Europe Protests Bush’s War

IIT Exchange Students Witness Political Melee

Lauren Raetz & Lance Pickens

The historically neutral nation of Sweden was alive with tens of thousands of not-so-neutral protesters who filled the streets of cities in 25 Swedish states to send a message to the USA and to the government of Sweden that a war with Iraq was not to be tolerated. Staying as exchange students in Sweden has given us the unique opportunity to get an unfiltered Euro-

An American in Paris: Part Deux

Sarah Roudedebush

Paris—Hello again, from a land far away... Weekends in Paris are always adventures, especially for those of us from IIT. Our first official weekend after the semester began, we all decided to stay in town and rest a bit from an eventful week. Paris being a large town, however, allowed us all to encounter our own adventures.

The two graduate students, one Ms. Adventurous and the other Captain Courageous, rented a Mercedes Benz and cruised the coasts of Normandy. The Three Stooges, two of Polish decent and the other from Hong Kong, along with three lovely ladies set out at 3am to watch the Super Bowl at a local bar. Needless to say, these jolly chums were a bit groggy in studio the next morning. Meanwhile, my Dandy Sidekick and I were out with a true Parisian at an Australian bar. A popular place located in the hub of nightlife—Rue Saint Denis. If in the right place at the right time, Paris is as lively as daytime.

The following weekend was even more eventful: a trip to Lyon, a live concert, and an unfortunate bug that precluded Captain Courageous from enjoying any of it...
Letters to the Editor

Thanks to TechNews and your January 27 coverage of "Bush vs. the University of Michigan," you presented the issues well and offered some intelligent opinions.

As the advisor to the student organization Latinos Involved in Further Education, this topic is especially important to me. We can't afford to discuss the issues. We need to talk about race in this country, even though it's a topic that can make us feel uncomfortable, guilty, angry or whatever.

There is a classic definition of intelligence as being able to hold in mind at the same time two seemingly opposing views. That is our challenge when it comes to race. Race really doesn't make any difference. And yet it makes a huge difference.

One helpful place to look is surprisingly the media. I'm a big fan of the NBC comedy "Scrubs." It's funny, for one thing, but it's also intelligent. And race is something it's not afraid to discuss. Two main characters are best friends. One is a surgeon and is black; the other is a medical doctor and is white. The show enjoys poking fun at their racial differences frequently but spends more time riffing on the "medicine vs. surgery" culture clash. The two characters, J.D. and Turk, enjoy a trust and an acceptance that gives them the freedom to overcome the racial divide.

It's real. It's funny and it works.

The characters on "Scrubs" are young adults, not unlike many college students I know. This generation has much to teach me. President Bush, the University of Michigan and others about what race really means.

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IIT Leadership Academy Seminar Attracts Crowd

On Saturday, February 8, the Leadership Academy organized a seminar titled, "Work-life Balance" with Madan Birla. About forty students attended the seminar, which lasted about four hours. Madan Birla is an IIT alumnus; he graduated with a Masters Degree in Industrial Engineering in 1969. He presents this seminar to business groups and has authored a book titled, "Balance Life and Leadership Excellence." Students who attended the seminar received a copy of his book.

The seminar started with an introduction by John Skinner from the leadership academy. Birla then explained why it is important to lead a balanced life. Students evaluated what activities they pursue outside of work, and analyzed why this was so. "I believe this workshop greatly benefits college students," according to the seminar, "and there are two important aspects of college student's life: one is his or her career and the other is how to live life effectively. I think this workshop helped me understand how to achieve this," commented Mihdi Vahedi.

"Madan Birla was very knowledgeable about the matter. He provided us with examples of effective ways to manage time and how to prioritize activities so that you can be more productive. I would definitely come to future workshops," said Sushanth Ramakrishna. "It helped me evaluate my current situation, where I stand currently at this point in time and also helped me plan ahead and decide my future activities. It helped me restore balance in my life," commented Satish Thomas.

