The 27th International Festival was held in the Herman Union Building on Friday, October 18, 2002. The daylong event included exhibits in the HUB Gallery Lounge and Main Lobby. Different ethnic cuisines from over 50 countries were presented, open to be sampled by visitors. Tremendous efforts were put into setting up booths by various organizations. Students stayed up until early morning hours finishing the colorful and creative booths, which exemplified the hidden talents of IT's diverse student body. As part of the day program, an equally diverse panel of judges ranked the booths. First prize was awarded to Pakistani Students Association. Second went to the Indian Students Association, and Bangladesh Students Community were awarded third place.

During the evening session held in the HUB auditorium, fifteen cultural performances were presented, many of which held the admiration of the audience. The beauty and quality of the presentations illustrated the hard work and efforts of the performing artists. Every artist's appearance had significance, at the very least, to some fraction of the audience. A fashion show followed, continuing the cultural event. The Indian and Pakistani students cheered and jeered at each other, in a spirit of mutual amusement. The first prize for the cultural event went to the African Student Organization for their mesmerizing routine. Second went to Spain for their comical musical. The Indian Students Association won third place for their fabulous and lively dances.

Masters of the ceremony, Shweta Dabas and Boldizsár Lassu, were commendable, especially when managing the sometimes extraordinarily loud sections of the audience. Allen Lights and Sound demonstrated splendid coordination when setting up an alternate sound system within minutes of the failure of the auditorium's original equipment.

In all, over 200 faculty, students, staff, and alumni contributed to the success of this event, which was headed by the International Student Organization and the International Center. The audience also included numerous American students. The HUB auditorium was jam-packed, which was further evidence for this eventful and memorable day.

Two Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) students find themselves in an elite group of college science stars. Both were chosen as recipients in this years' Chicago area Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) scholarship program.

John R. Edwardson (Soph. Physics) and Tiffany N. Titus (Jr. Aerospace Engineering) were among 13 Chicago students honored in a special luncheon on October 17, 2002. Edwardson and Titus were two of only three undergraduate students recognized this year. Both received a $5,000 cash award. "They are the best of the best," said Jacelyn Stoller, a founding member of the Chicago ARCS chapter, which has provided more than one million dollars to local college students since its formation in 1977. ARCS scholars must be U.S. citizens, maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and be enrolled as a full-time student, specializing in the natural sciences, engineering or medicine.

Edwardson, from Wynnewood, Penn., is majoring in Physics at IIT and plans to earn both a Masters and Ph.D. He has special interest in astrophysics research. Along with his keen interest in science, Edwardson also enjoys music, technology, science fiction and fantasy literature. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Titus, a native of Fulton, Mich., is in IIT's Aerospace Engineering program. She also plans to enter a doctoral program in Aerospace Engineering, Astronomy or Astrophysics. She is also contemplating a future career at the space agency, NASA.

As an amateur astronomer, Titus won a national award for research. She spent the last two summers at major U.S. observatories including the National Solar Observatory in Sunspot, NM and the Institute for Astronomy, Hawaii.

The ARCS Foundation was created in 1958. Its 12 U.S. chapters provide scholarships to students pursuing science-related degrees. The ARCS mission also includes stemming the decline in American enrollment in graduate science and engineering programs.
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News

Offered A Job? Now What?

Himanshu Ray
TechNews Writer

Curricular Practical Training (CPT) workshop organized by Marcy Hochberg, Assistant Director, Career Development Center and Celia Bergman, Director, International Center was held on October 16 at the alumni lounge. This event helps international students understand what they need to do if they want to gain some work experience before they graduate.

According to INS rules no one can start working with getting prior approval. Ms. Bergman warned that a student can land in big trouble if these rules are not followed. Curricular Practical Training may be defined as alternative work/study, internship, cooperative education or any other program, which is offered by employers through cooperative agreements with the school.

The main aim behind organizing the CPT workshop was to make students acquainted with rules and paper work involved in getting CPT approval. Ms. Hochberg pointed out that CPT is an integral part of one's academic career. Working in industries gives a student better insight about the practical applications of what he or she learns in a classroom. An individual is exposed to an individual working environment with different people with vast experience. This experience counts a lot when a student enters the job market and searches for a full-time job after graduation.

Ms. Bergman also announced that from this semester students have to pay a registration fee of $200. Getting approval for CPT requires time-consuming paper work. National students can start CPT in the mid way of any term even if he or she gets job offer. Any such step violates the rules for CPT. Students need to register at the beginning of a semester or term taking into consideration the given dead lines.

Student needs to fill up several forms available from CDC website (www.cdc.lit.edu). This includes cooperating authorization form, advisor's recommendation for CPT, I-588 form etc. Your academic advisor decides whether CPT relates to your academic field.

