SAF discovers large surplus, committee established to address issue

By Lory Mishra

Last Tuesday, February 16, Finance Board Chair Olabiyi Adeola made a presentation before the Student Government Association (SGA) Senate, revealing a $600,000 surplus in the Student Activities Fund (SAF). Traditionally, Finance Board has been one of the most visible branches of the SGA, as their primary task is to allocate funds to registered student organizations on campus throughout the semester. For the past few semesters, it has been more stringent in allocating those funds, as many were under the assumption that the SAF was going to encounter a significant deficit otherwise. The SAF, which currently collects a $70 fee from every enrolled student at IIT, saw a $10 increase per person from $60 in 2007-2008 because of a fear of depleting funds. As many proposing student organizations noticed, this fear was also at the root of stricter rules about spending on student activities at IIT.

Following the elections in May 2009, Adeola came into the position of Finance Board Chair under the same assumption about the state of the SAF. In fact, by the end of August 2009, it seemed as though Finance Board had $550,000 paid in but had spent $589,000, going over budget by almost $30,000. In an interview with TechNews, Adeola stated that this deficit prompted him to visit the Director of Accounting, Ken Johnson, to double-check the state of the SAF. It was during this visit that Adeola discovered that at the end of each year, if the SAF has not been fully used, the excess funds are deposited in a related sub-account. This account is still under the jurisdiction of Finance Board and can be used by student organizations, following due protocol, and by Fall 2009, it had accumulated roughly $748,000. He shared this information with the SGA Executive Board, Finance Board members, and the involved university administrators.

Speaking very frankly, Adeola shared in his interview that he saw other issues taking greater precedence over the surplus and thus decided to handle this matter during the second half of his term. Adeola said he was more concerned about streamlining Finance Board processes, increasing retention among Board members, creating systems to give student organizations greater financial freedom and responsibility, creating a functional website, among numerous other things. “It’s now February and I’m almost done with my term. I decided that this was the right time to take action on it.”

Following his presentation to the SGA Senate, Adeola noted that news of this surplus will cause an increase in wasteful spending and extravagant proposals from student organizations. Adeola mentioned in his interview that if it were up to him, the money would be donated to a philanthropic cause, specifically to the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. He did also report that in order to ensure that students’ voices are taken into consideration, SGA has established the SAF-Surplus Special Committee, which will recommend ways to handle the surplus.

This special committee is made up of various representatives from the SGA Executive Board, Senate, and Finance Board and is being led by Finance Board member Miriam Schmid. The Board has been given a deadline of 2 weeks and are set to present their recommendations at the March 2 Senate gathering. Adeola encouraged students to send their opinions and input to the special committee at sga@iit.edu.

Since his first discovery of this surplus, Adeola has been receiving monthly financial statements about the account and currently, there exists a $600,000 surplus. He hopes to maintain a certain amount of surplus as a buffer, in the case of low student enrollment numbers. As a strong believer in student autonomy, Adeola acknowledged that the decision is ultimately in the hands of the student representatives.

The scoop on new IIT scholarships

By Adam Kadeban

In December, IIT unveiled two new scholarship programs – the Chicago Police and Fire Departments Scholarship and the Yellow Ribbon Program. I sat down with Jill Sifuentes in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to get more information on these new programs.

The Chicago Police and Fire Departments Scholarship is for dependents of current and former members (living or fallen) of the Police and Fire Departments, including paramedics. The scholarship is guaranteed for four years and $15,000 per year. However, in the case of a fallen member, the scholarship can cover up to full tuition. IIT is not the first school to implement a scholarship like this, the University of Chicago (among other institutions) has a similar program. Currently the scholarship doesn’t have a funding source – it’s merely a tuition reduction as opposed to a monetary offer to normal tuition. However, Institutional Advancement is looking for a money source.

According to Ms. Sifuentes, Jeanne Arens of Institutional Advancement and Vice Provost Gerry Doyle have been traveling to police and fire departments around Chicago to promote the scholarship. They have also been sending out posters to departments to help spread the word. So far, IIT has received 25 applicants for this scholarship. Based on other calls and information requests IIT has gotten regarding this scholarship, they expect about 25 more applicants. There is no limit on the number IIT will give out, but applicants must actually earn admission to the school before they get the money.

The Yellow Ribbon Program is a federal initiative that IIT joined in the fall of 2009. Basically, the Veteran’s Administration (VA) will pay a certain amount for veterans to attend college. However, since many schools cost more than the base amount that the VA is set up to pay for (especially private schools), veterans often have to still pay to further their education. The Yellow Ribbon Program is an agreement between schools and the VA, and basically boils down to splitting the “left over” costs between the school and the VA. Like the CPFD Scholarships, there isn’t an actually ‘scholarship’ the uncovered costs are just discounted from the tuition rate. Also like the CPFD Scholarships, the veterans must actually apply and be admitted to IIT.

Currently, there are 13 veterans who are attending IIT with financial assistance from the Yellow Ribbon Program, eleven undergraduates, one graduate student, and one in the Stuart School of Business. IIT is hoping that more veterans will take advantage of this great opportunity, and are trying to spread the word.

Special thanks to Jill Sifuentes of Undergraduate Admissions for the interview.
The Bog rules!

By Scott Mochinski

TECHNEWS WRITER

The week before last, the 3rd anniversary of the reopening of the Bog was celebrated. After being a center of student life since at least as far back as the 80s, the Bog ceased operations on May 9, 2003. The efforts of former students such as Jason Tenenbaum, Brandon Lloyd, Timothy Young Sand Ip, and staff, brought about the reopening of the Bog’s doors in February of 2007. The Bog’s doors in February of 2007.

The history of the Bog has been a rollercoaster ride of ups and downs. Although my search for historical information has turned up little, loyal patrons such as Dr. Bruce Fisher and others who remember the Bog from years back have been able to shed some light on some of the better times as well as some of the more difficult times the Bog has experienced over the years.

Last semester, I noticed that certain nuances of business at the Bog have consistently surprised me. One of the things I have been surprised by is the number of checks sold to an individual at the Bog. That pitcher sold to an individual was not sold at the Bog.

There is one grandfathered exception and that is the selling of more than one pitcher of beer. There are two pitchers of beer that are sold at the Bog, and you will be, please have a government issued photo ID. If you don’t have one, don’t expect to be served. It does not matter if you are my best friend, if you do not have a photo ID with you, you are breaking the law.

