The past Saturday April 25, approximately 200 IIT students, staff, and faculty participated in the largest Day of Service the university has ever hosted. The Big Event was organized by the Office of Student Life, Coalition for Service Learning and Professional Responsibility. Student Government Association and IIT Community Affairs and Outreach. Most volunteers spent their Saturday morning helping the surrounding Bronzeville community, while some headed out to the North and West sides of the city, so as to thank Chicago for allowing IIT to be part of its community. Volunteers participated in various tasks, ranging from painting, to mulching trees, to picking up trash from our local parks. The purpose of this event was to build internal community within IIT, while giving back to our surrounding community and this historic Day of Service accomplished just that. Of course, it was slightly daunting to see only about 200 people show up to an event that had registered upwards of 300 people but those who did attend did report very good experiences.

Following the service event, volunteers and non-volunteers alike enjoyed a delicious BBQ in the baseball field across from Keating Hall. While enjoying their meals, attendees were welcomed and thanked up President Anderson and entertained by IIT’s own a capella, the TechTones. There were a handful of instances when the weather threatened to dampen all of the days events but ultimately, the rain waited for us to make it inside Keating Hall before pouring down. IIT students and college students from all over Chicago attended the Spring Major Concert hosted by Union Board at 7pm. The concert began in Keating Hall with Cavashawn and then Love Me Electric. Cavashawn opened up and got the crowd pumped up. Love Me Electric kept the crowd going until the headline band performed. Special fact: Love Me Electric has two IIT students in its band. Joe Nicorota and Matthew Cargill! Finally, it was time for The Academy Is... who played for about an hour. The band definitely got the crowd moving and the concert was a lot of fun. All participants in the Day of Service received a free ticket; however, many attendees were non-IIT students. All proceeds from the concert went to St. Jude Children’s Hospital.

The Big Event: a big success!

By Angela Ng and Lory Mishra

burst pipe floods MTCC Student Organization Center

By Linda Goldstein

The Student Organization Center in MTCC started trying to imitate a bog late Friday afternoon around 5:30 PM. Dean of Students Doug Geiger’s floor became a highly reflective lake. Thanks to late-working staff members and passing students, the problem was noticed almost immediately, and most of the computers were unplugged and moved out of harms way. Several hurried phone and radio calls to Maintenance and the Campus Conference Center (CCC) and the building manager got the power turned off. Before the power was turned off Campus Conference Center (CCC) and the building manager got the power turned off. Before the power was turned off. Those same stairs resembled a water slide for several minutes.

On-site damage control included one Public Safety officer, one CCC Building Manager, several CCC staff members, and various student organization members and leaders who happened to be passing by at the time. Thanks to the efficiency of those involved, the entire shibang was totally cleaned up and invisible to the uninformed eye by late evening on Friday. The problem may have been yet another symptom of water problems caused by the ongoing process of switching the campus temperature control system from warming to cooling.

A new start for IIT student government

By Brian Kibbe

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The last Student Government Association Senate meeting on Tuesday April 21 was a momentous and long night. The meeting began with the Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) group re-requesting approval from the senate. The meeting prior, SJP set precedent as the first major student organization denial in SGA history. The Senate felt that they did not seem to be enough student support to sustain the group’s activities and that they should combine with a group like Amnesty International who was already involved with human rights advocacy. However, the group returned two weeks later with a strong and impressive illustration of the demand and support for the group’s recognition. This included a petition, letters of confidence from other chapters, and details from SJP’s facebook group. The organization was overwhelmingly approved. The Students for Justice in Palestine’s goal is to increase awareness of the plight of the Palestinian people in light of Israeli abuses.

This approval was followed by various orders of business. Student Body President elect Ray Ballard and commuter students Senator Juan Martinez a re part of the newly formed Inter-club Sports Steering Committee. Since the dissolving of the IIT basketball program, the administration has been looking for the best way to divert funds in the areas of athletics to accommodate the largest number of students. This committee will collect input from students as well as meet with athletics administration to put new programs in place as early as next fall.

With announcements covered, the Senate moved on to more controversial topics. Amendments to Finance Board’s (FB) bylaws were proposed in an earlier meeting and came to a vote on Tuesday. These changes included adjusting the number of full voting student members. Those changes eliminated little representation but another amendment included would have allowed the staff advisor for Finance Board from the Office of Student Life (OSL) a full voting member. Many amendments on both sides of the issue made for a lively discussion time. The arguments could be simplified like this: those in favor thought that having the staff member as a voting member made the board more involved in the decision making process and create a smoother flow of information between FB and the OSL, those opposed believed that the student members of Finance Board are chiefly responsible for making allocations from the Student Activities Fund, and that staff members would have unnecessary influence through voting. The structural changes to the FB bylaws passed, but this addition of the staff voting member was voted down.

