President calls for student feedback

By Elizabeth Corson

As mentioned in my article last week, President Anderson and Provost Cramb have commissioned a student-developed and run survey to evaluate the performance of non-academic departments on campus. At 8:30 A.M. on a Tuesday morning, after President Anderson walked to the office shortly after arriving on the EI, we sat down over coffee to discuss this on a customer survey.

How does the President feel the university is doing right now? “B or B minus,” he states. “Some areas are A or A plus, but some are D or C.” His satisfaction is apparent in the A plus staff. They take pride in their work, more hours than they are paid, and have integrated themselves into the IIT community. I am sure everyone has met at least one staff member like this, and can attest to the difference it makes.

As for the D-level survey, it is difficult to gather clear evidence against a department. President Anderson describes how challenging it is to get input directly – everyone seems to be working hard when he enters an office. Even the Vice Presidents who report to Dr. Anderson don’t really know how their departments are doing.

The first effort to tackle these problems came last year with the office hours anyone could sign up for to chat with the leader of IIT. However, a single student’s complaints about a campus office were not enough to merit real problem solving action. That is where the Students Speak survey comes in. The results of the evaluation will be something that the President can act on. As he explains, “This survey will have actionable consequences.”

In tandem with the Student Speak survey will also be a staff survey created and conducted by Human Resources. The two evaluations will compliment each other and hopefully shed more light on the specific issues that need to be addressed. However, President Anderson believes that the most significant results will be gathered from the students.

His goals for the survey? “I want the students to own this.” And indeed, the only employee with direct input to the effort is Bruce Fisher, director of the Leadership Academy and the Center for Research and Service at Illinois Tech. This should eliminate any bias in the creation of the evaluation and the interpretation of the results.

When asked what he might be prepared to do to improve IIT services to the students, President Anderson succinctly replied “Take steps”. He emphasizes that you can’t do it all at once, but things can be changed. The first step is to look at the training of the staff in a poorly-rated department, and to make sure that that is something that is reorganized. Finally, if no improvements are seen, the last step is to make personnel changes. Each year IIT is taking steps to improve IIT through process analysis. As one chemical engineer to another, Dr. Anderson described to me the feedback loop he inserted into the process of completing work orders. This change ensured that all parties were notified if there was a delay in the process of their request. This is just one of the many steps on the path to a well-functioning institution.

Overall, President Anderson is impressed with the staff at IIT. However, he recognizes the limited view he gets into the true workings of the system, and wants your input on what needs to change. So take this opportunity on October 19th to give feedback, both positive and negative, that the President can act on.

Homecoming 2009: another UB success story

By Christina Noonan

Every year, Union Board attempts to put together its largest event of the year. Without fail, they have succeeded once again to bring many great attractions to the IIT campus and unite students for a week of events and a grand finale to finish it off.

The week began on Tuesday, September 22nd with a 5pm archery competition at the baseball fields between spirit teams before the volleyball game at 7pm. At the game, Union Board’s Scarlet Fever hosted a barbecue and gave out free spirit shirts. On Thursday, students came over to Morton Park to battle it out with the president of Union Board, noted, “We were impressed with the turnout for the homecoming carnival. It’s one of IIT’s biggest traditions and we are proud to keep the tradition alive.” Overall, I was very impressed with the event as well. I know it must have been difficult at the last minute when it was decided that the carnival needed to move indoors due to the weather, but nevertheless it seemed to go over extremely smoothly. I also thought it was really cool that the cooks from the Greek houses came over to help prepare the food for the carnival. I know a lot of time and effort went into this event from many people on Union Board, including (but not limited to) Amy Chun, who was the main organizer of the carnival, Kalio Pedrini and Pat Zhu, who organized many of the spirit team activities, Connor Ross, who organized Scarlet Fever events, and many people who did much work behind the scenes, such as Angela Ng, Nikolai Arendovich, Danielle Madere, and Miriam Schmid. There were also a TON of volunteers who came to help out that day, helping the cooks, game operators, and other people get things done and run smoothly for the entirety of the night. At Max par it beat, “Our Homecoming team, headed up by Amy Chun and Kalio Pedrini, worked hard and brought together a Homecoming that will be remembered for a long time.”
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By Lory Mishra
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AA: The support group for those who need it

By Ariel True
TECHNEWS WRITER

You might be thinking I am addicted to immorality and sinful behavior. You might think I need saving or to have Christ accepted into my heart. You might pray for me or even have the demons exorcised from my soul. You might think I shouldn’t have a say in the matter. On the other hand, you might be like me: a little misunderstood, hiding behind false pretenses, afraid to let people know what you truly are because of their judgments... you might be an atheist.

