Student Government gears up to elect new Exec

**PRESIDENT**

Amaka Mbaegu said her first priority as identified by the Student Speak survey would be the Career Management Center (CMC). She said CMC needs to make connections with other organizations and IIT students to other career fairs. Mbaegu has attended two career fairs and has been unable to obtain employment.

She would change student perception of IIT by conducting more student-driven surveys. She believes greater specificity would encourage students to complete these surveys. Mbaegu's strategy for increasing student participation includes meeting directly with President Anderson about issues raised by student surveys.

Mbaegu said she served as the corporate liaison for the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS), Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) and the Campus Board on issues like the future of the Student Association for the Future (SAF).

She would keep meetings effective by respecting students’ time and keeping things short. She would energize meetings because “she loves to make people laugh.” Mbaegu would evolve the office of EVP by getting more feedback from graduate students. At a recent trip to a graduate hall, she said no graduate students knew of SGA.

Roberta Roberts has served as a writer and photographer for TechNews. She seeks to make TechNews a more student-focused publication. She would like to increase the “exposure and significance” of student surveys and open forums in order to deal with unpopular issues that are important even if they are unpopular with the group.

Roberts would keep meetings effective and energizing by fostering a sense of community among members. She says SGA is currently moving in a positive direction and he plans to continue on that course.

**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**

Brianna Baughy would prioritize communication between all interested parties. He would instill professionalism within the group of senators by “driving home” accountability for ideas. He would also encourage senators to fight for issues that are important even if they are unpopular with the group.

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Brad Strandquist, third-year in civil engineering, plans to prioritize senator development and the implementation of Senator Week. Senator Week would be a week where senators go to classes within their own college and introduce themselves. Strandquist would evolve the office of EVP by implementing more structured ways for senators to form relationships with the campus.

**OPINION**

Bay continues his journey through Paris!

**A&E**

Spring Break in Canada!
FINANCE BOARD CHAIR

Kevin O’Leary, third-year in computer information systems, stated his priorities as FB chair would be increasing communication with student leaders (including more personal communication from FB) and diminishing the SA buffer.

O’Leary would improve student relations with quicker response times and following up with student organizations on required budget documents. As a two-year member of FB, he says the only real issue is the lack of money distributed from SAF to student organizations. O’Leary proposes an increase in allocations to student organizations, thus allowing organizations to host grander scale events.

O’Leary plans to increase student participation by getting more students familiar with the budget process. He said getting more students involved would lead to more events and more things to do on campus. O’Leary would also like to implement office hours.

During his previous two years as a member of FB, O’Leary served as workshop coordinator for one year. Noteworthy achievements include on-biostatistics, he did not attend the debates. Instead, she sent a memo endorsing Kevin O’Leary.

KEVIN O’LEARY

The decision was a difficult one, as both candidates obviously showed a great deal of enthusiasm for the position. At the debates, both Kevin and Grant showed themselves to be effective communicators and provided a solid background of campus involvement and leadership, but in the end Kevin's personal experience and knowledge of Finance Board protocol and initiatives gave him an edge in this field. In the past year, incumbent FB Chair Austin plans to increase student participation with personal and individual involvement. He would institute one-on-one meetings between an FB member and a student organization member. He would also allow improper drop-ins.

Kevin Austin, third-year in biochemistry, named the following as his priorities maintaining the present finance board (FB) and getting students to care. Austin is a "big fan of personal communication" and would use the campus forum to establish relations between FB and student organizations. He said it's easy to ignore emails and, therefore, more efficient to meet face-to-face for five minutes.

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Letter from the Editor: about our candidate endorsements

By Lory Mishra

As the primary media outlet for campus news and events, TechNews has a responsibility to offer thoughtful and accurate information to the student body. This is especially true when it comes to our endorsements for Student Government candidates. The people who will be voted in today will hopefully represent the interests of the student body. This doesn’t stop us from giving our opinion about each of these candidates and we have picked out those who we think would best serve the student body.

By Anonymous

TECHNEWS WRITER

On Sunday March 21, the TechNews staff sat down to review the performances at the debates and the candidate profiles. After we analyzed the information at hand, all staff members were given the opportunity to voice their opinion about each of the candidates. Following this discussion, we took a vote among the staff for each position and the candidate who received the most votes earned our endorsements. And to clarify, all staff members’ votes were weighted the same.

By ngregory@iit.edu

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ONOPINION

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

We all took full advantage of a morning full of sleep and got together as a group around 1PM. We took the Metro and viewed Paris’ catacombs, filled with the skeletons of 6 million dead. It was very creepy, with femurs and skulls placed perfectly in an architectural design, and we only saw a small portion as most is closed from the public. Afterwards, we went to the island directly east of the one containing Notre Dame. This island is full of the rich, but we went there specifically for gourmet ice cream, and we found it. It was the best fudge and ice cream I’ve ever had, and it’s supposedly world famous. We tried Notre Dame’s tower one last time, but we were rejected for the third time. Then we went and viewed the Crypts of Notre Dame, ruins of the ancient Roman city, but we were kicked out in 15 minutes for closing. After that, Emily and I went to a French protest in what we believed was for refugees of Darfur, but we will never know. They had a great time while we checked internet stuff and shopped at the GAP. The French rarely have sales, but once a year they have a massive sale in every store available in every city. This occurs right after the 21st of June. We eventually met Emily and Naomi again at their place, and enjoyed Naomi’s fine pasta dinner and talked about college. We had a great time dancing until about 3AM of music everywhere on every street. It only took a second for people to second thoughts on this. It would be perfect in an urban design, and we only saw a small portion as most is closed in an architectural design, and we only saw a small portion as most is closed
IIT alumna Robin Chaurasiya has had a “series of interesting life turns” which have in turn created a step leading from the hose to these students ever had. Wednesday night the Church congregation gathered for a Passover Seder dinner to educate those about Passover. One of the dinners, from the Waffle House, a popular restaurant chain in the southern United States, was brought to the church by some of the students who made a breakfast dinner (waffles, eggs, hash browns) for all 27 students on the trip. It was a pleasant surprise to those who wondered about this secret dinner being prepared in the kitchen. Most of the lunches on site were donated by volunteers in Habitat for Humanity, Rebuilding Together, and Latter Days Ministries.

The dynamic of the group was phenomenal. Tuesday night a large reflection circle took place where almost everyone admitted to feeling as if they’d been friends forever. It was a diverse group of all ages, races and everyone got along with each other. A lot of students stayed up until almost 4 a.m. many nights talking about everything imaginable. Frank Karioris from IIT’s Housing & Residential Services said, “As a staff member, it was astonishing how open everyone in the group was and how quickly I was allowed in to the jokes, laughter, hugs, and all around friendship. It is something that is often so hard to find, but I saw a group of people willing to open their lives up to anyone wanting to do the same.”

There were many things scheduled to do during the week not including the site jobs. A trip to Good Will was in play that included multiple fashion shows and laughs. One morning Macy Love, a recruiter for the Air Logistics Centre, put on an excellent presentation on what it takes to be in the Federal Government working as an engineer. That was followed by an hour in the Warner Robins Air Force Museum. A few lucky architecture and civil engineer students got to talk with Warner Robins Air Force base architects about their jobs, a very appreciated opportunity. The last day the students split up into different groups, seven of them taking a trip to Macon, Georgia, a little city in Middle Georgia. Friday night almost half the students pulled all-nighters and watched a scary movie in one of the class rooms. An all-nighter was called for considering the departure time from the church was 4 AM the next day for the five hour trek back to the Nashville airport. It may have also been in the interest of having an alternative spring break trip coming to its end. Dark and early on Saturday morning, the students arrived and 23 pairs of eyes immediately closed as the cruise control car pulled away from Shirley Hills Baptist Church.

