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Miestastic

Story by Dominic Garascia

This past Friday, Students from IIT proved that art is still alive on main campus. The Miestastic Art Exhibition held in Perlstein Hall was a show of student and faculty work. The show, intended to be a commentary on everything modern, was that and much more. More than 150 student works adorned the corridors of Perlstein. The works ranged from paintings, charcoal renderings, line drawings, video installations, sculpture, photographs, and live music. Students often complain that IIT's social life lacks energy and original planning on campus. Miestastic Art Show built on IIT's rich heritage to enhance the campus community. The event lasted only that night, but a catalogue of the show is planned. Whipple's aim to continue the successful tradition of encouraging student art on campus through seasonal art exhibitions, and will hopefully establish a permanent art gallery on campus.

Paper's out
All faculty evaluations online in 2003

The online faculty evaluation process has seen two series of tests last year, proving more effective than the traditional evaluation process, and eventually leading to a full-fledged online faculty evaluation structure. Initially 50% of the evaluations were conducted online through pilot testing. The pilot phase, that is the demonstration or test phase, was first implemented during the summer of 2002. A much larger pilot phase followed during the fall of 2002. "The completion of the pilot phase last fall had many positive results," said Kee Choi, manager of Internet and Information Services. Online evaluations had a response of 56.8% compared to 51.4% for paper evaluations. "We presented the results to the Main Campus Faculty Council," confirmed Mr. Choi, after which the council presented the results to main campus faculty for their vote on this matter. The final decision was made by faculty vote to move ahead toward a complete online evaluation system.

Students provided feedback both online and offline. Many feel that the online procedure provides more anonymity, as handwriting is not involved. On the other hand, some feel that it is in fact easier to trace the evaluator online. On this matter, Mr. Choi affirmed student privacy stressing that "there is no way that faculty can trace student evaluators. The only administrators who are the IT staff. This is a matter of policy." There would inevitably be major legal issues if privacy policies were not enforced. At press time the continued on page 3

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Greek Council Wins Award

AT MCGA CONFERENCE

Greek Council Submission

IT's Greek Council won the Little Award for Excellence at the Mid-American Greek Council Associations (MCGA) conference. Named after Craig Little, in honor of his many years of service as the Assistant Executive Director of MIFCA, the Mid-American Interfraternity Council Association, the award is given to MCGA member councils who have not applied for any MCGA awards within the last four years and who are applying for at least one award this year. MCGA is an organization consisting of member Interfraternity, National Pan-Hellenic, Pan-Hellenic, and Greek Councils, at both public and private institutions, within a region in middle America. The region is divided into five areas: The Northern Area (Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and Wisconsin), the Southern Area (Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas), the Central Area (Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri), the Eastern Area (Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio), and the Western Area (Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska). MCGA is an association designed to provide member services to campus governing Greek councils. The purpose of MCGA is to stimulate the growth and development of college Greek Councils by promoting leadership and educational experiences for student leaders at colleges and universities within a 16-state region. The annual leadership conference, other area conferences, and other educational resources to member schools and the general public are the basis of the Association's educational services.

The regional conference, offers outstanding programs for educational development, Greek leadership, and social interaction. Usually held in February and attended by over 1000 delegates, the conference, which is the largest of its kind in the nation, offers workshops and seminars to help Greek council develop a stronger Greek community on campus. The conference is also a time for MCGA to recognize the excellent work of different Greek Councils around the country. IIT's Greek Council is recognized for its overall excellence through positive programs like Drinks with Rick Barnes, a program to educate students about the dangers of alcohol and alcohol abuse. "I really believe that this is one more positive step that our Greek Council is taking to make a more positive impact, not only on our campus but in MCGA as a whole. Ginny Brock did a wonderful job putting together this awards packet and I appreciate..." continued on page 3
E-Suggestion Box @ IIT

Richard Kadamanthili Submission

An electronic suggestion box is now in place for ideas on how to improve IIT, that we all have. Often additional resources or expertise is needed to implement good ideas that will improve the quality of the institution, save costs or otherwise strengthen our organization.

The Cost Containment Program (CCP) is an internal organizational structure and process for reducing expenses for the entire university and in place in many organizations such as The City of Chicago, IBM, Bank of America, General Electric and Daimler Chrysler. This program will help save money and reallocate resources to their best use, identify remove waste from business processes and enhance performance. It also helps identify root causes to problems, promote a ‘cost conscious’ mentality and recognize employees for innovation. President, Vice-president, Provost and Departmental Chairs will lead in the internal organization. ‘Buy-in’ is necessary to make the program a success. The CCP Executive Committee consists of John Collins (Vice President Business & Finance), Don Ueltzen (Associate Dean of the College of Engineering), Paul Farmer (Finance & Business Analyst for VP), Beverly Berret (Director, Human Resources), Michael Lynch (Director Facilities Maintenance Management) and Chetan Narake (Student Representative).

All members of the organization can participate on a voluntary basis. Ideas are submitted by Faculty, Staff members, Contractors, and Alumni - all those that interact with the University. The idea submission process works like this - a participant submits an idea for Cost Containment via the web. An e-mail is sent to the participant, that his or her idea is received and Participant is invited to explain idea in depth and answer questions. The CCP discusses feasibility, cost, and implementation time. If the idea is accepted, team makes assignments to facilitate implementation.

