RHA Plans for Fall Changes

Richard Duncan
TechNews Writer

With a very successful Fall 2002 behind them and the frontier of a new on-campus housing situation ahead, the Residence Halls Association set its goals for the spring Wednesday in their second general meeting. After the success of the Caribbean Cruise in November, the organization charged with programming and improving life in the McCormick Student Village met to discuss prospects for future activities.

Perhaps the most interesting and potentially crowd-drawing proposal is a plan to hold a week of activities dubbed "Dorms Week." Fashioned after the fraternity/sorority sponsored Greek Week, Dorms Week would consist of a variety of indoor and outdoor activities pitting various members of the dorms against each other in competitions. Special outings, a volleyball tournament, a cookout, or a lock-in at an arcade were just some of the ideas mentioned to be tested for feasibility and general interest. As suitable outdoor weather would be paramount to the success of a week of events such as this, mid-April is currently the target time for Dorms Week.

While historically concerned with only those living in the McCormick Student Village, the opening of the State Street Village on the corner of 33rd and State, scheduled for this fall, presents RHA with an expanded focus and wider membership base. To this effect, a restructuring of the RHA constitution is planned to accommodate the addition of those living in the new housing facilities. The current committees and general structure will be modified to allow those living in the continued on page 2

Ohio State More Fabulous

Dominic Garascia
TechNews Writer

Over the Valentines Day weekend five IIT students and one faculty member attended the 11th annual Midwest Biseexual, Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, and Ally Conference, titled "Loving With Pride." The conference consisted of workshops, lectures, and speeches.

It was an enlightening and enriching experience for those who attended. Upon reflection they commented on the openness and sense of community the attendees felt. RuPaul, the keynote speaker put it well when he said, "I always felt like I was an alien from another planet...that I was a mistake...I had to find a place where I was with my continued on page 4
COMMENTARY

SLC’s Future Policy
The Future of Our Student Government

Bob Lambert
SLC Future Policy Chair

The Student Leadership Committee, the general voice of the IIT student body at large, is due for a change. For the Future Policy Committee, which I head, the past few months have been a time of success, and our efforts towards that success have proven our intentions worthwhile and necessary for the student body as a whole. I came into this position with the intentions of reviewing how SLC operates and seeing if any changes were actually necessary. However, my efforts have yielded concern for the level of student representation at SLC. This reason alone is enough to reconsider operations. Once quoted by Machiavelli, “Whoever desires constant success must change his conduct with the times.” It is upon this idea which we have derived many of our decisions.

I look over as chair of the SLC Future Policy with the intentions of examining the policies, procedure, and overall structure of SLC. Our weekly meetings have brought about many creative ideas which will help to better represent the student body—more importantly, the student organizations and individuals. Listed below are some of the intentions for the new government which we will present at the next SLC meeting. It is important to remember that this is just a draft of some ideas, based primarily on opinions voiced by students. I invite you all attend the next SLC meeting. It will be a terrific opportunity for feedback to see what SLC can do to better serve IIT.

SLC Future Policy
Proposed Government

Executive Council

General Student Body

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Student Assembly

Student Organizations

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SSV to take advantage of and participate in RHA-sponsored activities as well as be a part of the governing and operations of the organization. And as the opening of the new dorms approaches, representatives from the IIT State Street Corporation, NFP, will be present at upcoming RHA meetings to address questions of potential residents and explain such things as pricing, availability, and operation of the SSV’s younger sister village.

In the more immediate future, however, are plans to help improve the current facilities in the MSV. Facilities Committee co-chair-person Suzuki Thakore has proposed a mural contest to help beautify the white walls of the dorms. Murals would be painted on the walls of the stairways in each hall, with judging to follow. The winner would receive some reward that could be shared by all involved, such as a pizza party. Other plans include relocating the MSV recreation room to the basement of Fowler Hall from its current location in Graduate Hall basement. All plans are currently in preliminary stages, but should become more concrete as funding and other concerns are addressed over the next couple of weeks.

