Gambling the night away

By Amy Chun

A night out on the lake in a casino is very reminiscent of the most recent James Bond movie but in this case, the RHA boat cruise had a lot more survivors in the end. Four hundred students boarded the Odyssey II at 11:30 Saturday night and spent their time laughing, gambling, and in some cases, winning big. All hoped to win the biggest prize: A 19-inch LCD plasma TV. The rest of the prizes included a 500-gigabyte external hard drive, an 8-gigabyte red iPod nano, a poker set, a Panasonic camera with a case, a printer, copier/scanner, and two IIT hoodies. The 25 freshmen per shift kept things and students under control, explained rules, and spouted the green visitors that professional dealers are seen warning (maybe a future career for some?). In the end, after drinks and small appetizers of spring rolls, chicken wings, and more, with dessert, the rest of the night of those prizes chips was spent dancing, admiring the city skyline at night, and then bidding on the prizes. Dealer Max Graziano acted as an auctioneer, starting the bidding of the smaller prizes, working his way to the bigger prizes, including Bharat Naindaikumar who was sold to the highest bidder for $40. In the middle, the months of planning the biggest event for the RHA ended in success with everyone smiling or shivering as they left the boat three and a half hours after they boarded, while the dealers packed up the tables, slot machines, and chips.

International Fest returns for its 33rd year

By ISO

On Friday, November 7, 2008 over twenty student groups will take part in the 33rd International Fest. Each year, the IIT International Festival has brought students, faculty, staff and local communities together in a celebration of diversity and culture. With a host of international student groups present and excellent showcase of cultural performances, the Fest is nothing short of spectacular. Guests attend I-Fest celebrations with high expectations and leave with complete satisfaction. The event is organized by the International Students’ Organization (ISO) with help and direction from the International Center. It is funded by the IC as well as the Student Activities Fund. ISO receives a lot of feedback each year and strives to make each I-Fest bigger and better than the previous one.

The International Fest is an all-day event made up of two parts – the daytime Food Fest and the evening performances. During the daytime portion, which runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Herman Hall (The HUB), you will have a chance to try out different types of cuisine from 17 cultural groups. Not only will the specially-prepared ethnic cuisine satisfy even the pickiest of eaters’ appetite but attendees will also get to learn more about the cultures of different countries and regions that each group represents through their respective booths.

If all the food is insufficient to satisfy your hunger, then the evening event will certainly do so, albeit metaphorically. Performances begin in the Herman Hall auditorium at 7:30 p.m. and run for a couple of hours. Students from different backgrounds and different cultures come together on one stage to showcase their cultures through their elegant performances. Come experience their talents and show your support. Wrapping up the evening performances is an international fashion show, with models in their traditional attire.

This year’s theme, “A World Without Borders,” was selected with the aim on the current state of affairs in the world. Join us this Friday at The HUB to enjoy the biggest Diversity Celebration on the IIT calendar.

If you have any questions about I-Fest or want more information on how to contribute to the success of the I-Fest, contact the ISO at iso@iit.edu or see you at the Fest!

Introducing the Velocity Initiative

By Linda Goldstein

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The Velocity Initiative is proceeding forward at high speed. The Office of Institutional Advancement is coordinating the initiative, which is currently employing around fifty part-time students as Velocity Ambassadors. The first meeting was held on Saturday Nov. 1, and took about 2.5 hours. After filling out paperwork that will enable them to be paid for their time, the students filled the large PH108 room and had the honor of listening to Betty Hughes, the VP of Institutional Advancement, and Dr. Sandy Marcus from the IIT Center for Research and Service.

What is the Velocity Initiative? Based on the Discovery program at Georgia Tech, Velocity’s goal is to help IIT be more connected with its alumni. In this program, IIT students will interview IIT graduates who have been out of college for ten years and more, and who have had very little contact with the university. By doing this, IIT students will contribute to the community of their university. Also, this is a valuable networking opportunity, and it’s great fun to hear how things used to be at IIT, generating an appreciation of MTCC. The alumni will be able to hear a little about how IIT is doing nowadays, and will share their valuable memories of how IIT used to be. Questions include “How do you keep informed about what’s happening at IIT?” and “How do you spend your free time?”

The training session on Saturday covered such valuable basics as what the interview questions are, a few facts and figures about the university, and ways to draw other people into comfortable conversation. Several of the points presented are highly universal in application and are also covered in sessions hosted by the Leadership Academy and Career Development Center. In short, the Office of Institutional Advancement is revving up for an eventful Spring semester.

CS department rocks ACM ICPC at UIC

By Linda Goldstein

IIT’s two teams came in 14th and 39th respectively out of 139 competitors listed on the final standings of the 2008 ACM (Association for Computing Machinery) Mid-Central USA Programming Contest, which was held at UIUC. Teams from UIUC, DePaul, Northwestern, and many others also competed. During the competition, teams of three students attempted to solve problems and programming problem teams. Technology’s faculty advisor is Dr. Mattos Beckman of the Computer Science department. Standings for all teams are available at http://score.cigas.net/mcpc2008.cgi?