A student can get work authorization for one semester/quarter at a time. Student may choose to work either part time or full time. During this course of time if a student gets a better job offer he has to get approval repeating the whole procedure again. Renewing CPT involves a different renewal package.

The next workshop is scheduled on November 5 at the same venue. For further information students can contact the CDC.

Calling All Architects

Phil Rosen
Submission

Prospective students are invited next month to tour historic S.R. Crown Hall (Mies van der Rohe, 1956) and learn more about the graduate degree programs at the College of Architecture at Illinois Institute of Technology.

On Nov. 11, 2002, IIT opens its doors, hoping to open minds to its Master of Architecture (M. Arch.) and Doctor of Philosophy in Architecture (Ph.D.) programs. IIT's professional degrees are accredited by the National Architecture Accrediting Board. Recent college graduates, professionals from other disciplines and practicing architects can learn about advanced degree programs in architecture in a series of panel presentations and informal discussions.

Registration for The Graduate Program Open House begins at 1 p.m., Monday, Nov. 11, 2002. Events begin at 1:30 p.m., featuring presentations about the curriculum, studio courses, and opportunities to study abroad. Student and faculty panels will describe the rewards and challenges of graduate-level architectural studies, supported by the rich architectural legacy of Chicago and the Midwest.

A tour of Mies van der Rohe's masterwork S.R. Crown Hall, will allow prospective students to observe the studio space, teaching methods and practices of IIT faculty, many of whom are practicing architects in Chicago. Crown Hall was granted status as a National Historic Landmark in 2001.

The Graduate Program Open House concludes with a presentation by Neil Spiller of the Bartlett.

BROWN AND THE ROOMMATE

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Reading Sports Center

Wednesday October 23
6:30 pm Free Aerobics Classes
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Thursday October 24
7:00 pm UB Movie Scooby Doo
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8:30 pm Martial Arts Club Meet
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Career Opportunities with Microsoft

Himanshu Ray
TechNews Writer

The Redmond software giant, Microsoft Corporation, visited Illinois Tech on October 11. Imran Khan, a Software Design Engineer from Microsoft, gave a presentation at Perlstein Hall auditorium. This event was organized by IEEE. A huge crowd consisting of students from all majors turned up for this event.

This event featured exciting career opportunities at Microsoft, details of its working environment, as well as the latest developments at Microsoft. "Imagine having the resources to impact tomorrow's reality today— that's Microsoft. People here love their work because they get to think big and dream big. Right now, Microsoft is looking for the next generation of Microsoft innovators. If you have talent and a passion for technology, this could be your dream come true opportunity," Khan remarked. Mr. Khan is an alumnus from the University of South California in Los Angeles.

Working at Microsoft is like working in a world with passion and real-time experience. At Microsoft, you collaborate with the best and the brightest. People here work hard looking for things that matter, not only to themselves but to billions of people around the world. But how can one find a career at Microsoft? Microsoft looks for people with creative minds and a sizzling passion for technology. Microsoft is an equal opportunity employer and supports workforce diversity. Most of Microsoft's full-time employees were interns with Microsoft. Microsoft doesn't require you to be computer major to be an intern, they simply require technical facility ratio where the ratio is high in certain classes," commented Dr. Snapper. He believes that this will be rectified soon. Dr. Snapper feels that Illinois Tech's campus is one of the best in the country and offers both a modern and a pleasant outlook. He also adds that he is looking forward to the completion of the new campus center.

Dr. Snapper is referred to as "the mausgras" by a few students, meaning "the beard" in Pidgin English. He got this name on a trip to the South Sea Islands. Dr. Snapper in his spare time likes to watch movies, both new and classical, and he also enjoys listening to jazz music. He often organizes trips with IIT students to local jazz spots. Dr. Snapper also has a passion for baseball. A favorite of many of the student body, anyone looking for an exciting and interesting conversation should strike one up with Jack Snapper.

Faculty Profile — John Snapper

Sriram Mahadevan
TechNews Writer

Dr. John (Jack) Snapper is the Associate Dean of the Undergraduate College, a position he has held for two years. He is also the Associate Dean of the Lewis Department of Humanities. Dr. Snapper is known for his teaching and commitment to his students.

"I believe that students are the biggest asset to this university. They add that presently the world needs more engineers than philosophers, and that he enjoys teaching philosophy to engineering students. "Engineers should take an interest in the philosophical aspects of life," he added.

"Illinois Tech might have to improve in certain fields like the student body, but overall the campus is one of the best in the country," he concluded.

