Students make an impact on MAP funding

By Raymond Ballard

The Monetary Allotment Program that provides scholarship aid to over 135,000 college students across Illinois was saved Sunday as Illinois Governor Patrick Quinn signed a bill Sunday, October 18th to restore the funding for the spring semester of 2010. Three Illinois Institute of Technology students were present at the signing and press announcement, including MAP Grant recipients and student leaders Julia Gonzalez (2nd year, Physics), John Dominikzi (5th year, Political Science), and Student Body President Ray Ballard (4th year, Chemical Engineering), and all three had the rare opportunity to meet the Governor during the event.

Before the Governor signed the bill, Julia Gonzalez spoke about her experience at IIT and how important MAP funding was for her. The press announcement was a great stage for Julia’s experiences as she discussed the difficulties of being a college student at IIT while seeking to become the first in her family to earn a degree. The Governor spoke highly of her accomplishments and urged her, other IIT undergraduates, and all Illinois residents to continue their pursuit of degrees in math, science, or any other form of higher education. After a DePaul student spoke, the Governor welcomed the students behind him as he signed the bill and then opened the floor to questions. At the news conference, both Gonzalez and Dominikzi were interviewed by several news media outlets, and were very proud of their involvement in the press.

The loss of MAP Grant funding first took form when the General Assembly only allotted about half of the expected funding over the summer, choosing instead to make a severe cut in MAP while providing money to other areas. These cuts would have significantly impacted nearly 600 IIT students, or 25% of the undergraduate student body. Although the restoration of funds comes as a big relief, many wonder where the money will come from, especially since the state is still facing a massive budget crisis. Facing some tough questions from the media, the Governor assured the press that some revenue possibilities still exist, including a cigarette tax increase, lottery increases, and new money from the state’s budget. While these problems will need to be dealt with for this budget year, as well as the next fiscal year, students can breathe a huge sigh of relief.

IIT’s Student Government Association was a major part of the restoration effort. In concert with other Illinois schools across the country, IIT SGA passed a Senate Resolution at a Special Session last Tuesday that supported the restoration of funds. Two Senators, Kevin O’Leary and Chris Roberts, made the journey to Springfield to join in the protests, and they passed the resolution on to several members of the General Assembly and the Governor’s Office. Governor Quinn thanked Ballard for SGA’s efforts in organizing students, saying, “your efforts certainly made an impact.” It should be very encouraging to students of all Illinois that their thoughts can be heard, their actions can be taken seriously, and their future for MAP funding is secure...for now.

IPRO 339: Innovative Container Design moves forward

By Vladlena Gaisina

A few weeks ago, TechNews published an article by Veronikia Bocatova, introducing the work of IPRO 339: Innovative Container Design, and in particular its interest in the Olympics. On October 2, 2009, it was announced that Chicago will not be the host city for the Olympic Games and Paralympics in 2016. Based on that decision, the IPRO team has had to restructure its functioning and shift its focus back to the original idea of the project: to provide sustainable, quality entry-level housing to areas of Chicago that need it the most.

Meanwhile, the work done by the group relating to Olympic Housing will not be wasted. Before Chicago fell out of the race, IIT had expressed an interest to acquire some new residential units left over from the Olympics to be used as graduate housing. Team facilitators Blake Davis and Michael Gallow were aware of this, and encouraged the team to pick up a new direction - designing graduate housing for IIT from shipping containers, based on already existing plans and renderings the group made of the Olympic Village.

Since the last article came out, the IPRO team has approached the university heads with their ideas, which were met with some excitement. President Anderson himself expressed approval of the team’s goals and efforts. Construction of a life-size model of a single unit on the corner of 31st and Federal is still scheduled to proceed, and without the pressure associated with the Olympics, members of the team press on with their work with renewed vigor.

The team is still looking for sponsors, funding opportunities, material donations and volunteers. So if anyone is interested and would like to volunteer their time or know anyone that can help make this a reality, please contact them at IPRO339.Innovative.Housing.2016@gmail.com or ipro339f09@iit.edu.

TouchNet PayPath tuition payment service

By Brian Laffey

There have been a number of questions and concerns voiced by students concerning the change in payment processing for student accounts first announced in mid-September and I would like to take this opportunity to address them.

The Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council, which sets the security standards for all credit card payment systems, has mandated that all companies and institutions that accept credit cards must meet security standards by July 1, 2010. This mandate affects not only universities, but every credit card payment point, from gas pumps to online retailers to 7-11 in the MTCC. The purpose of these standards is to protect consumers’ financial data and prevent identity theft.

To ensure compliance with these industry-wide security standards, IIT has partnered with TouchNet to provide their PayPath Tuition Payment Service, an electronic billing and payment solution for higher education. TouchNet is certified compliant with the requirements for bankcard processing and satisfies credit card security requirements, which will also provide greater security for students’ credit card information.

Most of you may be asking, “How does this affect me?” For students who do not use a credit card to pay balances on your student account, this will not affect you at all, apart from some new benefits detailed below. For those paying student account balances with a credit card, there are some important changes for you to note. First, there will be a 2.75% transaction charge for all credit card payments to student accounts after November 4th. This is the standard surcharge applied by credit card companies. Second, the new system does not accept Visa cards.

Unlike most credit card companies, Visa charges a flat rate per transaction, regardless of whether the payment is $1 or $30,000. Many universities and other institutions have stopped accepting Visa payments because of this higher service charge. TouchNet, which is used by more than 700 colleges and universities, does not accept Visa for this reason.

Some may ask, “Isn’t passing the 2.75% convenience fee on to me the same as increasing my tuition?” Not really, as the service charge is only for credit card payments. Students can pay with a paper or electronic check, money order, cash, and of course financial aid, with no additional service fee. For students who rely upon Visa to support for those struggling to pay their bills will hopefully alleviate any problems.

If you have any questions regarding the new system, please contact buarsan@iit.edu.

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Please contact the office at 312.567.7219 or finaid@iit.edu to learn about these options.

The new system has many benefits to students, beyond the added security and protection from identity theft. Starting November 5th students will have the ability to authorize other users (such as parents/guardians) to view and make payments toward your account. Later this year additional features will be available, including faster refunds from student loans for those paying with the fixed electronic check option, email notifications when new statements are available, the ability to set up automatic online payment plans, and a record of the previous year’s statements. Payment plans and statements will be available to authorized users designated by students.

Meanwhile, the TouchNet system is only for student accounts. Other campus services such as HawkCash and printing accounts will not be affected. While the new system will be an adjustment for some, it is essential for IIT to meet the security standards and, and the availability of several other payment options and financial support for those struggling to pay their bills will hopefully alleviate any problems.
Dear SexTech,
I have always been a nerd. But lately, my nerdiness is affecting me in somewhat disturbing ways. I work in one of the labs in E1, and like many a hard-working Mechanical Engineering student, I spend many hours and late nights at work. I love my work. And that’s the problem. Lately, just watching the machines run gets me hot. Listening to the gears work with the water, watching the water flow past the diodes and machinery, to drip slowly and seductively into the bowl... It’s almost more than I can stand! And then when the computer spits out a graph with all those wavy lines and numbers, I get weak at the knees. Sometimes I have to step outside for some cold air just so that I can keep working without being too distracted. Oh, SexTech, I’m getting truly worried! Is this normal at IIT? Can it be stopped? Or should I just go for it? I can always lock the lab...
- Hot and Bothered in the Fluids Lab

Dear SexTech,
I’m the cleverest person alive. Why? Because I recently found a way to have sex in my room whenever I want, and as often as I want, without inconveniencing my roommate. How, do you ask? Simple. Using a system of pulleys, winches, levers, trusses, and some old fashioned rope (well, nylon cord, actually), I am now able to pull a lever and have my bed and my girl hoisted up to the ceiling. I built a Pratt truss so that all the tension and compression forces wouldn’t rely on the chords attached to the four corners of my bed. Instead, the truss is connected to my bed in 10 places, allowing for extra strength and security. There is a system of 12 pulleys that I bolted to the ceiling and threaded nylon cord through so that a simple flick of the wrist is enough to send me sailing upward. Isn’t it brilliant? Now getting away from my room whenever I want, and as often as I want, without inconveniencing my roommate. How, I have always been a nerd. But lately, my nerdiness is affecting me in somewhat...
- Awesome Brilliant Freshman with a Girlfriend