Looking ahead, the Residence Halls Association appears to be well poised for the coming semester and beyond, continuing to improve and bring some excitement to the daily lives of residents of the MSV and the soon-to-come SSV.

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News

CFD to IIT: Keep Them Shut

ResLife Warned Open MSV doors Violate Fire Code

Richard Duncan
TechNews Writer

Once upon a time, all the doors leading in and out of the stairwells, halls, and floors of the McCormick Student Village were open, with wooden wedges holding them back and residents flowing freely in and out of them without having to take the time to turn the knobs and open. That was, however, until a few months ago, when, during a fire alarm, a Chicago Fire Department official warned the Residence Life Office that keeping these doors open at all times was a violation of city fire code.

The requirement that fire doors be closed is common in almost all large occupancy buildings across the nation. Schools, apartment buildings, and other similar structures in both cities and rural areas are required to have these doors installed. Though failure to keep these doors closed is a fined offense, the overriding concerns and purposes of the regulation go far beyond legal and monetary reasons. As shown by recent tragedies in two nightclubs, one in Chicago in which 21 died and the other in Rhode Island which took the life of more than 99 people, in the event of a fire or other mass evacuation, improper use of emergency exits and compliance with building codes can help prevent injury and even loss of life. Fire doors are required not only to prevent the spread of fire entirely, but simply to contain smoke and flame for a time while residents on the other side of the door are able to reach safety. When these doors are open, however, oxygen is free to flow into the fire and smoke and flame spread more quickly to other parts of the building, decreasing the amount of time available to escape safely.

In the MSV, the doors between each floor and the stairwells and the ones between the main lobbies and the basements are considered fire doors. With eight halls having 34 floors and a basement apartment each, a total of about 60 fire doors are in the dorms. While all the doors are equipped with automatically closing hinges, propping them open can easily be done, and before the wooden wedges were removed, this base regarding starting salaries for all majors. To emphasize her dedication to the work of the CDC, she said she checks her e-mail for messages from her students, even on the day she was once due for surgery. She proudly stated that the CDC had accomplished 150 co-op placements in the recent term, including four in NASA.

Next, Manish Pandya from Discover Financial Services described his presentation as recommending that the best way to start one's professional life is by getting an internship or co-op, saying it was a good way to get to know a company and noticing that it involves being evaluated everyday by the company, including characteristics and employability. He said that there are all openings at companies for co-ops and internships, but it is important to choose the right company at length about how "little things add up" when employers look at applicants. He said that jobs such as technical qualifications are important, but so are "soft skills" such as good dressing and time management, and talked about how networking is "really important". He noted that companies these days do not have enough management and leadership and many are looking for hot-jobs and other web-based resumes databases.

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Mithilesh Bhatia spoke about organization of elements in a resume, and said that "willingness" plays an important role in securing a job. He himself was laid off two months ago and described his own job search experience. Next, Ramya Krishnamurthy from Argonne National Laboratory, spoke about how the current job market is bad. She discussed the importance of the cover letter and said that the applicant should research as to exactly to whom they are sending the cover letter, to address it to that person, to be specific in the covering and to be sure to specify projects and courses taken. She said that it is important to make contacts, and recommended building a résumé before an interview, it is a good idea to look at a company's website and research in detail about the technologies they are using and the people who will interview them. She recommended that if one is looking for a new job, then one should start well in advance, preferably by the end of January. She observed that the ability to adapt is as important as qualifications and described her own job in the field of computational biology at Argonne. Krishnamurthy concluded by thanking Grossman, and Martha Evans of the CS Department, also one of the main organizers of the event. Grossman reminded the audience of the ACM meeting and the student CS forum, and then closed the seminar.

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Features

Beating The Winter Blues

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Submission

M any people who reside in areas of the United States that have moderate to severe winters, like Chicago, experience the winter blues. When the days are longer and there is less sunlight, feeling sad or gloomy is common and natural. Being away from family and other support systems, a heavy body load, or the ending of a relationship can add to the feelings. Besides feeling sad or gloomy, some college students have periods when they miss one or two classes, neglect an assignment or two, or stay to themselves. Being proactive in combating the winter blues is important because left unaddressed, your blues could develop into depression.

