ITRI Tower, the tallest building on the campus

***Illinois Tech to sell ITRI***

Shrikanth Mahadevan
TechNews Writer

ITRI Tower, the tallest building on the campus, houses the university's research affiliate. It is also home to the Teachers Academy of Mathematics and Science in Chicago and to Illinois Tech's Institute of Design, one of the world's foremost design schools. Students of the Institute of Design have won some of the world's most prestigious design competitions. ITRI employs more than 1,500 scientists, engineers, and technical personnel focused on solving critical technology problems that often involve the use of sensitive, highly classified information.

Illinois Tech and ITRI have an annual research volume of $130 million. Current research strengths include fluid dynamics and aerospace, synchrotron radiation science, environmental engineering and regulatory policy, polymer science and recycling, food safety and technology, and transportation and infrastructure. ITRI also conducts research in many other fields such as Wireless Communication, Information Technology, Life Sciences, Defense Operational Support, Industrial Solutions, Chemical and Bio defense Technologies, Explosive Science and defense research.

Illinois Tech is now planning to sell ITRI to the institute's employees for about $110 million in order to boost the university's endowment and also to make ITRI a for-profit organization to increase competitiveness. "This will allow the institute to compete for high tech projects with other corporations," said Mary Anne Smith, Vice President and General Counsel.

"Illinois Tech is still in negotiations regarding the sale of the institute," said Smith. "The Life Sciences department is going to remain part of the university as a non-profit corporation and new projects in Chemical and Bio-medical fields are being planned," Smith said. The institute employees will now be eligible to buy stock by means of the Entrepreneurial Employee Stock Option Plan (EESOP) and thus will be motivated to compete with corporations for projects. Better stock options is one of the main reasons for selling ITRI; the competitiveness of the corporation, which as a profit-oriented organization, will definitely improve. "Illinois Tech can definitely improve with various funding programs and other academic and administrative activities from this deal," Smith said. The institute was founded in 1936 by professors to bring in extra money to the university.
Faculty Profile: Herek L. Clack

Herek L. Clack assistant professor in the Department of Mechanical, Materials and Aerospace engineering is from Florida. He received his Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering from MIT and Masters Science and PhD in Mechanical Engineering from University of California, Berkeley. After receiving his Bachelor of Science, Dr. Clack worked for five years in California at Rocketdyne Division, a company that manufactures space shuttle main engines and is now a subsidiary of Boeing.

Professor Clack's research interests are in a broad variety of fields like combustion, combustion emissions and hazardous waste incineration. "My change of major from Aerospace Engineering to Mechanical engineering in graduate school allowed me to look at things from an environmental standpoint," said Professor Clack when asked about his interest in hazardous waste incineration.

He is also interested in Power MEMPS (micro electronic mechanical systems). These systems use the same technology that is used to fabricate computer chips. The military is very interested in these systems, as these systems can be used instead of batteries. They are more light weight than batteries and can also be refueled while in use.

Dr. Clack's field of specialty is Thermo Fluid systems.

Beating Back Depression
Practical Skills for Feeling Better

The Counseling Center is offering an 8 week group for depression. Participants will learn practical skills for overcoming depressed mood and feeling better. Information shared by participants in the group will be confidential.

The group will meet one hour per week on Thursdays, beginning February 28. The meetings will be held in the Counseling Center on the first floor of Farr Hall from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Topics to be covered include:

- Feb. 28 Exploring what depression is and how to overcome it
- Mar. 7 Behaviors to reduce depression
- Mar. 14 Social support, relationships, and depression
- Mar. 21 No meeting – spring break
- Mar. 28 Identifying thoughts that depress

The group is open to all currently enrolled IIT students. Individuals who would like to participate in the group are urged to attend all sessions if possible, although arrangements can be made to attend some of the sessions.

For more information or to sign-up for the group, call the Counseling Center at 312-807-0800 and ask for Dr. Brent Ludwig. A short telephone interview will be conducted to ensure a good fit between your goals and the group. Group size will be kept small, so sign-up soon.

Dr. Herek L. Clack

These systems involve fluid flow and convert chemical energy to mechanical energy. As a graduate student he developed "A Prefilming Double Annular Air Blast Atomizer", a device that gives one control over the droplet size and spray in an atomizer.