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True confessions of a charity runner

By Antoinette Smith

In 2002, 14 charities with a total of 1,674 runners raised $2,950,000 at the Chicago Marathon as reported in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon’s 2008 Charities & Communities report. By 2008, approximately 110,000 runners raised $70 million in donations, and in 2007, 7,200 runners raised nearly $10 million. Within that same time span, the Chicago Marathon participant cap increased from 7,200 to 21,000 runners, proving that the running boom is a real phenomenon and it’s not entirely fueled by charity.

Last week, TechNews writer Kaushik Thiminaner Ganasees questioned the motivations of people who run and the dubious connection between running and raising money. As a runner of seven years with one charity marathon out of ten total marathons, I think I can provide some insight to Ganasees.

I started out as a fitness jogger. Running was just a means of cardio to help me lose some extra pounds I would gain back 2-3 miles a few days a week. Eventually, I learned about road races. Now, from my experience as a non-athletic girl in high school, I figured anything with “race” at the end was for people that were super fit and athletic, people that have a chance at actually winning. I found out I was wrong. Apparently, all human beings of all athletic levels (including level none) were invited as long as they paid the race fee. And at the end someone congratulates you and sometimes, definitely more often these days, gives you a medal as if you just did something worthy of athletic recognition, and then, you get food!

I was hooked. It didn’t hurt that road races were usually sponsored by a local business and had high school students. I often figured anything with “race” at the end was for the guy you’re lining up next to could be a brain dead and fast that you couldn’t even laugh at our jokes when I didn’t know how to help these studentsbuild robots, but I knew that even if it turns out to be a mutual learning experience, I could contribute to brightening the futures of these students and augmenting their interest in mathematics.

I can’t articulate how beautiful it was for me to realize that with just a couple hours of helping a friend, I helped make a difference in their lives. They may not remember me nor that moment, but they took something with them to show their friends what an experience that will be a building block in the foundation of their character—and I was privileged enough to be there.

*FTR* = For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.
2nd year Architecture curriculum: time for a change Mies!

By Christina Noonan

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This year is full of changes for the College of Architecture’s 2nd year program here at IIT. In previous years, it was the dreaded year of repetitively drafting thousands and thousands of bricks, not to mention details, sections, elevations, and plans. The college has made an effort to get rid of this stereotype since Mies van der Rohe taught here years ago. However, this summer, the curriculum took a 180° turn, a change that has affected many. The old program was dismissed with the exception to three professors, and two professors from the 1st year program were introduced to the program as well. Professor Goodman, a former 1st year professor, is leading this year’s class as the head professor. The changes include more building opportunities, allowance for CAD drawings (in comparison to previous years when only hand drafting was accepted), and more group activities and projects.

This change has drastically impacted the opinion of architecture students, especially older students who had to endure the hand drafting process. 3rd year student angrily stated, “We had to spend hours drawing stuff, and they should too!” Similarly, Ryan Bloom was pretty disappointed with the changes, explaining, “I’m extremely shocked that they dismissed almost all of the professors with little notice, since this was done so quickly over the summer, and such a dramatic change is almost certainly digging a grave, in my opinion, when done as fast as it was.” Interestingly, this change is not shared by all upperclassmen. Bhaneet Mallangi shared, “I think it’s fine as it is now… but I am a little apprehensive about how it will play out in the coming years.” 4th year students even share optimism about the current changes, noting that they will inevitably create a more cohesive bridge between the 2nd and 3rd years. One 4th year student explained, “I like the new curriculum, I feel like it better prepares the younger students for the studios they progress into, and better teaches them how to answer, given that they never experienced the program last year.” Additionally, there are fewer projects which allow students to more deeply understand their buildings and components. Finally, we’re working with student-created ideas which can be challenging, but it’s certainly more interesting than the work in previous years.”

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By Nicole Gregory

OPINION EDITOR

When I first accepted the Facebook invite for a women’s self-defense class at IIT, my first thought was, “Cool, I’ll learn how to kick and not fall on my butt!” I figured it was going to be all about how to break holds or wriggle out of someone’s arm’s, I thought it would entail learning where to kick and when to run. In other words, all the physical aspects of self-defense.

If you couldn’t tell by the rather obvious introduction to this article, I was wrong. Yes, we did learn how to kick, and yes, there was some running, but it was more about breaking down our own mental barriers than it was about breaking our attacker. One of my classmates had been attacked at knife point a year ago, and had been unable to scream or even speak at the time of the attack. A lot of the women had tears in their eyes, and we were taught how to yell our loudest, something that had I always been told never to do.

