An interview Dean DePaola

By Galina Shpuntova

SWE Publicity Director Galina Shpuntova and TechNews Copy Editor Vlada Gaisina sat down with Dean Natacha DePaola for a pre-interview at the end of last semester. Dr. DePaola started as the new Dean of Armour College in Fall 2009. She shared some of her reflections of IIT and Chicago, as well as interesting facts about herself, with her interviewers. (The following is not a verbatim transcription.)

Tell us about your experiences at IIT since you started here this summer.

It has been very busy. At the beginning of the semester, we began the implementation of the strategic plan, so there have been a lot of meetings with individuals and groups of people from administration, academics, some students. There is a lot of excitement on campus about the strategic plan, lots of momentum and enthusiasm. I have been talking to people in order to learn more about the school and about what people need. We have been looking into how we set up our priorities—what we need to do first, what will have to wait. The enthusiasm and the ideas people come in with have been very helpful to me in terms of where we are and where we're going. I have met a lot of interesting people in all different offices, and everyone had some good ideas, and were very enthusiastic about it. In short, it has been very busy but exciting.

What brought you to IIT?

It was the opportunity. I knew Dr. Cramb; I knew of Dr. Anderson. I knew what he had been doing, and some of his ideas. Dr. Cramb was a dean at RPI when I was head of one of the six engineering departments there. So I was told about everything that was happening at IIT and all the future plans. So once I came to interview at IIT, I got to meet all the professors at Armour and the other schools, I met with students that were very excited about the education they were receiving. I met with the Board of Trustees, who were very supportive of what IIT should be. I understood that it was a big challenge—I understood that there were high expectations of what Engineering should do and that it was a big task. And at the same time I also understood that there were issues, but I thought that it was a great opportunity and there was plenty of support from the new administration and an excellent plan that they had in place. Sometimes you want an opportunity to get into something different from what you've been doing. It's about getting involved in a different thing.

How do you like Chicago?

I love the idea of being in Chicago, but I haven't been able to get out very much. Being here is also exciting for all the opportunities that come for education. It is also a great pool for recruiting people to come to IIT. There is lots of enlightenment between different institutions in Chicago.

How does IIT compare with other schools you have worked or studied at? Any marked similarities or differences?

All institutions are different, even though they all have the same goal, which is education. IIT actually has many similarities with RPI, since both are technical schools of similar size. They face some of the same challenges—for example, how to provide the best technical education, and how to increase diversity in recruitment. Also, there are a lot of ties between RPI and IIT; Lois Graham, the first woman in the country to receive a PhD in Mechanical Engineering (from IIT), got her Bachelor's at RPI.

But beyond that, it's hard to compare schools of different sizes. For example, Northwestern (where Dean DePaola taught) has many different schools within it, which makes for a very different environment.

What do Armour and IIT do best?

We have basic engineering specialties and good recruitment. What could use improvement?

We need to increase research, with special attention given to graduate programs. Also, to increase undergraduate research in all departments—it enriches experience and helps in the laboratories. This will help the college overall, because having a good reputation in research will inevitably attract more people.

What changes can students, faculty & staff look forward to in the next few years?

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What's the best career advice you've been given?

You always make these decisions when you don't know what you want to get into, and then you like it. I got my undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering. Then I did a co-op in it, which was interesting and good, but I decided I didn't want to go on with it. Instead, I found myself getting interested in medical and biomedical engineering, which is what I've been focusing on since.

How do you end up in administration?

I was a typical faculty member for a while. Although I had ideas on how to do some things differently, I never saw [becoming an administrator] as an option. But during a change of leadership in the department I felt a "call of duty." At the end of the day, I actually found it to be an opportunity to have more impact than in a classroom or lab. Do you have any role models?

Yes, but I don't try to be like someone specific. My mother was a professor of physics, a person to ask about things. Also, my aunt was someone thought of as being successful. Academically, I had inspirational teachers, who became my good mentors in good school.

How about hobbies? Sports?

Right now I don't have much time for them, with raising two sons (17 and 4). Although, I try to enjoy activities with my children, like taking long walks. Generally, I like tennis and swimming but haven't done either in a while. I try to read outside of work, of course, and also enjoy theater. What student or professional organizations have you been involved with throughout your career?

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What was your favorite toy growing up?

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Alphabet Soup - Who tube? YouTube!

By Rachel Walker

TECHNEWS WRITER

Many years ago, I was an awkward preteen who resorted to Seventeen magazine and cheesy Chicken Soup books for relationship advice. In high school, I matured enough for Cosmopolitan magazine and began attending same-sex slumber parties for life and love lessons. Unfortunately, the only thing I retained from these sessions was the feeling that, unlike my female friends, was not boy-crazy. For the longest time, I resorted to fiction books from the Young Adult section of the local library to help me understand my feelings, until one day, I stumbled across the Beaver Bunch.