Most of Dr. Clack's papers were published when he was a graduate student. The MIT Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics honored him with the "Charles Stark Draper Young Alumni Award" in 2000. He also received a postdoctoral fellowship from the National Research Council.

"Illinois Tech gives students a lot of access to professors," said Professor Clack. He also advised students to take advantage of all the resources available at Illinois Tech and said that they would have great experiences if they take the time to talk to professors. "Students should not feel bad about working hard and they should realize that working hard now is the price they pay for the privilege of practicing engineering later," said Clack.

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Soul Food Week

The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) has organized events to celebrate black history month. Soul Food Week was an event, which ran from February 11th to 14th, from 11am to 7pm at Wishnick Hall. Various food items were on sale at reasonable prices. The dishes ranged from fried surkey with pinto beans and rice to catfish, nuggets and spaghetti. Initial funding for this project was provided by parents and a number of faculty members. In fact, quite a number of parents donated home made food while some faculty members provided funds to order food from the local restaurants.

The money collected from the sales over the week will be used for conducting technical workshops and other campus events.

We were sold out on most days and on average the collection was between 30 to 40 dollars per day," said Kalada Holmes, vice president of NSBE. She also said that all these programs were just a way to raise funds for the main event, the National Convention from March 27th to 31st, which is to be held in Florida.

Black History Month Events 2002

Monday, February 4, 2002:
Opening Ceremony (12-1pm) HUB Cafeteria
Who Am I? Little Known Black History Facts
Presentation of the Black National Anthem
Reading of Poetry & Stories

Wednesday, February 6, 2002:
Movie Night: Higher Learning
Sponsored in part by Alpha Phi Alpha
(9-Midnight) McCormick Lounge - MSV

Sun-Sat, February 10-16, 2002:
Black Families Technology Week in Bronzeville
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Mon-Fri, February 11-15, 2002:
Soul Food Week
Wishnick Hall (11a-1pm)
Menu:
M: BBQ Chicken; Green Beans; White Rice; Cornbread; Dessert (Pie/Cobbler)
T: Catfish Nuggets; Spaghetti; Cornbread; Desert (Lemon Pound cake/ Potato Pie)
W: BBQ Turkey, Corn, Potato Salad; Cornbread; Desert (Apple Pie)
R: Chicken Wings (Hot & Frilled); Macaroni and Cheese; Sweet Potato
Corn Bread
Dessert: Pineapple Upside Down Cake
Friday: Desert Day — Cobbler, Pies, Cakes, Rolls, Buns

World Music Radio Show

Do you like music? Would you like to share music from your homeland and heritage with others at IIT? Would you like to hear music from their cultures? The Counseling Center and the International Office are sponsoring a world music show on IIT's radio station. We want to get it going soon. Initially, it will be for one hour a week. To make it a success, we need your help and your music!

Please contact Carol Yokem in the Counseling Center (400-7132; yokem@iit.edu) if you have music on cd's that we can convert to mp3 format for the radio station, or if you have some ideas for programming. And watch for a listing to come out soon for the first month of programs. Who are some of your favorites on the world music scene?

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IIT's National Society of Black Engineers Chapter Captured Top Awards at Conference.

SOHAR W. ELBAZ
Submission

NSBE-2002 Spring Regional Conference was held Wayne State University for Region IV on February 7-9. College students, PCI students, alumni were welcomed to Detroit for weekend of learning and networking. This year's theme was "Leadership in Motion: Embrace Change." The conference made great attempts to capture the elements of leadership, theme of integration, and the excitement of learning. In addition to this agenda items, TryMath competition and a host of other College Chapter and PCI competitions were held at SRC.

IIT's NSBE Chapter participated in a number of the competitions and won numerous awards. Talaara Brooks, president of the IIT NSBE Chapter, won first place in the Undergraduate studies in Technical Research (USTR). The objective of the USTR program is to encourage African Americans and other minorities to participate in technical research projects that will lead to the pursuit of graduate and doctoral degrees in technical fields. The experiment competition allows students to gain experience delivering technical presentations. Participants display their research via a poster presentation (3 x 4-ft. display board), using a variety of graphical wall displays (maps, charts, photographs, computer output, etc.) and working models and/or material samples. Participants are judged on the technical/ content of their displays, oral presentation skills, and a 10-minute question and answer session.