Everyone hung on to the last hours they had with the group together; the drive to Nashville, the airport wait, airplane ride and CTA ride home. After the conversation from Tuesday you can only imagine how wrapped everyone was around each other’s lives by Saturday. ALternative Spring Break really describes how this trip was for everyone. Everyone “sacrificed” their spring break for something that could be described as a better opportunity. Fourth-year architecture student Ryan Bloom explains, “While others might be relaxing or getting drunk on some trip to a cool place, we get it all... a chance to relax from school, the opportunity to meet new and potentially successful ventures. By doing physical work, some really fun times with friends, and the chance to experience things that some people don’t get the chance to experience.”

Stay tuned next year for ASB ’11 opportunities and your chance to apply. It’s an excellent change and an opportunity to spend time with students you would never see in your class rooms, and even outside of them. “This trip was one of the most rewarding IIT experiences I have had in 4 years. It was an incredible opportunity to meet people and make deep friendships. This program is almost entirely student organized and executed, and it was really neat seeing our hard work pay off in so many ways. Meeting the faces of those in the community that we helped really showed me how much of an impact we can make” – Josh Bradley, 4th year Engineering.

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Robin Chaurasiya’s profile on the Unreasonable Institute website is at http://byl/in/37920 and Kranti is on Facebook at http://zh-cn.facebook.com/pages/Kranti/118505196116.
Riddle Mies This: Annual Mies van der Rohe Birthday Party and so much more!

By Joe Kirsch
TECHNEWS WRITER

You may have noticed something new on campus this week in celebration of Mies van der Rohe and the architect he influenced.

Green-and-black signs are posted near Mies buildings, as well as buildings designed by other celebrated architects. Each sign indicates whether a building was designed by “Mies” or “Not Mies.” This effort was created by students in partnership with the Mies Society to educate visitors, staff, faculty and students about the contributions renowned architects made to the main campus.

These signs are one part of the Mies Week, leading up to the annual Mies van der Rohe birthday party hosted by the Mies van der Rohe Society on Thursday evening, March 25th, at 6pm in Crown Hall. This year, in addition to the spiffy cocktail party, the evening will consist of a live game show, featuring notable architecture professionals and critics, as well as two IIT students, Sherya Dole and Kayceen Kenney. The festivities have been extended throughout the week to commemorate the man who had a tremendous impact on our campus, Chicago, and modern architecture.

MTCC late Nite draws large crowds

By Adam Kadzban
CAMPUS EDITOR

Last Friday, Union Board kept the MTCC open late and threw a giant party. They brought in several different kinds of entertainment, and from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Saturday morning the place was hopping.

On the MTCC Bridge, there was both a raffle and an information table for the 2010 student gift. The raffle had a lot of impressive prizes, ranging from a 22” TV, to big gift cards, to fun magnet toys. The 2010 student gift table, sponsored by the Student Gift Committee, was spreading information about the gift: improving the campus environment.

In the Ballroom, the Chicago based improv group Mission Improvable performed from 10:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. They had moments of comedic genius, though between these moments the show tended to drag. A somewhat different approach was used a little later when pubic hair wigs or references to rape would have helped. For the attendees preferring less involved entertainment, there were popcorn and movies next door in the Auditorium. First up was Sherlock Holmes at 10:00 p.m., followed by Up in the Auditorium at 11:00 p.m.

The colored rooms housed a LAN Party, hosted in collaboration with the LAN Party Club. While the turnout wasn’t huge (around 30 gamers), the gaming was still intense enough that some of the winners celebrated their victories with a bottle of sparkling grape juice.

In Center Court, there was a Poker Tournament. Sign ups started at 9:30 p.m., and were limited to 40 participants, so a good line formed and many people were turned away. The big crowd may have been drawn more to the excellent prizes (a PS3, two Wiiis, iPod Touches, etc.) than to an actual love of poker, though.

In the Welcome Center and Pritikin Club there was free food and a dance party, respectively. The free food drew a large crowd. The dance party was a lot smaller and had the DJ sets of IIT students Robert LaRue and Lam Sawyer.

Charity run for Haiti disaster relief

By Ryan Tillman
TECHNEWS WRITER

Engines Without Borders (EWB) and Haiti Outreach are partnering with the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) to host IIT’s “A ‘Pi’ Miel” Run for Disaster Relief. The run, which is a little over a 5k, will be held Saturday, April 3rd, beginning at 6:45 p.m. This run is part of the PI Week celebrations with SWE.

The race will start at 31st Street Beach. Snacks and refreshments will be served after the race is over. Gift card prizes to be awarded to the fastest male and female, and the person or team that raises the most money.

There will be a minimum $5 donation. All proceeds go to Haiti Outreach, a non-governmental organization (NGO) whose goal is to help develop Haiti. They are currently allotting much of their resources to the earthquake relief from January.

Come out, bring your friends, enjoy the nice weather and have a good reason to get in shape and have a great time! Enter individually or with a team. Sign up the day of the race or, starting next week, on the MTCC bridge. Entry fees will be collected the day of the race for the people who have signed up.

For more information about Haiti Outreach, visit www.haitioutreach.org. We all hope to see you out on race day!

IIT Students to compete in the idea to product (12P)

By Julia Rybakova
TECHNEWS WRITER

What is beautiful and true? If you ask an innovator, she might answer, “Having an idea become a reality.” This is exactly what happens as students prepare for the Idea to Product (12P) Regional Competition. 12P is a unique academic competition which seeks to find the next great idea for a technology-based product, service or business. A total of sixteen teams will compete in the Missouri-Illinois Regional Idea to Product Competition at St. Louis University on March 26 and 27. Five of the sixteen teams are from IIT. The teams are as follows:

• Little Artist Notepad (Stephanie Salem and Noah Spiteri)
• Special Needs Stroller (Stephanie Salem and Noah Spiteri)
• Smart Specs (Noah Spiteri, Purvag Patel, Earl Fairall, Jason Stogner)
• Ice – In Case of Emergency (Muhammad Fazeel, Emmanuel Marcha, Neil Gupta, Akshay Vaddagude Naresh Kumar)
• Vehicular Fuel Efficiency Smart Kit (Muhammad Fazeel, Tanjam Taher)

The selection for this competition began in the fall of 2009, when students were encouraged to submit a one-page description of an innovative idea to the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Academy (IEA) Idea Challenge. The top ten entries were announced at the fall 2009 I2P Day and the top six entries were submitted for review for possible competition in the 12P Regional Competition. Of the six entries, five teams moved on to the next level. The Kern Innovation and Entrepreneurship Academy (KIEA) program at IIT sponsored the IIT students by not only covering travel expenses, but also providing guidance. During a two-week boot camp, students give daily presentations that are critiqued by faculty. With hard work and preparation, the one page submission grows into an engaging, well-researched presentation. The boot camp is designed to prepare the team for the competition, where each team will give a ten minute presentation, followed by twenty minutes of questions from a panel of judges.