At this point another resolution was introduced to more clearly define the role of SGA in the student organization approval process. This motion was introduced because of SJP being denied during the previous meeting. Many senators felt that the process was unprofessional and that the SGA bylaws did not provide enough structure for how this process ought to take place. In short, the resolution outlines what potential organizations are responsible for providing to the senators, and how the Senate is responsible for responding to these potential organizations after a vote.

After these rousing examples of democracy in action, the Senate moved on to a relatively easy duty of administering sanctions from a Judicial Board hearing. A head of a student organization was brought before the SGA Judicial Board under accusations of misuse of SAF allocated funds. In light of the Judicial Board statements, it became the Senate job to administer any additional ramifications for the student’s actions.

The night ended with the inspiring swearing in of the new executive board members: Sri Kota as Vice President of Communications, Karen Nelson as Vice President of Academic Affairs, Purvag Patel as Vice President of Student Life, Osaolawo Adeola as Finance Board Chair, Mike Kruenger as Executive Vice President, and Ray Ballard as Student Body President.
By Danielle Madere

I am fed up with the completely obvious (and what I believe is unjustified) love affair the media (and the majority of American citizens) have with Barack Obama! Why is it not a big deal to most people that THREE of Obama’s nominees for top administration positions had problems with not paying their taxes? I understand that two of those three withdrew their candidacy, but is this not any whatsoever of our president’s ability to pick administration officials that are in the interest of the candidacy, but is this not any whatsoever of our president’s ability to pick administration officials that are in the interest of the people? Obama hasn’t been in office for four months yet, and I believe he is making decisions that have put America in grave danger.

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And this so-called “ Bailout” – it’s going to be a total shambles. In fact, some of the nation’s top economists are entirely OPPOSED to the stimulus bill, because they know it won’t work. They’re even going as far as saying for full page ads in newspapers like the New York Times and signing their names in the ads, stating the stimulus plan is a bad idea. Nuclear weapons help ensure our safety and power, right? Well, Obama is planning on eliminating all nuclear weapons in the world (including “greatly reducing” the US stockpiles) in order to prevent nuclear terror attacks. Do we really think this is a good idea? Even if we THINK all of the nuclear weapons are eliminated, what are the odds that every single one would be?

While this plan might slightly deter the use of a nuclear weapon attacks against the United States, it will not thwart it if it is planned to happen.

Last but not least (and far less important to American security), there was the infamous comment Obama made about the Special Olympics on a late night talk show. While there was some backlash, most people said “Well, he was just joking, he didn’t mean anything by it.” If George Bush had been on a late night talk show during his presidency, how much fire would he have come under for simply for simply being?

Finally, I am sick and tired of people bashing on former president George W. Bush. I understand the frustration with the war in Iraq and the current state of the economy. But before people jump to conclusions and blame Bush for our poor economy, they should know some of the facts. Personally, I feel like the economy took a turn for the worst when Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac went too. What was the main cause of the failures of these two financial giants? Loose restrictions on whom they can lend to. Who was in office when the restrictions were lessened? Bill Clinton. Is it known that Bush did a lot in fighting AIDS across the world. A U.S. program last year, the Bush administration has cut AIDS deaths by 10 percent in targeted African nations compared to their neighbors and saved more than a million lives. U.S. researchers said last, but definitely not least, there hasn’t been a terrorist attack on American soil after September 11. That says a lot more about the Bush administration than most people have been willing to own up to.

I recommend that if you want to ensure America stays safe (as well as a correctly functioning democracy) you keep a close eye on the headlines... although, they will tell you very little because the media loves talking bad about their beloved Commander-in-Chief.
Speaking of IIT: DegreeWorks, finals, and cannabis.

By Linda Goldstein

I recently read TechNews when I noticed an informative article about the velociraptor safety rating of various buildings on campus. While I found this article useful, and generally well researched it left me with a number of questions. The author of this article assumed that if IIT were to be attacked by velociraptors there would be no warning. This leaves me wondering where the velociraptors would originate from. With no warning IIT would be under a great deal of pressure to build a new campus. But if IIT were to build a new campus would it be any safer?

