New Fees Catch Students Unaware

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TechNews Writer

When students returned this fall, they found a list, in the 2002 bulletin of newly instituted fees such as the $200 Co-op fee, $100 Vandercook Course fee, and $500 chemistry, and biology lab fees. This was apart from the $300 increase in tuition per semester and the new $870 (undergraduate) student service fee.

"We looked at the cost for providing these types of services, which increased in many cases, and this is why many of the fees were increased. These fees help us provide better services to students," said John Collins, Vice President of Business Administration. Regarding the lab fees, the money collected from students has gone to the departments, which spend it on support items," remarked Collins.

"The fees are for specific laboratory courses and cover the cost of expendable supplies such as chemicals, glassware, and other items used in those labs. Such fees are common at most universities," remarked Allan S. Myerson, Dean of the Armour College of Engineering and Science. "The laboratory fees are designed to help repair materials and replace supplies in the labs. These fees really help my department in maintaining the physics, chemistry, and biology labs," concurred Hugh Scott, chairman of the BCPs department.

However, some students disagreed. "I believe the lab fees are unjustified because we are paying a tuition fee," remarked Bhashkar Chintaluri, a second year ECE major.

"The university held a meeting with all the Deans and Presidents before making this decision," replied Collins when asked how the decision to implement new fees and increase fees was made. Some of the concerned departments were not informed while deciding the fees. "We were not aware of the new Co-op fee until we read about it in the Fall 2002 bulletin. We were not consulted about this fee," remarked James Opon, Director of the Career Development Center.

"I am in support of the student service fee. I know we need more money for health services and the library. I was involved in the decision-making on that fee," I was not aware of some of the other fees, and I am not in support of the Co-op fee," remarked Terry Shapiro, former Dean of Student Affairs. "I came to know about the Co-op fee when I checked my Web for student accounts and saw that my account had been charged. I think students should have been informed by email about these fees," said Chirag Bhatt, a fourth year CS major.

"I think the $100 Vandercook fee will certainly discourage students from taking music courses at Vandercook," commented Ashraya Arya, a second year ECE major on the Vandercook fee. However Mr. Shapiro thought it was hard not to be supportive of the VanderCook fee. "Looking into the VanderCook fees, I still think the students are getting a good deal as Vandercook charges $590 a credit hour, and IIT students have to pay $100," remarked Shapiro. "To some extent, I am not in favor of students paying a little bit here and a little bit there. I think this should be included in tuition, though there may be some difficulties doing that. IIT perennially needs money, all schools need money. This year, the budget has been particularly tight," remarked Shapiro.

"We certainly needed to communicate all this information better and I apologize that we did not do a better job about letting students know about these fees," said Shapiro.

Tailgate Party Adds to the Excitement of Homecoming

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The enthusiasm and excitement displayed by the students during Illinois Tech's homecoming week in 2002 reached a climax on the day of the Homecoming game on October 4th, as the events of the week culminated in a very special party for the students and a fun-filled prelude to the game.

While the venue was moved to the MSV cafeteria due to the rains of rain showers, the students' determination to enjoy themselves was far from dampened. Held by 4:30 p.m., a picnic brunch, consisting of barbecue and grill fare, as well as salads, corn on the cob, and sandwiches, was laid out for the attendees. As the students settled into their seats with their friends and their refreshments, the guest band "Remedy" kicked into action, energetically harmonizing with their hit songs. Many of the students sat and sang along with the lyrics, while several got to their feet and began dancing enthusiastically.

Remedy also played many popular favorites such as "Sweet Home Alabama" and "Kryptonite." They were clearly a hit with the student partygoers. As the party progressed, free T-shirts were handed out, and temporary tattoos were applied onto many a limb or cheek.