If you have any ideas that will improve IIT and in particular helps save cost,
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News

Economic Uncertainty Thwarts Crown Hall Career Fair

Richard Duncan
TechNews Writer

The glory days of the mid- and late-1990s economy hit record numbers across the board. Jobs were plentiful, companies more even plentiful, and recruiters competed for the attention of students with cash and potential employee benefits instead of nice words.

These days, however, will be very different. The war and the economic engine of the US, running in "stutter-step" mode. Many plans for the last decade are no more. The tech industry of the late 20th century blew up, and took almost every other field with it. Layoffs, once a hush-hush profligate word in the 1990s, became a return of the 1970s to popular culture complete, and caution and concern have besieged the buzzwords, replacing the unashamed and, in many ways, unrepentant downsizing companies that kept companies hiring and hiring three years ago.

One casualty in the long list of "tech bubble burst" fall-outs is this year's architecture career fair normally here at ITT. Typically held in Crown Hall, this fair generally serves as a good indicator of how architects expect to do in the market. However, according to Stephen Sennott, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Architecture, the market is much stiffer than it was a few years ago and the fair has felt the effects. Efforts are under way to aid students who have lost their jobs, including helping them make contact with the usual in-roads with the two firms that did show interest in hiring. Architectural student organizations AIAS, Arquitectos, and INOMA held workshops, with notices on recent developments, career planning, job hunting, etc., and the Graham Resource Center in Crown Hall contains a plethora of information from companies and firms looking for internships and jobs. A resume book, compiled annually and distributed regionally, is also available to help students find jobs right away. As a result, a few of the firms attending the CCE Spring Career Fair in February were looking for architecture students, and the usual routes through the Career Development Center remain open as always for students of all disciplines.

RHA News

Sanjaka Wirasinghe
Submission

I'm sure all of you are aware of the new dorms, State Street Village (SSV), and are looking forward to see if it is going to be as good as we have been led to believe. The construction of the new student residence halls is going to redefine student life on campus and along with it the Residence Halls Association (RHA). After looking out for the Evergreen student tenants in the McCormick Student Village (MSV), RHA will be spread in a wings a bit wider.

In order to serve residents better, RHA is undergoing restructuring. The first stage in this process is the making of a new constitution that will be presented shortly. This constitution will set the ground work in maintaining the close bond that students have enjoyed at ITT, between MSV and SSV, by bringing it under one umbrella.

It is time to elect the new student board that will lead the RHA. Elections to appoint the new board will be held on March 31. The positions open are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Apart from the above sub-committee chairs will also be elected. The sub-committees are: Food and Housing, Facilities, Programming and Publicity.

The nominations for the above posts closed at the general meeting, leaving the candidates with a few days to campaign for votes. Ronak Desai, the current Treasurer of RHA is running against Suruchi Thakore, the Co-Chair of the Facilities Committee for the post of President. Kedar Vasu is lined up against Richard Duncan, the Co-Chair of the Facilities Committee for the post of Vice President. The elections for these positions promise to be very close. Richard Duncan, Adjeoke Ogundiran, Bhavati Sivasubramaniam and Anusampa Topgi are running for secretary. Raejean Whitaker will be the Treasurer for the next year as she wins by default. The results of the elections will be released at the next general meeting.

A quick reminder that you should look out for the mural contest by the facilities committee is coming soon. The Programming Committee is also working on "challenge of the Halls".

For those that are impatient to get a glimpse of the new dorms, I was informed by David Dittmars, the Director of Marketing. The ITT State Street Corporation that hard hat tours are possible. David can be found in the Trailer by 3:30 PM. For more information visit www.ilit.edu/rha.

Evaluations

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The evaluations are carried out on a third independent party server that is situated off-campus.

On the whole, this is a reflection of a general advancement towards an evaluation system that is more convenient for the parties involved. Students can access a detailed FAQ list at http://www.ilit.edu/college/faq.html

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One complimentary undergraduate conference registration and a travel reimbursement of up to two hundred dollars. Ruderman added, "Hopefully our hard work this year will pay off and we'll win another award at next year's conference."
national devil-worshiping cult. A little out of the ordinary, sure, but a crime? In Morocco, apparently it is. But the weirdest part is the comments of the judge residing over the trial. In his words, “Normal people go to concerts in a suit and tie,” not the black t-shirts and such the accused wore to their concerts. He also thought it was suspicious that one of the men used English lyrics in his heavy metal songs, and not Arabic. Observers in and out of Morocco call the whole thing just a misunderstanding, a case of legal meddling in the metal of society...

SANJAKA WIRASINGHA
Submission

IITEA is the Illinois Institute of Technology Entrepreneurial Association. IITEA is a club with a difference. IITEA was formed by a group of Kaplan fellows who felt they should be instrumental in advocating entrepreneurship at IIT. The Kaplan Fellows program is a selective two-year multidisciplinary program offered by the Ed Kaplan Entrepreneurial Studies Program to give students real world entrepreneurial experience exposing them to all aspects of the start-up and growth of new technology businesses. IITEA’s mission is to help the IIT community learn and competitively apply their diverse backgrounds and interests to help develop IIT into an entrepreneurial incubator, symbiotically fostering business-minded students and ENERO’s. The goals of IITEA include the application of education in a non-classroom setting, to build networking and communication skills while having fun and to provide a link between students, Kaplan Fellows, alumni and the business community. The IITEA, along with its advisor, Professor David Piatzui of the Stuart Business School, has the complete support of the Entrepreneurial studies program and the IPRO/ENPRO Board.

