Masquerade Ball a Huge Success

Meghan Pecaut
Submission

What do jugglers, ballroom dancing, turkey legs and masks all have in common? They were all a part of last weekend's Masquerade Ball, sponsored by 33rd Street Productions. The ballroom itself, at the School of the Art Institute, was spectacular. A throwback from the 30's, its huge marble columns, red velvet curtains and a series of balconies were perfect for watching the festivities below. It provided an excellent backdrop for the myriad of costumes to be found not only on the performers, but on the students as well. While not required, costumes were encouraged, and many students made attempts at the $200 prize for best costume. Snagging first place was Moshe Laiser and Suzanne Stadler for their excellent period outfits depicting the musketeer era. Second prize went to Jason Wyman and Melissa Pros for their risque rendition of a dominatrix and her slave, while third place went to Phil Kalata, another musketeer. The evening began with appetizers and juggling on the upper level. The food was very old world, with huge stuffed mushrooms and a variety of breads and cheeses. A trumpet call signaled the start of dinner and the royal court, King Pete Krzyzanowski, Queen Meghan Pecaut, Princesses Lynn Kohlihaas and Alyssa Hockenson and Prince James Groth-Olson proceeded in. As the king announced "Let the feast begin!" the circus began to perform. They gave an excellent show throughout the entire meal, with juggling, ball balancing, ring dancing and a finale that included a performer launching himself over the members of the court. The dinner itself was amazing. Huge platters of halved chickens, turkey legs and roasted vegetables appeared first, followed by a platter of meat pies. Throughout the meal, the tables were well serviced with spiced cider and bread. Culminating the dining experience was a number of tasty dessert bars, although by that time, few of those attending could fit much more under their belts. "The skirt was hard enough to fit into before dinner, but afterwards, it was a miracle if it stayed in one piece," said Melissa Pros, a second year computer information systems student. After the meal concluded, ballroom dancing lessons were conducted for those with two left feet, or just the yearning to know more about the fox trot, waltz and tango. The instructors themselves were very professional and quite superb dancers, making the complex dances look simplistic as they glided across the floor. "They kept the lessons moving at a pace that kept people from getting bored, while at the same time giving very straightforward instructions so that everyone picked up the dances easily," said Becky Reed, a second year architecture student. Luckily there were about equal number of men and women present, so most people could find themselves a partner to step on. With lessons complete, the night wrapped up with more modern music, like swing, 80's and techno. Most people filtered out at this point, after having a full evening of food, entertainment and dancing. Everyone agreed that although this event had not taken place in a number of years, it was such a complete success that it is sure to be back for years to come. "This was an awesome event! It was spectacular, and we hope this starts a tradition of Masquerade Balls for IIT students in years to come. I already can't wait until next year," said Lynn Kohlihaas, a second year student and PR chair for 33rd St. Productions. So for those of you that missed out, don't worry, because this sounds like one event that will be coming back to IIT. Hope to see you next year at the second annual Masquerade Ball.
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**News**

Get Your Mind "Brewing"

Brian Hess
Submission

Although we may not be a large state school with par-ties every night and people passed out in the hallways when we wake up, JTI does have its share of alcohol problems. In the past the way to deal with these problems was to set strict rules to try and reduce the availability of alcohol to students, but let’s face it, if you want alcohol you are going to get it.

For this reason Greek Council is taking a different approach to the problem. We are bringing in a educational speaker on the subject, that has a few new tricks. Rick Barnes from CAMPUSPEAK has put a new twist on alcohol awareness. His talks take a more spontaneous tone and are different for each type of school that he attends. CAMPUSPEAK’s website says, “Rick’s newest program, ‘Drink Think,’” is a fun, interactive, yet serious discussion about alcohol consumption. Unlike programs that offer only rules, regulations, and scare tactics, Rick acknowledges the real-life decisions that every student faces, encouraging them to make the best ones. Rick Barnes will be at JTI on November 7th in the HUB auditorium at 7pm. I hope to see you there for Rick’s new age, upbeat style talk on alcohol awareness.

Hawk-O-Lanterns

Erin George
TechNews Writer

Trick-or-Treating. Costumes. Candy. Ghosts and Goblins. Halloween brings a lot of memories to mind. As we get older, though, we often lose out on the opportunities such a fun holiday can bring. No longer is it acceptable for us to wander from door to door demanding candy. Being an adult is tough, but RHA ensured that the spirit of Halloween wasn’t lost by sponsoring a pumpkin carving con- test in the MSV cafeteria on Monday, October 28th.