It was during a segment of yelling, we were taught how to reject the advances of an unwanted stranger. I found this interesting, as it had to do with how you convey your message. Asking a leering stranger, “What do you want?” or “Piss off, a-hole!” invites him to answer, given that they never experienced the program last year. Additionally, there are fewer projects which allow students to more deeply understand their buildings and components. Finally, we’re working with student-created ideas which can be challenging, but it’s certainly more interesting than the work in previous years.”

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On a dark and stormy night, a man wearing a kilt pulled the perfect shot of espresso. Actually, he does that every night. His name is Kurt Olson, and he’s known as the Espresso Shuttle, one of the best baristas in the world. Anyone familiar with Global Grounds knows Kurt. He makes the best coffee drinks anywhere, his hot chocolate is nationally-renowned, and he wears really cool hats. He also has a tendency to blast Irish music from the Global Grounds lounge, which is a lot of fun. There are a few other questions, and also to momentarily steal said "hat.

Would you consider yourself to be a true coffee drinker? Espresso. It’s the basis of—every—many drinks...there’s a simplicity in it. And what about roast? Mocha breech cappuccino. It’s a guilty pleasure. I assume we’re talking coffee here. Otherwise I may have to say Old Rasputin.

What are three of your favorite places? Arterial, non-bestanswer! Ireland (country-side in particular), any bookstore with a sufficiently large selection of text—a thing that I’ll infinitely lose for the simple answer. Let’s just say that I enjoy the outward mindscape of good friends.

Of coffee, what’s to be cryptic, Kurt. All right, what’s your favorite quote? "The last laid schemes of o’ mice and men Gang off in a lug.

And leave us nought but grief and pain For promised joy."

Thank you, Robbie. Tell us a little-known song you think is awesome.

Oooh, tough call. So many to choose from. I have pretty eclectic tastes. I’d have to say “Imaginary Song” by Mark Sandman or “Heads Will Roll” from New Blood Revival.

What’s your major, and why? Irish and why?

Computer science. Why? Because computers fascinate me. I find them as interesting as humans and much more logical.

What are your goals? Ideally? Realistically? Day dreamly? Just asking what my goals are seems like a challenge to my ambition. Ask instead what my dreams are and how I plan to achieve them.

What are your dreams and how do you plan to achieve them?

I plan to achieve them.

A dream that I don’t mind having public knowledge of is that to open a cafe, and a bar... and a bookstore. My plan to do this is complicated and vague, to be honest. But I’ll tell you that it involves no small amount of blood, sweat, and tears.

Kurt isn’t the only student worker at Global Grounds, especially with the influx of new student employees, and chances are Kurt won’t be the only profiled in TechNews. He is, however, the break-down barista, and one of the more interesting people you’re likely to meet.

Next time you’re around Global Grounds, take a minute to chat with your barista, if they’re not busy. Maybe you’ll get a drink recommendation, like a white chocolate raspberry global glacier, or maybe you’ll learn something cool, like that the Ellis’s been to Nigeria or that I play a Japanese game called Go.

Yeah, I’m a barista, too. You’ll see me there several nights a week. I’m the short one with the red bow on my back and a mildly frantic expression. What size was that mocha? Oh, hang on a sec, the steamed milk is exploding again.

WISER launches grant program

By PriyangaVani Pandithagudi Srinivasan

Wanger Institute for Sustainable Energy Research, better known as WISER is now accepting applications for a new Interdisciplinary Seed Funding Grant (ISFG) program. ISFG will be funding some important projects based on Energy and Sustainability that are of global interest. For almost two years now WISER has been funding a series of research projects. A couple of years ago, a project known as WISER was called Energy and Sustainability Institute (ESI). ESI dates back to the year 2004, when it was set up to meet the needs of the day and expand the scope of research. WISER looks to preserve the natural resources and the atmosphere on planet Earth before it is too late. They have sponsored numerous research projects, and they don’t stop at just monetary funding. They also help with commercialization and publication of appropriate pieces of work.

