NEW HOUSE ON THE QUAD

Alpha Sigma Alpha to open Chicago’s first sorority house

STEFAN MONTGOMERY
editor-in-chief

AFTER three years on

The restored

3-story house on 3340 South

Michigan Avenue will accom-

modate 54 occupants in 28

rooms. Beds, desks, dressers

and wardrobes will furnish the

exclusively double occupancy

rooms.

The house has been com-

pletely gutted - new bath-

rooms, a new roof, new carpet-

ing and tiles and new win-

dows,” says Pecaut.

No elevator has been installed

as of yet, although all floors will

be handicapped accessible.

Pecaut anticipates the installa-

tion of an elevator in the next

3-5 years, as the university be-

comes more ADA compliant.

After two years of proposals,

planning and waiting, renova-

tions to the structure have been

completed - but not without
difficulties. ASA needed to

come to the university to fund a

project for an organization only

a few months old. Several

meetings and a semester of

campaigning later, the project

was approved and ASA met

with architects and project

managers to discuss the work as

well as the costs. Demolition

began last spring despite time

conflicts and changes within the

Facilities Department and the

architectural firm.

“The construction process was

a little rocky, as most are, with

the unexpected showing up,
such as concrete in the pipes

and new city codes. I could

never have imagined that the

down town, torn apart place that

we started with could ever have

turned out to be the beautiful

house that we now have,” says

Pecaut.

The completed building was

funded as part of IIT’s Master

Plan. IIT pledged more than

one million dollars to renovate

the vacant house. Unlike frater-
nities, ASA will never own the

building. Instead, they pay rent

per person, comparable to the

room charge for a double occu-

pancy room in the dorms.

“Our main goal was to be com-

parable to the other sororities

on campus, so that we were

competing on an even playing

field,” says Pecaut.

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FUTURE NAVAL OFFICER FROM IIT
SAILS THROUGHOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA

ENSIGN CHRISTINA SKACAN
CARAT Public Affairs

STRAITST MALACCA - Students

across the nation will return to school

this fall to face the dreaded question,

“What did you do on your summer va-

cation?”

One future officer from the Illinois

Institute of Technology can say he

was on board USS Rushmore (LSD 47)

throughout Southeast Asia in support

of Cooperation Afloat Readiness

and Training, or CARAT, the

Navy’s premier exercise series that

takes place in six countries

throughout the region.

An enlisted sailor for four years,

Midshipman Second Class Jesse

Orebaugh entered ROTC via the

10-month Broadened Opportunity

for Officer Selection and Training

program, or BOOST.

“To be a pilot you have to go to col-

lege,” said Orebaugh, an IIT junior

and native of Anderson, Ind. “I was

an airframe mechanic working on

Tomcats. I wanted to fly Tomcats.

But I don’t think they’ll be around

when I’m ready, so I’ll probably fly

Hornets.”

Under way for about three weeks,

Orebaugh and seven other mid-

shipmen experienced the Malay-

ian and Brunei phases of CARAT.

The cruises were part of their

professional training done during the

summer before their junior years.

The midshipmen listed many

reasons for joining the sea service,

some say they signed on for the

top-notch education or diverse

leadership opportunities. But most

agree they wanted to work with in-

teresting people - those driven to

take on challenges and find inter-

esting places in life.

“It’s a great opportunity to travel and

see different parts of the world,” said

Midshipman Second Class Michael

Scheafer, a junior at Villanova Univer-

sity in Pennsylvania

While at sea, each officer-in-training

partners with an enlisted “running mate”

to learn the ropes of life in the Navy.

“I’d like to learn to think like an en-

listed person, so when I become a

surface warfare officer I can relate

to them,” said Scheafer.

Orebaugh joined four midshipmen

from the United States Naval

Academy and three midshipmen

from Navy ROTC at Villanova

University, the University of Vir-

ginia and Virginia Military Insti-

tute. The group was dispersed

among the deck, engineering and

operations departments, shadow-

ing their enlisted partners both on

and off duty. The opportunity was

one of many offered by the Navy.

“I studied aboard in Spain at the

University of Valencia for a semes-

ter and the Navy paid. I got

my minor in Spanish while I was

there,” said Midshipman Second

Class Jason Hare, a junior at the

Virginia Military Institute in Lex-

ington.

After a busy summer working halfway

around the world, the midshipmen

will return to their respective universities

with underway knowledge and some

exotic experiences.

“We tried some interesting foods

such as baby octopus on a stick

and barbecued eel,” said Scheafer.

In the fall it will be back to dorm food.

CARAT, a series of bilateral exer-

cises designed to enhance regional co-

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U-Pass Usage Up

Preliminary findings show program a success

Stacy Newton
Submission

This message is to inform the IIT Community about the success of the CTA U-Pass program that was reinstated back at IIT for the Spring 2001 semester.

We distributed a total of 2,022 passes to full-time main campus students for the Spring 2001 semester. 1219 were undergraduates and 803 were graduates. Total full-time enrollment was 2528 (includes students considered full-time by their department).