As always, the balloon artist was intensely popular, judging by the large number of "inner children" gathered around his stilt. His balloon animal creations, flowers, trinkets, and ornaments were all over the place, and rarely swayed their shoulders, tapped their feet, and sang along to the lyrics. Many staff members were present, including Student Affairs Coordinator Vickie Tolbert, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Affairs John Baworowsky, Assistant Director of Student Activities Mary Taylor-Blast, General Manager of Food Service Keith Palmer, and former Dean of Student Affairs Jerry Santos. All in all, the light-hearted ambiance and a cheerful mood dominated the evening, until the students trailed off, many of them heading to Keating Hall to watch the Homecoming game.
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IIT Students Join in Cancer Walk

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Submission

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society held their annual Light the Night walk on Saturday, September 29. Museum Campus and Grant Park were illuminated with red and white balloons as cancer survivors and supporters walked together to raise funds to cure various blood related cancers and increase the quality of life for millions of people. About 4,000 people gathered for the walk and raised upwards of $325,000. All funds raised through the Light the Night Walk support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's mission: to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life of patients and families. According to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, more than 640,000 American adults and children are currently living with a blood-related cancer. Someone is diagnosed every five minutes. Someone dies every nine minutes.

The sisters of Kappa Phi Delta and the brothers of Phi Kappa Sigma joined the citizens of Chicago in celebrating and commemorating lives touched by cancer and also in bringing attention to the need for more funds for cancer research.

About 50 of the students donated four hours of their time to assist the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in inflating and passing out balloons and distributing t-shirts and sweatshirts to participants. Many of the sisters and brothers also helped raise funds and participated in the walk.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society has many other fundraising events throughout the year. If you'd like to help out and donate some of your time or money, you can visit their web site (www.leukemia-lymphoma.org) or call toll-free (800.855.4572). Join the fight against blood-related cancers and save lives!

Billionaire Kicks Off Lecture Series

IIT Media Relations
Submission

Sam Zell will make his first appearance on the campus of Illinois Institute of Technology on October 22, 2002, to kick off the new "Thought Leaders Seminar" series of lectures. The series is sponsored by IIT's Leadership Academy and Entrepreneurship Program.

Zell, the son of Polish immigrants, started off selling magazines in grade school and earned a 200% profit. Today, he is in the top tier of commercial real estate moguls and is #100 on the 2002 Forbes magazine list of the 400 wealthiest Americans.

Zell, 66, is one of Chicago's first homegrown billionaires. He began his career in real estate while an undergraduate at the University of Michigan by managing apartment buildings. He continued his interests in real estate with the founding of Equity Group Investments, L.L.C., (formerly known as Equity Financial and Management Company), an entrepreneurial real estate investment firm based in Chicago, where he currently serves as chairman of the board.

Zell holds a bachelor's in political science and a law degree, both from the University of Michigan. He has endowed chairs at Michigan and at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He also serves as a trustee of the Field Museum and is an avid skier, racquetball player and motorcyclist.

"Thought Leaders Seminar" will be Sam Pitroda, chairman of WorldTel Inc. (11/21), Karl Klessig, former CEO of Xdrive Technologies (02/13/03), Craig Watson, president of Payment Engineering, LLC (03/11/03), Frank Krevis, president of Chicago Transit Authority (04/08/03), Sandy LaMania, CEO and Christine Schuytck, VP for operations for Share Inc. (04/22/03).

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Sorority Sponsors Free Ice Cream and Scary Stories

Koreen Aragaki
Submission

Are you bored? Hungry? Tired of constantly studying and doing homework? The sisters of Kappa Phi Delta have found the problem to your worries and sorrows.

Kappa Phi Delta will be hosting an ice cream social on Thursday, October 17 at 8:00 p.m. in their chapter room in Lewis Basement. Everyone is welcome to attend. They'll have it all: ice cream, toppings, you name it. Even if you don't particularly care for ice cream, you're welcome to come and just chat. It's a great way to socialize with your fellow students. Bring yourself, bring your friends, and bring everyone you know for some free ice cream and hours of fun chatting. Get away from studying and discover the pleasures of ice cream and friends.

Can't make it to the ice cream social? Do not despair. Kappa will be providing ice-creamy ways of Halloween excitement. Whether you're afraid of the monsters in your closet or you're the one who scares the monsters in the closet, the sisters of Kappa Phi Delta have some exciting surprises for you. From October 25 to October 30, the sisters will be doing their annual Tuck-Ins and Nightmares.

