DUI kills on State and 33rd

Jermaine Mandley, 26, was heading north along State Street when he attempted to jump a red light at the intersection of 33rd and State, and subsequently rammed his vehicle into that of Reverend Charles Shyne and his wife, Berlena Shyne, 76 and 73 years old respectively.

At about 10 PM on the night of Wednesday, November 7th, the couple was headed east on 33rd street when they collided with Ballingbrook resident Jermaine Mandley. The high speed collision sent both vehicles careening onto the curb. One landed upside-down a few meters up the curb and the other spun into the corner of the intersection. Both cars were severely damaged.

When emergency services arrived at the scene of the accident, they found Rev. Shyne already dead. His wife was

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Hybrids race past competition

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News Writer

A n Interprofessional Research Opportunity (IPRO) is currently underway to study and develop selected electric vehicle technologies. The IPRO team, under the supervision of Professors Peter Lykos and Ali Emadi, has focused on the conversion of a standard internal combustion engine to an electric vehicle and the development of hybrid cars.

Professor Lykos said, "We need to change peoples' mindset that everything electric is slow and trivial."

In order to do this, a Toyota Prius, a hybrid, was put on display outside the HUB on October 18th. "The Prius has the power of an internal combustion vehicle and the efficiency of an electric vehicle," said Professor Philip Petter, owner of the Prius.

The Prius also has an advanced electric motor. Depending on the conditions, the motor or the engine is used to deliver power to the Prius. The drawback of an internal combustion engine is that the vehicle must maintain a high RPM (revolutions per minute) for maximum efficiency. The Prius overcomes this problem by using the electric motor when the vehicle is not running at a high RPM.

The IPRO team is also studying new generation batteries such as Nickel Oxide and Nickel metal hydride batteries, voltaic cells, solar cells, and electric dragsters.

To get some insight of how advanced this technology is, dragsters have been developed that can accelerate from 0 to 100 miles per hour in under 10 seconds.

Professor Lykos said, "The IPRO is a signature program of Illinois Tech. It gives students a chance work on something in a dynamic environment..."
Ed Kaplan shares his wealth of knowledge

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Through Illinois Tech’s mailing list, many students have heard about the Ed Kaplan Entrepreneurial talk. Even though not too many took advantage of this opportunity, the students that did had a worthwhile experience.

Ed Kaplan is currently an alumnus of Illinois Tech. A student of chemical engineering, he was graduated in 1965 and received his MBA at the University of Chicago. Then, at 1970 he started his business venture that lasted for around 30 years to lead where he is today.

In 1969, Ed Kaplan was 26 years old. He was a fulltime engineer at Teletype Corporation and did part time venturing. He started a business called Data Specialties Incorporation (DSI) with his partner Gary Cless.

The business was into manufacturing products for orders. DSI produced tape punchers and other machinery for sale. DSI would sell tape punchers until around 1970 when their contract with a printer company was canceled and the company was hit with a lawsuit. They lost the lawsuit losing all design rights to their product.

From 1971 to around 1982, DSI began to produce a product called paper tape. This product was the primary data communication across the world at that time. The paper tape industry peaked up until 1982. This was when Ed Kaplan knew that it was a dying business and immediately sold his company, DSI, and began a new company called Zebra Technologies Corporation.

Zebra Technology was primarily based on making bar code printers. From 1982 until present Zebra Technologies is the leader in manufacturing bar code printers. It set the standard in 1982, and it still is in the present time. In 1991, Zebra Technology went public in the market and in 1998 it merged with another corporation to where it is today. Currently Zebra Technologies Corporation’s bar code printers make labels for shipping materials, pharmaceuticals, shelf labeling, and all types of bar code printing needs.

The key to success is to have three things, smart, hearts, and leadership. We gained a great deal of knowledge from Ed Kaplan. His pathway to success was not an easy one. "The key to success is to have three things, smart, hearts, and leadership," was the main message given by Ed Kaplan.

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ITI joins the Universities Research Association

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Many students admit that before Illinois Tech sent them information on the university, they had never heard of Illinois Tech. President Collins and the Board of Trustees dedicated him self to improving the academic reputation of Illinois Tech. Recently, Illinois Tech successfully applied to join a consortium of 89 other universities known as the Universities Research Association (URA). The University was created in 1965 at the request of President Lyndon Johnson's National Science Advisory Committee for the management and operation of research facilities in the national interest. URA is responsible for the oversight and governance of Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) and for corporate relations with the Federal government, industry, academia, and the general public.