Prior success suggests that the boot camp has its intended effect. In 2008, Ed Suda and Avelo Roy, now IIT alumni, competed in the 12P Competition and took first place, winning against 24 other teams from the Midwest. Their idea was eMotion, which aims to provide the team with the opportunity to move on to the 12P Global Competition in November.
Union Board announces new leadership

ByMax Graziano
TECHNEWS WRITER

After a month-long selection process, the IIT Student Union Board has named their Executive Board for the 2010-2011 Academic Year.

Angela Ng, has been named the incoming president, spurring Kaycey Kenney, and Alicia Perez, have been named vice presidents of Impact Events. Kaleo Pedrina, will continue for a second term as vice president of Scarlet Fever. Miriam Schmid, will lead as vice president of BOG events. Christie Noonan, will take over as vice president of marketing.

"I'm really excited for next year, UB has been a great part of my life for the past two years," said incoming president Ng. "I would like to see UB working more with other student organizations and (gaining) more student involvement in this wonderful group."

"I've been very proud of my Executive Board this year, and the things Union Board has accomplished this year. Everyone has worked so hard and each of our members deserves a big pat on the back," said current Union Board president Max Graziano. "I'm also very excited about our new Executive Board. I've known each of them for a long time, and I expect to see some great things from them next year."

On April 6, at Union Board's general body meeting (held every Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. in the MTCC Auditorium) there will be a transfer of power ceremony, passing leadership of the organization to the new Executive Board.

Union Board will now begin their selection process for programming chairs. Programming chairs focus on organizing certain types of event programming.

Union Board's mission is to improve campus life at IIT through engaging and entertaining campus events. The organization is divided into four committees: BOG Events which focuses on organizing entertainment in the BOG; Scarlet Fever, which bolsters a sense of school spirit; IMPACT Events, which plans campus activities; and Marketing, which publicizes various student events. Each committee is led by a vice president.

UB looking for 2010 chair positions

By Christina Noonan
TECHNEWS WRITER

The newly elected Executive Board for Union Board (UB) is ready to get going, and the first step in their transition is finding creative, motivated, and passionate people to join their committees. Available are chairs for Impact, BOG, Marketing, and Scarlet Fever.

There will be multiple chairs per committee, and each chair will be in charge of separate tasks. In previous years, these positions were referred to as programmers, but the scope of this position is greater this year.

For example, if you were to be a chair in Impact you could choose to be the person responsible for planning a big event like Spring Formal, MTCC Late Night, or even UB Homecoming next fall. If that sounds like too much, you could instead choose to head smaller, more frequent events like fine arts exhibits, sports, outdoor recreation, films, or Quiz Bowl.

Similarly, there are multiple chairs available for BOG positions. Scarlet Fever is not announcing official positions, but rather requesting a large collective of people. Finally, Marketing is looking for people interested in design to help with publicity for UB events like those listed above for Impact, the BOG, and Scarlet Fever.

Visit http://tinyurl.com/ubchairapplications to learn more. Applicants are also welcome to email any of the new executive board members or email ub@iit.edu with questions, comments, or concerns.

In addition, the UB website can be accessed at http://www.unionboardoit.com/.

As always, even if you're not interested in holding a chair position within UB, you can introduce new events or ideas through the executive board members and get your own program running. Weekly UB General Body Meetings are currently held on Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. in the MTCC Auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend.

IPRO 326 strives for a greener IIT

By Naguib Azab
TECHNEWS WRITER

IIT's effort toward implementing the sustainable campus landscape once envisioned by Alfred Caldwell started in the late 1990s, to face the decline in enrollment and the deteriorated state of the campus since its completion in 1971. However, a series of unavoidable problems persist to interrupt the daily activities of students and faculty, in addition to wasteful handling of resources.

IPRO 326 seeks to identify possible changes to the IIT landscape that can ultimately make it a self-sustainable urban ecosystem by determining the current landscape's level of self-sustainability, and exploring ways to improve.

The course is required by the IIT Office of Campus Energy and Sustainability (OCES). The office was established in 1990 to act as the facilitator of sustainable policies, projects and initiatives across IIT's academic, administrative, and operational departments, and to oversee the implementation of these strategies in the short and long term as part of the University's Strategic Plan. So far, OCES has managed the implementation of a recycling program at IIT and has established monthly Sustainability Forums for the university community, at which members of the community can receive information and give feedback about sustainability programs and progress on campus. The ultimate goal is contained in the office's motto, "IIT will become the most sustainable urban university campus in the United States."

OCES will define the responsibilities for sustainability of each component of the University's Sustainability Action Plan, to be released on April 11, 2010. This plan is being compiled by the efforts of the Campus Sustainability Action Plan groups, which are broken down according to the specific issues being addressed. In particular, IPRO 326 will function as a subset of the Storm Water/Landscape Action Plan group, which seeks to create a plan for a sustainable campus landscape and eventual storm water management to restore IIT's main campus to a level of vitality ascertained by its social, economic, and ecological impacts and benchmarked by clearly defined standards of optimal performance in these areas.

Student and faculty input is extremely important to the progress of this project. IPRO 326 will function as a subset of the Storm Water/Landscape Action Plan group, which seeks to create a plan for a sustainable campus landscape and eventual storm water management to restore IIT's main campus to a level of vitality ascertained by its social, economic, and ecological impacts and benchmarked by clearly defined standards of optimal performance in these areas.

RHA exec elections

By Anam Moin Khan
TECHNEWS WRITER

Residence Hall Association (RHA) is having its executive board elections on March 24 at the MTCC bridge. Voting will be open between 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. and between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

RHA's purpose is to promote, organize, and direct hall activities, and be the representative voice of all resident students to the IIT administrator. RHA organizes fun events for the residents to be a part of, like the casino night boat cruise, floor of horror, pumpkin carving and floor wars. RHA wants to help create an environment that the students enjoy and have fun in once they have a break from academics.

The Programming Committee is involved in planning events that attract the attention of residents and give them a chance to relax after school. Floor wars is a program that helps to improve community building and ensure that the voices of all students are heard. The Housing Committee considers suggestions and offers advice on housing policy so that residents are comfortable. This committee plays an important role in gauging the signs in time for residents of different buildings to be decreased from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.

The Food Committee looks for ways to improve the dining experience at IIT. "Create Your Own" meal plan came about through the combined efforts of IIT Dining Services and the committee. The committee also helped bring Einstein's Bagels on campus and they often carry out surveys to pinpoint areas that need improvement.

RHA is open to all residents. To become an active member of the association and help its progress, e-mail rha@iit.edu.
Earth Hour Night Out: ultimate frisbee & capture the flag

By Stacy Morton
TECHNEWS WRITER

8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27, 2010. This is when you can make a difference on the world. Led by the World Wildlife Fund, Earth Hour has grown from a city-wide effort in 2007 to a global phenomenon that has captured the world's attention. Each year, individuals, organizations, cities, and countries come together to support action to protect Earth's natural resources, environment and climate by turning off the lights in homes, the workplace, and iconic landmarks such as the Sears Tower, Empire State Building, Las Vegas Strip, Sydney's Opera House and more. In 2009, 4,100 cities in 87 countries went dark. Here in the United States alone, an estimated 80 million Americans participated in Earth Hour last year.