Listed below are the total number of rides that took place each month for IIT CTA U-Pass participants. The pass was active January 16 through May 13, 2001.

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The success of the program can only be determined by the number of passes picked up and the number of rides that take place for the semester. Based on the numbers listed above, we are happy to say the program was a great success for this past semester with an average of over 11,000 rides per week. We will continue to evaluate the program each semester. Please watch your e-mail for the Fall 2001 distribution dates or log on to www.iit.edu/osa/upass.

Please continue reading if you would like the history of the program and how this all came about.

In 1998, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) created a special rideship promotion program for university students, called CTA U-Pass. The CTA U-Pass provides unlimited riding aboard CTA buses and trains during a school term for a fixed fee per semester.

The U-Pass program began at IIT in the Fall of 1998 at the Institute of Design. In the Fall of 1999, the program expanded and was ran on an experimental basis to include full-time undergraduate students as well.

For that experimental program, the University was able to offer the pass on a voluntary basis to all full-time undergraduate students who wanted to purchase the pass for $70.00 (including an administrative fee).

In the Fall of 2000 CTA’s new contract agreement required that all full time students purchase the pass in order for the University to participate.

Because of this mandatory requirement for all full-time students to participate, IIT did not renew the contract in Fall 2000 for undergraduates to participate so that we could survey the students and leave the final decision up to them.

The results were in favor of bringing the U-Pass back to campus and also showed great interest from the graduate students, who were also added to the program based on the survey results.

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New Biomedical Research Center at IIT to complement Mayor Daley’s plan for Chicago’s high-tech future

CHICAGO—July 27, 2001—Illinois Institute of Technology has announced plans to develop a high-tech biomedical research complex on its South Side campus. The initiative complements Mayor Daley’s proposed plan to position the Chicago area at the forefront of economic growth in the technology sector.

The biomedical research complex, to be located between 34th and 35th streets along Federal Street on IIT’s Main Campus, will house state-of-the-art biotechnology labs as well as incubator space for commercial enterprises that develop from the complex’s research activities.

IIT has already received $1 million from the State of Illinois through the efforts of Gov. George Ryan and the General Assembly, to fund planning and design costs for laboratories within the complex. IIT and the IIT Research Institute (IITRI) have committed nearly $5 million to the project. The Whittaker Foundation recently awarded IIT a $51 million Special Opportunity Grant to further develop its biomedical engineering program.

"Technological innovation in the biomedical arena promises to be one of the great new frontiers of human investigation," said Lew Collins, president of IIT. "IIT welcomes the mayor’s new initiative to help improve Chicago’s environment as a high-tech business-friendly town and is proud to be one of the research universities called upon to leverage our strengths to achieve this goal."

The complex will draw on the intellectual resources and creativity of both IIT and IITRI research programs.

News Release

Mary Taylor-Biasi joins the Office of Residence Life and Student Conduct as the new Assistant Director of Student Activities.

Katie Murphy has joined the Office of Residence Life and Student Conduct as the new Assistant Director of Residence Life. Katie recently completed her MA in Student Affairs at Ball State University. Before pursuing her Master’s at Ball State, Katie was employed as a Resident Director at Saint Norbert College (DePere, WI). Katie also served as a member of the University of St. Francis residence life staff (in suburban Joliet, IL). Katie will serve as the main supervisor for the Resident Assistant staff. She will also help manage the daily operations of the Residence Life Office and serve as Advisor to RHA (Residence Hall Association). Katie is a Chicago native (born and raised) and her father is an IIT Alum!

The Cancer Development Center will be hosting a Career Fair on Wednesday, September 12 in Harrarm Hall from 12 to 5 p.m. The fair is open to all IIT students interested in looking for permanent jobs after graduation and for experiential opportunities through co-op and internships. The career fair will include representatives from numerous companies and will be open from 11 to 4 p.m.

UB is still accepting applications for Programmers! We’re looking to fill the following positions: Entertain. Outdoor Rec. College Bowl, and DJ. Application will be due Sept. 5th. For more info contact ubcharlie1 الصينى

The habitat for Humanity Conference will be held this year in Indianapolis, Indiana on September 15 – 16. Keynotes will be given by Jimmy Carter & HFH Founder Millard Fuller. A registration fee of $25 is due by 8/29. For more info contact ubcharlie1 الصينى

Technews, the student newspaper of IIT, is looking for a News Editor, Arts & Entertainment Editor, staff writers, photographers, graphic artists, public relations manager, and many others. Applications are available online at: http://www.iit.edu/publications/technews/applications.html

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Announcements

SUNDAY
8/19
4-5 pm
IIT Welcome Convocation
HUB Auditorium

This is your formal welcome to the academic community. All new faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to attend. Families are welcome too!

MONDAY
8/21
9:30 – 10:15 am
Getting a Campus Job
HUB Alumni Lounge

If you’re looking for employment on campus, this is your opportunity to find out who to look for jobs and proper etiquette on the job.

