IIT Parking Woes

With the construction of the new dormitories, parking on campus was reduced by nearly 200 spaces. These spaces were previously assigned to commuter students and employees. "For this year, and to take us through the completion of a parking garage on campus, we have entered into an agreement with the White Sox to use a portion of one of their parking lots," said Ryan Wagner, Manager of HawkCard and Parking Services.

"This lot is located on the corner of Wentworth and 33rd St. This lot will hold over 500 vehicles and will accommodate the lost parking due to construction and allow for larger special event parking," said Wagner. There are two options for parking for employees, faculty and students this year. For the year 2002-2003, Main Campus parking for students costs $200 for the entire year, $150 for the fall and spring semesters) and $100 for either fall or spring semester, as compared to last year when the parking rates were $100 annually and $75 for the academic year. For current Illinois Tech employees and faculty Main Campus parking costs $200 annually, $150 for the academic year and $100 for either the fall or spring semester as compared to $180 annually for faculty last year.

Employees and students may also purchase Comiskey Parking permits for $50 annually, $40 for the academic year and $25 for only the summer semester. "A shuttle bus will be provided that will operate continuously between the Comiskey parking lot and the main campus 8am - 6pm, Monday-Friday. There are five stops on the route, which is completed every 10-15 minutes," said Wagner. Main Campus parking holders can use the Comiskey parking if space is not available on campus. Comiskey parking holders can use Main Campus parking after 3:00pm Monday to Friday and on Saturday and Sunday.

"There are plans to build a parking garage somewhere on campus within the next five years. This garage will replace lost parking due to construction and create more parking to accommodate future growth," commented Wagner. "We want to thank everyone for their patience with regards to parking during this exciting time of campus expansion. We are confident Comiskey parking will help alleviate the parking crunch and carry us through the completion of a parking garage on campus," he concluded.

*Picture is one of IIT's new crowded parking lots, and above shows how parking lots are being turned into new buildings.*
Letter from the Editor

O n the behalf of TechNews I would like to welcome all of you to another exciting semester at IIT, and a special welcome to those who are new to Chicago and to our campus. During the past few weeks my staff and I have worked diligently to bring you campus news and updates.

In the last issue, we invited different departments to provide you with important information about their services. Our partnership with these departments will help us in the future to keep you informed on any changes or new developments at the university. We are also working together with student organizations and clubs on campus to bring you the latest updates and lists of events sponsored by these groups.

Have you registered for all your classes yet? Still wonder which professor or classes you should sign up for or have jitters about those you have chosen? We can’t promise giving you your choice of classes or professors, but we can give you the 411 on them. Professor evaluation results for the Fall and Spring semesters are available on our new website at www.iit.edu/~technews.

Who could provide better information than the students who previously took and evaluated the classes? College is more than just hitting the books and attending lectures. With Chicago as our playground, there is plenty of entertainment for the young or the young at heart. Check our sections for lists of attractions and restaurants as well as reviews and see if you agree with our picks.

TechNews strives to bring you your source for the most current and accurate news and information. As always, your comments are welcomed and appreciated. We hope you have a fun and productive semester.

Sincerely,
Nhat Nguyen
Getting help from the ARC

Erin George
TechNews Writer

Every IIT student is shocked the first time he or she realizes, "I actually need help with my homework." It's hard for students who've never had to study, never had to strain themselves working on anything, to come to the realization that school work can be hard and challenging. Everyone needs help sometime, and the Academic Resource Center, or ARC for short, is there for all IIT students when that time comes for them.

Located on the first floor of the Galvist Library (left hallway and around the corner from the front door), the ARC has long been the best friend of many IIT students, yet it is still highly undervalued by much of the student body. Well trained, friendly, and highly knowledgeable students are available 5 days a week to tutor in chemistry, computer science, engineering, mathematics, physics, and writing.

The ARC houses a state of the art computer lab a multimedia station for film editing and web streaming, and a friendly environment to study, work on homework, and have your homework looked over. With all of these incredible facilities, it's amazing more students don't utilize these resources.

