When It Rains, It Pours

Leaks, Lakes Crop Up Across Campus

Richard Duncan
TechNews Writer

Pools of water where people normally walk. Students wondering where all this water came from.

No, it's not the Lakes of IIT, those large areas, like Bagel Field, 33rd and Wabash, and the tracks north of the student center, where water seems to be attracted every time it rains. No, the pools of water which appeared early last week were not outside at all. They were inside the McCormick Student Village, near the Rooms Coordinator's office and the entrance to Graduate Hall.

Though many MSV students have grown accustomed to the plastic trash cans in the McCormick Lounge each time it rains, snows, or the wind blows really hard, the site of "Water Floor" signs and numerous buckets at the Grad entrance near the front desk were a surprise to most.

With warm weather threatening a quick approach to the Chicago area one day and the cold of late winter returning the next, prepping the MSV for air conditioning began last week. As the HVAC system in the dorms relies on the use of cooling towers (large vessels which help cool water used to, in turn, cool the air), the Housing Department began the process of cleaning and filling the rooftop tower of the MSV as they do each spring as soon as the weather permits. These towers are not used during the winter months, for obvious reasons, as the heating system for the residence halls makes use of large boilers producing steam, like most of the Main Campus. However, while the cooling tower preparations were under way, a water line somewhere in the infrastructure of the MSV above the ceiling of the first floor apparently ruptured, resulting in the leaks evident in many places on the south end of the building. The large puddles in the entrance way to Grad and the small closet adjacent to it as well as a considerable amount of water in the floor of the Rooms Coordinator's office resulted.

Unlike the perpetual leaks in the McCormick Lounge, which are reportedly due to ventilation ducts constantly in use, the current situation occurred at a fortunate time, if it had to occur at all. According to Associate Director of Housing Anne Marquardt, the effects of this problem could have been much worse if warmer weather had already been upon us. As the cooling towers are essential to air conditioning function, this could have forced the system off, and in times of 80 to 90 degree weather this could have been catastrophic for residents.

Marquardt also said that while the situation is ongoing and repairs are still pending, an investigation is under way to find solutions to the problem. She stated that the fortunate timing of the rupture should allow sufficient time to fix the problem and have the air conditioning system ready for use once the heat of early summer comes.
Greek Week 2003

Annie Ranttila, TechNews Writer

Breaking and entering, explosive vomiting, dirty, mussy people and a whole lot of fun. A scene from the latest Guy Ritchie flick? Perhaps, but more importantly, a brief synopsis of IIT's annual Greek Week. This year proved to be no different than those past.

It all started on Sunday night with the hanging of banners, the emergence of theme t-shirts, and the most anticipated of the evening, the house skits. As usual, some were funny, some were offensive, and some just made you say "what...?" The Triangle Fraternity won with their views on studying at the house. After the skits were over, the non-Greek Council sanctioned activities commenced. On Sunday night, the Alpha Sigma Alphas were successful in "entering" the Pi Kappa Phi house. Proudly displayed on Monday morning in the second floor windows, the ASA's immediately became targets on the quad.

As the week progressed, each day had a different theme, including Gluttony Day, Blood Day, Cart Day and Egg Day. Events pushed challenges to their extreme physical limits. Chugging half a gallon of milk, marching five sliders each, and grabbing marbles out of an giant pot of mud were some of the more hardcore events. The tug of war, cart race, 8-man race, bed race, leg tunnel, and egg toss were some of the more traditional options. All events had their perks. The Delta flamers (literally, not metal) ballouts for upcoming elections were also decided. X was then considered whether to appoint subcommittees for activities such as Leadership Day and Pride Day. Since whole committees, instead of just one student plan most school activities.

This, among other ideas, would definitely be looked into for the fall.

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Lunch With An Alum: Chuck Jones

The Illinois Institute of Technology's Alumni Association held its second "Lunch With An Alum" event of the semester on March 18, featuring Charles M. Jones, an adjunct professor at the Stuart School of Business, and the president of Decision Sciences, Inc. The lunch began at 12:30 pm in the HUB Alumni Lounge. "Chuck," as he is casually addressed, is an alumnus from the undergraduate class of 1964. He is closely involved with his alma mater in a myriad of other ways, volunteering in the Alumni Association's e-Mentoring, Campus Connections and Mock Interview programs.