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POPULAR STUDENT MEDICAL PROGRAM IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Minority lawmakers to hear plight of 'CHAMP'

Phil Rozen
Submission

For 23 years the Chicago Area Health and Medical Careers Program has successfully increased the number of minority students entering medicine, dentistry and other health care disciplines. The program is in partnership with Illinois Institute of Technology, part of IIT’s ongoing commitment to enrichment programs in math, science and technology.

But this year, reeling under state budget cuts, CAHMC (pronounced, CHAMP) faces an uncertain future and a funding emergency. CAHMC leadership is now sounding the alarm, seeking the attention of the Illinois Legislature’s Minority Caucus.

"The Illinois Board of Higher Education has had to slash our 2003 fiscal budget by nearly half a million dollars because of the state’s dreadful financial situation," said CAHMC Executive Director Dr. Reggio Jones. "We are devastated by the point the program can no longer support the unique and varied student activities and academic services that make up the largest program of its kind in the country, helping minority students enter careers in medicine, dentistry and other health professions.

CAHMC has turned its plea to the Minority Caucus, hoping its political clout can ensure funding at least to mid-1990 levels. Forty state lawmakers have been invited to an emergency forum Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002, to learn more about the impact of the funding cuts. The forum will take place from 10 a.m. until noon in the Herman Hall Auditorium at Illinois Institute of Technology, 3241 S. Federal Street.

"We must educate our political representatives on why it’s absolutely imperative to provide CAHMC’s state funding to a workable level," said Jones. "Our very survival is in question.

Students enter the program as early as the seventh grade and continue through professional school graduation with access to extended counseling, tutoring, mentoring and professional test prep courses. "We’ve already laid off all of our part-time support staff members and eliminated our very popular Weekend Tutorial Academy," Jones said. "We’ve been forced to charge fees for a number of programs, which violates our program’s guiding mission and spirit."

The CAHMC program has operated on the IIT campus since 1979 as an "intellectual pipeline," helping more than 700 minority students prepare for careers as doctors, veterinarians and nurses. Another 300 participants are presently enrolled in medical and dental schools throughout Illinois and across the country at a time when minority medical professional school enrollments are in a decline.

Several hundred graduates and current participants of the CAHMC program are expected to attend the forum and will have the opportunity to offer personal appeals to restore funding. Many CAHMC graduates are currently in medical, dental and other college courses requiring practic ezs in urban centers throughout the State of Illinois.

Along with Minority Caucus members, Terry Dunn, senior associate director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, is expected to attend. Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, Rep. Mike Madigan (D-Chicago), and State Senate Minority Leader, Sen. Emil Jones (D-14th Dist.), have also been invited.

Summary of Incident Reports, completed by Public Safety, for the period of October 10, 2002 through October 16, 2002

October 11, 2002
At 6:01 p.m., Public Safety received a call from Gurnee Police p. t. stating a burglary occurred on the 100 block of N. 7th Street. The suspect was described as a kind of white male to 20-25 years old, 5’11” tall and 150 lbs. This incident occurred on October 10th.

At 9:45 p.m., Public Safety observed and stopped a vehicle at the 100 block of 1st Street.

October 12, 2002
At 10:00 a.m., Public Safety responded to a 911 call about a man who fell from a roof at 610 32nd Street. The man was given first aid by the police and was transported to the hospital.

October 13, 2002
At 12:30 p.m., Public Safety responded to a 911 call of a theft of a computer at the 100 block of 32nd Street. The suspect was apprehended and the_detachable items were returned.

October 14, 2002
At 10:50 a.m., Public Safety responded to a 911 call of a stabbing at 610 32nd Street. The suspect was stopped by the police and was transported to the hospital.

October 15, 2002
At 7:25 p.m., Public Safety responded to a 911 call of a theft of a computer at the 100 block of 32nd Street. The suspect was apprehended and the_detachable items were returned.

October 16, 2002
At 12:08 p.m., Public Safety responded to a 911 call of a theft of a computer at the 100 block of 32nd Street. The suspect was apprehended and the_detachable items were returned.

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October 17, 2002
At 12:18 p.m., Public Safety responded to a 911 call of a theft of a computer at the 100 block of 32nd Street. The suspect was apprehended and the_detachable items were returned.

At 9:00 p.m., Public Safety observed and stopped a vehicle at the 100 block of 1st Street. The suspect was given a citation for speeding and released.
Features

There’s Something About Mary

Profile: Mary Taylor-Blasi

Nhat Nguyen
Editor-in-Chief

University almost did not make it here. Even though she was involved with campus activity programming, student input on the hiring of university staff, and the Mary orientation, Mary’s initial plan after graduation was to work in a clinical psychology practice for children and young adults. However, after hearing her speech about why she wanted to be a leader, the Head of College Personnel at Kansas State approached her to ask if she would be interested in this field. Several months later, she enrolled at the University of Maryland, College Park, where she later received her Masters in College Student Personnel. Mary will quickly point out that the changes in her plans were not that drastic. “To a certain extent, I am still involved with kids...just in a different sense. There’s lots of fun in both [working with children and college students]. These students are still growing, and I am able to help them grow,” she explains. “It always fascinates me to have a quiet person of high ability suddenly develop leadership in a leadership position.”