I do not believe that a new campus would be any safer. There are several reasons for this. First, the velociraptors would have more time to adapt to the new environment. Second, the velociraptors would have more time to develop new strategies to deal with the new environment. Third, the velociraptors would have more time to learn about the new campus. Finally, the velociraptors would have more time to develop new weapons.

I think that IIT should focus on building a new campus that is more resistant to velociraptors. One way to do this is to build a campus with more natural habitat. This would make it more difficult for the velociraptors to adapt to the new environment. Another way to do this is to build a campus with more natural food sources. This would make it more difficult for the velociraptors to find food.

I hope that my hope are realized and that IIT builds a new campus that is more resistant to velociraptors. I also hope that the new campus is more attractive to students.
Most of you (unless you are freshmen) have recollections of the religious jail. Religion annuls the rational thinking. Why? I want to start with a nice example. Some months ago there was a campaign on the Internet, where some British girls were gathering signatures to put an ad in the bus: “There’s probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life.” The campaign spread to the US (Washington DC and Spain) and I do not remember if it went to other countries, too. In Spain, there was a counter-campaign, where some religious-related organization paid to put the following ad: “God exists. Enjoy life in Christ.” The differences are clear. One ad left the question, leaving open the possibility of the existence of God. The other ad is just “God exists,” no questions, no probability open, no doubt. This is irrational thinking, and this is the slavery of the human mind.

I do not consider myself atheist nor agnostic. I cannot say that there is not a God, while at the same time, I cannot say that there is a God. This seems agnostic, but it is not, because I do not fall in the “agnostic trap.” The truth is, we cannot be certain if there is or not, we give the same importance to both sides of the coin, 50% for each. It is a trap, because we give the same weight to both isms. There is nothing wrong in doing that. For example, we can conclude that the Big Bang theory is not clear. We have doubts. OK, we give it 50% credibility, because even with rational demonstrations we still have some holes. So we can teach this theory with its 50% of credibility and leave the door open for more discoveries (50% of doubts). If we give the other 50% to irrational thinking, we are falling into the trap, because then rational fundamentalists finally conclude that their belief is 100% true, because nobody can prove the contrary. They are falling in their jail - like other people felt some hundreds years ago when they said that the earth was the center of the Universe - and we want to fall with them.

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Islam 101 – MSA Islamic Awareness Day

By Muhammed Fazeel

The Muslim Student Association at IIT held the Islamic Awareness Day recently. The crescendo of the event was the presentation/luncheon held on Monday April 20, 2009. An initial introduction of the MSA was given by its president, after which a brief introduction about Islam was presented by Dr. Sabeel Ahmed. This was followed by a lecture about Prophet Muhammad (s) by Sh. Abdul Rahman Khan. The presentation did an exemplary job of giving the audience a brief insight to the world of Islam.

A question-answer session followed the lectures along with a raffle draw. To conclude the event an Islamic video presentation was shown to the audience. This article is the first in a series of two; each article will pertain to one of the presentations.

The purpose of this article is to give the event its due justice and shed some light on Islam as a religion. The similarities of Abrahamic religions are obvious, for those of you that are in the dark, all the prophets preached and believed in the absolute oneness of God.

Firstly Allah- what do we mean by this term? Just like other Abrahamic religions, Islam is centered in the concept of monotheism (one god). We know about Allah from what Allah mentioned about Himself in the Quran and through Prophet Muhammad (s).

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Abrahamic religions do have several similarities; however, there are many characteristics that differentiate each. In Islam, Allah is the Creator and sustainer and eternal and God is the Destroyer and eternal. In the Arabic bible Allah is a gender neutral term and as such is associated with a singular being/entity. Allah is a gender neutral term and as such is associated with a singular being/entity.

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On Friday of last week, the student engineer racing team, WISER Hawks, launched IIT’s 2009 challengers for the International Formula Hybrid Competition. They hosted the send-off party in front of Siegel Hall and the ECE Department barbecue event. Having been a competing university for all three years of the competition’s existence, the IIT team had the highest finish of 3rd overall against 16 universities in 2008 competition. This year, the team is officially participating with two cars – the Hammerhawk and the Scarlet Hawk. The competition is organized by Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and Dartmouth College, NH.