The conference ended with students sharing their thoughts on how to lead a balanced life and the thought that it was a big hit with those who attended. I think the students will greatly benefit from this," said John Skinner. "The students were very interactive and interested in the subject. They were concerned about balance in their lives now and after graduation. I enjoyed coming back to IIT and sharing my thoughts and real world experiences," replied Birla when asked what he thought of the young students who attended. I, of course, take an invaluable start in my career; this is an opportunity for me to give something back to the school, I love. However, I wish the weather was warmer," commented Birla.

Chicago Sees Winter Drought

Despite a four-inch snowfall on January 28, the Chicago region escaped the worst of the cold in the midst of a trying time for precipitation.

As reported by the Chicago Tribune, the area's last major snowfall (defined as 3 or more inches) prior to the January 28th storm was December 29th. An unusually warm December contributed to both below-normal snowfall and rain amounts. The month of December saw 8 inches of snow, which, combined with rainfall totals later that month, produced 1.93 inches of liquid equivalent. This was considerably below normal.

The month of January at IIT has been rather mild, with O'Hare airport reporting a low temperature of -7 degrees Fahrenheit (-21 degrees Celsius) during the last week of January - only the second sub-zero temperature of the season. Winters in Chicago usually fall below the 0 degree mark (-18 degrees Celsius) more than three times per season, and occasionally arctic air masses move through the region with consecutive days are spent without the mercury rising above 0 degrees. A particularly brutal December of 2001 had 10 sub-zero nights.

As of January 29th, the National Weather Service reports no significant snowfall during the month of January - less than half of the amount of snowfall during the month. Area students may remember the January blizzard of 1999, which dropped more than a foot of snow across the entire area - then, the most snow that had fallen in 36 years.

A summary of information for the future indicates that the month of February will continue the trend of being cold. A very weak El Nino has been cited in influencing the weather pattern towards storms that favor a more southerly track. The state of Illinois has been diverse and unpredictable in recent days, with an average water temperature of 38 degrees Fahrenheit (2 degrees Celsius) in the Chicago River. Also, not all of the Midwest and Great Lakes region has remained snow-free. A mid-January lake-effect snowstorm buried a strip of Northern Indiana, 9 miles wide and 70 miles long, up to 20 inches of snow, closing major highways in Michigan and Ohio. Other areas downwind of Lake Michigan have received greater than average snowfall due to the persistence of relatively warm lake water.

So what does this mean for the typical IIT student? Bundle up, but don't be too worried about coming through the slush during the month of February. It's been quite cold lately, but compared to other years, it could be far worse.

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Weather conditions are still not expected to improve, and there is a high chance of snowfall through much of the weekend. As a result, the schedule for the week has been flexible, with classes being moved to different days as needed. Students are encouraged to check their email and the IIT calendar for updates. The weekend will bring a chance of snow, with temperatures remaining below freezing through much of the area. It is important to stay warm and take necessary precautions to avoid the cold.

On Deck of Tech

On Deck of Tech is an on-campus event that showcases various technology-related activities and events happening at IIT. This week, the featured event is the "Tech Night Out," which is a social gathering for students to relax and enjoy some outdoor activities, such as playing games or watching a movie.

The event will take place on the main campus lawn and will feature a variety of activities, including a cornhole tournament, a scavenger hunt, and a movie screening. The movie selection will be announced closer to the date.

The Tech Night Out is open to all IIT community members, and there is no cost to participate. It is an excellent opportunity to meet new people, enjoy some fresh air, and have a great time! We encourage all IIT students, faculty, and staff to attend and make the most of this special event.

Join us on Deck of Tech for a night of fun and relaxation! We look forward to seeing you there!
The Bookstore Problem...
A Student Perspective From the Other Side of the Counter

Erin George
TechNews Writer

With a new company taking over, students have paid more attention to the bookstore’s service and situation on campus than last year. Changes in policy, management, and in the overall look of the store have prompted many students to complain, whether to themselves or friends or directly to administration.

As in any case, ignorance is often the cause of anger and frustration. Ignorance of the policies of the bookstore and the structure under which it must operate are perhaps the root of the problem, so perhaps by explaining the reasons for so many problems these past semesters, students will have a better understanding and therefore less frustration. I am aware of their policies and of the policies and workings of the IIT bookstore.