Kalida Holmes won second place in the impromptu speaking contest, where the speaker is given a topic where he or she has 5 minutes to discuss and answer the question. Kortney Ward, Kayode Arole, Mark Shumway, Arthur Anderson were also recognized in the Academic Technical Bowl. In the effort to develop and sharpen the quest for technical expertise, NSBE developed the Academic Technical Bowl to encourage healthy competition through a game show type environment.

The Academic Technical Bowl was the brainchild of Stephanie Adams and Donna O. Johnson, and the competition has launched NSBE members to get involved in other technical contests. Due to the interest aroused by the "Jeopardy" style technical bowl during the past three years, the AEC has implemented a computerized technical bowl, which was used for the 2001-2002 competitions. The questions asked cover a wide variety of topics, from NSBE history to fundamental science and engineering classes. This year, the NCRNEE Fundamentals of Engineering Reference Manual was used as a study guide for the examination to help more students to prepare for the competition.

IIT's NSBE Chapter also did well to capture the Medium Chapter of the Year, Chapters who participate in Chapter Development Program are eligible to compete for Chapter Development Program Awards. The purpose of the Chapter Development Program is to provide an outline for NSBE student chapters to:

- Achieve the objectives and goals of the National Long Range Plan;
- Document and report the chapter's yearly activities as a means of measuring chapter progress;
- Maximize their development through active participation in NSBE programs and activities.

Showcase the chapter's programming activities
Set a standard of chapter excellence within each region
- Assist chapters in the complete development of their membership.

This program also allows the National Headquarters to track chapter participation in programs and awards, and assess which chapters need assistance in facilitation of their programs. This outline is a model for development that is in compliance with the mission, goals and objectives of NSBE's Long Range Plan.

These awards recognize and reward excellence and achievement among NSBE member chapters. Those ITT chapters are certainly deserving of those awards.

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Bush: Choke On This
Iran's Political Crisis

FERDOSI AL-FAROOQI
Staff Writer

Since Iran's revolution in 1979, when a student-led revolt ousted the monarchy and replaced it with a unique Islamic Republic, the country has been under constant Western criticism of its human rights record and aid to terrorist groups. However with the leadership of Ahmadinejad, who was elected in the elections of May 1997 and again in those in June 2001, Iran has seen the beginning of a era of political and social transformation.

After the September 11th attacks upon the World Trade Centre in New York and the Pentagon, the Iranian administration has shown great diplomacy by offering its territory to be used by the United States in the war on terrorism. This was only for the sake of improving Iran-US ties but also because it had been a long time crisis of the Iranian people.

Letters to the Editor

February 14, 2002
Dear Nhat,

I am writing to request corrections to the numerous errors contained in the article "Iran's Political Development" from the Career Development Center's Spring Career Fair.

Let's start with the most obvious one: our school, New York University, is being mentioned in the article instead of our school, the University of Chicago. In addition, all the companies that were mentioned in the article are not actually based in New York City. Some of them, like Microsoft and IBM, are based in the San Francisco Bay Area. However, I would like to tell you that these errors were not intentional.

Next, I would like to mention that the average salary of a software engineer at Microsoft is around $100,000 per year. This is not a small amount of money and it is not something that all software engineers make. In addition, the article incorrectly states that Microsoft is the largest company in the world. This is not true. Microsoft is the second largest company in the world, after the Coca-Cola Company.

In conclusion, I would like to apologize for any errors that were made in the article. I hope that future articles will be more accurate.

Sincerely,

Marcy J. Hochberg
Assistant Director, Career Development Center

I apologize for our newspaper not crediting you as the photographer of the Career Fair photographs printed in the last issue of TechNews. As a result of your request, we have seen that UBS Warburg was the only firm that had full rights to the photos. While I do not know the exact situation, I can imagine that if I were seen walking down the hall or observing several hundred times about opportunities other than those my company was present to hire for, I might get a little testy myself.