The ARC's statistics have shown that those students who do use its resources are satisfied with the service they receive. The ARC's Director, Dr. David Maslanka, commented that, "21% of ARC clients visited for help in more than one subject area last year; which seems to indicate a high level of satisfaction with the help that they received."

Those who are familiar with the ARC may notice some changes this year. Dr. Maslanka related, "For the coming academic year, we have a new writing and communications director, Professor Glenn Broadhead. We also have a physics instructor from the CBPS department, Dr. Gauhar Khalid, who will be with us 15 hours each week. He will prep the physics tutor and will also be available to answer questions."

The ARC's restructuring will hopefully provide an even stronger and more successful educational environment for IIT's students. This year, the ARC will also sponsor evening tutoring three times a week in the Residence Halls cafeteria. Specific dates and times will be announced during the week of August 26, 2002.

IIT is a tough school; there isn't a student here who couldn't use a little extra help. The ARC is the perfect place for students to study, ask questions, gain insight, or just have their work checked. Stop by and see what the ARC can do for you. Check out the website for information and hours http://www.iit.edu/arc.

Above all else, the most important thing to remember about surviving college at IIT: Don't be afraid to ask for help!

Students help fellow students with their homework.

Dr. Maslanka helps a student with his homework problems in the ARC.

Calendar

Monday September 2nd
No events planned.

Tuesday September 3rd
12:00 p - Admissions Office Ice Cream Social in the lobby of Peckham Hall.
12:00 p - Study Abroad Booth at the HUB.
1:00 p - Union Board meeting in Alumni Lounge at the HUB.
ub@iit.edu

Wednesday September 4th
7:00 p - Philharmonic Rehearsal at Vandercook under the direction of Charles Emmans, Jr.
ccemmans@vandercook.edu
312.225.6288

Thursday September 5th
12:00 p - Study Abroad Booth at the HUB.
1:00 p - Polish American Student Association open meeting in E1 building.
7:00 p - UB Movie: Spiderman
10:00 p - UB Movie: Spiderman

Friday September 6th
No events planned.

Saturday September 7th
7:00 p - UB Movie: Spiderman
10:00 p - UB Movie: Spiderman

Sunday September 8th
3:00 p - UB Movie: Spiderman

If you would like your event to appear in this calendar, please send an email to technews@iit.edu. Make sure you provide a contact number or email.
The Power of a Law Suit

When the 9th Circuit Appellate Court handed down a decision (2-1) to a lawsuit stating that the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance violated the First Amendment clause of separation between Church and State, it did more than declare the pledge unconstitutional. It stirred the country along with giving Fox News a higher rating! The press had a field day as reactions flooded in about how the country poured in all negative. The veteran and conservative groups were outraged, some called it "a disgrace." While others were quick to point out that the phrase represents the foundation on which this country was built. In their reasoning, declaring the Pledge unconstitutional is equivalent to saying that the Declaration of Independence is unconstitutional, thus vitiating the work of the Founding Fathers.

But this is not the case. The phrase "under God" wasn't even added in the Pledge until 1920 under President Roosevelt during WWI. That's also when the phrase "In God We Trust" was printed on all US currency. It was this phrase on the money that inspired the self-proclaimed atheist and lawyer to file the lawsuit. His reason? He did not believe in God and did not like the fact that his eight-year-old daughter had to recite the Pledge at school every day.

Of course, Congress could not resist such a free publicity moment - this is an election year after all. As soon as the court decision was announced, Congress was already standing on capital hill reciting the pledge - with network cameras documenting this patriotic moment. The people on Capitol Hill are rarely in agreement - the last time they agreed was on a pay raise; but on this day, they unanimously denounced the decision. They would have been foolish to say otherwise considering the events of September 11th and that 87 percent of the public (according to Newsweek) were against the decision.

Some Congressmen - such as John Edwards, North Carolina junior senator and 2004 presidential candidate hopeful - were quick to point out their patriotism. Edwards' aids claimed that he prayed and recited the pledge everyday on Capital Hill. Not so. Newsweek discovered; he only did it if some of the time. Others were just as vocal, even daring to suggest that the judges be impeached. The results? One of the judges who wrote the majority decision stayed his decision, which stopped the law from going into effect until it comes under Supreme Court review. It just goes to show that the law is not only blind; it is also political.