At 6:30 pm students began pouring into the cafeteria, excited to find the pile of candy, chips, and soda awaiting them. Though off to a slow start, eventually all the mater- rials were gathered. Pumpkins were chosen, knives were nervously distributed, paper was laid...all that was left was to start carving. Groans and exclamations were heard as the pumpkins were opened and the seeds and meat removed.

The sloshing and scraping was enough to signify the fun had begun. Some students were finished almost immediately, their designs pre-planned and their carving skills top-notch. Others took a bit longer, unsure of where to even begin. Music played in the background, some Halloween-based, some simple pop. The repetition of songs came as a reminder of how long the students had been staring at their pumpkins, and how little time was left. Gigling was accom- panied by grumbling as students learned that carvings a pumpkin was harder than it looked. For some, it was their first time. For others, a life-long tradition was continuing. Students wandered in and out of the cafeteria, some stopped only for treats, while oth- ers stayed to aid their friends in the carving.

By midnight most of the carv- ing had been completed, yet stu- dents still stayed to cheer their classmates on. Time was called, pumpkins were collected, and students returned to their rooms to wash off the sticky orange coating they had accumulated. In the end, the designs reflected the creativity and diversity of the IT community. Some pumpkins were carved with traditional frightening faces, while others showed artistic wigs and logos. One pumpkin features a silhouetted Michael Jordan, one the Star Wars logo, and another an Air Force A10 Thunderbolt. Each pumpkin featured a different facet of popular culture and Halloween folklore.

The first place winner was awarded free tickets to the 2008 Casino Night Boat Cruise while the second place winner was awarded with candy. All the students were awarded with an escape from the real world, and a chance to relive their childhood. The pumpkins were displayed in the entryway to the MSV for the rest of the week, until Halloween night when they were ceremoniously destroyed. Hopefully everyone got a chance to admire the creativity and ingenuity before these works of art fell victim to Halloween hijinks!

Trick or Treat for UNICEF

Koren Aragaki
TechNews Writer

As a part of their ongoing mission to help people in need, the sisters of Kappa Phi Delta Sorority and the brothers of Triangle Fraternity will be particip- 1515
1515ating in the Trick or Treat for UNICEF program. From Monday, October 28 to Thursday, October 31, they will be carrying around bright orange boxes and collecting dona- tions to benefit children in the midst of war, poverty, and natural disaster.

United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund was created in 1946 by the United Na- tions General Assembly to help chil- dren after World War II in Europe. The children got the opportunity to expand their international- ly The fund is in need of cash and stimulus they need in the early years of life and encourages fami- lies to educate girls as well as boys. It strives to reduce childhood death and illness and to protect children in the midst of war and natural dis- aster. UNICEF supports young people, wherever they are, in mak- ing informed decisions about their own lives, and strives to build a world in which all children live in dignity and security. They strive to protect children’s rights, to help meet their basic needs, and to ex- pand their opportunities to reach their full potential.

This year is the 52nd annual Trick or Treat for UNICEF campaign. The funds raised will be donated entirely to the global effort to eradi- cate polio. By participating donors will have the opportunity to be a part of history by helping to eradi- cate the disease by 2005!
Hybrid Electric Vehicles: A Breakthrough in the Automotive Industry

A utomobile production is in pressing daily, and with it pollution. Consumers also face increasing gasoline prices. Research into new sources of energy to solve these problems gave rise to Hybrid Electrical Vehicles. Dr. Ali Emadi, the director of Grainger Power Electronics and Motor Drives Laboratory at IIT, and his research team have had significant success in this new technology. Dr. Emadi presented a seminar on Hybrid Electrical Vehicles in an event organized by IEEE on October 30.

Dr. Emadi joined the Electrical Engineering Department at IIT as an Assistant Professor in 2001. His research team is led by Sedjan. The hybrid electric technology combines a high-efficiency electric motor with a powerful gasoline-burning engine to produce a vehicle that is capable of providing the torque necessary to safely navigate the streets, as well as boost fuel efficiency far beyond the reaches of any normal internal combustion engine vehicle. "Fuel efficiency in a Hybrid Electrical Vehicles can be raised up to and beyond 80 mpg with very few emissions," remarked Dr. Emadi. According to him, this is a prominent feature. About seven to fifteen percent of global oil consumption consists of vehicles running on American highways, so increasing efficiency will be a break through for the American economy.