The inaugural meeting of IITEA was held on February 17. The board has scheduled many other guest speakers and workshops in the near future. The first of many projects by the IITEA is the ENPRO/IPRO competition. The competition consists of two stages, the first stage, starting on March 24, will be coming up with an idea, evaluating its feasibility and doing market research for the product/service. All participants will be asked to submit a report on the April 28. This report should include the following sections: Idea, Description/illustration, Patentability and Business Plan. These reports will be judged and five winners will move to the second stage.

This stage includes more intense research into the product, the building of a prototype and market testing. There is up to $500 to be won per idea. Now that’s enough motivation, apart from the fact that IIT will fund your idea the following semester. The webpage for IITEA is www.iit.edu/itea.

News of the Weird

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada — If you’ve got a problem with rodents overrunning your area, what do you do? Well, you either dump them off on someone else, or kill them. Sounds logical enough, but animal rights groups in Canada, the killing of gophers plauging western Canadian farmers is “barbaric” and should be stopped.

Since the Canadian government banned the use of strychnine in 1993, gophers have become quite the nuisance for farmers in the Great White North. From the time they emerge from hibernation in mid-March throughout their 100 day quest for food before the fall, gophers cause an estimated C$20-30 million (about $14-21 million) in crop and other damages. They have become so proliferated that many urban communities also have to cope with the rodents. Just last year, a rodent shooting derby of sorts bagged 60,000 gophers in a weekend, and this just barely dented the population. While the hunt’s promotion as contest may be a bit less civilized than many would like (prizes include rifles, which goes to another question, why give away rifles in a shooting contest? Don’t they already have rifles?), farmers and the government alike term it a necessity to the survival of crops and cattle, which have been known to injure themselves when tripping over the gopher’s holes.

In all this fighting though, a quick and easy solution is in sight. They need to line the Prairies with dynamite, placed in each gopher hole, and one by one blow the charges in spectacular fashion while Bill Murray is seen standing there...

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WAR: Coping with the Situation

Counseling Center
Submission

Many people are experiencing heightened emotionality, including fear, about military actions, alerts about risks of terrorism, and global stability. The increased level of tension is a completely normal response to an acutely troubling situation. Regardless of your nationality and views about war and the political situation, it is important to find ways to cope with your own feelings. For all of us, it is important to find ways to sustain a focus on what really matters on what does remain under our control.

It is important to take care of yourself and to attempt to go about "business as usual." Some students may find that, given the global situation and the risks being faced by more directly affected people, their own personal needs and academic pursuits are insignificant. THIS IS NOT TRUE. If you allow yourself to delay intellectually, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, you will start to lose your ability to be effective and you will feel worse. It is best to:

Take it day by day. Stick to your academic work, and social schedules that give structure to your daily life. There is comfort in routines. Eat well. Exercise regularly. Avoid excesses in alcohol and other drugs.

Limit your exposure to the emotionally draining impact of television war coverage. The demands of the twenty-four-hour-a-day news cycle encourage the media to inflate the most minor events into "breaking news." It can actually be traumatizing to watch the same footage of destruction (bombs, missiles, etc.) over and over again. Spend time with people that you care about and do things with them that you enjoy.

Stay in touch with family and friends via phone, email, or letters. Seek support from spiritual leaders and others in your faith community.

If you are struggling, talk about your feelings and ask for support from friends and family. If things become more overwhelming, call on the Counseling Center or talk with one of the staff.

While these suggestions are all helpful for living with situations that cause distress, another highly effective means of coping, especially with feelings of powerlessness, is to reach out and find meaningful ways to be helpful to others. Sometimes this may involve making an extra effort to be helpful to others. Sometimes it may involve sending something to other service people far from home. The National Military Family Association (www.nmf.org) provides information on ways to support service men and women. News sources may also provide information on how to send contributions to aid refugees and others affected by war.

A Sentry Post is Blown up as Coalition Forces Move into Basra

The TechMage Reviews:

Compaq TC-1000 Tablet PC

sohan D' Souza
TechNews Writer

In the up-and-coming industry of Tablet PCs, Compaq has already made its mark with its debut product, the TC-1000 line. One of the most popular TPCs on the market, it combines a thoughtfully designed device, a Texas Instruments ARM processor, and a 128 MB SDRAM (Dual Inline Memory Module) to provide a smooth experience. The screen, a 5.6-inch color LCD, offers a high-resolution of 800x600 pixels, and the processor is a 512-MHz ARM processor that supports a wide range of applications.

The TC-1000 is driven by a 1 GHz processor, and it comes in a variety of configurations, including 128 MB and 256 MB SDRAM options. The tablet also supports both wireless and wired connectivity options, including Bluetooth and Wi-Fi. The tablet runs on Microsoft Windows XP Tablet PC Edition, which provides a full-featured user interface, including handwriting recognition and touch-screen control.

