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Entrepreneurial Reflections of a leading Entrepreneur

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The Ed Kaplan Entrepreneurial Studies Program is arranging a guest talk by Dr. Ed Kaplan, founder and CRO of Zebra Technologies and a trustee member of Illinois Tech on Tuesday, the 6th of November. Zebra Technologies, which began as a start-up, is now a corporation that has grown to be known as a synonym for barcode technology. In the lecture, Kaplan will be sharing his experiences as an entrepreneur with the student community of Illinois Tech. Zebra is a bar code printer manufacturing company.

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Coach Dennis Matuch Passes Away

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Coach Dennis Matuch, IIT's former swim coach passed away on October 10, 2001. He was suffering from heart ailments. A memorial service was held on October 14, 2001. Coach Matuch began his career at IIT in 1967 and retired in the spring of 2001. J. D. Darrah, athletic director said, "He was a character. Anyone who met him never forgot him. He had a way of making people laugh and feel good around him." In 1971, Coach Matuch was ranked number one in the US and number three in the world in marathon swimming. He was ranked two in the world for points in marathon swimming. In 1974, he participated in the Lake Saint-Jean International Swimming Marathon. The 32-kilometer (20-mile) race between Pointe-du-Chene, Quebec and Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatiere, Quebec has water temperatures ranging between 61°F and 72°F F. In 1974, Coach Bond completed the race in 3 hours, 39 minutes and 38 seconds.

Swim coach, Rob Bond who trained under Coach Matuch from 92-94 said, "He loved to tell stories and pull pranks. He had a way of getting into peoples heads. Whenever we went for a trip, the best seat in the bus used to be held by Dennis Matuch." Coach Matuch was one of the most recognizable figures on campus; he was a true friend of the faculty, students and staff," said Coach Darrah.

Terry Shapiro, dean of undergraduate affairs added, "He was an interesting, larger than life figure. He always told jokes. He was a very good coach till his health failed. Swimming was his life."
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Banking Man Banks
Again, Didn’t I Just have
money in this account?

NICHOLAS WILLIAMS
TechNews Columnist

I don’t know about you, but I feel
great. I just managed to overcome
boredom, conquer fear, dispense
sterotypes, destroy injustice, attack
the infallible, move a non-movable
object and stop the un-stoppable
problem. I managed to get my bank
account in a respectable state. This is
no small feat.

Actually, it required two feet,
and one hand. (For signing.) But bad
pains aside, all you really have to do is
find a bank, tell them you want to open
an account, and be prepared to wait
out till the second ice age. Yes, boys
willing to deposit their nickels were
balding men with long beards when
they left. Naturally, I did not want to
end up like that, so I took the obvious
solution cheating. I went to the teller
and said I had a lot of money. They
immediately attack me with a pile of
paperwork about as complicated as a
tax form, but at least written in
English. The IRS operates on 1943’s
concept of double think and an old
language derived from a root of Celtic
called “sith.” (Literally, it means
language we cannot understand.)
Unfortunately the bank documents like
this are written in English that cannot be
comprehended. Let me give you an
excerpt of the more comprehensible
passages:

In this case, the user, against
his common sense, shall give us all his
cents, in essence, leaving him senseless,
in the sense of having no cents, and
derived from the fact that sense does
not involve common sense, or for that
matter cents, and furthermore...

As you can see, it is pretty
much pure gibberish, pretty useless, to
the common user. You could spend ages
trying to decipher this and go insane
in the process. Again, I had a safeguard:
I signed anything that was placed in
front of me. (It is perhaps best to note
here that this is not an advice column.
Furthermore, I am not a paid
professional who is allowed to act like a
kliot. So any jobs like signing everything in
front of me, setting my hair on fire,
giving the dog a bath in the toilet, are
best left to me.) So as you can see, it
banking is a very simple process that
can be used to deplete all one’s life
savings in one debt sweep.

Personally, I’d go back to shoeboxes.

I’m sitting here in CS lab reading the
October 22 issue of TechNews because
an important issue for TechNews because
it formally broke the news that the HUB
Cafeteria was infected with rats. While
I was very happy with your diligence
towards finding fact, I am appalled and
ashamed at the lack of knowledge of
the English language that your
reporters and editors possess.
On the first page alone there
were at least three misspelled words
(license, muddled, and transcript),
two reused commas, and twice the author
of the story completely left out key
words (eg., "...then again asked if there
anything else..."). It is incredibly
discouraging to me to realize that
supposedly some of the best writers at
my school do not know how to spell.
Does the editor edit at all?

