Einstein Lecture Comes to IIT

Illinois Tech Professor Leon Lederman, Board Chairman Robert Pritzker Lead Roundtable

By Christopher Berenfeld

On Thursday, November 20, the Illinois Institute of Technology hosted a symposium titled "Einstein’s Work and Its Impact on Engineering" in association with the traveling "Einstein" exhibition that is currently on view at the Field Museum. The symposium was held in the McCloak Auditorium in the MTCC, while not completely full, it was pretty well attended by a mixture of students, professors, and the public. President Lew Collins welcomed everyone to go and welcomed everyone to go.

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Dear editor,

For the past few months I have been reflecting on and praying over the decision to move on from my position as a campus minister for the Archdiocese of Chicago. I have been blessed with a position — and now my next assignment is in Texas and Belize.

This is not a decision I have made lightly or carelessly. My entire life has been dedicated to working with and ministering to those who are poor, forgotten and neglected.

It is with a heavy heart that I write you this letter, but I believe it is a step of faith, and by faith I am hopeful.

It is not uncommon for people to look back on their time in the clergy and marvel at the strength and courage they did not realize they had. It is difficult to understand how the millions of dollars and years spent in seminary can be so inadequate in preparing one for the kind of ministry that is required.

In the end, I have decided that it is time to move on. My life is dedicated to serving the poor, the forgotten and the neglected. I have spent the past ten years in a position that has allowed me to do this work. But now it is time to move on to a new position that will allow me to continue doing this work.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you and your community, and I hope you will continue to be a part of my life.

Sincerely,

[Name]

Editor, The Tech

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Union Board would also like to thank all those who attended turning the concert into the success it was.

You Want It? UB Does It!
32 U.S. students named Rhodes Scholars for 2004

The newest class of Rhodes Scholars includes a female former wing commander who led 4,000 cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy, a political science major who has worked with refugees in the Balkans and Afghanistan, and a national Frisbee champion who was a contributing scientist on a NASA Mars mission. The U.S. Military Academy, Stanford University, Boston College, Williams College and Washington University can each boast of two. The winners were selected from 963 applicants endorsed by 566 colleges and universities to attend the University of Oxford in England starting next October. The selection process provides for two or three years of study. Rhodes Scholarships were created in 1902 by the will of British philanthropist Cecil Rhodes. Winners are selected on the basis of high academic achievement, personal integrity, leadership potential and physical vigor, among other attributes.

Meteor Seen as Causing Extinctions on Earth

About three dozen miniature shards of rock unearthed in Antarctica may be the fragments of a meteor that killed most life on Earth 250 million years ago, scientists are reporting today. The shards bolster theories that meteors caused several major extinctions. Scientists generally agree that the most recent major mass extinction, 65 million years ago, which killed off the dinosaurs, was caused when a meteor struck near the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico. The extinction 250 million years ago, in a period known as the Permian-Triassic boundary, was the largest of all. About 90 percent of species disappeared. At present, the primary suspected cause for the Permian-Triassic extinction is giant eruptions in Siberia, which might have induced cataclysmic ecological changes.

Israeli researchers use DNA to create self-assembling nanoscale transistors

A nanoscale transistor that self-assembles instead of having to be painstakingly put together molecule by molecule has been developed with DNA proteins by scientists from the Technion/Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa. Researcher Erez Braun and colleagues at the Technion have demonstrated its feasibility in the lab. Braun, of the Technion's physics faculty, said science has been intrigued with the idea of using biology to build electronic transistors that assemble without human manipulation. Creating working electronics from self-assembling carbon nanotube transistors is still in the future, says Braun.

Students assemble supercomputer

On Virginia Tech's campus, 1,100 Macintosh PCs are stacked like library books on metal racks that students helped arrange in order for football tickets and pizza. Virginia Tech's Big Mac, as the students have begun calling it, is now ranked as the world's third-largest supercomputer. About 90 percent of species disappeared. At present, the primary suspected cause for the Permian-Triassic extinction is giant eruptions in Siberia, which might have induced cataclysmic ecological changes.

Intel's Montecito Chip to Run Multiple Applications

Intel Corporation said on Thursday that its Itanium 2 microprocessor due in 2005 and code-named "Montecito" will have four times more storage capacity than its predecessor and will be able to run several applications at once. Existing Itanium chips have 6 megabytes cache and are able to run several applications at once. Existing Itanium chips have 6 megabytes cache and are not capable of multi-threading, in which multiple applications can be run simultaneously with no degradation to performance. The Itanium chips crunch 64 bits of data at a time compared with the 32 bits at a time processed by Intel’s Pentium and Xeon servers. There are about 1,000 software applications optimized to run on Itanium 2.