The keyboard is a 50% size, and it features a trackpoint and two mouse buttons for users who may be more comfortable with this mode of cursor interface. The keyboard is also backlit for easy visibility in low-light conditions.

The tablet is designed for use in education, business, and entertainment applications. It is lightweight and portable, making it ideal for students, professionals, and travelers. The tablet is also compatible with a wide range of accessories, including a stylus, a protective case, and a carrying bag.

The TC-1000 is a great choice for anyone looking for a compact, powerful, and user-friendly tablet PC.
Tour of the Butt - Part I

Richard Duncan
TechNews Writer

Since the announcement on February 5, 1998 that world-renowned architectural firm Kohn Pedersen Fox had been named the winner of IIT's Campus Center Design Competition, speculation has circulated as to what the new building would look like and what it would contain. The first new building on campus in almost thirty years, the McCormick Tribune Campus Center has long been a mystery to many students, one of those based on existing memories, elation, and conflicting rumors.

As we near June 3, the day when IIT will officially come into ownership of the new campus center, there is a strong possibility of Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment John Bvoorneras and Associate Director of Operations for the campus centers Charles Farrell, we at TechNews are going to reveal the mystery by giving you a tour of the building, highlighting the exciting new features as well as some things to watch for. But, as a note, even then it will be only three months away from seeing the "finished product", much of the intrigue and excitement behind the student center is its fluidity. Much of what will happen in the center is still to be determined, and student input and reaction will dictate how many things take place. With apologies for the pun, it is truly a student-centered project.

So on with the tour. One of the most important functions of the McCormick Tribune Campus Center will be the multiple food service areas of the building. Many student will enter the building at the south entrance, which faces 33rd Street, the Quad, and the new State Street Village. Immediately upon entering, you are in the coffee shop. Built to resemble the feel of the famous coffee shops that are literally on almost every corner of every city in the United States, the coffee Internet-accessible computers lined on a stylish counter, the computer lab should hold between 10 and 20 computers. Beyond the coffee shop and computer lab to the north and east respectively, is the new bookstore. Considerably larger than the current one and designed with the current tenant in mind, Barnes and Noble will continue to be on contract for the campus with televisions and a large drop-down screen with contracted programming viewable from the eastern stairs/seating. Center Court will be a cash-operation open to the public and the IIT community alike. It will also have a liquor-license, and therefore be able to serve alcoholic beverages. Built to replace the HUB cafeteria and the Bog, which closes at the end of this se

Interior of the University Club

For the student-center will be run by our own campus food service contractor, Sodexo. With ample seating and a location near one of the main entrances and traffic lanes in the center, the shop will no doubt be a popular destination for all.

Directly north from the entrance and just to the west of the coffee shop will be the student center’s computer lab. Stocked with

tablet PC

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Type II 16/32-bit PCMCIA cards and a slot for Type II Compaq flash cards. Three LEDs indicate power status, battery charging and wireless activity, and there are ports for the external headphones, microphone and mono-headset units. The built-in speakers perform pretty well for their size, but they do lack bass and can be quite forgiving. The roomy, well-chosen keyboard has a comfortable amount of travel, and the keys are well spaced. The mouse is also comfortable and functional.

The screen is a 7.3 inch, 1024 x 768 pixel panel with a passive matrix and 280 nit brightness. The screen is a bit dull, but the color range is very good. The contrast is decent, but the internal circuitry has been optimized for performance rather than image quality.

The battery is relatively light and one of the smallest around, with a life that depends on the activity for which the TC-1000 is used - between 2.5 to 3 hours for DVD viewing and 5 to 6 hours for note-taking. The weight of the TC-1000 comes to about 3 pounds with the keyboard and about 3 pounds without it. The system fan has three settings, and is thankfully not annoyingly loud. There is virtually no heat issue with the TC-1000, since the Crussie has fewer transistors than regular processors, compensated for by transferring some of the workload to code-morphing algorithms that have been hard-wired into the motherboard. The 36 GB hard drive, which can be upgraded to 40 GB, is removable, and there is an optional, but very useful, docking station that costs an additional $300 dollars.

The screen is very versatile, and can be configured in a variety of ways. It can be manually toggled between portrait, landscape mode, and and very sharply-auto-switches between the two modes depending on how the tablet is attached to the keyboard unit. The graphics processing capabilities are very good, with smooth performance on most of today’s applications and 3D games. The TC-1000 is standard with the Microsoft Windows XP Tablet PC Edition operating system, as well as several other software applications such as Alias Sketchbook and Corel Graphic. It has soft

Rounded corners, great balance and handling, and an elegant matted metal finish. While this variant performs at about the strength of an

800 MHz Pentium III, the next generation is expected to be driven by a 1.5 GHz processor, and will have a longer battery life. Richard Duncan, a user of the TC-1000, says, "The tradeoffs for performance, size and upgradeability mean that you would get with a 'normal' laptop are 100% made up for by the functionality and ease of use and portability of the TC-1000. He says that the TC-1000's biggest advantage he sees in the TC-1000 is the touch interface, while the biggest drawback is that it is the least of commercial availability, which is the lack of commercial availability. Driven by such advanced, compact and efficient design, with an on-off interface and extensive connectivity, as well as an easily- approved looks, the TC-1000 is one charming workhorse.
Landing that Job

Kerry Patterson
Submission

You're seated across from an interviewer who is waiting to be impressed. He's talked with a couple of dozen people over the past few days and is only looking to make an offer to three. What will make you stand out from the herd? Well, like it or not, it probably won't be your academic record. Taking the right classes and doing well simply isn't enough. The people you're competing with did that. Your resume is also a feature that can only serve to eliminate you if you haven't done it well. It won't leap out at the recruiters and say: 'I'm your person.' Grades, classes and resumes rarely set you apart.