TUESDAY
8/22
6:30 – Midnight
Taste of the Quad

Join us for a variety of great food and fun activities as we kick off Greek Rush ’01. All students are invited to attend. In case of rain, this event will be held in the HUB.

FRIDAY
8/24
5-6 pm
Sorority House Opens
3340 South Michigan Avenue
Sigma Alpha will open
Chicago’s first sorority house.

SATURDAY
8/26
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DMC Shines in Summer

The Digital Media Center bridges the digital divide with its community outreach program

The IIT Digital Media Center did not rest this summer. Something else stood in place of the usual summer stupor and lethargy: A parade of rich and varied programs became so commonplace that haste and frenzy at the DMC acquired a sense of inevitability.

Summer at the DMC kicked off with the first lecture in a series of free 'Inside Stuff' lectures, which are geared towards adults of all ages.

An 'Inside Stuff' lecture offers introductory technology knowledge and a hands-on help desk at which participants can get answers to their burning questions about computer applications and technology. 'Inside Stuff' lectures were given in IIT's Stuart Building, and they ran from May through mid-August.

The DMC provided and continues to provide training at IIT's satellite Wabash YMCA Drop-In lab, which is located on the 3700 block of 5 Wabash Avenue. Anyone from the community can enter the lab and use the Internet and many other programs that are installed on the computers. The lab operated all summer and will continue to be available for the community to use.

A Wabash YMCA summer camp that went 5th to 12th grades, which ran from July 2 through August 17, also benefited from DMC staffing.

A Chicago Public Schools' Computer Scholars Camp that was held on IIT's main campus received DMC support when it ranged from multimedia equipment to Teaching Assistants. The camp had two sessions, and it ran from July 2 to August 10. CPS Board certified teachers were in charge of each class, and there were approximately 50 participants per session. Each session had one class, and lessons were held in Siegel Hall and in the Galvin Library's new computer lab. The camp culminated in an insightful Open House event that was organized by the school.

Senior citizens were not left out of the fun either. The DMC partnered with the city's Department on Aging to provide four-week 'Series in Technology' training sessions. These included introductions to computers, the Internet, and personal productivity software. The workshops were held in IIT's Stuart Building and at the Wabash YMCA, and they ran from June 25 through August 17.

Kevin Smith, the Associate Director for Community Outreach at the DMC, says that the DMC summer efforts "were a wonderful opportunity to pilot some key outreach programs with the local schools and organizations. Several of our summer programs are run in conjunction with other offices or organizations. This has given the DMC a chance to form alliances and partnerships that will carry us into the academic year. In the fall, we will continue many of the summer's programs, enhancing our strategic partnerships and forming new alliances as we go." IIT students are an integral part of the DMC's outreach initiative, as they provide teaching assistance, technology support and administrative assistance. Chris Holcomb, an ECE graduate who coordinates DMC student staff, believes that IIT students who work for the DMC have the opportunity to gain critical skills and experiences that will be valuable to them in their future careers.

Since the Digital Media Center is working towards the digital divide, having some international students under its wing helps in focusing on the issue from a different perspective.

The DMC is not static, and many of the programs that were held during the summer will continue to run through fall. A stellar example of the ongoing nature of the DMC initiatives is the technology support program, in which the DMC provides a team of IIT students to go out into the community to tackle tasks ranging from computer network setup to computer troubleshooting and repair.

Many of the concepts that were employed in the summer programs will overlap with the concepts that are used in the DMC's school year programs. For example, both the CPS Computer Scholars Camp and the regular school year Technology Teaching Assistants Program (CTTAP) have DMC student employees as Teaching Assistants who accuate the efforts of school teachers when it comes to the use of technology in the enhancement of the learning process.

DMC sanctioned computer clubs in community schools are a brilliant show of strategy when it comes to the problem of disseminating technology within the community. A number of clubs were set up in summer, and the 5th to 12th grade students who took part in them will proudly spread their technological knowledge to their classmates.

Is the DMC making IIT's surrounding community excited about technology? You bet. Quenasha Griffin, an 11-year-old student of St. Elizabeth Elementary School, said: "I really enjoyed making my ideas come to life through the use of cool programs."

Leslie Buckner, a nine-year-old student of Hendricks Elementary School, said: "My instructor was a great help to me because he did not let anything slip past his eyes. He kept me focused." Quenasha and Leslie were both involved in multimedia clubs.

IIT's presence in the community continues to grow at a phenomenal rate, and it is through the efforts of departments such as the Digital Media Center that this is made possible. There is still a lot to do in the quest to subjugate the digital divide between IIT and its surrounding community, but to say that the DMC is doing a good job would be demure.

The DMC is moving forward in gargantuan steps that are set to make the digital divide in the Bronzeville area - or should we say Grandma's area in Chicagoland? - less significant. Watch the DMC and take in the fall of the digital divide. For more information about the DMC, can be seen at http://dmc.iit.edu.