Since January 1967, URA has been the private contractor to the Department of Energy for the construction and operation of Fermilab which is located near Batavia, Illinois, about 45 miles due west of Illinois Tech.

Fermilab is home to the Tevatron, the world’s highest-energy accelerator for elementary particle physics research. Experiments using the Fermilab Tevatron led to the discovery of the elusive top quark particle in 1995 at Fermilab. Illinois Tech was admitted to URA on the strength of its physics department and its high-energy physics research group.

The major advantage to students, according to Dr. Howard Rubin, will be for graduate students in high-energy physics.
COMMENTARY

Crossing the street a risky proposition

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Commentary Editor

Often, even the best plans need some adjusting. Many near misses and one pedestrian involved accident highlight the dangers of crossing State Street after its narrowing.

As a component of the $200 million campus improvement project, Illinois Tech and the City of Chicago went ahead with a plan to narrow State Street by removing curbside parking and increasing the width of the center median.

Planned by the school as a tangible way to allow drivers and students to realize that it was Illinois Tech, you were passing through, they could be caught out in dense foliage and students relaxing on the median. Removing curbside parking also gave the campus a cleaner look.

As work progressed, navigation across State Street became laborious. Construction equipment, mud, fresh concrete and the usual cars formed a sadistic trap for those already late for class. After the final landscaping was completed and all the construction equipment cleared, the campus looked remarkably the same minus the parked cars.

Crossing the street yielded an entirely different experience. While the city and university placed crossings at good locations with handicapped accessible curves, all seemed well for the pedestrian. However, the other variable, the automobile was not addressed.

Speed limits remained the same, even though there were many clearly marked pedestrian crossings. Cars continued through campus at higher speeds, instead of slowing down. While trees and grass are nice, speeding cars still divide the campus.

Adjustments should be made for the safety of pedestrians. Currently, no speed limit signs are displayed prominently on campus. Driving through Illinois Tech, it is difficult to know whether the speed limit is 25, 35, or 45. Common sense dictates that when there are many pedestrians crossing, a lower speed limit is required.

At night needs to be addressed. While sidewalk lighting has been implemented, the installed street lighting is rarely turned on. Dark streets with many pedestrians and speeding cars do not mix into anything but trouble. Street lighting that works would also make the campus safer from outside elements on the sidewalks. Using street lighting would improve the situation immensely.

While the city would object, the addition of speed bumps, or the closure of State Street to vehicular traffic would solve many of the problems. Speed bumps would have a double benefit. Cars going through campus would be slowed down. Cars driving through campus everyday would be discouraged to do so, opting for Michigan or Martin Luther King instead.

Removing cars that don’t belong on campus will also limit the almost invisible scene of outside drug busts and high-speed police chases through campus.

State Street’s narrowing has yielded only marginal improvements to the overall plan of the campus. Once the trees begin to grow, the look of Illinois Tech will be complete. However, the true goal of linking the residential to the academic cannot be achieved when pedestrians risk their lives crossing the State Street.

overcoming the hidden obstacles

NICHOLAS WILLIAMS
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A blank page lies in front of me. It is unmarked, untouched, and untamed. A blank page is a new beginning. It is empty, waiting to be filled with words that will bring life to an idea or concept.

As I sit here, I cannot help but wonder why we are having such a difficult time with grammar. Why do we have people that are struggling to get computer’s smart enough to tell us how to put a sentence together. People are constantly insisting that we should let the machine do everything that it should take over more and more roles of our life. We are putting more and more trust in technology and not thinking about the consequences of our actions.

I believe that grammar is an important part of education. We need to teach our children to write properly so they can express their thoughts and ideas clearly. Grammar not only helps us communicate effectively, but it also shows that we respect the language and the people who use it.

In order to improve our grammar skills, we need to start by learning the basics. We should focus on grammar rules, sentence structure, and punctuation. We should also practice writing by taking notes, journals, and essays. By doing so, we can develop a better understanding of grammar and improve our writing skills.

In conclusion, I believe that grammar is crucial for effective communication. It is not just a matter of following rules, but it is also a way of showing respect for the language and the people who use it. Let’s start working on improving our grammar skills and become better communicators.
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placed in traumatic arrest and, by subsequent default condition red. Shortly, however, she succumbed to her injuries. Of the remaining three persons involved in the accident, i.e. Mandley and his passengers, two were placed in condition red. The other one was placed in condition yellow. Mandley's two passengers were taken to the Mt. Sinai and Northwestern Memorial hospitals.