For a Tuck-In, two sisters will read you a cute bedtime story and feed you a yummy treat. For a Nightmare, two sisters will tell you a scary scary way to make you not want to fall asleep and will give you a treat to munch on while you keep watch for the monsters that will creep out from under your bed. If you'd like, you can even get the whole chapter to read to you.

Tuck-Ins and Nightmares will be sold out from October 14 to October 19. Tuck-Ins are $4 and Nightmares are $5. Additional prizes are up for grabs. You could even get back at that friend who scared you before.

Still think you're bored? Join the sisters of Kappa Phi Delta for their movie nights every Thursday night starting at 9:00 in their chapter room. Come down to the basement in Lewis Hall and check out what's playing. It's a great escape from homework.

With all these opportunities for fun, hopefully you won't be bored at IIT anymore. Join the sisters of Kappa Phi Delta and see how great IIT can be!

Unlock the Stressful Situations of Life

Himanshu Ray
TechNews Writer

As the stress management workshops on campus on October 7 at the counseling center, this event was organized by Carol Yoken, Director of counseling center and facilitated by Nick Johnson, a psychiatrist. A Stress Management Workshop will be scheduled on every Monday of this month from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the counseling center in Farr Hall.

This event revolved around awareness of stressful situations in life and effective ways to deal with them. "Stress is an essential part of human existence, yet it cannot be eliminated," according to Nick Johnson. The workshop helps in understanding the nature of stress, what it is, how it develops and recognizes the effects of stress on your life. It also deals with effective stress reducing techniques.

Everybody experiences stress in day-to-day life. It is the individual's physical, emotional and mental response to any change regardless of whether the change is good or bad. Stressful situations do not always have negative results. Rather, it is stress that helps an individual move ahead in life. This positive stress helps in boosting your career and provides a push to achieve your goals.

Stressful situations are dangerous as it leads to nervous breakdowns. Using the analogy of a rubber band, positive stress is just the right amount of stress needed to stretch the band and make it useful. Negative stress snaps the band. "It is the optimal balance of stress that rules life," commented Nick Johnson. However, there is no single level of stress that is optimal for all people. So the workshop helps people to find an optimal stress solution for leading a successful life at personal level.

"Stressful situation may be recognized when individual has problems with eating or over eating, fatigue, making effective decisions, increased frustration with minor annoyances and increased use of alcohol or other drugs," according to Nick Johnson.

The basic goal of this workshop is not just reducing stress but to overcome it in a productive way thus nourishing life. Johnson introduced effective ways of dealing with stressful situations like relaxation, positive attitude etc. Its not stress that kills us, it is our reaction to it.

Summary of Incident Reports, completed by Public Safety, for the period of September 29, 2002 through October 5, 2002

September 29, 2002
At 7:57 a.m., Public Safety was notified of a suspicious package in the basement of the library. The package was opened and found to contain a collection of letters and a threatening note. No further action was taken.

At 3:20 p.m., Public Safety responded to a report of a suspicious person near the library. The individual was identified and released.

At 6:20 p.m., Public Safety received a report of a suspicious person near the library. The individual was identified and released.

October 1, 2002
At 12:30 a.m., Public Safety observed a Chicago Fire Department ambulance pulling into the driveway of a residence in the area of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity and responded to the scene of a sick person.

At 3:45 p.m., two students reported that they were being followed by a group of people at the Student Center. They were approached by the police and asked to provide their names and addresses. No further action was taken.

At 7:05 p.m., Public Safety observed two employees entering the library carrying a case of beer. Public Safety notified the police, who arrived and issued a citation.

October 3, 2002
At 9:21 p.m., Public Safety was informed that two alarm boxes were missing from the cafeteria. The boxes contained $300 in cash. The investigation is ongoing.

October 4, 2002
At 10:00 p.m., Public Safety was notified of a suspicious person near the library. The individual was identified and released.