Whatever the Supreme Court decides, it will certainly stir some reaction in the country. One thing is for certain, the press and congress will be there to cheer or jeer and claim that it was their work that made it so. Yet in the midst of all this, no one mentions the little girl that this lawsuit was supposed to protect. Her mother later withdrew the lawsuit on her behalf afraid that the death threats she received might materialize.

Amazing what one little lawsuit can do, huh?

The International Center: Helping facilitate an international living and learning environment at IIT.

The International Center, located on the fourth floor of the Main Building, is a flurry of activity. The office designated to assist international students, the International Center is especially busy at this time of the year checking in new students, conducting orientation sessions, as well as coordinating new student events such as picnics and sightseeing excursions.

New international students are required to check-in with the Center upon their arrival to campus. During "check-in," the Center verifies each student's immigration status, provides important information about the regulations that govern their stay, and provides information about initial adjustment issues such as finding a place to live, establishing a bank account, and getting a U.S. social security number. This Fall semester, the International Center is expecting to greet anywhere between 500-550 new students.

During the year, the International Center advises the 2,000+ international students at IIT on academic, cultural, and personal issues, as well as immigration-related questions. The Center also coordinates workshops for students on a variety of topics such as employment options, assistance in filing income taxes, and English conversation groups. The annual International Fest in October is a program organized by the International Center and the International Student's Organization. This day-long festival is one of the highlights of the year-a program that all students will not want to miss.

In addition to working with students, the International Center assists academic and non-academic departments who are interested in hiring international faculty and staff. There are currently over 50 international employees at IIT who are here on temporary work assignments.

In addition to working with the international student, faculty, and staff populations at IIT, the International Center advises IIT students who are interested in studying abroad (see below). For more information about the International Center, please feel free to peruse the website www.iit.edu/-international or call 567-3680.

Study Abroad IIT's Never Too Early to Plan IIT offers opportunities for students, both undergraduates and graduate, to study abroad in another country. Studying abroad is a great learning experience and can help students in their studies and careers by making them more globally aware of the changing world. It is an opportunity for IIT students to take IIT approved courses and get IIT credit while learning in a different cultural environment.

IIT has exchange agreements with several universities in Europe, for example, INSAT in Lyon, France, Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen, Scotland, and KTH in Stockholm, Sweden, and University of Oviedo, Spain. IIT has also recently joined the Global E3 program, Global Engineering Education Exchange, which provides engineering students with a variety of countries and programs from which to choose. All IIT tuition scholarships can be used for the exchange programs.

Aside from IIT's exchange programs, there are other study abroad opportunities that can fit your desires. If you are interested in studying abroad, please contact Lori Friedman, Study Abroad Coordinator, at friedman@iit.edu or visit the website at: www.iit.edu/~international/studyabroad.
College Success: Developing Intellectually, Emotionally, Physically, and Spiritually

Dr. Charles Berry
Counseling Center

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ith memories of summer beginning to fade and the upcoming school year prevailing, now is a good time to begin to think about what you can do to have a successful and fruitful year at IIT. As you begin to learn new and challenging material in classes, it is important to remember that in addition to developing your intellect it is equally important to develop your emotional, spiritual, physical, and intellectual health. A proactive approach to health involves the whole individual. Making time to take care of physical, emotional, and spiritual health will help you to be successful in the challenges you face at IIT and beyond.

Becoming emotionally healthy involves learning how to control your feelings, including learning ways to cope with life's disappointments. An example is asking yourself what you could do if you did not do well on an exam. How could you cope with your disappointment? Seeking out others who are struggling and forming a study group may help you cope and do better. Physical health is an important dimension of emotional well-being. You can speak with your professor as ways to cope and make positive efforts to deal with the academic stresses involved. Learning to think about the feeling in your thinking can help you become aware of new ways to cope and solve problems.