New ASA House

Contrary to urban myth, sorority houses are not prohibited in Chicago. The popular urban myth explains the lack of sorority houses in urban settings as the result of prohibitions set by blue laws. Under these fictional statutes, residences with 6 or more unrelated females are considered brothels.

Although large homes of women still carry a cultural stigma, the absence of sorority houses in Chicago can be explained by a lack of financing and location. Like fraternities, sorority houses must be located on land zoned as R-4 through R-8, a rather rare commodity in Chicago.

"Hopefully, the fact that Alpha Sigma Alpha has opened a house in Chicago will encourage other Chicago area sororities to petition their schools to open houses too," says Pam Marszalek, ASA Zeta Phi chapter president.

Previously, ASA members resided on the fourth floor of North Hall in the dorms, with the exception of freshman members who stayed on First Year Experience floors. Marszalek is looking forward to getting to know her sorority sisters better by living together in the new house. The house will also provide a venue to hold sorority events.

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Naval Officer

operation and promote interoperability, takes place each year throughout Southeast Asia.

USS Rushmore (1SD-47), USS Wadsorth (FFG 9), USS Curtis (FFG 38), all homeported in San Diego, Calif., make up the CARAT Task Group led by Capt. Gayle Erickson. In addition, four ships of the Malaysian navy, the ships made CARAT stops in Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore and the Philippines.
Welcome to IIT

To all new students – WELCOME TO IIT!!! To all returning students – WELCOME BACK!!! As much as I hate to see the summer coming to an end, I love being on a university campus in the fall. The renewal of life and activity that happens when all the students show up is truly a wonderful and energizing annual event.

Much has happened over the summer. I will try to hit the high points.

Terry Shapiro
Dean of Students

The tube is being built! We have all been watching with fascination as the tube slowly inches south and the beginning of the new campus center cannot be far away.

Stuart Cooper is gone. My boss, Stuart Cooper, Chief Academic Officer and VP of the Main Campus is now at North Carolina State. Our loss, their gain. We are searching for his replacement. In the meantime, a small group of us is meeting with President Collins on a once a month schedule. This group is called the Main Campus Management Council.

Stuart Cooper was the lynchpin of the campus, and his departure will be felt. We are searching for a replacement, but the process is slow. The primary reason for this is to cover costs of new faculty, an important part of any school. I'm optimistic that many of the budget reductions will be restored next year. For now, we will need to be fiscally conservative.

The number of new freshmen will be less than last year (401) but more than two years ago (277).

A number of changes have taken place within Student Affairs. Counseling and Health, counselor Sue Russell has left IIT to stay at home to fight cancer. Our hearts and prayers are with her. A search for her replacement is ongoing.

In Residence Life, Assistant Director Pauline Thomas left IIT and I now work at DePaul as Resident Director. She was replaced by Katie Murphy from Ball State. Also in Residence Life, we have a number of new and returning Resident Advisors.

In Athletics, longtime swimming coach Dennis Matuch retired. He has been replaced by Rob Bond who comes to us from Warren Township High School where he was sectional coach of the year.

The Women's Outreach and Resource Center has seen its Better Assistant Director, Basha Suleh, leave for the Career Development Center. We are looking to replace Basha while at the same time a committee has been meeting to discuss how we can best address the needs of women at IIT. The WRC will be open limited hours and do some programs this fall.

In the HUB and Student Activities, Director Rick Thomas left IIT and went to DePaul. Assistant Director Paul Terzino was promoted to replace Rick and he is now searching for his own replacement. Assistant Director of Student Activities Lori Devolle left IIT for Ripon College in Wisconsin. She has been replaced by Mary Taylor-Bliss who comes to us from the University of Maryland. Finally, we have a number of new and returning Orientation Counselors.

And you thought you had a busy summer!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can this fall. Good luck in school, remember to have some fun, and make us proud of you.

Family at IIT

Eric Schuster
IIT Campus Minister

As kids creep closer to puberty, I find myself listening more and more to "you-oriented" radio stations like Kiss 103.5. Just typing those "hip" names makes me feel like a dinosaur.

The other day I tuned in and began to hear a strangely familiar musical sound. Somebody had done a re-make of America's 1972 hit "Horse with No Name" and here it was being played on this cool station. Maybe I wasn't so out of it after all.

Alas, in mid-intra the song turned out to be a new Janet Jackson tune and I realized it wasn't America at all. I mean I was in America but was listening to Janet.

"Back on the road again Feelin' kinda lonely and Lookin' for the right guy To be mine..."

It struck me as "kinda" ironic, Janet looking for the right guy. I've seen her on all the talk shows lately promoting her new album. Here is this gorgeous, talented woman with money galore, and she shares the same problem much of the rest of the human race faces: finding intimacy, dealing with loneliness, insomniacs themselves in a fulfilling relationship.