If you still have the blues (feeling sad or gloomy) after two weeks and experiencing any of the following, you may have become depressed:

- Lost interest in the things that you enjoy and interacting less with friends.
- Thinking of or planning to hurt yourself.

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people.” The Conference provided that place for the thousands of students from throughout the Midwest who attended. The workshops gave young people who identify as queer a safe outlet to express themselves in a positive and constructive environment. The benefit of the workshops is that they offered support and validation to individuals who may be struggling with their sexual identity.

A New Stage theater director, the Laramie Project Moises Kaufman reviewed his work with the program participants. The event was well attended, and the workshops provided a platform for students to share their experiences and connect with others who identified with their struggles. The event was a testament to the power of art as a tool for healing and self-expression.

Bauhaus

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but will also encompass performance, art, sculpture, and multimedia interactive art. All students and faculty are encouraged to participate. Other student groups are also encouraged to submit works as a group or as individuals. Whipstitch’s name is intended to be a play off modern art buzzwords. It captures the essence of ‘the moment’ and the now-ness of current visual arts. Whipstitch aims to sponsor exhibits of student and faculty work, establish and maintain a permanent student/faculty art gallery on campus, and promote art through installations, instruction, and events.

Students and faculty can get involved by submitting works, creating art for the campus, or simply by attending the art exhibition. Miestatic. They will be given the opportunity to paint a group mural, draw, and create at a pre-show art event, designed to encourage art, by students in preparation for Avenue's guided tours with a $2 for 1 admission from January 2nd through March 2nd. Many of these suggestions were listed in the City of Chicago's Winter Delights 2000 guide. Various organizations publish tourism guides and other materials to educate the people on what's happening in their community.

To find out more about the events mentioned, call or visit their websites. Below are some organizations that may give you some assistance:

- City of Chicago's Department of Special Events (312-744-3315)
- www.cityofchicago.org/
specialevents

Chicago Office of Tourism (1-877-244-2246, www.877chicago.com or www.cityofchicago.org/tourism)
- Garfield Park Conservatory, (312-746-5300 or www.garfieldconservatory.org)
- Illinois Bureau of Tourism (1-800-2CONNECT or www.enjoyillinois.com)
- "If you have more concerns or believe that you are experiencing more than the blues, the Counsel-"led Center is available to assess and help. The Counseling Center is located in Room 103 of Farr Hall and is open Mondays from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. and Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. We can be reached at (312) 808-7132. 

Miestatic. Whipstitch intends to enrich and build upon IIT's innovative landscape, the campus, with fresh, new student art.
Joy Yee’s Noodles: Pan-Asian Cuisine

Joeman Shim
TechNews Writer

It there is anyone who has been to China Town without having been to Joy Yee’s, he or she has definitely been missing out. This Pan Asian restaurant offers the best of Vietnamese and Chinese cooking as well as some Japanese and Korean all in one menu. The variety of the dishes in the menu is vast ranging from several different types of broths, noodles, rice, vegetables and meats. Some of my personal favorite dishes include Thai Green Curry, Chicken served with green beans and an amazing curry sauce, Black Pepper Beef suitable to meet any meat lover’s expectations, Shrimp in Lobster Sauce which with rice provides and excellent hearty meal, Spicy Oyster and Tofu which again with rice is a must for any sea food and tofu lovers, Pad Tai with Shrimp and Chicken which is a must as a noodle dish, Chicken Teriyaki Fried Eggs Over Rice which has an addicting sweet sauce, and Pineapple Boat which is fried rice with a tropical twist served in an actual half cut pineapple. Each dish is served in an eye catching plate or dish whether it is in a shape of a boat, bamboo pot, a black casdonl pot with flames underneath, as in the case of Spicy Oyster and Tofu, or an actual pineapple.