The program encourages participation from students and faculty from the IIT college of Architecture, IIT Institute of Design, IIT Institute of Psychology, IIT Chicago-Kent Law School, and the various engineering and science departments. Most of the on-going projects are aimed to protect the environment and conserve natural resources by developing reliable alternative sources of energy. One of the projects concerns the optimization of coal gasification, i.e. trying to use or burn coal without leaving behind harmful residues. Research work is also being done to produce bio-fuels from bio-degradable waste. Intensive study is being carried out on recycling techniques and conversion of energy to a more usable form. WISER and IIT are not alone on this large-scale initiative: they work hand in hand with a number of research centers and tech-nico centers. With everything said and done, funds and motivation are not the only things that keep a project going; the hard work and team effort of the IIT Faculty and students are sure to scale new heights very soon. In fact, the research teams have already made significant contributions and their work has been recognized, appreciated and even rewarded. Apart from this, WISER also organizes seminars, conferences and discussion sessions on many interesting topics. These discussions aim to create a general awareness about problems related to the environment and our surroundings among the students. Such discussions will open up new prospects and ideas on how to face the environmental threats. So if you are working on any experimental projects related to energy, power and sustainability, if you feel that you are a make-a-difference person in the world, then go ahead and put forth your ideas to ISFG. They would also welcome any sensible suggestions on how to improve their ongoing work. However, you can’t just summarize your thoughts. The Proposal has to be drafted in a specific format (for further details visit http://www.iit.edu/tvnews) and sent before the 15th of October, 2009. The proposal should highlight the importance of the project, the feasibility and even the economic outcomes. The grants are limited to $25,000 over a period of one year. Make the best of these grants to bring your ideas into existence.
University Calendar

**Tuesday, October 6**

**Getting a Job: Creating a Quality Resume**
12:50-1:50pm, CMC, Galvin Library
A quality resume can be the difference between getting an interview and getting passed over. At this workshop you will learn the fundamentals of creating a resume that will impress employers and hopefully lead to employment.

**F.H. Buckley Lecture**
7:00-8:30pm, Shimer college, 3424 S. State Street, Cinderella Lounge, 2nd Floor
Shimer College welcomes F.H. Buckley of the George Mason University School of Law to campus as part of its Fall Lecture Series.

**Yoga**
7:30-8:30pm, Keating Hall
This program is free for all IIT students. The cost for faculty and staff is $5 per class. There will be 12 yoga classes during the fall semester. No registration required.

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**Wednesday, October 7**

**CAEE Seminar**
3:30-4:30pm, Wishnick Hall 113
A new framework for urban sustainability assessments: Linking complexity, information and policy

**Applied Math Colloquium**
4:40pm-5:30pm, E1106
Large Deviations that Induce Errors in Optical Systems

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**Thursday, October 8**

**Architecture Lecture**
12-5:00pm, Crown Hall, Lower Core
"Are there Too Many People or Not Enough Resources?"

**Upperclass Lunch and Graduate Information Session**
12pm-1:30pm, MTCC Ballroom
Undergraduate students, you already know IIT’s strong undergraduate programs. Now, while the economy is in repair and companies are adjusting, consider taking a look at the graduate programs. And get a jumpstart on your graduate school search.

**Spirituality and Suicide**
12:50pm-1:40pm, Carr Chapel
Join us for a discussion on religion, spirituality, and suicide prevention.

**Physiology Colloquium**
3:50-4:20pm, ES 111
"QCD Puzzles, Predictions, and Prognosis: What can 'mu' do for you?"

**Peter Boie: Magician for Non-Believers**
9:00-10:00pm, BOG
Since the age of eleven, Peter Boie, the self-proclaimed Magician for Non-Believers has been perfecting, creating and honing his craft over thousands of performances developing his unique style of magic...magic for non-believers.

**Service Learning Coalition Meeting**
9:15-10:00pm, MTCC
If you are involved in an organization, fraternity, or sorority that organizes volunteer, service, or philanthropy efforts, you are invited to participate in Service Week!

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**Friday, October 9**

**Becoming a Certified Candidate**
10-11:00am, Galvin Library, CMC
This orientation will familiarize you with all of the requirements for becoming a Certified Candidate. (This orientation is required to become a Certified Candidate).

**Fall 2009 Sawyer Lecture in Science, Technology, and Society**
2:30-5:00pm, MTCC Auditorium
"Cultural Evolution of Technological Artifacts: Development, Enkindment, and Scaffold in the Production of Cumulative Culture" will discuss how cultural evolution has been an exponentially growing area of research in the last decade.

**IIT Pakistani Eid Mela**
2:00-6:00pm, MTCC South Lawn
Eid cuisines, Ticket Price: $1

**Legions of Raum CD Release and Karaoke Friday**
8:00pm-1:00am, BOG
Legions of Raum is finally releasing the awaited debut full length album "Burial Content"!