Participate in this global phenomenon by turning off non-essential lighting for one hour at 8:30 p.m. this Saturday to show your support. IIT will be turning off all lights in the academic buildings and non-essential lighting throughout the MTCC and residence halls. And since the lights will be out, come outside and celebrate a night out on campus. Starting at 8:00 p.m. at the Bandshell in the Quad, Greek Council, RHA, Gangreen and OCES will be hosting pickup games of ultimate frisbee and capture the flag. There will also be music, snacks, and glow sticks. Activities last until 10 p.m. Bring a group of friends and join in the games.

Go to the Earth Hour website to sign the pledge to do your part to support IIT's commitment at www.myearthhour.org. If you're interested in being a team captain for either ultimate frisbee or capture the flag, please email gangreen_group@iit.edu. For more information, find us on Facebook and look for the Earth Hour Night Out event.

RHA wins big at IRHA 2010

By Shefali Umrania
TECHNEWS WRITER

First time delegation, IIT's Residence Hall Association (RHA) attended the Illinois Residence Hall Association (IRHA) Conference this year and did a phenomenal job of representing IIT amidst fifteen other schools. Apart from winning one of the most difficult awards to be won by a new school, Best Roll Call 2010, two of IIT's delegates, Paola Arce and Rukmini Kanvinde received a Top Ten Program Award for their presentations on social networking.

The theme of IRHA 2010 held at North Central College, Naperville was Disney with the "Wonderful World of Leadership" being their slogan. The purpose of this conference was to celebrate leadership at the residence halls and to exchange programming ideas with other schools. The delegates, Shayan Chen, Swathi Reddy, Rukmini Kanvinde, Paola Arce, Coral Pais and Shefali Umrania had been working relentlessly since the past one month for this purpose. Each school had to submit at least one program for every four delegates attending the conference. The focus of the programs could be Leadership Development, Campus Programs, Educational, Philanthropy & Fund Raising, and Diversity. Of the 73 programs submitted by schools, only 32 best programs were selected for a presentation at the conference. IIT's all three submitted programs were presented successfully and one of them made it to the Top Ten Programs list for this year.

IRHA organizes philanthropy projects for the Make-A-Wish Foundation every year and schools are expected to donate generously for the same. The group was seen at Crown Hall and MSV during the mid-term weeks, advertising midnight snacks with all proceeds going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. They also organized a fifty-fifty raffle for the same reason. The delegation had also worked diligently to create a 3-Dimensional display and a banner that introduced the delegation, incorporated the theme of the conference and included the school spirit, IIT Scarlet Hawks in the most creative and original way. Individual school spirits had to be cheered almost throughout the conference by the delegation. The group made sure their presence was noticed at all places they went by their zealous cheering. IIT received appreciation at the conference for their efforts in all these areas.

The key on the cap was bringing home a plaque for the Best Roll Call 2010. The group did a stupendous job of introducing IIT at the conference with their enthusiasm and fervor. The generous help received from RHA advisors, Aya Eid, Kalypsis Flowers, Christine Karlauskas, Daniel McClelland, Thomas Mcmanus, Kevin Mutyaba, Sophia Pilipchuk, Carlos Felipe Rosa, Jean-Claude Koffi Rock, and Joshua Salisbury if you have any questions, please email tbp@iit.edu.

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First time delegation, IIT's Residence Hall Association (RHA) attended the Illinois Residence Hall Association (IRHA) Conference this year and did a phenomenal job of representing IIT amidst fifteen other schools. Apart from winning one of the most difficult awards to be won by a new school, Best Roll Call 2010, two of IIT's delegates, Paola Arce and Rukmini Kanvinde received a Top Ten Program Award for their presentations on social networking.

The theme of IRHA 2010 held at North Central College, Naperville was Disney with the 'Wonderful World of Leadership' being their slogan. The purpose of this conference was to celebrate leadership at the residence halls and to exchange programming ideas with other schools. The delegates, Shayan Chen, Swathi Reddy, Rukmini Kanvinde, Paola Arce, Coral Pais and Shefali Umrania had been working relentlessly since the past one month for this purpose. Each school had to submit at least one program for every four delegates attending the conference. The focus of the programs could be Leadership Development, Campus Programs, Educational, Philanthropy & Fund Raising, and Diversity. Of the 73 programs submitted by schools, only 32 best programs were selected for a presentation at the conference. IIT’s all three submitted programs were presented successfully and one of them made it to the Top Ten Programs list for this year.

IRHA organizes philanthropy projects for the Make-A-Wish Foundation every year and schools are expected to donate generously for the same. The group was seen at Crown Hall and MSV during the mid-term weeks, advertising midnight snacks with all proceeds going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. They also organized a fifty-fifty raffle for the same reason. The delegation had also worked diligently to create a 3-Dimensional display and a banner that introduced the delegation, incorporated the theme of the conference and included the school spirit, IIT Scarlet Hawks in the most creative and original way. Individual school spirits had to be cheered almost throughout the conference by the delegation. The group made sure their presence was noticed at all places they went by their zealous cheering. IIT received appreciation at the conference for their efforts in all these areas.

The key on the cap was bringing home a plaque for the Best Roll Call 2010. The group did a stupendous job of introducing IIT at the conference with their enthusiasm and fervor. The generous help received from RHA advisors, Aya Eid, Kalypsis Flowers, Christine Karlauskas, Daniel McClelland, Thomas Mcmanus, Kevin Mutyaba, Sophia Pilipchuk, Carlos Felipe Rosa, Jean-Claude Koffi Rock, and Joshua Salisbury if you have any questions, please email tbp@iit.edu.
### Tuesday 3/23
- **SGA Elections**
  - Student Government Association
  - 9:00am-7:00pm
  - MTCC Welcome Center
  - Go vote!
- **College of Architecture Lecture, “Recent Work”**
  - College of Architecture
  - 1:00pm-2:00pm Siegel Auditorium
  - Given by Kengo Kuma, Professor of Architecture, University of Tokyo, Kengo Kuma Associates, Tokyo
- **IIT vs. Calumet College of St. Joseph**
  - Union Board - Scarlet Fever
  - 2:00pm-4:00pm Baseball Field
  - Support the Scarlet Hawks as they face off against the Crimson Wave from Calumet College of St. Joseph in a baseball match.
- **UG Admission Admitted Student Receptions**
  - **UG Admissions**
  - 7:00pm-9:00pm Perlstein 101
  - The Office of Undergraduate Admission invites admitted full-time freshmen and transfer students and their families to attend one of a series of evening receptions to welcome them to the IIT Community. Also Thursday March 25, 7:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday, March 27.

### Wednesday 3/24
- **RHA Elections**
  - Residence Hall Association
  - Lunch, Dinner MTCC Bridge
  - Go vote for RHA’s executive board! Voting will be open between 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 pm and between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- **Getting a Job: Writing Job Search Letters**
  - CMC
  - 3:00pm-4:00pm Galvin Library, CMC
  - When job searching, there are many types of letters that can help you succeed. From letters of inquiry, to cover letters, to thank you letters, this workshop will cover many of the ways you can improve your job prospects by presenting yourself in a well written, professional manner.
- **Chemistry Colloquium**
  - **BCPS**
  - 3:15 pm LS111
  - Atomic Layer Deposition for High Energy Physics. Thomas Proslier, Materials Sciences Division, Argonne National Laboratory. From particle accelerators to photo-detectors, Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD) has found recently new fields of applications in High energy physics (HEP) at Argonne National Laboratory.
- **4th at 4 Faculty Staff Bog Night**
  - QWL Committee
  - 4:00pm BOG
  - Join colleagues and coworkers for a night of free food, bowling, games and fun.