I am just a bartender, but I have been tending bar for more than ten years and I have been wildly successful at it. I know the policies of IIT will be strictly enforced. I don’t care that one person can buy two pitchers of beer. Every week at the Bog, individuals drinking alone ask to be sold a pitcher of beer. The law is incredibly clear on this.

Logically, I have seen that since it is a high traffic area of business, it is the policy of IIT’s Campus and Conference Center, and of course you, the people who frequent the Bog, that the future of the Bog is truly bright.

My goal as a bartender is to do what I can to make the Bog TFE place to be for the IIT community. With this goal that I want to address three things that will help make everyone’s Bog experience a great one.

The Bog is a place where our readers come to the Bog but so do students who are visiting a bar for the very first time. Not everyone who visits the Bog has first hand experience regarding tolerance levels and there’s a lot more that can be done to make sure that everyone’s overall advantage that shots are not sold at the Bog.

Since energy deficiency is a global issue, if all countries are to work in concert to tackle it, it is the policy of IIT’s Campus and Conference Center, that is coming to an end. I am from a developing country near the equator, it experiences very high temperatures in the summers. The interior of buildings is very hot, and some of the higher temperatures people tend to use diesel run generators. I have seen that, since the air has been pumped out, and have a high profile environment by the generator, I am not surprised to see diesel run generators.

This deal to me is a stepping stone to our country’s power issues as the nuclear fuel can be used to generate power/electricity for commercial or civil purposes. The deal had to face various setbacks both politically and environmentally. Politically, this deal was not supported by many parties and the government had to face no confidence motion in the parliament which eventually it survived. Environmentally, nuclear technologies are very harmful if not used carefully but as of reported nuclear accidents are rare. Also the spent fuel is very difficult to dispose as it takes a lot of time to decay and continuously emits harmful radiation.

This is the situation of one of the countries trying to tackle its energy crisis. It’s a classic example of tackling a crisis together. Since energy deficiency is a global issue, all countries which have an industrial area in their national capital, thus we expect other countries to be even worse. Thus in a nutshell our country is severely deficient in power.

Now to tackle this situation of severe power shortage and also generating power in a eco-friendly way, the power went after a lot of pondering struck a nuclear deal with the US Government. According to the deal the Indian government would have to identify nuclear power stations used for commercial purposes and separate them from the nuclear power stations used for military purposes. The deal was that the United States would approach the Nuclear Suppliers Group to grant a waiver to commence civilian nuclear trade with the rest of the world. In return our country had to allow for the US inspection of one so called separated nuclear plants for commercial or civil purposes. This deal was historic since our country became the first country to be allowed nuclear trade without being a party of the Non Proliferation Treaty.

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A push towards a paperless college

By Christina Noonan
TECHNEWS WRITER

One of the topics discussed at the second College of Architecture student senate meeting was about going “paperless.” It was noted that there has been an internal push in the college to attempt this, but it would definitely require additional investment in equipment like projectors, computers, and projection screens. However, when considering the dreadful high costs of plotting within the college (at $5.6 a square foot), it would take a different route (for those monstroses), I believe that it might be an excellent alternative to initially save the students hundreds and in the long run save the college money. Additionally, it would communicate a strong “green” message about the college. As architects, we use lots and lots of material for building models, including (but not limited to) paper (for plots, blueprints, cad drawings, concepts), wood (for models, including mdf, medite, plywood, basswood, poplar, etc.), foam board, acrylic, metal, and others. Of those materials, many, if not most use paper and trees, whether it’s by covering the acrylic for protection, covering the layer of foam, or simply using it for the main material itself as you see in wood.

The college admits that it has requested professors to require less on paper, but it’s hard to change a long tradition of a profession built on sketching on paper. Other schools and studios have moved to a paperless class already. In a practical way, it would even be easier for students, as we wouldn’t have to worry about formatting our work for a paper size. Additionally, as mentioned, we wouldn’t have to worry about the printing costs as well as costs for additional materials like backing and adhesive.

For your drive to remain to a paperless community, it would serve as an example to other colleges and perhaps inspire others on campus to follow. I think one of the major setbacks for this movement however, is simply that of money. With the economy the way it is and everyone trying to make ends meet, I believe it’s becoming harder to achieve anything with an initial cost that can be gained back quickly. I guess the reality to be considered is that this is not only a movement to save money, but one to make a statement, conserve our resources (which, by the way, architects keep preaching to us daily... sustainability), and prove to be a leader in our area for a green community. It would go along with Mayor Daley’s pledge to make Chicago the nation’s greenest city.

If there are ways to overcome the initial financial burden of materials (again, for projectors and audio-video equipment) such as talking to the IIT Office of Sustainability, Gangreen, or even the City itself for support in one way or another.

I’d really like to see something like this take off in our college, and whether you’re another student who simply agrees, or a faculty or staff member who can help make it happen, please help the cause by helping how you can and put pressure on our community to be more responsible with our resources.

An American odyssey: Part 1

By Lory Mishra
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In the summer of 2009, Purvag Patel, along with a few friends, embarked on a 46-state road trip. This series of articles will document his experiences.

The summer of junior year is always an important one. Students are often looking for viable internships that will hopefully turn into full-time employment upon graduation. As a Mechanical Engineering major about to start his senior year, Purvag Patel decided to take a different route. He wanted to take a road trip across America with his friends, over a span of 3 months. Purvag began planning for this trip with close friend, Ryan Murphy. “We were watching _Eurotrip_ and that’s where we got the idea.” They wanted to avoid the touristy spots, take all the inner highways to see the heart of the country, and sleep in their cars. As one might imagine, this road trip was not going to be a cheap one. Purvag and Ryan, along with their friend Jeremy Van Cahan as the third member, decided to form a student organization, so that they could propose for money from the Student Activities Fund to supplement their college money. Additionally, it would even be easier for students, as we wouldn’t have

Go on, don’t be a Tiger

By Pragalathan Mahesh
TECHNEWS WRITER

In times of hardship, the world goes after you regardless of whatever commit- ments you may have or how famous you may be. There are people who have bal- anced their personal and professional lives with ease and have been successful. Fame leads to pressure both on and off the field. There have been times when great people were found to be lesser than an average person.

From a humble human, a praised golfer, and a role model to a mediocre person who can never turn tables to become Tiger again. Loss of sponsors, loss of wife, loss of fame. It’s not the Woods we all knew. From a soft-spoken gentleman to a piece of crap. It all started with the car crash that revealed who the real Woods is. Some- times, it’s crazy when people of his stature go downhill like this. There are people (including myself) who are just helplessly trying to make ends meet. I would gladly accept a person from this category as a role model. Considering the fame, wealth and fan following, I first hoped that it was all kind of a joke.

