The TechNews guide to the 2009 SGA elections

OPINION
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CHRIS LEE
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RAWAN ABBASI
Rawan emphasized that inactive student organizations should be disbanded by SGA or absorbed into another organization if they haven’t resumed activity after a formal warning.

PURVAG PATEL
Purvag promised to extend the hours of the student health center’s hours for his potential leadership as the VP of Finance. He detailed plans to communicate issues between students and administration in order to improve the availability and quality of services such as food, health, and student activities.

EARL FAIRALL
Earl feels that the most important thing to the strength of the university is to strengthen the SGA Senate. He said the most pressing issue that SGA actually could tackle was to better promote student organizations and student life in general. Earl argued that the student body’s duty is to look out for sources of waste when working toward a precedent student body. He recommended that if the student body feels that SGA is a powerful organization, then SGA will be able to get more done. Earl made a point to students because a reason to be at IIT and work to promote student organizations to improve retention rates.

RAY BALLARD
Ray’s top priority is to bring back the general assembly to let the student body address specific issues that SGA is obliged to address. Ray made a point that anyone can get the university’s budget information if they meet with the President and take the right steps to make sure that it’s presented fairly, and emphasized that he wanted to make sure the channels of communication between SGA and the administration were open on a weekly basis. Ray wants to work to identify where in SGA their message is getting lost on the student body. He proposed that students know who to go to when they need a representative. He thinks that SGA’s duty is to better promote student organizations and student life in general. Earl argued that the student body’s duty is to look out for sources of waste when working toward a precedent student body. He recommended that if the student body feels that SGA is a powerful organization, then SGA will be able to get more done.

SAULUWA ADEOLA
Laolu stressed the importance of rehabilitating SGA’s image and communication and organization among SGA when tackling issues of student life. He conceded that while students should fight for what they believe in, there are times where the administration will need to make an unpopular decision out of necessity and that at the very least it’s important to make sure that the administration’s decisions are communicated effectively.

CELESTE WEGRZYN
Celeste placed her priority in making sure that as many unique events as possible were programmed every year with SAF funds and make event programming easy and accessible to all student organizations, making a particular point that FB should cater both to high-attendance events and niche events that appeal to traditionally underserved students. She added that FB had dropped the ball on communication in the past and wanted to pay special attention to publishing both the amount of SAF money available but also where the money eventually goes. Celeste argued that the worst problem with SGA at the moment was a largely inactive Senate that was unresponsive to remedies. She argued that perhaps senators might be more active in developing legislation if the process were made easier with templates for legislation.

FINANCE BOARD CHAIR
Finance Board is easily the most important position to many in student organizations. Finance Board’s job is by no means a dictator of funds, but with the direct audience of the Office of Student Life, the chair has significant influence. Clearly students want a process to apply for funds that is helpfully simple and decisions that are judiciously decided.

TechNews believes Celeste Wegryn offers a level of competence and leadership that will allow her to quickly establish a knowledgeable face of Finance Board. She will leave little delay in implementing changes with the internal and external communications and methodologies. As both candidates noted in the debates, there is a void between FB and student organizations - we believe that Celeste will be able to fill this void and communicate effectively with all parties involved. Celeste’s track record of student leadership and student organizations will serve all students well.

We must, however, qualify our endorsement: during the debates, Celeste offered a novel idea. She will likely excel at refining a process years in the making, rather than revolutionizing the process of SGA. Both candidates have much to offer, and we will be a strong yet flexible individual who understands that while the decisions to be made may be difficult, fairness, and speed are of the essence.

VP OF STUDENT LIFE
With varied experiences as a resident in MSV, a brother in Delta Tau Delta fraternity, and a member in Engineers without Borders, Purvag Patel offers a very comprehensive understanding of the issues that the IIT student body faces on a daily basis. From his performance at the candidate debates last Wednesday, we were impressed with Purvag’s specific plans for his potential leadership as the VP of Student Life.

Purvag has a vision for his role in the SGA Executive Board and he has displayed the necessary leadership needed to implement said vision. We do feel, however, that Purvag’s vision is optimistic and ambitious plans such as getting a student representative on the Board of Directors or opening Health Services 24-7 might be too far out of his reach as a member of student government.

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Velociraptors: are you ready?
By Adam Kadzban

When you ask people what they are most afraid of, common responses are “heights,” “public speaking,” and “dying.” I’m not saying these people are all lying, but I will say that by far the most common response is “dying.” As they pounce onto you, you will notice the other two velociraptors: 6-foot tall, man-devouring beast with deadly talons. As you first become aware of one of them when you see it in front of you, you will realize that the window. Result: immediate shattering.

MPa, the window can absorb approximately 16.9 kJ of energy through windows. How can I be so sure they can break out how to open doors. But it’s much faster to just break through the windows. How can I be so sure they can break through windows? I had third-year Mechanical Engineering student Jeremy Gibbs run some numbers for me: “Assuming the window is isotropic and 100% brittle, with a Young’s Modulus of 74 GPa and an ultimate tensile strength of 30 MPa, the window can absorb approximately 16.9 kJ of energy before failure. A 1500-pound velociraptor traveling at 30 mph is capable of transferring nearly 170 kJ of energy into its body. Therefore, if the window can only absorb 16.9 kJ of energy, I would predict that the window would break.”