The Beaver Bunch is a collaboration channel on YouTube, featuring four amazing women and one equally amazing man to define relationship questions for us. Each week, users submit questions and the Beaver Bunch pick one or more to address. Questions related to gender or relationship issues are coming in, so personal preferences are answered with different opinions from Jess on Monday, Lori on Tuesdays, Al on Wednesdays, Mira on Thursdays, Chelle on Fridays, and Kade on Fridays. With a collection of over 300 videos, The Beaver Bunch is definitely worth checking out on beaverbunch.com.

If you’re not into lesbian-focused advice, meander over to the Five Awesome Guys (youtube.com/Sawesomegays) collab channel for five fabulous videos each week. If you want to know more about transgender people or queer issues, check out Queer FAQ (youtube.com/queerfaq) for a full week of genderqueer advice.

Whoever you are and however you identify, you can always find a YouTube channel that fits you just right, so put down the books and boot up the net! Have a question? Need some advice? Send an e-mail to beaverbunch@gmail.com or anonymously post a question on http://formspring.me/alphabetsoup.

Gay & Equal Under the Law

By Kevin Slattery

TECHNEWS WRITER

In his opinion article last week, “Gay marriage & natural law,” Matthew Marks correctly made the point that not everyone who opposes gay marriage does so out of hate. It is my belief that those who oppose gay marriage do so out of ignorance of the issue, or a blind following of a particular religion’s “natural law.”

A common misconception held by many about the gay marriage debate is that gays and lesbians are trying to infringe on religious liberties or marry within a church. A distinction must be made between “marriage” and “religious marriage.” The fact is that marriage in this country has no religious meaning under the law. The gay community is only asking to have what every other straight citizen has the right to do – enter into a lifelong commitment with the one they love that is seen as equal under the law.

A common response to this is to have “civil unions” or “domestic partnerships” with equal rights for same-sex couples and leave marriage as is. However, this would essentially define and separate both civil institutions, which we know are unconstitutional. It would further send the message to society that same-sex relationships are considered different from monogamous relationships between a man and a woman.

Marks defines natural law as “the law that is inherent from the world around us.” By this definition, homosexuality falls well within natural law. It is evident that there are many homosexual couples in the world around us and many people have a basic instinct to care for others. It would then follow that homosexuals would also want to raise children (in addition to a male and female who are sterile, as Marks mentioned). Who is it to say that two males or two females are less capable of raising a child than a male and a female? Certainly, everyone knows someone who turned out just fine that was not raised in a traditional family, so why make this the current President of the United States?

In the end, Marks and I do agree that for natural law to mean anything different is a good thing is how this will affect our society in the future. I would argue that legalizing gay marriage would be the most positive thing we could do for our society. It would promote loving couples, increase adoptions, stimulate the economy, and most importantly, encourage a culture of respect and tolerance.

Consistent Ethic of Life

By Vladilena Gaisina

COPY EDITOR

Catholicism, as one of the major Christian religions, has historically taken a conservative side in social issues. Some popes have been more lenient and liberal in their teachings, but the Pope, while being a figure of great esteem, does not singularly dichotomize Catholicism in different parts of the world view and treat moral questions. This is where lesser spiritual heads come into play.

One such leader was Cardinal Bernardin – a thoughtful theologian and Archbishop of Chicago from 1983 through 1996. Cardinal Bernardin theorized that within the catholic moral tradition, there was a “Consistent Ethic of Life.” He has given a series of lectures on it, and even bequeathed the mission of expanding and researching this concept to the Bernardin Center for Theology and Ministry, which he established upon his death in 1996.

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Day 9 (cont’d)  June 9th, 2007  Dublin/London

On the Ryanair flight to London Stansted Airport, we met two Irish guys who mistook Jake for a Canadian. They gave us both a beer (Ryanair even charges for water) and said they buy beer in the duty free shops to snub Ryanair for charging so much. The flight from Dublin to London was magnificent.

From the sunny heights we could see all the way up the Irish Coast, a few islands, and then the English coast and rolling farmlands countryside. Although wonderful, the flight left us an hour away from central London. The train ride, although forced and expensive, was beautiful, as we coasted smoothly into Victoria Station in London.

With Jake, we grabbed a bite of Indian food on Belgrave Street, near Victoria. London has the best Indian food, and it was relatively inexpensive. We went back to Victoria and caught the Underground and Victoria line (black line) to a station that sounded like “Compton Bridge.”