Being emotionally healthy takes place in relationship with others. This means that people generally minimize their emotional stress by relating to others with whom they share their experiences. Sharing your world with others can give you a feeling of connectedness. Giving feedback to others and accepting others' feedback keeps you engaged with the people around you. It is not just watching your stress levels; it is only deepens problems. Reaching out to others can be difficult if you are busy with your own life or if you are not involved in the same time or studying in a foreign country. Joining student groups around campus may be a way to make connections. Finding others to study with can also help build friendships. Learning to communicate your needs can help keep you emotionally healthy. Learning to say no and not to overextend yourself helps many people in prioritizing their activities. Saying no can be a way of taking care of yourself. Setting priorities and understanding what your limits are can help to keep you from becoming overwhelmed. Finding time for relaxation and doing fun activities can keep you emotionally healthy. "Down times can give you the space you need to renew your commitment to your studies. Participating in hobbies or activities may also improve your outlook and generally give you a good feeling. All these things help you develop a better sense of yourself and take charge of your life."

The concept of maintaining a healthy body in conjunction with a healthy mind has been around since ancient times. Keeping yourself physically healthy will keep your mind more active and attentive to learning new material. It will also reduce stress. You can learn to listen to your body. It will often provide signals when your life is not balanced. Headaches or stomach problems are sometimes signs of emotional stress. Physical health can often reduce these symptoms. You can make time in your busy schedule to exert yourself physically in a way that is enjoyable for you—bike along the lakeshore, swim at Keating, work out, play sports, dance, or go for long walks with a friend. Exercise keeps your body fit and releases endorphins, hormones that are natural mood stabilizers. Of course, sleeping and eating are very important to wellness. Sleep requirements vary. You may be a morning person who likes to go to bed early and rise early. Or you may be a night person who prefers to study late in the evening and sleep late. It is helpful to evaluate when you like to sleep and try to adjust your schedule to your natural sleep cycle. The amount of sleep you need also varies for each individual, but it is important to get enough sleep. If you are falling asleep in class or tired, you may not be getting enough sleep. Eating right means eating nutritious meals and eating when you need to maintain health. Skipping meals or having junk food as a meal does not give your body and mind the nourishment you need to live, love, and learn.

Maintaining a healthy spirit entails finding meaning and purpose in your existence. Whether or not you have a religious affiliation, finding meaning and becoming aware of your values and beliefs can help you make sense of the world around you. There is no single way to develop spiritually. People who are not religious often find that meditation and reflection can be helpful tools in ordering their world. If you are religious, you can try to connect with others who share your faith. In addition to the religious groups that meet on campus, virtually every faith has representatives in the Chicago area. Make the most of your faith experiences to help you have a richer life.

The Counseling Center welcomes all new and returning students to IIT. Coming to college is an exciting and important time. Negotiating college life is a skill that can be learned, and the Counseling Center is here to help you make the most of your time at IIT. We have a variety of issues, including personal, academic, and career concerns. We have a variety of issues, including personal, academic, and career concerns. We have a variety of issues, including personal, academic, and career concerns. We have a variety of issues, including personal, academic, and career concerns. We have a variety of issues, including personal, academic, and career concerns. We have a variety of issues, including personal, academic, and career concerns.

CDC Undate

Rose Wyman
Recruiting Coordinator
Submission

Welcome to the Fall 2002 school year! At the IIT Career Development Center, we are excited about the on-campus programs we have planned for you this semester. We hope those of you looking for off-campus experiential education (internships/co-op) for the spring, fall, or summer semesters are not disappointed. Our next IIT Career Development Center job fair is in December 02 or May 03 and are looking for that perfect career opportunity.

Career Fair is September 18, 2002. In the Hub. On this day, companies visit campus and set-up booths in order to meet students seeking full-time, co-op, and internship opportunities. Go to our Website at www.cdi.iit.edu for more information.

On-Campus Interviewing (OCI) is when companies come to campus and interview potential candidates for full-time, co-op, and internship positions. We have companies eager to interview potential candidates on campus. OCI begins on October 1, 2002 and ends on December 5, 2002. You never have to leave the campus, they come to you. All you have to do is go to our Website to sign-up for interview consideration. That is, once you've registered, you can put your resume online. All that information is made available on our website; just check out OCI Policies and Procedures site or attend a workshop.

