Last Saturday, 400 of IIT’s students put on their finest wear, looking more beautiful and handsome than ever, and headed to the Museum of Science and Industry for the 2010 Spring Formal. The theme of the dance was the Chicago World’s Fair, which celebrated the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus’s arrival to the new world. The students trekked to their destination on school busses, provided to transport them to the museum, where they escalated up to the main atrium of the building to start the night. Tables were ornamented with diverse décor to represent different cultures and countries of the world. The atrium had a beautiful blue ornamented with diverse décor to represent different cultures and countries of the world. The atrium had a beautiful blue

The music playing during dinner was mellow but friendly, with a couple of recent hits played as a sneak preview of the DJing. Tables were cleared from the center to create an atmosphere fluid.

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Ticket tragedy at Spring Formal

By Vlada Gaisina
COPY EDITOR

The tickets for this year’s Spring Formal were on sale from March 22-April 2 – ample time to sell all 400 tickets. The event itself was scheduled for April 10, which means that those who bought their tickets early had well over two weeks to wait until the night at MSI. For a college student, two weeks is a significant chunk of time. Even in a matter of days, things can change drastically for an appropriately involved individual.

Although I purchased my ticket in the middle of the second week of sales, by the time April 10 rolled around, things changed, and I knew I wouldn’t be able to attend it anymore. I started asking around, and to my relief heard that someone had actually been looking for an extra ticket. I was ready to give it up, but a message by the organizers sent out 2 days before the event warned that tickets were non-transferable and non-refundable.

Needy to say that it caused distress to both me and the other individual. A person that would have liked to attend couldn’t be there, and lost my $20. I find this rigid policy unfair and do not understand its purpose.

Okay, the non-refundable part makes sense – the SAP is not a retail store. However, what’s the problem with a win-win arrangement between two IIT students? I have dutifully racked my brain looking for a justification for UB’s stringent rule, and have found none. The system of checks that is already in place seems more than sufficient to prevent any kind of issues that could result from transferring tickets. For example, it was stated that IDs would be checked at the door, so even a stipulation that tickets can only be transferred between IIT students could have been easily enforced. I understand the organizers being concerned about tickets being resold for profit, but given that only two tickets are sold per ID, I believe the probability of a student doing that was sufficiently low that it wouldn’t alter the matter. Besides, some students can only afford to pay $20 for a night out.

I was quite disappointed by the experience and hope that UB will regulate their policies for similar future events. Even some explanation of the reasoning would be appreciated, as I’m sure I am not the only one who ran into this problem.
Think you can’t study abroad? Think again!

By Tushar Naiz
TECHNEWS WRITER

I have always been enthused to meet people from different countries and understand their culture. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live in another country? I had always imagined what it would be like to study in the United States. So, after finishing high school in India, I decided to come to the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT). Now that I am here, I feel that studying abroad has opened up so many opportunities for me! After three semesters at IIT, I have now decided to spend a semester studying in South Korea. So why do I want to study abroad, when I am “studying abroad” already? I think studying abroad will be an experience that I will never forget, not only because of the academic gain but also because I can also learn a new language, meet new people, make a lot of new friends and to top it all off, I can add this experience to my resume.

So when I decided that I wanted to study abroad, I immediately remembered the Study Abroad table at the MTCC Bridge, which was set up by the International Center. I decided to make an appointment with the Study Abroad Coordinator, Louis Berends. Since I had already decided that I wanted to go to Korea, I went and talked to him about the different programs offered to IIT students. One can also look up other study abroad opportunities that IIT provides online (http://studyabroad.iit.edu). Louis was very helpful and guided me through the whole process one step at a time. When he told me how easy it was to apply for studying abroad, I was amazed. Believe me, the whole process is very simple. The first step is setting up an appointment with Louis Berends, and then all you need to do is fill out an internal application required by IIT that you can print out from the study abroad website and submit it to the International Center, located on the fourth floor of Main Building.

After my talk with Louis, I decided that I wanted to go to Ajou University in South Korea. I filled out the internal application, which requires some academic and financial information. The last page of the application asks about the courses you would like to take during your study abroad. To complete the coursework sheet you just need to look at the courses offered at the university where you would like to study and list all courses you’re interested in. Upon official acceptance by IIT to study abroad, you’ll then need to check with your Academic Advisor if these courses would be transferable and get him/her to sign the application. Finally, you need to meet with Greg Welthe from the Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs to get his approval (signature). This finalizes the internal application. I would suggest working on the application at least one month before the application deadline. After the internal application, you need to start on the application required by the university abroad. Generally speaking, the documents you might require for external application process would be an academic transcript, a recommendation letter from one of your professors or your academic advisor, an essay, a letter from the international coordinator and some additional documents listed on the university’s website.

Once you get the acceptance package from the university abroad, you can start off with the student visa process. The acceptance package will usually have a certificate of admission, an invitation letter and some pre-arrival documents. The certificate of admission and the invitation letter will be of use when you apply for the visa. After obtaining the visa, you can book your air tickets and then wait as the departure date draws near. I hope more students would show interest in studying abroad.

Yes, everyone has worries, but I think that the uncertainty of what you’re going to find and experience traveling to new cities in another country is what makes studying abroad so worthwhile. I urge other students to come forward and at least take a look at the opportunities that Study Abroad provides. I’m off to South Korea!

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Study Abroad ’07: Rome to Barcelona (Day 32-35)

By Raymond Ballard
TECHNEWS WRITER

Day 32
July 2nd, 2007
Rome/Nice

Greggy and tired, Jake and I both headed to the Vatican City (on Metra red line A, which was very new and clean, completely different from B). The line into the museum was ridiculously long, but after an hour and a half, we made it through into the maze of the museum.

I was so blown away at the expression of wealth: the Egyptian marble (80% of the world’s total is in the Vatican, worth its weight in gold) everywhere, there are paintings and gold on everything, and an abundance of Michelangelo’s designs. It was even more disgusting its display of wealth than the Palace of Versailles. We had no idea what we were looking at and most likely missed half of the famous things we should’ve seen, but there was just too much to take in all in one walk and slowly. We did definitely see the Sistine Chapel and Raphael’s stanza.