Perhaps the largest complaint among our Internet-savvy student body is the lack of book information both over the phone and on the Internet. In the past, Follett’s provided authors, titles, and book editions over the web, allowing students to search for themselves to find the best price. IIT’s store does not provide this information. Students who call on the phone only receive information on the availability of the book and possibly a price estimate. This is the result of policy issued by members of higher management and of Barnes and Noble as a company.

IIT’s bookstore is not a profitable one. Many students at IIT buy their books online or from other students, and are often advocated to do so by their instructors. By giving out information such as ISBN of a book online or over the phone, Barnes and Noble would be hurting itself. Students are more than welcome to come into the store and take down book information, but it would not be profitable or reasonable for the bookstore to release this information. Once again, however, it was emphasized to me: The employees of IIT’s store are not responsible for this policy, so please don’t take out your frustrations on them.

Students have also been frustrated by the shortages of books or complete absence of them until a month into the semester. Employees of the bookstore voice this as perhaps the most frustrating complaint. As a new bookstore, they are still learning the intricacies of business at IIT. In the instance of the Halliday Physics book this semester, the same quote was given to them as last semester. Last semester, only about 50 books sold, and the bookstore was left with a large stock to send back to the publisher, putting them at a loss. This semester, they obviously cut back on the amount ordered. Unfortunately, they were unaware that a large number of students had enrolled in the course, and therefore a shortage of books occurred very quickly. As soon as the shortage occurred, more textbooks were ordered, and students had the option of leaving their names and numbers and having books reserved for them when they came in stock. Shortages often occur due to backordered books, if the books are out of stock with the publisher.

Problems also occurred with books that are “Print on Demand.” This means the publisher will only print when a certain amount is ordered, and it often takes a long time for this to occur. Obviously, these are not the fault of the bookstore. Other problems occurred with miscommunication with the staff or lack of any communication at all. Some professors didn’t submit their orders until classes had already begun. For MMAE 293, a book many students are frustrated with, miscommunication between the department, the bookstore, and the publisher were to blame. The employees of the bookstore are human, and mistakes are made. Remember, though, it is not in [Barnes & Noble’s] best interest to have empty shelves. If students cannot find their books at the bookstore, they will shop elsewhere. The bookstore will improve in the future.
Features

Faculty Profile: Margaret Power

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The Margaret Power, Assistant Professor of History at Illinois Tech, was born in Nashville, Tennessee as one of a set of twins, and grew up in a small town in Western Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh. She considers herself to have had a happy childhood, though she says her high school was "boring." She went to college at a Georgetown University in Washington D.C., studying Philosophy at first, but ended up with a degree in French in 1973.

She became very interested in learning Spanish in Latin America, so she and her sister spent time there, and used the money they saved, traveled through Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Columbia, Peru and then Chile by boat and by bus. She recalls the era of military dictatorship in Chile was a formative time for her, and has made a huge impact on her thoughts and, later, her academic career. After getting back to the United States, she earned a Master's degree in Latin American History from San Francisco State University, and then a PhD, from the University of Illinois in Chicago in 1997. She was first associated with Illinois Tech in 1999 and has been on tenured track since 1999.

She says that she was inspired to her the humanities discipline through her love of the subject of history; it allows one to explore almost all aspects of human development. "How we understand the past is very much a reflection of how we understand the present." Powers believes that history is not just about studying the past, but that it is also studying "who we are in the present as well." To her, what is so interesting about this history is that it is not a closed book or a dead objective; on the contrary, she knows it as a very lively and engaging topic. She also says she would like there to be "more historical sense in the world."

Powers was particularly motivated to become an academic because of two main reasons. Firstly, because she doesn't teach history in that it allows her to continually engage ideas in a formal way. Secondly, because she gets to do research that she loves. She adds that she considers herself "very lucky to have a job where (she is) supposed to read as much as possible," as it is one of her favorite activities.

Her current research focuses on women in Latin America who opposed the socialist government that reigned there between 1970 and 1973, and supported the military dictatorship. She said she was curious as to why women would support such a government. Her next project will investigate how the population of Chile looks at gender, modernity and technology, based on studies of Latin America under four different governments. She has written two books so far, one about right wing women in Chile, and the other about right wing women around the world.