When Mary applied to the Admissions office in Chicago-Kent College of Law, she did not receive the job posted. The interviewer at Kent was so impressed with her resume and enthusiasm, however, that they recommended Mary for the job at IIT, thinking that she would be an excellent fit for the university. Associate Dean, Vice President of Kappa Phi Delta Sorority and Spectrum Co-Chair, agrees, “Mary is great with students and we are lucky to have her here at IIT.”

Her method certainly works well on students and staff. “I think it is easy,” Mary says. “If you are funny even in a serious moment and is always supportive. I know I will learn a lot from her this year,” remarks Veronica Rangel, Graduate Intern for Student Activities, who started working at IIT earlier this year. Lynn Kohlhaas concurs, “She’s great to work for; she knows what she’s doing, and she is really focused on the interests of students at IIT.”

However, things did not always go as smoothly. “I was thrown into the environment right away. There were times that I felt like I didn’t know everything that I should know. To a certain extent, there was so much going on that it was hard to focus on one thing at a time.”

Mary explains about her first few months of work at IIT. So how does she manage it all? “My style is flexible. I mold to their [the students’] needs. You are off and running once you get to [the school] so I want to make it comfortable for the students to come to events and student activities...really like the students. I work for them but there is a mutual respect between us. That’s a good place to be. They see me as an ally and one day, they can come to me for anything.”

Working at IIT has been a good match for Mary as well. “I love Chicago and IIT has a very unique atmosphere of being a small school, but in a big town. I wanted to have more contact with the student leaders, and IIT allows me to implement a lot of the programs for the students,” Mary remarks. The Kansas native now resides on the north side of Chicago, enjoys her free time by attending theater, going to the markets, and taking walks with her husband and dog, Bilbo. Her one wish is to have more time to spend with her family, perhaps to have enough time to steam corn for her husband.

Considering the hours she puts in at IIT, the request seems quite reasonable. Her office hours are from 9-5, but you can usually find her in the CIC office in late evenings or on weekends, working with students on planning campus activities. In fact, there is even a running joke in the office about how much work she does after hours at IIT. The CIC staff has wanted to put a tip jar outside of her office and any students who need help after regular hours would need to drop a tip. So far, the jar is still empty. But whatever the tip, it will be more than worth it.

Spirited Away: World of Fantasy & Drama

Sohan D’Souza
TechNews Writer

Considering the general dearth of Japanese animation reaching the big screen in America, Hayao Miyazaki can congratulate himself yet again, as his brainchild, “Spirited Away,” hits American theaters. Utilizing much of the surreal charm and striking images that made his last animated film, “Princess Mononoke”, such a hit in Japan and abroad, “Spirited Away” is Miyazaki’s latest masterpiece.

“Alice in Wonderland” is probably the closest any other animated film has come to “Spirited Away.” Even so, most of the supernatural creatures in “Spirited Away” are extremely outlandish, a product of Miyazaki’s supernatural creativity.

The human characters are portrayed with more realistic features than those found in regular anime (no inhumanely large eyes and DRZ spiked hair styles).

Most of the movie takes place indoors or in enclosed spaces, featuring dark corners, shadowy rooms, imposing multi-storied structures and great halls. The few outdoor shots in the movie portray a lush and serene world of sparkling waters and breeze-swept grassy meadows, colorful flowers and cloud-patched blue skies.

“Spirited Away” begins with a ten-year-old girl, Chihiro, and her parents stumbing upon what appears to be an abandoned amusement park. Her parents are turned into pigs by a curse, and she is stranded in the strange and mystical world of spirits and ghosts, alone, confused and afraid, until a mysterious young man offers to aid her.

He helps her find a job so she can stay in what turns out to be a sort of bathhouse for spirits. She eventually wins a contract to work as a janitor’s assistant, and pretty soon, her enthusiasm and amiability make her popular among the creatures that work at the bathhouse, and among the customers who frequent its facilities. She befriends a few colleagues and has a few adventures, but she is still bent on freeing her parents from the curse and escaping the spirit world.

She meets various strange-looking spirits, such as a polluted river spirit and a moody masked spirit. Also in the film are some very imaginatively depicted creatures, such as the portly eight-foot-tall ducks and the frog-headed people. Many of them cannot be described in comparison to anything in reality, whereas creatures in “Alice in Wonderland” are based on real-world animal life.