Relaxation is the first step to stress reduction. Next is to set yourself with better insight into situations and clear your dos and don'ts. Thinking in effective tools in situations of life with effective decision making power. Practical thinking helps to potentially prevent stressful situations and prepare for them.

"The workshop provides an optimal way of tackling with stressful situations," said Manual year graduate student. This workshop is useful to begin controlling stressful situations in life before they begin to control you. For further queries contact Counseling Services at (312) 508-7102.

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Do you really need all those eggs?

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hearts rather than by minds. There was a palpable love for the school. It seeps at you from the pages of The Cycle.

Where is the soccer? The golf team? The bowling team? The music? The bang-bang from the rifle club? One could simply say that the nature of student bodies has changed with the times. Does the existence of similar activities at other schools—in 2002—say something about how lively we are?

IIT has morphed into a school that is more demographically and culturally integrated, but is there something in coming together, something that happened in making up this current IIT brew, that destabilized the powerful forces that seemed to make the old-time students apparently more united, more committed to their school, and more active than we are? Are we culturally integrated and stronger unified, just may be time to take a closer look at what we have here.

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A month has already passed since this semester started. Orientation Week, Gina Vermiglio, a first year undergraduate in the MMAE department recalled it "sudden emptiness." One of the primary reasons for the establishment of the Campus Connections Program is to provide new students with an improved transition experience to college, to eliminate this "emptiness." The program is being implemented for the first time this semester. It is organized and managed under the auspices of the Undergraduate College, headed by Gerard Voland, Dean of the Undergraduate College.

Currently the program supports about 350 students organized into 30 teams, which will meet three times during the semester. Additionally, there are about 100 volunteers that include faculty, staff, alumni, and students. "There are many people who are working behind the scenes and they enjoy working with students," emphasized Dean Voland.

The purpose of the program is that students have any issues regarding parking, academics, financial aid, and just about anything else, can seek a resolution by presenting their views or suggestions at the team meetings. The Team Leaders then send all data via email to Christine M. Garza, the Associate Director of the Undergraduate College. At this point, the issues are sent to the concerned departments and responses are posted on our website," says Ms. Garza.

Objectively, the intention is, "Firstly, address issues and concerns positively, quickly, and appropriately, usually within 48 hours; secondly, to establish bonds among students, faculty, staff and alumni," stated Dean Voland.

Recalling the times when Dean Voland himself was an undergraduate physics major, he reminisces, "The secretary of the department was a friend to students and would listen to personal concerns, giving sympathy or advice, whenever needed. Upon her passing, the school's initiative to collect funds to build a plaque in her name turned into the most successful capital campaign with enough funds that built a new student lounge. The Campus Connections Program seeks to establish that kind of relationship among our community."

"There have been a small number of students present at many of the team meetings. 'You really can't force people to attend, maybe some incentives would help. For example, a chance to participate in a draw for $100 upon full attendance,'" remarked former Dean of Student and Academic Affairs, Terry Shapiro when asked about suggestions to increase turnout numbers.

When students were asked if they attended their team meetings, the responses varied: "Oh yeah! I attended all of them, it's part of the school spirit!" declared Sadia Sadiq a first-year undergraduate in the Electrical and Computer Engineer-
Sex Offenders Near Campus

Steven Peters
TechNews Writer

When thinking about how dangerous surrounding neighborhoods are, students tend to think of drugs, gangs, poverty, knives, and guns. Because of the overpopulation and subsequent poverty that occurred with the black community in the South Side of Chicago, many students think that the main criminals in our neighborhood are African-American (most of the people in our neighborhood are, after all, African-American). There exists, however, another threat to our community—a threat about which students seldom speak, but never forget. This is the threat of sexual predators, and they do not all fit such discriminatory profiles.

The latest Public Safety Report cites two incidents of "sex offenses, including forcible and non-forcible offenses" for the 2001 calendar year. This number is up from one in 2000 and zero in 1999. The same electronic report contains a link to the City of Chicago's Website, containing a database of registered sex offenders in different "beats" in Chicago. The Website contains pictures, descriptive information, and approximate addresses of the offenders. According to the website, four registered sex offenders live in beat 2113, which covers IIT, and all within a few blocks north of Stuart Building. Of the four, one committed a sexual offense against a minor.