"Maybe we'll meet at a bar He'll drive a fancy car Maybe we'll meet at a club And fall so deeply in love"

After looking up "funky" in my Hip-to-Nerd Dictionary (or re-labeled to funktastic) I ponder Janet's fantasy. She's looking for that person, that ideal piece to finish her puzzle. The missing link in her chain of happiness. If only she could find him then everything would be okay.

If only I could pass this exam then I could finish my degree. If only I could graduate then I will find the perfect job. If only I could get that job promotion then I would feel really happy.

Fulfillment, satisfaction, success, happiness. We so often look for it down the road, in that elusive person, in that gorgeous person or in that gorgeous job offer. There's nothing wrong with dreaming or setting goals. But when the ideal future or the ideal other person distracts us too often from the here and now we're in danger of losing touch with our lives.

The present moment and the people around us fail to satisfy.

My dad is an avid biker but like many of us finds it hard to slow down enough to enjoy a bicycle ride. He has so reminded himself to appreciate the journey. On his handlebar bag, in the plastic case for maps, he has inserted a piece of paper bearing this message: "The trail is the thing, not the end of the trail. Travel too fast and you miss all you are traveling for."

Ignoring the preposition at the end of the sentence, we find a solid piece of wisdom to live by. By which to live?

If we rush to the end of the trail or spend the journey longing for the perfect companion or ideal circumstances then we risk losing the journey itself. And we miss the pleasure and gifts of the companions we find around us. Take a long reflective look at year.
South Hall

SOUTH HALL

South Hall is the middle hall on the west side of the McCormick Student Village. Residents are predominantly upperclassmen. Along with Grad Hall, South Hall does not have a first-year experience floor. Although South Hall has its own laundry room in the basement, it does not have a basement study area or computer lab.

Most of the current residents feel that South Hall is generally a good place to live. Most residents say it took time to get accustomed to the rooms and the hall, but after awhile, this feeling disappears. The furniture in South hall appears to be newer and cleaner than most the furniture on other floors.

Another advantage is that the furniture is movable and stackable, so the room may be adjusted to one's individual preferences. The rooms are roughly 11 ft by 15 ft, which are not as big as the Fowler hall rooms, but are said to be comfortable. The electricity, phone and Ethernet connection outlets are conveniently placed with the electricity outlets along the sides of the rooms about four feet off the ground, while the Ethernet and phone outlets are at the back corners.

Each of the floors have a common lounge that contains a television, a microwave and quite a few couches and chairs to build up an atmosphere of relaxation. The lounges have a glass wall to the hall with grapes, as opposed to its being completely blocked off. The lighting in the halls is more than sufficient. Some of the residents even considered the lights too bright. The lights in the rooms are arranged in two bays running parallel to the ground on the sidewalks. But, they are happy that the lights in the rooms have adjustable intensities and locations.

All of the residents surveyed agreed that enough sunlight was not present on the floors. The residents seemed to be most pleased with the conditions of the bathrooms. They are generally kept clean and their setup is convenient and accounts for sufficient space. As Mary Geraghty, a sophomore in the Psychology program, says, "Our [South 4th] bathrooms are the nearest, but there is rarely any toilet paper in the restrooms by the end of the week."

South Hall is placed with its north side looking directly at North hall and the small courtyard between the two residence halls and its south side has a commanding view of the entrance to MSU and the quad beyond it. All the heating and air conditioning units in South hall are adjustable. This implies many different outlooks on life in South hall with respect to the appreciation of a view and the condition of the AC and heat in the rooms. Chris Krestel, an architecture student who lives on the south side of 3 South, said, "The view is never boring, as it is possible to watch people come and go."

The ventilation and the air conditioning on the south side were found to be sufficient and effective. As Minh Etienne, a junior CPE student who lives on the south side, said, "It gets really hot during the two weeks that the system is changed from heat to AC in the spring. But, for those who live on the north side, the view is not so great. It is drab."

Another problem of living on the north side of South hall is that the air conditioning does not work very well. So the rooms are hot and humid. Interestingly enough, no complaints were made about heating in South hall.

"Next semester I am moving to an apartment," said sophomore physics major Jonathan Smith.

However, not all South hall residents are as disgruntled with their stay in South hall as Mr. Smith. Jith Kuttappan, an EK student, said, "South hall is more comfortable to live in than East and Grad halls."
Fowler Hall
Wide Open Spaces

Sohan D'Oppia
Features Writer

Fowler Hall is like a castle: seasoned and yet functional. Located at the extreme corner of the McCormick Student Village, it was the first hall to be incorporated into the present packing complex. Yet, it still prevails in worthy condition. Thanks to its unique and convenient features, Fowler Hall houses many very content students.

Fowler Hall is slightly, but noticeably elevated above ground level compared to the rest of the residence halls, partially due to its large spacious basement. It is four stories high with one bathroom, one water fountain, and one lounge per floor. The corridors are relatively wide, and the doors have a lock-switch feature. The first three floors are male-only occupancy, and the uppermost floor is reserved for female-only occupancy. Most of the rooms are double-occupancy, though a few are intended for single-occupancy.