Velociraptors’ hunting strategy is simple, yet elegant. Hunting in packs of three, they surround you from all sides. The walls are still made of glass, which will mean to terrify you (though terror is the only reasonable reaction). The tight hallways and stairwells would also deter any of the buildings on campus and make some good plans. The second floor (see picture), and get into the stairwell. Getting thick concrete, the weakness lies in the large room windows. The third through fifth floors could still be safe if they barricade themselves into their rooms through, since I doubt the velociraptors would be able to break down those big doors. Chance of survival: 54%

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Speaking of IIT: mostly complaints

By Linda Golden

Welcome to a list of complaints (and some praises) for this university that we’re all at. Sometimes (usually around two a.m. on a Thursday when I’m taking a 7E study break and there are drunk people trying to buy nuggets) I think that the university is the only thing that some of us have in common. Now, I’ll define “to the death” (as the saying goes) their right to party, as it is also my right to unpopular opinion: It’s a rite of passage.

Speaking of drinking, Sodexo has seen fit to supply the Commons with the delicacy of flavored water, by means of having slices of orange or cucumber or kiwi in a glass and chrome towers of water with a spigot on the bottom. This is pleasant and tasty, in a manner of presentation, discriminates against short people. Even the source that the bread rolls at the pasta station are delicious, but their tallness is going to buy any more trays. When our current batch break or vanish, we’re done, kaput: those of us who aren’t used to carrying my last fight against it, here’s a quote: “My ID does not work in the commons and although I was abusing my limited budget into sharing a meal plan canceled on you. For a native Chicagoan and recent ex-student, this is exactly the case. Good luck with whatever that eight-eighth-wide thing is. It’s a food budget is sunk into Sodexo’s coffers, and it doesn’t look like it’ll be getting a refund, or food. Must we always practice “cavet emptor” while dealing with Sodexo?

Speaking of fails, I was expecting to have a great table at the IIT Craft Fair? I tend to use fabric paint on clothing, you see... but it turns out that only the faculty and staff can register for tables. One student actually was allowed to register for a table, but was later informed that this was a mistake and that she had to give it back. Now, this is all well and good, the Quality of Worklife committee is organizing the fair, and I hope that next semester the IIT Craft Fair will be easier to register for. Speaking of art-related events, I’ve found, in fact, I’ve worn to make it happen, other circumstances allowing.

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Seeking His spirit: selfless witness

By Hannah Rosenthal

We had been on the road for two hours and snow was blowing across the pavement in beautifully dangerous patterns. It was not a blizzard, yet snow fell from the sky densely enough to see no further than 250 yards. My passenger was dozing and I was listening to a sermon I’d missed at church to prevent myself from growing bored on the remaining four and a half hour drive. The SUV in front of me began to switch lanes around a semi-truck, and as I began to do the same my passengers awoke to a frightful sight.

The vehicle in front of me began to lose control and was soon sliding down the road perpendicular to the lane of traffic. As soon as the brake lights came on I pulled the brake and tried to veer around her, quickly losing control of the car on the slippery road surface. The front right side of my car slammed into the back right side of hers, sending my car spinning until it stopped, nearly facing straight forward, in the middle of the two lanes. A semi-truck zoomed past us on the left, then another on the right, then car after car as I sat petrified behind the steering wheel. My passenger calmly coached me to let off the Emergency brake, which I had no recollection of putting on, and we moved quickly to the side of the road.

The entire accident took a mere ten seconds, yet the impact of those ten seconds was deeper than the impact of the majority of my life, those are ten seconds in history that I will never forget, which not only proves that safety is an illusion, but testifies about God’s goodness in maintaining a life of innocence in this accident I became a witness, along with the three other people within the vehicles involved, to one of the methods used by sects when they try to produce in him/her the same strong emotional family-like feelings. This is one of the main techniques used by sects when they try to get the individual away from his/her emotional environment (the strongest one being the family). Later, the article turns to non-Christians, saying that no matter your weaknesses, the Christian community will help you overcome them, go out and meet people anywhere, in any circumstance, religious or non-religious. It does not matter! The more people the better, but remember what I said before: true friends are not going to be more than ten.

Finally, and not directly related to the main topic of this article - I want to say something about the comment made by Hannah about sex addiction. A recent study has shown that states (in the United States of America) that consume more porn are those which are more conservative and religious (I remember Utah was the winner). I do not want to give this study too much credibility (you know, statistics...), but it is a clear sign that society is more morally oppressed about sex (by religious, socially-imposed moral rules) are those who consume more porn.