How does a Hybrid Electrical Vehicle work? In a Hybrid Electrical Vehicle the torque obtained from the heat engine is mechanically coupled to the torque produced by an electric motor. This combination offers a considerably extended range. In a hybrid car, half of the time, the electric machine operates as a generator charging the battery and the other half is spent operating as a motor discharging the battery. The state of the charge of battery is thus maintained constant. Therefore, there is no need for off-board charging like Electric Vehicles. In fact, from the driver point of view, there is no difference between a hybrid car and a conventional car except the much better fuel economy and performance. The inherent benefits of Hybrid Electrical Vehicles will allow them to be used in a wide range of applications, from personal transportation to commercial hauling. Gear automation is also a prominent feature of this technology. More information can be found online at www.ece.iit.edu/heim.

Commercially very few Hybrid Electrical Vehicles are available in market. The prominent companies involved in production and launching are General Motors, Toyota and Ford. The cost may rise according to facilities enrolled, but the average cost of GM EV-1 is around $30,000. "In [the] present scenario, Electrical and Electronics Engineers with Power Electronics and Drives specialization have a bright future and a wide market to capture," remarked Dr. Emadi. The IIPRO group is undertaking a couple of new projects, including design of high hybridized vehicle, conversion of cars to hybrid electric vehicles, and respective stimulations.

Students with technical knowledge and a passion to make a difference in the world can visit http://ipro.iit.edu to get further information.
Features

Faculty Profile: Robert F. Ladenson

Sohan D'Souza
TechNews Writer

Professor Robert Ladenson's eyes gleam as he talks about his work at Illinois Tech; he has, after all, been teaching here for the last 33 years. He exudes a disarming charisma that has no doubt aided him immensely in disseminating philosophical and ethical wisdom, both inside and outside the lecture hall.

Born in Chicago in 1943, Ladenson grew up on the North Side and, after studying at two elementary schools, graduated from Senn High School, also on the North Side, in 1961. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from the University of Wisconsin in Madison in 1965 and received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from John Hopkins University in 1970, though he had already begun to work at Illinois Tech by 1969. He also went on to get a Juris Doctor degree from DePaul University in Chicago in 1980.

He originally began his undergraduate program as an Economics major, but eventually became interested in philosophy after coming into contact with some friends who majored in it. This, and "some excellent teachers" led him to his current interests. By his senior year at college, Ladenson was interested enough in the philosophical discipline to venture into a degree-seeking academic program, which he says he completed in two semesters and a summer.

Ladenson says he discovered in college that he had an "intellectual bent." The idea of teaching and interacting with students, and of being part of a community of people interested in the same kinds of intellectual pursuits, inspired him to become an academic.

His primary area of interest is ethics understood in a broad way: not just the philosophical theories of ethics, but also from a very practical and applicable viewpoint, including business ethics, engineering ethics and ethics of social policy. His other areas of interest include political philosophy, the philosophy of law, free speech, and the psychology of ethical development.

About a dozen years ago, Ladenson relates, he developed a coordinated career in the field of law as an administrative hearing officer specializing in cases involving special education, and says he has become "a sort of insider specialist in that particular area of law." He thinks his experience in the legal system gives his teaching a kind of authenticity, and that his academic background, especially their work takes place. He says that students have written book reviews after leaving Illinois Tech, saying that activities such as the Ethics Bowl have had a significant difference to them.

Ladenson thinks that "the interprofessional environment is a very good one for the identification of ethical issues" and that "the raising of ethical sensitivity," noting that in a great many situations there where have been failures of ethics, there has been an intellectual narrowing of vision. He says that working inter-professionally broadens a person's outlook, making them more curious, receptive and open-minded.

Ladenson is a great lover of music, and has had a special passion for jazz since his early teens. He says he is a fan of all the greats, "from Louis Armstrong to John Coltrane and beyond." He owns many records, but he especially loves live performances. He admires traditional jazz and blues, and has played in a band since 1969. He also enjoys theater, and has at least one occasion, traveled as far as Canada for a weekend theater piece.

Ladenson used to play basketball, but he now plays mostly tennis. He enjoys socializing with students, and has had many students over at his home. His favorite foods are eggplant (he says he could live on them) and fried bananas. He describes his childhood as being very fun and enjoyable, and says that working inter-professionally broadens a person's outlook, making them more curious, receptive and open-minded.