The team held a ceremony to reveal these two cars to the IIT community last week. In the presence of faculty advisor and sponsor, Dr. Ali Emadi, the team unveiled the 2007 and 2008 cars. The 2009 racing car, the Hammerhawk, was also presented to the IIT crowd. The team had the fortune of having President John Anderson attend the event. Team member Donald Ruffatto explained to the President various aspects of the hybrid drive-train, propulsion and mechanical systems of the 2009 racing car. The President also talked to Dr. Ali Emadi, regarding the project and the results from the previous year. He also had a look at the other two racing cars and watched the 2007 and 2008 cars demonstrate on the road with a drag race.

The Scarlet Hawk will participate in the 2009 competition in Loudon, New Hampshire at the New Hampshire International Speedway along with the Hammerhawk. The 2009 car, the Scarlet Hawk, has had some minor modifications to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance. This was also done to meet any 2009 Formula SAE Rules requirements that were changed to optimize performance.

With the team’s efforts and hard work, along with the passion the team members show towards the work they do, it would be a wonderful result to see both of the cars finish the races in the top steps of the podium. About 12 team members will head down to Loudon, NH for the competition, which is held May 4th to May 6th. To follow the team’s progress, visit their website (http://formulahybrid.iit.edu).

For fall, there may be as many as 45 IPRO teams and on the order of 500 students from all fields, organized to work on a variety of new and continuing projects. Featured new projects include:

- **IPRO 310 – Assistive Technology for Blind Swimmers**
- **IPRO 337 – Zero Energy Lab**
- **IPRO 339 – Adapting Shipping Containers for 2016 Olympic Housing**
- **IPRO 341 & 342 – Design and Process Improvement for Chicago-Manufacturers**
- **IPRO 358 – Design and Business Planning for a Novel Fishing Innovation.**

Popular projects continuing for the summer:

- **IPRO 301 – IPRO 2.0: Designing the IPRO Team Collaboratory Space**
- **IPRO 58 – Design of a System for Recycling Air Conditioning Condensate**
- **IPRO 315 – Design and Business Planning for a Novel Fishing Innovation.**

Supported by instructors that span the professions of architecture, business, engineering, technology and psychology, from 80 to 100 students will be challenged to organize and energize as high performance teams like no other, given the short summer session. For fall, there may be as many as 45 IPRO teams and on the order of 500 students from all fields, organized to work on a variety of new and continuing projects. Featured new projects include:

- **Two student Idea Challenge entries (Parvag Patel (ME) and Kamal Agranov (CHE)) set up as Entrepreneurial IPROS (EnPROs) that will be supported by the Kern Family Foundation.**
- **Planning the 21st century urban farm**
- **Designing the Kranji Home and School in Mumbai (a project inspired by an IIT PSYC alum)**
- **Prototyping a zero energy residential community and energy**
- **Master planning for Delta Tau Delta fraternity on the IIT Main Campus**
- **Developing an on-line student research forum in the betterment of IIT.**

The honored students of this award were Raymond Ballard, Amy Chan, Kaitlyn Conley, Lory Mishra, Angela Ng, Hanza Obaid, Babajide Oke, Karina Powell, Crystal Trauner, Kathryn Weinman, and Erika Wenzler. In addition, others were honored for their dedication and service. Amar Chaudhary, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, presented the Richard Bahcoock Leadership Award to Raymond Ballard. The Staff Excellence in Service Award was given to Amy Henson, Director of Communications and an electrical computer engineer. Other award recipients were Aditya Jayanty (Graduate Teaching Assistant), Chandresh Manadkani (Outstanding Student Employee of the Year), and the Muslim Students Association (Outstanding Student Organization). Congratulations to all for their service to IIT!
Academic dishonesty presents: The Mousetrap

By Brigid Strait

Last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 33rd Street Productions put on Agatha Christie’s “The Mousetrap”, directed by Clayton Shive. “The Mousetrap” is a murder mystery known for having the longest initial run of any play in history. Originally a short radio play named ‘Three Blind Mice’, the first stage performance was in 1952. The play was inspired by the real-life death of a boy who died in the foster care of a Shropshire farming couple. On stage, this translated into a murder investigation at a country bed-and-breakfast run by Giles and Mollie Ralston. Their odd collection of guests, ranging from a notably unstable “architect” to a retired magistrate-turned-busybody, got solved together in the day after a woman is strangled in London. A police investigator, Sergeant Trotter, shows up to warn them that the killer intends to go after someone at the bed-and-breakfast. Soon after, someone drops dead. ‘The Mousetrap’ has one of the most famous twist endings in history.