One reason why she is interested in right-wing women, she says, is because she doesn't "understand them," and also because they have played an important but typically ignored role in the shaping of society. Initially, she was very interested in the topic of Fascism and Nazi Germany, and then she also became interested in Latin America. She agrees that she has a love for Latin America, because of the people, the culture and the politics of the region. She believes that the area is rich in culture and history, and that it is important to study these topics in detail.

Paris

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Exiting the metro near the NE edge of Paris, my Dandy Sideckiak and I (not too far to a live Tort Amo concert) found ourselves in a vast yet inviting public space in which "Le Zenith" performance center is located. A plethora of new and attractive architecture around a large plaza and an interesting environment in a formerly questionab.

Finally, in the arena, we were made for an usher. Once escorted to our seats by an attractive woman in black we were expected to tip, unknown to us. At the time, interweaving stories where we stumbled over yet another cultural barrier. The concert followed a refreshing break from the foreign frenzy, and the music carries an amazing presence on stage; her talent filled the venue as she played the piano and electric keyboard and a

A trip to Lyon, France, tops of the past few weeks as my Dandy Sideckiak and I have found a couple of IIU friends trying there, among great buildings by Jean Nouvel, Renzo Piano, and Santiago Calatrava. The Lyon Opera House, reno.

Power talks about Latin America

over the streets people are devouring crespes and kebabs on the go (so are their dogs, apparently). Why then, does walking about with a half-eaten banana call for continu

 tome? Until next time.
Inside European Anti-War Protests

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It was amazing, and almost scary to see masses of people in a rally against the politics of your home country. The speakers made it clear however that they were not against American people, but against the war. They urged their politically neutral government to take a stronger stance to speak out against the war as well. Banners throughout the crowd were mostly along the same lines. Common slogans read (in translation) “No to war with Iraq”. “No Swedish support for America’s war” and “Stop the American war machine”. Several other interesting banners read “Drop Bush not Bombs”. “Texas thirst” showing a drop of blood and a drop of oil. “It’s all Bush’s fault”, “No misuse of UN for war”, and personal favorite “making war to get peace is like p**king to become a virg**n”. Following the speeches the crowd began to chant. First, one leader started yelling “Jump if you don’t like Bush.” Soon the entire crowd of 35,000 was jumping to show their opinion. Throughout the rest of the march, which ended in front of the American Embassy, people chanted “What do we want to do? Stop the war! When? Now!” Though the protest was peaceful and harmless, they showed that even if the Swedish government won’t condemn the war, the Swedish people would.

So what would some of the reasons be that people are protesting a U.S. led war in Iraq? Flashback to the early 1990’s, the world looked similar to the way it does today. There was a man as president by the name of Mr. Bush, and there was a dictator in Iraq by the name of Saddam Hussein. Bush convinced the nation a war in Iraq would remove this dictator and bring peace and prosperity to the world. New

The poster reads “Crush USA imperialism”

A placard reads “Having a war makes peace in like trying to have sex to become a virgin”

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Protectors on a bus on the way to Stockholm central

Spectators protest “No to War

it doesn’t reflect the interests of the world’s peoples. The rest of the world sees this war as being only in the selfish interest of a powerful administration, as the placards made clear. For every banner that read NO TO WAR another read NO BLOOD FOR OIL. Europe is questioning the motives of this campaign. Is this war really about weapons of mass destruction? North Korea has a nuclear reactor that is producing an abundance of weapons grade plutonium, Iraq doesn’t even have a nuclear program (theirs was destroyed in the 1980’s by the Israeli’s). France has weapons of mass destruction and we are not disarming them. One speaker even noted that the United States has weapons of mass destruction but no one talks about leading a coalition to disarm us. The world is angry, and not at Americans but at a war that is unilateral in its objectives and sketchy in its outcomes. This is the feeling I got as an American walking through a crowd of thousands of distraught people angry about a war that they don’t believe in, but most likely won’t be able to stop.