Strong oppression can be responsible for a stronger movement in the other direction. For example, we have the so-called “destape” (uncover) in Spain. During the Franco’s ultra-conservative dictatorship, people were oppressed about sex in any aspect of social life (movies, literature, etc.); for example, we have the so-called “destape” (uncover) in Spain. During the Franco’s ultra-conservative dictatorship, people were oppressed about sex in any aspect of social life (movies, literature, etc.). Later, after such dictatorship, there was a movement called “destape,” producing movies where sex was shown without any moral rules (movies were immoral too). Such cultural movement appears in society without a long history of sex education. My opinion is this: Disinformation and fear of sex are the worst weapons, the forces against sexual behavior (and sex addiction). The best thing is to present sex as what it is, something natural. Teaching people how to enjoy sex safely and responsibly is better than just, disinformation and fear. As an example: A young couple wants to make love in a small village where everybody knows everybody. The couple is afraid to buy condoms because of the social consequences (fear imposed by the religious moral rules), so they make love without a condom, secretly. Such irresponsible behavior could be avoided by treating sex as something natural. And so on.

By Eduardo Berrocal

This is a response to the last “Seeking His Spirit” article, written by Hannah. I know that everybody is bored with the topic of religion, but I feel that there are things we need to say. First of all, I want to ask a very basic question: Why are religious people (normally fervent believers) always trying to convince people to follow their doctrine? Or better, why are they always trying to restart the same empty debates over and over again (normally, changing how they say the things or playing with the words to present their beliefs as facts)?

Well, my opinion is that they do not really tell (in the depths of their mind) believe their own stories. They are not the typical American man or woman who follows the crowd. You follow something bigger, someone divine, and you are ready and willing to explain who He is something bigger, someone divine, and you want to meet people specifically in a religious environment, then go ahead, but remember that these are not true friends and you want to meet people, you can search what activity/sport you like and start doing it: playing on a team, etc.

The article tries to sell us that if you have a problem, you do not need to fix it or improve it. They will love you anyway with a friendship by catalog. I say that if you think you have weaknesses, work hard on trying to improve them, go out and meet people anywhere, in any circumstances, religious or non-religious. It does not matter! The more people the better, but remember what I said before: true friends are not going to be more than ten.
Another LAN Party?!!

By Adam Kazdan

This past Saturday, the MTCC Ballroom was host to another LAN Party! The LAN, running from 6pm to midnight, brought about 50 people showed up in total. We had a few network issues at the beginning, but we got them cleaned up in no time. There are few problems that can’t be solved by IT students who want to play video games.

The first tournament, which was Warcraft 1v1, was won by Tae-Hoon Kim. He bested six others, though the final game was hard-fought, and earned a $15 gift card. Super Smash Bros. Brath was the next tournament. Doug Hopkins, from Triangle Fraternity, came away with that win and also $15. Saurerbrah, a free first person shooter similar to Quake, was the third tournament. This game pitted eight players against each other in a fast paced, action packed ten minute round. Jesse Young showed has skill in this department, dominating almost the entire game and finishing up with 60 frags and $15. Last was the Warcraft III: DotA tournament. This tournament always draws the largest crowds, and once again showed off the skills of quite a few players.

In the end, though, team Daikazoku, a.k.a. Rick “Slick” Alexander, Allen “Schweiss” Klug, and Ying “Ha” Sun, came away with the win, and each won $10. Come and join us next Friday, April 24, for another great LAN! We’ll be in the MTCC Ballroom again, from 6pm to 12am. The winner will receive a $25 gift card, and always - lots of gaming. We haven’t decided which games we’ll have playing, so feel free to email us if you don’t see us playing any games you like, let us know! We are always open to suggestions. We want to attend, or have any questions or comments, either send an email to lanparty@iit.edu or sign up on the MTCC Bridge April 22 or 23. Party on!

Greek Week 2009

By Jake Bohm

Hey everybody! Greek Week has started and is going to be a blast! Feel free to come out and watch your fellow students have some ridiculous things for points and chapter pride. We’re going to be throwing eggs, tying ourselves together then running, carrying between each other’s fingers, chugging root beer, and a lot more other fun stuff. The Dance Off is especially fun to watch if you’re not involved with the events. We’re also having a cook off on Saturday the 18th. So everyone is invited to come and enjoy some good food from all the chapters before heading to Spin Formal. Tickets will be $5 and all proceeds will go to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, also you’ll get a ticket to vote for your favorite chef and help us determine the winners?

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Warming up to IIT: The Big Event ‘09

By Angela Ng and Lory Mishra

As stated in our university mission statement, IIT students and faculty are expected to improve the human condition and as a service to society. In the spirit of embodying that promise, numerous IT students and departments have teamed up to plan the biggest day of service our university has ever seen. For April 25, 09. Through the diligent efforts from the Office of Student Life-Service Learning, Student Government Association, and the Office of Community Development and Outreach, 350 individuals have the opportunity to volunteer at The BIG Event ’09 on Saturday April 25th. The aim is to inspire IIT students, staff, faculty, and alumni to give back to the surrounding community and to thank Chicago for allowing IIT to call it home. Volunteers will have the opportunity to serve with organizations such as The Salvation Army, Friends of the Parks, Lincoln Park Conservatory, and Deborah’s Place.

Following a morning of service all over Chicago, volunteers will return to the IT campus for a delicious BBQ at E2 Park (right across from Morton Park). The BBQ will begin with a kick-off speech from President Anderson at 1:30pm, followed by a performance by IT’s very own Capella group, TechToics. Student volunteers from the various Greek chapters will be serving free food to all volunteers (non-volunteers will be charged a $2 entrance fee). All proceeds from the BBQ will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

WIIT Profile: RADIO 22

By By Brian Kibbe

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Harnessing the power of radio to enhance learning for the WIIT Show. WIIT Show is a weekly radio program, broadcast from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Saturdays.