After the exhausting excursion to the museum, I visited the Basilica of St. Peter [Note: don’t forget, shoulders must be covered, as well as knees and ankles]. Extraordinary as well, Michelangelos’ Dome was a highlight of the trip, as well as the view of St. Peter’s tomb. Again, I did not understand a great deal of the paintings and statues, but my biggest regret was not finding the painting “Cristifixion of St. Peter”.

After the Basilica, I enjoyed the long walk back home. Along the way, I ran into a festival called “Rometista,” where I shook hands (from a Hollywood-like celebrity walking way) with the big guy with really curly hair from the TV show Lost. I also saw the Cast of St. Angelo, some weird mound called Augusto, and lots of beautiful and fascinating sights. I met up with Jake and we headed to the train station, catching our overnight train to Nice. I was still sick and uncomfortable, but the long walk tired me out enough to fall asleep.

Day 33
July 3rd, 2007
Nice/Barcelona

We took full advantage of our one day in Nice, putting our bags in a locker for storage and heading straight for lunch at a Chinese restaurant and then immediately thereafter, the beach. The coast of Southern France is beautiful, sunny, and warm, yet not humid (thank goodness!).

We found a spot on the pebble nude beach, put on sunscreen, and lay down for a good 4 hours, occasionally running and jumping into the water of the Mediterranean. The water was great, and of course, the sun as well. [Note: Put on sunscreen every hour in the sun] However, our lack of attention to sunscreen led to some very serious and wild looking sunburn. Upon realizing this, we decided to leave the beach and hike up the Château rock cliff in the center of Nice.

The view from there was stunning, and there is a great fountain and park at the top. With an hour left, we grabbed some food in Monoprix grocery store, took showed near the train station, and grabbed our packs from the lockers.

It was at this point that I realized I could not find my camera. I searched everywhere, but to no avail. I do not know if it was stolen or misplaced, but I just could not believe it was gone. I am so glad I have this journal, or those memories might be lost. It was very saddening, and we hopped this journal, or those memories might be lost. It was very saddening, and we hopped

Day 34
July 4th, 2007
Barcelona

We fell into a deep sleep on the train and did not wake up for our stop in Perpignan. Everyone had been up late celebrating the 4th in a train car (about 20-30 people partying in the train altogether). We ended up getting up and off the train at the last stop in Portbou. We were saved by the Europas, which allowed us to get on a train within 30 minutes that was going to Tarragona, arriving much sooner than our original train from Perpignan. The result was that we saved about 4 hours on accident. [Note: always set an alarm to make sure you get off the train on time.]

Once in Barcelona, we discovered that all hostels were booked, but we found a room in Hotel Lyon for 30 Euros a night (not bad!). We walked around Barcelona for a while, eventually settling at an internet café (I had a lot of IIT Union Board emaill to take care of), leaving an hour later.

We walked up and down the famous La Rambla Street, watching all of the street performers. We grabbed some dinner and eventually decided that since we were so tired, we would just relax and watch a movie in Spanish. So we watched the new action film Transformers in Spanish, and it was great.

We headed back to the hotel and went to sleep. It may seem weird that we went and saw a movie while visiting Spain, but we both feel so at ease traveling to new cities that seeing museums and famous sites is no longer thrilling. The joy is living and feeling the life of each city.

Day 35
July 5th, 2007
Barcelona

We slept in very late, grabbed some breakfast, and went back to the internet café to continue working on IIT contracts for student UB programming. Jake and I split up, and so I went to L’Aquarium and saw the amazing shark tanks. The aquarium was very cool, but I’d like to see the zoo as well. I met back up with Jake at 8PM.

We grabbed a typical Spanish dinner of rice with seafood and walked quite a distance to try and view the Agbar Tower lit up at night with its flowing water, but unfortunately it was not, so we went to sleep with lots of things left to do in Barcelona, when we come back on the 8th.

[The journey continues with the Running of the Bulls in next week’s issue]
Guy Serge speaks about OLPC in Haiti

By Adam Kadzban
CAMPUS EDITOR

Guy Serge Pompougs, coordinator of the One Laptop Per Child initiative in Haiti, was brought to IIT on Thursday to speak about the project, some of its difficulties, and what we can do to get involved. Guy Serge works for the Ministry of Education and Vocational training in Haiti. He has spent time teaching in Haiti, acting as a technical adviser for World Bank financed projects in Africa, and assisted the OLPC program in Rwanda.

Serge started the presentation by giving some astounded statistics. 40% of Haiti’s 8.5 million inhabitants are under 18. 75% of teachers in schools are unqualified. 80% of students in Haitian classrooms are at least two years older than what they should be for that grade level. Five hundred thousand school-aged children are not in school. The success rate for primary school is 50%, for secondary school 20%.

The OLPC project is “not a computer project, but a project for learning.” It’s currently a learning project in the classroom, aimed at turning science from “a concept on the blackboard” to an activity where students can learn from. Some of the learning projects being undertaken with the help of the laptops are coffee growing, water and sanitation projects, transportation, and disaster management.

Serge said he was astounded after the results of a survey about the January 12 earthquake showed that most Haitians didn’t know what an earthquake was even, how to act to stay safe, and thought it was, literally, the end of the world.

Serge also noted many roadblocks to the success of the OLPC project. The main problems he listed were the culture of education, teachers, politicians, energy needs, and, of course, the January 12 earthquake. Serge stated that the culture of education in Haiti is basically on a Middle Ages level, with many people not really delving into it. Teachers and politicians are mostly just ignorant of everything that needs to happen for the project to succeed. Powering the laptops is a challenge with electricity only available five hours a day. Lastly, Serge listed many side effects of the earthquake that devastated Haiti. Students had to move to different schools, some schools were completely demolished, and some schools haven’t even restarted yet.

But Serge also talked about ways to improve the overall situation in Haiti. He said that Haiti needed to “build back better”, safer schools, better curriculum, and better teaching. Haiti can’t accomplish this by itself, though, and needs partnerships and outside support.

The Haitian Diaspora in the US and Canada currently send $1.2 billion per year back into Haiti, which is an immense help. Serge also wants to promote public and private higher education (almost completely lacking in Haiti), and recruit volunteers for the OLPC Corps.

Overall, the talk was really interesting. It was a lot of information over a brief time, but I appreciate the individual efforts of each cast member, reserving some skepticism. It did not understand a lot of it, but the overall picture was well-related.