Though voices of the common people resounding through the streets of Stockholm and the rest of the world may not change the minds of an administration intent on having its way, they have made it clear that if America is to get a war they will make enemies not only with Iraq but also betray the rest of the world which values peace and unity. The free people of the world might look to America as being a leader, but right now the peoples have demonstrated that where they don’t want to be led is into another war. With great power comes great responsibility, and it is a tough decision that faces America today. I just hope that such a united and worldwide call for peace does not fall on deaf ears.
The lights go out, the projector begins to roll, everyone gets quiet, and then... That damn Nokia sound pierces the silence and all in the theater either groan or check their cell phones for the incoming call.

Sound familiar? Common place in almost all areas of public activity, cellular phones and audible pagers have become increasing more nuisance than necessary as almost everyone from the business professional to the high school student has one. They have become so plentiful that entire areas in major metropolitan areas are implemented and more proposed to handle the demand for new numbers. Names like Nokia and Motorola are household names, the former surpassing even Coke and McDonald’s for brand recognition in some parts of the world. Entire volumes of statistics have cropped up over the past decade involving them, chronicling anything from the number of automobile accidents accredited to use of a phone while driving to the chances of developing a cancerous brain tumor from over-use. However, their “call me anywhere” novelty and the persistent rudeness of some of their users has run thin for some, including the city council of the largest city in the United States.

This past Wednesday, the City Council of New York City voted 38- 5 to override a veto brought on by Mayor Michael Bloomberg of an ordinance prohibiting the use or operation of cellular phones and audible pagers in public performances, effective in sixty days. Violators can be fined $50 for talking, listening, dialing or even having one ring heard during a public event in theaters, concerts, museums, libraries, recitals, and galleries. Cell phone use would still be allowed during intermissions or in lobbies, and sporting events and emergencies are not to be covered in the ban. Proponents of the ordinance say that since the ban only applies to performances and contributes to the quality of the experience for the entire public, it does not cross the line into excessive or oppressive legislation. Opponents, however, including Mayor Bloomberg, state that disruptions in performances are neither new nor singular to cell phones, and that common decency and group enforcement has kept these in check without the need for law.

Here in Chicago, close attention is paid to the happenings in New York, as most successful public policies in either New York or southern California often find their way to the Windy City at least in some form. Recent examples including the public smoking ban make it likely that a similar cell phone proposal will be voted on by the city council in the near future. As of yet, however, no official readings have taken place and so the only action taken so far has been talk and public demand among Chicago residents. Such a ban could be farther reaching here, as in the state of New York using a cell phone while driving is an offense, whereas in Illinois it is not. Already metropolitan areas across the nation have begun proposing their own bans, including Montgomery County, Maryland, outside of Washington, D.C.

Not to be outdone, at IIT cell phones pose the same problems they do in other public places. Many a class has been interrupted by the ringing of a cell phone or the beeping of a battery warning, much to the chagrin of professors and students alike. A quick observation of the student body on a typical day makes clear the fact that a majority of students here have cellular phones, and though most are courteous with their use, there are always some that are not. It is quite possible that in the future IIT could follow the lead of high schools state- and nationwide and ban cell phones in the classroom, as they serve no real function in learning and are only necessary in emergencies. One school, the University of Maryland, has even had to investigate twelve students for allegedly using texting via their cell phones during an exam last fall.

One of the most pressing questions at the heart of the issue is the place of enforcement. While use of a cell phone can be easily seen and heard, few measures taken by schools or other facilities can fully prevent the use of cell phones on their premises. Interference producing devices which can prevent the reception and transmission of cell phone signals exist and have been implemented in some places, but their legality is contested due to federal free airspace requirements. As one cellular industry lobbyist group, the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association, said in regard to the New York ban, cell phone use is just another in a long list of “potentially inconsiderate behaviors”, a list including loud conversations, singing when not warranted, and fiddling with candy wrappers, and attending public events while fighting a cold or cough. As their president, Thomas Wheeler, stated, “No matter how laudable the goal, the city cannot legislate courtesy and common sense.”
Devil May Cry 2: Perfecting a Classic

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For those who have played and got hooked on the original title Devil May Cry, you probably have been waiting with bated breath for the sequel. Devil May Cry was a hit, providing a fresh new style to 3-D action gameplay that set the bar for years to come. Devil May Cry 2: Perfecting a Classic, is the long awaited sequel that fans have been waiting for.