1. What is your name?
Evan Vice

2. What is the name of your show?
WIIT Show

3. Why did you pick that name? Does it mean anything?
RADIO 22 is actually the SSID of one of the Wi-Fi networks at the University.

4. What kind of music do you play? What do you talk about?
I usually play a variety of 70s punk and pop punk, 80s alternative and 90s indie rock, but lately I’ve been playing a little bit of psychedelic and kraut-rock. In other words, I tend to play whatever I am into at the time of the show, so you never really know for sure what you’re going to hear! Also, sometimes I’ll play free because by another artist as an alternative to my own original playlists.

5. How do you get interested in doing a radio show?
Ever since my early teenage years, discovering new music has been a huge hobby of mine. There was one day last summer when I randomly thought, “It would be really cool to share my knowledge and the music that I listen to with others.” How do you do a radio show on WIIT? And here we are.

6. How many people do you think listen to your show?
I think I have a handful of dedicated listeners right now. I might have more, but who knows?

7. What is your favorite thing about having a radio show?
At the very least, it’s being up on an early morning, walking to the MTCC in a half-awake state, attempting to communicate clearly to the folks at the CIC in order to sign in, and then being rushed awake the second first I speak into the microphone. Oh, and playing and talking about awesome music! ps. Why is your show called WIIT Show?
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Saturdays

Talk Time on religion

By Beth Nielsen

TECHNEWS WRITER

Three Christians, two Muslims, three nonbelievers, and one person of mixed faith can come together at the same table for a light lunch without being the first part of a joke. Seriously, I was there. This took place at the co-sponsored event by the Office of Spiritual Life and the International Center called Talk Time on Religion last Tuesday in the MTCC Ballroom. The main directors of this program were Akiko Seland and Louis Berendt from the International Center and Lynne Meyer from the Office of Spiritual Life. IIT students, faculty and staff were all invited. There were about 70 people divided into nine tables.

Talk time events occur several times a year on a variety of topics as an English conversation program from the International Center. It gives international students and faculty an opportunity to practice conversational English with native speakers. Teamed with the Office of Spiritual Life, this talk time was dedicated to the topic of religion with the intent to discuss cultures and religious faiths causally and without any indifference. It just happens that both of the talk time I attended were on the topic of religion.

The first time I went and I ended up sitting at a table at all Christians, including a couple from Japan and two Chinese professors. It was very interesting to share our stories and to learn how we came to the same faith. This year was completely different as I sat at a very mixed group.

To my relief, it was actually a very pleasant atmosphere. A sheet of paper with some general questions was given to each table. My group, however, decided to take on questions on its own like an open forum. Everyone shared where he or she was and where he or she came from in terms of spirituality. Our conversations delved mostly into discussion about the lack of a national religion in China, the significance of Eater to Christians, the history of Mohammed and the idea of believing in more than one religion. All of which I felt were quite intense to even attempt to discuss in a normal situation. At least I’d eat my English conversation class and could not believe how time flew and how much the conversation twisted and turned in a very religious direction.

I met some new people and learned a lot.

It is funny how these types of conversations are not common occurrences. Maybe we are all just a bit too scared to open up and escape from the mundane. I think this needs to change. What about you? The next talk time will be about food. Hope to see you there!
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SGA election guide

Karen Nelson

Karen stressed the importance of making sure university resources are available to all students who need them, but also emphasized making sure students knew the resources available to them. She mentioned the importance of ensuring classes were available to students when they wanted to take them and capitalizing on the uniqueness of IIT’s curriculum while making sure that IIT students continue to get a well-rounded education.

Executive VP

Mike Krueger, the incumbent Executive VP, is running for reelection unopposed, so our decision to endorse him for another term is an easy one. Keep up the good work, Mike. Take a breather after the election’s over, we’re all sure you need one after such a hard-fought campaign.

By Chris Roberts

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By Muhammed Faezel

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Later, a student asked whether a 6.75% tuition increase, Gerald Doyle stressed that “students need to take advantage of external sources,” adding that many sources of funding go to waste simply because no one takes the effort to find it. Responding to a question of whether IIT faculty and staff will be taking a pay cut to match the tuition increase, President Anderson said that neither will be getting a pay increase. Doyle observed that faculty and staff not getting an expected increase was parallel to getting their pay reduced.

Clean up your Facebook, get a job

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A few weeks ago, the lamentable comment from President Anderson came to all of our inboxes informing us that our tuition costs would be increasing. Provided in the email were reasons like: “to improve the facilities and other infrastructure on campus”, “expanding our intramural athletic programs”, and “invest more in our IPRO courses”. Whether these explanations were valid or not was irrelevant to many students as emails and cynical comments expressed the inevitability of this occurrence year after year.

