Residence Life Department gears up for RA selection

"Resident Advisors learn how to resolve conflicts, they are trained in time management and goal setting skills, as well as how to work make friends," Murphy said. Resident Advisors are offered a single room and full board plan as remuneration.

Applicants have to attend a mandatory RA information session on January 26th from 12-2:00pm to 12:30pm or January 28th from 9:15pm to 9:45pm in the MSV private dining room. There will be three cuts during the selection process, the first being the online application, and then after the Round 1 and Round 2 interviews. Applications are available online at http://www.itil.edu/reslife/ra_application.html and are due by 5:00pm Monday, February 4th.

"The application process is extremely competitive as nearly 150 students applied for this position last year," said Murphy. For more information please contact Katherine Murphy (murphy@itil.edu) or any Resident Advisor.
Illinois Tech gets new student organization

THOMAS D’SILVA
TechNews Writer

Shoes, a swing and salsa dance club, was formed in September just before the student organization expo. "A lot of people sighed up during the student expo," said Lauren Raetz, Shoes' Executive Board member.

"We organized a swing and salsa event in the BOG. We had Maria Ana Tejlly teach some swing lessons and after that, we had Reilly D. Everyone had a good time. Many people participated," Raetz said. Reilly reacted the finals of the Midwest Championship this year.

"We are planning more events for next semester. We are also planning trips to swing and salsa clubs downtown," said Shannon Phillips.

"This will be very good for the club," Raetz said. Alumni are sometimes invited to teach some of the sessions.

"We have about 15 members and are always looking for new members. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join," said Brandy Caufee. Shoes meets on Thursdays in the Hub ballroom at 7 p.m. Lessons are free and everyone is invited to join. For more information, please email ltoebo@hotmail.com.

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On Deck at Tech
by Steven Peters

Wednesday, January 20
“Lean with an Aim”
Joe D’Antonio will be here to answer your questions about what happens after college.
Free Catered Pizza will be served.
Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Location: Canvass Hall Lower Common Room
Contact: Brian S. - brown@tech.edu

Friday, February 1
“Great Expectations”
Learn about the many Internet search engines, their strengths, weaknesses, and limitations by an expert in the field.
Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Galvin Library Learning Center
Tutor: Ellen Keating - ellenkeating@tech.edu

Sentimental Responsibility Week
Monday, February 4 - Friday, February 8
“Black Issues, Sex & Gender”
Discuss sexuality, women, and related issues in the context of race. A tab on sexual responsibility will be shown, while three single men and a woman will be given roles.
Time: Monday - Thursday, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Location: Library Lounge, HUB
Time: Friday, all evening
Location: RMC
Contact: Dr. Charles Berry - berry@tech.edu

Monday, February 4
“Superhero”
A chance to have a great fun with superheroes, and improve your thinking and improve moral development through activities.
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: McCormick Student Village Lounge
Contact: Dr. Charles Berry - berry@tech.edu

Tuesday, February 5
“Dare to Be Bold, & Attractive” Keeping Yourself Safe
Presented by staff member, Public Safety.
Free wine, beer, soda, and snacks provided.
Time: 12:00 pm
Location: Engineering Center, East Hall
Contact: Dr. Charles Berry - berry@tech.edu

Tuesday, February 5
“Who Defines for Women and Men?”
Women learn about how to present themselves during the interactive demonstration presented by Power for Women as part of Sentimental Responsibility Week.
Time: 7:30 pm
Location: McCormick Student Village Lounge
Contact: Dr. Charles Berry - berry@tech.edu

Wednesday, February 6
“Gender Communication”
Who is the better reader and storyteller? Learn to be a better listener during Dr. Tumino’s presentation as part of the Psychology Department.
Time: 12:00 pm
Location: Crown Reuter, HUB
Contact: Dr. Charles Berry - berry@tech.edu

Wednesday, February 6
“Sex With, K.I.D.S. & Performance”
Deep sexual and intimate issues of sex and relationships from a popular topic.
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: McCormick Student Village Lounge
Contact: Dr. Charles Berry - berry@tech.edu

Thursday, February 7
“Women’s Own Voice & Power”
A round table discussion led by Kelly O’Donnell and designed to explore and encourage women’s voices in relationships.
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Apple, Design, A Plus
Contact: Dr. Charles Berry - berry@tech.edu

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Once again, the Leadership Academy is providing all IIT freshmen, sophomore, and junior year students an exciting opportunity to apply for a multi-year, full-tuition scholarship! Through a formal application and screening process, the Leadership Academy will identify students who possess exceptional leadership potential. Recipients of the scholarship receive a full tuition award for up to four years of undergraduate education. Scholarship recipients will participate in an intensive leadership development program, including leadership seminars approximately five times a year, monthly meetings with the Leadership Academy, an offsite retreat the weekend before Fall semester, participation in a service project, and an assignment to a professional mentor during your junior and senior years as a Leadership Academy Scholar. The minimum requirements to maintain the scholarship are to remain an active, full-time undergraduate student, achieving at minimum, satisfactory academic status. In addition, scholars are required to participate in, at minimum, 25 personal leadership development hours per academic year (which includes the aforementioned meetings, seminars, and other visits).