Wireless Networks Gain Spectrum

The Federal Communications Commission set aside a new slice of airwaves yesterday for wireless Internet users, a move the agency said was designed to encourage the spread of high-speed data access in rural and other underserved areas. The action is the latest in the FCC’s effort to find new high-frequency spectrum for devices that allow people to access the Internet over wireless connections, often referred to as Wi-Fi networks. The nascent technology could have a particularly great impact in rural areas where telephone and cable lines have yet to be upgraded to carry high-speed Internet services.

Attacks on convoys kill 3 U.S. troops

Troops who defended the 10th Airborne Division were killed Sunday when their convoy came under attack by small-arms fire in the northern town of Mosul, according to a U.S. Army spokesman. Witnesses told CNN the soldiers were shot and wounded while riding in a civilian vehicle. The soldiers, according to local media, were from the 10th Airborne's 324th Combat Support Hospital and were working in a local hospital that takes care of civilians and soldiers wounded in the conflict.

Stephen King Awarded National Book Foundation Award

The National Book Foundation has awarded its most prestigious writing prize to American author Stephen King. Not everyone in New York's literary community agreed that the best-selling writer of horror stories deserved the honor. Stephen King, the prolific author of more than 50 books including The Shining, Carrie, and Salem's Lot, was honored with the National Book Foundation's 2003 Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters. The same award has been bestowed upon some of the greatest literary talents in American history, including Arthur Miller, Saul Bellow, and Toni Morrison, leading some critics to object to placing Mr. King in the same category.

ACM CyberFest

By Sohan D’Souza

Saturday, November 15th, the Illinois Tech Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) premiered its prototype CyberFest—a day of computer-based fun and games. Featuring free-for-all network games, Robot Wars, CompTrivia and a multiplayer FPS tournament, this was a day dedicated to the computer geeks in all of us.

Held in Siegel Hall 237 from 12pm to 9pm, attendees were given plenty of cold beverages, and free rips over these machines, to play net-work games with each other, including Counter Strike, ArmedHold, Hellbender and Halo. Overall, about 24 adrenalin-seekers showed up at the event, including several Camras prospectors. Pro-fessor Francisco Ruiz, an ardent gaming fan from the MME department, also graced CyberFest with his attendance.

The prizes for the games were sponsored by Microsoft and included Office software, Vix-al C#.NET books, MSDNAA/VS.net back-packs, and the Microsoft game 'Freelancer'. For the other attendees, Microsoft provided boxes of Microsoft snip-nap "mints" as complimentary giveaways.

From 2 PM to 4 PM, Joseph Prokop, the ACM chapter’s President, ran the Robot Wars tournament. Robot Wars is a regular ACM event, the event for which was written by a former IIT student, Alex Kallend. Participants use a simple syntax to program virtual "bots", each capable of movement in the two dimensional arena and of sensing the environment around it with a radio and a camera and a timed missile launcher.

The objective is to destroy other partici-pants’ bots, while avoiding getting shot, being rammed, or colliding with the walls of the arena and other bots. 13 participants entered bots into the contest, and after multiple rounds of virtual mayhem were run on a computer, three partici-pants with the highest survival count were de-clared the winners. First place went to Chance Yohman, second place to Michael Shimeev, and third place to Velslav Bubiatchev.

The next event was a multiplayer tourna ment, with 10 participants. Halo was the chosen battlefield. First prize for the Halo Tournament went to Chance Yohman, second prize went to Christopher Meyers, and third prize went to David Tucci.

Finally, the highlight of the day began at a little after 8 PM: CompTrivia, the game show created to test participants’ general knowledge about the world of computers. The questions for this game covered trivia over many topics, in-cluding hardware, software, gaming, industry, history, and computer world celebrities. Eight contestants, including one Camras prospect, took part in the contest, hosted by quizmaster Sohan D’Souza.

More than 120 questions were cycled across the participants in three categories, each of which had "general", "computer" and "crosswords" sub-cate-gories. The first category was "Technology and Software". The next category was "History". The third, largest, and final category was "Gaming". The trivia game show elicited many light-spirited comments and jibes from among the con-testants, as they racked their brains to try and remember what some of them had studied, heard or seen before. By the end of the contest, the top scores were within inches of each other. The first place winner was, again, Chance Yohman, while the second and third places went to Joshua Haytrey and David Tucci respectively.
TechNews I PRO Survey Results are In

By Melissa Pros
TECHNEWS WRITER

In a world where IIT has an undergraduate to graduate student ratio of 100:0 this is a perfect survey. Leaving this minor detail aside, the results of the Tech News I PRO survey are in. A breakdown of the surveys by major is listed below (notice the shockingly high number of architecture students...seemingly related to the high number of females who took the survey).