Dear AWFG:
Why didn’t you just bunk the beds?
- SexTech Staff

Have any questions for the SexTech Staff? E-mail us at technews@iit.edu

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After a surprisingly delicious freeze, the flimsy camp stove, and gathering tent, unpacking, purifying water, starting black water, the cold air on my face, a soft breeze, only flitting birds mar the stillness of the night. We see for autumn cluster along the bank, and the bottom of the canoe is the only sound along the Isabella River. We seem to be drive 40 miles up the road to Input #34. Roof of our '92 Park Avenue Buick, we employee at the outfitters quips as he attune, or his sense to the first winter weather of the season. Laughter.
Comedian Hannibal Buress at The Bog

By Karl Rybaltowski
A&E EDITOR

The latest in a series of highly publicized Union Board events hit the Bog this past Thursday with the stand-up comedy Hannibal Buress, seemingly on the verge of becoming a household name. Buress, a Chicago native until his move to New York about a year ago, has been making waves for a while now, including appearances on the Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson and Late Night with Jimmy Fallon, the latter directly responsible for his new gig as a writer for Saturday Night Live.

Over the course of his hour-long set, Buress touched on topics as diverse as the resurgence of syphilis (and whether or not it had a PR firm), people non-chalantly buying guns at Wal-Mart, the horrible college newspaper articles written about him (leading to a great deal more care in the writing of this one), or daydreaming about pigeon-kicking. He did this all in a style unique to himself, through seemingly meandering personal stories that turned out to be tightly wound jokes hitting all the right notes to maximize their comedic effect. He even dealt expertly with a loud and obnoxious crowd member; turning the situation into just another joke in the process. And how did the audience react to Buress’s set? Very well, in fact. His material got laughs consistently from a decent-sized crowd at the Bog, even during the occasional delve into more controversial territory. And if the round of applause at the end of his set was any indication, the crowd was won over.

Free bowling was available for two hours that evening, with thanks going out to the Office of Campus Sustainability. Opening for Hannibal Buress was 33rd Street Productions’ own Caught in the Briar Bush and instructor Bennett a few weeks ago, there seems to be renewed attention to bringing talented outside performers and solid events to the Bog, and given the turnouts, it seems to be getting a positive reaction. One can only hope that this is a sign of things to come.

Vote with your feet for Veterans

By Jason Neal
DIRECTOR OF INTRAMURALS & RECREATION

November 3rd is Election Day this year. No big deal for us Chicago folks, you say? Well, this Election Day, you can “vote for veterans”. On Nov. 3rd, you will be able to register for a Veteran’s Day event called Tackle the Tower. You will then have the opportunity to “vote with your feet” by participating in Tackle the Tower on Veteran’s Day, Nov. 11th.

Tackle the Tower participants will walk from Keating Sports Center to the IIT Tower at 35th and State, up the stairs to the top, then down and back to Keating. Sounds easy, right? Every registered participant who starts will get a water bottle, and all finishers will receive a T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded for the organization with the most finishers, the organization that raises the most money for the Wounded Warrior Project, and the largest individual donor/participant. This is not a race, and there is no time limit.

Tackle the Tower is a fundraising event for the Wounded Warrior Project, a charity that provides advocacy and support for injured veterans. For more information, go to:

http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/

So, you have two opportunities to vote for veterans. First, register for Tackle the Tower on Election Day, Nov. 3rd at the MTCC Bridge between 9am and 5pm. Second, vote with your feet by participating in the actual Tackle the Tower event on Veteran’s Day, Nov. 11th.

For registration dates and more information, go to:

http://www.illinoistechathletics.com/f/intramurals_and_recreation.php or contact the Director of Intramurals & Recreation at 312-567-7110 or just2u@iit.edu

Hannibal Buress, making students laugh

Photos courtesy of Katie Schuering

IIT students attend regional pro-life conference

By Jessica Shaw
TECHNEWS WRITER

Several members of IIT Students for Life attended the Students for Life of Illinois 2009 Regional Summit on Saturday, October 24. Held at the beautiful Crown Center on Loyola University’s Lakeshore campus, the conference brought together students from over 20 campuses across Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and even Texas to hear from three nationally-recognized speakers.

David Bereit, National Director of 40 Days for Life, kicked off the day with his inspiring speech on leadership.

Kristan Hawkins, Executive Director of Students for Life of America, followed with a talk on utilizing effective media techniques in promoting the Culture of Life.