Following a connection from a good friend and the guidance of some excellent staff members in the Office of the Provost, TechNews began researching and compiling public data about tuition and general university costs. The schools selected for this comparison were chosen on the basis that they are all private, 4-year degree granting, technology focused institutions. They vary greatly in undergraduate enrollment numbers and many other areas, but have a generally similar classification. We did not choose these schools; the executive administration of IIT looks at these specific schools for above stated reasons and others.

All of the data presented represents only costs for undergraduate students. For the 2006-2007 through 2008-2009 school years, the numbers have been taken from the website of the “National Center for Educational Statistics” neced.gov/collegenavigator. For the 2009-2010 “National Center for Educational Statistics”:nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator. For the 2009-2010 school year, the numbers have come directly from university admissions or financial aid web pages. Many of the books and supplies numbers are projections and estimations that vary from student to student and from major to major. Also, the aid figures in the 06-07 year are strictly institutional grants or federal grants or student loans.

Blue indicates the lowest cost, highest scholarship, or lowest increase whereas red indicates the opposite. First of all it is important to note that Cooper Union is funded in such a way so that every accepted undergraduate student has a full paid tuition scholarship. They are only responsible for room, board, fees, and miscellaneous expenses. Anyway, what does this mean?

Now it is quickly evident that IIT does not charge anywhere near as much as schools like Carnegie Mellon or MIT. However, this price discrepancy across the board provides a perspective where you can ask, “how much of this high dollar amount only goes to make the school appear prestigious?” There is a visible pattern that certain schools seem to raise their costs to mirror those of known high achieving schools in order to give themselves some implied importance that may be unsubstantial. Some of these schools also have odd practices, that can be seen in the 06-07 school year, of charging extremely high prices for the degree, but at the same time offering large scholarships to nearly the entire student body. If these two phenomena are juxtaposed, it could be conjectured that schools are using high tuition costs to create allure then providing large amounts of aid to give the sense of getting a good deal. Worcester Polytechnic Institute is a prime example where they are within $1000 of the most expensive school. They give 97% of students institutional aid of a substantial sum, but they still have the largest cost when all is said and done.

Even though we do not have all the scholarship details for the other years, it is apparent that despite IIT being at the bottom of the cost war, IIT still manages to offer a shocking percentage and dollar amount of scholarships. It looks like IIT has purposely been steering clear of the falsification of prestige in favor of attempting to create a distinguished curriculum and students. On the other hand, it is reasonable to question why IIT’s yearly increase is so relatively close to the norm. Is this simply to keep pace with the competition, or is it IIT following a trend for the sake of the few in more dollars to protect the school for the future?

Tuition hike in full view: how do we compare?
A Hawk and a Hacksaw at the Hideout last Thursday

By Karl Rybaltowski

Giddy at the end of a busy week and the prospect of a social outing devoid of high school kids in heat, I agreed to see A Hawk and a Hacksaw this past Thursday night with little complaint. That the show was at the Hideout would have been a bit inconvenient (the venue is in a shady-looking industrial area that’s a long walk away from the nearest train line) if it weren’t for the fact that the friend who convinced me also possessed a car. We arrived on the scene with plenty of time to spare, finding ourselves in a strange demographic mix—hipsters, yuppies, and indie kids rubbing elbows in the small space that is the Hideout. What ensued was the sort of some mixed feelings on my part.

To those who are not in the know (and are actually interested in the topic), A Hawk and a Hacksaw is a duo that plays folk music very heavily inspired by Southeastern European folk (The Balkans, Bulgaria, Romania, etc.). Composed of percussionist/accordionist Jeremy Barnes (formerly the drummer from Neutral Milk Hotel) and violinist Heather Trost, they play primarily instrumental music, though occasionally vocals are added to the mix. For those familiar with Beintu, it’s similar to that—with more liveliness and a lot less vocals. What’s more, Barnes plays a bewildering array of instruments on their recorded material, and hearing Trost’s complex violin parts is impressive, to say the least.

Since I’ve had some interest in the band for a while, and enjoyed the albums they’ve put out, I was anticipating a captivating show. And, in a sense, that’s exactly what I got. Bringing along a small brass section (including a trumpet from Chicago itself), the band exhibited a fluidity of melody I wasn’t expecting when I came in. On the other hand, rhythmically it was less than I had expected. In past shows, Barnes not only played accordion, but strapped various percussion instruments to practically every limb on his body. That’s the sort of scenario I was anticipating, but the sad truth was a single bass drum with a tambourine attached to it. This isn’t to say that I was disappointed in the performance, but I was expecting it to be slightly different (still, the addition of the brass more than made up for it).

More troubling was the crowd. I clearly remember gripping about hormonal teenagers just a week ago, but I found myself missing them somewhat at this 21+ show—practically no one showed any emotion, much less motion. Granted, this was made almost no reaction to the music known or felt (beyond applause, that is). At one point during the encore—when the entire band came down into the middle of the crowd to play—someone made an attempt at starting a circle dance, but this was a short-lived effort.

Though I enjoyed myself at the show, I can’t help but feel bad for the band. I got the feeling people in the audience were enjoying the music, but it would be difficult to tell for sure—which must be even harder when one is in front of a crowd, musically pouring their heart out. Still, it was a good set, and I’d be glad to see them again. Hopefully they’ll get a more lively reception (and I’ll see more percussion-related antics).