The English voice-over is praise-worthy, and the music is splendid.

The sound effects in “Spirited Away” are truly a feat. Facial expressions, at least in the human characters, have been rendered convincingly. The film also has many genuinely humbling moments.

The detail in “Spirited Away” is commendable, with every pattern, shape and texture drawn to perfection. Use of a few computer effects is evident, though the film’s strong point is undoubtedly the three-dimensional animation springing to life because of its artists’ masterful craftsmanship.

A great movie for adults and children alike, “Spirited Away” will be Miyazaki’s standard-bearer until his next magnum opus dazzles his fans yet again, and will join “Princess Mononoke” as an animation classic. Even those who are not familiar with Miyazaki’s style or even anime in general, are sure to appreciate the breath-taking fantasy and the artistic accomplishment that is “Spirited Away.”
Reorganizing IIT’s Student Affairs: Dean and Assistant Dean Replaced

Thomas O’Silva
TechNews Writer

On Wednesday, October 10, John Baworoswky, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Affairs, announced in an email that Terry Shapiro (former Dean of student affairs) and Cheryl Caplan (former Assistant Dean of Student Affairs) had left IIT and were pursuing other interests. No reason was given as to why Terry Shapiro and Cheryl Caplan left IIT.

"Over my first six months here I was watching the type of work they did and I decided that they weren’t strong enough advocates for the students as they needed to be. They weren’t getting things done in a way to make things better on campus," commented Baworoswky when asked why student affairs was reorganized. "The two examples I used were how long it took to get the coffee house running and the soccer program," he added. However, Terry Shapiro disagreed. "I was pretty surprised by that, given that we were pleading for money for a soccer coach and we were prepared to go out and find someone. With respect to the Coffee House, we funded it money out of the Student Affairs budget, and the budget gets of some other areas," said Shapiro.

"Coming in as a Vice President, I suggested a number of things that were stonewalled, or I was told that they did not want to try anything new," commented Baworoswky. "I wanted to talk about shortening freshman orientation; we are one of the few schools that have as long or an orientation as we do. This was just a small part in my decision," elaborated Baworoswky. "After Orientation week, we did have a debriefing meeting and I showed Mr. Baworoswky the preliminary evaluations that were completed by the students who attended orientation, and they were very favorable. One of the questions I asked was if they liked having a week long orientation or not. About 90% were in favor of it," remarked Cheryl Caplan, head of this year's orientation program. "Years ago, I had actually recommended that orientation be shortened so that it ran from Sunday to Wednesday and classes began on Thursday. The reason for this would be by saving two days we would offer students a mid-term break in the fall semester sometime in October similar to a spring break.

We brought this idea to a group of students and a focus group at that time, and most students preferred to keep orientation a week long. Caplan said. "We have a tradition at IIT for allowing the Orientation Counselors to choose the theme of Orientation week; they chose Basic Training as the theme. We decided that since they were very passionate about this, to allow them to go ahead with this, and Mr. Baworoswky and other people were not happy with the theme. The military aspect of Orientation week was played down, "mentioned Shapiro.

"It was a very hard decision, they are both good people. I just thought that we needed a change in student affairs. I saw strong leadership in Doug Geiger. I talked with him about the types of things that he would like to do and I liked what I heard from Doug," said Baworoswky.

"I am still revising my plans for student affairs. I am talking to the individual directors of departments and I’m looking at everything from how student affairs was being run before, what was effective and what was not effective, and then I am going to make recommendations about organizational structure and job responsibilities," commented Doug Geiger, Acting Director of Student Affairs.

"I think it’s important for the Student Affairs leadership to have a strong position in the administration, and to get respect, money and resources from their administration colleagues so that things can be accomplished," said Baworoswky.

There are a lot of good and caring people at IIT, and it is important for students to make connections with those people. If the administration truly backs the new people in student affairs, and gives them the resources, staff and budget they need, things which we fought for and did not have, then things may work out. However, I think it’s important for students to keep track of this, to protect their interests, to make sure that resources and staff are provided. Several months from now, students should be able to tell if life is better because of the changes made. The message that went out from the administration was that the reorganization was done to improve the undergraduate experience; they have a right to do that. It’s up to students to see if the changes improve the quality of their life," remarked Caplan.

"John Baworoswky certainly has the right to reorganize student affairs. I certainly value my experience with IIT. I will miss everybody a lot and I will try to come by and visit from time to time," said Shapiro.
Restaurant Review: Joe’s Crab Shack

Joeman Shim
TechNews Writer

So you’ve never had seafood? Are you a fan of seafood and just craving it almost everyday? Well, on your next trip downtown why not try Joe’s Crab Shack, the seafood lover’s paradise. They’ve brought the coastal fisheries right into their shack. Besides the enjoyable and diverse seafood, they also serve up a variety of seafood and other delights.