Input: The input consists of one or more strings, each on a line by itself, followed by a line containing only “0” that signals the end of the input. Each string contains 1-31 bits represented by either a lowercase letter ‘c’ or a lowercase letter ‘o’.

Output: Each line of output must look just like the corresponding line of input, except that the letter at the end is replaced by the correct bit so that the entire bit string has even parity (if the letter was ‘c’) or odd parity (if the letter was ‘o’).

Example input:
101
1000100a
1e
000b
11000010c

Example Output:
101
1000100b
1e
11000010d

Congratulations to both teams on their continued success.
Religious cease-fire

By Paul Spears

As much as I have enjoyed seeing my section filled with articles each week, the time has come to put a cease-fire on the religious debates found in the TechNews opinion section. Religious/scientific debates have taken place as a part of our history for thousands of years. Every current known avenue of debate on the subject has been thoroughly exhausted. Furthermore, the articles over the past month have not provided any new opinions, but rather have been rehashing the same ones in different forms. Additionally, the arguments being made are starting to decline to the point of name calling and finger pointing. Sorry to ruin everyone’s fun, but it’s time to change the subject and breathe new life into the opinion section. Thanks!

Dear SexTech,

My girlfriend was talking to one of her friends (also a girl) and the two of them are curious about kissing each other. She asked what I thought about this, and being the “technologically-oriented boy,” I was at first curious myself how this would turn out. However, that aside, I do have questions.

1. Does this mean that my girlfriend is becoming tired of me? If so, how can I “conjure” her back to my side?

2. Thanks, Open-Minded Joe

Joe oh Joe oh Joe,

You may very well be sitting on the holy grail of girlfriends, however, you may also be looking at a long, painful, heart wrenching end to your relationship. You are currently in an entirely “play-it-by-ear” situation. And unfortunately there is very little you can do to guide this episode of Jerry Springer. A woman’s interest in other women usually has less to do with the performance of the man in her life and more to do with the human drive for experimentation. What the two of you need to do now is sit down together and find out where each of you stand on the lines of sex and love. A simple kiss will most likely not answer the questions she has about sexuality; furthermore, it may take a full Moon lesbian sex scene before she can make any kind of decision as to her preferences. Know this; the decision is hers and hers alone. If her curiosity is strong enough she will need to have it satisfied or will feel like something is missing until she does… I could go on for another three pages as to why this is a bad situation to be in, so I will just cut straight (no pun intended) to the information you are wanting to hear.

SexTech Recipe for Hot Threesome

1. Encourage her to give it a whirl

2. Ask her if she can join next time they get together

3. Profit

4. Dump her, the relationship has nowhere to go from here

5. Ask her to tell you the Good Luck Joe, and God Speed.

Sincerely,

SexTech Staff

Response to last week’s SexTech:

I agree with what you say that the relationship moved too fast and going from never seeing each other to living together is incredibly insane, but I do think that relationships made over the internet or through a video game are possible. I used to play WoW (don’t have time for it anymore) and I met my current boyfriend over the game and we just hit our 3 year mark. He lived near my parents home so I saw him whenever I was home for the holidays or whatever and he came out here every once in a while. He just moved out here and we’ve having a hard time adjusting, but it’s from the long-distance to near, not the game that caused the problems. So, yeah - it does happen and it does work, but there must obviously be caution when all you see is an avatar.

-Gamer Girl

Thanks for the response Gamer Girl, and good luck.

Keep those emails coming: sextechnews@gmail.com

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Thanks, and remember, “Don’t be a turd, wrap your nerd”
An auto exec ponders the future of energy

By Abhishek Gundugurti

A few months ago, the entire country was running around screaming in protest about the high gas prices. Of course, when I say the “entire country,” I mean just a few people; and I say “screaming in protest,” I mean driving just a little bit less. However, I was shocked to see gas prices again drop to $2.59 from a high of about $4.49 that I saw a few weeks ago. What is with gasoline prices in the United States? Who is the boss that decides on increasing prices every now and then and decreasing it later? Who is the loser and who is the profiteer? Since this is an opinion article, I will not divulge those details to you. That is your responsibility. I am just here to articulate my opinion in regards to what the right price would and should be or what to do about this energy future we keep hearing about.

I will start off by telling you what inspired me to write this article. For all of you who have heard of the company Chrysler, you should know that they make respectable American cars. What you might not know less about is who Lee Iacocca is. He was the former Chrysler CEO and also a respectable philanthropist. He wrote a book recently called Where Have All The Leaders Gone? regarding many details, one of which was “How the America’s oil dependence and the energy future of the country are turning our great country into an energy-impoverished nation.”

