The Character of Leadership

By Sreekumar V. Chinthaluri
TechNews Writer

The Leadership Academy, headed by Dr. Bruce Fisher, conducted a Leadership Seminar on January 26th in the HUB Ballroom. Dr. Francisco Ruiz, from the department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering conducted the seminar. Dr. Francisco Ruiz teaches MMIE 320 and 321 this semester. A very distinguished member of the MMIE department, Dr. Ruiz draws his experience from conducting 33 Inter-Professional Projects (IPROS), the highest so far by any faculty member.

The main objective of the Leadership seminar was to improve the participant's leadership and communication skills. The seminar lasted three hours, during which the students participated in group discussions, relating to character and personality development. Dr. Ruiz identified and facilitated discussions regarding the essential qualities that a leader should possess. "Virtues play a very important role in molding the character and personality of an individual," Ruiz said.

Students who attended the seminar thought that the concepts presented would help them be better leaders. "The Leadership Academy not only encourages the students to cultivate communication and leadership skills but also enables them to build a strong personal character," Chinnay Maru, one of the participants said.

Ten players qualify for Regional Finals

By Jared A. Boke and Jathrusheen Shyloogomanthan
TechNews Writers

Every year, IIT conducts tournaments to select representatives to play at the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) regional level. This year, the tournaments are conducted by Jared A. Boke, the REC Center Tournament Coordinator. The tournaments included Bowling, B-Ball Billiards, and Table Tennis, which were held on the weekend of January 29th - 30th at the HUB Recreation Center. The bowling tournament was held on January 29th at 5pm. Each participant competed in nine games and the highest two averages for men and women qualified for the regional finals. Melissa Chee (124.7 average), Sarah Johnson (108.2 average), William Salamon (163.2 average), and Jason Fessel (140.8 average) will be representing Illinois Tech in the regional bowling tournament.

The 9-ball tournament was held on January 26th at 5pm. A total of 11 players participated. The finalists were selected by round-robin style. Nick Bauer (6-2) placed 1st, Ed Marchewka (5-3) placed 2nd, and Jared Boke (5-3) placed 3rd. Ed Marchewka repeated his win against Boke (2-1) in the finals, and was selected as the Regional Illinois Tech champion. The Table Tennis tournament took place on January 27th at 5pm. A total of 12 singles players and 7 doubles teams had registered for the tournament. The Singles tournament was randomly divided into two pools of six to play round-robin style. After each competitor had played with the other five players in their pool, the three with the top win-loss records from each bracket would proceed to the single elimination round.

"Such tournaments give us a moment of change from the routine schedule of classes. All the players are thankful to the organizers for providing such opportunities," said Nishant Shah, one of the qualifiers for the regional tournament.

Another participant Vitaly Sivetsky stated: "I think that the seminar helped me to understand the importance of character in leadership and I am looking forward to the next seminar.

Dr. Roya Ayman and Dr. Eric Oritt will conduct the next leadership seminar. "Men and Women at Work: The Role of Workplace Communication" is scheduled for February 9th from 10am - 2pm in the HUB Ballroom.
Faculty Profile:  
Dr. Ahmed Megri

Dr. Ahmed Megri, assistant professor in the Civil and Architectural engineering department at Illinois Tech, teaches various CAF 200 and 400 level undergraduate and graduate courses. Dr. Megri received his master’s degree and PhD from The Thermal Engineering Center of INSA at Lyon, France. Before joining Illinois Tech, he was an Assistant Professor at the University of Savoie in France. He also worked as a Research Associate and instructor at Concordia University in Canada.

With a background in Architectural Engineering, Dr. Megri likes to teach HVAC systems (Heating, Ventilating and Air conditioning), Building Science, Lighting, Fire Protection, Plumbing, Heat transfer, Fluid Mechanics and Thermodynamics. He is currently conducting research in the fields of Airflow and Indoor Air Quality, Building Simulation, HVAC Simplified Methodology to factor room air movement and the impact on thermal comfort.

According to Dr. Megri, Illinois Tech has a very comprehensive Architectural Engineering Program that interest architecture, mechanical and electrical engineering students. Apart from his Academic life, Dr. Megri likes running and reading history books. Taking care of his family is also an important priority to him.

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DATING
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Declining a partner’s advances can also be difficult. You can firmly and politely state your position, and remember that no one has the right to pressure you to engage in something that you are not ready for. It is always acceptable to say “no.” Discussing sexuality is enhanced when you use good communication skills, such as listening, repeating requests, using “I” statements, or phrasing your request in the first person, avoiding second person. Communication is a reciprocal process. Good listening skills involve maintaining eye contact, valuing and respecting your partner’s feelings and needs, and showing an interest in what he or she says.

The Counseling Center is sponsoring Sexual Responsibility Week with the Office of Student Affairs, Residence Life, Student Activities, and Public Safety. The Counseling Center serves students and is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the first floor of Farr Hall for information or to schedule an initial appointment.

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Recently I tested out a number of best-book-price finding websites, including www.addall.com and www.bookbuybuy.com. These sites search through hundreds of online stores and locate the best-bargained price for any book. All you need is the author’s name, the book title, or ISBN. The ISBN is a unique machine-readable identification number, which can be found on the back of the book or inside the cover next to the UPC bar code.