To be completely fair, many students expressed concern about the tight job market and the challenges attached to job-hunting right now. And yet, CDC staff members spoke with hundreds of students who were pleased about the opportunities at this Career Fair. We realize that this is a difficult economy, but that shouldn't be reason to dump on the companies that did take the time to attend. Do you know that it costs a company anywhere from several hundred to several thousand dollars to attend a fair? (I'm just winging it.)

Some companies, even though they were not currently hiring, showed up on their own initiative to offer interesting information to IIT students and to maintain a good connection with the university. I guess I see this as reason to be especially appreciative of them, rather than insult them.

Finally, I must challenge Mr. Crane's assertion that "although the Career Fair did present opportunities, there weren't enough to make the time worthwhile for the average grad-to-be." (He then states that, "It's back to job hunting in the next few years and on top of a really weak economy, which he did acknowledge in the article. It was in no way intended to criticize or diminish the efforts of the CDC or the companies in attendance at the Career Fair.

Whether or not the US Warburg is a company in the US or any other company, I think it is important to realize that not everyone is happy with the economy and that it is not going to be easy to find a job. (I'm just winging it.)

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5 Books for Financial Freedom

Ever wonder why some people get ahead in life and others do not? Does watching the financial reports on CNN give you a headache? Ever think about planning for your retirement? You should.

Twenty to thirty years ago personal investing wasn't an issue. Finding a secure job that provided you with Social Security, pensions and other forms of retirement plans was all you needed. In order to streamline costs, many companies are favoring personal 401k retirement plans over pensions. Social Security and Medicare are in jeopardy of being shut down or scaled back because of the increasing amount of senior citizens. All of these changes put more stress on the individual to plan for his or her retirement. If you don't save a portion of your income, making a six-figure income from a cushy engineering job won't support you when you retire.

But isn't investing risky? Thank God it's not. Instead, it's more like buying a ticket to the show. If you're not happy with the show, you can always change the channel. But if you don't watch the show, you'll be left out of the action.

So, where do you get started? I suggest picking up books on planning for retirement and the different types of investing. Here are 5 of the best books I have read on the subject.

**Rich Dad, Poor Dad**
by: Robert T. Kiyosaki

This is the first of a line of Rich Dad / Poor Dad books. The author is an excellent writer and you don't need to have any prior knowledge of banking or investing to understand the concepts in the book. The overall premise is that poor people work for money, and rich people work for money. So, how do you get your money to work for you? Invest it!

**The Millionaire Next Door**
by: Dr. Thomas Stanley

Ever wonder what kind of cars millionaires drive? What brand of shoes they wear? What kind of credit cards they use and what chains of stores they shop at? How about which professions have created the most millionaires? You'd be surprised. This book is an eye opener to the reality that most millionaires are real Hollywood superstars. Most drive economical cars and don't shop at fancy stores like Neiman Marcus.

**The Intelligent Investor**
by: Benjamin Graham

Warren Buffett, the second richest man in America, made his money through value investing in the stock market. Many of the principles he uses today are derived from his long-time mentor, Benjamin Graham. The Intelligent Investor is generally considered the best book on longer term investing for the entire twentieth century. (It was originally published in 1949.) It should be a must-read for anyone looking to be a real investor in the stock market, not just a speculator, or day trader.

**Learn to Earn**
by: Peter Lynch

Peter Lynch was one of the world's best mutual fund managers. He was consistently above the market average, even when eighty percent of his peers failed to match the average return on investment. In this book, Peter Lynch teaches you about how capitalism and the stock market works. It's an easy way to gain an understanding about all the buzz words and confusing trading schemes that everyone uses on television. After reading this book, you'll see why stock trading can be an enjoyable way to protect your future, and become truly wealthy.

**Creating Wealth**
by: Robert Allen

Ever wonder how people get started in real estate? This is a step by step example of how to become wealthy, through the buying and selling of single family homes. He also talks about appreciation and other ways to reduce your income taxes through real estate. An interesting note about the author: he was a multi-millionaire before he hit the age of 35.
Many critics call Cornelius a Japanese version of Beck, with an identical aesthetic, but sound completely different. While Beck was fusing hip-hop, rock, and folk sounds, Cornelius was busy dissecting all his Western influences in pop, techno, thrash metal, and Bugs Bunny cartoons. He's a brilliant musician, and he reinvents his sound with every album. His previous one, Fantazma, was an ambitious record that took Pet Sounds, the Clash, Kraftwerk and breather, and fashioned it into a dizzying, silky masterpiece. He was a five-year-old: taking all his influences, cutting them up, pasting them in weird ways, and then coloring outside the lines.