### Thursday 3/25
- **Happy Birthday Mies van der Rohe!**
  - CoA Lecture: “Buy Design: The Retail Attraction Factor”
    - College of Architecture
    - 12:00pm-1:00pm S.R. Crown Hall
    - Given by John M. Genovese, B.Arch. ’83, Executive Vice President, Development, Macerich; David Piper, B.Arch. ’90, Vice President, Design & Planning, Macerich
- **Resume Critique Sessions**
  - CMC
  - 2:00pm-4:30pm Galvin Library
- **Mies van der Rohe Birthday Celebration**
  - Mies Society
  - 6:00pm-8:00pm S.R. Crown Hall
- **Bulls vs. Heat**
  - Union Board and SAF
  - 7:00 pm United Center
  - Tickets sold at MTCC Bridge March 23 and 24 from 11:30pm to 2:00 p.m. $10 per ticket and 1 ticket per ID.
- **Quiz Bowl Practice**
  - Union Board
  - 7:00pm-8:00pm Wishnick Hall 119
- **IIT’s Got Talent**
  - Union Board
  - 9:00pm-11:00pm Bog
  - Show off your talent at this TV inspired event
Friday 3/26

IIT Sustainability Forum - Sustainable Energy
Office of Campus Energy & Sustainability
12:00pm-1:30pm MTCC Ballroom
The March Forum topic will be Sustainable Energy. Lunch is included. Seating is limited! RSVP to campussustainability@iit.edu.

Galvin Workshop: Research Papers Explained
Galvin Library
12:50pm-1:40pm Library Learning Center, Galvin Library
Don’t miss Research Papers Explained, a 50 minute class co-hosted by the Humanities/CAC Writing Center and Galvin Library, which will help clarify the research paper writing process. All students at all experience levels will learn something useful in this class. Register online.

Intro to Coop & Internship
CMC/International Center
12:50 - 1:50pm Galvin Library, CMC
A two part workshop: the first half is informational for all students who are interested in Co-ops and Internships, the second half is only for International Students.

Karaoke Friday
CCC
8:00pm-9:00pm 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!

Latin Dance Night
Latinos Involved in Further Education (LIFE)
9:00pm-1:00am Bog
Food, spirits and soft drinks available at bar all night!
Zeta Phi Chapter celebrates 10th Anniversary with Alumnae Reunion

By Elizabeth Corson
TECHNEWS WRITER

Every day I see the faces of our Alumnae in past composites hanging in the basement, the stairwells, and the living room of our chapter house. The oldest is in our conference room. It is made out of faded purple construction paper, with photos taken by sisters and handwritten captions. It may not have a glossy texture, dimensional photo mounts, or a walnut frame, but it is my favorite. Contained in its carefully hand-cut borders are images of the history of the Zeta Phi Chapter, our beginning.

This past fall we marked our 10-year anniversary as the Zeta Phi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha at the Illinois Institute of Technology. History came to life as our Alumnae in past composites hanging in the basement, the stairwells, and the living room of our chapter house. They remarked on the décor, admired additions and improvements, and appreciated that the furniture they bought when it all began is still serving us well.

The next morning we gathered again to talk in the ritual of our sorority. It was a time to reflect on the values we hold integral to becoming women of poise and purpose, and how our involvement in Alpha Sigma Alpha has guided us in life. After the ceremony, we had brunch and continued the conversations from the night before.

The following day, in honor of our new members, we gathered at the Congress Plaza Hotel for Adelphia. I met Lisa Marsalit, an aerospace engineer major who now works for NASA and is the founding member of the Respect Family, of which I am a part. Going back through our old scrapbooks, I find a letter written by Lisa.

"The feeling I have had when we worked as a family to accomplish our goals has been the greatest feeling of pride: I am so proud when I hear how much you are accomplishing now. Keep up the great work!" I was also introduced to Nanacanna Derrick Schapper, a mechanical engineer who had flown in from Anchorage, AK. In our archives I read her reflections on the sorority. "Growing up with three brothers, I never knew the close bond of having sisters. I see now how important this bond is now that I am a student in Mechanical Engineering, a field dominated by males. The support of my sisters in ASA really helps me through my difficult times at IIT. These sentiments of pride and sisterhood filled the arched ceilings of the Convention Center.

The next day, the event was capped off by dinner and dancing. College members performed their Spring 2009 Greek Week dance to "Single Ladies" by Beyoncé. Alumnae and colleagues alike showed off their moves, and a good time was had by all. At the end of the nightquist. It was held in the Pritzker Club at 8:30 p.m. The topic was "What is a feminist?" A group of 15 to 20 students (with several male representatives) attended. Attendees sat in chairs in a circle.

Meagan Sarratt, Kappa member and the club president opened the meeting with an introduction of herself and her executive staff (jokes were made about the hefty Kappa presence therein), and by announcing the club's name: Feminists United. Yes, Meagan did add, the resulting FU abbreviation was intentional.

The executive members and president outlined goals of the club. These included increasing awareness of the feminist plight (possibly by bringing speakers to campus) and focusing on issues that concern feminism daily. The students (and one staff member) then, in turn, introduced themselves to each other.

Some members discussed the "What is a feminist?" debate that took place the week before. Meagan split everyone into four teams. Each team was given a brief summary and the presumed opinion of a member of that feminist faction as to the word "bitch." The groups rejoined each other and discussion ensued after the succinct summaries. Most intriguing, perhaps, was the discussion of the word "bitch." If only for the varied and creative arguments, and friendly but intelligent dialogue found at this meeting is a strong indicator that it won't be the last, and that soon FU could be a large presence on campus. FU plans to meet twice a month. Contact Meagan Sarratt for more information.

Feminists
United holds
1st meeting

By Monica Samelson
TECHNEWS WRITER

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Galvin’s Leisure Reading Collection

By Karl Rybaltowski

The northeast corner of Galvin’s upper level has been transformed. Not by the addition of a card catalog or bank of computers, but something far better - a collection of books meant solely for the purpose of reading at one’s leisure, the aptly named Leisure Reading Collection. Ranging from Stephen King thrillers to old classics to graphic novels to cookbooks, the collection provides an excellent outlet for students who use Galvin Library as more than a studying resource.

With IIT being as steeped in the technical aspect of education as it is, budgetary restrictions and obligations to the research community do not leave a great amount of freedom to develop other parts of a library's catalog. However, Galvin’s staff have been diligent in gauging the opinions of students. Through a survey called LibQual that was done in 2004, 2006, and 2008, the staff of the library consistently found that IIT’s students want access to more books, and not just academic or research works, but books available to students who want something to read for fun.