In ordering my books for school this year, I decided to use addall.com, which tends to eliminate a lot of unreliable stores. With the list of ISBN numbers obtained from the bookstore, I began my search, starting with a psychology book that I need.

Within minutes, addall.com quickly generated a list of online vendors and their links, in a grid format. The site also included the shipping and processing time and the total book price, in US dollars, after shipping cost and taxes has been added.

However, the vendor with the best price is not always the best source to buy books as I later learned.

According to addall.com, the website with the cheapest price for the psychology book was $60 cheaper than what the bookstore was charging. But the book would have been shipped from Britain, and processing my order alone would take up to a month.

After scanning through the higher price range, I found a website that would ship the book within 24 hours and arrive within a week. The website I used was the well known Amazon, unfortunately, what happened to be the Amazon in Britain.

My book arrived five days after I placed the order. It looks exactly the same as the book in the store; only it was half as expensive.

Unconvinced at my luck, I took a sampling of books that many freshmen and older students require and tested them out at addall.com.

For all the required books (CHEM 128 by Brown, addall found 14 places to buy the book cheaper. The cheapest price was $53.97, which is $7.81 shipping cost for the book, where shipping time is estimated at 5 to 7 days.

Compare this price to the $116.25 that the campus bookstore charge and you will have saved $62.28, or about 54% off. At this price even if you had the book shipped overnight express, you'd still end up saving money.

Although amazon.co.uk did not have the cheapest price listed for either of these books, it was the most reliable one with the fastest shipping time. The key with using addall.com is to find the best price with the shortest shipping time and the greatest reliability.

Still thinking that you might have a few books on hold, by buying the used books? Think again.

Places like addall.com also search for used books as well. Addall.com listed the required Herb Program by Dietel and Dietel (3rd edition) at $45.49 from half.com compared to the price of $72 at Follett's.

Of the books sampled, addall.com's book prices were, on average, 46% cheaper than the full storebooked offered. Not all books are cheaper through. Ordering some novels can be more expensive due to shipping.

My favorite site for books is now www.amazon.co.uk. It is cheaper, ships in 5-7 days, and has the same no hassle 30 day return policy as www.amazon.com. There are usually coupons for even better discounts at places like www.studentbody.com.

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Career Fair Tips

by Nhat Nguyen

The Career Development Center (CDC) will be holding a Career Fair this Thursday in the Hub. In the past it has attracted a lot of major companies and firms from across the discipline. Most of these companies are based in the Chicago land area.

For the graduating seniors, the Career Fair is a good place to start a job search. For others, it provides a chance to network with professionals from different companies and a chance to apply for some internships or co-op opportunities.

It is always good to have some strategy before attending one of these Career Fairs. Here are some tips that you might find useful.

First Impression Counts

Chances are you will not have a lot of time to talk to the employers so make your first impression count. Wear a suit if you have one and can afford one. Shoes, tie, and khakis will also do the job. No wrinkles of course. Personal hygiene and grooming can also affect their opinion of you. So get a haircut if you need one. The key here is to present these employers with your professional side.

Preparation Goes Along Way

Take the initiative, ask the CDC (second floor Galvin Library) for a list of companies that are coming. Single out the potential employers and do research on them. Information like the type of work they do will give you a better understanding of the company, which will also help you in your discussions with the recruiters. On the day of the event, bring with you a pen, several copies of your most updated resume and a portfolio of your work if you have one.

Be Confident

Note that you have done your research and are prepared, all you need to do is yourself. Be assertive when you are, but avoid being pushy. Writing down questions you want to ask them beforehand can also be helpful, but try to be spontaneous too. Be sure to ask for business cards or contact info. After all, you are there to get just that.

Follow Up

Since most of these recruiters are hundreds of people and at different places, they can be forgetful sometimes. But don’t avoid being pushy. Their contact will check with them after two to three weeks. You can even send them another copy of your resume.

More information is available at the CDC. The CDC also offers resume writing workshops and critiques. The workshop schedule is on the website at www.cdc.ilu.edu and resume critiques are by appointment.

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Students camp outside the Herman Union Building for Ski-Trip tickets
Movie Review: **Vanilla Sky**

Art and Entertainment Writer  
Soham D'Vesouza

**RATING:** ⭐⭐⭐½  
(Based on a 5 star scale)

"Vanilla Sky" is where "Memento" introduces "Brazil" to "The Matrix". The insane mix of psychosis with hallucinatory surrealism and warped dreams boggles the mind, leaving the viewer with an edgy aftertaste.

Directed by Cameron Crowe, popularly recognized for "Say Anything" and "Jerry Maguire", and based on the 1998 Spanish film "Abril Los Ojos (Open Your Eyes)”, "Vanilla Sky" is a suspense thriller interspersed with momentous scenes and themes. Some scenes are romantic, some are borderline science fiction, and some are just downright disturbing.