Police sectioned off the junction for several hours after the accident, to investigate the scene, as well as to tow away the wrecks and clean up the mess of glass and steel. DUI tests confirmed that Mandley had been under the influence of alcohol at the time of the accident. He had already received previous citations for DUI, and had his driver's license revoked. He also had no automobile insurance. Prosecutors intend to seek felony charges against him.

According to a report from MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) in September this year, an overwhelming 16,653 people were killed in the year 2000, in crashes involving alcohol, representing 40 percent of the 41,821 people killed in all traffic crashes. Also, DUI accidents are known to increase in frequency around major holidays.

The Counseling and Health Services (CHS) at Illinois Tech offered special counseling sessions on the Friday following the accident. The CHS also provides access to useful information regarding alcohol consumption, and has participated significantly in past Alcohol Awareness Week programs.

It has been a while since Alcohol Awareness Week ended, but a recent tragedy on the Illinois Tech campus has yet again demonstrated how the physical and social ill of excessive alcohol consumption often leads to sorrow, loss and destruction.
Zoolander, good for quick laughs

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From the beginning of the movie, "Zoolander" gives itself away as an obvious slapstick comedy show. The protagonist is Derek Zoolander, a well-known supermodel hotshot played by the director himself, Ben Stiller. Derek is a dense and gullible yet innocent supermodel who becomes a victim and pawn of the "evil" fashion industry's powerful figures. The primary "evil" fashion guru, Mugatu, played by Will Ferrell, brainwashes Derek to kill the prime minister of Malaysia.

Anyone who wants to see this movie should go for the pure silly humor, what else can one expect from a movie called "Zoolander" with Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, and Jerry Stiller, great comedians poking fun at the fashion world? Furthermore, star appearances, such as David Duchovny acting as a retired male model and David Bowie, add extra amusingly funny scenes to the story. The trio of Ben and Owen resembles the team of Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels in the classic slapstick comedy "Dumb and Dumber." Ben Stiller's model "look" is one silly expression that will stick in your head for a long time. The only downside to the film was the lack of creativity in the storyline. One could probably predict the outcome of the movie halfway through the film. Yet the concept of a dimwitted male supermodel trying to save himself from killing the prime minister of Malaysia makes for quite a humorous story. "Zoolander" is worth the quick laughs, though the laughs won't be memorable one.

Top Ten Funny Things to do in Class

10. Wait until the teacher calls on you with a question, then say, "I think I'm gonna use a lifetime and phone a friend Reag," and take out your cell phone and call somebody. Then tell the teacher, "Umm... I have an important call, I'm gonna take off, later teach!"

9. When the teacher passes out papers, grab the stack and start coughing and spluttering on it like crazy. Then tell the teacher, "Ask yourself, is it really worth it to pass out this homework? I mean come on, who knows what I could have?"

8. Bring your pet dog to class and tell the teacher that you're deaf and he's a hearing dog. When your teacher tells you that you're not making sense, tell her that you can't understand her and that she'll need to communicate with your dog in a series of barks and scratches.

7. Put a warm can of soda down the front of your pants and spend the entire class period shaking it up. Then at the end of class pop it open while it's still in your pants and groan a sigh of relief.

6. Spend the entire period eating a single rattle cracker as slowly as possible.

5. Ask your teachers if you can teach next time. When they refuse say "Looks like somebody needs to teach you how to share."

4. Bring in action figures and have them battle each other on your desk. Try to add in noisy sound effects.

3. Raise your hand in the middle of class and ask the teacher if you can go to the bathroom.

2. Bring a laptop to class and play Counter Strike in the front row with the volume on high.

1. Raise your hand for every question your teachers asks. Then when they call on you, say stuff like, "Umm... lots see... right... no wait... yea... well no maybe... but yeah... ok... so if we carry four... no no, that's not right... hmmm," and never actually give an answer.

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33. Percent of IIT students whose favorite hangout is the computer lab according to the Tube It! poll. 16. Percent of IIT students whose favorite hangout is the bog according to the Tube It! poll.