After examining trends in what works are currently popular, not just generally but among university students around the country, Galvin’s staff hand-picked a majority of the books available in the collection. A small part of the collection is permanent, and this leads into the most clever aspect of the collection - it changes. Most of the collection has been obtained through a leasing contract, meaning that three or four times a year the collection will take on a different shape. While staff picks comprise a considerable portion of these changing books, they’re open to requests and some of the existing books are the result of that (such as the cookbooks in the collection, to give an example). Popular books may be retained as a permanent part of the leisure collection, as well.

There are limitations, however, but the library has provided alternatives there, as well. The vendor the library works with does not have access to books from all publishers, which means not every book is available, but any student can order books through inter-library loan using I-Share (an Illinois-wide network for universities) or WorldCat (with over 8,000 universities nationwide). So stop by, check the collection out, and let the librarians know what you think (or what may be on your mind about the library in general - the staff appreciate honest feedback). The Leisure Reading collection is not only interesting, but also a visible example of the amount of work Galvin’s staff are putting in to making the library a vital resource to students, not only for homework or research, but for fun as well.

Rebranding CSL with free tshirts

By Adam Kadzban

Last week, IIT’s College of Science and Letters (CSL) started to put into action an initiative that’s been brewing since October 2008. CSL is trying to promote its image, and it’s doing so by giving out customized t-shirts to all CSL students. The shirts, which you can order at www.iit.edu/cs/abou-1_t-shirt_order.shtml, state “Be in your element” and have a Periodic Table-esque depiction of all the majors that fall under CSL.

That is all the information I could find out about the initiative though, so I sat down with Patty Cronin, Director of Marketing, Communications and External Affairs and CSL Dean Russell Betts to get more information.

The College of Science and Letters has existed in several different forms over the years, but in 2003 it took on its current name and look. Dean Betts, aiming to quell some of the confusion surrounding CSL, decided one way to raise the visibility of the college, both internally and externally, would be to give out branded shirts and coffee mugs. Since everybody loves free shirts and mugs, these items will have widespread use. Dean Betts also hopes to use these shirts as a recruiting tool, further spreading the word about CSL.

Input was gathered from many people about the best way to market CSL, but Dean Betts emphasized three key players whose efforts stood out above the rest: Jim Maciukenas (Dean’s office), Patty Cronin (Dean’s office), and Joel Krauss (IIT alum). Their combined efforts not only got the project done, but gave it a clever layout. Dean Betts explained the significance of the layout by stating how CSL grads could build complex things out of the simple building blocks of their majors, or that they could create “science from letters.”

The shirts can be ordered until this Friday, March 26, so make sure you sign up for one if you haven’t yet. As of Thursday, there were over 700 orders already. There have even been calls from TV students in India inquiring about the shirts! If you’re a CSL student, you’re not going to want to miss out on this opportunity.

A very special thank you to Patricia Cronin and Dean Russell Betts for the interview opportunity.

Upcoming lecture series about Islamic culture and Muslims

By Muhammed Fazeel

Islam. What is it really all about? What does the word mean? Is it a religion or something more than that? Ever been curious to learn who a Muslim is and what a Muslim’s responsibilities are? Or what are norms in the Islamic culture? Unfortunately, some media outlets fail to give an unbiased view about Islam and as such, researching the facts can be a bit tedious.

The Muslim Student Association (MSA@IIT) held a lecture last week that covered the basics of Islam. The speaker for the lecture was Imam Ibrahim Zidane, a prolific speaker who has given many unbiased introductory lectures about the subject. The lecture was held at the MTCC, balcony, on March 17, during lunch hour. Audience members received free t-shirts and even had a chance to win a GPS.

If you really want to immerse yourself into the subject, MSA is holding “Islamic Awareness Week, 2010” from April 5 to April 10. There will be a lecture every day, along with two poster exhibitions at the MTCC Welcome Center and two nights of events.

They say college is a time to broaden one’s horizons, so come on down and learn about one of the major religions in existence today!
By Linda Goldstein
CONTENT MANAGER

Montreal is different from Chicago in a thousand tiny ways. Montreal is in Quebec, which is a province in Canada. Provinces are to Canada roughly like states are to the United States. Quebec is a French-speaking province. Montreal is a French-speaking city. It’s amazing how many tiny pieces of a language you learn— even in the tourist area of town— if you’re surrounded by signage and casual conversation it is for a week.

A “louer” means for rent. “Bonjour” means hello. “Merci” means thank you. “Merci beaucoup” means thank you very much. “Coffee” means coffee, and “expresso” means expresso (thank gods). You don’t need to ask where the restroom is; that’s what signs with stick figures in dresses are for.

There are cafes on every street in Montreal. Few of them are Starbucks, but there are chains. One of the larger ones is called Second Cup. Others have names in French which I have difficulty remembering. All cafes have free wifi for customers, although it’s always passworded. The password doesn’t change often, and it’s probably something like “summer” or “strawberry.”

The hostel I stayed in (La Jaza) had password wifi. Hostels are interesting places— usually they have a front desk, and a bed costs you $25 a night. The price includes the use of their well, bathroom and shower, laundry machines, a locker with a key, and kitchen (which may have free breakfast and coffee in it). Your bed will be in a room of bunk beds— four or so eight beds or so beds to a room. You can never completely trust that anything you leave on your bunk won’t vanish, but most people who stay at hostels are college-age, college-broke, and traveling, just like you.

Montreal is covered in artistic graffiti. About half of it is paintings of nature, anime characters, trains, or indigenous-looking art. There are also unintelligible scrawls of people’s names, but even these are often well-rendered. There doesn’t appear to be any attempt to remove the paint from buildings. Anywhere that you go in the city, if you spin 360° and keep an eye open, you will see graffiti art.

Everyone in Montreal is a biker. There are separate bike lanes on many major roads, with concrete dividers to keep the cars out. There’s usually only room to bike one way, so the bike lanes are usually large public buildings, and there are several bike racks on every downtown street.

The public transportation system in Montreal is huge and fast. The trains are entirely subways, some as fast as 6 or 7 stories underground, and they are more than twice as wide as the usual Chicago subway platform. Trains come every five minutes or so during busy times of day, although less frequently past midnight. However, the buses are packed; people stand in lines of 40 or 50 at the bus stop and file on until the bus driver says the bus is full. The leftovers have to wait for the next one. On the trains, the seats are grouped in four groups of three around the entrance/exit of the train; there are three doors per train instead of two like there are in Chicago. The seat nearest the door on the right hand side is a handicapped seat. It is common to see people give up their seats to older women or those carrying burdens or injured. There are also cars on the roads, but they tend to be small cars— “smartcars,” or VW Bugs. The roads are much smoother and better maintained than Chicago’s.

The drinking age in Canada is 18. Beer and mixed drinks have similar prices as they do in the US; tipping is the same, too. People are generally politer, though. Les 3Italeries - brewery & bar chain, which has decor a lot like Pohledys’s except with giant beer-brewing vats that you can see from the front window or tour on the second floor. The money in Montreal comes in the same units as American money (i.e. pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters— although they have different names), the paper money is blue with a shiny stripe on one end, and one- and two-dollar coins are in common usage. When I was there, the Loonie (the name for a one-dollar coin) and the American dollar were nearly in parity (The Loonie was only 2 cents under the dollar) so American and Canadian money were taken with an assumption of the same value. Coffee and espresso cost the same as in Chicago. Shoes cost about the same, and there are several Payless and Foot Locker stores in the downtown area. McDonald’s costs the same, and also sells potfrie (French fries with cheese curds and gravy).

