hurts the free market’s ability to best decide which route drivers should take. A driver is free to wait at an intersection or go through it whenever it approaches a light, and the free market will take care of the rest. Can’t drive across a busy street because the flow of traffic never stops long enough for you to proceed? Don’t worry! Everyone on the road is a rational player acting in their own self-interest, the market will probably make sure you get home eventually! After all, you represent an untapped market!

Emissions standards

There really aren’t any. I mean, who is the government to limit the amount of work your vehicle can do? I’m sure the forces of competition will convince automakers to keep high emissions standards, right?

School Buses

Vehicles are not required to stop when approaching a school bus. Children who do not make it across the street safely are being “free marketed,” as the faster kids who live on convenient sides of the street can outproduce the slow children assaulted by motor vehicles, thereby passing on the educational savings to you, the taxpayer.

Emergency vehicles

No rules here. Free market says you should yield if you want your locale to have better ambulance service. If you elect to move to the side to let the fire truck through, fantastic. If you decided you really wanted that Subway Melt, on the other hand, and that you would cut off that very same fire truck in traffic to get it, that’s just the free market working its magic.

Prohibited Parking

The free market will take care of this one too. If you’re parked in front of a fire hydrant and the building you are in catches fire and the fire hydrant is blocked, then the efficiency of the market will make sure you are not handicapped, there is no penalty other than inconveniencing the customers of the store you shop at, which impacts them negatively and by the power of the free market makes you less likely to shop there. So in a way, the free market takes care of that too.

Deconstructing the modern proverb

By Joe Kaiser

The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.

This one is best explained if you have some grass to stand on top of; but if you have a vivid imagination, you can work through this one in your head. Now that you are above your potentially fictional plot of grass, look down. What does the ground look like? You might see some grass, but you’re probably also seeing a lot of mud, twigs, potentially the errant worm. If you look across the way, you might see a quite lush plot of grass, while it may be no more lush than your own plot, it appears “greener,” as your line of sight across the street encompasses the full surface area of each bird of grass and virtually no dirt. If you were to cross the street, however, and look at your own lawn, it would itself look greener. This is known as Gödel’s incompleteness theorem.

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

Bird collectors are unique among mainstream enthusiasts.

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, because they can judge exactly what’s in their possession. No minimums, no middlemen, no worry about it being stolen or eaten by predators, and they get the羽毛 for free. The average person going to a convention has a much harder time judging exactly what their money is worth, and there’s always the worry about what else might be available. Also, bird collectors are often able to judge exactly what’s in their possession, having seen each bird before. Most people think they’re seeing a bird for the first time if they see it on a postcard or in a book. The average person would be hard pressed to judge whether their purchase was worth the money they spent.

This space could be yours!

If you write skinny enough jokes.

What’s that?
You have a skinny joke?
Submit it online at technews.iit.edu
Hawks baseball lose four straight games

By Stephanie Herrera
SPORTS EDITOR

Hawks baseball faced Purdue North Central last weekend and took a tough loss in a double header. They started the first game with a high lead and competition until the 6th inning when after a walk and a couple of wild pitches PNC was able to load the bases and get one in to make the score 6-1 for the Hawks. However, they couldn’t hold onto this lead, which dropped them to 2nd place, with a strong 7th inning, grabbed six strike-outs for the game and only allowed three hits.

The Hawks didn’t go down quietly. Sophomore Andrew Krueger was the first in the first inning, Sophomore Thomas Hotz had a single in the fourth inning, but was stranded on third after two quick outs. The Hawks were able to pick it up in the bottom of the seventh. Erickson singled on the first at-bat of the inning, Skelton pinch ran and advanced to second on a ground out by Krueger. O’Toole was hit by a pitch to put runners on first and second, but the inning ended and the Hawks were left with two flyouts. Each team had one error and three hits. PNC came out on top, 1-0.

Illinois Tech came out strong in the ninth end of the double header, scoring early on in the second inning. They loaded the bases on singles and senior Garrett Nielsen scored on an error to put runners on first and second. Nielsen homered with no one on in the sixth inning to put the score up 2-0, his first home run of the season.

The Hawks allowed two runs in the seventh inning to tie the score, and allowed another four in the ninth to seal the deal. Jesse Stepniewski knocked out the mound and pitched for six innings with two strikeouts and four walks. Tyler Howie pitched two innings with one strikeout, allowing five hits and two runs, and kept three stranded. Nate Roth is in the books, but didn’t get any outs and allowed three runs. Pat O’Brien cleaned up and pitched one inning allowing two hits, one run and one walk.

Ramsiek had a hit in the fifth, Thomas Hotz had two hits and five put-out. Garrett Nielsen contributed two hits, ten put-outs and one assist, catcher Mike Erickson had two hits and protected one hawk. Evan Krueger had one hit and two assists. Second baseman Bill O’Toole had one hit, one put-out and five assists. Unfortunately, their team effort ended in a loss 2-6. Each team had nine hits each.