Despite the clouds...

The gas tax idea and the application of gas taxes to develop alternatives is a very feasible concept. According to the book, the gas companies made close to $1 billion in profits in 2006, and in 2007, another record year of profits for oil companies; if only the government taxed gas companies, so that they would effectively share some of these profits, it would help spend more on developing effective alternatives to the energy requirements for the country’s population.

All in all, Mr. Iacocca’s word of advice to the Congress and the bigwigs at Washington, and when I say “screaming in protest,” I mean the high gas prices. Of course, when I say the oil companies, I mean “those around them.”

The virtues of Halloween

By Michaela Heaton

“What ARE you?” is the question more often than not inspired by Halloween costumes of dubious meaning or origin. In my personal opinion, that might be the best part of Halloween. You are whoever you say you are for a day, and no one disputes your declaration or tries to cart you off to the funny farm if you say you’re a princess, or Darth Vader, or Tinkerbell during her Gothic phase.

If you think about it, one could take this as proof that humanity really is capable of accepting the uniqueness of those around them in stride. Halloween is the day when the fact that we all think, act and look differently is underscored by the fact that when we apply those differences in thought and behavior to something as simple as our outward appearance, it can be fun.

I personally wish that the Halloween spirit could endure year round, and that any time someone wanted to know, they just walked up to someone else, looked them in the eye and asked, “What ARE you?” They might not like or agree with the answer, but at least they would dislike that person based on the person’s own words and choices, rather than the ones they perceive or imagine that person to be making. As French author Andre Gide said, “It’s better to be hated for who you are than loved for who you’re not.”

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An auto exec ponders the future of energy

The tax and the energy future of the country are turning our great country into an energy-impoverished nation. I agree with him and have for everyone that is that life has just begun, we are still young and there is so much out there for us. Whether it is something we want or something unexpected, life is a mystery. If you are reflecting on your life goals. This is a life-changing decision; you don’t want or something unexpected, life is a mystery. If you are thinking about what to do with your life, I suggest taking the time to really think about it right now. If you wait too long, opportunities will have passed you by, so make the time and reflect on your life goals. This is a life-changing decision; you can’t trust it. First you should do some thinking by yourself, even in meetings or on your own. Then ask someone for their opinions on the subject, usually someone older and more experienced, like a parent, because you need to learn from people who already experienced these thoughts. After talking to someone about it, think it over again on your own. Include what you learned into your thinking but remember that this is your decision. Also, as a side note, make sure that you are in a good mood when you are thinking about all of this, usually when someone is upset, sad, or just in a bad mood, their emotions tend to take over and the thinking process ends up being a lost cause. You’ll start to think irrationally and most likely that there is only one solution and that there is no hope for anything else.

Remember, each day is different. There are good days and there are bad days. Don’t let a couple of bad days ruin a perfectly good life. Cheer up Illinois Tech, the wind is picking up and the cloud will soon move away.

Despite the clouds...
A good friend of mine recently wrote on her blog about what her opinion of rain is. To her credit, she cited not only the complaints she had about rain and its aftermath, but also supplied a list of things that she likes about rain. It was an interesting read and I really got me thinking.

First off, I have to say that I really, really love the rain. If I’m having a bad day, and there is rain at day’s end then it very easily takes away the pain and any associated negativity of the day. It is not merely that cliched cleansing thing. It is something deeper, something in the sensory experience that I have before and after rain. The way that the light itself is different. I like to call it “appreciative light” because it tends to make everything look more interesting, more appealing. There is something about graysness that tends to make the only sunlight falling through a kind of filtered, purer version of it. And that, when it falls on anything, makes it alive, including myself.

So yes, I find it surprising to hear people complain about the rain. I want to say, “but wait a minute, take a moment and really feel what this is.” I wish everybody could see it the way I do.

But then, wouldn’t people who dislike the rain also wish that I could see it their way? What my friend wrote about the rain wasn’t surprising, I have known for a while what she thinks, and how, in fact, rain depresses her to some extent. Her sentiments are echoed by other friends of mine. Is it possible for me to figure out why this should be the case? Why should our perceptions of rain differ so?

I can trace back my own love of rain to a kind of collective Indian subconscious. Rain, or the season of rain (the monsoon) is a big deal in India. It provides respite from the long and unbearable summer that begins in March–April, gains strength in May, to Rain, or the season of rain (the monsoon) to a kind of collective Indian subconscious. It is something that graysness that tends to make the only sunlight falling through a kind of filtered, purer version of it. And that, when it falls on anything, makes it alive, including myself.

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The major research on the topic was done by Project for Excellence in Journalism. In their third annual review of the state of American journalism, the review concluded a fair and balanced news coverage. And according to Bill O’Reilly it “sounds fair and balanced”.