How to apply: Access the scholarship application on our website at http://leadershipacademy.iit.edu or feel free to email us at leadershipacademy@iit.edu. You can submit the application online or visit the Undergraduate College, HUB Mezzanine in Room 201 to request application forms. Our phone number is (312) 567-3945.

Submit scholarship applications to the Leadership Academy no later than Wednesday, February 13, 2001. Request a faculty advisor to submit a scholarship nomination form on your behalf. You can get this form on our website or pick one up in the Undergraduate College. Please provide your chosen faculty member with a copy of your scholarship application. Faculty nomination forms need to be submitted by the faculty member to us no later than Wednesday, February 20, 2001.

Approximately, ten scholarships will be awarded in mid-April 2001. In addition, all finalists who participate in the assessment process will be offered feedback regarding their performance through written reports and a group feedback session.

By the Center for Research and Service here at IIT, You will be contacted by the Leadership Academy to be scheduled for this process. The assessment ratings together with the application will determine next year’s Leadership Academy Scholars. Approximately, ten scholarships will be awarded in mid-April 2001. In addition, all finalists who participate in the assessment process will be offered feedback regarding their performance through written reports and a group feedback session. The focus of this feedback will be on professional growth and career development.

Finally, prior to the summer break, the Leadership Academy scholars will be invited to attend an orientation session and leadership development workshop to kick off their formal involvement in the IIT Leadership Academy. Good luck to all who apply!
Life in Europe after the Euro:

Nicholas Williams
TechNews Columnist

Winter break took its usual course for me... it was longer than before, yet in many ways it felt too short. I was able to travel back home to Germany. During my short stay, I witnessed two distinct changes.

Germany is going through a second ice age: snow everywhere and below zero temperatures. Secondly, there was another drastic change, on January 1, 2002, the Euro made its official entrance.

The Euro is a new currency that has been introduced to Europe. The Euro is one of those ideas that seem marvelous in theory, but in practice, it is bound to cause certain confusion and hassle.

First of all, the change into Euro was rather sudden. Granted, for about two years before the change over could write checks in Euro; although, there was very little one for this other than in bank transactions. The actual distribution of the Euro was somewhat catastrophic, because stores were strictly told not to accept them until the first of the year.

For example, when people want to buy a loaf of bread at the supermarket with their 50 Euro bills, the shop ends up having huge amounts of big bills with the burden of having to make change. Needless to say, this was pretty much impossible. I should know because I had to stand in several lines among the impatient customers.

For me, there was plenty of time to adapt. The stores still continue to support local currency until the middle of February. Another inconvenience from the Euro transfer was that, due to the scarcity of change, I found it challenging to get on a bus. In order to actually get on one, I had to walk to a store, get change, and then catch the bus. The stores accepted both Euros and DMS (Deutsche Marks), although public transportation only supported Euros. As a further insult to injury, most of the ticket machines were out of order.

One of my theories concerning the Euro is that it is an excuse to raise prices. I was surprised after the change; for though the shameless transport companies charged more and its unofficial motto has become, "Pay more for less of everything: punctuality, seats, service, train cars, and convenience," the rest of Germany did quite a bit better. Instead of making it more convenient for the store to charge more when the price is converted from DM to Euro, most of the merchandise came out a little less than what it cost before. It makes one wonder how overpriced items were before.

Finally, the last inconvenience of the Euro I wished to share is the properties of the coinage. Compared to the Dollar and DM, the Euro is bulkier. I already was a victim to the terror of coins in my wallet in Germany and now traveling with a pocketful of coins made it even more difficult for me. The Dollar and DM are actually different. The Euro, apart from the more valuable coins looks exactly the same except the small difference in size and the number and the backs are completely identical. On many occasions the line got longer as the poor cashier attempted to make change.

If you still wish to go after Euros, there are benefits. For instance, it's a standard currency, so you can take a rather nice tour through Europe but that's about it.

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Lord of the Rings Dominates

STEVEN CHEN
Arts and Entertainment Writer

Among many fantasy films, the Lord of the Rings is by far the Tolkien novel that is considered as one of the greatest novels ever written. With a disturbingly detailed and complex plot and characters, the story has become one of the most well known epic fantasy tales the world has known. The movie brings to life all the fans could hope for.

Split into three movies, the Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring is nothing short of amazing. The amount of detail and work put into the movie by the director, actors and crew deserves applause.

The story is set in the world of Middle Earth where the simple people of the Shire called “Hobbits” get mixed up into the greatest adventure their time has ever seen. The main characters Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood), Arwen (Liv Tyler), Legolas (Orlando Bloom), Gollum (Andy Serkis), and Samwise Gamgee (Sean Astin) journey into the dark forests of Mirkwood, climb over the mountains of the Misty Mountains, and fight their way through theodes of Moria. Frodo’s mission is to destroy the One Ring that is guarded by the dark Lord Sauron at the fires of Mount Doom. Frodo must remove the ring from Sauron, who is forever drawn to it. The group is kept on their toes by the harrowing adventures that they face along the way.