T he email system offered by IIT often goes unused, and email is frequently forwarded to a different email system. The Student Government Association (SGA) was created to investigate why many students, faculty, and staff forwarded their email to different clients. After meeting with members of the Office of Technology Services and the Banner Project Office, SGA created a survey (http://tinyurl.com/IITemailsurvey) to gauge student, faculty, and staff opinion regarding IIT email. This survey attempts to evaluate which email systems and collaboration tools are primarily unused, as well as the reasons they like and/or dislike the IIT email system. SGA hopes to determine whether students, faculty, and staff would be interested in different email systems, such as Gmail, offered by Google as part of their Google Apps for Education service.

Google Apps for Education is a free service from Google that provides its users with integrated solutions for email, calendaring, documents, and site sharing. There is a number of advantages to using Google Apps for Education applications. Gmail, Google’s email service, boasts over 7.4 GB of storage space (compared to IIT email’s 0.1 GB), utilizes an innovative search feature, and provides IMAP capability. Google Talk allows students, faculty, and staff to contact each other through an integrated instant messaging chat feature, file transfers, and voice calling through the internet. Google Calendar, already used by many student organizations on campus, allows users to organize multiple schedules and share them with others. Google Docs facilitates collaboration in real time on documents, spreadsheets, and presentations as multiple users can edit these files at the same time from multiple computers at any location. Google Sites allows users to create their own websites, without any technical programming language: Google Video allows for sharing video with fellow students, faculty, and staff.

With Google’s APIs, Gmail can quickly and easily be integrated with IIT’s current system (i.e. MyIIT). Gmail allows the use of custom domain names, which means systems, such as Gmail, offered by Google and easily be integrated with IIT’s current system (i.e. MyIIT). Gmail allows the use of custom domain names, which means systems, such as Gmail, offered by Google and Google Apps for Education has 24/7 online and phone support available for all of its users that need assistance.

Seven million students have already gone Google! Please let SGA know how you feel about IIT’s email and its plans with Google Apps by filling out this short survey: http://tinyurl.com/IITemailsurvey. If you prefer a different email system (e.g. Yahoo! Mail, Microsoft Live/Hotmail, AOL, etc.), let us know that as well. You really can make all the difference. If you have any comments or questions, please email sga@iit.edu.
By Kirti Prakash
TECHNEWS WRITER

On April 8, the university recognized three of its faculty members with the honorable
title of University Distinguished Professor at MTCC Auditorium. The university awards
the title of distinguished professor to those full professors who have achieved eminence
in their fields of expertise, based on their scholarly work and the excellence of their
teaching. The title is not a separate academic
rank but is awarded as recognition for
exceptional achievement on recommendation
from Deans, President Anderson and Provost
Crumb, and on approval by the IIT Board of
Trustees.

Dr. Patrick Corrigan from the Institute
of Psychology, Prof. Richard Wright from Kent
Law School and Dr. Darsh Wasan
from the Armour College of Engineering
were recognized in a ceremony attended by
students, alumni, faculty, family and friends.

Dr. Corrigan is Associate Dean of
Psychology Research at IIT and an advocate
for people with mental illness, particularly
in relation to the issue of stigma. He is
also principal investigator of the Chicago
Consortium for Stigma Research, a research
center examining the stigma of mental illness.

In his few years at IIT, Dr. Corrigan partnered
with colleagues from the Department
for Veteran Affairs and Department
of Defense to develop and evaluate anti-stigma
programs meant to help soldiers from Iraq
and Afghanistan seek out services for Post
Traumatic Stress Disorder when needed. He is
editor of the American Journal of Psychiatric
Rehabilitation.

Wright is a distinguished professor at Kent
College of Law at IIT. He is a member of
the American Law Institute and has
been an active participant in its revision
of the Restatement of the Law Third on
Torts, including serving as an Adviser
to the Reporters for the Restatement on
Apportionment of Liability. His published
work appears in several international
collections of leading scholarship on tort law
and legal philosophy.

Dr. Wasan currently serves IIT
as the Motorola chair professor of Chemical
Engineering, the Vice President for
International affairs, and the acting director
of the National Center for Food Safety
and Technology (NCFST). He has
spent his entire professional career at IIT, where
he has previously served as chairman of
the Chemical Engineering department,
Dean of Engineering, Vice President for
Research and Technology, and Provost
and Vice President for Academic Affairs. He
was elected to the U.S. National Academy
of Engineering and also Indian National
Academy of Engineering.

The University Distinguished Professor
Recognition Ceremony started at 5:00 p.m.
and the president, Dr. John Anderson, said
it was the first time that the university is
conducting an event like this to recognize its
faculty. He said, "We are celebrating IIT
and this event should be widely attended." He even
recalled that 40 years ago, while presenting
his research at an AIChE meeting, he had to
field a question by Dr. Darsh Wasan, one of
the professors being recognized.

The Provost, Dr. Alan Cramb, said
"University Distinguished Professor" is the
highest award for any faculty given by IIT.
He welcomed everyone in attendance to celebrate
what he described as "The Best of IIT."
The distinguished professors were introduced
by the deans from their respective
colleges/schools. The introduction was
followed by a brief talk by each of the award
winners.

Dr. Corrigan's speech was titled "Don't
Call Me Nuts. Eliminating the Stigma of
Mental Illness." He believed the best way to
stop discrimination and prejudice towards
psychological patients is having groups of people
speaking about their own experience of
mental illness and discrimination. He
acknowledged his wife who stood by him
since his undergraduate years. He said,
"I am honored and very pleased at being
distinguished. I have been here at IIT for
5 years and I am pleased to flourish." He is
currently guiding about 7 graduate students
and some post doctoral students.

The second talk was by Wright. He spoke eloquently about Causation Law, which
deals with identifying who should carry
the burden of liability. He also talked about understanding joint and several liability.
He discussed his work on "Allocating Liability
among Multiple Responsible Causes." When
asked how he feels to be awarded such an
honor, he said, "I feel nice! Such events
ding different faculty [members] and the
community together to learn from each other.
Kent Law and Main Campus need more
interaction, like my Artificial Intelligence
in Law project, where computer science
students from the main campus developed a
program for legal reasoning. We need more
such integrated projects." He acknowledged
the Kent Law School for providing him with the
perfect academic setting to sit back, think
and brainstorm with students.