Also learned through the survey was the number of times a month or semester that IIT students admit to reading Tech News. Of the people polled, only 6% refused to admit that they read Tech News. Still, that means that 94% are guilt free and admitting to reading the newspaper at least 2-3 times a semester (yes, I am pleased that I did not have to use my tech school calc skills to figure that out).

Some tidbits that will be hours old to the Tech News staff in pleading for SGA funds for printing is that 66% of people polled prefer a mixture of black & white and color printing. And a sad 22% prefer that the paper be only in black & white...

Of all the questions asked of the students on behalf of improving the newspaper, the most important one was pertaining to what section the students like best and which ones they would like to see featured in Tech News. The graph below shows the rankings of the sections for first, second and third favorite. Campus news was a definite favorite, placing well above the rest in the first choice category. Some other popular sections were Sex Tech (though it received very mixed reviews in the comments section) and Local News. Even the newly added Chicago and Arts and Entertainment sections fared well in the survey.

Lastly, the Beneficial Additions survey questions pulled in a lot of great suggestions (and a few, asinine, not so great ones). I think a lot of these are great, and will probably be highly considered as additions to the paper. Besides getting some much-needed statistical data for improving Tech News and aligning it more closely to the wants and desires of the students, this survey increased awareness of the paper itself and brought students to reflect upon their Tech News reading experience. Though both positive and negative, the comments that were made will be helpful, but my response to the comments is that anyone can write for Tech News. I feel that the people out there that have strong opinions about the paper should get out and write, take better pictures, help solicit better ads and bring their ideas to Tech News meetings (Thursday 9:30pm in Tech News office – MTCC). Besides the joy and sense of accomplishment, you can also get paid. But I’m sure the joy and accomplishment are enough.

On behalf of the Tech News I PRO Fall 2003, I would like to thank all of those who participated in the survey. If you didn’t and are just itching to be heard...be there Thursday nights.

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Skin Deep  
The Things That I've Been Going Through

By Kalaida Holmes

Remember about a month ago, I went on and on about how much I loved my hair that was at Max’s Co. and how beautiful it looked and how much I killed my battery and I had a fresh...
Siegfried, an opera by Richard Wagner, is currently performing at the Chicago Lyric Opera House. A group of 55 IIT students attended the performance on Friday, November 21, which was sponsored by Union Board and the SAF.

By sponsoring the event, it allowed many more students access to costly opera tickets, charging only $10.

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A Visit to the Theater Continued with Siegfried

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When a local metal band catches my eye, it is usually because of their sound, marketing tactics and sex appeal. And so, when Dysception was once proud of having the world’s ugliest album cover, I was elated. I got their demo since I was impressed by their amazing Metro gig that rocked the house. I was not roasted like a Thanksgiving chicken, and the performance was great; I just had to get the songs of the birds as well as a result of his difficult birth. Siegfried longs for his parents and be-

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Britney’s Back...Do We Care?

By Ana Bhattacharya

A week ago, I would never have considered listening to Britney Spears. For starters, the immature and schmaltzy style of her songs drove me nuts. I would have much preferred to listen to techno than to her pop tunes. But the truth is, I now have a great respect for the girl and her music.

A Visit to the Theater Continued with Siegfried

By Christopher Berenfeld

The libretto is mythologically based and occurs in a world where the inhabitants are striving to either obtain or maintain wealth and power, and struggles between the gods and earthly creatures. In act one the audience is introduced to Mime, who is a dwarf that raises Siegfried because his father was killed in a battle with Wotan. The opera concludes with a moving mountain top duel between Siegfried and Mime, which leaves the audience with a sense of love for each other. The performance, while on the long side—almost 5 hours with two intermissions, was absolutely spectacular.
Dear SexTech,

My question for you is this: How young is too young?

- disturbed in the dorms -

Dear Disturbed,

As everyone is already probably aware, earlier this week there was a warrant out for the arrest of Michael Jackson. And as some of us watched he slowly made his way into police custody and while this chase scene down the interstate was nowhere near as exciting as the O.J. Simpson ordeal the end result was Jacko in police custody. The charges against Jacko were indecent exposure and lewd actions with a minor also known as…child molestation.

In response to your question, the law sets the legal limit at 18, but everyone knows of or has at least one friend who partakes in the forbidden fruit of underage. Sometimes it may be a slight violation of the law and in that case the line seems to be a little blurry and very much grey. Once someone is over 18 then the age difference becomes largely academic although with large gaps between ages there are bound to be problems inherent to the maturity levels in the pair. Case in point would be Anna Nicole Smith and J. Howard Marshall, where the age difference was that of about 60 years. As always picking a partner usually means that both of you share common interests and values, which in different age groups, especially those that transcend generations, it becomes harder to reconcile those differences as one person may want to go out all the time while the other is ready to settle down.