Misuse of the English language
is unacceptable when used to represent
our school as a whole. It makes our
entire student body look like a group
of uneducated science geeks who care
not about formal communication.
Obviously if we have a school
newspaper, the people running it
should care about formal communication. Maybe you should
learn the basics of English, however,
before you try to publish an article in
English.
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ALCOHOL: IS IT WORTH IT?

As a student, we often forget to include the amount we spend on alcohol as part of our monthly budget, even though it can make up a substantial part of our expenses. For the avid drinker (2-4 times a week), alcohol can drain your bank account as quickly as you can change your next pint. A night drinking on the town could easily cost you $80 for the evening, if not more (depending on the size of your liver, and if it's a varsity athlete or not). Twice a week, drinking can cost you over $200 for the month. For those that are not quitelushes, it has less of an impact but is definitely something that you should take into consideration. Also, alcohol has side effects. Many an unwanted romantic liaison can be traced back to alcohol and most man-toilet relationships as well. Alcohol can be a great social lubricant, but you have to know how to use it.

How can we reduce alcohol consumption? The first answer is drink less but who wants to hear such a blasphemous remark. For some, that is simply not an option. Besides this, there are some other suggestions that students have. Along with cutting down on your consumption, there are some other useful tips on how to save some cash (if not brains cells) along the way.

Start Drinking: Before you hit the Bars
Get together at someone's place before you go out and get primed. There you can de-mast your drinking before you hit the bars, where you can drink cheaper alcohol, and not waste money on tipping some cut-rate bartender $1.50 every time they open a beer for you.

Brand Names may be overrated: If you don't know your drink and love from your Heineken, avoid buying brand names and cut your cost. If you can't stand the taste of American beer and you prefer a good Kilkenny or Amsterdam Nut Brown to Labatt Blue – much respect goes to you. You probably already know what you're doing anyway, and are willing to spend the extra cash. However, this is another blash-

ument comment, after 4 or 5, most drinks start tasting the same. So you might want to consider saving the money you would have spent on the 5-6 drinks you drank and save it for some other uses.

Drink to live. Don't live to drink. Most combinations are not inherently dangerous, though the effects of mixing vary from individual to individual. There are certain horror stories of mixing out there, generally you want to avoid mixing the 3 types of alcohol – beer, wine, and liquor. A shot of JD and a shot of vodka are generally not harmful. A couple of glasses of wine, some ale and a tequila shot, can combine for a dangerous scenario.

Drink Water. Hangovers are a result of dehydration, and you can avoid them by drinking a lot of water at the end of a heavy night. It's easy to get home and crash right away, but the 30 seconds it takes you to get a couple of glasses of water in, will save you the following day.

Egos STAY Home!! Leave your ego at home. By far the stupidest thing in the world is to drink to prove how cool you are. So, what if you're whooped after 3 martinis when your buddy Bill can drink a keg on his own. Everyone has a tolerance level, a limit. If you try to prove that you're as big a drinker as someone else, you will pay through the nose. Enjoy your lower tolerance – it's a hell of a lot cheaper.

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Illinois Institute of Technology
HUB repairs underway to keep out rodents

The Illinois Tech community can definitely feel safe when eating at the cafeteria, according to Paul Terzino, Director of the Hermann Union Building (HUB) and Student Activities.

"Let me just say that we apologize for not... fully disclosing what was in the report... We didn’t want to... alarm the community... it was an isolated incident, it had never been a problem here. Keith didn’t lie at all, he answered the questions, and we didn’t want to alarm the community." He also emphasized that the report had numerous other parts that were disclosed.

The HUB has been working closely with their pest control company, whom they have been working with for a number of years, ever since the first inspection was made, an indicator, said Terzino, of how seriously the matter was taken.

Now is the time of year when mice look for shelter in the increasing cold, and this increases possibility of infestation.

"We are having the pest control company come and do some extra training with the employees," he said. That training took place last Friday. They are also setting up additional traps for rodents. The pest control company keeps a closer eye on the facility, and also makes recommendations as to necessary repairs to the structure of the building.

"I am looking very carefully at the structural stuff itself... the HUB has spent some extra money the last couple of weeks replacing door sweeps, looking carefully at the foundation of the building,..." said Terzino. A 1/4 inch opening is enough for a critter to enter, so everything needs to be evaluated carefully.

According to Terzino, never before has such serious mouse infestation been an issue in the building and the cafeteria, and he calls this more of an isolated occurrence. There have been small, less serious issues, and some violations upon inspection before, but never anything serious enough to cause the cafeteria to be shut down.