We had a few drinks at a pub, but it was late and the pubs were closing, so we headed to the house of Jane’s friends. They had an amazing house that I fell in love with. At 29 years old, the married couple owned an amazing house that I fell in love with. At late and the pubs were closing, so we headed to the house of Jane’s friends. They had an amazing house that I fell in love with. At 29 years old, the married couple owned an amazing house that I fell in love with. At late and the pubs were closing, so we headed to the house of Jane’s friends. They had an amazing house that I fell in love with. At late and the pubs were closing, so we headed to the house of Jane’s friends. They had an amazing house that I fell in love with. At late and the pubs were closing, so we headed to the house of Jane’s friends. They had an amazing house that I fell in love with. At late and the pubs were closing, so we headed to the house of Jane’s friends. They had an amazing house that I fell in love with. They had an amazing house that I fell in love with. At late and the pubs were closing, so we headed to the house of Jane’s friends. They had an amazing house that I fell in love with.

We walked up to the Eye to see if we were insulting Newcastle. Upon unlocking the door, I became lost. A chicken wrap at a McDonald’s in America costs about $1.19 (pounds). The currency ratio, though, is absurd: 2 to 1. I feel really poor in London, and thus, fancy food is not a high priority. Spend money on food and wine in Paris, go visit the sights of London.

After eating, we went on the Eye of London (£14) at sunset. About 8 people ride in a car that goes 120 meters up in the air for about 30–40 minutes. You can walk all around taking amazing pictures of every corner of London. The car ride went too quickly and soon we were back on the ground. We played some frisbee in the park and watched some locals play music before taking a female stranger’s suggestion that we go to Covent Garden to find some good bars, pubs, clubs, and nightlife.

We got off the Underground, headed right, and walked straight into the first pub we saw. It had Australian (looks like British) flags all over the window and back wall, and I first noticed a drunk Brit on a stool against the wall, kissing the poster of a blonde woman. It’s good it was that poster, because most other posters showed classic rock singers of the 50’s, 60’s, and 70’s. We met a bunch of great people in the British pub, but specifically 3 of them stood out: Boston/Newcastle guy, Paul, and Michelle.

Palm and Michelle are probably about 40 years old and are amazing. We drank beer and talked forever about our homes, sports, and even tried impersonating one another’s accents. A British Southern accent is as hilarious as an American British accent. In an attempt to determine the difference between a British and an American accent, I became lost. However, the other guy spoke out of nowhere to see if we were insulting Newcastle. Upon discovering that we were not, he chimed into the conversation. It turned out he was from Boston and had lived in Newcastle for 5 years.

We spent several hours at the pub with Paul and Michelle before accepting their invitation to dinner when the pub closed at 12:30AM. Jake and I felt poor, each had a beer and split a Caesar salad. However, after an hour of great conversation and dinner, they demanded they pay. Why refuse? They were so nice, and as the Underground was closed, they took us in their cab ride home... and paid for us. All in all, these incredible British friends of ours had spent 25 pounds on us, a wonderful present indeed.

We walked from the London Bridge drop off point at the Victoria Station to the Aston Victoria hostel, another good place for about 30 pounds, and fell fast asleep.

I for one had just had one of the single greatest experiences of my life, and will I never forget the kindness of the British.

Day 11       June 11th, 2007       London/Paris

We awoke around 9 in the morning to check out of the hostel by 10 and hopped onto a yellow line sightseeing tour bus. What first appeared as a quick ride turned into a 2-hour relaxing ride all around London. The guided tour on the yellow was wonderful and brought us to a roof top bar where we enjoyed a night of great conversation and dinner. They took us in their cab ride home… and demanded they pay. Why refuse? They were so great, and as the Underground was closed, they took us in their cab ride home… and paid for us. All in all, these incredible British friends of ours had spent 25 pounds on us, a wonderful present indeed.

We walked across the street from the Aston Victoria hostel to the Victoria Station, started a load of wash before going into Tumultuous Times. Our Dublin/London adventure was wonderful yet exhausting. We arose early for our French Politics presentations and exited class very tired. Nothing very exciting happened that day, but we certainly did our best to relax and enjoy the usual Parisian celebrations at one of the apartments.

Day 13    June 13th, 2007    Paris

Another uneventful day of relaxation in Paris. We followed another day of classes, gorged us usual, dealt with class and ended up laying around in parks, sipping wine, and talking all night. I am so blessed to live like this, here amongst kings and queens, as though we _are_ kings and queens...

Day 14    June 14th, 2007   Paris

Today was Thursday, and instead of a field trip, the class met late (around 1:30PM) to prepare lunch for a special guest, who consults for international companies like Exxon Mobile, Airbus, etc. She was a fascinating speaker, who talked a great deal about remaining open minded, and discussed the difference between the intent and impact of your conversation in cross-cultural communication.

Afterward, Emily and I walked and talked about things while getting pizza from Speed Rabbit, an excellent pizza place. Pizza is great in Paris. It is cheap, very filling, and can feed lots of people with very high quality food, and we ate it at Emily and Naomi’s. After a long night, in which Jake showed up surprisingly late after meeting a random Turkish guy on the street, we headed back to our place, started a load of wash before going to sleep. Tomorrow, we go to Amsterdam!