Wrapping up the day with the topic of activism was Eric Scheidler, newly-titled Executive Director of the Pro-Life Action League.

Since 2006, Students for Life of Illinois has been fostering student leaders and has become a premiere statewide collegiate pro-life organization. This year marks the third annual conference put on by SFLI. The Summit was a complimentary mix of powerhouse speakers, small discussion groups, education, and networking.

The attending members of IIT SFL left well-equipped and energized to bring back to campus all they heard throughout the day. Students for Life meets for round table discussions on Thursdays at 4:30 pm in the MTCC Blue Room. Find us on Facebook or email us at StudentsForLife@iit.edu.

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**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.

**Contraceptives: Understanding Your Choices, By Knowing Your Options**
12:50-1:00pm, Hermann Hall, Armour Dining Room
You may be able to decide on a method that is right for you by participating in our lunchtime discussion lead by the Chicago Women’s Health Center. Light lunch will be provided by the Women’s Information Network (WIN).

**Getting a Job: Creating a Quality Resume**
3:00-4:00pm, CMC, Galvin Library
At this workshop you will learn the fundamentals of creating a resume that will impress employers and hopefully lead to employment.

**Architecture Lecture**
6:00pm, Crown Hall, Center Core
“Make No Medium-Sized Plans, Part I: Miniplans” Dan Wood, Principal, WORKac, NYC Visiting Lecturer of Architecture, Princeton University

**Revisiting a Legacy: Lewis Institute’s Heritage at IIT**
4:30-6:30pm, MTCC Auditorium & Ballroom
An illustrated lecture on Lewis Institute history, with discussion of Lewis’s people, facilities, academic programs, and institutional ethic, with photos from original source materials in the Lewis institute records in the IIT Archives.

**Resume Critique Sessions**
9:30am-12:30pm, CMC, Galvin Library
After brainstorming and creating a basic resume, and before going to the Career Fair, come to the CMC to get your resume critiqued by a Career Advisor.

**Chemistry Colloquium**
11:25am, Life Sciences 111
X-Ray Spectroscopy in Catalysis Research: Application to Au Catalysts

**Blood Drive**
9:00am-5:00pm, MTCC Ballroom
A blood drive to benefit Heartland Blood Centers. Participants will win prizes and giveaways.

**Diwali Bash**
6:00pm, Downtown Campus
(IBSA) presents Diwali Bash! Music, Dance, Delicacies and Lots of Fun.

**Day of Service**
9:00am-1:00pm, MTCC
Students volunteer all over Chicago.
SGA Senate approves new student groups

The Student Senate of SGA approved the creation of five new student organizations last week.

IIT Polish Club: Celebrating and sharing Polish culture and heritage, the Polish Club is planning participation in International Fest, restaurant outings, and a Polish Folk Dancing tutorial for all students.

Gangrene: A student-run sustainability committee that works closely with IIT Office of Campus Energy and Sustainability. Gangrene’s mission is to significantly contribute to a number of sustainability programs on campus, including energy efficiency and resource conservation.

TEDxIIT: Acting as the IIT chapter of TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design), TEDxIIT is devoted to “Ideas Worth Spreading.” According to its website, TED has an online video “cleansinghouse that offers free knowledge and inspiration from the world’s most inspired thinkers.” TED speakers have included Richard Dawkins, Rupert Murdoch, Al Gore, Bill Gates, and Richard Dawkins.

IIT Pool Club: A billiards club with approximately 60 members, the IIT Pool Club is planning on organizing competitions on campus and may host pool lessons for students.

Bridges International-IIT: A Christian organization serving international minorities, Bridges International-IIT has events focusing on culture, especially American, and holds weekly Bible discussions.

SGA Senate approves special BOG funding

In an effort to maintain the BOG as a consistent and active event venue on campus, the SGA Senate approved the creation of the “BOG Events Fund.” Through this fund, $25,000 from the Student Activities Fund will be allocated for the exclusive purpose of programming events for the BOG and student organizations on campus.

By SGA

Senate Nominations Due On Oct 27th

The Student Government Association Senate is the representative body of all undergraduate and graduate students at IIT. Twenty seats (representing each academic college) will be voted on by the student body on November 3rd, and if you know of anyone who would make a good student representative (and it could be you!) email sga@iit.edu or nomination@sga.iit.edu by Tuesday, October 30th at 9PM.