At the end of his career, this incident will remain as a stain that cannot be re- moved. But who does not have dark sides in their life? The only difference here is that the dark pages of Tiger’s came into light. However, this incident proves again that there is no escape from being punished if your attitude and personality are not in or- der, no matter how important you are. Last but not least, I prefer to be a human than a Tiger.

It requires some courage to come for- ward and confess the way that Tiger did. Being a good fan of his, I have observed how the money and fame have changed the man into something else. There is a saying, “If you think you can, YOU can always. If you think you can’t, YOU can’t. Both ways, you are right.” Tiger thinks he can, and I am confident that he can. I still wish for him to bury the past and come back, swinging the golf club perfectly, like he has at all times of his ca- reer. Though he can’t rub off these mishaps in his life, at least he could try compensating for them by doing what he knows best - swinging his club.

This site, as it got closer to the trip, Remad was no longer able to participate and was replaced by Noah Cahan as the third member. Eventually, both Ryan and Noah had to drop out of the adventure and a mere 3 weeks before the trip, Purvag was set to embark on this journey alone. “My parents were completely against me doing this alone. I had to ask around and 2 weeks before the trip, Patrick Choi volunteered to come along.”

With a budget of $400 and no driver’s license yet, Purvag went car shopping on Craigslist. “We found a Cherry for $400,” but as it’s illegal to drive a car without a bumper, they had to return it and spend about $2000 on a car that was in a little better shape. Purvag then had to acquire a license, and after 4 attempts and less than 24 hours before the trip, he had one in his hands. With a recently added third member, Purvag (the navigator), Patrick (the sub), and Kurt Ehlert (the driver) were finally ready to drive across the country.

Along with close friends and brothers from his house, Nilson sisters gave them a warm sendoff with a Hawaiian chocolate necklace. They started driving on June 6 and their first stop was at Ames, Iowa. Purvag recalls the drive being rather smooth and problem-free. “The campus leader who was

supposed to meet us couldn’t show up so... we just partied for a couple of days before heading to Colorado.” They drove through Nebraska and after 13 hours of driving and 2 tornado warnings, ended up in Greeley, Colorado. This time around, they were much more successful in meeting student leaders at Northern Colorado University. Their party of 3 stayed at a Delta Tau Delta fraternity house and stopped by the Red Rocks Amphitheatre for an “amazing concert in the rain,” featuring Rise Against and Rancid.

They were slowed down because of some car troubles, but eventually ended up at Yellowstone National Park, after a dangerous drive through a thunderstorm. Purvag recalls that it was too late to check in to the camp grounds, so they simply decided to drive their car into the park and sleep there. They were greeted in the morning by campers who resided in tents on that camp ground, peering into their car window. “We hadn’t slept very well, but the park ranger came and asked us to leave, so we did.”

The gang then decided to take a quick tour of the yurts and that evening began their drive to Idaho. Purvag recalls there being countless deer on the road back. “It’s hard to believe that it took 10 hours to drive back. Patrick was driving. Kurt was in the back, and I was in the front. We missed one deer but then eventually hit one, going 70 mph.”

Purvag, to collect his insurance claims, asked Patrick to pull over and they filed a report with the sheriff.

Tune in next week to find out what happened to that poor deer’s family. Oh, and Purvag, Patrick, and Kurt.
President Anderson has "never been to a free lunch with students where there's anything left. Clearly IIT students aren't as hungry as the students I'm used to." The free lunch was at the presidential forum (hosted by IIT's Student Government Association) last Thursday, February 18th, from 12:30-2PM in the Herman Hall Ballroom. There was a meeting of the IIT Board of Trustees on Wednesday night. Anderson has been on the road a lot lately, doing his job by talking with alumni and donors. Anderson praised the Student Speak survey, and Provost Cramb mentioned that academic retention and customer service at IIT are related because "many people don't do so well because of things outside of the classroom." **Questions and answers from the forum:**

1. Please discuss the tardiness of refund checks at IIT (as compared to other campuses).

Provost Cramb is aware that this is an issue; its an issue that needs to be worked on. IIT is trying to establish a better relationship between the Bursar’s office and Financial Aid. Jerry Doyle, head of Financial Aid, contributed that IIT only issues refund checks after the add/drop period; it’s been this way for years. However, only issues refund checks after the add/drop deadline. Jerry Doyle also mentioned that the Financial Aid office is setting up a system to give small short-term loans to students, when they need an advance to cover rent, etc. IIT Kent already does this.

2. How is the tuition increase decided? What is the rationale behind it? Where does the money go?

President Anderson responded that the university has a deficit; the endowment is currently $170 million, which is very low. The tier system of tuition is intended to be nice to current students, while still getting funds needed for new students. The university’s budget has been impacted by many things in the last several years, including the fact that the cost of IIT-supplied healthcare (employee and student) has risen 8.5% in the past year.

3. How would universal healthcare affect IIT?

Provost Cramb replied that the effect of universal healthcare would depend on whether the cost for equivalent healthcare (to what IIT currently gives to its employees and students) goes up or down, and that if the cost for equivalent care went down, IIT’s financial system would improve.

4. It’s time to decide housing for next year. Off-campus housing is cheaper than on-campus housing. Why is that?

Jennifer Luttig-Kromosky, the head of Housing, responded that there will be no rate increase, if you sign up for next year housing by May 1st, and that there are 21 types of rooms on campus. Also, Winter Break will be included in the cost of MSV/Ganzahn/SSV housing next semester; this means that students will not have to move out over break.

President Anderson stated that IIT wants to be competitive with the cost of campus housing at other campuses.

Provost Cramb added that right now the real estate market is very bad, and this drives down the price of renting an apartment.

5. For international graduate students, finding financial aid is hard. Many jobs prefer hiring work-study students. How is IIT addressing this?

Jerry Doyle responds that the question-asker is right. There is a problem. "I don't have a solution," he says, but "It's on our sights." A number of offices are working [on it]... His office is working with the Career Management Center to expand their list of internships and co-ops, but lots of companies have reduced hiring. Provost Cramb was once an overseas student, who now has his green card. "I'll be said, and got a cheer from students.

On this topic, Provost Cramb said a student working group would work better than having administrators talk about the issues, because administrators are too far away from the problem.

6. As an international PhD student, I and many of my friends have 2 credit hours of classes and a very full schedule of research. However, we’re unable to get U-Passes because we have so few credits. This isn’t fair, we’re full-time students. The Registrar says that this cannot be fixed.