The journey continues in next week’s issue.
UGSC recommends shorter period for course adds

By Antoinette Smith  CAMPUS EDITOR

In a 13 to 0 vote, the Undergraduate Studies Committee (UGSC) moved to change the period to add classes to no more than 10 calendar days after the semester begins. For the current spring semester, the last day to add or drop a course occurred 16 calendar days after the semester began.

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Mies Week Trivia

QUESTION 2

What are two other names for Carr Memorial Chapel?

First person to correctly submit their answer via email to Mies-membership@iit.edu will receive a Starbucks' gift card.

Last week's trivia answer: Two candlesticks specially designed by Mies have gone missing from the chapel.

Architects get their coffee

During the Fall semester, College of Architecture Senator Paola Arce and a member of the Academic Affairs Committee worked with the Offices of Jean Bingham and Crown Hall Administration to bring closer to the Architecture students their much needed caffeine fix. This was done in hopes of increasing their productivity, and maybe letting them get some sleep. We would like to give thanks to Jean Bingham and the Crown Hall Administration for their cooperation.

SGA Executive election dates

The Student Government Association is moving the election dates forward by 2 weeks to allow for more time to transition. The Executive Elections will be as follows:

- February 16th --- Nominations Open for Executive Elections
- March 9th --- Nominations Close for Executive Elections
- March 18th --- Executive Election Debate (tentative)
- March 23rd --- Executive Elections held from 9am – 7pm
- April 6th --- Swearing in of new Executive Board

Nominations may be made by emailing nominations@gmail.com or sga@iit.edu, beginning February 16th. Positions open for nomination include:

- Student Body President
- Executive Vice President & President of the Senate
- Vice President of Communications
- Finance Board Chair
- Vice President of Academic Affairs
- Vice President of Student Life

Students need not be a current member of SGA to be nominated, and self-nominations are acceptable. Candidates nominated will need to accept within a week of nominations closing and attend a candidate orientation. If you have questions regarding the expectations from an Officer of the Student Body, don’t hesitate to visit our website, http://sga.iit.edu, email sga@iit.edu, or speak with a current officer of SGA.

Spring Formal location announcement

A survey was sent out in January regarding the location of the 2010 Spring Formal. The choices for the locations were Galleria Marchetti, Museum of Science and Industry and Intercontinental Hotel. An overwhelming majority chose Museum of Science and Industry as the location for the event. The event will be held on April 10, 2010. Please stay tuned for updates. If you want to join the Spring Formal Committee, please email Sarah Guan at sguan@iit.edu.

Anderson hosts tuition increase forum

IIT President John Anderson will host an open forum about IIT’s financial situation on Thursday, February 18. The prime focus of the forum will be the upcoming tuition increase: 6% for current undergraduates and 10% for new undergraduate students. President Anderson has officially encouraged all IIT students to attend and bring up their questions, concerns, and suggestions. Additional tuition information is available at the Bursar’s Office Web site: iit.edu/bursar/tuition/tuition_2010_2011.shtml.

IIT Idol crowned

On Friday February 12, The Student Union Board hosted the IIT Idol Finale in the Bog. A week prior to the finale, 20 students had competed and 10 had been selected as finalists. These 10 performed on February 12 and of these 10, the four judges selected 5 contestants to move on to the next round. Judges Nick Marinello, Fabio Buffa, Chris Dayos, and Erin Gray kept the audience engaged with their quirky, feisty and often-accurate comments to the contestants. After performing their second song of the night, the audience voted through text and selected Emily Knobbe and Elizabeth Corson to move on to the final round of IIT Idol. Knobbe performed a beautiful rendition of The Beatles’ “Let it be” and was followed by Corson, who sang Gwen Stefani’s “Sweet Escape”. Soon after, the audience was prompted to text their votes once again and they selected Emily Knobbe as their IIT Idol. Knobbe was awarded a Wii, just as the winner of IIT Idol last year. The bar and rec area were full and booming through the night, as well.
## Tuesday 2/16

**Getting a Job:**
**Creating a Quality Resume**
*CMC*

10-11:00am  Galvin Library, CMC
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.

**CS employment seminar**
*Computer Science Department/ACM*

5:00 - 6:15pm  SB 104
Find out what resources are available to you in preparing for the upcoming IIT Job Fair. Get guidance from other students, recent alumna, and IIT staff! Food will be served. Questions should be directed to Wai Gen Yee (yee@iit.edu) or Martha Evens (evens@iit.edu)

**Fat Tuesday Social Event**
*Catholic Campus Ministry*

6:30pm-9:00pm  Carr Memorial Chapel
Come celebrate Fat Tuesday with Catholic Campus Ministry! Don’t know what Fat Tuesday is? Come and find out!

## Wednesday 2/17

**Ash Wednesday Service**
*Catholic Campus Ministry*

12:50-1:50pm  Perlstein Hall Auditorium
Catholic Campus Ministry welcomes all students, staff and faculty members to an Ash Wednesday Service.