Beat 2112, which covers approximately five blocks east of campus (Michigan Ave., Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive, and 31st St. to 33rd St.), has a startling twenty-one sex offenders. Of these twenty-one, seven are white, six are over the age of thirty, fourteen committed a sexual offense against a minor, and ten live on Michigan Ave., just across the street from the residential part of campus.

Twelve registered sex offenders, all of which are white or "White Hispanic", live in Bridgeport, which is west of campus across the Dan Ryan Expressway. One is a woman. Eight committed a sexual offense against a minor. Four are under the age of thirty.

What does this information mean? It is not meant to scare the student body or to keep anyone from leaving campus. It simply means you should take extreme caution when leaving your residence, and especially when leaving campus. It means that criminals come in all shapes, ages, races, and sizes. It means that many sexual predators live very near IIT. In the next few weeks, TechNews will begin publishing a police blotter. In this weekly report, recent crimes reported to Public Safety will be noted without details or interpretation.

Brochures about safety procedures are available in Farr Hall. IIT Public Safety's Website is http://publicsafety.iit.edu, and the City of Chicago database of registered sex offenders is located at http://12.17.79.4/.

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Restaurant Review: Olive Branch

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The first thing that will strike you upon entering Olive Branch is the abundance of murals. Plastered all over the walls, they depict idealized scenes from ancient Persia. The food isn't exactly Persian, but it is Mediterranean, so it's close enough (geographically, at least).

It isn't too far from downtown. In fact, it is just a short walk from the Loop, and is most easily reached via the Red Line. Olive Branch doesn't look too striking from the outside, but it is very different once you enter.

Apart from the aforementioned murals, there are some nice paintings on the walls and a beautiful copper-tiled ceiling. Also, a few cultural items such as "dallahs" (Arabian coffee pots) and "sheeshas" (Arabian smoking devices) have been placed here and there for display.

The lower walls are paneled with light wood; the furniture is mainly dark wood with flower-patterned upholstery. The tableware is simple, and the tables would look good but for the tacky paper sheets that are draped over them. Tablecloths, presumably to keep them clean. Clean or not, it does not look particularly elegant.

Light Arabesque music plays in the background. The restaurant is well-lit, mostly by chandeliers of various kinds. The service is decent, but could be a little more efficient. The waiting staff has uniforms of sorts, and communicates reasonably well with the customers.

The kitchen has an open window into the back of the dining area.

The menu features various kinds of falafel sandwiches and meat sandwiches in pita bread, as well as spinach pies, dolmeh (rice or meat stuffed grapevine leaves with herbs), and other appetizers.

The dolmeh is certainly above average in delectability. The lentil soup tastes pretty good after it is sprinkled with fresh-squeezed lemon juice. The soup and a basket of pita bread are usually served before the main dishes arrive.

The combo called "Zuba's favorite" is a good deal. The kebabs are decent, and so is the yellow rice. But they are both a tad too dry. The falafel however is quite commendable, and supplements the meal well, especially when doused in the excellent tahina sauce that is usually provided with entrees. The hummus is also a delicious side item.

The "Chicken Shawarma" is a little disappointing. In a real shawarma, each slice of meat is supposed to be dark on one side, medium in the middle and light on the other side. These "shawarma" slices looked like they had been tossed in a wok for a couple of minutes.

They still tasted alright, but once again, the yellow rice was dry, although the sautéed vegetables were moist and flavorful.

The best deal in Olive Branch is probably the "Vegetarian Plate", consisting of hummus, ghanoosh (eggplant with tahina), falafel, dolmeh and tabbouleh. Eaten with pita bread, it is very filling and delicious at the same time.

Dessert options include the standard Mediterranean "Baklava", as well as the "Burma" (a dish made with Turkish pistachios). Interestingly, practically every menu item has an attached wine recommendation.

Bring your ID if you plan to take that detail seriously.

The sandwiches and side items are priced pretty reasonably, though full entrees come to no less than ten dollars. This is still good value, and besides, there is a ten dollar minimum on credit card payment anyway.