On his new album, Point, he is more like a grandpa. The sound is not as mishmash, nor do influences make themselves easily apparent. The entire album is consistent, maintaining a subdued, almost trance-like sound. Ambience is a major theme here; water trickles into a beat and birds chirp along to the melodies. Things like this happen constantly in the background. The production is dense, and it's satisfying to know that one guy created this entire sonic landscape. The melodies are catchy but complex. Harmonizing voices drift in and out of the mix, gentle surf guitars break into odd time signatures, underwater techno beats mesh in, and through it all is Cornelius' mellow voice singing beautiful lyrics in a foreign language. What more do you need?

This is the kind of record that rewards you for listening to the whole thing from beginning to end. Songs spill over into each other, melodies and voices come back from previous songs, and everything feels like one big old-fashioned album, like they used to make 'em. It may not be as quirky or frantic as Fantazma, but it's sound is much deeper and just as unpredictable. It's clear that Cornelius has really mastered the art form.

Highlights That You Should Download: On Murpless: Drop, Point of View

The cover of Cornelius' new album, Point.

Final Fantasy X: Square's Latest Masterpiece

Final Fantasy. No other console role-playing game (RPG) series has been as influential on the video game market. No other game series has captured the imaginations of so many. I should know; I bought my first two consoles based on Final Fantasy game release dates. Now, the Final Fantasy series is on the Playstatin 2 in its tenth incarnation, and it is definitely something that any gaming enthusiast should check out.

The story starts out by showcasing the main character, Tidus, playing in a game of blitzball in the city of Zanarkand. Things are going well for the Zanarkand Aces when suddenly a giant monstrous called Sin comes along and destroys the place. Tidus wakes up after the incident and finds himself in a world called Spira, which seems to be his world 1000 years in the future.

The remaining story of Final Fantasy X (FFX) is nothing short of remarkable. The characters are lively and each possesses their own unique personalities. Plus, there are several puzzles to keep you in suspense. For those of you who have played past Final Fantasy games, I would say it ranks up there with the best of them as far as story goes. The only problem with the story is a few tired cliches from past fantasy stories, but these do not detract from the overall effect.

One new feature to the series is the addition of voice acting. No longer are you required to read long lines of dialogue during story segments; you can just relax and listen. What makes this feature even better is the fact that it is done fairly well. It is definitely one of the best jobs at voice acting in a video game out there.

The graphics and sound in this game are superb. For those who think that the Xbox is the only console with graphical magnificence, think again. The PS2, while not as superb as the Xbox, still packs enough graphical muscle to astound the gamer. The real-time modeling is nearly flawless, and the pre-rendered cinematics are beautiful. Only the Final Fantasy movie, which contains the best CG, surpasses them. The character models are excellent and their animation is incredibly lifelike.

The most important aspect of any game is gameplay. FFX plays very similar to past Final Fantasy games and other console RPGs. You walk around, talk with people, and encounter monsters. FFX adds the ability to switch party members in the middle of battles, which is a bonus. However, the whole aspect of exploring the "world map" has been taken out of FFX, making it extremely linear in gameplay. The battle system is now turned based, giving players the time to think on how they wish to perform battles. However, none of the battles were ever very challenging, which is a bit disappointing. Overall, though, this game is spectacular.

Final Fantasy games have become known not only for their sensational storylines and gameplay, but also for their detailed mini-games found inside the actual game. The mini-game in FFX is called blitzball. It is a hybrid of soccer except it is played in a big sphere of water and the ball can be carried. How the players breathe underwater is never explained, but as far as a mini-game goes, blitzball is fairly fun... for a while. Then it just gets extremely tedious.

Despite its minor flaws, FFX is a required addition to any RPGer's library. I once read that a below average Final Fantasy game is still leaps and bounds above other RPG's, and FFX is certainly above average as far as Final Fantasy games go.