The Hawks had a tough loss against conference foe St. Francis on their field 1-5 and went on to play Valparaiso the next night.

Illinois Tech had a tough start in the second inning allowing seven hits and six runs. They gave up two more in the fourth and one more in the fifth. The Hawks finally answered in the fifth with four runs. Evans doubled to left, scoring two RBIs and Hernandez doubled to center earning three RBIs. Unfortunately, they were unable to score again, leaving the score at 9-4. Hawks gave up another five-run outing in the 7th inning. Wes Klockowski, who had his first start after finishing his basketball season, had one hit. Mike Erickson had six put-outs at the plate. Kyle Gugliemino had one hit and seven put-outs. Bill O’Toole had three put-outs and three assists and Jesse Stepniewski had three put-outs and four assists.

The Hawks have a record of 5-11. They play Calumet College at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, April 8th at home and Friday, April 11th against St. Francis at 3:00 pm.

Do You Know Sports?
Each year, baseball seems to have one player with a very long hitting streak. In 2002, the longest came from Luis Castillo. For how many games did he maintain this streak?

A. 31
B. 29
C. 45
D. 35

Answer in next week’s issue.

Answer to last week’s question: A. George Wade

Wait a minute, does IIT have a Cycling team?

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You bet we do! Illinois Tech Cycling is IIT’s competitive bike racing team. Perhaps you’ve seen us around training in the MSV lounge, or grouping outside MSV at the start of our rides. We’ve been an active team for the past three years, competing in the Midwest Collegiate Cycling Conference. We race against teams from around the Midwest in “Tour de France” style bike racing, known as road racing, and our conference is made up of 34 different teams from as far north as Michigan’s Upper Peninsula to the south point of Kentucky, Missouri in the west to Ohio in the East. Races take place on weekends with the season starting in mid February, and ending with regionals on April 19th-20th. And you thought baseball was the only IIT sport to go down in the spring… HA!

There are 4 different skill level categories in collegiate cycling, D, C, B, and A, with Cat D being the easiest, and Cat A being the most competitive. We’re a small team, consisting about 8 riders strong. William Larsen and Anthony Carling represent IIT in Cat B. Danny Beissinger races in Cat C, while Loren Bo, Grant Austin, Scott Larson, Jason Soo, and Nick Przybysz are all Cat D racers.

With a higher level of competition, comes more mileage races, and more points earned for team rankings.

As a team, we’ve already competed in 3 races this year, where the team showed some initial strength at DePaul and Mizzou, with 30.8 mile race. The race came down to a sprint finish, where Anthony pulled off an impressive effort and place, and Lewis finished a respectable 8th place—both getting points for IIT.

The Cat C race was 22 miles long, and Danny Beissinger faced 30 other riders as the sole Illinois Tech racer in Cat C’s. Danny was able to pull off a second place finish after the sprint, also getting the team points. The Cat Drace was 16 miles long, and Scott Larson, Jason Soo, and Nick Przybysz were far from alone, with a field of 51 other riders to compete against. Nick finished 24th, Scott 45th, and Jason did not finish due to mechanical issues with his bike.

Sunday, the team participated in the University of Michigan Circuit Race in the morning, and an Individual Time Trial in the afternoon. A circuit race is a higher intensity, shorter duration race, with shorter laps, while a time trial is an individual “race against the clock” ride. For a circuit race, a large hill climb changed things up, and it showed in the results. Anthony and Lewis raced against the B’s in a 9 lap, 18 mile race. Anthony finished in the back of the leading group, but since most racers were dropped from the group, due to the fast pace, he managed to finish 7th place, still deep in the points for IIT. Lewis fell victim to bad positioning and was one of the riders who was dropped from the group, and finished in 16th. The Cat C race was a little shorter at 6 laps totalizing 12 miles. Danny rode well at first, however tried to make a move at the wrong time, and was also dropped by the group. He finished 18th. The D race was shorter still, at only 4 laps and 8 miles. Nick blew a tire early on, forcing him from the race early, while Scott raced well, finishing strong, close to 30th place.

In the time trial, riders went in 20 second intervals of Cat Categories. Everyone rode the 3.5 mile race which was very hilly and full of tight turns, technical corners, and finishing times ranged from 9:16 to 18:06 minutes. Out of a total of 302 racers to compete, Anthony finished with 10:31, taking 32nd; Danny finished in 10:43, taking 40th; Nick finished in 11:03, taking 57th; Lewis finished in 11:05, taking 61st; Scott finished in 12:47, taking 93rd, and Jason finished in 15:05, taking 100th. In the official rankings as far as categories go, Danny and Anthony finished 6th in C and B respectively, both earning the team points.

Overall it was a very good weekend for the team. With the points we’ve gotten, IIT stands in 4th place overall compared to all Division 2 schools! This is the best the cycling team has ever done, and IIT is off to a great start to the 2008 season!

Anthony Carling maintains great position in the Cat B circuit race at DePauw University.