For those who are already familiar with these originals, the menu list has recently expanded to include more Korean dishes. Well known items such as Kimchi, Chapchae, and Bibimbap style sized tapioca balls are round gummies which are sucked up through a large straw. Besides the famous milk tea drinks, Joy Yee’s has virtually invented whole new categories of drinks including tropical fruit freezes ranging from bananas, watermelons, strawberries, kiwis, mangos, papayas, cantaloupe, coconut and honey dew with tapioca, jellies and creams. The menu for the drink list is so vast that it compares with the course menu itself! There are so many combinations of fruit and tea drinks; it’ll make your head spin. Some of my favorite includes Strawberry Tapioca Freeze, the original Milk Tea with Tapioca, and Green Tea Tapioca Cream Freeze.

Joy Yee’s is far from the perfect restaurant, though the food and drinks are excellent. The restaurant becomes overcrowded often, especially during the evenings. Also, it isn’t the most relaxing environment either, since the place is so small there’s always movement happening in the corner of your eye with the noise level sometimes passing the comfort zone. Meals are also kind of pricy compared to other China Town rates, with prices hovering around $8 to $10 dollars, but the quantity of food provided makes up for it most of the time. In addition, when planning to go to the Joy Yee’s in China Town during evening hours, expect some wait time, which can be up to 30 minutes.

Hopefully, some of these problems related to overcrowding will be fixed with the installment of an expanded facility coming early 2003 nearby the original site. All in all, Joy Yee’s is an excellent restaurant; anyone who hasn’t been there before should at least try out their drinks if not the food.

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Food Quality: 5/5
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**MEN’S 1000 YD FREESTYLE**
- 3. Abby Das: 10:29.17

**WOMEN’S 200 YD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY**
- 4. Amy Berthak: 2:22.58
- 5. Brianna Swenson: 2:27.25
- 6. Melissa Swiderski: 2:32.77

**MEN’S 200 YD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY**
- 7. Daniel Candall: 2:07.48

**MEN’S 50 YD FREESTYLE**
- 8. Katie Brady: 26.62
- 9. Beth Freeman: 26.91
- 10. Megan Mackierian: 26.90

**MEN’S 50 YD FREESTYLE RELAY**
- 12. Siddha Pimpukar: 25.28

**WOMEN’S 200 YD MEDLEY RELAY**
- 13. Freeman, Swenson, Berthak, Brady: 2:05.23

**MEN’S 200 YD MEDLEY RELAY**
- 14. Candall, Pearson, Peck, Pimpukar: 1:44.65

**Saturday, 10:00 am Session**

**MEN’S 500 YD FREESTYLE**
- 5. Abby Das: 5:08.18

**WOMEN’S 100 YD BACKSTROKE**

**MEN’S 100 YD BACKSTROKE**
- 7. Daniel Candall: 57.61

**MEN’S 100 YD BREASTSTROKE**
- 8. Andrew Peck: 1:00.49

**WOMEN’S 200 YD BUTTERFLY**
- 9. Amy Berthak: 2:20.01

**WOMEN’S 500 YD FREESTYLE RELAY**
- 10. Woman’s Relay: 8:46.83

**MEN’S 800 YD FREESTYLE RELAY**
- 11. Woman’s Relay: 2:29.26

**TIME TRIAL – 200 YD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY**
- 12. Brianna Swenson: 2:24.93

**Saturday, 5:30 pm Session**

**MEN’S 100 YD FREESTYLE**
- 11. Katie Brady: 58.01
- 12. Beth Freeman: 58.82
- 13. Melissa Swiderski: 58.64

**MEN’S 100 YD BACKSTROKE**

**MEN’S 100 YD BREASTSTROKE**
- 15. Daniel Candall: 1:04.21

**MEN’S 200 YD BACKSTROKE**
- 16. Brianna Swenson: 2:28.78

**MEN’S 200 YD BREASTSTROKE**
- 17. Daniel Candall: 2:23.64

**MEN’S 400 YD FREESTYLE RELAY**
- 18. Freeman, Swenson, Berthak, Brady: 3:55.96

**MEN’S 400 YD FREESTYLE RELAY**
- 19. Freeman, Swenson, Berthak, Brady: 3:25.59

**MEN’S 1600 YD FREESTYLE**

**TIME TRIAL – 500 YD FREESTYLE**
- 22. Abby Das: 5:06.80

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Swimmers Place Higher Than Ever