Brian Bosak, the Assistant Director for Alumni Relations at Illinois Tech, made some announcements regarding the Alumni Association, and briefly introduced Jones to the audience before inviting them to settle down with their food for a few minutes in anticipation of Jones' talk. While most of the "Lunch with Alum" events in recent times have been pizza 'n pop affairs, this time around the Alumni Association booked the Alumni Lounge in the HUB, and had the lunch catered by the Sodexo campus food service as a formal meal.

Jones started his talk by narrating a humorous anecdote about the power of imagination, and proceeded to talk about his childhood and the decisions that shaped his life thus far. He said that when he was in grammar school, he took a test, the results of which indicated that he should tend towards math and science and avoid language and liberal arts, his first hint as to which path he should take. At about age 14, he graduated grammar school and had to choose between two types of high schools: college preparatory and technical. He said that he had been "infringed" with the ambition of going to college, and therefore selected the former option.

Around the age of 17, he graduated from high school and "had another decision to make." He chose between the University of Illinois and Illinois Tech, having been accepted by both institutions. He chose Illinois Tech, and recalled that he made the decision because Illinois Tech was "close to home," and because of the combination of high-caliber teachers and an academic climate for class sizes. Another choice he had to make was whether to live in the fraternities or in the dorms, and he ended up choosing a fraternity to make up for his lack of older siblings. He decided to major in mechanical engineering, since that was easier to "visualize" mechanical processes.

At the age of 19, in his junior year, he joined the co-op education program, and became a co-op student at International Harvester, which was a bigger company back then. Around that time he also established a "master plan" for his life: to become the president of a large corporation. He decided that to accomplish this goal, he needed experience in engineering, manufacturing, marketing, management, and finance. At International Harvester, Jones said that he worked in the engineering department, and thus was able to gain some of the prerequisites for his goal.

He graduated with a mechanical engineering Bachelor's degree, and commenced working for International Harvester. He recalls that, prior to graduation, the company needed replacements for its near-retirement management staff, and decided to start a management training program for manufacturing. He entered the manufacturing management training program with some of his fellow co-op student employees, and learned various aspects of manufacturing and management.

At the age of 23, he made the decision to continue his education. He said that he accepted an admission to Northwestern University's MBA program, since he perceived Illinois Tech's MBA program to be less than fully developed at that time. At 26, after earning his MBA, he married and moved to California, where he found employment in the aerospace industry, working as a corporate planner for the corporate finance section of Hughes Tool Company, which then made helicopters. He was employed by the company on a project on troop movements in the Vietnam War.

Upon turning 30, Jones said that he decided to come back to Chicago, armed with experience in marketing, and started working in a computer time-sharing company. He had discovered in California that he enjoyed working with mathematical modeling and decision making, and found that courses on these topics were being taught in Illinois Tech's Department of Industrial Engineering. He worked out a deal with the head of the department to work in an assistantship in exchange for coverage of his tuition expenses and a stipend of 250 dollars a month, and proceeded to earn his Master's degree in 1973. In 1976, he got his PhD in Industrial Systems Engineering, and took up an offer of a teaching position from the University of Alaska. He said they paid well, and he wanted to see "the last frontier." He taught there as a professor of the Engineering Management Program until he was 40, and was also an Operations Research Analyst for the Alaska Department of Transportation.

By then, he felt that he had all the prerequisites he needed for his goal, so he decided to start his own company. He incorporated his company, Decision Sciences, Inc., and found his niche in vehicle routing applications, his primary clients being companies or organizations that operate fleets of vehicles. His company developed algorithms to route these vehicles in the most efficient manner. He talked about how he sometimes does joint ventures with other companies, citing Motorola as an example of one such company. Now, at the age of 51, he has his own office, and is enjoying it, and is also part-time as an adjunct professor at Illinois Tech's Stuart School of Business, where he teaches scheduling.

Jones then talked for a while about the various paths in life taken by some of his colleagues and friends. He said that "young folks now have...multiple objectives," and advised in favor of maximizing both enjoyment as well as income, within the constraints of one's personal abilities and interests. He said that one of the best things he did at Illinois Tech was to join the co-op education program, since it gave him money as well as experience while he was in school, and advised the students in the audience to "think out." He noted that nowadays, graduate students can get co-ops too, which was not the case during his college years. He proceeded to give out some limits for survival in a slumping economy, such as earning another degree to increase one's value in the eyes of employers seeing the economy improves. His closing thought was, "Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional." He wished every one good luck, and returned to his seat to the sound of strong applause from the audience.

Bosak appended Jones' talk with a few comments about the resources of the Alumni Association and their programs and website. He also spoke about the activities for alumni and students through the Alumni Association. Jones then took a few minutes to entertain questions from some audience members regarding his work and his company, after which everyone settled down to lunch.