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**Saturday, October 10**

**Skydiving**
8:30am-5:00pm, Ottawa, IL
Delta Tau Delta, The American Society of Mechanical Engineers, UB, and SGA are proud to bring you SKYDIVING!

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**Monday, October 12**

**FALL BREAK!**

If you don’t write for TechNews, then you hate sunshine and happiness. You don’t write for TechNews. Therefore, you hate sunshine and happiness.

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The Homecoming Water Balloon  
Tournament, organized by the Student Union Board, involved a water balloon fight. Pretty cool, right? I volunteered to be a part of it and helped with filling up the water balloons the previous night, and I must say that was the hardest bit. But then it was definitely worth it!

It was pretty much what you’d expect a catch the flag competition to be. The 10 spirit teams were pitted against each other in this balloon bursting, water blasting, catch the flag event. The team who captures the flag balloon bursting, water blasting, catch the flag definitely worth it!

I volunteered again the next day to help fill the balloons overnight, and I must say it was pretty cool, right? I volunteered to help fill the balloons overnight again. The team who captures the flag definitely worth it!

Lastly, a huge round of appreciation to UB for getting this done in a way I’m sure everyone involved wouldn’t forget. Go UB!

Are you thinking about doing a co-op or internship?

By Nathan Frideres

It is October now, and fall 2009 co-op and internship seasons is in full swing! IIT students are working as co-ops and part-time internships throughout Chicagoland and the U.S. Finding an internship or co-op can take a lot of work and study. Students who begin early in their co-op or internship search will be ahead of the game. A co-op or internship that complies with the guidelines of IIT’s co-op and internship programs and meets registration deadlines.

Co-op and internship deadlines are set by the CMC after taking into account many different factors including the university calendar and registration dates. The CMC works with multiple departments on-campus to ensure that the needs and deadlines of those departments are being met, while giving students as much flexibility as possible in their co-op and internship start dates.

The co-op and internship programs are academic programs and therefore closely follow the academic calendar. The start and end dates may not always match employer preferences because they operate on different schedules. Below are some helpful tips in discussing start and end dates with employers if their dates do not coincide with those of IIT.

1. Start by doing your homework. Students who are planning to apply for co-ops and internships must attend the required Introduction to the Co-op & Internship Program session before starting the application process. This workshop covers information and rules of the program and will help you develop a better understanding of how the program works.

2. When you are looking and applying for a co-op or internship you should know the program deadlines so you can provide employers with accurate information.

The deadlines can be found on the CMC website (www.cmc.iit.edu) each semester. Bringing the deadlines to an employer’s attention will help you and the employer work out how this potential opportunity can become reality.

3. It is essential that you are completely honest with the employer about when you can begin working. Employers often will not hire an employer are eligible to work for them when you are not, they will likely find out you were not being honest with them. This may lead them to develop a negative impression of you, and ruin your chances of getting a future position with the company. Employers value ethics in the workplace and they will appreciate it if you demonstrate good work ethics throughout the hiring process. Also, you must register with IIT for a co-op or internship on time. Students will not be permitted to register past the add/drop date each semester. International students are legally required to adhere to the deadlines in order to maintain their status as students in the U.S. and avoid major difficulties with immigration laws.

4. Know the earliest start date for the following semester. The start of the next term’s start date is usually the Monday after the last day of classes for the current semester. You can confirm the date by checking with the CMC. Employers may be willing to hire you to start work on the next semester’s start date if they are aware of when it begins.

5. Remember that most schools have co-op and internship deadlines. While many employers may not be aware of IIT’s specific deadlines, they should not be surprised if IIT has deadlines. Co-op and internship deadlines are very common in higher education.

6. Let the employer know that your CMC advisor can speak with them to help answer any questions or alleviate any concerns. Sometimes the employer would like further clarification on how our program works. Your CMC advisor will be happy to assist with educating the employer about our co-op and internship programs and deadlines—just ask.

7. Communicate with your CMC advisor early in the process if you have any questions or concerns about the deadlines or related matters. The CMC staff is here to assist students and we are better able to help you if we are aware of your situation as it unfolds.