By SGA

IIT Senate Elections On November 3rd!

The Senate of IIT is the main representative body of the Illinois Institute of Technology undergraduate and graduate student body at Main Campus. In recent months, the SGA Senate has worked on securing funding for BOG Events (and brought back the BOG in 2006), lobbying for the reformation of Illinois MAP Grant funding, is proposing for a 24 hour Galvin Library, and helped fix dozens of student problems in the fall of 2010.

By SGA
By Udayan Das

TECHNEWS WRITER

In "If on a Winter’s Night a Traveller" (commonly referred to as A&W), Italo Calvino argues for a different kind of reading than that which most people may be used to. That is, not to depend too much on the story even on characters, for the enjoyment of the reading. This is all good news for someone like me, who, although I do like a character-driven story, ultimately depends on a page by page reading of a novel. A novel has to work from page to page (don’t want to use such a term as "page-turner") here and then if there are bigger things that change, then all the better.

What Calvino suggests throughout ILUERMA is that there is a great deal of convenience that goes on in order to invent the supporting structures of plot and character, which in many cases are unnecessary if the quality of writing is simply so good that one is compelled to go on reading. Every other chapter in the book are the author speaking to the reader, which at first appears to be so but later one figures out that in fact this is us, but more specifically it is the author speaking to a "reader" character. This is done throughout the book with numbers as their title (1 through 12). The other chapters in between are the starts of 10 different novels (or would be novels) written in different styles and genres. Each of these introduces us to a fresh set of characters, a new setting and an entirely different story. To keep the novel frame going Calvino invents the story that it is the "reader" character reading through multiple incomplete books, being thwarted each time at a critical juncture

people, voices Emperor Dolivicus, the big baffle of the game. That Schafer was able to collect such talent for voice work is perhaps only eclipsed by the audio library he was able to develop. The amount of songs (all metal, of course) that is available through in-game "radio" is staggering, with a good deal of variety within the game and it's main being that leave songs out of the rotation is a boon for those who aren't necessarily metal fans.

In terms of the single-player experience, Brütal Legend does not disappoint either. The plot of the single-player game is excellent (if a little thin, as well as suitably over-the-top (as mentioned before), and the dialogue often elicits at least a chuckle. Gameplay, however, shines a little less. On the whole, it is a positive experience, with decent controls and a good amount of variety in gameplay (from driving around exploring the open world in a souped-up hot rod to hacking and slashing your way through a variety of enemies with a battle-axe and a guitar that electrocutes nearby enemies when played). It quickly changes from a third-person adventure game to a real-time strategy game, though, to mixed effect. Metal armies face off by putting on opposing shows, with the "resources" to control being won over by a solo and the subsequent construction of a merchant; whoever loses their stage loses the game. The control scheme, while well-designed for bringing the genre to consoles, results in battles becoming a little hectic (which doesn't make the multi-player mode, focusing entirely on this aspect of the game, any less fun, as playing against other people puts you on an even footing). The gameplay offered could use some variety as well, as many tend to be recycled a great deal. Metal Legend is simple game. Minor gameplay hiccups aside, it provides a unique and original experience, and does so in a way accessible and appealing to anyone, even those who are not particularly interested in heavy metal (though there are plenty of subtle rewards and in-jokes for those who are). That it has a good sense of humor certainly helps its appeal and allows a non-metal fan to develop a connection to anyone's XBOX 360 or PS3 library.

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**Goodbye Vista, Windows 7 has arrived**

By Bhanutej Mallangi

**TECHNEWS WRITER**

Microsoft has finally launched its latest OS, Windows 7, on October 22nd 2009 globally. This time the official launch of Windows 7 wasn’t done with much extravaganza and Microsoft has taken up a new means of reaching out to its customers. A cluster of events are being conducted, not by Microsoft, but by Windows users to spread the word about the new OS.

What is new and exciting about the new OS? It has rich enhancements or is it considerably increased in processing speed? Well, to start off, whenever you release a newer version of their existing OS, it would generally mean added enhancements, and more ‘feature rich’. What we have back ourselves is done all that and if it is going to work any better?!!!

This time I must say they worked pretty hard to get this OS rolling. After all, another disastrous and bug ridden Vista wouldn’t have been welcomed well.