Some of the specific repairs to the HUB include adding a number of door sweeps, located under the doors, that seal cracks and keep rodents out. A number of cracks in the outside walls of the HUB have also been sealed. The mesh on some air vents of the HUB is not fine enough to keep out mice, which the HUB is working on. Pipe penetrations through walls are being checked and sealed off. There has been a serious effort to reduce clutter in the cafeteria, and Sodexo cleaned a number of oversized corners. A number of clean mousetraps have been set up - a mousetrap constitutes a small, metallic box that a mouse can enter but not exit from, thus becoming contained.

As for maintaining the cafeteria, Sodexo-Marriott is a contractor at Illinois Tech. That means they are responsible for keeping the facility clean and staying in compliance with food preparation procedures. The HUB and Illinois Tech own all the equipment in the cafeteria, and hence are responsible for all the maintenance, as well as contracting the pest control company. The university in turn has a number of contractors that are responsible for the various machines and specific equipment. The HUB is also responsible for maintaining the structure of the building.

"This is an isolated incident," emphasized Terzino. "The cooking areas are clean, we maintain the appropriate standards of cleanliness in the areas, every night when we close up we clean up very well." There are also people who are on premises who are certified in keeping with the health regulations who are on premises all the time. Sodexo and the HUB are taking strong measures to fix any hazards and violations that may have existed. It is yet to be seen if fixing the damaged trust and confidence in the management will proceed as fast.
The Art Institute of Chicago Van Gogh and Gauguin The Studio of the South

By Joyce Tan Arts and Entertainment writer

A special exhibition featuring more than 100 Van Gogh and Gauguin originals is running at the Art Institute of Chicago from the 22nd of September, 2001 to the 13th of January, 2002. It is truly impressive in its quantity of paintings from many different collections; the entire exhibit fills 21 rooms, each of which has extensive text to accompany the work.

The bulk of the information covers the nine weeks in 1888 the two worked together in the Studio of the South in Paris. It compares each artist's style and explains how the short partnership impacted the work and vision of the other artist. The exhibit also gives an account of the artists' backgrounds and explains a bit more about the concept behind the Studio of the South. It touches on the development of their particular type of art within a physical and cultural context.

However, remarkable though all this may be, there are several drawbacks that may discourage the average viewer from dedicating an afternoon to the contemplation of post-impressionistic art downtown at the Institute. First and foremost is the exorbitant $20 entrance fee to the exhibit along with the normal student rate. It is an instant turnoff for anyone who is not a hardcore Van Gogh/Gauguin fanatic. Getting tickets can prove to be a real hassle. You'd think that with the popularity of the Art Institute, they could charge a lot less.

There's also the fact that the whole exhibition focuses solely on the small amount of time the two artists spent together. It doesn't dedicate enough to the importance of the work directly preceding or succeeding this time period. For example, there was only one room of Gauguin's Polynesian paintings, which he spent the rest of his life doing.

Overall, if you're a Van Gogh fan and you can afford it, you won't be disappointed. Most of his most well-known paintings are on exhibit and many works that you've never heard about may also appeal to you. Personally, the two pieces I was the most partial to were ones by Gauguin, which I had never been aware of before (especially since I'm not a Gauguin fan at all). I guess the important thing is to go with an open mind and don't be bowed by just the name. Be ready to like what YOU like.

Top Ten Signs You're a Poor College Kid

1. You can't afford dental floss so you recycle your roommates by washing it with soap and water.
2. You stand by the redline entrance trying to sell uses off your CTA U-Pass. Unfortunately you don't think those burns understand that you want them to give it back when they're done with it.
3. You yell at the cashiers in the HUB and ask for a refund when you find a rat in your food, but they just calmly reply "We're gonna tell you what we told the health inspector...here's a hundred bucks, now keep your mouth shut and eat your rat."
4. You order the poor mans dinner at Chinatown every night (otherwise known as rice and tea with the occasional splash of soy sauce).
5. You swipe chemicals, thermometers, and Bunsen burners from your chemistry class and try to package them for sale on eBay as a "Make-Your-Own-Bomb Kit."
6. You try and sell the cockroach soup they were selling in the HUB cafeteria to some foreigners by passing it off as an American delicacy.
7. You buy a 300 pack of Ramen in bulk at Costco and try selling it door to door in the dorms.
8. Coming out of the HUB cafeteria you drop your plate of food on the floor. You walk back to the cook and ask for a new plate, but they just reply, "Trust me, it's cleaner now than it was before."
9. You try to bribe one of your teachers by saying, "Hey, I know I failed the last three tests...but if you pay me twenty bucks then nobody has to know what a lousy teacher you are."
10. You ask for a discount on your food at the HUB because your meal is topped with mostly breadcrumbs and rodent droppings...which you argue has very little nutritional value.
ACROSS:
1. element 11
2. always same distance apart
3. plant with edible seeds
4. false representation
5. disagreeable/disgusting taste
6. hidden; dormant
7. strong shoe extending up ankle
8. secure; determined
9. relieve
10. toward the stem of a ship
11. step-by-step process
12. to respect or honor
13. formed by union of states