The Spring 2010 Co-op and Internship Timeline will be posted on the CMC website by October 16—check it out! We look forward to working with you to support your efforts to find the experience you are seeking, through IIT’s Co-op and Internship program.
The prospect of listening to 45 minutes of instrumental acoustic guitar music does not often elicit a sense of delight, but Rodrigo y Gabriela are a duo who have proven that they can manage to pull off this feat. Their mesmerizing brand of progressive 2006’s self-titled album, sold over 600,000 copies worldwide and kept them touring purposes ranging from the Americas to South America to Europe and the UK and a half years. But the patience of those who loved their earlier work was rewarded not too long ago with the release of ‘11:11’, a set of tracks that pays homage to the various artists that have inspired the band and shaped their sound. The result is surprising, though pleasantly so. Their sound is often compared to flamenco guitar, but from their influences, which include a great deal of heavy metal, few could tell. The variety of instrumentation that accompanies the core of two acoustic guitars (electric and parlor and even an air guitar on various tracks) lends a great deal of intricacy to guitar riffs that already raise eyebrows with their intensity, complexity and speed. The high crime rate; much of the violent crimes occur in the slums that are sometimes ironically adjacent to the wealthiest areas of the city. However, funding to crime-fighting programs has already been granted. Also, the 2016 Olympics is expected to create hundreds of thousands of jobs before and after the Olympics. The Brazilians have a lot of work to do as they prepare to host one of the most important sporting events in the world...congrats Rio...” speckled Facebook newsfeeds.

Record Review: Rodrigo y Gabriela’s II:11

By Karl Rybaltowski

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J.M. Coetzee’s "nearly perfect"? 

By Udayan Das 

It has been more than a year since I read Disgrace. At the time, I knew that I had read something aesthetically quite

superior to most other contemporary writing (the economy of language, the turn of phrase, the subtle rhythm were all fascinating). But I had not completely absorbed the tale. Or rather, I did not see that this book was as profound as it was said to be.

In some senses, my reaction was what Francine Prose had warned it would be. That Disgrace is the kind of book that is nearly perfect, but not the kind that you run out into the streets after finishing it, shouting “Read this! Read this!” This was true, inasmuch as it was literally true. Nonetheless, that was insinuation was uncomfortable with. That though this is a near-perfect work of literature, it is perhaps lacking in substance or effect or impact. I resolved that I needed to write a review (formal or informal) to correct this idea, but try as I

may, now that although I still haven’t absorbed it fully, I have at least drawn enough to write this out long last. 

First, let me clarify that although I did not run out shouting “Read this! Read this!” I did ask many a friend (and stranger) to read this, and tell me what they thought. See, it is one of those books that might benefit from more than one point of view. The key, however, to getting to the book’s full depth is that underated human activity: reflection.

It should say that usually when I recommend J. M. Coetzee to others, I start with other works. Thinking, rightfully, that Disgrace is an entire-disproving work.

So, we arrive now at the book itself. On the surface, it is the story of Prof. David Lurie, who is dealing with a mid-life crisis (perhaps in the way that he sees fit. He preys on a young student taking one of his classes. Eventually this leads to his downfall (or disgrace) as a Professor. He retreats into the South African countryside to his lesbian

an end to the war. The plot thickens when, not one but two groups plan to seize this amazing opportunity. Who gets to him and whether or not they succeed in their mission or not is something you will have to find out for yourselves. 

Oh yeh be sure to get to the movies well ahead of time before it starts, if you don’t want to end up in the front row as me!

‘Gamer’ is another movie which I happened to watch this week. At the end of this movie, I felt as though my brain had gone numb and maybe it was frozen? The lead character Kable, played by Gerard Butler, is a prisoner who has been convicted for murder and his only hope to escape is to win the virtual reality game “The Slayer”. The game has mesmerized one and all. The prisoners need to play thirty rounds of this violent and vicious game and survive in order to claim their freedom: to live a life in humane conditions. But is it a twist in the plot. Each of these prisoners are controlled by their gamers and need to fight as they direct them to.

The movie showcases a group of human beings competing with the tech savvy guys to end this ruthless game. It is an action packed movie which is loud and violent. There is gunfire and splattered boders everywhere.

For all the action-movie lovers this would be the electrifying experience that they might have been waiting for. The cinematography is good and the shaking cameras look interesting but after a while they start hurting the eye. The bottom line is even though the story holds an interesting plot, it could have been portrayed in a better way. Gerard Butler picks his movies alternately doing intense action and immediately a light-hearted romantic comedy. After the success of The Ugly Truth at the box office, Gamer should be a damper for otherwise a good run Gerard Butler has had recently. Unless you are a die hard fan of extreme action, I would advise you to not watch this movie or else prepare yourself for the eye hurting and headache inducing experience while watching it.

is that he becomes a helper in an animal treatment clinic and someone who helps incinerate dogs. Questions arise about and about race relations in South Africa, about race relations in the new South Africa (that in a sense the new ruling class is giving back what it reis for years), about white relations and sexual harassment and rape, about power and rape, about the treatment of animals, and about what all this says about the human condition. Of course the difficulty of the novel is in trying to figure out where the author stands in all this (if he stands at all). This may be a problem for many, but in fact, it is the novel’s (and the novelist’s) greatest strength: it is not and is not meant to be a sermon. It tells you of all that is there, and the reactions that certain characters take to the events, and you have to reflect on who is doing what and why, and what that says, and therefore, where you stand in relation to that.