Before leaving, don't forget to take a look around at the art on the walls. And to the east are streets full of art galleries, making for a good after-meal stroll.

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A Look at IIT: Past and Future

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Ivy clad buildings and attractive campuses are not so essential as an atmosphere of ideals, practical and attainable. Phew! Who said that? It wasn’t me. Step back in time—way back to 1929, when Howard Raymond was president of IIT (oops, I was the Armour Institute of Technology back then, but who cares?). Howard made the above statement in one fine school publication that seems to have bitten the dust years ago—The Cycle. I leaned through the 1929 edition of The Cycle and found, between the AIT of 1929 and the IIT of 2002, disparities and similarities that were equally astonishing.

President Raymond would probably be horrified if he saw how much effort IIT has made to make it look better. President Lew Collins? I think that Collins is pretty happy about the rising dust and din that spells structural progress.

What were Raymond’s “ideals”? The Cycle does not spell them out, but a school reflects on its president’s ideas, and I will henceforth glean from The Cycle those things that seemingly made up a student’s life at AIT.

AIT had a very active tennis team. There were four musical clubs, and there was a rifle club. Technews had just been started, and I guess that it did a lot of reporting on the Golf Club and on the Boxing team. A student-run Armour Tech Athletic Association gave a unified voice and ear to the athletes. The students were having “a ball,” right? I don’t know.

The 1929ers understandably stayed close to home. Most of the students of AIT were from Chicago, and, from what I saw in The Cycle, there were at most five women on campus. Everyone was white, and the few jokes centered on the black populace were an undeniable indicator of how “inconvenient” it would have been to be a black student at AIT in 1929. The student body was most likely a true reflection of 1929 society, and it tells a remarkable story of American progress with respect to the liberation of women, the integration of minorities, and the mobility of individuals.

A trip in time brings the inevitable comparisons. How do we stand now?

I sense in The Cycle a pompous but bright commitment to the IIT of 1929 that may be running short in the IIT of 2002. The spirit of 1929 is superbly captured in many humorous, well-drawn illustrations alongside in-depth articles that were apparently written by
Coach Inducted Into the Hall of Fame

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On Sunday, October 6, 2002, Jim Darrah was inducted into the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Hall of Fame. To be honored, one must demonstrate an outstanding win record with a minimum of 300 wins in the conference, or have a minimum amount of coaching years in the conference, and excel in leadership. For the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Hall of Fame, Jim Darrah was the perfect candidate.

Coach Jim Darrah has been the baseball coach at the Illinois Institute of Technology for the past twenty-four years, and serves as the Athletic Director for the sports program for the last fourteen years. He has placed three players in professional baseball and compiled a 440 and 363 overall record at IIT. Before coming to IIT in 1978, Coach Darrah was the assistant coach at University of Illinois, Circle, Chicago, for eight years.

Throughout his twenty-four years at IIT, Coach Darrah has led the IIT baseball program to a position of great respect in the Chicagoland area. His teams have made numerous trips to post-season tournaments including an appearance into the NAIA Regional at the end of the 2000 season. He has been named the CCAC Coach of the Year three times and NAIA District and Regional Coach of the Year.

Coach Darrah was inducted into the Illinois H.S. School Baseball Coaches and the UIC Athletic Department Hall of Fame. He was also honored by the Pitch and Hit Club of Chicago in 1997 for College Coach of the Year.

On top of these fine athletic accomplishments, Coach Darrah has also been known in the IIT community as the “Coach of the Stars.” He earned this nickname through his work with the cast from the movie A League of Their Own, which included a long list top actors: Madonna, Tom Hanks, Geena Davis, and Rosie O’Donnell.

Coach Darrah also provided assistance to top professional athletes throughout his career. When Bo Jackson was injured during one of his baseball seasons, Coach Darrah was there to help him with rehab. More astounding, Coach Darrah helped Michael Jordan in his quest to become a professional baseball player.