More information about the Alumni Association's "Lunch with Alum" program may be found at http://www.iit.edu/alumni/events/lunch.html
Features

Inside the BUTT - Part 2

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TechNews Writer

Continuing with our look at the new McCormick Tribune Campus Center, this week we will look at the western side of the building. While last week's tour covered many of the food service and other service areas of the building, parts of the western side will see new uses if not more use by the IIT community as a whole.

Beginning with the northwest corner of the building, the entrance originally pegged as the primary gateway into the building sits facing Engineering 1 and Alumni Memorial Buildings. Within about 15 feet of State Street, many now feel that, while this entrance will be quite busy with traffic going to and from the classroom buildings and western side of campus, most residents will prefer to use the eastern or southern entrances of the building. However, as it is the primary outlet to State Street and has a good view of campus, it is a great place to spot for visitors; a welcoming visitor center will sit just inside this entrance. To be staffed and supplied to help navigate visitors and other guests to various points on campus, as well as display some of the highlights of IIT today and in the past, the welcome center will be further bring the center of campus into the campus center. With the university club entrance close by and access to the conference rooms to the south, many of the administrative, visitor, and meeting place functions of the campus center will originate here.

Directly to the south of the entrance to the center will be the main walkway through the campus center is the new WIIT radio studio. Designed by IIT students in an IPMO, the WIIT studio will feature state of the art equipment as well as a clear glass enclosure, allowing passers-by to see and possible interact with the DJs while they are on the air. This will also bring WIIT closer to the student body, moving it from its current location in Main Building.

Proceeding south, the executive conference room and rooms in a named but as yet to be announced suite. Consisting of the entire southwest corner of the building, the now-visible western wall is entirely glass clear, with much smaller than its HUB counterpart, is the new ballroom. While a band on the floors may be an adventure, fitting more than 200 people in it is even more so.

The most exciting part of this three-room suite is the southern-most room. With seats for as many as 160, the student center auditorium will feature a digital theater, complete with state of the art sound and display. Providing the ability to show digitally recorded movies such as DVDs, instead of the film ones now shown in the HUB, the digital theater will greatly improve the movie going experience on-campus. Though visible at an angle from the street and possibly, though not very clearly, from the new residence halls across 33rd Street, the stadium-like seating and very high-end audio and video will no doubt be a very popular addition to the student center, provided proper use and implementation.

Next week, we will wrap up the main points of our tour with a look at the new office spaces and remainder of the service areas of the building, perhaps the biggest changes to the way student/administrative relations are maintained here. As we will see, much has gone into making the student center the center of almost all student activity (classes excepted), so much so that there isn't much you won’t be able to do in the new building, aside from sleeping.

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much school pride we have! It is a true event and, as the programer for Pride Day, I am inviting all students to participate. Please note that the date has changed. We will be having flower planting, HUB window painting contests for the best student organization that will receive a plaque, Morton Park cleanup, bench painting, and tree planting. Features include Whipple's awesome mural displays and Interarsity Christian Fellowship's yummy root beer floats. This is also your chance to meet the orientation counselors that will be leading our incoming students this fall. Everyone is welcome, come one, come all and show those other universities what we're really made of. If you would like to participate in Pride Day, feel free to email me at bhatiaa@iit.edu. We will be holding a Pride Day meeting every Wednesday at noon in the HUB Student Organization Center. Once again, please make a note about the date change, and thanks for reading!
Dear Sex Tech,

I have heard that there is a link between going blind and masturbation. Is this true, if so, how many times a day is safe?

Sincerely,
Chased Re Chicago

Dear Chased,

I'm sorry, but I must debunk the old wives' tale that masturbation leads directly to blindness. The only thing about how many times you masturbate that will make you go blind is the number of hours upon hours you spend staring at your eyes, watching pornography that you get off the Internet. Seventeen hours a day staring at a computer screen is very bad for your eyes, but just think of what it does for your chances of ever having a real girl. Imagine your utopia where there would be no need for any more of those "Virtual Jenny Jameson" videos. But, not fulfilling your own sexual needs cannot directly make you blind, that is a myth, much like the female orgasm and the male g-spot. So, in response to your second question, you can masturbate as many times a day as your stead can be bucked. If any pain should arise, please cease and desist. Each person has a unique number of times per day that masturbation is appropriate, so make sure that you go out there and find yours!

IIT's Sex Tech

Dear Sex Tech,

What is a yeast infection, and how does one get it?