As is said in just over two hundred pages, indicating once again that it is clarity of prose that is required and not superficiality of exposition. This is signature Coetzee in that things are so succinctly expressed, but I think what is a pleasant departure is that it is not always with the same level of detachment. Here, in finding sympathy, even empathy, for a not-necessarily-likable Lurie, Coetzee shows a facet of involvement that is more than welcome (we find that later works, such as Elizabeth Costello and Diary of a Bad Year have tended to, thankfully, continue this involvement further).

A critic says of Disgrace that Coetzee’s sentences are like coiled springs that impart great energy from very little. This is true of the novel itself: a year after, I still haven’t gotten over the energy that it has recoiled. It continues to haunt and grow within. And I believe we will continue to do so for long.

No, this is not the kind of novel that appeals to you in a knee-jerk manner, so that you run out and say “Read this! Read this!” and forget about in weeks. This is the kind of novel that remains with you for life. The kind that you ask your children and grand-children to read. The best kind!
Takuo Toda's signature paper airplane is no ordinary bit of origami. After launch on April 11, the snub-nosed craft wafted so high into the rafters of the vast Fukuyama Big Rose Hall in Hiroshima, Japan, that the camera operator recording the flight lost sight of it for a couple of seconds. The clock kept ticking. Finally, 27.9 seconds after it left Toda's hand, the fittingly named Sky King drifted to the ground, ending a flight 0.3 seconds longer than the previous world record for a paper plane. Toda, 53, is president of a company called Castem that builds metal parts to order. But he has also dedicated his life to building innovative paper aircraft. "Since I was about 4 years old, I've been able to make really good paper planes and commit the steps to memory," Toda says. He has developed 700 designs, written a dozen books on the subject, and created a museum of paper gliders.

Toda continues to try to top his record. He says he achieved a 35-second flight in a recent practice run. Eventually, he plans to go transatmospheric. "My dream is to have one of my planes thrown to Earth from outer space," he says. The Japanese space agency, JAXA, is actually testing the idea, using special heat-resistant paper, another of Toda's plane designs, and a Mach 7 wind tunnel. This could have many practical applications, such as, er ... we'll get back to you on that.

[Via Wired.com]

It's (relatively) simple to re-create the paper plane that set the flight-duration record. Use a letter-size sheet, and just follow these instructions.

Fold Your Own Sky King Plane

It's (relatively) simple to re-create the paper plane that set the flight-duration record. Use a letter-size sheet, and just follow these instructions.

1. Fold Your Own Sky King Plane
2. Push up and in...
3. So it's like this.
4. Fold flap down.
5. Fold wings down.
6. Fold wingtips up.
7. Fold one half over each side.
8. Crimp upward.

Tips
* Heavier paper works better, especially because you can make stiff, crisp folds.
* If your finished plane stalls (goes straight up, stops, then tips straight down), try adjusting the wing width. Make the wing tips larger by refolding them, making a new crease about ¼ or ½ inch closer to the body. This should slightly reduce lift, and it will make forward flight more stable.

[Image of paper airplane diagram]
### The Slipstick

#### Across
1. Locks in a barn?
7. Field yield
10. New Mexico city
11. ___ Tzu
12. Dudley Do-Right’s agcy.
13. Salad dressing
18. Cow or sow
19. Tolkien beast
20. Old White House nickname
22. Ford Explorer, e.g.
25. Napkin’s place
27. Physical vigor
29. Chipmaker’s substitute
32. Dockworker’s org.
33. AOL, e.g. (abbr.)
34. Less full
37. Hit
39. ___ Cayes, Haiti
40. U.S. / U.K. divider
41. Bran source
42. Fri. preceder
43. Children’s game
45. Little devil
47. Lunch meat
49. Artistic triumph
53. Wyo. neighbor
54. Coffee dispensers
55. Letter accompaniers
56. Parade honorees
57. Bears’ hands