**Black History Month @ the Commons**
*IIT Dining Services*

11:15am-1:45pm  MTCC Commons
Lunch and dinner options in recognition of Black History Month. Dinner hours, 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**SGA Student Forum**
*SGA*

12:30pm-2:30pm  HUB Ballroom
The Student Government Association will host its first General Assembly of the semester by holding an Open forum with President John Anderson. He'll discuss the tuition rates, future of the university, and take questions.

**Getting Through the Door: how to Interview Successfully**
*ACM*

3:00-4:00pm  Galvin Library, CMC
Establish a plan for being successful at a career fair. Learn how to prepare beforehand, what you should do while at the fair, and how to follow-up in order to increase your chances of getting the job you want.

**PHP/MySQL with Bauer**
*ACM*

4:30-6:30pm  SB 108
This event is limited to 25 people: All interested must RSVP with Matt Bauer (bau-erm@iit.edu). Requires: PHP/MySQL account and solid coding background.

## Thursday 2/18

### Storing Alternative Energies
*Chicago Council on Science and Technology*

5:00 pm  MTCC
Join C²ST and a panel of experts as they discuss state-of-the-art solar, battery, and Smart Grid technologies that might one day redefine our understanding of energy use and storage. $5 for students. E-mail info@c2st.org for promo code.

**Fundraiser and Reception for Documentaries about Land-Related Injustice in South Africa**
*Black Law Students Association, International Law Students Association, and the United Nations Association*

5:30pm-7:00pm  Chicago-Kent College of Law
Come learn more about land restitution in South Africa and support this evocative film project, produced by Chicago-Kent Law Professor, Bernadette Atuahene.

### Getting Through the Door: how to Interview Successfully
*ACM*

6:30pm-8:00pm  SB 111
Evan Estola, a recent CS alum, will be describing his success getting employed by Orbitz. He will discuss how to use the IIT job fair and interview tips.

### Anti V-Day Party ft. DJ Rob LaRue
*Student Union Board, BOG Events Fund*

9:00pm-12:00am  The Bog
No date for Valentine’s Day? No problem! If you have do have a date, ditch him/her for the night and head out to the BOG for the ULTIMATE Valentine’s Day Dance Party! DJ Rob LaRue will be DJing again so you pretty much don’t want to miss this!
Friday 2/19

Study Abroad Application Deadline
International Center
Main Bldg 405
Deadline for summer and fall 2010 study/intern/volunteer programs.

Resume Critique Sessions
CMC
9:30aa-12:00pm Galvin Library, CMC
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.

Art Exhibit
Black Student Union
12:00pm-2:00pm Hermann Hall Expo
Robert Chimungwa, a renowned sculptor, well known for his Shona art in Africa and Europe.

Bollywood Night and Karaoke Friday
ISA, CCC, BOG Events Fund
8:00pm-1:00am The Bog
Come with your friends, enjoy in the food and drink specials, and show off your stuff. 25 cent chicken wings and other specials every karaoke Friday!
Then at 10,dance nonstop to some hip-shaking Bollywood hits and much more with the amazing DJ KHiLADI and DJ NAYAK!
“Dress code“ DRESS UP as your favorite Indian actor! Best costume wins a valuable SURPRISE GIFT!

Poetry Slam
Black Student Union
9:00pm-12:00am Hermann Hall Ballroom
Poetry and Spoken Word

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The second gallery is focused on his work and get him as recognized in the US as he is in Europe. Waves of European artists during Moholy-Nagy’s time tried, and are still continuing to try to promote Moholy-Nagy’s work and architecture. I highly recommend architecture students/art appreciators to view this exhibition, as Moholy-Nagy’s work is very similar to the style we are being taught here at IIT. It is located at the Chicago Cultural Center (820 North Michigan Avenue).