Thank you.
Gonzoe About Yeast

Dear Gonzoe,

First of all, a yeast infection is not a sexually transmitted disease. A yeast infection is when there is an overgrowth of yeast, usually occurring in the vagina. Candida albicans is the most common form of yeast that causes a yeast infection. Overgrowth can be caused by a warm, moist environment, such as that created by tight clothes, tight situations or pantyhose with no cotton panties. So, one piece of advice I can give is to try to keep your vagina dry and open. The less restricted it is, the less chance that the environment will be susceptible to a yeast infection. But be careful, the more open your vagina is, the more careful you have to be as to not let in intruders that may change the vaginal environment. Substances like chlorine in swimming pools, nylon underwear, douching and even scented toilet paper can change the vaginal environment. These things can make you more susceptible to a yeast infection, so be careful as to what you put in your vaginal. Another cause may be visiting Canada, as the name of the bacteria indicates, scientists are currently trying to prove this link. The symptoms of a yeast infection include a swollen and red vagina that burns and itches. You may experience a thick, white discharge that clings to the sides of your vagina. This will look a lot like cottage cheese. Please, do not try to eat this. It will not bake in bread nor should you eat this with a side of fruit. Human cheese is not edible.

IIT's Sex Tech

Please send all questions to IITaskSex@hotmai com! Thank you for reading, and please submit your own question about love, sex, or relationships.

Advice is for entertainment purposes only, adhere to it at your own peril.

Nathan Stilt

'Still good, interesting about a guy in a phone booth on 53rd and 8th?'

Matt Walker

Editor-in-Chief

Held without release for two years and then delayed last fall because of the Beltway sniper, "Phone Booth," starring Colin Farrell, is a singular story packed into a well-paced 80-minute film. Farrell plays an ethics-free public relations consultant trapped in New York City's last phone booth by a morally-enforced vigilante (Kiefer Sutherland) with a high-powered sniper rifle (think "Seven" meets Andy Warhol if reality TV was atonnable).

Interestingly, much of the premise - in fact almost all of it - was presented in the movie's advertising. "Phone Booth"'s publicists (probably reeling with self-consciousness unable to stop comparing themselves to "Stu" purposefully made sure everyone knew just exactly why it was possible somebody actually could get caught dead in a phone booth in 2003. You are told the phone booth is the last one in town, is slated for removal, and that Stu uses it to hide calling his girlfriend from his wife. They install much plot development into a short running time. Farrell, while not one of the better known actors, is very good at his craft. He's been in a few notable films, such as "Master and Commander," but this is the first time he's been given the lead in a major studio film. His performance is solid, and he manages to keep the audience on the edge of their seats throughout the film.

The film's attention is compellingly portrayed by the viewer. Farrell's relatable acting adds the suspense necessary for the movie's premise to be entertaining.

Kiefer Sutherland'sgranulated voice plays a sufficiently evil foil to Farrell's anti-hero protagonist and rounds out the main cast of characters. The movie has a few scenes that are particularly disturbing and make the viewer wonder if they are having a good time or not. The film is a good example of a contemporary classic.

THWACK! DO YOU ACCEPT THIS PREMISE?! NOW WATCH THE MOVIE!

And of course, so you should.

The "show all your card" strategy permeates the script as well. The filmmakers are too concerned with keeping the now-anonymous phone booth within the grasp of today's cell phone user. Is it possible that this just happens in the last phone booth in the city of New York right before it is scheduled to come down? Of course, the Beltway snipers' rampage, September 11th, and Mayor Daley all prove that the public domain in America has, and will be the stage for terror.

COAD YELLOW!

The cast is smartly assembled of then-somewhat, but now-very famous actors. Forrest Whitaker plays the likable first-cop-on-the-scene whose entertaining double-endeared-vedd interactions with Farrell are unfortunately tempered by a pointless "this is MY jurisdiction now" subplot with another cop. Whitaker does bare a "six-de-
It's Only Getting Worse for All of Us

Movie Review: A Man Apart

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TechNews Writer

If you hoped for a story-driven, believably written movie with good dialogue, something to give Vin Diesel to act, you will be greatly disappointed with "A Man Apart," the newly released Diesel action-drama film. The movie trailer and interviews tried to convey this story as a deep, strongly-acted film with a sensitive side. The writers, however, seem to have watched a bundle of action films to write the script, and the direction and editing are mediocre to say the least.