Provost Cramb said to the student “You’re right,” (and added that the issue should be fixed.)

President Anderson said “That can’t be hard to fix,” and charged the Registrar’s office with taking care of the issue. (Staff members from the Registrar’s office were present.)

7. Since two graduate housing buildings were shut down, there are many fewer graduate students living on campus. What does IIT plan to do about this?

President Anderson replied that this is an issue of deferred maintenance. IIT was going to renovate Bailey Hall for a cost of $16 million, but it was impossible to get a loan because IIT has borrowed so much money before. However, the buildings are Mies buildings, and will eventually be renovated. “God can’t tear down a Mies building,” said the president (to laughs and applause from the audience).

Jennifer Luttig-Kromosky invited graduate students to buy living space in other on-campus residential buildings.

Anderson interjected jokingly that “We want [graduate students] to live inside the laboratory” at that point. I had to go to my 1:50 class (as did many other students) and missed the rest of the forum.

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**KIEA Scholarship**

The Entrepreneurship Program at IIT is accepting applications for the Kern Innovation and Entrepreneurship Academy (KIEA) scholarship program. The application form is available at [http://tinyurl.com/app/kiea](http://tinyurl.com/app/kiea). Applicants must submit an online application form, along with a current resume and a letter of recommendation from an IIT Professor, to Jodi Houlihan (houlihan@iit.edu) no later than Monday, March 15, 2010 at 5:00 pm.

Up to 25 undergraduate engineering students will be chosen for the 2010 KIEA program. This is a minimum two-year program. We are only considering students who will be sophomores or juniors during the 2010-11 academic year.

**SGA works with IC to create Study Abroad SAB**

Student Body President Ray Ballard, Student Life Vice President Purvag Patel, and Senators Houseer, Rhe, Golstom, and Arce are teaming up with the very supportive Louis Berends, the Study Abroad Coordinator of the International Center, to create a Study Abroad Student Advisory Board. The goal is to increase the number of study abroad participants and improve the various processes for current students. Students interested in studying abroad or joining the advisory group may contact Louis Berends at lhberends@iit.edu or contact their Senators via sga@iit.edu.

**SGA Executive Board creates video update**

The SGA Executive Board, under direction by Vice President of Communications Sri Kota, created their first video press release discussing the many issues at work with members of the SGA Senate. President Ray Ballard has promised to post videos weekly through the rest of his term in an attempt to continue the communications improvements installed to educate the student body on current issues. The video is currently viewable through SGA’s Facebook fan page or their website, sga.iit.edu.

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**SGA Welcomes New Senators and Orgs**

The Student Senate inducted four new senators during its meeting last Tuesday: Bhanutet Mallangi and Jentle Tice, representing Armour College; Tomasz Folta, representing College of Architecture; and Maria U斯塔vaka, representing Stuart School of Business.

At that meeting, the Senate also approved the creation of four new student organizations. Below are the organizations along with some of their stated events.

- Asian Psychology Association (APA): APA members hope to host seminars, guest speakers, and a psychology open house.
- Atheists & Allies (AA): AA has announced plans to work with the Student Union to invite guest speakers, host social events.
- Collegiate Veterans’ Association: The organization plans to help veterans and members of ROTC in the transition for military to academic life.
- Union of Bulgarian Students and Scholars: Members told the Senate that their group plans to showcase Bulgarian music and art, and participate in Taste of IIT and International Fest.

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**MTCC Welcome Center Door Guard**

Daytime Shift Changes

If, in the past few days, you’ve noticed that there is no longer a public safety officer sitting at the front entry desk to MTCC, (Near the north-west entrance) and rather a student worker to greet you, no, you are not going crazy. The shift occurred recently in what seems to be a desire for a more “friendly greeting” at the front desk. Fernando Martinez, a current night time door guard for the building expressed, “I think the CCC just wanted to create a stronger sense of community, especially by including a student to greet other students on their way to and from classes”. After 7pm, however, Public Safety returns to guard the door once the building becomes closed to the general public.
ACM hosts employment seminar, PHP/MySQL Events

By Adam Kadzan
CAMPUS EDITOR

IIT’s ACM chapter has had, as of late, a lackluster performance. However, it’s now under the new management of Mantas Vidutis, and has been hosting Computer Science related events almost weekly.

Last Tuesday they co-hosted an employment seminar with the CS Department, which was very informative. There were a handful of speakers from the real world – including representatives from Motorola, Orbitz, and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Two of the speakers were recent IIT graduates, and they shared their experiences not only regarding what life is like post-graduation, but also some tips on how to interview and what to do at the upcoming Career Fair.

There were also representatives from the Career Center, who gave out tips and answered questions about the Career Fair. Topics discussed included common mistakes students make when interviewing about companies, what to bring with you, and how to land the all important interview. With about 30 in attendance, it was a good event.

On Thursday, ACM brought in Professor Matt Bauer to talk about PHP and MySQL. This is one of those cool things you can do with them. Professor Bauer prefaced his talk with “I am not an expert!” and shrugged off a few questions that were too technical for his knowledge, he did still present some useful (albeit simple) applications. He showed some examples of PHP and what it looked like when accessed through a browser. Last, he showed us the system he has been building for new students to register for orientation, which of course he built with PHP. Even though the information presented wasn’t too technical, it was a good introduction for about 15 students.

Some upcoming events from ACM with no lackluster include a talk by Wai Gen Yee about the edukEN Video Indexing System, and a presentation by Krishna Kumar of Microsoft about their new cloud computing service, Windows Azure. Find more information at ACM’s Facebook page (ACM-IIT).

Gangreen teams up with TerraCycle: needs new logo

By Stacy Morton
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You may have seen the backpacks made of Capri-Sun packets or pencil cases made of Chips Ahoy! wrappers, but did you know that you can now be a part of this new craze in recycling? IIT’s Sustainability Committee, Gangreen, has partnered up with TerraCycle to use your trash to produce these new fashion statements.

TerraCycle is eliminating the idea of waste and rethinking the definition of recycling. They are producing eco-friendly products from a wide variety of traditionally non-recyclable materials- soon to be your waste materials.