“OMG it was so delicious. ” As for my dish, I ordered a Daily Special (Scallion Pancakes with a side of toast and Nana’s exceptionally spiced home fries. And if you’re not a breakfast person, you’re just not trying hard enough. I ordered several items the lunch menu offered us); the Westy Burgers, and Roasted Turkey Paninis) to Burgers, and Roasted Turkey Paninis) to lunch at the Commons). But if we’re honest, and there to be sure we were comfortable. I (being a first-time customer) was treated with a verbal summary of what might be called Nana’s mission statement, or what the website (http://www.nanaorganic.com) calls the concept: in ingredients used by Nana you will find absolutely no synthetic preservatives, no growth hormones, no genetically modified substances, no pesticides, no artificial coloring – in other words, Nana’s ingredients are 100%, certified, loyal and passionately organic. But that’s not all. Even if “organic” doesn’t necessarily tempt you, the menu items will. I started off the meal with a glass of fresh-squeezed, refreshing grapefruit juice, the likes of which I can only find back home in the citrus-abundant Southwest. My trusty comrades and I both ordered off of the breakfast menu (despite the enticing items on the lunch menu offered up); the Westy Omelet and Spiced Apples Oatmeal Crepes plus a side of Bacon, respectively. Our entrees arrived promptly (but not perfectly) and hot, on plates sprinkled with garnish and all-around looking like something we couldn’t wait to dig into, though we were patient enough to take a few photos for the esteemed readers of TechNews. The Westy Omelet came stuffed with onions, bacon, black pepper butter, creamy cheese, alongside several home fries. And if you’re not a breakfast person, you’re just not trying hard enough. “OMG it was so delicious.” As for my dish, the Apple Spiced Crepes were quickly filed under the Sweet Savory Goodness tab of my list of Awesome Things. The rich (but not too heavy) crepes and thick, real (and not stuffed in a pressurized aerosol can) whipped cream were expertly complemented by the sweet and training skills. There were apple-dusted cinnamon sugar, caramelized butter, and a drizzle of powdered sugar on top of the crepes. And if you’re not a breakfast person, you’re just not trying hard enough. (think Wheat Berry Salads, Magic Mushroom Burgers, and Roasted Turkey Paninis) to satisfy your palate. I have only one complaint. Lunch at Nana is certainly more expensive than a meal at McDonald’s (but its price is equivalent to a dinner at the Commons). But if we’re honest, and there to be sure we were comfortable. I (being a first-time customer) was treated with a verbal summary of what might be called Nana’s mission statement, or what the website (http://www.nanaorganic.com) calls the concept: in ingredients used by Nana you will find absolutely no synthetic preservatives, no growth hormones, no genetically modified substances, no pesticides, no artificial coloring – in other words, Nana’s ingredients are 100%, certified, loyal and compassionately organic. But that’s not all. Even if “organic” doesn’t necessarily tempt you, the menu items will. I started off the meal with a glass of fresh-squeezed, refreshing grapefruit juice, the likes of which I can only find back home in the citrus-abundant Southwest. My trusty comrades and I both ordered off of the breakfast menu (despite the enticing items on the lunch menu offered up); the Westy Omelet and Spiced Apples Oatmeal Crepes plus a side of Bacon, respectively. Our entrees arrived promptly (but not perfectly) and hot, on plates sprinkled with garnish and all-around looking like something we couldn’t wait to dig into, though we were patient enough to take a few photos for the esteemed readers of TechNews. The Westy Omelet came stuffed with onions, bacon, black pepper butter, creamy cheese, alongside several home fries. And if you’re not a breakfast person, you’re just not trying hard enough. “OMG it was so delicious.” As for my dish, the Apple Spiced Crepes were quickly filed under the Sweet Savory Goodness tab of my list of Awesome Things. The rich (but not too heavy) crepes and thick, real (and not stuffed in a pressurized aerosol can) whipped cream were expertly complemented by the sweet and
By Karl Rybaltowski  A&E EDITOR

I resisted hearing “Tik Tok” for the longest time, thinking it would be another in a long line of pre-packaged pop songs aimed at making teenagers think that partying to songs about partying is actually cool. We had to bite the bullet, and not only gave the song a spin, but watched a video. And what was my reaction? I was mad. Mad at myself, mad at the music industry, and mad at the song. It is a bad chip-tune beat ripped off every electronic act of a couple of years ago! or “Wow, it’s like someone listened to Uffie’s music; a little too soft and emerged through my head. The video itself struck me as both innane and insanely derivative, as well.

The only in the know, Ke$ha released the single “Tik Tok” back in August online, and it started to get radio play in October. And not too long after, her debut album Animal took the top spot on Billboard’s album charts, meaning that for several weeks, it was the number one album in the United States. She had gotten her big break singing the chorus on Flo Rida’s “Right Round,” she’s performed a duet with 3OH!3, it has vomited in Paris Hilton’s closet, and is pals with Katy Perry. That’s a whirlwind tour of the pop culture Frankenstein that is Ke$ha.

“Tik Tok” along with its video, is rather simple, with a pretty straightforward plot. In a trashier version of Fergie’s sort-of- Otherwise it stands. There are on the aforementioned Uffie, or the Lady Tiga), Ke$ha essentially walks us through her day — waking up in the pool, taking a shower, getting more drunk, and finding a party where she can proceed to — you guessed it — get drunk. The beat is bouncy and suited with samples like Mario jumping on a Goomba — manages to sound way over-produced nonetheless. Her vocals are laced with auto-tune and even a bit of pitch-shifting, the looks like the result of Taylor Swift and Avril Lavigne colliding at high speeds that was plucked headfirst into hedonism, and even her album name takes liberally from previous sassy pop divas (Anaisa is a strangely similar albums to the actually clever Anneli of a few years ago).