Ladenson is a Professor of Philosophy in the Lewis Department of Humanities. He teaches various courses for the department, such as Industrial Culture, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Law, Ethics, Free Speech and Business Ethics. A part of Illinois Tech since 1969, Ladenson's long years here reflect his feelings about the institution and the students.

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Dr. Ladenson at an "Ethics Across The Curriculum" workshop

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Motorola Showcases 3rd Generation Technology

Himanshu Ray
TechNews Writer

Why carry a pager, camera, two-way radio, laptop, and CD player separately when you can get the utility of all of these in a single multi-level, multi-tasking mobile phone? Surprised? Motorola calls this its 3rd Generation Technology. A team from Motorola visited IIT on October 30 to present a formal talk on this innovative new technology. IEEE organized the event, which featured Chuck Degreve, PCS, who presented the technology, and Michelle Afenya, Quam Ergboho and Anant Mithasgar who demonstrated various appliances and new mobile phones from Motorola. Byron Foster, Manager LTS College Relations and Diversity coordinated the event for Motorola. Chuck Degreve and Anant Mithasgar are IIT alumni. Chuck graduated in 1969 while Anant graduated in 2001.

Motorola is a global leader in providing integrated communications solutions and embedded electronic solutions. "The world is changing, and thinking is not enough, one has to think effectively and that can make a difference in people's lives," remarked Degreve. "History has demonstrated that one person can make a difference. Likewise, so can one company. At Motorola, we are participating in the transformation of our earth.

Combining technology with the right intention[s] yields magical results. Motorola is committed to navigating our way, come what way, on the journey to a sustainable world. For in the stars, we see enormous and endless possibilities for tomorrow," remarked Degreve.

Motorola plans to launch new mobile phones in the United Kingdom and Asia, which incorporate features like Internet access, image capturing, video imaging, MP3 players, online banking, and online shopping. One of the most prominent features is its broad band internet easily and conveniently with either a wired or wireless connection without the use of a traditional computer. Combined with wireless technology for e-mail and Internet access, handheld computers are becoming the productivity tool of choice for the mobile worker. More and more people are realizing the need to have a phone book, schedule, things-to-do list, memo sketchpad, and calculator functionality in the palm of their hand—while on the go!

More and more consumers are using their handheld devices for multimedia applications like MP3 players, video playback, or digital imaging. Incorporating all these features was a big challenge for Motorola. The new 3rd Generation technology phones would also incorporate roadside assistance. Some features of Motorola's 900c phone are a voice recorder, multi-language support, pre-installed software applications, software download capability, voice and message mail indicators, JAVA 2 micro editor capability, voice activated dialing, easy SIM card operation and data retrieval capability.

Presently, 3rd Generation technology equipment is moving toward semiconductor devices, silicon chips and microprocessor controlled systems. "When I joined Motorola, ten percent of employees were software engineers while ninety percent were hardware engineers, but presently the situation is reversed," commented Degreve. Thus the world is moving towards digital systems rather than analog systems.

"Motorola will visit IIT's spring career fair for new recruitments," commented Byron.

Motorola recruits employment candidates at least one to two semesters in advance of graduation, as well as interns and CO-OPs. Resumes can be submitted online at http://www.Motorola.com. To qualify, you must be enrolled in an applicable field of study and in good academic standing. More information is available on its website.

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Restaurant Review: Potbelly Sandwich

Raj Parai
TechNews Writer

If you have a quick minute to eat on-the-go, then you should definitely try Potbelly Sandwich Works. I recently tried a Potbelly sandwich for myself; from the moment I walked in, I enjoyed the jovial atmosphere. Many different types of people were inside, and the employees were very friendly. Instructions were written above the counter on the wall explaining how to order, and the different sub-sandwiches were listed behind the counter.

The sitting arrangements were cozy and allowed you to talk in privacy with the members of your group. Seating choices included private booths with a canopy and separate stools on the sides that faced the street.

If you're tired of Subway or Chipotle, then this restaurant is a nice change of pace when you need a quick bite. The choices on the sub-sandwich list are limited; only about 7-8 different types of sandwiches exist. They toast each sandwich, and the delectable Italian bread they use is truly tasty. Meals and cheeses are piled on and the whole thing goes through an oven. Finally, you can fine-tune your sandwich with your choice of fresh condiments - mayo, mustard, oil, onions, lettuce, etc. After receiving your sandwich, you can choose from a variety of chips and beverages which are sold separately on the side.