In the end no law can really settle matters of the heart and so for some it may be that you truly are as young as you feel in your heart. But in the case of Jacko with his current standing of a seeming “old enough to pee, old enough for me” the law may decide his romantic fate. On the flip side maybe he truly is just a really eccentric millionaire who loves children in a plutonic way. However, in the name of vigilant perverts everywhere I will be on the lookout for the “real killers” and this guy near minors.

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This Week in History

November 24 - Cycle Coleman of NYC patents automobile electric starter in 1903. In 1966, 400 die of respiratory failure & heart attack in killer NYC smog
November 25 - John & Mayenberg of St Louis patents evaporated milk in 1884. American Airlines DC-10 crashes on takeoff from Chicago, kills 275 in 1978
November 26 - 1st large indoor football game, U of Chicago beats U of Michigan 7-6 in 1899; A A. Stagg of U Chicago creates the football huddle the same year
November 27 - Uncertainty seals Hulk Hogan to become new WWF champ in 1999. On this day in 1997, Army withdraws from Little Rock AR, after Central US integration
November 28 - "Hollywood Cassidy" premieres on TV in 1948. South African Airways Boeing 747 crashes into Indian Ocean, 199 die in 1987
November 29 - Chicago Bulls beat Detroit in 1st NBA game broadcast nationally in 1934. In 1947, UN/Gen Assembly partitions Palestine between Arabs & Jews
November 30 - 1st indoor softball game (Chicagoland) in 1887. Chicago. in 1886, begins work on 1st US underwater highway tunnel

How can you start being a coder?
Programming is so-called... analytical...

Weather Forecast provided by weather.com

Movies Coming Out This Week
Bad Santa - Billy Bob Thornton (R)
The Haunted Mansion - Emily Blunt (PG)
The Missing - Stéphane Bliezy (R)
Timeline - Paul Walker (PG-13)

Top Box Office (11/23/03)
1. Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat
2. Gothika
3. Elf
5. Love Actually
6. The Matrix Revolutions
7. Brother Bear
8. Looney Tunes: Back in Action
9. Scary Movie 3

Celebrity Quote of the Week
"Wise men talk because they have something to say. Fools talk because they have to say something." - Plato
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What's On TV This Week

Oh this week's One Tree Hill (WB, Tuesday 9c)
Lucas (Chad Michael Murray) has to choos between Brooke (Sophia Bush) and Peyton (Hilarie Burton). Peyton goes to Lucas to rekindle their relationship, but when she arrives at his house, she catches him with Brooke. The last episode left everyone waiting for Lucas to make a decision between the two best friends.
The show is based on two young men, Lucas and Nathan (James Lafferty) with the same father from two different sides of town, who by some of twist of fate end up on the same basketball team. The show heats up as love triangles evolve and the teens face-off. Visit http://www.onetreehill.com/ or TheWB.com to learn about the cast and the show.

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Stupid Quotes from Famous Folk

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RIDDLE

What state is surrounded by the most water?

MAZE

DOUBLE PUZZLE

Tupac Shakur raised in Austin

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The Effort Is There, The Win Is Not

By Jonathon Murawski

Although athletics is not synonymous with IIT, the girl’s basketball program has made vast improvements over the last few years, regardless of their current record, due largely to the head coach Annie Basic’s coaching strategies. This was clearly visible last Tuesday, when the Lady Hawks matched up against an undefeated Moody Bible Institute. With an energetic Coach Basic on the sideline, she could only watch as the Hawks lost and regained the lead several times, especially in the second half.

A clutch three-pointer by lead scorer freshman Angie Brown re-energized the Hawks with less than two minutes to go, but Moody’s 6’-1” center was too powerful for the Hawks’ defense. Two free throws capped Moody’s third straight win, and the Hawk’s fourth loss. Rebounding was a key flaw, especially on the offensive end and late in the game. With only nine players on the starting roster, hustle was surprisingly abundant as well as dribbling for loose balls. Although the Lady Hawks did get huge defensive stops late in the second half, sloppy passing resulted on the offensive end resulting in a frustrated Coach Basic and a third straight loss. In spite of the outcome, the team took a 180-degree turn around from the last few seasons. Stringing a few wins together is not impossible nor is it improbable for the Lady Hawks; it is just a matter of time. Congratulations on the great effort, and good luck the rest of the season!

Stats as of Nov. 17, 2003:

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