With Vista, Microsoft concentrated mostly on the security aspect and this led to reduced application and device compatibility. This is where they took a bearing. Windows 7 works more efficiently and it does what you want it to. At the end of the day, that is all it matters. A good OS is supposed to help its users do things faster all the while not compromising on its ease.

**Reasons why we need Windows 7**

**Taskbar and Jump lists** - The taskbar gets major remodeling and has been greatly optimized to make it work the way you want it to. Here you can pin up the apps you want, to the task bar which makes it easier to access. Another major feature is the stacking up of multiple windows of an application in the taskbar buttons. This not only saves lots of space but also makes it more ‘tidy’.

Also, the introduction of another tool: Jump Lists. These are available on the task bar and provide one-click functionality to a program’s recently used file, tasks, and documents. All you need to do is drag the documents to the edges of the screen and they SNAP into place, occupying exactly half the screen size each. When you want to concentrate on a single window and minimize the rest of the windows use the ‘Shake’ feature. In this you click and hold the top of a window and all other windows except the selected one are minimized. This is a rather quick and fun way to organize your open windows. Other improvements are done in the notification area or the system tray.

**Snap and Shake** - This is another impressive tool introduced by Microsoft ‘Snap’, as they call it, arranges windows side by side. This is rather helpful when comparing two documents. All you need to do is drag the documents to the edges of the screen and they SNAP into place, occupying exactly half the screen size each.

**Touch screen**

Compatibility - Windows 7 now comes with much easier and fun way to use a PC with touch screens. More gripper and interactive to use.

**Entertainment Console**

- The all improved media center and the high graphic interface brings the PC to life. Literally speaking.

- Major enhancements have been made to Firewalls, the biometrics, Windows Action Center (also dubbed the Windows Security Center), its boot performance and certain new keyboard shortcuts to implement their new tools.

- Microsoft is undoubtedly the leader in the OS market, but nevertheless its major rival Apple has been coming out with new product updates and campaigns of its own to divert attention from the launch of Windows 7.

- All we can say now is that Windows 7 is a polished version of their previous releases. Let us wait and watch if Windows 7 has what it takes to make you go weak in your knees and weathers the Snow Leopard will be growing in jealousy.

**New of DVD: Funny People is not so funny after all**

By Raymond Ballard

**TECHNEWS WRITER**

A-list stars Adam Sandler (Happy Gilmore, Waterboy, 50 First Dates, Mr. Deeds), Seth Rogen (Knocked Up, Pineapple Express), and Eric Bana (Mandch) lead the way for a great cast of characters in Funny People that takes us deep into the emotional torments of leading a life as a major comedian. In no way is this a typical Adam Sandler film, or a typical Seth Rogen one, for that matter. Adam Sandler is George Simmons, a famous comedian and movie star who has lived an incredible life of fame, and in fact, the backstory of Simmons is so uncannily similar to Adam Sandler that it is difficult to separate the two.

The movie starts out with some home videos of Adam Sandler as a young man, already providing great laughs with his friends, and heads right into the life of George Simmons. Even the movie posters on the walls of George Simmons’ mansion remind us of Adam Sandler’s most laughable films.

Seth Rogen’s character is not the typical pot-smoking, overweight loser that provides crude laughs in almost every other movie. Instead, he plays a young comedian with aspirations of being a larger-than-life star, and struggles while attempting to help others along the way as an enduring friend.

While the entire case provides many laughs along the way, Funny People really isn’t that funny… in fact, it takes a deeper look at the Entourage lifestyle and its pitfalls. There is plenty of laughter provided by the rest of this distinct cast in Eric Bana, Jonah Hill, Aziz Ansari, Jason Schwartzman, and hilarious cameos from Eminem, James Taylor, Ray Romano, and others. However, while most comedies pile joke on top of joke, this movie follows up laughter with awkward, disturbing, and often depressing silence as the reality of the joke sinks in. And WARNING, this movie does not look very good on and off the brightest note. Rather, it ends with a mention of new possibilities and hope of rebuilding a lost life that went badly astray.