#### Down
1. Divers’ gear
2. Least worldly
3. Precollege
4. Like some eclipses
5. Air bag?
6. “My Big Fat ___ Wedding”
7. Abrupt
8. Proof of purchase
9. Mill output
14. Published storytellers
15. Frozen treats
16. Puerto
17. Stargazer’s aid
23. Come together
28. Ed.’s request
30. Lucy of “Dirty Sexy Money”
31. Mornings, for short
33. Poison ivy woe
35. Pipes repairman
36. Angry display
37. Mountaineer’s worry
38. Early anesthetic
42. Final Commandment
44. Bikini, for one
46. Very small
48. Tablelands
50. Classic New Yorker cartoonist
51. Zodiac crossover

#### Sudoku

The word Sudoku, above, is actually the abbreviation of Suuji wa dokushin ni kagiru, meaning “the digits must be single” or “the digits are limited to one occurrence.”


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**OHM NEVER FORGOT HIS DYING UNCLE’S ADVICE.**
Volleyball team wins one, loses one

By Kayla Heller

The Lady Hawks (9-10, 4-0) welcomed St. Xavier University (11-10, 3-1) to their home gym last Tuesday night, for a conference match which saw both previously undefeated teams fighting to walk away with the win. The Hawks dominated the first two games of the match (25-12, 25-15) before St. Xavier stepped up their game to claim the third game (12-25). The Hawks wouldn’t let their fans celebrate for long though, as they took the fourth game (25-17) to round up the match three games to one.

Senior outside hitter Melissa Cheviron (Fort Wayne, IN) led the Hawks with 18 kills while junior outside hitter Noelle Bennett (Belvidere, IL) followed with 15 kills. Freshman setter Rebecca Bograd (Lemont, IL) also had 42 set assists in the match.

The team then traveled to Indiana on Wednesday to play the Lady Pumas from Saint Joseph College. The Pumas took the first game (25-16) but the Lady Hawks fought to reclaim the second (25-27). Unfortunately for Saint Joseph was able to bounce back and claim the last two games (25-22, 25-20), to take the win.

Cheviron led the team with 13 kills while Bennett finished with 12. Senior setter Kyyon Pyle (Tucson, AZ) had 38 set assists while junior libero Aubrey Vanderheyden (Rockford, IL) acquired 34 digs in the match.

The Lady Hawks will play two conference games against Trinity Christian College and St. Francis University next week, followed by the University of Chicago tournament.

The up and down season for Men’s Soccer continues

By Graeme Port

The Hawks started their conference season with a win and a loss to finish the week with a 1-1-0 record.

With a disappointing start to the season put behind, the Men’s Soccer team approached its opening conference fixture of the year with a renewed confidence, after back-to-back victories in their previous two fixtures over John Brown University and Iowa Wesleyan, respectively.

This restored confidence was evident in the early stages against conference new-comers – the Holy Cross Saints – as the Hawks quickly raced into a two-goal lead. Andrew Lichaj grabbed the game’s opening goal in the 12th minute when he guided a fantastic Paul Owen cross into the back of the Saints’ net to claim his fourth goal of the season. The Hawks added to their opening goal just a minute later, when English midfielder Luke Blakely redirected a Rob Ritchie-Smith set piece to make the score 2-0.

With the Hawks missing a string of chances after the opening two goals, the team could have easily increased its lead, when Daniel Aroenbag made it 3-0 shortly before the break. With just 5 minutes left in the half, Rob Ritchie-Smith raced the length of the field before he released Aronberg with an impressive through ball. The striker wrong footed his marker and then lashed a right-footed shot past the stranded Saints’ goalkeeper to put the Hawks three up at the interval.

The second half was nothing more than a formality, as the Hawks continued to push forward in pursuit of a fourth goal, which duly arrived on the hour mark, when English midfielder Paul Owens notched his first collegiate strike to make it 4-0. A Ritchie-Smith delivery from the left was nodded back across the face of the goal by Lichaj, where Owens was on hand to smash the ball past Marciniak to complete the four goal rout.

The halftime break didn’t slow the Hawks down, and Sarratt scored another goal with another long shot. With one minute left in the game, junior Stephanie Salem scored the last goal for the Hawks off of a rebound, bringing the final score to 4-0.

The Fighting Saints only had three shots throughout the game on the Hawks’ goalie, freshman Amy Arnhart, who saved all three. The Hawks themselves had eight shots on goal throughout the game, and sixteen shots in total. With the win, the Hawks have now won their last five games with a shutout.

The Hawks’ next game is tomorrow, October 7th at Saint Xavier University. The next home game is Saturday, October 10th against Calumet College of Saint Joseph, with a 12pm kickoff. Come out to Stuart Field and show them your support!