From Alaskan King Crabs to Dungeness Crabs, from Alaskan Snow Crabs to Blue Crabs, the restaurant provides the seafood lover with something to enjoy. Non seafood fans can enjoy other dishes including fried or grilled shrimp, fried calamari, and clam chowder. Accompanied by seafood, customers also have a choice of steaks, chicken, and salads.

My favorite is the Steak and Shrimp Combo, a 6 oz Sirloin with a choice of fried or grilled shrimp with vegetables and mashed potatoes. Although I haven’t sampled the crab yet, rumor has it they’re amazing. Popcorn shrimp is another favorite of mine. These lightly battered batter-size prawns are great for appetizers when in a small group.

Inside, the restaurant literally looks like a shack, giving the feeling of a coastal fishery atmosphere. Trestles, doors, large windows, and even seascape decorations hanging from the ceiling, with coastal and random memorabilia on the walls. There’s always a constant buzz of talking and movement in the restaurant. This kind of environment is always good for carrying on a conversation, eating, and eating with your hands without feeling guilty about your awful table manners. However, for the loud music, the rowdy noise can sometimes be annoying or head throbbing. For those looking for drinks, Joe’s Crab Shack on N Wells in Chicago has a bar with a pool table in the front. For those looking to throw a feast or party, the N Wells Joe’s also has a party room devoted just for huge gatherings.

The servers are average in service; they do, however, dance occasionally, although it seems forced upon them. The quality of the food when I dined there was good, except that my dish came out lukewarm, which quickly turned cold. Expect a typical wait of 30 minutes to an hour for a table. Also expect to pay around 10 to 20 dollars at Joe’s Crab Shack. Although this can be considered a bit pricey, it’s always good to have a plate full of seafood once in a while.

All in all, from my experience, the food and setting was pretty good, but not spectacular, but for those who have never been to Joe’s Crab Shack, I would recommend trying it out at least once.

Hannibal, the Cannibal asks ‘Who’s for Dinner?’

Raj Paral
TechNews Writer

Over the last few months, and especially over the summer break, series and movie buffs have been pouring into box offices across the country. Among the elite, film critics and minority report have sparked in the limelight. Red Dragon, the prequel to The Silence of the Lambs and Hannibal, draws a larger fan base for the ever-popular Hannibal Lecter (Anthony Hopkins), while offering something new and exciting for the newcomers.

The opening scene is one that catches your attention, with Dr. Lecter entertaining his opera guest and an opera singer. He asks, “Who among you has not been on a dinner date with your fellow cellist. Now, if you’re thinking, “Oh, this movie is probably like the other two,” I would strongly recommend that you watch it. After all, Red Dragon steps forth as the prominent one of the three movies in the series. It has what all good movies need, an introduction that catches your attention, good character development, and an ending that you don’t see coming.

Will Graham (Edward Norton) is a FBI agent with an exceptional gift for catching serial killers. Graham eventually caught Hannibal Lecter, and although his altercation with Lecter proved to be bloody, near-death experience. Graham terrific from the FBI and moved to Florida to spend time with his wife, Molly (Mary Louise Parker) and their son.

After a few years, Graham is called upon by his old boss to help find a gruesome serial killer. The killer is referred to as the “Tooth Fairy” (Ralph Fiennes), a slightly demented man, with the notion that he has under the influence of something greater, the Red Dragon. Graham decides to get involved, and tries to track the serial killer, but he needs the help of Hannibal Lecter to get it in a forensics.

Lector ends up throwing scraps of evidence towards Graham for favors in return, but Lecter has another ally. The “Tooth Fairy,” Francis Dolarhyde, is an avid fan of Lecter’s, and identifies with him. Lecter asks Dolarhyde to kill Graham’s family in Florida, but Dolarhyde deals with his conflicting emotions of devotion for Lecter and his compulsion to obey the Red Dragon, and his new love for a woman.

This amazing cast, Edward Norton, Anthony Hopkins, Ralph Fiennes, and Emily Watson, lives up to expectations, as each actor brings his or her own talents to the screen. The chilling return of Lecter as he was depicted in Silence of the Lambs brings back the flavor that was missing in Hannibal. Edward Norton delivers a flawless portrayal of a mercurial serial killer, with his ability to reenact crime scenes through the eyes of a killer. Ralph Fiennes’ portrayal of an abused child in a man’s body is just as amazing to watch. If you know how some people or are one, you can identify with the mannerisms and gestures that Dolarhyde exhibits. All the performances fit to give a stellar two hours of entertainment. If you like a scary movie with a twisted plot or you just can’t get enough of Hannibal Lecter, Red Dragon will be worth the ticket price.