But while there is plenty of room for Ke$ha, she’s a bizarre sort of familiarity about Ke$ha. In fact, one might go so far as to say she’s not just a pre-packaged shurvy of pop culture tidbits from the last 40 years. She’s not a threat to, or a forlorn example of the sorry state of American pop culture. She simply is America. In an age where we have unprecedented access to music, movies, and news, it’s hard to pin individuals down to one subculture. The diffusion of styles and tastes is occurring faster than ever, as evidenced by the constant adapting of “indie” trends by the mainstream media, or even things like lo-fi fashion pervading some circles of the hip hop world (and vice versa). And if her stated musical influences are to be believed (and on her MySpace, around 200 are listed), there’s a pretty good musical education behind her. One just wishes that the result of blending all of those influences together was a little less trashy and a little more adventurous.

By Aneet Raj  TECHNEWS WRITER

“Femtocells have the potential to transform the telecommunications industry.” Mobile coding cells have recently appeared in today’s world. Cell phone base stations are being set up in a ubiquitous manner all over the world. Though there may be cell phone base station type of issues in urban and places like basements or interiors of large buildings. This weak reception may be due to multi path fading or because of a large amount of absorption of the RF wave energy by the walls. In order to solve this problem, a promising option of femtocell deployment is to use a signal amplifier. These femtocells are very small mobile phone receivers, used in the home or mobile phone towers, since the cost of setting up a tower is very high, which cannot be afforded in places where there would be very few customers. Areas where reception is good tend to suffer from poor reception in places like basements or interiors of large buildings. The idea is to overlap low power and low cost base station devices on the existing cellular network. Each femtocell provides high quality wireless service to a customer’s home. Femtocells are unusually small, with a form factor of about the size of a paperback book. Femtocells are considered to be a small mobile phone base station, but consume very low power, and are connected using standard broadband DSL or Cable service to the customer’s equipment. In fact, they are boxes about the size and shape of a wireless broadband router. They are designed such that they offer excellent coverage locally for both voice and data. Femtocell is also called a personal base station, as it gives excellent coverage when at home. Plugged into a high-speed internet connection, they’ll communicate with the existing cell phone at home and send calls over the internet, thereby increasing reception and data speed. Whenever in range of the femtocell at home, the mobile phone will automatically detect it and use it instead of the outdoor cell sites. The basic procedures, such as making and receiving calls, remain exactly the same, except that the signals are sent encrypted from the femtocell via the broadband IP network to one of the mobile operators’ main switching centers. The other telephonic procedures, like dialing, and all the standard features like text messaging remain the same, but the data services should operate more quickly and efficiently due to the short range involved.

The femtocell appears to the standard mobile phone as just another mobile base station from the host mobile operator, and can be used by almost any phone, including roamers visiting from other countries. Also, WiMax enabled femtocells make use of the proposed spectrum. So femtocells are service provider particular and can work for only one operator. This is advantageous from the cellular service provider point of view, as all the mobile users within a femtocell range switch to the same service provider, thereby increasing his business scope.

The mobile operators telephone switch (MSC) and data switch (SGSN) communicate in the same way as they used to for other mobile devices. Hence, all services including phone numbers, call diversion, voicemail etc. tend to operate in exactly the same way and appear the same to the end user. The connection between the femtocell and its controller uses a secure IP encryption (IPsec), which avoids interception, and there is also authentication of the femtocell itself to ensure it is a valid access point.

The benefits of the femtocells are better coverage, faster data speeds, and longer battery life for the handset, since it no longer has to communicate with a cell tower that may be a mile away. Femtocells also provide a personal 3G signal at home, because the signal is not shared with others outside of the family. As femtocells are compatible with standard 3G handsets, there will be no need for special or dual-mode phones.

One of the major concerns of femtocell use is the lack of an industry-wide standard. Though multiple architectures have been proposed, there is still no single architecture developed that can serve the industry as a guide for equipment development and deployment. Also, user behavior might conflict with the customer service updates, which are necessary to keep it functional. Updates will usually occur when the user sleeps, but operators are concerned that users will forget to keep the femtocells on, which would stop the required updates.

By Grant Austin  TECHNEWS WRITER

The service was wonderful. We were poured water and served bread, oil and vinegarette immediately, and our charming waiter knew all of the specials and entrees by heart. He made several recommendations, described the “family style” Italian eating option, and finally told us about the “just Bring Me Wine” course, which involves three different dishes delivered throughout your meal — a fun choice for those of you looking to sample various wines. He then left us to digest our choices. As we mulled over what to get, we opted out of the “family style” dining to expedite the meal, and selected our appetizers and entrees from the standard dinner menu.

Our first appetizer, the parmesan crusted sweet onion, was divine. The parmesan was perfectly crisp on the outside of the onion, which was sweet and deliciously tender. The salad that followed, arugula with peppered licorice and medjool dates, was a hand’s to eat (salad is inherently a pain in the ass to eat, but arugula exacerbates the problem), but the proportion of dates and pepper to greens was ideal, making it an enjoyable dish from beginning to end.