The movie is known to be one of the best ever produced. The special effects, the beautiful visual effects, the talented actors, and the dedication put into the movie by the director, actors and crew are the reason it is loved by fans the world over. The production cost of the movie was a record breaking $300 million. The movie took home a total of seven Academy Awards, making it one of the most successful films of all time.

In conclusion, the Lord of the Rings is a story that has captured the imagination of fans worldwide. The movie brings to life the epic tale of adventure and friendship, and is sure to be remembered as one of the greatest films ever produced.
CROSSTech CLUES
by Sarah D'Souza

ACROSS:
1. conjuring tricks
2. large hump-backed American buffalo
3. rotating circular device
4. another time as before
5. mid day meal
6. mistake
7. subject of event or discussion
8. descriptive heading
9. protective gear
10. religious belief
11. shaving implement
12. used to divulge attention
13. to run water over
14. turn ends in opposite directions
15. mixture of metals
16. group of birds or sheep
17. leading to death
18. come out of an egg
19. cent
20. fish
21. fish

DOWN:
1. awarded piece of metal
2. athlete trainer
3. brag
4. daily period of darkness
5. high-pitched complaining
6. focused beam of light
7. reference list
8. uncoupled
9. pleasant smell
10. fastened
11. dark hard wood
12. malignant mass of tissue
13. delete
14. end prematurely
15. cook's eyes
16. angle less than 90 degrees
17. parent's brother
18. one who flies a plane
19. holding device
20. weighing a lot
21. fast
22. fungus
23. concentration point
24. rest on knees

Restaurant review: Athenian Room

Food: *****
Service: *****
Atmosphere: ****
Value: ****

(A based on a 5 star scale)

Athenian Room
707 W Webster Ave
Chicago, IL 60614-3628
(773) 348-5155
11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Daily

The Athenian Room was designed as a bistro- style restaurant and is decorated in the style of a Greek taverna, with its simple and modest decor, creating a relaxing and inviting atmosphere.

The menu at Athenian Room features a variety of dishes that are all prepared with fresh ingredients and traditional recipes. Some of the highlights include the Greek Salad, the Chicken Souvlaki, and the Grilled Octopus. The desserts are also worth trying, such as the Baklava and the Greek Cheesecake.

The prices at Athenian Room are reasonable, and the service is friendly and attentive. Overall, Athenian Room is a great place to enjoy Greek cuisine in a cozy and welcoming atmosphere.
Athlete of the Week
Brianna Swenson

Abigail Bautista
Sports Editor

Energetic, outgoing, and driven, a sophomore Brianna Swenson sums up herself. Swenson, 19 years of age, is a secondyear swimmer on the Women’s Swim Team specializing on the 200-meter IM (individual medley) and 100-meter fly swimming events. She has just been recently qualified, along with other Illinois Tech swimmers, to participate in the National Meet to be held in March. She is a double major in Computer Engineering and is on a five-year course of study. Swenson is from Isanti, Minnesota, where she has lived all of her life before coming to Illinois Tech. She has two younger sisters that are swimmers as well. She attended Cambridge-Isanti High School for four years where she was a swimmer, a softball catcher, and a track and field athlete. She started swimming when she was in fifth grade and throughout her high school years allowing her to attend the state meet in her senior year.

Swenson admires Olympic swimmers Tom Dolan and Janet Evans, as well as Missy Franklin. Apart from swimming, she adores her parents. Swenson loves music just about anything apart from country. She also enjoys reading and is a brown belt in the martial arts of Okinawan Shuri Te, a form of karate.

Swenson chose to attend Illinois Tech because of the scholarship package she received as a student-athlete. She also wanted to experience life in a big city such as Chicago. So far, she has described her experience as a student at Illinois Tech as “very interesting.” After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school and move to the East Coast.

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Scarlet Hawk
Sports Notes

Senior Jackie Baine of the Women’s Volleyball Team was selected to the All-Region Team. Only the top 12 players from among 19 schools in this region receive that honor.

Seven of Illinois Tech’s fall season athletes received Region Scholar-Athlete awards. This award goes to junior or senior athletes with a minimum 3.40 cumulative GPA that also excel in their sport. From Women’s Cross-Country, Jackie Johnson, Rachel Barnes, & Anya Fichtl, from Women’s Volleyball, Megan Bowgren & Violetta Karp, from Men’s Cross-Country, Aaron Graham & Hussain Chhatriviala.

Nick Kling of the Men’s Swim Team has now qualified for Nationals in four events: 50-meter freestyle, 100-meter freestyle, 100-meter butterfly, and 200-meter freestyle. Illinois Tech’s Women’s 200 freestyle relay team qualified for the Nationals. Team members are Katie Brady, Jory Zander, Brianna Swenson, & Beth Vollerting.

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