Here are some reasons why I believe the above coverage by the news networks and papers was biased – going against the integrity of journalistic ethics to present balanced and objective news information. For the past 8 years, of which 4 years I have personally been following somewhat closely, the focus on the current administration’s actions and policies has drawn delayed criticism from many news agencies, intellectuals, past administrators, past presidents and other influential persons across the country and in some cases, across the world. The amount of negative feeling towards the present administration among the people and the media could have been a source of this bias in the news media. In an age when

The media’s lesser attacks on Barack Obama are a result of some smart moves on the part of Obama’s campaign to somewhat restrict the access to Obama’s complete records and/or at the same time presenting a somewhat fully positive picture of Obama’s performance record. It can also be said the nation’s attention to Obama was sort of American Idol, where the person who is most popular usually wins, not necessarily the person with the most talent or credentials (and this is my opinion, not necessarily a true reflection of the show).

Having stated the above, I will conclude by saying “life is unfair, so is politics.” McCain might have been subjected to 52% or 75% of negative news coverage, and Obama could have been let off with just a slap on the wrist: in politics it’s hard to state what is obvious in many

So it is not at all strange that I love the rain. For me there is always this memory of what the monsoon is and what it means when it comes, along with the sensuous stuff I have mentioned before. There are also other memories that are inevitably tied in with it: sitting down to have pakodas (a kind of Indian snack, typical for the monsoon) with the family, the conversations we had, and laughter, not to mention the warmth, oh the warmth of tea. Last, there is also that personal memory of being at windows and staring out and marveling at this natural phenomenon (tea a part of that too). This is nostalgia and this is tied in with the feeling of happiness, until they feed off each other and grow.

I try to think what would be a similarly exciting thing for a Chicago native. The greenness is certainly what happens in the Spring. And is it not true that Spring is considered by many here to be the best season of the year? Over the past five years, I too have come to anticipate the melting of the snows, and taking away of the harsh, cold winds. Return at last, to the lushness, the life that is this part of the Earth. People who had been caged thus far by the elements suddenly emerge free and that too adds to the spirit of things. Summer is not nearly as harsh as it is in India and is in some ways an extension of the Spring. Therefore, on those days (and it seems that there are many) that the rain arrives, it is a damper because it robs one of a day that could have been spent outside, doing something exciting and fun.

In other parts of the country, the season of rain also brings with it storms, hurricanes, and tornadoes, the overriding idea of destruction and no one’s memory of these can be unfastened by some personal loss or another. So I don’t find it at all surprising that people from these parts would be sickened by the very suggestion of rain. Here, perhaps, is the opposite of nostalgia.

Our current perceptions are colored by past experiences, recollections that we have (and collectively, and so when it rains next, I will not only enjoy it, but will also spare a thought for all those who do not enjoy it, or are drastically affected by it. Just like my friend has found it in herself to see the things in rain that she appreciates.

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It has been a long year in presidential politics and we are at its end. It has been an interesting year by all accounts. I would think that everyone would agree. For me, it has been special because this really is the first presidential election that I was able to follow closely, due to the fact that this January I moved into a new apartment and was blessed with one of those wonderful modern inventions: cable. In fact, this year the channel I have watched most is CNN. For me, it has been special because this really is the first year I was able to invest, interested, whatever you like to call it. Was this viewing coincided with the initial primaries. There was a genuine desire to understand positions that differ from ours, constant need for an urgent lab report. Just don't wait too long.

The year passed, I moved, as I've already mentioned, but there were conditions was in itself something inspiring, and was followed by Obama's speech, which was even more so. I would like to say that the earliest moment that had me interested in the 2008 race. On a web-based poll a few weeks later, I voted that I thought Senator John McCain would be the next president. It was one of those times, and at that time it was something likely. The year passed, I moved, as I've already mentioned, and somehow my re-introduction into the world of TV viewing coincided with the initial primaries. There was an extraordinary moment when Senator Hillary Clinton became the first woman nominated by a major political party for the presidency. It was a moment that I got hooked, and knew that I was invested in this process. Interestingly, as I've already mentioned, to call all of these moments one and the same because of a particular candidate that I supported? Yes, it was. But it wasn't just that (in any case, what did it matter what the color of the candidate was?); it was that what was most interesting to me was that human moment. A genuine desire to understand positions that differ from ours, constant need for an urgent lab report. Just don't wait too long.