"Come In to Learn, Go Out to Serve" was
the title of Dr. Wasan's speech. He talked about
his work on developing "Smart and Green
Nanofluids" for cleaning and oil extraction.
His work led to patents with companies like
PPG and FracTech. He said, "Personally I
feel this is one of the greatest honors I have
ever received because usually colleagues are
true critics of our work. Being recognized
by peers, I feel honored. I cherish this as
one of the most important honors, and I am
very humbled by it. I'd like to acknowledge
my colleague Dr. Alex Nikolov who worked
with me, and I was fortunate to have good
students who made me proud by coming in
to learn at IIT and now serving the world by
solving problems related to healthcare, climate
change, energy and food, thus making [our]
world a safer and better place."

The award ceremony was followed by a
reception in the MTCC Ballroom with light
refreshments and drinks. The guests socialized
with the award winners, appreciating their
contributions with questions and discussions.

By Abhishek Gungugurti
TECHNEWS WRITER

The Illinois Tech Formula Hybrid team,
led by Garrett Nielson (MS EE '10) and
Donald Buffato (MS ME '11), is in the final
stages of its preparation for the annual student
racing competition. The team has been guided
by academic faculty advisor Dr. Ali Emadi,
director of the Electric Power and Power
Electronics Center and Grainger Laboratories
at IIT.

The Formula Hybrid competition is a
relatively new concept. The first competition
was held in the year 2007 – organized by
Dartmouth College, Society of Automotive
Engineers (SAE) and Institute of Electrical
and Electronic Engineers (IEEE). Similar
to the Formula SAE competitions (which
started around 1981) the Formula Hybrid
Competition involves the student chapters
of SAE and IEEE working together to build
a hybrid drive-train racing car. The racing
vehicle is an open-wheel format and is based on the
rules and regulations from Formula SAE, with
the additional rules and regulations pertaining
to hybrid design. As a student competition,
the major aspect is the safety of the vehicles.
Though the teams are given a certain amount of
freedom in their designs, ideas and applications,
the aspect of safety is given top
priority as most of these racing cars involve
high-voltage power systems, mechanical
car racing systems and powerful engine, motor
and generator systems.

By 2010, the competition has come a long
way from its inaugural year: In the first year,
the number of participants was a mere six
teams. This year, there are 41 teams, including
teams from Russia, India, Taiwan and Italy.
The first two years, the competition winners
were McGill University from Canada. Last
year, the competition was dominated by Texas
A&M (who have a vast amount of experience in Formula SAE). The Illinois
Tech team is heading to the competition
under the name Scarlet Hawk Racing. Their
car for this year will most likely be known as the
Hammerhawk. This car has undergone a
thorough design process and is in the final
stages of assembly. The team could be recently
seen working all weekend in the SAE garage
opposite the Hermann Hall.

As is the custom every year, the team
may have a send off party for the competition.
The details of the competition are not public
yet, but students are advised to look for an
announcement in IIT Today or next week's
TechNews.

IIT team gearing up for Formula Hybrid 2010

Tuesday, April 13, 2010 | ADAM KADZBAN akadzan@iit.edu

IIT’s Campus and Conference Centers will join departments across campus and
universities across the country to recognize the student work experience during National
Student Employment Week April 11-17.

CCG student employees perform invaluable services with enthusiasm, dedication, and
initiative. We depend on our students contributions for our efficient operation. Whatever
the role, be it a Building Manager, a Recreation Desk Attendant in The Bog, a Welcome Desk
or Campus Information Center employee or a member of our Building Crew; the work you
do is brilliant!

We feel it is appropriate to set aside this special week to draw the awareness of others,
both on campus and off, to the contributions our student workers make in the multitude of
roles they fill. We “Thank You!” for a great year and we understand that our success is because
of your dedication and support of our programs.
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<td><strong>CMC Workshop - Getting a Job: Job Search Letters</strong>&lt;br&gt;CMC&lt;br&gt;10:00-11:00am Galvin Library, CMC&lt;br&gt;When job searching, there are many types of letters that can help you succeed. This workshop will cover many of the ways you can improve your job prospects by presenting yourself in a well written, professional manner.</td>
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<td><strong>IIT Research Day</strong>&lt;br&gt;IIT Sigma Xi Chapter&lt;br&gt;1:30-4:30pm MTCC Ballroom &amp; Auditorium&lt;br&gt;IIT Research day celebrates research across IIT’s campus. Research day begins with the student poster competition, followed by the Sigma Xi lecture, and concludes with the presentation of the student Sigma Xi awards and the poster session awards.</td>
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<td><strong>IIT Sustainability Forum - Campus Sustainability Plan Update Office of Campus Energy &amp; Sustainability</strong>&lt;br&gt;12:00-1:30pm MTCC Ballroom&lt;br&gt;The April Forum topic will be Campus Sustainability Plan Update; Announcement of IIT Sustainability Commitments. Action Plan Working Groups will present the goals and action plans to get there for IIT in 2020. Lunch will be included. Seating is limited. RSVP to <a href="mailto:campusussustainability@iit.edu">campusussustainability@iit.edu</a>.</td>
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<td><strong>College of Architecture Profession Day College of Architecture</strong>&lt;br&gt;2:00-4:00pm Crown Hall - Upper Core&lt;br&gt;The College of Architecture will host informal “Meet and Greet” events to allow firms to learn more about our professional degree programs and the strengths of our students. Job recruitment is one goal, yet the chief aim of these monthly events is to encourage firms of any size to introduce themselves to our students.</td>
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<td><strong>Tech Time Campus and Conference Centers and Dining Services</strong>&lt;br&gt;5:00-7:00pm The Bog&lt;br&gt;Faculty and Staff, do you need to blow off some steam? Or, do you want to invite a new co-worker out for a drink and you don’t want to drive downtown? If so, come on down for FREE pool and try our 5 at 5:00 special (2 sodas, and a sampler platter for $5) and our New FacPunch (Facuty Punch, that is). Repeated on Friday.</td>
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<td><strong>Lambda Legal Speaker on LGBT Politics and Law</strong>&lt;br&gt;GLAM&lt;br&gt;9:00pm MTCC Pritzker Club&lt;br&gt;Part of GLAM’s 4th Annual Pride Week.</td>
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<td><strong>KT Tatara (Comedian)</strong>&lt;br&gt;Student Union Board, The BOG Events Fund&lt;br&gt;9:00pm-10:00pm The Bog&lt;br&gt;KT Tatara’s comedy is sometimes brutally honest but always funny. His logic-based opinions provide unique insight into timeless topics such as gender roles and race.</td>
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<td><strong>Day of Silence Demonstration</strong>&lt;br&gt;GLAM&lt;br&gt;12:00pm-1:00pm Global Grounds&lt;br&gt;Wear your shirts and honor the Day of Silence!</td>
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<td><strong>CMC/Galvin Library Workshop - Getting a Job: Researching Companies</strong>&lt;br&gt;CMC&lt;br&gt;12:50pm-1:50pm Galvin Library, CMC&lt;br&gt;Knowing company products, projects, and successes are essential to writing good resumes and cover letters and interviewing well. This workshop will cover ways in which you can research companies so that you can show hiring managers you are serious about their company and position.</td>
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<td><strong>Pritzker Distinguished Lecture</strong>&lt;br&gt;BME and the Pritzker Institute&lt;br&gt;1:50pm-3:05pm Wishnick Hall, Room 113&lt;br&gt;Donald E. Ingber, M.D., Ph.D. will present the lecture, “From Cellular Mechanotransduction to Biologically Inspired Engineering.”</td>
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<td><strong>Film Screening for “The Bible Tells Me So”</strong>&lt;br&gt;OMSS and Spiritual Life&lt;br&gt;5:00pm-8:00pm MTCC Ballroom&lt;br&gt;Dan Kasrake’s provocative, entertaining documentary brilliantly reconciles gay and lesbian sexuality and Biblical scripture. He offers a compelling story about the real lives of families with gay and lesbian sons and daughters, and how they have reconciled their faith with love for their children. Clergy will be leading a discussion after the screening of the film.</td>
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6:00pm-7:00pm Siegel Hall Auditorium
“Twelve Themes in my Work: interplay of thought and form.” Given by Juhani Pallasmaa, Architect, SAFA, Professor of Architecture, University of Technology, Helsinki, Finland. screening of the film.