Besides being a member of the American Baseball Coaches Association and the Pitch and Hit Club of Chicago, Coach Darrah has also served as the Liaison for college baseball and the Chicago White Sox. Coach Darrah and his wife, Maribeth, reside in Hickory Hills, Illinois and have three children, Michelle, Dan and Mike.

Loyola Lakefront Invitational

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It’s cross-country team got a taste of competition in the big leagues this past weekend at Loyola’s Lakefront Invitational. Almost fifty teams competed in each race, many of them from NCAA Division I and Division II schools. The competition was fierce, especially in the first few hundred meters of the race; five hundred runners fought for places while trying to avoid being run off the course and into some neighboring trees. While IIT runners did not place in the top half of this race, the tough competition did inspire them to chase some of their best times of the season.

A Great Night to be a Fan

Paul Kroenke
Sports Editor

Well how about them Pats? It would figure that as soon as I say anything about how good they are, they would promptly go out and lose two in a row. Let’s just say I jinxed ‘em. Actually, they have only even lost three in a row by the time you’re reading this if they lost to the Packers too, though I don’t think Green Bay could have any business even attempting to stop Tom Brady and his receivers (jinx, jins). Looking at that game, that’s about all I can hope for as a Packer fan, aside from just an all-out shoot out between the teams with Green Bay coming out victorious. That can’t happen. Yet, in case you hadn’t noticed, I’m a Packer fan. Oh and how sweet it was to be one last Monday night.

Last Monday night was a setting I’ve grown all too accustomed to since about fifth grade when I moved to Chicago. Basically it was me, and a bunch of my buddies who happen to be rabid Bears fans, gathered around the big screen in our living room, jawing back and forth, hurling bars back and forth about the stands of the game. One of the better ones came during the introduction of Monday Night Football when my buddy Mike was jawing about Brett Favre being old. Anthony Hopkins (of Hannibal Lecter fame) came on the screen. From the back of the room, Mike said “What’s that Brett Favre?” Hard to convey that, though. You had to be there. Funny guy. Mike. Anyway, as I’ve done for about the past ten years, I let my Bears fan friend talk his shots while they could. I knew better. I always have. It’s been a rare occurrence over the last decade that the Bears actually sneak away with a win over the Packers and I respected nothing less this time around.

Wouldn’t you know it, too. It was a runaway win for Green Bay, starting with Brett Favre’s fourth pass from scrimmage. He rolled left, stared down a frozen Mike Caldwell, checked his watch, and told him, “Watch this, boy,” letting fly a 65 yard rainbow that settled into the hands of Donald Driver for a 65 yard touchdown. Driver looked like he was running through the parking lot of a Bulls game. Had I seen this game, he would have been more open. Needless to say that sucked the life right out of my good Bears fan friends, and I felt bad for them. I was mire from then on. Game 163 of the greatest rivalry in sports saw my Packers pile up the scores and the Bears play haplessly catch up. The Packers rolled to a 34-14 win and a two game lead in the division, and I rolled to yet another victory over everyone around me. I tell you it’s good to be the diamond in the rough as a sports fan, especially when your team shines so brightly.
The Road to Success

Jacqueline Sokolowski
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The IIT Scarlet Hawks Volleyball team faced another loss on Tuesday against Trinity Christian University. The Hawks played against Trinity with 11 wins behind them, facing Trinity Christian offense, barely letting any balls hit the floor. The Hawks dominated University of Chicago in three games, rarely letting University of Chicago ahead at all throughout the match.

On Tuesday, the Hawks played in the match with less intensity, lack of enthusiasm, and more unforced errors. The Hawks played hard, coming back after a two game loss deficit, to defeat Trinity Christian in the third and fourth games.

In the first two games, the Hawks had more errors that are uncommon in their game play: misses, off our block, and communication errors. After losing the first two, the Hawks turned the tables around and began to play “their” game on the court. Decisive serving, complete execution on plays, and tough defense contributed to the Hawks winning the third and fourth games. Forty of the possible sixty points scored between both game 3 and continued on page 11

IIT VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

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IIT vs. University of Chicago (Homecoming)

IIT defeated Kendall College

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