Review

Devil May Cry 2 is a game that has been hyped up for its new features and improved gameplay. The game follows Dante, a half-human, half-devil warrior, as he journeys through a series of levels, battling all sorts of supernatural foes. The game has improved upon Devil May Cry's gameplay, with new features and improvements that make the game even more enjoyable.

New Features

One of the biggest changes in Devil May Cry 2 is the inclusion of a new character, Lady. Lady is a mysterious character who joins Dante in his quest. She provides support and assistance to Dante in various ways, making the game feel more dynamic and engaging. The game also features new weapons and abilities for Dante to use, allowing for more variety and customization.

Graphics

Devil May Cry 2 boasts impressive graphics, with detailed environments and realistic characters. The game has also improved upon Devil May Cry's combat system, making it smoother and more fluid.

Conclusion

Overall, Devil May Cry 2 is a great game that provides a satisfying and enjoyable experience. The new features and improvements make it a worthy sequel to Devil May Cry. Fans of the original game will find plenty to love in Devil May Cry 2, and new players will enjoy the game's fast-paced and exciting combat.

Your frat buddies may have led you to the local watering hole, but there's no way you'll convince me they made you drink....

Young man, do you really expect me to believe that your homework ate your dog?
TV Review: The Simpsons Turn 300

Nate Yardley
TechNewsWriter

"Most [Blatant] Episode Ever"
Thank God for Tivo! I spent the weekend trapped in a snowstorm in Ohio, and all that kept me going was knowing The Simpsons were turning 300 episodes and that my friend's digital video recorder would catch it. Technically, yesterday's 7 pm episode was the Simpsons' 302nd episode (because Fox did not count two holiday specials). Even more confusing they labeled the 7:30 episode of the "90-minute" spec-episodic "episode 301."

Number aside, I feel almost betrayed by the 300th episode's the lack of ingenuity. Hasn't Homer already spent all the family's money or trust funds? Hasn't Bart already run away from home and met a celebrity on the way? Where are all the regulars like Moe and Comic Book Guy, and why was I tricked into believing I would get to see a full 90-minute episode? I expected M320's and got sparklers instead. Bart would be pissed.

Besides the story line being passé, did anyone catch the sarcasm that drew me out of my self imposed life support, The Simpsons finally made it over the hill! I watched the franchise sell out to Burger King as though I was watching a patient being hooked into corporate life support. Tonight I saw the next step in The Simpsons' sick spiral of corporate sponsorship. I swear Tivo has the power to skip commercials, but I just can't know someone was trying to get me to buy something and I think that someone was FOX.

As reported on MSNBC.com the show's creator Matt Groening said "...your show stays fresh...you keep the audience fresh." He believes he has accomplished this by creating ageless characters. Groening's got his head in the clouds, Bart might look like a mea-sure 10-15 year old, but he's got a head on his shoulders and we all know he been around the block a few times, 300 to be exact. We don't watch because Bart's always 10, Lisa's always 8, and Maggie always has a pacifier.

We are addicted to The Simpsons because it is a funny, sarcastic, witty commentary on our social existence. We watch because we connect with the characters, but when we see the same old story, hashed out and re-done with no new turns. Perhaps there might be another show out there that's just a bit more surprising.

None of us want to see The Simpsons go off the air, but perhaps we must realize this most fundamental truth of network tv: the Simpsons must end. That end may be a painful and slow one as we all watch America's newest reality-tv series: "The slow demise of a cultural icon: 'The Simpsons'.

But that means the Simpsons are still shining. Fizzled down, worn out, but still as addictive as ever. Groening himself believes the "...characters don't age. So your show stays fresh, and you keep the audience fresh." Yes, but while they don't age physically or chronologically they have to grow. Though rumors of their demise constantly spring up and get shot down among show's speculation prone fans, the show was just renewed for two years by Fox and movie deals are considered strong possibilities.