Ping Pong Tournament
Union Board-Scarlet Fever
6:00pm-12:00am MTCC
Come and show off your skills in Ping Pong to win fun prizes. The will be Men’s singles and doubles. The top two of each will receive prizes.

Indian Cultural Night
ISA
7:00pm-10:00pm Hermann Hall Auditorium
From dances to singing we’ve got something for everyone! Tickets will be sold from the 12th to 15th April on the MTCC BRIDGE during lunch (12pm to 2pm) and dinner time (5pm to 7pm), Bring your IIT ID.Tickets at the door on Friday will cost $7.

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Free bowling!

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Food, Spirits and Soft drinks Available at the Bar All night!

IIT Greek flash mob
By Lory Mishra
EDITOR IN CHIEF
Flash mobs, or groups that execute predetermined stunts among unsuspecting bystanders, have been popping up all over the country, including our very own university. On Friday April, 9, a group of IIT students from the Greek community surprised everyone with a choreographed routine to Black-Eyed Peas’ “I Gotta Feeling” . Executed during lunch time in the walkway between Carr Chapel and The Commons, the stunt certainly attracted the attention of quite a few current students and the many prospective students visiting the campus for Preview Weekend. Inspired by a similar stunt shown on an episode of “Oprah” in September of 2009, the students added to the excitement of the warm Spring afternoon.

Sunday 4/18
Worship and Praise in the Chapel
IIT Bible Club
10:00am  Carr Chapel
Come and join the IIT Bible Club for Worship and Praise every Sunday at 10AM in the Chapel.

Monday 4/19
Bagel and Coffee Fundraiser
EWB
9:00am-12:00pm E1 South End
Great American Bagels for $1.00 in the south end of E1 (in front of the auditorium). There will also be cream cheese and Caribou Coffee available to complete your nice breakfast. We will start selling at 9am and end at noon, unless we run out of bagels earlier. So come on by for a cheap breakfast!

Graduate Salute
Commencement
12:00pm-7:00pm Hermann Hall Ballroom
Pick up your cap and gown, purchase diploma frames, class rings or alumni merchandise.

CMC Workshop - Transitioning from Student to Professional
CMC
3:00pm-4:00pm Galvin Library, CMC
Become a pro at “sealing the deal,” and getting the job offer you want. Get tips on making a successful transition into the work world. This workshop was previously titled : The Final Two Minutes. (This workshop is required to become a Certified Candidate).

Day 2010 Undergraduate Admission’s Women’s Day 2010 Office of Undergraduate Admission
9:00am-3:00pm perlstein hall rm 101 Women’s Day 2010 (WD10) at IIT welcomes 10th & 11th grade girls to explore their interests with hands-on sessions in fields of math, science, psychology, engineering, and business. Get a glimpse into college life from current undergraduate women at IIT, meet others your age, as well as alumnae working in the field. Parents are also welcome to attend. For more information, please visit http://www.iit.edu/undergrad_admission/visit/##special.

"Divergent Perceptions, Convergent Realities" Colloquium College of Architecture
8:30am-6:00pm College of Architecture - S.R. Crown Hall
A one day colloquium on integrating Virtual Realm Design Environments into Integrated Building Delivery methodologies and curricular Intents. Free and open to the public. To ensure seating, contact khorinko@iit.edu to register.

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Parasailing
Union Board
7:00am-6:00am Castle Rock Lake, Mauston, WI
Parasailing is one of the many ways mankind has tried to take to the skies, and it works! Bring a football, a frisbee, and a friend, so when you are not in the air, you are enjoying the sights, sun, and sand. Bring swimming attire, or a change of clothes, and a towel if you plan to kayak. Tickets will be sold for $15 on Wed and Thurs at lunch (12:40 - 1:50) and Wed at dinner (4:30 - 6:00). 15 tickets will be sold each time, be there early to make sure you get one! Transportation will be provided and we will be leaving IIT’s main campus at 7:00 a.m. and will be back around 6:00 p.m.

Eagle Weekend Preview Weekend. Inspired by a similar stunt shown on an episode of “Oprah” in September of 2009, the students added to the excitement of the warm Spring afternoon.

Tuesday 4/13, 2010
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The screening of Kick-Ass due in theatres on April 16th, 2010 took place at ICON Showcase at Roosevelt. The movie is a combination of comedy and super-hero action.

The plot revolves around Dave Lizewski, an average, unnoticed American teenager and his obsession for becoming a superhero in life threatening experience, in a life threatening experience, he is saved by none other than Hit Girl. She is a 11 year old kid and she is lethal. She is an assassin and she is here for vengeance. Her boss Big Daddy trains her for every situation.