The movie follows the adventures of David Amsel (Tom Cruise) as he alternates between reality, dreams, and what appear to be dreams within dreams. He is an extremely wealthy magazine owner and is much in tune with pop culture, the arts and icons that fill his playboy-like mansion. However, he takes his business casually, much to the exasperation of the rest of the company's board of directors.

David is also an irredeemable flirt. He engages in frequent intimate activity with his "buddy" Julie Gianni (Cameron Diaz), the details of which will be unmercifully revealed to the audience several times, in all their candid glory.

David's shallowness, when it comes to interpersonal relationships with the opposite sex, changes when he meets Sofia Sanchez (Penelope Cruz), a gift at his birthday party. She was supposed to be his best friend's, Brian Shelby (Jason Lee), impromptu date, but ends up arm-in-arm with him, as the jealous Julie watches on.

After getting cozy with Sofia, David makes the mistake of getting into a car with Julie, who reveals to him her belief that their relationship was more than just physical. As she tearfully asks him time-killing philosophical questions, she accelerates into a death-drive, swerves off a bridge, and slams them both into a cement wall.

From this point, David's life changes dramatically, as he gets more and more confused and deranged when he sees the world he knew shift between dream and reality. He becomes obsessed with conspiracy theories, and asks himself "What does it all mean?" It's this kind of nonlinear development that figures throughout much of the film.

The movie has many engaging and captivating moments, such as David's outbursts and disturbing behavioral patterns. Witty, humorous quips and insights into existentialism and reality provide some amusement, although the ultimate premise of the film rests in science fiction.

Ultimately, viewers will likely find it entertaining, as long they can keep up with the stop-and-go pace and keep track of the details.

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**CROSSTICH PUZZLE:**

by Soham D'Vesouza

**ACROSS:**
1. something puzzling, confusing, or mysterious  
2. stretchy material  
3. friendly  
4. solemn promise  
5. cloth strip for covering injury  
6. happen or come about  
7. move rhythmically between two extremes  
8. likeness seen or produced  
9. fitting components together  
10. excessively decorative  
11. illegal entry for criminal purposes  
12. surplus

**DOWN:**
1. scene of WW II D-day landings  
2. completely unreasonable  
3. gas-filled bag  
4. tule land in desert  
5. abnormally increase in size  
6. popular Chinese tonic medicine  
7. without anxiety or strong emotion  
8. rubbing of the body  
9. cover something in a hole  
10. clear days  
11. transparent piece of glass for focusing

Athlete of the Week
Gwen Heyer

Abigail Baustista
Sports Editor

It is not every day that you get to meet someone from Ripon, Wisconsin, the official cookie town of the USA. Gwen Heyer, a 21-year-old Ripon native, is a forward on the Illinois Tech Women’s Basketball team. She is a senior student double majoring in aerospace and mechanical engineering.

Heyer began playing basketball in fifth grade. Her love of the sport was intensified by the support and encouragement given to her by her high school coach and mentor, John Winstrom. She was a WIAA (Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association) scholar athlete and an All-Conference Honorable Mention in her senior year in high school.

Heyer scored her career high, 18 points, against Moody Bible Institute last Thursday, January 31. Her strength lies in her defense and free throw shooting. She is currently shooting 86% from the line, the highest free throw percentage in the CCAC conference.

Heyer decided to attend Illinois Tech because she likes the aerospace engineering program, the school is near home, and she wants to play basketball. Outside of basketball, she enjoys playing golf, rock climbing, and traveling. She is in her third year as a Resident Adviser at the school dorms and is the student coordinator of the school blood drives held twice every semester. Heyer was recently named an academic all region athlete.

Heyer hopes to attend graduate school at the University of California in San Diego after graduating from IIT. She is hoping to get an opportunity to coach basketball in the future. When asked about her personal goal in life, Heyer said, “To always do the best I can, continuing to grow as a person.”

Gwen Heyer, Lady Hawks Basketball, Aerospace Engineering

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Women’s Basketball Recap

Abigail Baustista
Sports Editor

Hampered by numerous injuries, Illinois Tech Women’s basketball lost 58-72 to Purdue-Calumet in conference play this past Saturday, January 23. Those injuries leave the team with an active roster of only six players at the start of the game.

That, however, did not keep Rookie Seye Adeloye from playing a good defense in her first start against the Purdue-Calumet guards. Nor did it keep the other four starters from scoring in double digits. Abigail Ash and Gwen Heyer each collected 12 points while Lynn Novosel scored 12 points. Corrine Pal had a team high of 20 points. The team committed 13 turnovers and shot a good 48% from the field for the game.

Despite the previous loss, Illinois Tech bounced back against Moody Bible Institute last Thursday, January 31st, winning 74-54.

Once again, the four starters scored double figures. Abigail Ash had 13 points and Lynn Novosel had 16 while Gwen Heyer scored a career high of 18 points. Corrine Pal led the team again with 24 points. Pal also collected 13 rebounds and blocked 2 shots. Novosel compiled 10 rebounds. The team shot 40% from the field in a game characterized by excellent passing and plenty of breakaway shots for Illinois Tech.

Hawk Sports Notes

Nik Kling of the Men’s Swimming Team is presently ranked 10th in the NAIA National rankings in the 200 freestyle event and 11th in the 100 butterfly event.

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