Life in Fowler Hall has its advantages. One very overt advantage is the size of the rooms. Double rooms in this hall are huge compared to the double rooms in other halls, larger by a factor of nearly thirty percent. Add to this the greater ceiling height, which reduces the risk of mauling one's hands when engaging in aerobics, as well as facilitating a greater level of safety from head injury to the occupant of the upper bunk bed. The need to set up a bunk bed itself is remote; the real estate available in the room is endless. There is enough space in a Fowler room to spin a pair of swords without endangering the roommate. In fact, a lot of additional furniture can fit in the room too. In other words, no more stackable lofts or makeshift hammocks!

Nearly the entire surface of one of the sides of the standard double room is a stretch of window. The closets are extremely large and accommodating, running all the way across one side of the room, from floor to ceiling, with two upper shelves and a hanger rod. The cloth curtain that covers the closets is not an enormous improvement over the wood curtains of some of the other halls' rooms, but they don't rip or burn too easily. And termites can't get to them either.

The wooden beds and desks are not cramped to the wall; they can be moved anywhere in the spacious 15' by 17.5' floor area of the room. Other standard features are also provided, such as the waste bin and drawer chests (both of which are relatively larger), chairs, phone ports, cable television ports and LAN ports. The lounges are well furnished, and contain the standard television, tables, chairs and microwave oven. In the basement below, two pairs of washer and dryer machines serve the residents' laundry needs, while the conspicuously large basement room has, on more than one occasion, served as a party den.

One of the few disadvantages of living in Fowler Hall is the lack of air-conditioning, especially troublesome in the warmer months. This may not cause too much concern though, as the academic year runs mostly through the cooler seasons, when the occupants of the room may make use of the heating units.

The rooms' fluorescent lighting fixtures are insufficient. Although the fluorescent lights can double as strobe lights, making for interesting effects, most residents find the flickering lights a nuisance. It would be a wise investment to acquire additional lighting.

Due to the age of the building, pipes are sometimes seen on the ceilings of the rooms. One oft-quoted concern is that the bathrooms suffer from maintenance problems, as they are older, and need to be renovated.

Despite these minor inconveniences, Fowler Hall offers wide, open spaces and top-of-the-line furnishings. Most residents find life in Fowler hall to be a pleasant and rewarding experience.
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Lover’s Rock Tour: Sade

Always the ‘smooth operator’, Sade’s stage presence was commanding and immensely entertaining. The sequencing was excellent as Sade glided from song to song. On “Pearls” she succeeded in creating an intimate ambiance by sitting on the edge of the stage accompanied only by the keyboardist as if she were performing in a small, smoky, crowded jazz club. A seventies disco ball placed in the center of the arena illuminated the stage further highlighting the other band members as they each had a solo part in the calypso tinged extension of the original hit.

The reggae influences from her time in Jamaica were evident on the powerful midtempo song “Everyword” where the Rasta chanting drums audible in the background were highlighted on screen as Sade lamented on her lover’s infidelity. On “Immigrant”, Sade tackled the emotive topic of racism as she sang against a backdrop of photos of the first African and West Indian Immigrants to work on the railways in London. In her haunting ode of “he didn’t know what it was to be black” she revisits the pain her father’s people have had to endure as she says “to even the toughest among us, that would be too much”.

Fara Mauchaza
Arts and Entertainment Writer

I remember myself as a young girl, curled up in front of the television, mesmerized by her alluring beauty and timeless elegance, haunted by her unique vocals and blend of jazz-soul and midnight lounge vibes. As I listened to Sade sing “Cherish The Day”, I fell in love with her music. Years later, her albums have become signposts of my emotional memory as I’m sure they are for many listeners. So after an eight-year hiatus, the return of this Nigerian born and English raised chanteuse was an eagerly anticipated event.

Widely popular during the eighties for their unique blend of jazz, romance and lounge jazz rhythms, the band Sade reunite once again on their fifth studio album, Lover’s Rock. Lead singer Helen Folasade Adu returns with Stuart Matthewman (guitars and sax), Andrew Hale (keyboards) and Paul Spencer Derham (bass). Though it may not be as “good as the first time”, this album is definitely remarkable in its own right.

Chicago got to partake in the Sade experience when they performed in two sold-out shows at the Allstate Arena on August 5th and 7th in one of the most eagerly anticipated tours of the summer. It was a special treat to see this talented vocalist live as she took us on an auditory journey that unfolded as her voice sang the ode of love and love’s loss, weaving a tapestry that evoked memories of paradise all the time reminding you that love is stronger than pride.