Fareed Zakaria talks about a new phenomenon, called “the rise of the rest.” By this, he identifies the emergence and growth of new economic entities like China, the Indian, and Brazilian economy. Zakaria suggests that with the resultant effect of the rise of the rest is the emergence of a world where the influence of western hegemony is no longer as absolute as it once was. He thinks that Senator Obama’s understanding of the world will help him to United States in a unique position, where the power and economic differential can be equilibrated without any significant losses on either side. Senator Obama suggests to us that religion need not be a litmus test (for the basis on which we decide to consider it), for more often than not (unconsciously) decide to whom we relate or agree with on issues. Moral issues of today such as views on abortion or same-sex marriage, for instance, will be the result of a mixture of personal, ideological, religious, and political groups at the table for people from different points of the continuum. This is also true for critical issues that is faced with today, and our decision on how we respond to it is influenced by the combination of the factors involved. It is true that faith is not the only influence on the decision, and the economy. Obama tells us that it is about to dream, hope, and aim a little higher in life.

It is true, however, that the world that isn’t always white or black, but that there are gray areas also. In other words, our world is not a world of absolutes. We can only maximize the potential of the human condition as we try to understand our desires to come together. He reminds us that we can in fact, without being disagreeable. More often than not, we refuse to seek out common ground. People like to take hard

positions and refuse to entertain the possibility of the other viewpoint (thereby losing the logical legitimacy of their argument). Our desire to hold on to future generations a more prosperous, secure, and just society can only be possible if we reach across the table to the person we don’t like. For instance, what would happen if incorrect or mistaken judgments are made while addressing some of the broader concerns of everyone? He reminds us that the stake of us that we have in one another and how a united people have never faced a challenge too great for them to overcome.

I get suspicious these days of people who are firmly deterministic in this kind of analysis. It is true that there was some talk of how relations between the two camps would develop (in the best speech of this entire process. At that moment it seemed like a genuine desire to understand positions that differ from ours, constant need for an urgent lab report. Just don’t wait too long.

It was exciting when Obama closed in on the nomination. There was some talk between the two campaigns (you could see some irritation on both sides, even the quintessentially cool Barack had a few moments of anger). But there was an appearance by the Clinton family about a week or so before the end of the primary process when you could clearly see defeat written on their faces (Roger Ebert wrote an excellent article about this in the Sun-Times). There was some talk of how relations between the two camps would heal and whether there would be an effect on the Democratic vote. Looking back, I imagine this was more media hype than reality on the ground. The, true were vocal and apparent on both sides, but then again, it is the Mac and PC loyalists who make it a bigger fight than it really is. Finally, at the convention it was Bill Clinton who, for me, delivered the most powerful speech. It was a speech that understood the Democratic vote. By this, he identifies the emergence and growth of new economic entities like China, the Indian, and Brazilian economy. Zakaria suggests that what he views as the most interesting to me was that human moment. A genuine desire to understand positions that differ from ours, constant need for an urgent lab report. Just don’t wait too long.

But John McCain had other ideas and sprung a surprise in the primary process that ended in a fair and legitimate vote. It is true that I gave an excellent speech at the Republican convention. This, after all, had been a relatively easier primary process (as compared to the one that Senator Obama had to endure). But it was not after he had been written off long before the primary process had even started, and weeks of speculation about who the VP picks would be. Many thought Mitt Romney, and it would have been a good choice. But this was totally unexpected. Again, for a while it seemed like the Obama campaign was caught off guard, but Obama was once again threatening to lose his cool and did for about a week when he went after Palin. For me, this again epitomized the human aspects of this whole thing, it was a very gut reaction. It is not after he had been written off long before the primary process had even started, and weeks of speculation about who the VP picks would be. 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**LAN Party - it’s coming!**

By Adam Kadzban  
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Hello fellow gamers! It’s that time of the month again – no, not that time! Time for a party...a LAN party! The LAN Party Club is taking over the MTCC Ballroom on Saturday, November 8th, to bring you TENV full hours of gaming goodness. Starting at 7pm on Saturday, we’ll be gaming until Sunday morning at 5am. Those ten hours will be full of food, fun, and prizes. The food will be snacks to keep you going all night, and that’s right, 5am. Those ten hours will be full of food, fun, and prizes. The food will be snacks to keep you going all night, and that’s right, 5am.

As souvenirs, the tour group was given some of the factory’s niobium titanium wires, used for efficiently conducting electricity at near-absolute-zero temperatures.

**Breakdancing in the BOG**

By Lindsay Drabek  
**CAMPUSS EDITOR**

Last Thursday the Bog was cleared out to make room for Breakdance Chicago. The event was hosted by Citiskaté, IIT’s breakdancing club. Breakdance Chicago taught a routine that involved many different introductory moves, while giving a brief history lesson on how breakdancing started and how it has been shaped and influenced over the years by such things as kung fu movies and gymnastics.

Breakdancing split the night up into two different parts, learning and freestyle. The learning was subdivided even more into basic footwork, drops and freezes.

Each move was demonstrated in the center of the very large circle that formed, and then was broken down into its component parts, very slowly and repeatedly to make it easier. After each move was demonstrated, participants were given time to practice and the members of Breakdance worked their way through the room attempting to correct everybody’s moves. After every few new moves time would be taken to string them all together, something that was much easier said than done.