I tried the pizza sub-sandwich, which was pretty good. If you're a big eater and you think four dollars for a small sandwich won't fill you up, then I recommend you don't try it. I found myself returning to the line for another sandwich. Each sandwich is about four dollars, but the size of it is rather disappointing. After eating the sandwich, I was tempted to try some of their ice cream, which was a nice dessert, but nothing fancy. For a quick meal expect to spend about five dollars, but for a full meal, you may be looking at a $15 dollar hit.

If you compare Potbelly Sandwich Works to Subway, you might end with a draw. Potbelly Sandwich Works has a nicer atmosphere and flavor-full sandwich for five dollars. However, you can go to Subway and end up spending seven dollars for a foot-long sub-sandwich with chips, and a drink. Subway delivers an extraordinary sub for the money. If you have a little extra dough to spend and you need a quick and intimate place to eat on a date, then Potbelly Sandwich Works should be your choice.

Potbelly Sandwich Works was rated #1 in Chicago for excellent quick and affordable eats. The service is usually fast, and the wait time is about three to five minutes. The prices aren't too bad either. However, the simple truth is none of the sandwiches are terribly exciting.

Rating: 7.5/10

Top Ten Things Overheard in CS 440

10) "In case you die, in case you quit your job, in case something happens to you, I don't depend on you." -George K.

9) "Symbology...can we do that in public?" -Vito D.

8) "I am the master of my own language." -George K.

7) "I'll show you my interpreter if you show me yours." -Vito D.

6) "What if the world explodes in the next 5 minutes; I would have wasted my last half hour here?" -Erin G.

"It would mean we got out of a half hour of class." -Greg M.

"Good point; I like this plan." -Erin G.

5) "We start with the start symbol.'start.'" -George K.

4) "If they're not structurally equivalent, then I have issues." -George K.

3) Do not execute the next instruction; go do something else." -George K.

2) "This grammar is ambiguous? Well...this class is ambiguous." -Derek D.

"You're ambiguous." -Erin G.

1) "The other monkey lives in a crazy world." -Overheard Psych 222 professor down the hall.

Quotes compiled by Erin George.
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Tired of all the myths surrounding college students and drinking? Want to have a say?

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2:00 PM – Women’s Basketball: Purdue Calumet Tournament (AWAY)  
1:00 PM – Swimming vs. Carroll College (AWAY)  
2:00 PM – Cross Country: Regional Conference Meet (AT LOYOLA)

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Medley for which he has a 2:08.80.

The next swim and dive meet for
the team will be this coming Friday,
November 8th versus Lewis Uni-
versity and North Central College.
This meet will be held at Lewis Uni-
versity in Romeoville, Illinois, start-
ing at 6:00 pm. Please stay tuned
for meet results as well as features
on three more team members next
week.

Daniel Crandell helps out at the
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Brandy Capece helps out at the Chicago
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IT VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

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Erin Brown | 14 kills, 16 digs, 2 aces
Jennifer Warner | 19 kills, 10 blocks
Jennifer Lange | 18 digs
Allison Coffee | 13 kills, 9 blocks
Amanda Scherer | 11 kills, 8 blocks
Deneea McPhee | 17 digs
November 03, 04

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Scoring:

Lauren Stowe | 13 assists, 9 blocks
Amanda Scherer | 9 blocks
Allison Coffee | 10 kills, 6 blocks
Deneea McPhee | 17 kills, 14 digs
Jennifer Lange | 14 digs
Amy Rodriguez | 12 digs
November 10, 11

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Scoring:

Lauren Stowe | 13 assists, 8 blocks
Jennifer Warner | 13 kills, 13 blocks
Jennifer Lange | 17 digs
Allison Coffee | 10 digs
Amanda Scherer | 11 kills, 7 blocks
November 27, 28

Note: Results against another university
Any Given Summer Day

Paul Kroonke
TechNews Writer

Last Wednesday, ABC's episode of 'The Bachelor' drew a higher Nielsen rating among adults age 18-49 than Game 4 of the World Series. Yes, you read that correctly. The Bachelor beat out the World Series. I didn't even know what to think when I read that for the first time. I mean, for the life of me, Angles vs. Giants was quite possibly the best World Series I've seen. This is coming on the heels of quite possibly one of the worst regular seasons I've ever seen, if not in the history of baseball.