This was a good movie, and although not the laugh I think people expected, it certainly deserves a B- for showing creativity, comedy, and critical insight into a lifestyle most only dream of.
The Slipstick

Across
1. Stereo unit (2-2)
7. Send out (4)
10. Magic word (11)
11. Assess (4)
12. Early Peruvian (4)
13. Seasoned (11)
18. Pixie (3)
19. Cockerell (7)
20. Primate (4)
21. Sub-machine gun (3)
23. Dry, as of wine (3)
26. Absence of noise (7)
28. Glaring mistakes (7)
31. Record company (1,1,1)
32. Mad cow disease (3)
33. Assign officially (7)
34. Doctor’s client (7)
35. Knocks softly (4)
36. Bell-shaped fruit (4)
37. Groups of cattle (5)
38. Nips (7)
39. Beer (3)
41. Make last, ... out (3)
42. Pry (5)
43. Comes into view (7)
44. Knockout blow (5)
46. Cloth remnant (3)
48. Decorated with pictures (11)
49. Ill-mannered youth (4)
50. Receive as salary (4)
51. Oil from beef fat (4)
52. Luggage shelves (5)
53. Tchaikovsky’s ... Suite (10)
54. Actor, Brad ... (4)
55. Short sleeps (4)

Down
1. Throng (5)
2. Ominously predetermined (7)
3. Wild goot (4)
4. Carved brooch (5)
5. Small suitcase (6)
6. New England state (5)
7. Great Lake (4)
8. Authorisation (7)
9. Taunt (5)
10. Chief (9)
15. Fragrant flower (4)
16. Engrave (4)
17. Ship’s lookout platform (4’1-4)
22. Noughts (5)
25. Speckle (5)
26. Health resort (3)
27. Soup tin (3)
29. Japanese sash (3)
30. Distress signal (1,1,1)
31. Doctor’s client (7)
32. Doctor’s client (7)
33. Assign officially (7)
34. Doctor’s client (7)
35. Knocks softly (4)
36. Bell-shaped fruit (4)
37. Groups of cattle (5)
40. Fatal (6)
42. Pry (5)
44. Knockout blow (5)
45. Fights for air (5)
49. Ill-mannered youth (4)
50. Receive as salary (4)

Crosswords by
by brandall Munroe

数独
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.”

Abstruse Goose

www.abstrusegoose.com
By Melanie K

The Hawks started the game with an early goal, scored by junior Meagan Sarratt after just six minutes. About nine minutes later, Judson’s Christina Thornton scored a goal in retaliation to the score, 1-1. The Hawks answered Thornton’s goal with a second goal in retaliation to tie the score, 1-1. The Hawks started the week with a confident 6-3 away conference win, moving them into 5th place in the overall CCAC standings. Their conference record is 5-4, overall. Their conference record is 5-4, overall. The Hawks’ goalkeeper Jarred Svadli to a long through ball which the referee sent Svaldi off and awarded the home team battled back however and got their reward to win the game for the visitors. The Hawks are back in action again this Wednesday as the team welcomes city rivals Robert Morris to Stuart Field, Kick Off is at 7pm.

On Saturday, the Women’s Soccer team welcomed Judson University to Stuart Field for the first meeting between the two sides since last seasons CCAC Playoff Final - a game the visitors won 3-1.
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Women’s Volleyball wins one and loses one at home

By Kayla Heller
TECHNEWS WRITER

The Women’s Volleyball team welcomed two teams to their gym this past week. On Tuesday the Hawks took on University of Wisconsin-Parkside for a non-conference match. The Hawks fought hard, but lost the match in three games (15-25, 26-24, 16-25). Senior outside hitter Melissa Cheviron (Fort Wayne, IN) led the team with 14 kills while freshman middle blocker Mariska Vandenbergh (Pleasant Prairie, WI) chipped in 7 kills. Junior libero Elma Buhay (Grand Rapids, MI) also had 16 digs during the match.

The team then took on Robert Morris University Thursday night for their “Dig Pink” game. The entire gym was decorated pink as both teams showed their support for breast cancer awareness. The Hawks were able to take the conference match in three games (25-23, 25-21, 25-20). Cheviron led the team with 14 kills while sophomore middle blocker Kayla Heller (Dixon, IL) chipped in 5 kills. Freshman setter Rebecca Bograd (Lemont, IL) also had 25 set assists for the Hawks.

The team will welcome Olivet Nazarene University to Keating Sports Center next Tuesday for their next conference match. The game starts at 7 so be sure to come out and show your support!!

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