Gangreen is working with TerraCycle to collect your waste which will be used to produce these novel products. Boxes will be located in the reception of each residence hall and academic building along with sorority and fraternity houses. IIT’s Sustainability Committee. We are looking for a creative design to support our new sustainability efforts around campus. The competition is open to all IIT students, faculty and staff until March 18th. The winner will receive a $50 Visa gift card accepted most everywhere. Multiple submissions are allowed as long as all artwork is original with no copyrighted material. The winning logo will be used for publicity by Gangreen during its entirety. Please submit all logos as .jpg files by March 18th to gangreen_group@iit.edu. Winner will be notified on March 27th. For more information, please find us on Facebook or visit www.iit.edu/~gangreen_group.

Gangreen also needs a new logo! Are you good at graphic design? Do you enjoy drawing for fun? Are you interested in winning $50? Then design a new logo for IIT’s Sustainability Committee. We are looking for a creative design to support our new sustainability efforts around campus. The competition is open to all IIT students, faculty and staff until March 18th. The winner will receive a $50 Visa gift card accepted most everywhere. Multiple submissions are allowed as long as all artwork is original with no copyrighted material. The winning logo will be used for publicity by Gangreen during its entirety. Please submit all logos as .jpg files by March 18th to gangreen_group@iit.edu. Winner will be notified on March 27th. For more information, please find us on Facebook or visit www.iit.edu/~gangreen_group.

UB’s Spring Retreat

By Christina Noonan
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Union Board hosted their second yearly internal retreat for programmers, exec, and numerous others involved in the organization on Saturday. The day involved information and exercises in programming events, teamwork, activities to get to know one another, a scavenger hunt, lots of walking, ice skating, and food. Union Board hosts retreats for its members which contributes to the inner workings of the organization every semester, to help everyone get to know and become comfortable around others and to teach some important people skills in the process. This was my first time on a retreat myself, but it was very fun and filled with things to do.

The day started off with an info session lasting until a bit before noon where people were confronted with team building exercises and brainstorming activities. After that, we all headed downtown to Flat Top Grill to gorge ourselves silly on pasta, veggies, and meat. The group definitely monopolized the back of the restaurant and took time to have a laugh, which we waited for food. A few (to everyone’s entertainment), attempted to make really long straws and drink out of them. I believe no one actually succeeded in getting liquid through feet of straws with about a half millimeter diameter. After lunch, we headed to the Shedd Aquarium where we got to bypass the lines with prepaid tickets (make sure if you visit, you do the same, the line was ridiculously long) and explored the area while filling out a silly scavenger hunt. Some of the questions challenged our creativity while others simply asked us to go find a specific piece of information about an exhibit. One question even asked us what fish would our president Max be. He became the self proclaimed “cuttlefish.”

After the Shedd, they headed down the lake front to the ice skating rink in Grant Park (which no one seems to know about) and skated for a while. Cold and a bit tired, they made their way to the Rainforest Cafe where they shared their meals with snakes, angry gorillas, and weird men holding globes (don’t ask, we were confused too). At the end of a long day, they headed back to campus and called it a day. It was a great experience for those involved. Though this was an internal Union Board event, UB members would all love to have you come next time. So if interested, get involved this semester! There’s still time! If you have ideas on events you’d like to see on or off campus, come into the office and talk to an exec member, or Angela Ng and Danielle Madere, who are especially there to help you program events. If you just want to know more about the organization, there are general meetings every Tuesday at 1:15pm in the MTCC Auditorium. Everyone is invited to come learn about past, current, and upcoming events and ask any questions you may have! If you’ve been looking for something cool to get involved in that has a lot of options or allows you to choose your own level of involvement, consider joining Union Board. The friendly people that led this are amazing and full of energy. No matter who you are, they are always excited when someone new gets involved.
University Calendar

**Tuesday 2/23**

**Sausage Fest Lunch**  
*IIT Dining Services*  
11:15am-1:45pm MTCC Commons

**Introduction to American Culture**  
*iInternational Center*  
12:50-1:40pm Perlstein 108

Come to this workshop, presented by the International Center and Student Counseling Services to learn all about American Culture and how you can better adjust to life in the United States.

**Getting a Job: Working a Career Fair**  
*CMC*  
12:50 - 1:50pm 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.

**Resume Critique Sessions**  
*CMC*  
2:30pm-4:30pm 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.

**Rick Barnes DrinkThink: A Personal Approach to Alcohol**  
*Sigma Phi Epsilon*  
9:30pm Wishnick Hall  
Rick Barnes has spoken at over 600 colleges across the nation. This seminar will be fun, interactive, and useful discussion about alcohol use on campus.

**Wednesday 2/24**

**Chemistry Colloquim**  
*BCPS*  
3:15pm LS 111  
Get your chemistry on while learning about the development of novel synthetic methodologies by means of transition metal-, Lewis acid-, and organocatalysis.

**4th at 4 Faculty Staff Bog Night**  
*Quality of Worklife Committee*  
4:00pm BOG  
Join colleagues and coworkers for a night of free food, bowling, games and fun.

**Mies Building Art: A Sneak Preview**  
*College of Architecture*  
6:00-7:00pm SR Crown Hall  
Given by Franz Schulze, Emeritus Professor of Art, Lake Forest College, and Edward Windhorst AIA ’93 Principal, Edward Windhorst James Gorski Architects LLC

**Questioning**  
*Knapp Center*  
6:00-8:00pm Technology Business Center  
Selling isn’t about enthusiastically presenting every feature and benefit of your product or service, but building trust, uncovering a prospect’s real needs and understanding how you can help. Presented by Ted Walthaus, an accomplished business development and strategic sales specialist. Registration required. knappcenter.iit.edu

**Thursday 2/25**

**IIT Spring 2010 Career Fair**  
*CMC*  
8:00am-4:00pm HUB

**Global Chef**  
*IIT Dining Services*  
11:15am-1:45pm MTCC Commons  
Featuring Juan Carlos Barzola from Peru

**IIT Sustainability Forum - Sustainable Food**  
12:00pm-6:00pm SR Crown Hall  
Lunch is included. Seating is limited! RSVP to campussustainability@iit.edu.

**Environmental Transformation for Sustainable Performance**  
*College of Architecture*  
4:30pm-6:00pm SR Crown Hall  
Given by: Chuck Hoberman, MSME, BFA; Founder and President of Hoberman Associates.

**Great Books Trivia Night**  
*Shimer College*  
7:00pm-9:00pm The Bog  
All are invited to a pub-style quiz in which the trivia is not so trivial. Come test your general knowledge of the Canon, by yourself or with a team. It’s a chance to brush up on your Shakespeare and win prizes at the same time!

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**Mies Week Trivia**

**QUESTION 3**

Question: Where can one find Mies' personal written correspondences?