At the beginning of the season, one would have thought, following last year's tremendous World Series, that baseball had turned the corner in recovering from the whole strike business several years ago. It was a perfect script to end the season. Americans needed the lift after September 11th and most importantly, the Yankees lost. That's what fans wanted the most. Nobody likes the Yankees except maybe half of New York; the other half hates them most of all. Anyway, fans were interested again, heck, they were excited about the season's start. Then the strike talk worked itself up again. The players still don't think they get paid enough, apparently, which is almost completely unfathomable considering the ridiculous money some of them demand. It almost seemed as if baseball decided to do its best to draw all the ire possible from the fans, and slowly begin to implode upon itself. Then came the post season.

People are suckers for an underdog. Everyone loves to see David beat Goliath, and people are lucky and happy to see it happen once a year in sports. Last year saw the Diamondbacks beat the Yankees and the Patriots beat the Rams. People saw the underdog pull it out twice. This year saw four favorites in the baseball postseason go out in the first round! The stage was set for one of the most improbable events in all of sports; an all Wild Card team World Series. And sure enough, it happened. The World Series saw the Angels vs. the Giants, and one of the greatest showdowns baseball has seen for years and years. This was due largely in part to the fact that we, as fans, finally got somebody besides the Yankees in the Series.

The Angels and the Giants went on to have a riveting seven game series, with the Giants going up 3-2 headed into Game 6 in Anaheim, only to see the bullpen blow a 5-0 lead and send the series to Game 7, where the Angels sealed their first Championship ever with a 4-3 victory. For those of you that watched the series, you know how good it was. The rest of you, I'm sure, were watching The Bachelor, which is something baseball in general needs to work on.

The World Series was riveting because there was finally parity in who wound up in the championship. There was no real clear-cut dominant team. This is something baseball needs to work on creating in some type of manner that the NFL has, using the salary cap and revenue sharing in order to ensure that, on any given Sunday, any one team can beat any other team. Baseball needs to make strides to ensure that, on any given summer day, any one team can beat any other team. When baseball can manage to make every game count for teams to make it into the playoffs, and make the game exciting for fans again, that is when fans will return, that is when baseball will start beating out shows like The Bachelor, and that is when baseball will be great again.

New Season, New Blood for Divers

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The IIT dive team has grown to five divers this season with three returning and two new members on the roster. Returning as the NAIA 3-Meter Diving Champion is Matt Robertson, a junior from Olathe North High School in Olathe, Kansas. Matt started diving during his junior year in high school. Due to his involvement in gymnastics for the twelve years before that, he progressed rapidly and ended up taking second at the Kansas State Diving Meet his senior year. While at IIT, Matt has qualified to the national meet both of the previous years of his involvement, placing third on the 1-Meter and second on the 3-Meter his freshman year, and placing fifth on the 1-Meter and winning the 3-Meter competition last year. Matt looks forward to again competing at Nationals this year with the ultimate goal of winning both the 1-Meter and the 3-Meter competitions.

Brandi Caffee is another one of the returning divers this year. A third year Civil Engineer from Elkhart High School in Elkhart, Kansas, Brandi did not start diving until she came to IIT, but she has improved tremendously since that time. This year, her main goals are to increase her degree of difficulty and improve on the dives that she already has in her repertoire. Brandi also looks forward to competing in eleven dive meets from the 3-Meter with her expanded list of dives.

Mindy Sherman is a sophomore Communications major from Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, and is the third returning diver on the team. Like Brandi, Mindy also did not start diving until she came to IIT. She mostly looks forward to having a positive, productive season and to adding more dives to her collection.

Martina Doligos is one of the two new divers this year. She is a freshman Architecture student from Sunset High School in Portland, Oregon. In high school, Martina was on the varsity diving team as well as diving on a club team during her freshman and sophomore years. Now that she is at IIT, she hopes to relearn those dives she used to do as well as add new ones to her list. She also hopes to have a positive, fun experience overall. In her own words, "I wouldn't say that I have any 'best dives' at this moment because I am still trying to relearn all of them. I do have a few favorites though. I like reverse dives. I especially like to do reverse flips and a one and a half because it's just fun to throw them."

Daniel Crandall is the other new diver to join the team this year. He is a first year Computer Science major from Rutherford High School in Panama City, Florida and this will be first year diving though he has been a swimmer for a long time and is also a member of the swim team. In high school, Daniel was a Florida State Meet entrant all four years, placing eleventh as Captain of his team his senior year. He does not yet have any favorite dives, but his pet swimming events are the 100 yard Backstroke, in which he has reached a 54.80, and the 200 yard Individual Continued on Page 11