We all scream for iCream

By Brigid Strait

There’s a new addition to the hipster wunderlust that is Wicker Park’s falafelladen iCream, and it reopened this March after a false start in August. The novelty market that’s equipment ready to pull a HAl, 9000, but all’s running well now.) I’ve stopped by a couple of times since I first saw its menu in RedEye, and I’m impressed.

iCream is different from most ice cream shops. First of all, it’s completely personalized. No, really. First choose a base: organic or low fat ice cream, soy ice cream, frozen yogurt, sorbet, or pudding. You choose the sort of sugar or sugar substitute, plus whichever of 29 toppings you choose. Then you choose up to three of their 38 mix-ins, which include mango, nutella, and graham “smacker” chunks. You can also pick toppings like sprinkles or chocolate sauce, and you can dye it any color you wish. Find purple ice cream frightening, but to each his own.

The finished product tastes great, but it isn’t the fastest in the world. After they take your long, slightly complicated order (“I’ll take a soy, sugar-free chocolate ice cream with graham crackers and nutella—dipped blue”) they put it in their mixer and add liquid nitrogen. That’s right, liquid nitrogen. And yes, the steam billowing out of the mixing bowl looks as awesome as it sounds. But, it takes them about five minutes to prepare order, so if it looks busy be prepared to wait.

The service is certainly one of my friends was feeling a strange craving and hesitantly ordered lemon ice cream with peanut butter cups, the cashier encouraged her to be bold and offered to make her something different if she disliked it. Needless to say, she didn’t.

A Society of Friends

By Melanie K

“Please, please dance with me, because I am having a heart attack.”

No, this isn’t an article about someone’s desperate dying wish. These words came straight from the mouth of Jack Terricloth, the front man and personality for the band World/Inferno Friendship Society, in order to introduce a final encore song the band played Friday night at Reggie’s Rock Club on State Street. A wild mix of characters and instruments, World/Inferno Friendship Society puts on a show for the masses.

Looking into the crowd you can see personalities ranging from a regular college student to a five-foot tall Mohawk punk rocker. The band was established in Brooklyn, New York, and has consisted of more than thirty members. Friday night, seven of those members set up on stage to give an outrageous performance. With a unique sound, and an even more unique style, the concert was two hours of awesome entertainment.

Preceding World/Inferno were three bands from the Chicago land area—Jesus, Post Honeymoon, and Easy Action. Getting the crowd warmed up, each band performed their hearts out for the welcoming crowd. But of course, that crowd was there to see the Inferno.

Taking the stage in his piece three suit, with a bottle of wine and a 50’s style microphone in hand, Jack greeted the crowd warmly. Joining him on stage Friday were drummer Brian Viglione, guitarist Lucky Strano, alto sax Maura Corrigan, tenor sax Peter Hess, the bassist, with five foot long dreadlocks, Sandra Malak, and pianist Matthew Lunds. Right away, the crowd packed in towards the stage, ready to receive Jack and the rest of the band. To some, the crowd might look like a wild frenzy, with fans pushing towards the stage in an attempt to be closer to Jack, closer to the Inferno, closer to the music and closer to the love. Throughout the hour and a half, the members of the crowd jumped, danced, sang and crowd surfed along with the band, responding to Jack’s every monologue and question, and loving every minute of it. If you have a thing for music, I highly recommend checking out the awesome venues that can be found throughout the city.

There are a lot of great places for smaller concerts, where you can feel like part of something grand.
**Royksopp’s “Junior” packed with greatness**

By Adam Kadban

TECHNEWS WRITER

Royksopp (Torey Dorph and Svein Berge) released their third album, “Junior” on March 23, and it’s packed full of greatness. You may know the Norwegian electronic duo for their song “Emotions,” which has been featured in movies and TV shows and also made an appearance on the list of books by and about Buckminster Fuller. The study center also has a wooden engraved sign boasting its title and structural models of his common idea are shown throughout the rooms. If you step close to the drawings, the detailed craft is amazing. I can’t help but compare it to the college of Architecture’s concept design. He engineering outweighs his design skills, but he’s definitely one of a kind.

This exhibit is simple, but expresses the logic of one of the greatest thinkers of all time. This exhibit is perfect for the engineers and architects of our campus. Don’t be shy, take the red line to the Chicago stop and walk directly East until you get to 31st street. The staff is friendly to each other and to the customers, which was, of course, delicious. Even if you’re not a coffee person, this place has something for you. It has a wide range, many of whom were taking advantage of the free wifi on their laptops.

The coffee house has wooden flooring and chairs to match. Most of the tables were meant for two, but can be pushed together for larger groups. There is free wifi, and the option to buy coffee and tea by the pound. The staff is quite knowledgeable about coffee, evidenced by the “Know Your Coffee!” informational chalkboards on the wall below the menus. Both menus and information are colorful and quirky, surely the work of the delightful woman behind the bar. The coffee was, of course, delicious.