First person to correctly submit their answer via email to MiesMembership@iit.edu will receive a Starbucks’ gift card.

Last week's trivia question "What are two other names for Carr Memorial Chapel?" Answer: The other two names given to the chapel are the Godbox and the Robert F. Carr Memorial Chapel of St. Savior
Shimer students protest outside their Board of Trustees meeting

By Linda Goldstein

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Record Review: Transference

By Karl Rybaltowski
A & E EDITOR

Hot off the success of 2007’s Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga, their mainstream breakthrough, Spoon have finally released a follow-up, and it is subtle in its departure from the band's formula. Whereas their previous effort was marked by a big sound and extremely polished production, the seeming lack of consistency in Transference can be a shock, but it’s an ultimately rewarding listen - the full significance of the direction Spoon has taken with this album is not readily evident from the beginning.

As mentioned before, Spoon's 2007 release was a very polished affair. From the studio sound to the inclusion of a brass section on some tracks, it was a shining example of the sheer amount of control evident in Spoon's music, both in terms of recording and pure song-craft. The rough-edged nature of much of the tracks on Transference, then, stands in pretty stark contrast. In fact, about half of the tracks on the album are in their pure demo form, and it shows, though it would be an insult to even suggest the band were going for a lo-fi aesthetic: this mirrors a shift in the lyrical content of the band's work, as well. Up to now, the lyrics, the music, the very image of the band could best be summed up as "cool and collected." Transference throws that out the window - abrupt stops in songs (see “The Mystery Zone”), the aforementioned rough recording quality on the demo tracks, and sudden sound changes (such as on the seemingly constantly shifting album closer, “Nobody Gets Me But You”) infuse the album with a feel of aimlessness or uncertainty, and the lyrics back it up as well.

Still, the shift is subtle enough that I didn't notice it the first couple of times I listened to the album. Familiar with Spoon's more adventurous compositions (and let's be honest, the band, even in their most accessible songs, don't go for the easiest of hooks) from earlier in their repertoire, I was not particularly surprised by some of their more experimental side on this album, but the differences between this and their earlier work only became evident after some time. And just as with most of their albums, the connection is not one that is made immediately. Though tracks like "Written In Reverse" are catchy and draw you in right off the bat, this album, like many of their others, is a grower more than anything. It doesn't need to be meticulously picked apart, but it certainly requires one to scratch the surface. The result of this is one satisfying listen.

Even through all this, there is a great sense of familiarity, of continuity, of consistency with Spoon's previous work in this album. Perhaps the fact that the band can chance heading in a more musically adventurous route after achieving some mainstream success - and yet can make their work recall previous material so easily nonetheless - is just a testament to their songwriting talent.

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Oscar bootcamp

By Antoinette Smith
CAMPUS EDITOR

The Academy Awards are coming! Most people know this award show by the name of the golden statue given to the evening’s winners: Oscar. As a lifelong Chicagoan that isn’t really a movie buff, I always figure out it’s Oscar time because of the Sunday Times “Outguess Ebert” contest.

It’s funny how easy it is to get caught up in the Oscar hype. And, for those of us that are always late to the party, AMC has got a deal for you. Last year, a friend told me about AMC’s Best Picture Showcase.

One year, just before the Oscars, you can go to participating AMC theaters and watch all of the best picture nominated films for one low price. That price includes unlimited popcorn and soda refills. Last year I took advantage of the offer. My butt was numb and my arteries were dagged, but it was also the day and night that I fell hard for “Milk”. If you recall, “Milk” did not actually win. Yet, it was nice to be able to have an opinion of all of the nominated films instead of just a few that you may have happened to see over the course of the year.

Since the best picture nominees have changed, the AMC Best Picture Showcase occurs in two forms.

The first option is to watch five films one Saturday and the other five films the following Saturday. AMC’s 600 North Michigan theater will be the venue for that option. On Saturday, February 27, starting at 10:30 a.m., you can see “AVATAR (3D),” “Up,” “A Serious Man,” “Precious,” and “District 9.” On Saturday, June 6, starting at 10:30 a.m., you can see “An Education,” “The Hurt Locker,” “Up in the Air,” “The Blind Side,” and “Inglourious Basterds.” A ticket for both days is $60 online or $59 at the box office. A ticket for one day is $30 (online or at the box office).

The second option, just announced in the last week, is to watch all 10 movies in 24 hours. AMC’s River East 21, located at 322 East Illinois Street, will be the venue. On March 5, at 11 a.m., they will start with “AVATAR.” One ticket is $45.


Oh, and in case you’re wondering, I’m going to the 24-hour showing. I will also be tweeting short movie reviews to twitter.com/TechNewsCampus.

TV Tuners: A great investment

By Christina Noonan
TECHNEWS WRITER

For those of you less “tech savvy” than others at the school, I’ll like to introduce you to something called a TV tuner. It’s a little device you stick into your computer for the sole purpose of watching TV on your computer. It’s a great investment for busy people who want to stay up-to-date with their shows, without sacrificing time when they need it.

Currently, many people use websites like casttv.com, hulu.com, and even youtube.com to watch episodes of online shows. Unfortunately, these aren’t of the best quality and you aren’t guaranteed a time for re-lease of the newest episode. If you watch a show hosted on megavideo.com, you have to deal with annoying time limitations and streaming or buffering frustrations. With a TV tuner, you can avoid all of that by recording in real time the show you want, and you don’t even have to be there to set it up or watch it again.

Another perk is that some tuners come with fun additions like remotes, so you can hook your computer up to a larger monitor and change channels on it just like you would with a real TV. Granted, I’m sure there are drawbacks to this as well, as there is an initial cost to buying the tuner itself, but it’s great for busy people who want to stay up-dated with their shows, without sacrificing time when they need it.

Oscar’s success of the various Halo titles left many gamers wanting more. Books, figurines, comics, and board games rushed to fill those gaps, but nothing left Halo fans more excited than when it was announced that Neill Blomkamp would be directing a film based on the franchise. Several short test films were released, garnering quite a bit of hype, but hopes were dashed when nothing came of the project. On February 16, an alternative to a feature Halo film was released, Halo: Legends. Halo: Legends is to Halo as the Animatrix is to The Matrix and Gotham Knight is to The Dark Knight - a collection of short anime films based on the source material. It’s a surprising concept to be sure, Halo is arguably one of the hallmarks of Western gaming. It’s odd to see anime shorts based on a game that doesn’t sell well in Japan that’s on a console that sells even worse in Japan. That being said, the majority of the seven part Halo: Legends is quite good. Because in some places, these episodes are available for purchase individually, reviews for each part follow.