Yes, I've only been watching the Simpsons for a measly 2.5 years. Everyone I talk to finds that so amazing. I was the "loser" at the lunch table who didn't know what everyone was laughing about on Monday. Since, I've learned to quote the Simpsons like the best of 'em. A list of Homer's antics, Lisa's awards, Bart's crazy schemes, and Marge's unreasonabe compulsions have been mentally generated and can be used at the flip of a lounge to add spice to a conversation with practically anyone. Everyone knows The Simpsons, especially the youth of our generation.

The Simpsons has been that splice of life that brings the rebel, the smartie, the douche, and even the lover together around the television to laugh and grow with. The 300th episode brought together the icons of our past and present, the furies gathering dust in our closets and the Michael Jackson's we dissect over coffee. When did the Simpsons start selling us Absolut, Volkswagens, and Viagra?
Swim Team Practices Outside in Florida over Winter Break

Swimming Results: IIT vs. Lake Forest College

**EVENT 1 - WOMEN'S 200 METER MEDLEY RELAY**
1. Woods, Lindsey LFC 2:15.81
3. Freeman, Shannon LFC 2:33.84
4. Kelly, Lyndi IIT 2:02.58

**EVENT 2 - MEN'S 200 METER MEDLEY RELAY**
1. Lauderback, Nicky LFC 1:58.49
2. Lavelle, Benno IIT 2:02.58
3. Cormack, Edmora IIT 2:00.77
4. Pearson, Pamplin IIT 1:59.99

**EVENT 3 - WOMEN'S 800 METER FREESTYLE**
1. Cissell, NEC 10:13.74
2. Pool LFC 10:36.46

**EVENT 4 - MEN'S 800 METER FREESTYLE**
1. Laurines, NEC 9:30.98
2. Fisk, Andrew IIT 9:34.98
3. Dzur, Abbi IIT 9:47.14

**EVENT 5 - WOMEN'S 200 METER FREESTYLE**
1. Berhbet, Amy IIT 2:17.18
2. Eberlein LFC 2:19.81
3. Lindsey LFC 2:22.08
4. Swiderek, Melisa IIT 2:12.78

**EVENT 6 - MEN'S 200 METER FREESTYLE**
1. Basen IIT 2:02.69
2. Edwards, Chris IIT 2:05.63
3. Cormack, Daniel IIT 2:12.53

**EVENT 7 - WOMEN'S 50 METER FREESTYLE**
1. Basen, Kady IIT 29.50
2. Paynter, LFC 30.18
3. Freeman, Beth IIT 30.56
4. MacKinnon, Meghan IIT 34.03
5. Purnell, Sadiya IIT 36.03
6. Heap LFC 26.88

**EVENT 8 - MEN'S 50 METER FREESTYLE**
1. Woods, Lindsey LFC 23.11
2. Wood IIT 24.90
3. Swiderek, Melissa IIT 25.50
4. Smith, Abbie IIT 25.38
5. Wood IIT 24.52
6. Pool LFC 24.34

**EVENT 9 - WOMEN'S 200 METER INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY**
1. Muenner LFC 2:41.11
2. Wood LFC 2:44.98
3. Swiderek, Brianna IIT 2:57.50
4. Smith, Abbie IIT 2:12.38
5. Pool LFC 2:30.34
6. Pool LFC 2:32.38
7. Pool LFC 2:23.34
8. Pool LFC 2:24.34

**EVENT 10 - MEN'S 200 METER INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY**
1. Knap LFC 2:13.20
2. Cormack, Dariel IIT 2:28.07
3. Cormack, Dariel IIT 2:24.93
4. Cormack, Dariel IIT 2:46.93
5. Cormack, Dariel IIT 4:26.22
6. Laurines LFC 4:53.48
7. Cormack, Dariel IIT 4:37.43
8. Cormack, Dariel IIT 4:49.85