Rating: 3.5/4
I DID WHAT?

YOU TALKED TO MY BOSS WITHOUT MY PERMISSION.

I DON'T REMEMBER READING A RULE AGAINST THAT.

THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S AN UNWRITTEN RULE.

UNWRITTEN YOU SAY? HMM... ISN'T THAT INTERESTING? I WONDER WHY IT'S UNWRITTEN.

I WOULD THINK YOU'D BE PROUD TO WRITE DOWN AN EXCELLENT RULE SUCH AS THAT.

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**ACROSS**

1. Sneak one of these (Two words)
6. Receive
9. Sword
14. Students do this
15. Beer
16. Long-necked bird
17. Surrealist Boris
18. Singer Stewart
19. Rn
20. Child’s income
22. Fat
23. Not hers
24. J Lo movie
26. Tim Taylor’s pride and joy
30. Halloween ghoul
34. Bow and ___
35. Brides’ headdress
36. Before
37. Broad, flat piece of stone
38. Detroit team
39. Fertility goddess
40. Spinning toy
41. Expiring
42. Cove
43. Settle Securely
45. Record of events
46. Elegantly sumptuous
47. Santa’s helper
48. Mogul governor
51. Tootsie and Dumm Dums
57. Relating to #49 down
58. Adam’s girl
59. Stray calf
60. Heavy harrow
61. Drop
62. Select by vote
63. Sayst (freezie)
64. Sylvester’s nickname
65. Onion relatives

**DOWN**

12. Son of Seth
13. Actress Russo
21. Help
25. Snake-like fish
26. ___ makes waste
27. Acrylic fiber
28. Mouths (slang)
29. Steal
30. Fishing net
31. Discovered alternating current
32. Bay window
33. Bird homes
35. No voice
38. Wildcat
39. Hotel
41. Vintage jacket
42. Unbeliever
44. Capes
45. Not some
47. Poem
48. Arrests
49. Emanation
50. Donkey cry
52. Egg-shape
53. North or South
54. Double curve
55. Select
56. Places
New Rules

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the field, and should a receiver make a catch in the end zone, the
field safety should either knock the ball away, or hit the receiver as
the ball gets to him, to disrupt the catch. The safety almost any time
touches the receiver, except in the end zone, results in a penalty.

the primary rule is "personnel foul". If a player hits the receiver, the
will be in a defense position, 15 yards, five times. These plays
immediately on review and generally the safety wins up losing five
yards, five times. The key to the NFL is not to believe that the receivers, who
will most likely get to catch footballs, can actually do so without

In explanation, a clarification of
the NFL’s new rule is that if the
receiver is obviously not going to
make the catch, and he gets hit while
in the so-called defense position.
the flag is thrown, and a five-yard
penalty is assessed. The key words here are “obviously not going to
make the catch.” The NFL has taken the
approach that, however, that no matter
what, unless the receiver actually
comes down with the ball when he
gets hit, the receiver is not going to
make the catch. Top of the list is that
every time a safety breaks up the
“would-be” catch in this manner, he
was "intentionally trying to injure
the receiver." Thus, we see that, in
just about every game, there is a hit
that draws this absurd penalty. Sooon we are going to see teams ac-
tually sacrificial their receiver just
to draw this penalty, with no con-
tention of the receiver ever going for
the grab, but just trying to draw, the big hit for a penalty. Soon
we are going to see safety players try
to make that big hit that keeps the
receivers honest when coming
across the middle. "Watch out," as the
receiver makes the catch and takes
off for a touchdown because the
safety has no conscience.

The NFL is a league that finds
ways to reinvent itself on almost a
yearly basis, adapting rules to the
times, adding new ones when they
are needed, and generally keeping
the game of football as fresh as possi-
ble. However, this year the game
has gone too far. The "new insti-
tuted a standard that changes the
game for the worse, not the better.
the "defencemen rule" goes too
far; too far in attempting to make
the game safe for everyone, as it
has created a large unbalance of
efforts throughout the league.
On top of this, it takes away
chances for those highlight reel
plays where the receiver hangs on
despite taking a hit like he just
walked out in front of a bus. Come
for the first time, when the NFL
revised itself again, it should look over
the mistake it has made, and fix it be-
cause it’s too late for the game.