Many tips on how not to hurt yourself were given throughout the night as well, like when someone does a knee drop they are actually landing on their toes, which is why you fall sideways when performing one, otherwise you will smash your knee.

The last part of the event started off when Breakdance buddged some people into demonstrating the routine they had just learned; all three volunteers put their own unique twist on the same routine, and performed very well for just having learned it. Watching the breakdancers battle at the end was pretty cool.

The spectators seemed to be having as much fun as those actually learning the dance as they cheered their friends on; only they were a little more fearful of someone getting kicked while everyone was practicing.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

SGA Senate Nominations open
Contact iitnominations@gmail.com for more info.

Wednesday, November 5

Men’s Soccer Regional Semifinals
7-9pm, Stuart Field
Come out and support our Men’s Soccer team as they fight their way to first place for regionals.

NSBE General Meeting
1-1:30pm, E1 104
NSBE is hosting IIT alumni Mark Ihimoyan as a guest speaker.

Hawaiian Night
The BOG
Come to The BOG for Hawaiian Night! The hula lasts all night and includes Kalbi ribs along with the all week specials! Half-price bowling starts at 7pm, so be sure to stop by with some friends!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

WILD Movie Night:
The Virgin Suicides
5:30pm, MTCC Ballroom
Women in Literary Discussion will hold a movie night, screening The Virgin Suicides, directed by Sofia Coppola.

Caribbean Music Night
9-11pm, The BOG
Haitian Kompa band D-Lux Mizik will be heating things up in The Bog on a Thursday night! Sponsored by Engineers without Borders and Union Board.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Advanced Patent Searching for Researchers
12:50-1:40pm, Galvin Library
Back by popular demand! Charles Uth, Senior Engineering Librarian and resident patent expert, will teach a second session on patents as part of the First Fridays @ Galvin Library programming.

International Fest
11:30-2pm, Hermann Hall
Cuisine Without Borders: Come sample cuisine from around the world!

International Fest
7:30-10pm, Hermann Hall
Talent Without Borders: Experience an evening of ethnic music, dance and fashion! Admission Fee: $4.00 IIT; $6.00 non-IIT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

TechNews articles due!
11:59pm, technews.iit.edu
Want something printed in the November 11 edition of TechNews? This is your last chance! Submit articles to technews.iit.edu.

Chicago Bulls vs Cleveland Cavs
7pm, United Center
UB presents the 2nd of 8 Bulls games this season. Tickets only $10 apiece. Check unionboardiit.com for information on ticket sales.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Sustainability Lecture
12:45-1:45pm, MTCC Auditorium
Come hear about sustainability and how you can become involved! Speakers are from a variety of different fields of study! Food will be provided, and first 100 in the door will receive a free “we’re into sustainability” canvas bag

Registration for Spring 2009 begins

TechNews Writers Meeting
Wednesday, 1:10pm
This week: Ephraim Meeting Room, MTCC
All are welcome!
It’s that time of the year again when we change our clocks to revert to the standard time, also called as Daylight Saving Time. When I first came to the United States, there was no need to change my clocks when the Sun rose late and set early during the Winter. Since the Sun rises late and sets early during the Winter season, more lighting is needed at all times. Hence, although Daylight Saving Time is effective in energy conservation throughout the year, it saves the least energy during the Winter.

Another positive impact of Daylight Saving Time has been observed. It is the reduction in the number of accidents occurring on the road while the DST is in practice. Studies have shown that due to the time shift during DST, the road traffic on the road is reduced and thus, the overall number of accidents also decreased. An economic benefit was also noted as, during the Spring and Summer months, more people prefer to spend their time outdoors as compared to indoors. Extending the time by an hour gives them more time to shop or to do multiple tasks, etc., all of which help to boost the economy of the nation.

Which other countries join the United States in implementing the DST? Well, many countries that are located near the equator and the tropics do not practice DST as for them, the length of the days and nights remains the same in all seasons. For example, in Pakistan, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Arizona, to name a few.

So who is the brain behind the concept? It was none other than Benjamin Franklin who introduced the idea for the first time in 1784 in his essay titled “An Economical Project”. He obviously put a lot of thought into the idea as it is the concept that has been very popular all over the world and has been implemented in over 70 countries across different continents. The second purpose is Energy Conservation. A 1% reduction in the daily energy consumption is seen due to the Daylight Saving Time. Following this rule is merely a matter of choice and some regions prefer not to implement Daylight Saving Time such as Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Arizona, to name a few. Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Arizona, to name a few. Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Arizona, to name a few.