The evening began with an opening performance by newcomer India. Arie who was visibly excited to be performing on her first tour. This vibrant newcomer to the neo-soul scene achieved remarkable success this spring with her debut album “Acoustic Soul”. She gave a sincere and earthly performance that drew strongly on her poetic coffeehouse roots. She tried to engage an audience that was unfamiliar with her sound and the mature audience elicited only a lukewarm response. India Arie must, however, be commended for her courageous live performance as she gave of her best and kept on even though the majority of the crowd was disruptive and kept moving around during her performance. Everything came together when she sang, her chart-topping hit “Video” and latest single “Brown Skin” that epitomizes her raw talent.

The show really started when amidst a backdrop of floating silhouettes behind a transparent curtain, the svelte from of Sade became visible as the slick guitar riff from “Cherish The Day” merged with her signature vocals to make an unforgettable entrance. The curtain rose partially revealing an eight-piece band and Sade emerged dressed in an elegant, pink Oriental gown to thunderous applause. “Your Love is King” was next and this featured an impressive saxophone solo by Stuart Matthewman who made that saxophone cry.

Sade’s enduring success is due to the fact that she creates lyrics that make intimacy such an endearing story,whether she is breathily remembering the good times on “Kiss Of Life” or remembering the heartache of love lost on “Somebody Already Broke My Heart”. Other notable performances were the rock infused and organ-scented “By Your Side”, the heartfelt pining of “King Of Sorrow” and the classic “Sweetest Taboo”.

The show was wrapped up in dusky tones of ‘love-deluxe’ and Sade returned after a particularly spirited encore to perform 3 more songs highlighted by the classic rendition of her classic “Is It A Crime?” on which she pushed her voice to a dramatic plateau. She proceeded to surprise and delight the audience by reprising for one more song after many had begun to leave. This was a welcome and inspiring performance proving that all good things only improve with age and this is the ‘sweetest taboo’. 
Joy Yee's Noodle Shop (New and Improved)

Sandeep Gangreddy
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Venture down New Chinatown square, and at the very end you will reach the smallest restaurant in all of Chinatown. But undeniably, still one of the best places to go for Asian food.

Joy Yee noodle shop serves up pan-Asian cuisine, including Oriental, Japanese, Vietnamese, Thai, and Chinese dishes. Joy Yee's has long been a favorite with IIT students and Chicago dwellers alike. The past year has seen a renovation and update of the menu at Joy Yee's, making it even more irresistible. Renovations include adding more tables and a change of layout, allowing for more people to eat in this usually packed restaurant.

Although Joy Yee's was originally known as one of the best places in Chinatown to get soup for under $10, its expanded menu has added many fine pan-Asian dishes. In addition to soup, students will find items like edo teriyaki over rice, pineapple boats, and curry chicken pots. Joy Yee still serves everything from the classic hot and sour soup, to the more exotic blue crab udon. Expect to pay about $6 per soup dish.

Initially, I was worried about being able to fill my stomach on just soup. Fortunately, my needs were unwarranted, as the servings that arrived were so large that I was unable to finish half of the bowl. I also found the service to be quick and courteous. While soup is the main attraction, you don't need to be worried if you're still looking for great Chinese food. Joy Yee still serves all the regular Chinatown favorites.

At the same time, the renovations have added a take-out window close to the door for customers who wish to purchase drinks to go. This eliminated the problem of having to wait around for a waiter to pay attention to you so that you could order drinks to go. Previously, you were given the least attention since many customers are waiting to sit and eat. However, the new renovations make it faster than ever to enjoy one of the many drinks that Joy Yee's is famous for. These drinks now include an updated menu, with new drinks that include bals of fresh lychee and other fruits on top of the usual tapioca ball freezers.

Although Joy Yee has great food and soup, it is also known for its excellent drink menu, which has also been expanded. Without a doubt, Joy Yee has the greatest variety of non-alcoholic drinks of any restaurant in Chinatown. The drink menu fills two pages, and includes everything from avocado frappe, to watermelon and mango freezers. Although the drinks average around $3 each, they are well worth the money. My watermelon frappe tasted pure, as if they had put the best part of a watermelon in a blender, chilled it, and then served it fresh. Drinks now range from exotic tapioca ball freezers (similar to bubble tea or boba), to plain coffee and tea, as well as drinks with fruit mixers on top.

Another plus is the atmosphere of the small restaurant. The steamy hot soup that is being served there creates a wonderful smell, and perpetually fogs the glasses of its patrons. Although the cozy atmosphere is a plus, the small size limits the number of people it can hold. Even though the space is somewhat alleviated by the renovations, the popularity of Joy Yee's makes it a busy restaurant even in the middle of the day. As a result, you may be turned away when you notice a full house at the popular noodle shop. Even so, whether your looking for hot soup on a cold winter day, or cold drinks on a hot summer day, the new Joy Yee's Noodle shop is the place for you.

Top Ten Signs You’re a Freshman by Sandeep Gangreddy

10. You think you’re funny, so you keep asking people for directions for the nearest train...but then you get snacked on the head, and then you don’t think it’s so funny anymore.

9. One of the seniors you met during interview weekend spots you, shakes your hand, and then says “You didn’t listen did you? Now you’re gonna know what hell’s really like.”