Street and freeway signs were small and difficult to spot at first. The curbs on the sidewalk were of cut granite everywhere in the city. Parking cost $12 for 24 hours at the main library, which is much less than normal in downtown Chicago. Parking hours on the streets of the city were strictly enforced by ticketing; tickets for parking where you’re not supposed to are about $80.

Crossing the USA-Canada border is easy if you have an American passport; they ask you whether you have enough money for your stay (so you won’t be stranded), and what you plan to do, and where you plan to stay, and where you’re from before they let the car that you’re in. On the way back to the States, they ask you if you had a good time.
The word Sudoku, above, is actually the abbreviation of Suuji wa dokushin ni kagiru, meaning “the digits must be single” or “the digits are limited to one occurrence.”


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Dear Alicia, great work with the talent show. By the way, I believe the card in your hand is the 9 of spades. - Mike Z.
By Melanie K
TECHNEWS WRITER

The weekend prior to Spring Break, the Scarlet Hawks Swimming and Diving team travelled to St. Peters, Missouri to compete in the NAIA National Swimming and Diving championship. Overall, the Men’s team placed 7th out of 17 teams, and the Women’s team took 11th out of 21. The team came home with 1 National Champion, 7 All American swims (finishing top 3 in an event), and 6 new school records.

The meet started on Wednesday afternoon, with Men’s 3 Meter and Women’s 1 Meter Diving. Freshman diver, Ian McNair, took 3rd on the 3 meter board, with a final score of 254.70. Thursday, McNair had an impressive performance, moving up from a 3rd place standing in the preliminary rounds, to take 1st on the 1 meter board, nabbing his first National Championship. McNair’s final score was 259.20. McNair is the third diver at IIT under head coach Rob Bond, and diving coach Ryan Nelson, to have won a National Championship title.

At the other end of the pool, the swimmers were also hard at work. The women’s 200 Yard Medley Relay of sophomores Andrea Zuniga, Julia Duarte, Morgan Curran and Melanie Kito took 13th with an overall time of 1:55.66 and the Men’s Relay of freshman Matthew Rosenfeld and Eric Grunden, senior Joe Taylor, and sophomore Max Ramminger took 7th with a final time of 1:55.32. In the 200 Yard Individual Medley, Curran placed 10th overall, with a final time of 2:11.97, and Grunden took 15th for the Men’s team with a 1:59.52. In the Men’s 50 Yard Freestyle, Ramminger had to really race, out touching Concordia’s Eric Andersen for 2nd by .04 seconds, finishing in a time of 20.87, a new team record. The women’s 800 Yard Freestyle Relay of freshman Victoria Masney, Zuniga, Curran and Kito took 15th, with a final time of 7:59.66, and the Men’s team of Grunden, senior Jay Park, junior Joe Muchna, and freshman Michael Keane swam to a 9th place finish with a time of 7:08.48.

On Friday, the swimming events continued, starting off with the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay. The Women’s Relay of Koto, Zuniga, Curran and Masney finished 11th with a time of 1:42.37, and the Men’s team, consisting of Ramminger, junior Mark Callan, Grunden and Taylor took 5th with a time of 1:23.99. Curran took 4th in the 400 Yard Individual Medley, with a final time of 4:39.71, and Muchna took 15th for the Men’s team, finishing with a final time of 4:17.26. In the 100 Yard Butterfly, Masney took 3rd, finishing with a school record time of 57.10. Taylor also took 3rd for the Men’s team, finishing in a team record time of 48.92, and sophomore Keiti Halloway took 16th for the Women’s team with a final time of 52.32. In the 200 Yard Freestyle, Koto took 8th with a time of 1:54.16, and Grunden took 4th for the Men’s team in the 100 Yard Breaststroke, with a time of 59.09, while Ramminger took 15th in the event with a time of 59.48. Finishing up the day, the Women’s 400 Yard Medley Relay of Zuniga, Curran, Masney and Kito took 9th with a time of 4:03.99, and the Men’s team of Rosenfeld, Grunden, Taylor and Ramminger took 8th with a time of 3:50.61.

The third and final day of the meet was started off by recognizing the senior and scholar athletes. From IIT, these athletes included Brian Brady, Greg Herbert, Jay Park and Joe Taylor. In the Mile, Muchna took 20th for the Men’s team with a time of 17:10.06. In the 200 Yard Backstroke, Rosenfeld took 18th with a time of 1:59.89. Masney took 2nd in the 100 Yard Freestyle, setting a new team record with a time of 51.54, and Koto placed 13th with a time of 54.30. Ramminger took 3rd in the event, also with a team record breaking time of 45.24. In the 200 Yard Breaststroke, Curran took 13th, finishing with a time of 2:28.92, and in the men’s 200 Yard Butterfly, Halloway took 12th with a time of 1:58.68, and Muchna took 13th with a time of 1:57.53. The last event of the meet was the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay, in which the women’s team of Koto, Zuniga, Curran and Masney were out touched by Lindenwood by .04 seconds, taking 11th and finishing with a time of 3:38.05. The Men’s team of Grunden, freshman John Lyman, Taylor and Ramminger took 7th with a final time of 3:08.55.

McNair Wins NAIA National Championship

By Graeme Port
SPORTS EDITOR

Ian McNair triumphs in the 1 Meter Diving competition and finishes 3rd place in the 3 Meter Dive.

At this years NAIA National Swimming and Diving Championship the IIT Women’s and Men’s swimmers performed wonderfully once again, with IIT athletes returning home with 7 All American swims (finishing within the top three in an event) and 6 new school records. However, the star performer at this year’s nationals for the Hawks was not a swimmer but a diver, as Ian McNair walked off with the 1 Meter Diving title and a 3rd place finish in the 3 Meter dive.

To win a National Championship in any sport is a remarkable feat in itself, but when one considers that Ian’s success has come in his freshman year, his achievement is even more impressive. At just 18 years of age, Ian becomes the second IIT athlete to ever win an individual national title in his first year at the school (swimmer Ryan Feuerstein being the only other student to do so in the 200 Butterfly in 2004), and the magnitude of his success is not lost on his diving coach, Ryan Nelson. "It was a very significant achievement" stated Nelson in his terrific work ethic and the fantastic guidance he receives from Coach Nelson. "I knew it could happen and I’m just very happy for both guys. They worked extremely hard to make this a reality and it’s certainly another proud moment for our Swimming and Diving program at IIT.”

Ian himself looks back on the event with a very modest attitude. "Well, I won because the guy whom everyone expected to win hit the board on his second to last dive. He was extremely good. But after that, I seemed to lose a little confidence and I managed to pull ahead at the end and win by 9 points.” Although delighted with his national championship success, and the prospect of being able to wake up at a normal hour for the next couple of months, Ian’s attention has already shifted to his title defense next season. “I want to learn as much as I can over the coming months, to make sure that I’m the person that everyone expects to win next year. I don’t want to have to rely on someone hitting their head again,” he conceded with a wry smile during our interview.

Certainly, with this level-headed attitude and the significant amount of talent that Ian already possesses, everyone at IIT should not only be proud of his remarkable achievement this season, but also look for him to repeat his success at next year’s NAIA National Tournament.
Cricket: now an IIT sport!