So what makes the difference? It's your ability to master crucial conversations that's most likely to land you that job. That's right, every time you talk with a future employer, you're in the middle of a crucial conversation. Stakes are high, opinions vary (you're just sure that you'll do well for them; they're less certain), and emotions run strong. Well, your emotions certainly do. Under these conditions, most people are not on their best behavior and fear can do that to you.

Why would recruiters pay so much attention to something as apparently capricious as your interpersonal skill—as demonstrated during the interview? (After all, it's not like you're graduating from charm school.) Interpersonal skills matter because in a real job, you work in a social environment made up of small groups and teams.

People who "don't work and play well with others" cause companies fits. Individuals who aren't able to express themselves well aren't heard, so their best ideas are often missed. Companies can't afford that. Individuals who fall apart under the pressure of an interview aren't going to stand up to the tension-filled conversations offered, most days at work.

So, what's a person to do? First, work on your mindset. Convince yourself that you want the job and that you'd be honored to work for the company. Otherwise, you're not a good enough actor to hide your uncertainty or possible disdain. You can always say "No," later.

Second, read your audience. As much as the interview feels like it's about you, it's not. It's about how well you fit into the new culture. That means you need to know something about the company and people you're talking to. Don't go in blind. Do your homework. Read about the company. Also, as the interview unfolds, watch for nonverbal cues. What perks up the interviewer? Do more of that. What turns off the interviewer? Stop doing that.

Third, practice holding crucial conversations with a friend. Practice both advocating and listening (that's right, listening is as much a part of the interview as talking). Ask your friend to see if you speak confidently, without seeming pushy or brash, and also that you listen carefully. Ask clarifying questions when necessary.

Finally, ask for the job. You'd be surprised how many people aren't offered a job because they didn't have the moxie to ask for it.

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GREEK WEEK

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Dear Sex Tech,
I slept with my best friend and my ex-boyfriend in the same week. They both know about it and they are both in love with me, what should I do? My ex is fat and ugly and he treats me like a --, but for some reason I can't leave him, I have dated him on and off for four years. My best friend is great, and I totally love him, but he has a girlfriend. I would definitely date him if I could, but he has been with his girlfriend for four years and he is stuck in this relationship. Please Help!

Sincerely,
IT's Only Drama

Dear Drama,
I think your first problem is your whoring of yourself. You need to gain a little self-respect and stop sleeping around. If you have stayed with your ex for four years and he treats you so horribly, maybe you deserve to be treated like that. If you won't help yourself, why should anyone else waste their time trying? If your best friend was so great, he would not have slept with you while both of you were in relationships. No one is ever stuck in their situation, each is in control of his or her destiny. I think Gloria Gaynor said it best when she said "I never can say goodbye, I keep thinking that our problems soon are all gonna work out. But there's that same unhappy feeling, there's that anguish, there's that doubt." Maybe you are just another fool in love destined to be unhappy. That's too bad.

IT's Sex Tech

Dear Sex Tech,
I'm a 20-year-old female and my boyfriend and I have been dating since we met during our first semester here over 2 years ago. Our relationship has been solid for quite some time, but recently my boyfriend has been unable to perform at night. That is, he is unable to get an erection. Is there something physically wrong with him, or am I just not attractive to him anymore? For the first two years of our relationship problems had arisen, but about a month he hasn't been able to have sex. Is there anything I should do, is there anything he should do, or will the problem fix itself naturally? I don't want to base our whole relationship on sex, but it's just not the same without it. Please Help!

Anxiously,
Loveless in Lewis

Dear Loveless,
Your boyfriend's erectile problem may simply be stress. But the problem may not only be his fault, have you been putting extra stress on him lately? Have you put on too much pounds, or been particularly nagging? If so, may be the cause of this problem? His flaccid penis may be directly related to your poor girlfriending skills. The immortal words of Gloria Gaynor ring true here, "Each breath is important, each heartbeat is hot. That's the way we were made back, you forgot, ooh, You leave me so empty, it's makin' me sad, I know that a good thing has turn out for the bad. Both of us are here, but where's the love we had." Another reason for his dysfunction may be that he has finally come to terms with the fact that he is no longer attracted to you and is ready to pursue a different path in his life. I believe that the reason why your boyfriend is having problems, in his case he has finally come to terms with the fact that he is a homosexual and will no longer pretend to be otherwise. So enjoy your time with him, but I recommend buying a vibrator to fulfill your sexual needs.

IT's Sex Tech

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Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell

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Splinter Cell was the most successful console/X-Box game last year and its PC version not only lives up to the expectations but sometimes seems better than the console version. Splinter Cell at first try looks like just another stealth based action/adventure game but in many ways it beats out all previous similar games like Thief and Hitman 2. You are secret op-erative Sam Fisher working for a top secret government organization called Third Echelon. You mission is in clear terms to avoid a third world war by collecting various types of evidence in all missions.