Success at Midwest Championships

By Brianna Swenson
Sports Writer

This past weekend, the Illinois Tech Swim Team made a huge splash at the Midwest Championship meet. Despite the absence of the diving team due to Carthage College having no diving boards, and with only six of the thirteen swimmers being rested and tapered, the men's team placed fourth and the women's team placed fifth, the highest placings ever for either team. Both the men and the women saw huge drops, with the thirteen swimmers setting 37 season bests and five new team records. Six of these swimmers qualified to Nationals in seven new events, with two qualifying for the first time individually.

As every swimmer on the team had such an outstanding meet, there was no swimmer that clearly out-performed the rest, so here are the meet results, in alphabetical order by swimmer.

Freshman Amy Beribak had an outstanding meet, swimming three individual events and four relays. Beribak placed second in the 100 Butterfly, setting a new season best and team record, fourth in the 200 Individual Medley, setting another season best; and seventh in the 200 Breaststroke, placing ninth.

Co-captain Katie Brady met her goal for this meet by qualifying to Nationals in her third event, the 200 Freestyle, dropping over four seconds to do so, setting a season best and placing fourteenth in that event. Brady also swam to eleventh place in the 50 Freestyle, eleventh place in the 100 Freestyle and swam on four of five relays.

Daniel Crandall swam eight events at this meet, and swam all of them well. He set three season bests in his individual events and was a huge part of the success of all five men's relays. Crandall set season bests in the 200 Individual Medley, placing sixth; the 100 Freestyle, stroke, placing fifth; and the 200 Backstroke, placing seventh.

Abbi Das had a long and tough meet. His one goal was to qualify to Nationals in the 500 Freestyle, and he almost didn't. In championship meets, you can go for a time cut in a race that is of less yardage than the race you are swimming, as long as you finish the entire race if you make the cut. So Das first tried for the cut in the 500 Freestyle during the 1000 Freestyle, and didn't quite make it. His second chance came in the 500 Freestyle, where he missed the cut by 0.8 seconds. Good for his third and final chance at the cut, Das entered the 1650 Freestyle as an exhibition swimmer, where he finally bested his cut and placed first on the National team. Das also swam the 200 Freestyle, where he dropped over four and a half seconds, and set a new season best. He placed fourth in the 1000 Freestyle, in the 200 Freestyle and fifth in the 500 Freestyle.

Freshman Chris Edwards also had a great meet, if only because of the events that he swam. Edwards participated in the 1000 Freestyle (40 lengths of the pool), the 200 Freestyle and the 1650 Freestyle (the Mile, 66 lengths of the pool), as well as three relays. He placed second in both the 1000 Freestyle and the Mile, setting a season best in the Mile, and placed eleventh in the 200 Freestyle, setting another season best and, more significantly, getting his third National cut. Later on in the meet, Edwards would also swim another personal best in the 200 Freestyle by dropping another 1.5 seconds off of his new set best when leading off the men's 800 Freestyle Relay.

Beth Freeman had a fantastic meet, qualifying two more events to Nationals and setting a new team record in the 100 Freestyle. She placed fifteenth in the 50 Freestyle, foursquare in the 100 Freestyle, sixteenth in the 200 Freestyle, and swam on all five relays. As lead-off for the women's 400 Freestyle Relay, Freeman qualified to Nationals in the 100 Freestyle, and as lead-off for the women's 200 Freestyle Relay, she qualified in the 50 Freestyle. Even for being tapered, Megan Mackierman swam exceptionally well this weekend. Overall, she dropped 53 seconds in three events. Mackierman placed thirteenth in the 50 Freestyle, dropping eight seconds from her previous time; thirty-third in the 100 Freestyle, dropping six seconds from her previous time and placing thirtieth in the 200 Freestyle, where she dropped an impressive 96 seconds from her earlier time. She also swam in the ninth place women's 200 Freestyle Relay.