Diesel plays the DEA agent Sean Vetter, who along with some other narcotic cops, bring down a vicious Mexican Drug lord known as Guillermo "Memo" Lucero (played by Geno Silva). As expected after the mission, Sean asks permission to spend some days with his wife, and then we know what is going to happen next. The new sheriff in the Mexican drug industry known as "Diablo" orders an attack on Vetter, which ends up with the death of his wife. In his thirst for revenge, he goes to meet Memo in prison, blaming him for the death, when he comes to know of Diablo. Then a voice over which goes something like, "You can't catch a monster as a cop, you need to be a monster as well," tells you what the whole movie is about.

As expected, Sean turns into a nasty, unantilious cop, who along with his best buddy and partner, Demetrius Hicks (Larenz Tate), fights his way up the drug industry to get to Diablo. The movie then turns into a sequence of action shots, filmed at different parts of L.A. with a story thrown in. If the story was not bad enough, the shooting and editing of action sequences is anything but mediocre. His behavior certainly suggest clearly that Sean's living on the edge, but his teammates have no clue about it even though it leads to a horrible shoot-out at a bar, leading to death of DEA agents and several bad guys. It does not matter whether you slim or not, what matters is you go boom-boom-boom. The score for the film is even worse than the other elements. It fails to convey any emotions, and you wish the film was over before it is even half way there. If, through this film, Vin Diesel was trying to prove that he is not only an action hero, but can do some in-depth roles, then he choose the wrong flick. Even if he is trying, then he is just trying too hard. If "Fast and the Furious" was good, and "XXX" bearable, than "A Man Apart" is horrible, due mainly to poor screening and dialogues. Diesel looks good enough in the action sequences, but expecting him to cry, take his wife's head in his hands and call 911 is just too much. Added to that, he does not seem to enjoy any sense of humor or get any jokes from Hollywood. Jack Slovton (Timothy Olyphant) who adds some fun in an otherwise senseless film. One person who has performed a better job than his previous films is Larenz Tate (Biker Boyz), as he delivers a good solid performance as Vetter's less volatile friend.

In the end, "A Man Apart" lacks logic, and in many places it is totally stupid. You would wish that it had never been taken off the shelf, where it was since 2001. I'll stand by the line from the movie itself, "It's only getting worse for all of us," if Vin Diesel continues to take such scripts.

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Five days in Florida, eight games played.

The ITT Scarlet Hawks took flight with optimism for their spring trip, and were quickly grounded. The trip started on Sunday, March 16th with a 4-3 loss to Avila University. The next day saw the Hawks split a doubleheader with Midland Lutheran, losing the first game 12-0, and taking the second 8-3. Tuesday saw a 12-0 route of Fisher College, propelling the team for a big challenge over the two days following a Wednesday break. Thursday brought a second doubleheader against the nationally ranked University of Rio Grande. The Hawks reigned tough in both games, with Tuesday falling short 9-6 and 6-5. Ending Thursday on a down note didn't help any as Friday held yet another doubleheader against nationally ranked Mount Vernon Nazarene University. The Hawks fell twice again, 10-0 in the first game, and 8-4 in the second. Returning from the spring trip with an overall record of 2-6, Coach Detrich explained that the players were not swinging their bats the way they wanted to. He also pointed out that four of the six losses came against nationally ranked teams, three games of which the team held strong in. This optimistic view seems to have held true since the beginning of conference play after returning from the spring trip.

Tuesday, March 25th brought the Hawks their first conference game, against Colonel College. The Hawks took the game handily, 5-2. Thursday of the same week, the Hawks met a tough challenge in Trinity Christian, dropping the game, 9-8. The next several scheduled games lost to the weather, with a game against Dominican being cancelled, and a doubleheader with Iudson College being postponed until April 21st. Play resumed again on March 31st against Purdue North Central, a game that ended in a 3-3 tie after ten innings, being called due to darkness. This game being postponed until April 29th, the Hawks’ next scheduled meeting with Trinity.

The Hawks face another loaded weekend upcoming, playing four games. Tuesday and Thursday find the Hawks playing away from home, first at the University of St. Francis, and next at St. Xavier University. Friday and Saturday, the Hawks return home to face Dominican and Purdue North Central, which will be a doubleheader of sorts, the first game of the day being the resumed game 10th inning tie from earlier in the season. The Hawks currently have a conference record of 3-11, with the tie to be resolved. Should all go well this week, the Hawks could be sitting pretty in the conference with a best possible record of 8-1. This is of course, if pitching stays consistently good, and the Hawks come out swinging the way that the 12-0 win over Concordia show that they can.

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