Highly trained in combat and stealth, the various movies available to you are absolutely fabulous. The fact that the view is third-person, which action is based on first-person basis, allows you to see the moves in real time. They include the split jump in which you can use your legs to hang between two walls, double jump to reach higher places, climb ladders, rappel against walls, climb horizontal pipes or crawl vertical ones. His speed is controlled using the mouse wheel, and going at slowest and being crouched makes you almost invisible and noiseless. In some ways, this is the most powerful stealth game made with night-vision and thermal goggles. Apart from that the graphics are extremely good and the level detail is at the best. Lighting plays a key role in the game and is excellently done.

Realism is another key in the game. Making sounds while walking will alert the enemy, or if they discover a guard knocked down alarms will ring. Lock-picking is done pin-by-pin, guards will come to switch lights you switched off and you can throw bottles or cans to distract guards. This is where the moves come in handy because the game is not that easy either. Your arsenal is limited but powerful. Always equipped with a trusty silenced pistol you get the SC-20K in the later stages. The SC-20K apart from being an excellent gun, has alt-
Xenosaga, Episode I: Der Wille zur Macht

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Years from now, people will realize that Xenosaga is a landmark title. They will realize that Methods Soft’s epic is daring as it is innovative. The golden era of video game epics can now begin. Much like the golden age of Hollywood epics, this will be a dramatic time, when the video game equivalents of Spartacus, Lawrence of Arabia, and Gangs of New York come to the forefront of the industry. Here’s to hoping that this prediction holds true.

Xenosaga excels in multiple facets. Without a doubt, Xenosaga is a narrative-driven game. Fortunately for the player, the game delivers a mature and riveting tale. It questions fundamental tenets of human society and exposes absurdity and illogic of mankind. Are the Realians human, and do they deserve to be treated better than objects? Good questions. Xenosaga poses tough issues like this within the first five hours. The answer, on the other hand, will be slow to come and incomplete at best. Great works of art rarely provide black-and-white answers: Xenosaga is no exception. Why is Xenosaga titled, Der Wille zur Macht? If you’ve studied Nietzsche, then you would have thought of why by the end of the game.

Along the same lines, Xenosaga issues a great tribute to Stanley Kubrick by making the Zorah artifact vaguely reminiscent of 2001: A Space Odyssey. In many ways, this homage is appropriate. As you start the game, Shion Uzuki is about to embark on an odyssey of cosmic proportions. If 2001 raised the specter of a non-understanding and paralysis of human thought, then Xenosaga achieves the same. The list of references span on. Everything from anime to works of literature receive recognition. If you’re wondering, yes, that was a reference to Moby Dick when KOS-MOS’ battle color scheme is similar to the one in Diabolo, or draw new skills from equipped accessories, a la Final Fantasy IX. It doesn’t end here. Learned skills can be made more powerful or faster. All this come back to directly affect the battles. Thus, careful planning and preparation are essential to survival. These are hallmarks of a great RPG.

The problem that some people have with this type of game is that it feels like the game itself is missing. Nothing can be further from the truth. Xenosaga presents a detailed and extremely well polished RPG underneath the cinematic moments. The new Battle system far outweighs the Realians in Xenogears. With the special event timings and greater distinction between either and physical attacks, the battles are now strategical and tactical affairs. Furthermore, this is not a game where the boss will let the player walk all over them. They’ll be tough, and leveling up is almost required. Fortunately, Xenosaga enters the fray with Chrono Trigger/Chrono Cross format of visible enemies. It won’t save the party from all encounters, but it certainly helps stave off the repetitive random-battle sessions.

The character tweaking factor is high, far exceeding the efforts in Final Fantasy X. The game many compare Xenosaga’s scope to. By using both tech-points and skill-points and other-points, the player can change the base stats, add new other-power in a method similar to the one in Diablo, or draw new skills from equipped accessories, a la Final Fantasy IX. It doesn’t end here. Learned skills can be made more powerful or faster. All this come back to directly affect the battles. Thus, careful planning and preparation are essential to survival. These are hallmarks of a great RPG.

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Comics

Arg, my ears are buzzing
after that concert... I can’t
hear anything, what is he
saying? I’ll just nod.

I just want to get ready for bed...
I’d better politely end this
conversation.

So did you tell
Kelvin that you
dropped his
toothbrush in the
toilet?

Yeah, he took it
really well... he
didn’t even
seem to mind.

On Campus

I knew it was
Your 21st birthday
And all, but I have a
date with
Elena that I really need
to stay for.

Look at it this
Way, a year from
Now when are you
going to remember
That my birthday
Is coming soon?

Probably neither.

I’ll bring
A camera!