A lot of work obviously went into both the costumes and sets. The side walls were a tad tipsy, but the cast dealt well with both the walls and the lights, which occasionally flashed randomly. “Faulty wiring,” Mollie Ralston (Stephanie Marx) said off-handedly when the lights flashed during the second act.

The cast was spot-on throughout the performance. All of the characters were vividly portrayed, and their quirks brought frequent laughter from the audience. All in all it was an enjoyable show, and at the end of Saturday’s performance the cast celebrated by giving the director the board game, Mousetrap.

The cast included Katherine Hammes, Nathan Fredrickson, Alex Lesenby, Stephanie Marx, Christina Goudy, Jad Janevski, William Bishop, and director Clayton Shive.

The issues with the current IIT policy regarding academic honesty are that there is no clear definition of what constitutes academic honesty, no clear uniform procedure to deal with those reported and no confidential means of reporting. Among the suggestions presented by Prof. Gosz was a proposal to anonymously report cheating and allowing for more student involvement.

Following this presentation was a short coffee break and then a panel discussion which was open to all there. The discussion was moderated by Prof. Vivian Weil, director of the Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions. The panel consisted of Prof. McCabe, Brandon DeWit, IIT Professor of Philosophy, Sandra Bishnoi, IIT Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Chris Cook, third year chemical engineering undergraduate and a last minute graduate student replacement for Alana Platt, PhD student who unfortunately fell ill that morning.

The panel discussed various strategies that can be employed to discourage students from cheating as well as what exactly constitutes cheating. Most contentious among the hot topics were what exactly constitutes cheating – among those in engineering, collaboration on assignments and use of solutions manuals and old exams was considered the norm and even acceptable while those from other disciplines did not see eye to eye with that philosophy.

The only viable solution to this inconsistency was that there needs to be more communication between what each instructor expects of their students and what they will allow in their class. The other hurdle that needs to be understood is on the students’ end – students need to understand their purpose at the university. If students view the university as a stepping stone and always have the version of something else in the future, it is very easilyjustifiable to cut corners here and there. The students need to be aware that they are at the university to learn – only in knowing this will the reason for cheating go down.

In his presentation, Prof. McCabe suggested various solutions to each and detect cheating. But he advocated that the only real means to stop cheating altogether was to have student involvement and have the mindset instilled in the student body. They are the ones who will have the power to effectively tackle anywhere as well as the student body can.

For this reason, the student body has to realize its purpose at this university, and SGA needs to continue with its leadership in addressing this problem.
Standing alone onstage, he rocked the house with an acoustic guitar and a mic by his lips. The bar was serving organic beer, and the crowd lazed around every table in the place, save a few in front, which musician Ehren Ebbage’s equipment-movers, CD-sellers, and other dedicated groupies had peppered with their beer bottles.

Ebbage, formerly of the Justin King band, was scheduled by Union Board (UB) programmer El to play at the BOG’s celebration of Earth Day, where there were free wireless websites and lots of literature on being green. Some of it may even have been printed on recycled paper. Earth Day was April 23, and many celebrations took place across the city, including on the IIT campus. High points of the night included conversations among friends, Wii games, and general geekery, including several young men plugging away on plugged-in laptops at what we may only assume to be homework, since WoW players don’t move quite that much. The event was overseen by UB Vice President of the BOG Hamza Obaid. Hamza said that scheduling Ebbage cost the Student Activity Fund (SAF) $900 for a 75 minute set, and that the sound setup cost $140. Campus icons Ray Ballan also incoming Student Government Association (SGA) president and Saagar Patel (the outgoing SGA president, and soon-to-be IIT alumni) made appearances. Also highly visible in the dim post-celebration light were several Sedox soda jerks, delivering complimentary entrees at prices cheaper than most Chicago bars. In short, I’m glad that UB brought Ebbage back again, and I hope that they keep him in the back room and pull him out on slow nights to soothe the audience with his cliche guitar noises. Ebbage doesn’t rock your socks up or crack up the crowd- and maybe everyone just showed up for the beer- but I’ve got to say that I loved his music precisely for its derivative mellowness, like a well-aged wine.
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University Calendar

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Student Forum: Strategic Plan for IIT
12:45-1:45pm, Hermann Hall Expo
Students are invited to attend the Student Forum to discuss IIT’s Strategic Plan. Please RSVP to aprice1@iit.edu.

Shimer College Film Screening: Eyes Wide Shut
5:30-7:40pm, Shimer, 2nd Floor

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

TechNews Writers Meeting
1:16pm, TechNews office (MYC221)
Want to write about something? Have a gripe about the issue? Need to take some photos? Need to get paid? TechNews is here.