Beth's Captain Matt Pearson also had a great meet, qualifying to Nationals in his first event, the 100 Breaststroke, by dropping a huge five seconds and taking eleven place. Pearson also swam the 200 Breaststroke, placing ninth, setting and another season best; the 200 Freestyle, placing sixth, setting and another season best, but just missing the National cut by a second; and four of the five relays.

Freshman roast Peck proved once again that he can pull out all the stops when the pressure is on. Peck's first swim was the 200 Freestyle, where he swam a 21.89, winning the event and getting himself second to be the seventh fastest swimmer in the nation. His second individual event wasn't quite as incredible, but he still placed seventh in the 200 Freestyle. The 100 Breaststroke was another exciting race, where Peck dropped two seconds from his season best and placed second, again moving himself up in Nationals rankings to fifth. And if this wasn't enough, Peck was also an important leg on each of the five relays.

Siddha Pimpukar had a tough meet, just missing National cuts in three events. Besides swimming on all four relays, Pimpukar swam the 50 Freestyle, placing twelfth and setting a season best; the 200 Freestyle, placing fifteenth; and the 100 Freestyle, placing seventeenth and setting another season best. He also led off the men's 200 Freestyle and 400 Freestyle Relays, setting two personal bests.

Alison Smith had an awesome meet, setting personal bests in every event that she swam. Smith swam the 400 Individual Medley, dropping 17 seconds and placing twelfth; the 100 Backstroke, dropping two seconds and placing sixteenth; and the 200 Backstroke, dropping three seconds and placing thirteenth. She also swam in two relays, setting two more personal bests and generally just having a lot of fun swimming.

Junior Brianna Swenson had an outstanding meet, setting four season bests and qualifying to Nationals in one more event. She first swam the 200 Individual Medley, placing eighth and dropping three seconds off of her time. But like Das, Swenson didn't make her cut in the 200 Individual Medley the first time around, she missed it by 0.9 seconds, so the next day she entered a time trial and made the cut by over two seconds, swimming alone but with the whole team cheering her on. Swenson also swam the 100 Breaststroke, placing nineteenth; and the 200 Backstroke, placing fifth and setting a new team record; as well as three relays.

Last, but certainly not least, Melissa Swiderski, who swam great at this meet. Swiderski swam the 200 Individual Medley, dropping fifteen seconds and placing sixteenth; the 200 Freestyle, placing twenty-ninth; the 100 Freestyle, dropping five seconds and placing thirty-second; and on the women's 200 Freestyle Relay that placed ninth.

The relays for the women did quite well. The 200 Freestyle Relay of Freeman, Smith, Mackierman and Swiderski placed ninth overall; the 400 Freestyle Relay of Freeman, Pearson, Swiderski and Beribak placed third and set a new team record; the 800 Freestyle Relay of Freeman, Pearson, Swiderski and Beribak placed third; the 200 Medley Relay of Pearson, Swenson, Beribak and Brady placed fifth; and the 400 Medley Relay of Freeman, Swiderski, Beribak and Brady took fourth. The men's relays did equally as well with the 200 Freestyle Relay of Pimpukar, Pearson, Crandall and Edwards placing fifth; the 400 Freestyle Relay of Pimpukar, Peck, Pearson and Crandall placing fourth; the 800 Freestyle Relay of Edwards, Pimpukar, Peck and Crandall placing third and finally qualifying to Nationals; the 200 Medley Relay of Crandall, Pearson, Peck and Pimpukar placing second; and the 400 Medley Relay of Crandall, Pearson, Peck and Edwards placing third.

Next Tuesday, the National Qualifiers leave for the Lawrence Indoor Aquatic Center in Lawrence, Kansas for the 2003 NAIA National Swimming Championships. There, they will compete in a four day meet against some of the top swimmers in the nation. Congratulations to all of those that have qualified and best of luck at Nationals.

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