UZZLE

1. Great brilliance
2. Ice or old follower
3. TV’s Bingle
4. Doggie
5. Sheep talk
6. In slow-tempo
7. Gems State
8. Vain person
9. Vegetarian at Elia’s home
10. Not a “model” quality
11. “Parent Trap” actress
12. Thanksgiving dessert
13. Russian ruler
14. Pilgrims’ arrival at Plymouth
15. Rough wave
16. Fencing sword
17. Scottish lord
18. Kimono sash
19. “You’re so…”
20. Sea creature
21. Moloch
22. Unit of work
23. Milton’s dismal, gloomy
24. Cog
25. Celestial
26. Jewish city section
27. Court
28. Born
29. Tribunal
30. Memory improvement system
31. A stud
32. P. Daddy diamonds
33. Droid
34. Carlo
35. Boy
36. Author Jung
37. Dance-worship
38. Non-professional
39. Stoneworker

DOWN

1. Saga
2. Finale
3. Slit
4. Ping
5. Hamlet
6. Shame
7. Fear
8. Seat for relaxing
9. Mood
10. Hit the sack
11. Stage in between oral and phallic

12. It will (Centuries)
13. Non-Jews (slang)
14. Help
15. Admixture
16. Formal reception
17. Not together
18. Whimsy
19. New
20. Puzzle
21. Numerate
22. Monastery head
23. Grand or upright
24. Gym device
25. Carbamide
26. Fog
27. Percussionist
28. Rule
29. Lilacs
30. Jewel
31. Perennials
32. Celebrity
33. Weight of twelve grains
34. Cleave
35. College athletic org
36. Movie about James Joyce
37. Stoic-like bird
38. Chanel
39. Emasculist
Swimming Results: National Championships

WEDNESDAY EVENING FINALS

EVENT 2 - MEN'S ONE METER DIVING
2. Matt Robertson 374.05
EVENT 5 - WOMEN'S 800 FREESTYLE RELAY
7. Illinois Tech 8:26.81
Freeman, Swenson, Beribak, Brady 2:04.44 2:11.64 2:03.20 2:07.53
EVENT 6 - MEN'S 800 FREESTYLE RELAY
8. Illinois Tech 7:26.81
Edwards, Pimpukpatkarn, Crandall, Peck 1:48.83 1:54.87 1:55.11 1:48.00

THURSDAY EVENING FINALS

EVENT 7 - WOMEN'S 200 YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
6. Illinois Tech 1:45.69
Freeman, Swenson, Beribak, Brady 26.64 27.66 25.73 25.66
EVENT 8 - MEN'S 200 YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
5. Illinois Tech 1:29.49
Pimpukpatkarn, Crandall, Peck, Edwards 23.58 22.54 21.18 22.62

EVENT 10 - MEN'S 500 YARD FREESTYLE
20. Abhi Das 5:17.71
EVENT 11 - WOMEN'S 200 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
9. Amy Beribak 2:19.75
22. Brianna Swenson 2:26.25
EVENT 13 - WOMEN'S 50 YARD FREESTYLE
14. Katie Brady 26.03
22. Beth Freeman 26.93
EVENT 14 - MEN'S 50 YARD FREESTYLE
6. Andrew Peck 22.06

EVENT 16 - MEN'S 400 YARD MEDLEY RELAY
9. Illinois Tech 3:45.68
Crandall, Pearson, Peck, Edwards 57.01 1:05.41 54.06 50.19

FRIDAY EVENING FINALS

EVENT 17 - WOMEN'S 200 YARD MEDLEY RELAY
10. Illinois Tech 2:01.99
Freeman, Swenson, Beribak, Brady 31.19 36.18 27.32 35.34
EVENT 18 - MEN'S 200 YARD MEDLEY RELAY
9. Illinois Tech 1:43.84
Crandall, Pearson, Peck, Pimpukpatkarn 27.41 30.62 24.02 22.39

EVENT 19 - WOMEN'S 400 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
15. Brianna Swenson 5:18.67
EVENT 20 - MEN'S 400 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
9. Daniel Crandall 4:33.00
EVENT 21 - MEN'S 100 YARD BUTTERFLY
8. Amy Beribak 1:01.22
EVENT 23 - WOMEN'S 200 YARD FREESTYLE
17. Beth Freeman 2:06.56
20. Katie Brady 2:08.71
EVENT 24 - MEN'S 200 YARD FREESTYLE
EVENT 26 - MEN'S 100 YARD BREASTSTROKE
6. Andrew Peck 59.95
18. Matt Pearson 1:05.34
EVENT 28 - MEN'S 100 YARD BACKSTROKE
8. Daniel Crandall 56.94
EVENT 4 - MEN'S THREE METER DIVING
2. Matt Robertson 423.95

SATURDAY EVENING FINALS

EVENT 30 - MEN'S 1650 YARD FREESTYLE
6. Chris Edwards 17:00.62
EVENT 32 - MEN'S 200 YARD BACKSTROKE
6. Daniel Crandall 2:07.72
EVENT 33 - WOMEN'S 100 YARD FREESTYLE
12. Katie Brady 56.37
19. Beth Freeman 57.47
EVENT 34 - MEN'S 100 YARD FREESTYLE
5. Andrew Peck 48.14
EVENT 37 - WOMEN'S 200 YARD BUTTERFLY
8. Amy Beribak 2:20.72
EVENT 39 - WOMEN'S 400 YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
6. Illinois Tech 1:49.49
Freeman, Swenson, Beribak, Brady 56.95 59.34 57.12 56.18
EVENT 40 - MEN'S 400 YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
Pimpukpatkarn, Crandall, Peck, Edwards 47.28 48.07