Even if you’re not a coffee person, this place has something for you. It has a wide range, many of whom were taking advantage of the free wifi on their laptops. The sunlight coming in through the windows casts a warm and natural glow on the wood floors and tables. Bridgeport Cofeehouse is one of the few independent coffee houses left, and an unexpected guest, and one morning we decided to go out and make some food as opposed to rummaging through 7-11 or going to the Commons. We drove down 31st street, and just as I was beginning to give up hope of finding anything that didn’t come with a lot of grease and gross, there it was. It sits on the corner of 31st and Morgan: Bridgeport Coffee House, a wooden engraved sign boasting its title hanging above its doorway.

Enter through the doorway and you are greeted by a room longer than it is wide (a square) with a room partition in the middle. Through the partition you can see the kitchen. The entire room is decorated with artwork. To the left is a wooden engraved sign boasting its title hanging above its doorway. To the right is a large window at the front of the room. Flowers are scattered about, especially by the kitchen. The walls are lined with plants and flowers scattered about, especially by the kitchen. The sunlight coming in through the windows casts a warm and natural glow on the wood floors and tables.

Bridgeport Coffeehouse: Indie and delicious!

By Nicole Gregory

TECHNEWS WRITER

Whether it be long-time Royksopp collaborator Anneli Dreijer or tracks 3, 8, and 10, or the Swedish lineup of Robyn on track 2, Kyle Lenei on tracks 6 and 12 (if you’ve got the Japanese version), and Karin Dreijer-Andersson (of The Knife) on tracks 4 and 7, the vocals are always top notch. I would consider the standout tracks to be “Vision One,” “This Must Be It,” and “You Don’t Have A Clue,” though all but one track I really enjoyed. “Vision One” is fairly stereotypical Royksopp, with Anneli’s familiar voice singing along to a grinding baseline, covered by a bubbly beat. “This Must Be It” is a bit slower, a bit more introspective route.

Contrary to our campus designer, Mies Van Der Rohe, Fuller’s credo was “more for less”. He would create infrastructures, which were sustainable and protected humans from the existing socioeconomic system at present time, but still expressed an optimistic mood for the future. The shapes were usually in a tetrahedron form, which were “fundamental and structurally sound forms found in nature”; he would build in relation to how nature builds.

The exhibition is located on the 4th floor of the MCA. It represents five decades of “Bucky” Fuller’s work and dedication to his idea of a “sustainable and structurally sound forms found in nature”; he would build in relation to how nature builds.

The exhibition continues with more designs, which might appear a bit more unrealistic. At the end (depending where you start the exhibition) there is a very large scale model of a home. It is a perfect example of what kind of living he had in mind for humanity. You can see each room at its purpose and his conceptual design style. His engineering outweighs his design skills, but he’s definitely one of a kind.

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Across
1. Greek cheese
7. Battery fluid
8. Peace symbol
11. “___Cloth: Tomb Raider”
12. Label
13. Billy Joel for one
14. Ram’s rim
15. Mil. branch
20. “The loneliest number”
21. Dog tags
22. “Who ___?” (slangy query)
24. Baba
25. It may be framed
27. Reality TV’s “Big ___”
29. Rudolf of ballet
32. Conducted
33. Stern concern?
34. Takes back
37. Noggins
39. President after F.D.R.
40. Catchall abbr.
41. Explorers Martin & ___ Johnson
42. Caustic cleaner
43. “This ___ surprised!”
45. Arctic bird
47. Stanley Cup ass.
49. Encapsulated
53. Hindu wrap
54. Dating from
55. Urges on
56. Carnival attraction
57. Santa’s sackful

Down
1. Listen
2. Sub missile
3. Jai ___
4. Pizzeria fixtures
5. Cook’s meas.
6. Samurai land
7. Cleanup target
8. Philanthropy
9. Fare reductions
14. Genuine
15. “House” actor Epps
16. Butcher’s cut
17. School memoirs
22. “Who ___?” (slangy query)
23. World record?
26. Trials for a part
27. Tavern
28. Summer clock setting (abbr.)
30. A., in Acapulco
31. Love Bug autos
35. Shout, “Rah!”
36. Coal stratum
37. School sports org.
38. Touches down
42. Short-straw drawer
44. Lone Rights
46. Grammar topic
48. Attics
50. Diamond complement
51. Harbor
52. Orient

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN?

YES?

WHAT IS IT?

THE CONVENTION YOU’RE SETTING FOR ELECTRIC CHARGE IS BACKWARD. THE ONE LEFT ON GLASS IS SILK SHOULD BE THE NEGATIVE CHARGE.

WE WERE GOING TO USE THE TIME MACHINE TO PREVENT THE ROBOT APOCALYPSE, BUT THE GUY WHO BUILT IT WAS AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER.
One of my friends recently updated her status on Facebook to “I hate being computer-less!” Come to think of it, we all hate being computer-less or iPod-less or iPhone-less, for that matter. Such is our dependency on technology that we feel incomplete without any of these devices on us. However, the case I am presenting today is slightly different. Imagine you are on an outing, maybe even a business trip. You have your iPod, your Smartphone and even your computer. But with the frenzy and anxiety that comes with a journey, suppose you forgot to pack your laptop charger. What good is a computer with no charge? In such times, your ideal companion is a laptop with such a long battery life that it would last a whole day without running out of charge, even when it is being used the whole 8 hours!