**By Kamakshi Palakodety**

**Google gets a makeover**

If you have a Google account and have customized your own Google homepage, you have probably already noticed a rearrangement of all sorts. It is true that if Google makes a change to any of its pages, everyone is usually fast to notice. The latest change involves a complete overhaul of the iGoogle page itself, rather than going directly to your Gmail account. Moreover, as soon as you are done with using Gmail, you need not sign out and sign in again to access some other iGoogle gadget. You can simply switch to the other categories and sign out of the whole iGoogle application at the end. This advantage is not new for gadgets though, but most of the important ones have this feature now.

The second style decision made was to transform the content tabs initially located at the top into an expandable panel list now located on the left of the page. The old vision, you would have had a separate gadget for each particular category by clicking on that category. If you wanted to use a specific gadget, you had to first click on the category and then choose the one you want from the list of available gadgets. The new version makes life simpler. If you wish to view the entire list of gadgets you added, you can simply click on the main category. If you would rather scroll down to a particular gadget without having to view the rest of them, you can simply choose from a drop-down menu within the list of all the added gadgets you have in that category. The gadget, if it has been updated, will then be displayed in the canvas mode.

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**Fallout 3 nonetheless has a lot to offer.**

Fallout 3 is known for its black comedy and 1950s B-movie technology, and these are very much integrated into the newest installment. There is no shortage of quests or collectibles, and full exploration of the world in itself can take dozens of hours. Previous Fallout games used turn-based combat, and the developers implied that this game wouldn’t allow players to enter a turn-based mode called VATS instead of using the default real-time, fps-like combat. In reality, VATS is nothing short of a “bullet time” mode, allowing some characters to fire 4 bolt action rifle shots at an enemy head before enemies can pull their triggers twice. The ability to enter this Matrix-like mode is consequently limited to prevent the fireworks from becoming effortless, but it redresses rather quickly, so you can duck into cover until you can use it again and then rely on it completely. On the other hand, VATS does allow you to watch kills in cinematic slow-motion. As a result, combat can be very fun, especially at first, but is not very challenging.

There are many unrealistic elements in the game that are not justified. Guns (including rifles) are highly inaccurate at ranges beyond about 50 yards, often spewing rounds out of the barrel at angles greater than 30 degrees. Human enemies will detect you a long way off, even if you’re sneaking, but some enemies won’t notice you unless you practically bump into them. NPCs’ essential to completion of the central plot are immortal, passing out rather than dying. While boneheaded, anyone used to playing video games can probably put up with these inaccuracies.

Fallout 3 has a number of bugs at present, which do not break the game but do detract from its immersion. Some NPCs and even the player character sometimes clip through objects. Friendly NPCs may go berserk and attack you if you enter combat with monsters near them. The game is prone to jamming while loading data from other saved games. While these bugs aren’t crippling, they are an ugly blemish on the game.

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Cop Cars Craze – the Carbon E7 vs Lambo LP560-4

By Abhishek Gunduguri

Last week, TechNews covered the special, purpose-built law enforcement vehicle, the Carbon Motors’ E7. The Carbon Motors Corporation prides itself to be “designed by law enforcement for law enforcement.” The 3.8litre diesel engine and the 6-speed automatic gearbox can get the E7 to accelerate from 0-60mph in 6.5 seconds. For those of you who are interested, that means it’s like an 8 on a bullet just after it is fired (a little exaggerated of course). Carbon Motors has truly developed a custom car for the cops.

But is there any competition for this stylish and fast Carbon E7? If any car could compete with a cop car, it would be another cop car. In Detroit, Chrysler has been making cop cars in the form of Dodge Chargers for state troopers for long time. With permanent figures like 230hp (raised to 368hp in 2009) and sub 5.0 seconds for the 0-60mph mark, it is pretty competitive against the Carbon E7. The Ford Mustang Bullitt is another car used by law enforcement across the country. The 315hp, V8 engine can also help the cop speed up from 0-60 in just 5.2 seconds. The Carbon E7 heats these two cars in the aspect of the number of features it terms of capabilities, needs of the law enforcement. That said, there is one car that will give the E7 a run for its money in a high-speed car chase. And it’s an Italian racer.

No, it is neither a Ferrari nor an Alfa Romeo. Your gut will not tell you that it’s big bodied car with gull-wing opening doors and a spoiler. Yes, it’s a Lamborghini.

Specifically, it’s the Lamborghini Gallardo LP560-4. 560 is the number of the horsepower it can produce and 4 is just the series number or something similar. The Gallardo is a mid engine car. The 5.2litre V-10 engine can propel the vehicle 0-60mph, a standstill to 60mph in 3.7 seconds. That’s as fast as the ant would go on a Saturn 5 rocket. In terms of performance, the Gallardo outmatches the Carbon E7. With 560hp, it can accelerate from an organ from Chicago to Detroit in 1.6 hours (with flashing blue and red lights, of course.)