8. You ask an upperclassman if it’s normal for your hal to smell like that.

7. You ask an upperclassman if it’s normal for your roommate to smell like that.

6. You make the mistake of telling your roommate, “Go ahead and borrow anything you like”, and can’t find your toothbrush and underwear the next morning.

5. You roommate asks you if he uses your computer for a minute, and next thing you know you’re serving illegal software, games, music, and barnyard porn banned in 48 states. (Is it just me, or does anyone wonder about those people in Alaska and Hawaii? )

4. During the orientation speech the speaker tells you that IIT is a safe community, and that you should feel safe and comfortable at all times. He/ she then proceeds to tell you that to our north, south, and west are the project buildings of the south side, and that you should never wander off campus unescorted, or better yet unarmed.

3. You eat in the cafeteria every day, sit in the front of class, and wake up at 6:00 AM for the first week. The second week you stew ramen in a water boiler in your room, wake up at 2:00 PM, and fly your homework onto the teachers desk in a paper airplane to avoid detection.

2. You ask a senior when the new Tribune center and the tunnel for the train are gonna be done, and he/she starts laughing hysterically.

1. As a computer nerd in high school, you dreamed of that special girl in college. Unfortunately your dreams are dashed during the first day of orientation when you note some 2000 college guys from every class converging on your little sister like starving vultures.
Deep Thoughts
SANDEEP GANGIREDDY

Orientation week is always a strange week at IIT. Many eager and nervous young students come to school hoping to start the year off on the right foot. They’re shuffled from building to building listening to strange speeches and meeting a lot of people. At the same time the upperclassmen guys are bolting to hit on the freshmen girls, people are selling their frat houses to parents, while others are giving advice on how to survive college. And still, there’s always one student whom, on the first day of O-week, changes his orientation t-shirt in an attempt to look cool. I’d like to raise a glass to this student, for even though people laugh, jeer, and say things like “Hey moron, nice shirt”, or “Hey I got a shirt like that; I use it to wipe my a**s, they still wear it with pride.

Going to college for the first time can be a tricky business. Everybody is trying to get you ready during the first week by telling you what you need, where to go, what to do, etc etc. The important thing to remember is to get as much money as possible. No matter who you talk to, tell them you need more money. One way to is wait a week and tell your parents that you need more money for books. Then wait another week and tell them you need more money for blankets because Chicago is cold. The next week you can tell them you’re starving because the food is really bad. A good student should plan this sort of thing out for every week until Christmas break, at which point you’d better start selling your gifts to get more money.

Sometimes having a roommate can be a real pain. A lot of people find themselves fighting with their roommates over the last cookie, last chips, last candy, etc. Instead of fighting with your roommate, I suggest sneaking on that last cookie, the chips, and the candy. That way you won’t have to worry cause they won’t want to eat them anyway. This can work with pretty much anything you don’t want your roommate to borrow.

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The Illinois Tech Year 2000-2001 in Sports...

Abigail Bautista
Sports Editor

Women's Volleyball

Illinois Tech's Women's Volleyball team ended up finishing third place in the CCAC South Division with an overall record of 24-10 and a conference record of 9-2. They defeated the Kankakee College in the first round of CCAC playoffs but lost the second round to eventual conference champions, St. Xavier Cougars. Despite the loss, they earned a bid to participate in the NAIA Region VII playoffs for the first time and went head to head against Olivet Nazarene in the first round. Illinois Tech, however, could not overcome Olivet Nazarene and lost the game in five matches.

This season was the 19th consecutive season in which the team had 20 victories or more. Senior team setter Aimee Brasher was selected to the 1st team All-Conference, nominated for NAIA Academic All-American and NAIA Academic All-American teams. Junior outside hitter and defensive specialist Violette Karp was selected to the 2nd team All-Conference.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team had a disappointing season, finishing with an overall record of 3-22, 9-10 in conference play. Junior Corinne Pahl led the team in scoring with 19.8 points per game. With a total of 495 points scored in 25 games. She also ranked first in scoring average in conference and second in steals per game (2.60).

Men's and Women's Cross Country

Both men's and women's cross country teams had productive seasons. Both teams finished 4th in CCAC Conference meet. Susan Lewis had the best finish for the women's team with a finishing time of 19:26 minutes, which gave her an 11th place finish. Dan Oberzut finished best for the men's team with a time of 26:55 minutes, giving him 3rd place and qualified him to represent Illinois Tech at the National Meet. Dan Oberzut and Peter Emmer were named All-Conference athletes for the 2000 season.

Men's Swimming

The men's swimming team had an excellent finish for the 2001 season. They ranked in 5th place in the NAIA National Swimming and Diving championships. The achievement was notable because the team only had 8 members, compared to other teams comprised of 18-21 swimmers on average. Matt Robertson received a bronze medal in the 1-meter diving tournament and a silver medal in the 3-meter diving competition. Scott Erdman received a bronze medal in the 200-meter men's backstroke.