DOWN:
1. October 31
2. eating place
3. bitter enemy
4. offer a reasonable explanation
5. great Macedonian conqueror
6. rules governing course of action
7. rail engine
8. sexually explicit literature
9. long spoon with a deep bowl
10. image of person in virtual reality
11. bed on ship or train
12. hypnotic/meditative state
13. operation handbook
14. large book

Solutions for last weeks puzzle:

Recently it seems that the HUB cafeteria has had a problem with being honest with students. I can just imagine what happened during the student interview. I bet a student came in and said something like, “I’d like to ask you a few questions.” Then the cook replies, “Umm, hold on a second, lemme ask my manager.” At this point the manager and the cook step aside and talk to each other. Here, the manager says something like “Do you think he knows about the rats? How about the cockroaches? Oh my god... what if he knows about the ground up buns...OH NO! You think he knows about that time I peed in the coke machine...awww crap!!!” At this point I envision the manager running out screaming with his hands in the air and the student standing there, scratching his head and looking confused.

If I were the one giving out those good stuff boxes in the beginning of the year, I’d put something a little different in them. I’d fill em with survival gear for the year. Here’s what I think I’d put in: Starcraft, counterstrike, anime, deodorant, movies, beer, Prozac, and a small note that says, “Complaining twice a day keeps the doctor away.”

Lately I hear a lot of people saying that this place has been going downhill. They whine and complain about how tuition has gone up, the food quality has gone down, and the classes are bad. To these people, all I have to say is that sometimes you have to look on the bright side. Sure there have been a lot of problems, but there’s one thing that you can’t deny... that this year, all the toilet paper in the bathrooms is two-ply and it’s softer than it was last year. If this isn’t a drastic improvement, I don’t know what is.

A wise man once said “If there’s crap in your food, and your food tastes like crap...don’t eat it... period.” Come to think of it, maybe he had to eat here too.
Scarlet Hawks Top Cardinal Stritch

VIOLET KARP
Sports Writer

The Scarlet Hawks had a long drive to Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Tuesday, October 23rd, to face Cardinal Stritch, a regional opponent. Even though the game was quite a distance, the Hawks had some loyal fans cheering for them.

Before the game, the Hawks visited Cardinal Stritch's cafeteria to find some energy boosting food and drinks. Luckily, the food and drinks paid off because the Hawks came out strong and defeated Cardinal Stritch within four games. The Hawks started out the match serving aggressively and dominating the entire game. Statistically, Mary Bauer and Violetta Karp led the Hawks in kills, Megan Bowgren led in digs, Allison Leifker and Violetta Karp led in service aces, in which Allison served the first ten points of the second game, and Amy Kepke and Chelsea Boland each did an extraordinary job setting various plays to throw off Cardinal Stritch's defense. All together the Scarlet Hawks won a regionally vital game to advance in the conference standings.

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Tigers prey on Scarlet Hawks

VIOLET KARP
Sports Writer

The Scarlet Hawks regrouped after coming back from a disappointing weekend tournament at Olivet Nazarene University where the Scarlet Hawks faced and lost to St. Xavier, Taylor, and Evangel, and defeated Spring Arbor.

Although Illinois Tech lost to some fierce competitors at the Olivet tournament, they were more than eager to play the highly ranked Olivet Nazarene Tigers team. The Hawks began the game with Megan Bowgren serving aggressively and Jackie Baine blocking Olivet’s strongest outside hitter for the first point of the game. The game continued with some incredible and long plays that were won by the Hawks and appreciated by enthusiastic Hawk fans.

Throughout the match, Megan Bowgren, Bridget Dulinskas, Violetta Karp, and Jay Sokolowski contributed amazing digs and passes that led to some incredible plays and kills.

During the second game, the Hawks were trailing by several points before Violetta Karp stepped up to serve and landed several aces in a row to tie the game up. Jackie Baine, Megan Bowgren, and Jay Sokolowski also contributed several aces to keep the score closer together while Mary Bauer, Allison Leifker, and Violetta Karp led the team with numerous kills that were set by Amy Kepke.

Even though the final score was in favor of Olivet Nazarene University, the Scarlet Hawks left the game with their heads up high because of a well-played match and the anticipation of being able to play Olivet Nazarene University again in the future.