All in all, automakers making specialized cop cars is a social responsibility act that projects a good image for that automaker. Carbon Motors, though, is a step ahead by being able to customize to the needs of a specific group of law enforcement officers. But it’s always fun to get pulled over by a Lamborghini cop car!
On the occasion of Halloween I thought it would be interesting to revisit an old English classic, Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein. In the initial pages of this novel, the idea of Frankenstein’s monster in popular culture begins. It is fiction, or in a far more telling fashion in movie entertainment.

I should point out, too, that I have been relatively unaffected by the popular representation of the monster, seeing as this is not a genre that I particularly enjoy. I am also aware that there is a stereotype that has been relatively pronounced in television entertainment. This stereotype seems to be the original one (and after having read it “embarrassed” does seem like the right word). So before I begin to read it, I was somewhat uncertain about how much of the novel was about and also to its critical reaction. And this was a good thing, because as I read it I realized that the ideas of the novel had been severely obfuscated by the idea of the “monster”, and how it had given rise to the horror genre and extended Gothic fiction.

I was reminded of a (short) conversation I once had with an architect student near the MTCC photocopier (yes, the one that no longer exists). I asked whether she thought architecture first function was to design a building that would provide a utility, or was it to create art. She thought of course it was utility, and then went on to explain the rest of the effort. Really, it’s like some sort of drug – Tuesday mornings it’s the only reason I get out of bed. This week, Headed out and picked up the three issue Starbuck and Hela ofc Battlestar Galactica Origins.

Dynamite: Battlestar Galactica: Origins 09-013

I’ve been on a huge Battlestar Galactica kick lately, I’ve had season three sitting on my computer for months and finally took it upon myself to finish it up. Since then I’ve binge watched the entire series in a way that doesn’t seem to ever end. Really. It’s like some sort of drug – Tuesday mornings it’s the only reason I get out of bed. This week, Headed out and picked up the three issue Starbuck and Hela ofc Battlestar Galactica Origins.

Battlestar Galactica: Origins is technically separate continuity from the TV series, but don’t present anything drastically different or groundbreaking. The Origins line focuses on writing more fleshed out back story for the various characters – simple stuff. Unfortunately, “simple stuff” is perhaps the best way to describe it.

Issues 09-011 cover Starbuck and Hela’s time in boot camp and the time they spend crash landed some very green planet, on a very green mission. It’s certainly interesting to see these characters cross paths far before the television series begins, but the only reason the relevance of this issue about this was an incredibly unneeded sex scene. That’s it.

Granted, the writing isn’t bad. The characters act like their television counterparts, like the characters do. Unlike unimportant characters, there are no typos. That being said, it’s incredibly verbose. The art is decent, but it’s difficult to tell people apart. I’ve gotten used to the idea that every face is for every character, so here, I can sell my services for free.” Brault drew free portraits for the event. “It’s fancy because it’s free,” he says, “I buy my own art.” He adds, “My gift.”

Many people provided services such as massages, haircuts, portrait drawings or music lessons, in addition to clothes, music, and anti-assimilation. “Above all, we don’t want to assimilate.”

The fact is that the two things are not exclusive of each other. Great works of art are necessarily beautiful, but quite often their appreciation is earned by some level of challenging the established aesthetic ideal. Longevity also comes from its very relation to the lives of people, that ethical significance if you will. Some argue that Shakespeare’s play’s are just a vehicle for him to show off his sheer virtuosity in the use of the language. But, I believe that Shakespeare’s moral compass, and the stories that people are still able to relate today, are important. After all, Shakespeare also wrote numerous sonnets, but they are not nearly as good.

For out-of-towners Loren Hall and his girlfriend Sarah Lann, RRFM was an opportunity to get crafty. The couple picked up organic cold soda water to share with their friends. “We want to keep a low-impact RRFM in [Brydum’s] honor,” said Block. “And hopefully we can make this a more regular event.”

“It’s a wonderland,” said Shimer student David Brault. “It’s just a good way to eliminate these come as the youthful exuberance of the author (who was no more than 19 at the time that she wrote it), and I can smile as much at these as I do at some of the brilliance of the rest of the effort.

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23. Nasser-founded union
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**Down**
1. Round after the quarters
2. Unbuckle
3. Cancun coin
4. Doing nothing
5. Flee from foes
6. Feathery scarves
7. Merely
8. Put away
9. Follows orders
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- Trinity Christian @ Illinois Tech (Wed. Nov. 5th – CCAC Tourn.)
- Illinois Tech vs. TBA (Thu. Nov. 6th – CCAC Playoff)
- Illinois Tech vs. TBA (Tue. Nov. 11th – CCAC Playoff)

Results:
- Saint Xavier 2, Illinois Tech 1 (Sat. Nov 1st)
- Illinois Tech 3, Purdue North Central 1 (Tue. Oct. 28th)