Origins

This is one of the weakest sections of the package. It plays a bit like a documentary, explaining the ins and outs of the Halo universe. It’s presence is understandable, as it acts as a primer for the unintimated. However, it drags on, and it’s unlikely that those that aren’t familiar with the franchise would watch Legends in the first place, making it a bit unnecessary. Additionally, the animation is a bit choppy in some segments, making it difficult to watch.

The Duel

The Duel wouldn’t be terrible, were it not for the headache inducing animation. It appears to be bad CGI put through several filters in order to make it appear to the viewer as if they were watching the action through a Japanese watercolor painting. Additionally, the story bordered on absurd, featuring Halo characters living in feudal Japan in space.

Homecoming

This was an interesting and well animated look at the more human side of what it means to be a Spartan, Halo’s elite super-marines. Despite being a bit melodramatic and heavy on anime cliché it was interesting to see some life and personality given to the normally inic Spartans.

Odd One Out

This short has drawn the ire of the more hardcore Halo fans, taking a light hearted look at Spartan 1337 and his wacky misadventures on a planet filled with dinosaurs. Animated and directed by members of the Dragonball Z team, it’s a humorous parody of the universe that Halo fans hold sacred. This was a pleasant change of pace from the previous shorts.

Prototype

One of my favorite shorts, Prototype is a darker tale with lots of tears and some sweet Japanese robot action. This short really blends the Western aspects of Halo with the Eastern aspects of anime into a beautiful amalgam.

The Babysitter

The Babysitter brings the focus to the special forces of the Halo universe, the Orbital Drop Shock Troopers. This is another short that’s quite good. It lends a lot of personality and spirit to the characters of the Halo universe, and backs it up with some really slickly animated action sequences. This one is definitely a must watch.

The Package

The final short is perhaps the most “Halo” of all of them. Featuring Master Chief as the main character, and lots of shooting, it’s shallow, but enjoyable. Several sections even briefly include first person shots, which make the viewer feel almost like they are playing Halo. While it’s not the most mentally stimulating, it’s sure to satisfy fans.

Overall, I really enjoyed it. I’m not the biggest Halo or anime fan, though I do casually enjoy both on occasion. However, the two combined produced some surprisingly interesting material. I’d definitely recommend it, to those that are fans of either aspect of this package.
By Melanie K  
TECHNEWS WRITER

This past weekend, the Scarlet Hawks Swimming and Diving team traveled to Principia College to compete in the third day prelim-final Liberal Arts Championship meet. Some of the team members tapered for the meet in an attempt to achieve National qualifying cuts, and many outstanding races were seen from the IIT swimmers (and also incredible dives from the divers). Here is a recap of each day from the meet.

Day 1

The women’s 200 freestyle relay of freshman Victoria Masney and sophomores Melanie Koto, Morgan Curran and Andrea Zuniga took 4th with a time of 1:43.19. The men’s 200 freestyle relay took 3rd, with the team of junior Mark Callan, freshman Eric Grunden, senior Joe Taylor, and junior Max Ramminger with a time of 1:26.70. In the 500 yard freestyle, Zuniga took 2nd with a time of 5:42.90, and for the men’s team sophomore Keiji Halloway took 12th, qualifying for Nationals with a time of 5:02.11, and Rosenfeld took 14th with a 5:14.59.

Curran swam to a 5th place finish in the 200 yard IM for the women’s team, with a time of 2:00.30, and senior Jay Park and freshman Michael Keane took 10th and 12th, with times of 2:03.15 and 2:04.81 respectively. In the 50 yard freestyle, Koto and sophomore Julia Duarte took 12th and 15th, with times of 25.95 and 27.29, and Masney won the event, finishing in a 24.17, which is also a new team record! Ramminger took 2nd for the men’s team with a 20.92, and Taylor, Lyman and Brady also placed, taking 9th, 11th and 16th, with times of 21.93, 22.09 and 22.56.

For men’s 1 meter diving, freshman Ian McNair maintained his first place ranking, finishing with a score of 415.10. His best dive, a front two and a half pike, scored 7s and 7.5s. Sophomore Tom Lord and junior Jeff Reilly took 4th and 5th, with scores of 310.50 and 300.10.

In the 400 yard medley relay, the women’s team of Zuniga, Duarte, Masney and Koto swam to a 2nd place finish with a final time of 4:06.50, just three seconds off the team record. The men’s team of Rosenfeld, Park, Taylor and Ramminger finished 3rd, with a final time of 3:35.05.

At the end of the first day, the women’s team was holding a 3rd place spot out of 10, and the men’s team was also 3rd, out of 8.

Day 2

The divers got the day off, but the swimmers returned to the pool geared up and ready for more remarkable swims. Starting off the second day of finals was the women’s 200 yard medley relay of Zuniga, Duarte, Masney and Koto, who finished 4th with a time of 1:54.78. The men’s relay of Rosenfeld, Park, Taylor and Ramminger took 2nd, finishing with a 1:35.98, just two seconds off of the team record. In the 400 yard IM, Curran had a killer swim, taking 3rd and dropping 8 seconds from her morning swim to go a 4:45.50, and junior Joe Muchna took 4th, with a final time of 4:36.68.

Masney killed everyone in the 100 yard butterfly, taking 1st with a time of 57.00, and gaining another new team record. Sophomore Lauren Fast placed 15th with a time of 1:09.18. For the men’s team, Taylor took 2nd with a 50.31, Halloway took 6th with a time of 53.13, and Callan swam to a 16th place finish with a 55.74. In the 200 yard freestyle, Koto finished 3rd with a time of 2:00.57, and Zuniga took 9th, finishing in a 2:08.77. For the men’s team, junior Tomasz Chojnacki took 5th with a National qualifying time of 1:50.50, senior Greg Herbert took 12th with a 1:52.71, and Lyman took 13th with a 1:53.85. Duarte took 3rd in the women’s 100 yard breaststroke, with a time of 1:10.97. Ramminger also finished 3rd for the men’s team, swimming the event in a 59.76, followed by Grunden in 5th with a 1:10.01. Park took 11th with a 1:10.83, and Keane took 12th with a National qualifying time of 1:02.84, followed by freshman Jeff Grindel in 15th with a 1:05.07. In the 100 yard backstroke, Rosenfeld finished 5th for the men’s team, with a blazing time of 54.67, just two seconds from the team record.