English Conversation Program: Talk Time on “Food and Eating Out”
12-50-1:45pm, Wishnick 115
English Conversation Program “Talk Time” is a monthly casual meeting where international students can discuss a variety of cultural issues with domestic and international students, faculty and staff. International students can brush up on their conversational English skills, and domestic students, faculty and staff have an opportunity to learn about other cultures and help IIT international students.

Social Sciences Lecture: “North Korea: Still in the Axis of Evil?”
4:53pm, Wishnick Hall 113
Professor Cumings will examine the disconnect between the long history of confrontation between the U.S. and North Korea, going back more than 60 years now, and the American transformation of North Korea first into a “rogue state” in the early 1990s, and then into part of the “axis of evil” in 2002.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

NSBE General Meeting
1pm, E1 Room 106
NSBE would be meeting in the E! building room 106. Issues concerning the conference and essence banquet would be discussed. Also, importantly, ways by which members can be involved would be brought up so BE THERE.

Meet... Frank Crossley
3:30-5pm, E1 Room 123
Meet IIT Alumnus Frank Crossley (CHE ’45, M. S. MET ’47, PhD MET ’50) whose professional achievements include participating in the US Navy program that lead to the desegregation of the US Armed Forces, the first PhD in Metallurgical Engineering at IIT among many other achievements

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Spring 2009 IPRO Projects Day Conference
9:30am-6pm, Herman Hall
More than 45 student teams from IIT and an invitational team from California State University-Fresno are working to solve these problems and more. Their work will be exhibited at the Spring 2009 IPRO Day competition.

Humanities Colloquium: David Zesmer
2-4pm, Siegel 218 Conference Room
David Zesmer (Emeritus Professor of English, IIT) will be presenting a paper as part of the Lewis Department of Humanities ongoing colloquium series. For more information about the series visit: http://www.iit.edu/csl/hum/announcements/seminars.shtml#colloquium

Snarky Puppy in the BOG
8pm, The BOG
At 8:00pm a talented Chicago vocalist, Kristi Alaga, will be opening for Snarky Puppy at 9:00pm, a jazz/funk/rock band from Denton, Texas will be ready to amaze you with their musical prowess. Snarky Puppy, a Jazz/Funk/Experimental band, says, “We are a large ensemble devoted to bringing uncompromised, original music to a non-exclusive audience. In a crazy, twisted way, we play dance music. It's also art music. I suppose it's just music.”

SATURDAY, MAY 2

LIFE/SHPE 29th Annual Awards and Installations Banquet
6pm, MTCC Ballroom
Please come join us in celebrating another year of hard work and achievement. Adrian Alvareda from ComEd will be our guest speaker and afterwards there will be a whole night of dancing with a live DJ!

A Cappella End of the Year Extravaganza
8:00pm, The BOG
Come by for a night of improv from 33rd Street Production’s World Worst Improv Group at 8:30, followed by indie/alternative music by two Chicago-based bands: Athens and Color Radio at 9!

MONDAY, MAY 4

CMC/International Center Workshop: Introduction to Cooperative Education & Internships
2-3pm, Galvin Library, CMC
Public Safety will hold two forums in late January and early February to promote safety awareness in and around IIT and discuss ways in which students can protect themselves. The forums are open to the entire school. Food and refreshments will be served.

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The Big Event ‘09 in pictures

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It’s Blitz! an exercise in restraint
By Karl Rybutowski

When Yeah Yeah Yeahs released their first LP, ‘Praise The Lord’, back in 2003, they made quite the mark on the rock scene. Jagged guitar riffs and hiss-intensive vocals combine in screaming through songs, and the combination of raw energy and unstrained sexuality made the band’s debut, ‘Fever To Tell’, back in 2003, a band to be reckoned with. Since then Yeah Yeah Yeahs have grown on me – hopefully that’s just what will happen. I still can’t shake the feeling that for three years of work, I had expected a little more from Yeah Yeah Yeahs. I still have time to let the mix CDs for the next few months, but there are also some that
number “Runaway” feels almost forgettable, and the second and “Dragon Queen” manage to turn into real dance numbers, as compared with laughter, a distinct lack of spontaneity – in that while evoking the stronger material the band has put out in the past, there were no huge leaps, no major shifts in sound, no new experiments. It exposed is explored to a great degree on this album, though in restraint it is a scathing criticism of the current state of academia and a springboard for this album. The relatively gentle side of the band

On Beauty by Zadie Smith

By Udayan Das

At the core of ‘On Beauty’, Zadie Smith’s third novel, is the story of two women from opposing families who share a friendship. I suspect, reading the book, that this was the author’s conscious idea when she started writing it. This, before any of the other additional themes that came in, were expanded on, explored and a story became a novel, a book. Unfortunately, somewhere between the gloom that original idea and its broadly laid out context, the strength of the novel got lost. So that the novel ends up being short of what it could have been.