In the spring, you will have the opportunity to take ADVANTAGE of IIT's CO-OP INTERNSHIP DAY (CIDD), which will be held WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2003 in the Hermann Hall's ballroom.

The CDC provides a variety of other services like workshops, covering policies and procedures for co-op/ internships, networking, communication skills and other job search techniques. The Fall Workshops Schedule can be found on our web or at our office.

The CDC also offers resume critiques and individual career development. We have a variety of issues, including personal, academic, and career concerns. We have a variety of issues, including personal, academic, and career concerns. We have a variety of issues, including personal, academic, and career concerns. We have a variety of issues, including personal, academic, and career concerns. We have a variety of issues, including personal, academic, and career concerns.
New Student Orientation

Special thanks to Cheryl Coplan for some of these pictures of the O-week activities.
Most of the gaming industry now has been moving toward multiplayer games and, unfortunately, there are few single player games that are still very engaging and actually well made. Morrowind is one of the outstanding games. Perhaps the most intriguing single player role playing games (RPG) I’ve played in a while, the story starts with you as a prisoner who has just been released and arrived on the province of Morrowind in the Vvardenfell District, surrounded by the inland sea. The island has only recently been opening to settlement and most activity surrounds the imperial ancient city of Vivec and the old centers opened by the three Dunmer Great Houses: the warriors of the Dunmer tradition in House Redoran, the underhanded traders of House Hlaalu or the bizarre and whimsical sorcerers of House Telvanni. Players can choose to join one of the aristocratic houses while simultaneously joining with the fighters, mages, and thieves guild. All quests with the guilds and houses are only side trips to the real storyline involving the Emperor and his guild of spies known as the Blades. The entire game involves countless hours of playing. Literally, the amount of time that can be spent playing the game can easily total over a hundred.

The story is not the only interesting aspect of the game. The graphics are absolutely amazing. The water is unbelievably real, actually reflecting objects that overhang or are nearby while also bobbing up and down realistically. Magical items glow various colors, swords enchanted with fire are covered with a red glowing hue. The day actually progresses with bright early mornings to twilight dark nights. Players can select from over 10 races and a preset or customized class. All the actions of the player actually affect the world and its inhabitants. Computer controlled characters react to the player’s deeds. Some characters will fear an evil murderer while a kind, healing player will be liked. However, some factions prefer more brutal players, and often when a player has a good reputation with one faction, he or she will be hated by the opposing faction.

The most innovative feature of the game is the spell system. Players can actually create an infinite combination of custom spells and actually enchant various weapons with them. This is perhaps the most open ended single player RPG in existence at the moment. The PC version includes the Elder Scrolls Construction Set, which allows players to create new items, dungeons, characters, and other options. Such expansions created by other players can also be downloaded off the Morrowind website. I have yet to see a game that will match Morrowind’s combination of stunning visuals, innovative gameplay, and detailed storyline.

**TRAVEL**

**HELP WANTED**

Start your own Fraternity! Zeta Beta Tau is looking for men to start a new chapter. If you are interested in academic success, a character network and an opportunity to make friends in a non-pledging brotherhood, email ab@zettata.org or call 800-431-6674.

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Ready to Run

Veteran runners from the women's team include: Kim Smith, Susan Lewis, Lauren Raetz, Sarah Roudebush, Anya Fiechtl, Sofia Skalli, and Nena Wheeler. Four new runners have joined the women's team this year. Brandy Caflotte, a third-year Civil Engineering major, joins the team for the first time following her summer in Air Force ROTC flight training. Sophomore Joanna Nicolusci is also running for the Hawks, coming to IIT from Bucharest, Romania. Freshman joining the team include Melissa Scoggins from Glen Rose High School in Glen Rose, Texas and Dyanna Williams from Singua High School in Flagstaff, Arizona.

The first race of the year will be this Saturday, August 31st in Elmhurst. Since it is the first race of the year, the course will be shorter than the standard cross-country course. The men will be racing the 3-mile course, while the women race a 2-mile course. Good luck to the Scarlet Hawks Cross Country team as they kick off their season this weekend!

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