By Satyam Kaneria
TECHNEWS WRITER

We, the cricket fanatics at the Illinois Institute of Technology are making an effort to take this sport to a new level by promoting and organizing events and matches in and around IIT. Coach Jason Neal, Director of Intramurals & Recreation, has been instrumental in inspiring and helping us spread awareness of this game and help people get interested to learn more and be a part of this sport.

In a similar effort, we will be having our first Tape Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament on the Sunday, March 28, 2010. This event will be a simulation of the game at a smaller level. These games would give an opportunity to students at IIT to explore their talent in this game. There will be 8 overs (48 balls to be bowled) per side and there will be about 6-10 teams playing in the tournament. Look out for posters around campus or just drop by the MTCC Bridge this week during lunch time for more details about the tournament or learn more about the game by sending us an e-mail at icricketclub@gmail.com.

An international sport, cricket originated in England and is also the national sport of Australia, Bermuda and Barbados. The earliest cricket played in England and is also the national sport of Australia, Bermuda and Barbados. The earliest cricket played in England, in 1744. At present, the International Cricket Council (ICC) is the highest governing body of this sport and it has 104 member countries.

Cricket is very low in popularity especially in the US and is not a recognized sport in most universities and colleges. On the contrary it ranks second when it comes to worldwide popularity in sports. Cricket in the US has been considered as a minority sport, as stated in a recent BBC News article. However, you would be surprised to know that it was between the US and Canada that the first ever international cricket match was played in 1844, in Bloomingdale Park, New York.

Basically, Cricket is a team sport for two teams of eleven players each. A formal game of cricket can last anywhere from an afternoon to several days. Although the game play and rules are very different, the basic concept of cricket is similar to that of baseball. Teams bat in successive innings and attempt to score runs, while the opposing team fields and attempts to bring an end to the batting team’s innings. After each team has batted an equal number of innings (either one or two, depending on conditions chosen before the game), the team with the most runs wins.

(Note: In cricket-speak, the word “innings” is used for both the plural and the singular.)

There are four basic pieces of equipment needed to start a game of cricket. They include a cricket ball, a cricket bat, wickets or stumps and protective gear.

There are three major formats of the game. Test Cricket which has a match length of 5 days, One-Day game which lasts for about 6 hours and Twenty20 which lasts for about 3 hours. Of these the Twenty20 format has gained a lot of popularity in recent times due to its game length.

To give you some statistical facts about this sport in the US, it has about 15 million fans, 200,000 players, 950 clubs and 48 leagues. Talks are that United States would be forming a team for its place in the 2012 International Twenty20 World cup.

Hawks Baseball go 1-1 for conference opener

By Melanie K
TECHNEWS WRITER

Friday, the Scarlet Hawks Baseball team hosted a double header against the Judson University Eagles. The two games ended quite differently, with the Hawks and Eagles each winning one apiece. The first game didn’t see either team putting any runs up for the first 6 innings. In the 7th, Judson scored one run, but the Hawks quickly responded with a run of their own when junior Ryan Bouck hit an RBI, with sophomore Nick Wise scoring. Going through an 8th with no runs, the teams continued on into the 9th inning. It was there that the Eagles changed pace, scoring 7 runs in the inning, to take the match 8-1.

The second game came around and Hawks freshman Jonathan Celestino started the scoring early, with a homer in the first. Judson answered in the 2nd with two runs of their own, gaining a 2-1 lead over the Hawks. In the 3rd, Bouck hit the second home run of the game for the Hawks to tie up the score, and in the 4th, senior Andrew Kungis followed suit with yet another homer, putting the Hawks into a one-point lead. Judson brought up the score with a run in the 6th, but the Hawks shut down their chances of another win with 5 runs of their own. Junior Bill O’Toole hit a single to bring senior Thomas Hotz home, followed by Celestino and Kungis on a double RBI by freshman Kevin Glennon. O’Toole advanced to third on Glennon’s hit, and scored on an error.

The third game was rescheduled, due to the snow storm on Saturday.

Over Spring Break, the Hawks spent some time in California, where they played some tough teams that they could potentially see at Nationals. After their first games of the season, the Hawks now have an overall record of 1-6, and a Conference record of 1-1. Their next game is at home, today, starting at 1 p.m. against Purdue University-North Central.
Focus on Fitness: SCUBA at IIT

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This past Sunday, the office of Intramurals and Recreation at IIT sponsored a free SCUBA preview session. This session was held to gain interest from the student body for an upcoming full-length series of SCUBA diving classes. The sessions are organized through Mike Zhang, a dive enthusiast, as well as an IIT student, and Dive Chicago who are working toward providing students with an affordable way to get their PADI certifications for diving. They held a successful session last semester and are looking forward to getting new people involved this semester.

Mike Zhang got interested in diving about two summers ago when a friend showed him some pictures from his dives, and he felt an immediate urge to give it a try so the next summer he signed up and he thoroughly enjoyed the experience. He was able to see sting rays as long as himself, crabs, and fish up close. He remembers it being a whole different world, so peaceful and calm, hearing nothing but your own breathing.

Since then, Mike has become addicted to SCUBA diving and has gone further with his education, and now has become an advanced Nitrox open water diver. In the near future, this summer in fact, he hopes to get his certification in Search and Rescue Diving.

Captain Bob runs Dive Chicago and is working with IIT not only for getting students certifed for various levels of PADI. Captain Bob also runs a dive boat on the lake and takes charters out there for those interested.

If you are interested in learning more about SCUBA at IIT please contact Coach Neal at jneal2@iit.edu for more information. Also, be on the lookout for further postings regarding classes being held at Keating.

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Throwers at IIT

By Joe Kirsch
TECHNEWS WRITER

This is my 4th and final year as a thrower for the Track and Field Club at IIT. The Track and Field team just wrapped up the indoor season with many athletes competing and doing well and are now preparing for the outdoor portion of the season.

Many of you might be wondering what a thrower exactly does on a Track and Field Team. Well at IIT, we throw three implements: The shot put (a heavy spherical weight), javelin (a spear shaped implement), and discus (disc shaped weight). Next year, Coach Jason Neal hopes to introduce the Hammer Throw which is the fourth type of implement that a thrower can compete in. Throwing these implements not only takes speed and strength, but each has various techniques to get the maximized distance.

This year, we are privileged to have Jason Neal help with coaching the throwers. Jason is helping the team organize practices to improve our strength, balance, technique and agility, which are importnat components to becoming a good thrower.

After completing the indoor shot put season, the throwers are doing weight training in addition to throwing shot put, javelin, and discuss outdoors. Each athlete has set goals at the beginning of the season and with the help of Coach Neal we are well on our way to achieving our goals this season.

As for myself, I’ve been throwing since I was in 5th grade, learning shot put from my elementary school gym teacher. Later in middle school I began throwing discuss and threw both events all through high school. I was thrilled to learn that IIT had started up a track and field club. After the first season at IIT, I decided to take up javelin, and after just learning javelin towards the end of the season two years ago, I have made tremendous progress improving my best by 12 meters last season. Throwing and learning javelin has become one of my favorite activities and I am eager to get into the competitions for my final year at IIT. It is also great to see the track and field program expanding, with the throwers adding several new faces this season, all eager to learn and excel in their events.

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Recreation @ IIT Spring Semester Schedule

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