As the story goes on, a mafia in New York is looking for Kickass dead or alive. A trap is set and acting like cheese to the mouse comes Red Mist to lure Kick-Ass. Following is a series of flashbacks and videos and the vengeance.

Its comic approach is refreshing and the stunts performed by a 11 year old kid are astounding. The movie has its punch of being a superhero at the same time while accomplishing being a klutz. Graphics are amazing and story interesting and compelling. If you want bloodshed then this has its share of gore. In a platter of good solid 117 minutes of your day.

Sit back with your tub of popcorn and enjoy the show. The dialogues and scenario make it a kickass experience indeed. Again a great event brought forth by IIT. So don't forget to book your seats on 16th April!

The music of Leonard Cohen: He's your man

By Vlada Gaisina
COPY EDITOR

2010 is proving to be a good year for Canadian singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen. After being honored with a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, the world-famous artist can look forward to being inducted into the Music Hall of Fame later this year. For four decades, he has mesmerized listeners with his profound lyrics and captivating presence, fully earning these distinctions and his high reputation with audiences and artists.

If you think you’ve never heard a Cohen song, think again. “Hallelujah,” covered by over 150 artists and performed at the Opening Ceremony of 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver was written by him. Despite his advanced age (having released his first album in 1967), Leonard Cohen is a breath of fresh air in today’s atmosphere of atrociously unoriginal and surface lyrics that predominates the music scene. Granted, Cohen was a poet and novelist before he started recording, collectively publishing 12 books, as of 2006.

My first direct, so to speak, encounter with the Canadian legend’s singing was much less than earth-shattering. I was unimpressed with the music, which seemed too stripped-down and repetitive, and quickly lost interest.

That is, until I recognized “I’m Your Man,” having heard it in a TV series before. The song redirected my attention to Cohen, and the more I actually listened to him, the more I realized the depth and beauty of his work. I heard the variety in music, marked by R&B-styled female background vocals and bluesy themes, and discovered the genius of his writing in lyrics.

One of the reasons Cohen’s songs have survived so long and keep surviving is the same reason classic literature is considered classic: They analyze and touch upon timeless topics like love, spirituality, relationships, dreams, and many other universal aspects of the human experience. Moreover, Cohen’s commentary is not made through just himself for his point of view, even though he does use first person in the lyrics. Somehow, when he sings, he seems to voice what everyone has felt, or thought, or lived through, creating a bond with his listener that reaches across space and time.

If you are not generally turned on by somewhat philosophical poetry, Cohen might capture you for other reasons; I found that a man singing, “If you want a lover, I’ll do anything you ask me to...” in a low register is hard to resist. In addition to being an old seductor, Leonard Cohen has a sharp wit, proclaiming “I’m wanted at the electric chair,” and even saving me a seat in his song “Hoogee Street.”

If you don’t trust my judgment, consider the variety of Cohen’s songs among his peers - there are three whole tribute albums featuring covers by R.E.M., Pixies, Tori Amos, Bono, Susanne Vega and Elton John, among others. So if Cohen’s haunting, poetic performance style is not to your liking, try enjoying his work as interpreted by other singers. I’ll even admit that I prefer Buckley’s version of “Hallelujah” to his own.

I leave you with one of my favorite lyrics from Leonard Cohen’s “A Thousand Kisses Deep” in hopes of enticing the reader to enter the emotional and beautifully poetic world of this guru of life. His “I live in London” album just may reach your soul.

“I loved you when you opened like a life to the host
You see, I’m just another snowman,
Standing in the rain and sleet
Who loved you with his frozen love,
his second-hand physique
With all he is and all he was a thousand kisses deep...”
Across
1. Fourposter, e.g.  
4. Water-skiing locale  
8. Light  
12. Microbrewery output  
13. Big top?  
14. Burn soother  
15. Clock std.  
16. When shadows are short  
17. Warbled  
18. Classic theater  
20. Chilean change  
21. Windmill part  
23. Drift  
25. Olympic swimmer Janet  
27. Wet behind the ears

Down
1. Breathalyzer attachment  
2. "Slippery" tree  
3. Cause to explode  
4. Highway division  
5. Happening  
6. Norwegian currency  
7. Age  
8. Surgical instrument  
9. "Too bad!"  
10. Like old recordings  
11. Gamepieces  
19. Impression  
20. Potency  
21. Literally, "I forbid"

22. Like some fans  
24. Buz  
26. Ore veins  
28. Red salad vegetables  
29. Quinn home  
30. French father  
32. Swindle  
34. Poverty  
35. Laudatory lines  
36. Thumbs-up response  
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We made you a Sudoku, just to show we care.

By Randall Munroe.

the LEADERSHIP ACADEMY presents:

TEAM SKILLS REGATTA!

Register for this event by April 19th at LeadershipAcademy.iit.edu
Sign up as an individual, small group, or full team (max. 8 people)
Contact the Leadership Academy at 312.567.6473 or leadership.academy@iit.edu
Hawks Baseball finishes off a long week

By Melanie K
TECHNEWS WRITER

Last Tuesday the Scarlet Hawks Baseball team played a double header against the Trojans from Hannibal-LaGrange College. In the first of the two games, LaGrange took an early six point lead through the first two innings. In the second, senior Jesse Stepniwski and junior Bill O’Toole put two runs up for the Hawks, and in the third, junior Ryan Bouck hit a homer to add a third run to the score. Going into the fourth, LaGrange led 6-3, and proceeded to add five runs to their score, bringing their lead up to 11-3. The Hawks answered by adding six runs of their own. The bottom of the fourth started off with a double by senior Eddie Morales, and freshman John Rotella pinch ran. Sophomore Brian Glennon walked after being hit by the pitch, followed by sophomore Matt Bednarz reaching on an error by the third baseman, advancing Glennon to second and Rotella to third. Bouck then hit a triple, bringing Bednarz, Glennon and Rotella home. Senior Andrew Kungis followed Bouck’s triple up with a homer of his own, bringing Bouck home, to give the Hawks five runs in the inning with one out. Freshman Jack Kosar later hit a single to bring senior Kyle Guglielmo home for the sixth run of the inning for the Hawks. The scoring stopped there until the seventh inning, when the Hawks added two more runs to tie up the score. Bouck started things off with his second homer of the game. Guglielmo then singled, and senior Brian Sklena pinch ran. O’Toole singled, and Sklena advanced to third, while O’Toole stole second. Sophomore Nick Wise then hit a single to bring Sklena home. The Trojans had no answer for the Hawks, getting only one hit in the top of the inning. Brian Sklena pinch ran for Morales. Bouck walked, and O’Toole followed with a single, and advanced to second on an error by the shortstop, which Glennon scored on. The Eagles answered with three runs of their own in the fourth, which went unanswered by the Hawks. In the fifth, Stepniwski and Kungis hit back to back singles, followed by a double by O’Toole, bringing Stepniwski home. Freshman John Celestino hit a single, advanced to second and brought both O’Toole and Kungis home to give the Hawks a one run lead for the final score of 8-7.