By Lory Mishra

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In effect, Zadie Smith has produced something that those last 25 years of humanities would revel in: taken out of its context, devoid of its themes, it has no beauty.

Frankly, it is a strange experience to be reading Samuel Beckett on a train. Strange, more so as I imagine for the public on the train that it is for me. For, what literally happens when in the midst of reading Murphy (which is what I have been reading recently on the red line) is that one is caught in the reading, and driven by the rhythm of uncontrollable laughter: as such an unpleasant or strange thing for one’s self, except that at moments, one’s eyes wander from the page and there one suddenly, for the first time, is being painfully stared at.

I usually read something when I am on the train. I find the 40-minute trip in and 5-minute trip out of campus must valuable reading time. Enough to allow me to finish one decent novel (250-400 pages; depending on font size) every week. That way, I expect that I can read at least 50 books a year, which would mean that it would make up about 10-15 more years to read all the books that I consider necessary reading. Not that the list is not ever changing, but there are not yet be significantly important literature produced in the next decade or so. But, oh well, one must go on reading. Despite its not being an embarrassing prospect. Something funny can be dealt with easily as a knowing smile. On occasion a rare read will cause me to remember how much I am...
Further pushing the mindless anxiety are the many monsters that you will encounter. It remains challenging due to the sheer number of enemies, heroes, none of which require much thought to dispatch, but masses of fragile enemy grunts sprinkled with a handful of thought low. Most of the time, players slog through endless many sequential vital objectives, keeping pressure high and one for the followers of Sauron in an alternate version of the and Rohan as they follow the storyline of the books, and or in co-op mode: one in which you join the forces of Gondor and the spellcasting mage. Each class has definite forward oriented warrior, the stealthy and deadly scout, the long-ranged and capture the flag multiplayer game types. These require more strategy, and without teamwork, it is nearly impossible to win. If you can assemble a suitable team, these modes pay off.

The game has two separate campaigns, playable alone or in co-op mode: one in which you join the forces of Gondor and Rohan as they follow the storyline of the books, and one for the followers of Sauron in an alternate version of the story where evil wins. Both are a series of linear levels with many sequential vital objectives, keeping pressure high and thought low. Most of the time, players slog through endless masses of fragile enemy grunts sprinkled with a handful of heroes, none of which require much thought to dispatch, but it remains challenging due to the sheer number of enemies. Further pushing the mindlessness anxiety are the many monsters that let you talk to the person on the other end of the line. Period. It does come with a USB charging port though. No matter how green electronics go, they will always need electricity to keep them going. Since the only major functionality in Moto Renew is voice calls, it fulfills its duties very well.

Moto Renew works on the T-Mobile network. It provides excellent voice quality. You won’t hear interruptions in the voice coming from the other person on the line as the phone has very good reception. The voices coming from the background are canceled beautifully, as its noise cancellation ratio is great as well! The earphone doesn’t muffle the voices and you can hear everyone loud and clear. So if your boyfriend/girlfriend/mom call to give you a piece of their mind, please ask them to tone it down, else your ears will be the ones to suffer later on! The speakerphone quality isn’t so bad either. But your phone will be picking up more noises in the range when in the speakerphone mode though. However, even then you are guaranteed a very good incoming and outgoing voice quality.

Renew operates in the 850/1900 MHz range on T-Mobile’s 2G network. You can also connect a headset to the phone. A stereo headset is included. You can load your MP3 songs/ringtones and use them if you don’t like the default ones. You can also choose to operate the cell phone in vibrate mode in case you want to keep the noise down. Stay alert though, the vibrations are a tad too strong and might catch you off-guard!

The screen resolution is poor at 129 x 128 pixels and as such, is not much fun to stare at. Text messaging will surely hurt your eyes as you will have to scroll down several times if you type a long message, as the screen can only take so many words at a time, given the default font size. The small screen size is certainly a turnoff, especially when you want to view something slightly larger than the screen. All ringtones and pictures received through messages must be stored using the 1 MB space on the phone.