Finishing up the day, the women’s 800 yard freestyle relay of Curran, Duarte, freshman Nicole Valo and Fast took 7th with a time of 8:05.68, and the men’s team of Herbert, Muchna, Park and Keane finished 4th with a time of 7:33.12. At the end of day 2, both teams were still holding a 3rd place spot.

Day 3

In the men’s mile, Herbert placed 12th, with a National qualifying time of 18:20.60, and sophomore Ryan Tapak took 14th with a time of 18:50.06. Taking the swims a bit shorter, the 200 yard backstroke saw Zuniga taking 9th with a final time of 2:19.62, and on the men’s side, Rosenfeld finished in 5th place, with a 2:01.46, and Tapak swam to a 16th place finish with a 2:12.98.

In the 100 yard butterfly, Masney was at it again, out touching Luther College’s Rachel ‘the beast’ Bruns by 0.20 seconds for 1st, finishing with a blazing final time of 52.23, also gaining another new team record. Koto followed in 8th with a 56.39. Ramminger also took 1st for the men’s team with a 46.11, and Taylor and Callan also placed, finishing 9th and 15th, with respective times of 47.76 and 50.36.

Curran and Duarte took 4th and 8th with times of 2:51.77 and 2:58.74 in the 200 yard breaststroke. Park took 5th for the men’s team with a 2:16.53, followed by Grunden in 6th with a 2:17.93. Also placing for the men’s team were Keane in 13th with a final time of 2:21.80 and Grindel in 14th with a National qualifying time of 2:23.08. In the 200 yard butterfly, Fast swam to a 13th place finish with a final time of 2:43.55. Halloway finished 4th on the men’s side, with a time of 1:58.69.

In men’s 3 meter diving, McNair moved into a 3rd place finish, with a final score of 451.15. Lord finished 7th, with a score of 285.35. Finishing up the evening, the women’s 400 yard freestyle relay of Koto, Zuniga, Curran and Masney destroyed their 4th place seed, taking 2nd overall with a time of 3:42.94, with Masney busting out a 51.12 split in her anchoring leg. The men’s team of Grunden, Chojnacki, Taylor and Ramminger finished 3rd in a 3:12.46.

Both teams maintained their 3rd place spots, with the women’s team scoring 346 points overall, and the men’s team scoring 353. In addition to the two 3rd place awards, Masney took home the female swimmer of the meet award, and diving coach Ryan Nelson took home the men’s diving coach of the meet award.

The team now has 5 female swimmers and 14 male swimmers qualified for Nationals, and one male diver. The National meet will be held by Lindenwood University at the St. Peters Rec Plex next weekend, March 3rd through 6th.

Victoria Masney awarded ‘Female Swimmer of the Meet’, Ryan Nelson named ‘Male Diving Coach of the Meet’
**SPORTS**

204 teams competed in a bid to qualify for the OFC (Oceania), and UEFA (Europe). In total, America), CONMEBOL (South America), (Asia), CAF (Africa), CONCACAF (North America), CONMEBOL (South America), OPC (Oceania), and UEFA (Europe). In total, 204 teams competed in a bid to qualify for the tournament and among the 32 teams that made mean the team would get an automatic bid for nationals, without having to compete in a tournament to get there.

Last season, the team finished with an overall team record .511, and a conference record of 69-9. In addition, multiple members of the team received individual awards- Branden Schombert was named to the All-Conference Team, as well as the All-Academic Team, James Dodgen was awarded an All-Conference Honorable Mention, Andrew Kungis made both the All-Academic Team and the Gold Glove Team, and Jesse Stepniewski was also named to the All-Academic Team.

Going into a new season, the team is still looking strong. "In the four seasons that I have played, and the five years that I have been here, I feel like this team we have now has the best chance of doing some good things," said senior pitcher, James Dodgen. "We work together and get along better as a team more than any previous years." In addition to the team cohesion, the Scarlet Hawks only graduated seven starters last year, and will return everyone from last season's pitching staff, which was the 2nd best pitching staff in the conference. In addition, the team has taken on six new freshmen to the team.

**The 2010 FIFA World Cup**

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With the NFL Superbowl having now passed, the next big sporting event to look forward to this year will be the 2010 FIFA World Cup, scheduled to start this June in South Africa. It will be the 19th Soccer World Cup in history, and the first ever in Africa. There will be 32 teams participating in the tournament, including the defending champions Italy.

The qualification competition for the event began in August, 2007, with the whole world divided into 6 federations - the AFC (Asia), CAF (Africa), CONCACAF (North America), CONMEBOL (South America), OPC (Oceania), and UEFA (Europe). In total, 204 teams competed in a bid to qualify for the tournament and among the 32 teams that made it, 4 are from the AFC, 3 from CONCACAF, 6 from CAF, 5 from CONMEBOL, 1 from OPC and 13 from UEFA.

The competing teams at this year's World Cup are Australia, Japan, DPR of Korea, Republic of Korea, Algeria, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa (hosts), Honduras, Mexico, United States, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay; New Zealand, Denmark, England, France, Germany-Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Switzerland.

South Africa started preparing for this event a long time ago, with the construction of several new stadiums. In total, 5 new stadiums were constructed and 5 have been upgraded. Moreover, services such as public transport have been improved. The new bus rapid transit system (BRT) called Rea Vaya has also been established for the ease of commuters. Stringent measures have been taken to provide security and safety for the teams and their traveling supporters.

The official mascot for the 2010 World Cup is an anthropomorphized green leopard called "Zakumi." The name comes from the international abbreviation of South Africa "ZA" and "KUMI" refers to the word "ten" in most African languages. The mascot’s official motto is "Zakumi’s game is Fair Play." The match ball for the 2010 FIFA World Cup is made by Adidas and is named "Jabaluni," which means “rejoice” in the African language Zulu.

The United States of America qualified from the CONCACAF federation and they have been drawn in Group C - along with England, Algeria and Slovenia. USA will start its campaign on June 12, 2010 against England. Under Head Coach Bob Bradley, the US team enters the tournament with a lot of potential this time and hopes to do well on the big stage.

Group G is being quoted as the group of death, with Brazil, Portugal, Côte d'Ivoire and Korea DPR all pitted against each other. Argentina, under their new head coach Diego Maradona, are one of the pre-tournament favorites, along with European nations like Italy, Spain and England.

With so many exciting teams on show, and some of the world's best players participating (Messi, Ronalds, Rooney and Kaka), this World Cup promises to be one of the most memorable of all time.

So sit back, relax, and enjoy this breathtaking event this summer.
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Daily events for week of February 22-26

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