The Hawks record is now 10-13, with an 8-7 conference. The Hawks don’t have another game until Friday, when they play at St. Francis. Saturday they will host St. Francis in a double header, with the first game starting at noon.

Priority Deadline for Financial Aid is April 15th!

If you have not already done so, it is time to renew your FAFSA if you want to receive federal financial aid for the 2010-2011 academic year. You may renew your FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov.

Please keep in mind that several grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, so submitting your FAFSA as early as possible before January 1st ensures that you will receive the best financial aid award package possible.

IIT’s school code is 001691.

IIT is now a Direct Lending School. What does this mean for you?

Starting in the Fall Semester of 2010, the Illinois Institute of Technology will begin to participate exclusively in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Lending Program (DL). Under the Direct Loan program, students borrow directly through the federal government by completing an MPN for a Direct Loan at the school they are attending. Students will have similar repayment options and interest rates, except for the Parent PLUS and Graduate PLUS loans (which have a lower interest rate), as under the FFEL program.

Because of this change, all students who borrowed loans in the 2009-2010 academic year and plan on borrowing federal loans in 2010-2011 will need to complete a Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN). Instructions on how to complete a DL MPN will be posted on finaid.iit.edu in this month. We will send an announcement via email once the instructions are available.

Track and field

By Jason Neal
DIR. INTRAMURALS & RECREATION

Illinois Tech’s track and field team, Tech Run Around Chicago (TRAC) competed in its first outdoor meet of the season at University of Chicago two Saturday’s back. The women placed seventh out of 11 teams, and the men placed tenth. Coached by Phil Kopinski, IIT’s varsity cross country coach, and Jason Neal, the director of intramurals and recreation, the team still managed to do fairly well under horrible weather conditions.

Brooke Jeffcoat placed 7th in both the 800m run and the 1500m run, with times of 2:33.64 and 5:20.23 respectively. Her teammate, Stephanie Lucas, placed 8th in the 800m. run at 2:33.67, and moved up to 3rd place in the 1500m run with a time of 5:05.62. In the 3000m steeplechase, Erin Skvorc placed 3rd in 13:20.24, and Madaline Jensen ran the 3000m race in 11:26.35 for 10th place.

In the throws, Natalie Mitrovic was IIT’s top scorer in the shot put at 13th place, with a throw of 8.89m. Amy Chun was the team’s top scorer in the discus, with a throw of 25.62m for 14th place.

In the men’s events, there were also a few stand-out performances. Phil Thiesen placed 5th in the 3000m steeplechase, with a time of 10:33.66. Wes Villalobos ran 4:10.74 to place 8th in the 1500m run. Alex Mathai took 10th in the 400m dash with a time of 57.60.

Joe Kirsch, the only thrower for the Men’s Team at this meet, placed 12th in the discus with a toss of 30.07m. He also qualified for the finals in both the javelin and the shot put. In the former, he placed 4th, with a throw of 43.63m, and in the latter, he put the shot 11.87m for a 9th place finish.
Compliments to Plyometrics participants from Instructor Tony Saddy

By Tony Saddy
PLYOMETRICS INSTRUCTOR

I wanted to give a small update on the Plyometrics class Monday's and Thursday's at Keating Center.

Plyometrics class began on February 1 at the Keating Center. The first class was pretty modest, about 20 students all cramped into a small racquetball court. The attendees were Men's and Women's Soccer teams, Women's Volleyball, Cycling and some other students to round out the class. I wasn't sure how the first class would go, so I really let it rip! Needless to say, the students really responded!

For those that are not aware, Plyometrics is very high impact and requires a lot of balance, stamina and muscle control. We survived our first class and realized we were going to need more room!

In the following classes, I really noticed an interesting trend. The class started getting larger. One of our classes had over 55 students. I'd say that's pretty impressive of the student body! The larger gym has given us a LOT more latitude as far as what we could do. What I've noticed most over the past couple months is how DEDICATED the student athletes are and how hard they work in the class. Other things I've come to notice are how much stronger, faster and more balanced the students have become. Muscle stamina has certainly increased as the form of the exercises has really taken hold. As the students are going through the drills, I notice they are MUCH more comfortable with their control and there is little or no hesitation! This is going to take hold in their respective athletic teams.

I wanted to write this article in complimenting how hard the students work in IMPROVING their skills in the Plyometric classes and recognize them as such. Their hard work is appreciated. With their cooperation, we continually keep improving the class for them. I appreciate the support of the coaching staff to make this all happen.


Another one bites the dust

By Bryce Swillum
TECHNEWS WRITER

So the days come and go, the grind continues to labor on. As do the Illinois Tech riders for positioning in every race they partake. But these just aren't your ordinary cyclists. Not "pro" by any means. These are people who must start from the bottom to climb to the top. Illinois Tech Cycling has seen an outburst of new riders this season. Bright surprises have included the likes of Jesse Young, Louis Fernandez, Marc Ghadouri, Mark Callan, Fred Wu, and Daniel Chavez.

For every one of them, this is their first year as Category D racers, and they couldn't be having a more productive season. Each has been consistently finishing their races and finishing them well -- for example, Jesse raced to an 8th place several weeks ago in a Criterium (look it up). Each racer adds personality and sense of flair. Race weekends just wouldn't be the same without any of them. Each one has their own reasons for racing. Dan, an aerospace grad, races to train harder, ride faster and win.

One aspiring cyclist Yahaira Toruno stated that she wants to race because she rides a lot and wants to take it to the next level. So here is some advice from Marc: "You have to start from somewhere, so why not the bottom, like me?"