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Sports

Athlete of the Week:

Zack Arndt

Arndt describes himself as a funny, intelligent, and athletic guy. His mother got him involved in swimming. His main hobby is living life up. Arndt decided on Illinois Tech because he wanted to get a solid education. He also opted to attend Illinois Tech because it’s close to home and he likes to be near his family. Arndt thinks that Chicago is a fun city to live in “if you do it right.” His personal goal is to be successful and happy in life.

One of Arndt’s most “memorable” experiences at Illinois Tech includes having his car stolen twice at Illinois Tech within one week. Aside from that, he greatly appreciates a lot of opportunities that Illinois Tech has offered him as a Chemical Engineering student. After graduation, Arndt plans to study law. His favorite type of music is hip-hop, and his favorite bands are the Chilli Peppers and Sublime.

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Program Description

Illinois Institute of Technology and Rush Medical College offer a joint admission program for motivated and intellectually promising college sophomores preparing to attend medical school upon completion of their undergraduate degree and who intend to become research-oriented physicians. This program is for current IIT sophomores majoring in chemical engineering, electrical engineering, computer engineering, mechanical engineering, computer science, or molecular biochemistry and biophysics, and for students attending other colleges or universities and transferring to IIT after completing their sophomore year.

Students will be admitted to this program the summer between their sophomore and junior years and will complete their undergraduate degree at IIT. As part of this experience they will participate in a yearlong research project that bridges engineering/science and medicine. Upon admission to Rush Medical College, students will be eligible to select either a M.D. program, or a M.D./Ph.D. program.

Eligibility

- IIT students who by the end of Spring 02 will have between 48 and 72 credit hours left to meet the requirements for their major and the Premedical Studies minor and will graduate no earlier than Spring 2003
- Minimum of an 3.25 cumulative GPA
- Students majoring in chemical engineering, electrical engineering, computer engineering, mechanical engineering, computer science or molecular biochemistry and biophysics
- Applicants should have successfully completed or be close to completion of courses which include eight semester hours in biology or zoology, eight semester hours in laboratory courses in inorganic and organic chemistry, and eight semester hours in general physics

This is a highly competitive program with limited space available.

Embracing Greek Sports

By Paul Kroneke

Hello and welcome to the Greek Sports column, where you can find all the information regarding Greek Sports for this semester. Greek Sports are planned by the Greek Sports Chair and the teams are made up of members from the seven fraternities and three sororities in Greek Council. All sports tournaments are governed by the Inter-Fraternity Council or IFC representative from a Sorority or Fraternity not playing during a particular game.

Several sport events are planned for the semester including basketball, bowling, soccer and ultimate frisbee. The schedule for basketball can be found by visiting the Greek Council web page at www.luluduced.com and click on Sports. All the games will be at Keating, on the North end of the big orange court. March will see a soccer tournament, and April will present an ultimate frisbee tournament. As long as the details are worked out, we will be bowling as well.

Along with the information on the website, the Greek Council Sports Chair, will also be writing on a regular basis to update the status of each of these tournaments and to publish schedules you want to come watch the Greek play.

The double elimination basketball tournament is currently underway and we have already experienced a fair share of drama. The first games were scheduled to be played on Friday. However, four teams, making up two of those four games, did not show up and have thrown a glitch into the tournament. The teams were given another chance to respond within the next day with their intentions to play. Any team that failed to respond would be eliminated from competition.

Those teams that did show up provided some exciting action. Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity defeated Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity while Kappa Phi Delta Sorority lost to Triangle Fraternity in a hard fought battle. The winners moved on to the winner’s bracket and the losers moved into the loser’s bracket. Phi Kappa Sigma moved on to defeat Pi Kappa Phi in an intense overtime battle. Triangle moved on to play Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity on Saturday at noon. The Sigma defeated Triangle by 50-38, with a 32-score during second half.

Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, after moving past Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority by forfeit, defeated Phi Kappa Sigma. Delta Tau Delta also defeated Sigma Phi Epsilon, moved into the championship game. Pi Kappa Phi defeated Alpha Sigma Phi by forfeit in the loser’s bracket, while Triangle once again defeated Kappa Phi Delta.

Thanks for reading my first sports column for TechNews. Have a good week, and remember to check the website for more information.