Introducing the Acer TravelMate 6293. True to its name, this laptop is an ideal travel companion. It can be used without any charge refill for a good 8 hours. That’s an entire business day without charge! It is also very slick and light in weight, which makes your travel bag all the more lighter. The TravelMate is intended mainly for business people, due to its long battery life, its slim build and its unportable nature. Hence, it is currently priced at $999, which is quite affordable for large scale businesses, whose employees need to travel constantly for work.

The battery life of the TravelMate is perhaps its most attractive feature. Hence, it is worth mentioning in more detail here. TravelMate is equipped with a 7200-mAh (milliampere-hour) battery. Is that a 72 with two zeroes? You bet! This battery is the TravelMate’s powerhouse. The TravelMate also has a good performance standard and scored a decent 88% among the users. The response time and overall speed of the laptop is impressive too, at least for its build. It has a 2.26-GHz Core 2 Duo processor, which handles all the work. Moreover, in order for you to be able to store all those files you will probably never refer to, you will need a laptop with lots of storage space. The TravelMate doesn’t disappoint you here. It comes with a cool 250 GB hard drive. It has 2GB of RAM, which is basically a standard figure on all the laptops now.

The TravelMate scored 76% for the design. Well, what did you expect? It’s meant for work, not pleasure! The screen has a 1280 x 800 pixel resolution and measures 12.1 inches. It weighs 4.6 pounds and 5.4 pounds if you include the battery pack. The keyboard is the standard QWERTY keyboard that also has seven shortcut keys to some utilities and settings options, which you would not use so frequently and hence probably won’t even care where they are in the file system. In such cases, these quick launch keys are a good tool to have, if at all, every once in a blue moon, you choose to navigate to those options.

Of course, constant traveling involves spending half your time in public internet hotspots, such as airports, cafés and offices. The TravelMate has 802.11n Wi-Fi switches, as well as Bluetooth. The only source of pleasure that comes with the TravelMate is a built-in webcam, which would help you keep in touch with your loved ones even on those long, unpredictable business trips.

As with all corporate houses, your business might need to expand its hardware and storage requirements from time to time. Hence, the TravelMate comes with a gigabit Ethernet connection, upgradeable storage, and DVD recorder. These are mostly stuff that the network administrator might be concerned with.

All in all, if you are a part of a corporation that thrives on constant interaction with customers and requires a large amount of traveling to several locations, or if you will be joining such a corporation, you might want to suggest they switch to Acer TravelMate 6293 as a feasible tech option. This will prove to be economical to the business and it will get your job done!
Despite the bitter cold wind blowing this past Saturday, a good crowd gathered in the stands of Ed Glancy Field to watch the Scarlet Hawks play the Wolves of Cardinal Stritch University in the final two games of the rubber match. The first game of the series was played on the Wolves’ home field in Wisconsin. The Hawks started off the game by scoring two runs in the second inning and holding the lead throughout the game. In the fourth inning the Hawks scored another two runs, while the Wolves tried to get runs of their own up on the scoreboard. In an impressive sixth inning, the Scarlet Hawks put six more runs on the scoreboard, with the Wolves adding eight of their own in response. In the end, the Hawks held onto their early lead by scoring eight more runs in the final two innings of the game, ending the day with a ten point victory over the Wolves, 18-8.

The second and third games were played at home for the Hawks. The first of the two started well, with players Lorne Turrentine and Brian Sklena each scoring on an RBI by Bill O’Toole, who then proceeded to score with an RBI by Andrew Kungis, which put the Scarlet Hawks in an early lead of 3-0 in the first inning. The Wolves scored their first and only run in the top of the third inning. Twice in the fourth inning the bases were loaded for the home team, the team left some men on base, but Dustin Reznicek ran home to put one more point on the score board. The rest of the game went quickly, with Kungis scoring one more run in the fifth inning, and the Scarlet Hawks holding onto the 5-1 lead through the end of the game. Pitcher Branden Schombert had a good game, striking out ten hitters.

After about a half hour break, the Hawks and the Wolves started up the third and last game of the series. Sklena and Reznicek scored in the third on an RBI by Thomas Hotz, and the Hawks held onto the 2-0 lead throughout the fifth inning. With two outs in the bottom of the sixth, Jesse Stepniewski hit an RBI single to bring O’Toole home for one more run. Going into the seventh inning with a 3-0 lead, the Wolves got one runner on base in an attempt to put one up on the scoreboard. With two outs for the Wolves, the Scarlet Hawks’ pitcher, James Dodgen, kept the game a shutout by striking out the Wolves’ last hitter of the game. Dodgen had an impressive game, only allowing one hit, and striking out seven other hitters.

The Illinois Tech baseball team is about halfway through their conference season, with a current 9-8 conference record, and a 14-18 overall. Their next home game will be Wednesday (4/15) against Purdue University-North Central, so come out and support them.

To check the game schedule, look at play-by-play results or other stats, check out the baseball page of the Illinois Tech sports page at www.illinoistechathletics.com/sport/6/1.php