**EVENT 11 - WOMEN'S 1 METER DIVING**
1. Tade LFC 200.20
2. Wiegler IIT 181.70
3. Dobbs, Marissa IIT 133.48
4. Coffee, Brandy IIT 125.93
5. Sherman, Mindy IIT 60.03
6. Dennert, Lauren IIT 247.00
7. Wiegler IIT 182.35
8. Coffee, Brandy IIT 196.41
9. Cormack, Edmora IIT 216.50
10. Cormack, Edmora IIT 215.35
11. Cormack, Edmora IIT 215.70
12. Cormack, Edmora IIT 215.94

**EVENT 12 - MEN'S 1 METER DIVING**
1. Cormack, Dariel IIT 247.00
2. Cormack, Dariel IIT 182.35
3. Cormack, Dariel IIT 196.41
4. Cormack, Dariel IIT 216.50
5. Cormack, Dariel IIT 215.35
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Hawks Struggle in Final Meet

Brianna Swenson
Sports Writer

Last Tuesday, the Illinois Tech Swim and Dive team had their last dual meet versus the Lake Forest College Foresters. This meet was the team's first in a short course (25 meter) pool, and even though they didn't win, there were many exceptional swims that made the meet a great one. Two such were made by captain Katie Brady, who qualified for Nationals in her first two individual events, making her cuts in the 50 and the 100 Meter Freestyle.

The meet started off on an okay note with both the men and women taking second in the 200 Medley Relay, but a larger and faster Lake Forest team quickly took charge, taking first in eight of twelve races for the men and eight of eleven for the women. The Hawks swam well, they were just outmatched and outnumbered by the Foresters.

Taking first in their events for the Hawks were Amy Berbak in the women's 200 Freestyle, Katie Brady in the women's 50 Freestyle, Brianna Swenson in the women's 200 Breaststroke, Matt Robertson in the men's one meter and three meter diving, Chris Edwards in the men's 400 Freestyle, and Andrew Peck in the men's 200 Breaststroke.

The final scores of the meet were for the women, Lake Forest 124, Illinois Tech 68 and for the men, Lake Forest 109, Illinois Tech 82.

The meet for Illinois Tech before Nationals is Midwest Championships this coming weekend, Friday, February 21 and Saturday, February 22 at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. There will be four sessions, starting at 10:00 am and 5:00 pm each day. This will be the last meet at which team members will have a chance to qualify individually for Nationals. Those who have not yet made cuts will be shaved and tapered for this meet, in hopes of some big drops and fast swims. Best wishes to the entire team as they head into the last three weeks of the season!

IIT Women Play Physical, Lose Again

Abigail Ash
Sports Writer

The Illinois Tech women lost two more conference basketball games this week against the University of St. Francis and Olivet Nazarene University. On Saturday, February 8 in the game against St. Francis, the Hawks struggled to score and hold their composure. The game was a rough one, and when the officials let some fouls go uncalled both teams began to play dirty. Luckily, no player from either team was injured, and the Hawks are hoping to face the St. Francis Lady Saints in the playoffs to dish out another round of bruising. Abigail Ash was the leading scorer for the Illinois Tech women with 7 points. Sarah Owielea was close behind with 6 points. Andrea Joseph had 5 and Marta Bastrzyk and Kendra Hardin each scored 2 points. Bastryk and Joseph were the leading rebounders for the team with 7 and 5 rebounds, respectively. However, these rebounding efforts were not complimented by the rest of the team. Rebounds and turnovers are what lost the game for Illinois Tech. Lacey Pellegrini, the 6'2" senior from St. Francis ended the game with 10 rebounds for a total of 39 for the Saints and the Hawks finished with 28 rebounds. Additionally the Hawks turned the ball over 30 times compared to the Saints 17. If a few of these turnovers could have been avoided, and if a few more rebounds would have been chased down by IIT players, perhaps the score would have been closer than 58-30.

On Tuesday February 11, the Hawks faced Olivet Nazarene University and again worked hard and showed admirable effort, but again came up short. Abigail Ash and Andrea Joseph were the leading scorers for Illinois Tech, with 13 and 11 points, respectively. Indeed, Ash and Joseph were the only scorers for Olivet and the final score was 24-76. Marta Bastryk was the top rebounder for IIT with 9 rebounds, while

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