Splash

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tricts in both 2000 and 2001. Dur-
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his senior year here at IIT,
he qualified and
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Medley Relay. His best times in-
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100 yard Freestyle and a 1:05.30 in the
100 yard Breast-
stroke.
There is only one other return-
ning swimmer on the team this
year, Brianna Swen
son.
Brianna is a third year Electric
School of Electrical
Engineers at Cambridge-Ironton
High School in Cambridge, Minne-
sota. During high school, she
made a late decision, all four years, and
helped her team to win the Sec-

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Hawks Race in Eagle Invitational

Laren Raetz
TechNews Writer

The Benedictine Eagle Invitation gave runners yet another chance to hone their racing ability as we approach the final weeks of the cross country season. The course was looped around a small community park in Lisle, Illinois. Competitors raced through fields, up hills, and over bridges to finish down a long straightway bordered by cheering fans. JVT runners put forth a good effort throughout the entire race, but were outmatched by most of the competition in the final standings.

Twenty-seven schools were represented in the women's 6K race with JVT placing sixteenth out of the seventeen teams that had enough runners to earn a team score. It was only the second 6K that JVT runners have competed in this year, which made it an especially challenging race. Anya Fleischl was the first to cross the finish line for JVT, finishing her 6K in 26:06. This was only Anya's second race of the season as she has been out of the country for an architecture program for the past five weeks. The team was glad to have her back as she resumed her pace at the front of the pack. Lauren Raetz finished next for JVT with a time of 26:42 followed by Melissa Scoggins at 26:46, Susan Lewis at 28:14, Sarah Ruckebush at 28:49, Dyanne Willms at 31:10 and Neva Wheeler at 34:02.

Four JVT men represented our school among the one hundred seventy-four athletes to compete in the men's 6K race. Seb Carpenter finished at a respectable 82nd place with a time of 29:30. Doug Meyer and Wendell Hines remained close for most of the race, finishing at 114th and 115th place, respectively, and times of 31:28 and 31:30. Fourth for JVT was John Leonard who improved his last week's time by over three minutes to finish in 34:30.

Next week's race is the last race before the conference meet, so the team hopes to have everyone back from injuries and able to compete in these last few weeks of the season.

In a Defenseless Position:
New Rule Imposed by the NFL

Paul Kroenke
TechNews Writer

This season, the NFL implemented a rule into the game to protect the receivers on crossing routes. It is used to be that a receiver running his route over the middle was asking to be bumped, whether he caught the ball or not. And many times he would not come away with the catch after being labeled by a bone-jarring safety. But the times the receiver held on, those were memorable. Those were the types of catches you see narrated by Steve Sabol ten years down the road. Now, however, anytime a receiver is hit coming across the middle trying to make a play on the ball, it seems the referees are throwing flags. This is due to the fact that a receiver who is "in a defenseless position," is no longer allowed to be hit. This would seem like a good rule, except for the fact that, as a fan of football, I shudder every time the call is made. This is because, slowly but surely, the NFL is going soft. I cannot comprehend how a receiver who willingly puts himself into said "defenseless position," should be protected from having to put his body on the line. This new rule is grossly inhibiting defenses to play up to put with offenses. And it is basically taking away all of the power the position a safety once had.

On top of the safeties being stripped of the ability to lay a hit on a receiver to break up a play, they are being fined every time they screw up. And by screwing up, I don't mean to make you think they are intentionally crushing these receivers coming across the middle. The safeties are simply playing the game they have been taught. A safety is taught to play an area of

Returning Swimmers
Look to Make a Splash

Brianna Swenson
TechNews Writer

The JVT swim and dive season is now into its second month and the fun has only begun. Two weekends ago, the swim team had its first time trial event, the Alumni Meet, where alumni in the area came back to the pool, squeezed into their old suits, and raced against the current team. There were some heated challenges and more than a few great swims, but mostly just a lot of fun. This past weekend, the swimmers and divers competed at the Chicago Marathon Check-In at McCormick Place as a team fundraiser. Team members spent five hours Friday and another five on Saturday helping the runners check in by handing out race packets, t-shirts and goody bags. Next weekend is the team's first home meet, which will be the first Mutch Memorial Invitational.

This year, the meet will be a time trial event only, as several invited teams in the area are under new coaching management and cannot attend. The meet will start at noon, and everyone is invited to come and cheer on the swimmers and divers in their first competition of the year.

Returning, as this season's captains are swimmers Katie Brady and Matthew Pearson, Katie, the women's team captain, is a third year Mechanical Engineer from Monrof Catholic High School in Fairbanks, Alaska. She is the prominent freestyle sprinter on the team, having qualified for Nationals in relays the past two years and placing 19th in the 50 Freestyle at Nationals in Vancouver last season. Some of her best times include a 26.49 in the 50 yard Freestyle, 58.70 in the 100 yard Freestyle and 2:09.42 in the 200 yard Freestyle.

Mathew (Matt) Pearson, the men's team captain, is a second year Mechanical Engineer from Princeton High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. In high school, Matt qualified for Nationals on page 11...