Final Women's Team Scores
Place School Points
1 Simon Fraser University (B.C.) 578
2 California Baptist University (CA) 559
3 Cameron University (OK) 285
4 Transylvania University (KY) 272
5 Spring Hill College (AL) 190
6 California State University (CA) 116
7 Lindsey Wilson College (KY) 107
8 Illinois Institute of Technology (IL) 84
9 John Brown University (AR) 84
10 Roika University (CA) 77
11 Tri-State University (ID) 29
12 Ashbury College (KY) 27
13 Evergreen State College (WA) 1

Final Men's Team Scores
Place School Points
1 Simon Fraser University (B.C.) 574
2 California Baptist University (CA) 542
3 Spring Hill College (AL) 250
4 Roika University (CA) 186
5 Transylvania University (KY) 184
6 Lindsey Wilson College (MD) 169
7 Illinois Institute of Technology (IL) 147
8 Cameron University (OK) 110
9 John Brown University (AR) 85
10 Tri-State University (ID) 26
11 Berea College (KY) 13

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The Word of the Day is: minuscule 'MIH-nuss-kyool' (adjective)
1: very small

Example sentence: Because John had a minuscule amount of money saved for college, he went to work at UPS and received up to $23,000 in College Financial Assistance.

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Swimmers Finish Strong

Good Showing at National Meet

Brianna Swenson

After five long months of 6:00 am, two and a half hour practices, grueling dryland conditioning, and being so exhausted as to on the brink of physical breakdown all too often, the swim team finally got a chance did what they do best, show off their stuff. The culmination of all the hard work really worth it. Not only a chance to compete against some of the best swimmers in the nation, but also the ultimate chance to test ones own abilities, push one's own limits.

The week of March 3rd, the eleven Illinois Tech Swimming and Diving Team National Qualifiers headed down to Lawrence, Kansas for the NAIA National Swim and Dive Meet. Over the course of four days, the team fought hard and swam fast, spending eight to ten hours each day at the Lawrence Indoor Aquatic Center. The hard work paid off though, as the men's team finished in seventh place and the women's team in eighth, in the process breaking a dozen team records and earning the women's team their highest place in school history.

The team left early Tuesday morning in order to get settled and practice in the pool the day before the meet started. Wednesday was the first day of competition, featuring Matt Robertson diving well and placing second in the One Meter Diving event, the Women's 800 Freestyle Relay taking seventh place, setting a new school record by over seventy seconds, and the Men's 800 Freestyle Relay taking eighth.

On Thursday, both teams got their first taste of big competition when both 200 Freestyle Relays made it up onto the podium, men taking fifth, women taking sixth with another new team record. In the Men's 500 Freestyle Chris Edwards just missed finals with a fourth-place finish and Abhi Das finished off his season in style, placing twentieth. The Women's 200 Individual Medley featured both women finishing within a second of each other, with Amy Beribak placing nineteenth and Brianna Swenson finishing twentieth. The Women's 50 Freestyle featured another close miss to finals with Katie Brady placing fourteenth with a new team record, and Beth Freeman finishing twenty-second.

Event fourteen was the highlight of the day, with Andrew Peck giving the team it's first individual tenth and ninth, respectively. Following that, the 400 Individual Medley qualifiers swam their hearts out, with Swenson placing fifteenth and Daniel Crandall making it to finals, placing ninth. Beribak pulled out a second individual placing sixth. Matt Pearson also swam the event, placing eighteenth. In the Men's 100 Backstroke, Crandall one-upped himself, making it to finals a second time, but this time placing eighth. The final event of the day was the four. Edwards made his first individual individual victory appearance by fighting a grueling, but awesome race, in the Men's 1650 Freestyle, setting a new team record in the 1000 Freestyle, and placing sixth. Crandall followed that performance by stepping up on himself and earning his first individual top-six finish ever, placing sixth in the Men's 200 Backstroke. Brady and Freeman faced off for a third time, swimming against each other in the Women's 100 Freestyle. Brady made her first finals, placing twelfth and setting a new team record, while Freeman swam well and placed nineteenth. Peck made good on his goal to make top-six at Nationals by pulling out his third individual top-six finish, placing fifth this time in the Men's 100 Freestyle. The Women's 500 Freestyle featured Beribak making her third individual finals appearance, placing eighth and setting her second individual team record of the meet. The final events, Men's and Women's 400 Freestyle Relays, brought along two more outstanding team performances and two more sixth place finishes. The Men's relay pulled out all the stops and swam an amazing race, going neck-and-neck the whole race with the team ranked ahead of them. It was a great race, but with a slight mingling, with the Illinois Tech getting touched out at the end. It was a very exciting race, though well worth the effort, and a good note for the men to end on. The Women's relay shattered their third relay team record by eleven seconds, swimming an amazing 3:49.49 and again standing on the finalist podium. An incredible end to an remarkable meet. What makes it even more wonderful is that all swim team members will be back next year, joined by a very fast new recruiting class. The entire team looks forward to commencing their success next year.

The Illinois Tech Swimming and Diving Team would like to thank all of their fans, friends and supporters throughout the entire season, especially those who made the long trip down to Nationals. We hope to see you all again next year!