10. Days to thanksgiving break.
5. Months since construction of the McCormick Tribune Campus Center Tunnel began.

Numbers
Deep Thoughts
by SANDEEP GANGIREDDY

Sometimes strange stuff seems to happen to me when I walk to campus. Like just the other day, some bum came up to me and offered to sell me some socks. I told him that I didn't need any socks, so then he offered me some adult videos. I told him that I didn't need any movies and he offered me a hat. Finally I told him I didn't need a hat, so he called me a ho-bag and walked off. I sat there wondering if there's some kind of special program that gives bum socks, hats and adult videos to sell for free.

Ever get one of those fortune cookies with that generic crap like, "You have luck coming your way?" If I ran a Chinese restaurant, I'd make fortune cookies with fortunes like, "You'll be hit by a bus in exactly 10 minutes." That way people would buy more to eat before they left, thinking that it was their last meal.

I think a good way to make money would be to set up a lemonade stand on campus. People walking between classes must get thirsty, so I'm sure it would sell. As an added bonus you could sell some to people you don't like, then after they drink some, you could say that you peed in it.

My psychology teacher told me that when people say something that might seem straightforward, they often imply a lot of other things that are not as obvious. Like if someone offers to burn you a CD, what they mean to say is that you have a crappy computer and that you're too incompetent to burn your own CD, so they better just do it for you. They could also mean that your ugly, but I thought that was just going too far.

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Regional meet brings disappointment to Hawks

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TechNews Writer

The weather was beautiful for the NAIA/CCAC Regional cross-country meet this past Saturday (November 3rd). However, for the Scarlet Hawks, the luck ended there. Although runners showed considerable potential throughout the season, the overall team performance was not enough to allow them to continue beyond the Regional level to the National Meet.

First to race were the women's teams. Illinois Tech ran women raced well, but injuries throughout the year prevented several runners from attaining their full potential. Overall times were fairly consistent. Anya Freischle led the women's team with a time of 21:23 placing her 8th out of 56 in the region. Lauren Raetz followed at 20th place. Kimberly Smith came in at 32nd place and Jackie Johnson followed at 33rd.

Sarah Roudevud, taking over a minute off her previous time, came in at 37th place followed by Rachel Barnes at 39th, Neva Wheeler at 49th, and Nuria Miro at 53rd place. This placed the team as a whole at 6th place out of 8.

The men's cross-country team felt the loss of team leader Matt Rodriguez who, due to injury, was forced to watch the race from the sidelines. The rest of his team stepped up, however, many of them running their best times of the season. Hussain Chhatrjawala finished first for IIT at 29th place and a time of 30:49. Following Hussain and both achieving their best times were Wendell Holmes at 32nd place and Aaron Holmes with 39th place. Matt Cerney, Lance Pickens, and Ken Baker finished at 50th, 55th, and 57th places, respectively, placing the men's team at 8th place overall out of 10 teams.

St. Francis ends Scarlet Hawks volleyball season

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TechNews Writer

The Scarlet Hawks, with a 15-14 record, had to face the Saint Francis Saints in the first round of conference playoffs last Tuesday, November 6th at Saint Francis. Even though the lady Hawks reviewed and analyzed their previous game against Saint Francis to gather some strategic tactics on Saint Francis' weaknesses, they still fell short of the victory, ending their season with a 15 - 15 record. If the Hawks had won and advanced to the next round, they would have faced the winner of the Robert Morris and Kendall match, pretty much guaranteeing them a match for the conference finals.

Unfortunately, that was not the case because the Hawks came out tired against the Saint Francis Saints, losing in three games. Even though the Saints advance to the next round of conference playoffs, there were some impressive statistics throughout the match that should be noted. Mary Bauer, Jackie Baine, and Violette Karp led in kills while Megan Bowgren and Jay Sokolowski racked up some amazing defensive digs to keep the Hawks within reach of the Saint Francis Saints. Leading in service aces were Jay Sokolowski and Amy Kephart.

Although the Scarlet Hawks finished their season last Tuesday with a disappointing loss to the Saint Francis Saints, the team should be congratulated for their continuous effort. More importantly, the university should honor the five graduating seniors of the team who will be greatly missed for their undivided dedication and commitment to the Scarlet Hawks volleyball program: Jackie Baine, Mary Bauer, Megan Bowgren, Violette Karp, and Shannon Kelly.

Good luck to the five seniors in their future plans and endeavors, as well as to the returning Scarlet Hawks for next year's volleyball season.

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