Why not?

These form the base of the team. But we would not be a top 5 Division 2 cycling team without Elena Dorr (Women, Cat. A), Chase Wolford (Men, Cat. D), or Waylon Janowiak (Men, Cat. A). Elena has been consistently finishing among the top women in her races this season and adds a certain amount of style to the rest of the group. Her leadership is unparalleled as team president. Chase just added a 3rd place finish in the Marian Criterium to his record. Waylon, a member of the Verizon Under 25 team, is also a top finisher among the mens As.

Each of them is truly something, someone to aspire to. And as category D riders, all of the club's cyclists look up to them and expect to be there with a bit of hard work and determination. As our very own "Elle Belle" says, "Go big or don't bother showing up!"
HAN餐厅餐后感

By Mike Z
TECHNEWS WRITER

大概一个月以前，我和几位朋友在一个风和日丽的下午想去吃点下午餐。朋友说31街和 Wallace 街交叉口附近有一家叫做 HAN 的餐厅，听说还不错，于是乎我们集体决定去体验一下。接下来发生的事情均为实事，如有雷同，不是巧合。

这家店的店面还算体面，看上去很整洁，很显眼。大大的B.C暗示着公元前的味道。开门进去，墙上挂着yelp.com 的良好评估。再往里走，迎宾台后的服务员热情的把我们请到了一个靠窗的位置。我四处打量了一下，这里的坐席与其他的饭店不同，较为高档。用的不是廉价的简便椅子，而是软面的会议式沙发。饭店里还有一条长长的吧台，透过霓虹灯迷离的光线还颇有一些梦幻的感觉。吧台后整整齐齐的摆着大量的 SKYY 伏特加和其他我现在记不起来的酒，或酒瓶。整体感觉还是很干净，很典雅。

就座后，服务员轻巧的走过来说，文静又优雅的给我们三个摆放了刀叉。那忧郁的眼神，迷幻的动作，好比国家男子慢速太极的优秀选手。终于，参差不齐的餐具摆放完毕。在我们苦于找不到餐厅的菜单之后，我们只好对服务员询问。经过一番貌似联合国会议式的多语种交流，我们发现，该饭店的菜单就在一张小小的纸张后面。我庆幸当初没有把这张纸当作杯垫。

菜单的制作小巧玲珑，正面是饭店的简介。不只是公元前的打印机没有现代的发达还是年头太久，很多古迹文字略有模糊。在这张 8 英尺乘3英尺简介纸后面就是菜单了。我惊奇的发现，这菜单还是鸟儿虽小五脏俱全啊。它包含了西餐里所有的步骤。开胃菜，三种；汤两种；色拉：三种；主菜：六/七种；甜点：一种。又经过了一番咨询，我们发现这里的点餐方式也是很独特的。来宾要在这五个项目里各选一个，总共20美金整。如果来宾觉得吃不下这么多，也可以选择其中的某道。价格则在 16 到 19美金不等。如果有来客对某种食物过敏，可以收3美金的服务费。由此可知这古老的时期，服务也是要收费的。

由于我们被这古老的方式震惊了，所以大家点了一个20美金的套餐，以及一份单独的主菜。我则决定先观察一下再说。等到了公元后，我们的开胃菜上来了。10英尺大的盘子中间摆放着精美精致的食品。我们每个人一小块后，开胃菜就结束了。此时的我意犹未尽，不愧是开胃菜。紧接着，汤也来了。不过这次，服务员给我们开了一个小玩笑。我看见远处，这位服务员手托一个硕大的托盘，想必上面必有一大碗鲜美的汤。待其走进，发现一个小巧玲珑的茶杯。我心中暗念，难道这还有茶相赠？待茶杯放到了桌上，服务员微笑的通知我们，您们的开胃菜来了。我这才发现，原来在汉朝时期就有冷笑话了。当色拉上来的时后，我又得到了一次惊喜。玲珑剔透的小汤碗里点缀着零零星星的绿叶。我此时醒悟到少而精是什么意思。最终，两道主菜上来了。同样，两个硕大的雪白磁盘中间，一个摆放着手掌大小的牛排，一个摆放着5块鸡翅大小的羊排。我们大家由于饥饿难耐，此时已经刀叉齐上，在这有限的食物前发挥着无限的想象力。转眼间盘子见底。在大家热烈的期待下，一个玻璃球大小的巧克力甜点端上来了。看着这精心克制的巧克力球，我不禁惊叹，这厨师的手艺简直是鬼斧神工，能把这么小的巧克力球做的这么圆，真是不可思议。

一餐结束，结算下来，一个套餐20美金，一道主菜19.99美金（果然是16到19美金之间不等），我，3美金。经过政府的计算方法后，45美金。带着比来时还饥饿的感觉，比来时还空虚的钱包我们离开了这里。一路上，心中感叹无限，奢望无限。我默默的想，哥吃的不是美食，是寂寞。

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The past few weeks have been busy, not only at Keating, but across campus. I decided this would be a good time to show pictures of just a few events I have had the opportunity to enjoy recently here at IIT.

SCUBA has come to IIT. The full-length class started this Sunday, after two Discover SCUBA sessions. The Cricket Tape Tennis Tournament was an all-day event, and over 90 students participated.

Joe Kirsch is setting new school records in the throws for our track and field club. This is quite exciting, and on Saturday, he threw 12.56 in the shot put and 46.58 in the javelin. The rest of the throwers are also learning a lot and working on setting personal records by season's end.

The intramural basketball championships were exciting. Both the third-place game and the first-place game were decided in the final minutes. Several spectators won prizes that included gift cards for iTunes and Barnes & Noble bookstore.

Speaking of winners, Renee Arrowood was the winner of last week's Pilates class prize. She will receive the Daisy Fuentes Pilates Wii program this week.

Welcome to the International Corner, a new section of TechNews. As a resource for the IIT community, TechNews strives to provide the university’s community with meaningful content. In an effort to better serve our diverse body of students, among which the international community features prominently, we’re testing out a new column aimed directly at multilingual students. If you’d like to submit a foreign-language article that would resonate with IIT’s student body, have topics to suggest for such articles, or would like to be part of the editing process, contact us at technews@iit.edu. We also welcome any and all feedback and ideas you may have. Below is the very first international article written in simplified Chinese featuring a restaurant review.

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