Our entrees came shortly thereafter — the intervals between courses were always perfectly timed. My girlfriend ordered the penne with spicy tomato cream and chicken, and I ordered the pappardelle with the chef’s signature 3-meat ragu. Both were excellent. Pasta cooked to perfection, sauces bursting with flavor, and meat seasoned nicely. The waiter was attentive but not annoyingly so throughout the meal, and our dishes were taken never too soon nor too late.

Pricewise, for the quality of service and food, the value is truly amazing. Pasta entrees come in for $12-17 (lunch portions available), and I guarantee it’s a hundred times better than anything you’d get for a similar price at a place like the Cheesecake Factory. So to anyone looking for a great place to take a date, or just dine alone (given the M:F ratio here, I assume the latter is more likely - yes YOU, lonely guy), considering checking out Osteria via Stato.
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.”
Come to Keating for fitness and fun

By Joe Kirsch
Assistant Coordinator for Intramural Sports and Recreation

Keating Sports Center is not just a place for varsity athletes and fitness freaks. While we take pride in our varsity sports, we recognize that there is a need to provide opportunities for the average student to participate in sports, fitness, and other recreational activities as well. Whether you want to build a better body, learn to dance, or compete in your favorite sport, Keating has something for everyone.

On any given night, students, staff, faculty, and alumni can be found playing basketball, volleyball, soccer, or badminton on the upper level. Some nights, cricket and dodgeball are added to the mix. Meanwhile, the racquetball courts are filled with people playing not only racquetball, but also handball, squash, and of course, more dodgeball.

Throughout the week, we offer a variety of fitness classes and recreational activities, including yoga, belly dance, tai chi, Zumba, Pilates, and the Argentine Tango. Our newest addition to the schedule is a Plyometrics class on Mondays at 8:30pm, which is being co-sponsored by the Illinois Tech Cycling Club with funding from SAF. Elena Dorr played a big role in bringing Plyometrics to IIT, and she should be commended for her efforts.

Our programs feature some of the best instructors and facilitators in the Chicagoland area. They are a diverse group of subject matter experts who come to teach and coach the unique blend of participants that make up IIT’s active population.

My office is pleased to offer support to all of the club sports that are a part of IIT. These include Illinois Tech Cycling, the Mixed Martial Arts Club, the Badminton Club, the Rugby Club, IIT Rock Climbing, and the Track & Field Club, just to name a few. In addition, other student groups reserve space at Keating on a regular basis, such as the Iranian Student Association (IRSA), Inter-Varsity, our ROTC programs, and our fraternities and sororities.

Last week, I had the opportunity to sit down with some of the presidents and sports chairs from our Greek organizations. In a lunch meeting organized by Daniel Votipka, Greek Council’s sports chair, I introduced myself, asked each of them to tell me about their own involvement with our athletic department, and asked them for suggestions about how we can work together to improve the quality of activities and services at Keating Sports Center. Some of the responses were easy fixes, and some addressed issues and concerns that may take a while to work out.


Keating is not the only place on campus to go for fun. I would be remiss if I didn’t point out the BOC. Students can join Strike Force, IIT’s bowling club for fun on Thursdays and Fridays. And now, there is a new bowling league for faculty and staff.

Not every problem has a simple solution, but we have to start somewhere. And the Athletic department is indeed listening. The Student Speaks Survey indicated that more weekend hours would be appreciated. Since January 9th, Keating is now open until 8pm. Two more hours for people to come in, work out or get their game on, and get out in time to enjoy a weekend night out on the town.

Swimming and Diving team prepares for Championships

By Melanie K
TechNews Writer

This week, the Scarlet Hawks swimming and diving team will travel to Principia College in St. Louis, Missouri, for the Liberal Arts Championships. The meet will span Thursday the 18th – Saturday the 20th, and will have a full lineup of events. The Scarlet Hawks are seeded well for the meet, with a few first place seeds in some events, including sophomore Max Ramminger in the men’s 50 and 100 yard freestyle, and freshman Ian McNair in the 1 meter diving.

In preparation for this meet, and also for the National Championships (which will be held March 3rd-6th in St. Louis as well), the team is moving into the part of the season known as taper. In order to help all you non-swimmers understand your swimmer friends as they talk about this part of the season, I’ve decided to provide definitions of words you may not be familiar with.

Taper: A point in a swimmer’s season where rest is increased during practice, in an attempt to allow the swimmer to reach their peak performance level.

Sleeping in: The ability to sleep past 5:30am, due to practice starting at a later time (usually 6:30am or 7am).

Rest: A decrease in practice yardage, and the increased hyper activity and silliness in swimmers.

Now that you are familiar with swimmer lingo, go chat with your swimmer friends about their upcoming meet, and wish them all luck!
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