You can load new ringtones and or pictures through a SD card, which you can plug into the micro-SD slot. Good luck finding it, though. I won’t tell you where it is located! You can load images smaller than screen size and you can load only MP3 song files. Once inserted, the phone will create a music folder you can go through by song name to play the songs.

Other functionality is pretty much common everywhere like games, alarm clock, calculator and calendar. The games available did catch my eye, though – Sudoku and Tetris! Woohoo! That’s loads of hours gone into gaming for me right there. I can play them forever!

Moto Renew’s most attractive feature, apart from being eco-friendly, is that it is extremely pocket-friendly as well. It just costs 10 bucks to own! I first thought I mistook the price, but it really is that cheap. You can choose from a couple of different colors, too. Frankly speaking, I will probably not be buying this phone, as I am too used to the big screen phones and I am a sucker for all the hi-fi functionalities, such as GPS, Wi-Fi and Bluetooth. But if I had to choose a gift for my 10-year-old cousin or so, I would definitely buy this one. Cheap and good for the planet! Plus, I won’t care if he loses it somewhere. It’s just 10 bucks!
Hawks hit big against Robert Morris College

By Melanie K

Saturday afternoon the Scarlet Hawks played two games against the Eagles of Robert Morris College. The first of the two was a slow game. Thomas Hotz scored the first run of the game in the fourth on an RBI by Andrew Kungis. In the sixth, Kungis homered, bringing Lorne Turrentine and Hotz home as well for three runs. Jesse Stepniewski followed with a home run of his own, bringing the score of the game to 5-0. Robert Morris tried to catch up, but the Eagles were only able to put two runs of their own on the scoreboard, ending the game, 5-2. Pitcher Braden Schombert had a great game, striking out five hitters, and only giving up five hits.

The second game was more intense. The Hawks started the game early with three runs in the first. Turrentine scored on an RBI by Bill O’Too, and Kungis hit another home run, bringing them into a one point lead. But the Hawks just wouldn’t have that. In the bottom of the third, the Hawks made a huge comeback. Kungis started things off by hitting a double. Then Stepniewski hit a ground ball just past the third baseman, bringing Kungis home to tie the score, 4-4. Dusan Reznicek scored another run on an RBI by Brian Sklena, putting the Hawks in the lead. Hotz then hit a single, bringing Stepniewski home, followed by an RBI by Kyle Guglielmo to bring Ryan Bouck home, which brought the final score of the inning to 7-4. Pitcher James Dodgen played well, striking out five hitters. In the fifth, the Eagles scored three more runs to tie the game, 7-7. The Hawks answered with one run, scored by Bouck on an RBI by Hotz. The Hawks held onto their one point lead through the last two innings with Stepniewski pitching.

Stepniewski had no hits, and struck out three hitters. With the two wins, the Scarlet Hawks bring their conference record to 13-10, with an 18-20 overall. The Hawks only have 3 more series games before the regional playoffs, so make sure you head over to Ed Glancy field Friday, May 1st, at 3:30 pm to watch their game against University of Saint Francis.

Track Club breaks more records

By Rachel Hendricks

The second weekend in April, the Illinois Tech Track Club participated in the annual Chicagoland Outdoor Track and Field Championships, which lead Sophomore Stephanie Lucas to be the 2009 Chicagoland Women’s Champion 5k runner. The University of Chicago hosted this year’s event on April 10th and 11th, which brought together the best male and female track and field athletes from around the area for a two-day competition. Some of the top schools in Illinois attended, including DePaul, Loyola, UIC, Northwestern, North Central and host U of C.

Facing some of the best competition both teams will see all year, IIT track and field came away from the meet with personal and team achievements. The men’s team posted two new school records. Joe Kirsch, competing in the shot put, outdistanced his previous school mark by launching the 16-pound metal ball a distance of 12.49m (almost 41 feet). The other record was set by the men’s 4 x 800 meter relay. The underclass quartet of Wes Villalobos, Brock Williams, Kenny Murphy and Phil Theisen ran a time of 8:53 to set the standard. Ten other racers set personal best times during the course of the day. In the 800m run Murphy and Kevin Krupp; in the 1500m run -- Theisen, Villalobos, Williams and Krupp, and finally in the 5 kilometer run -- Matt Lumnitzer, Ob Vincent, Kevin Acacio and Brian Robbins.

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* As a club team and not yet “officially” recognized by the NAIA, members of the IIT track club are unable to compete at the National Championships.