MSV Battles Through “Clash of the Halls”

By Vaibhav Agrawal
TECHNEWS WRITER

“Clash of the Halls” week at IIT proved to be an improving success. In comparison to last year’s event when three of the five events were cancelled due to poor turnout, this year’s participation was astounding. This is only the second time that “Clash of the Halls” has ever been attempted at IIT and the event is showing promising success. The turnout each night proved to be satisfactory with students of East, South, North, Fowler, Lewis, SSV South, and Alpha Sigma Phi participating in the events. Several halls participated, but East Hall proved to be the winners of the event.

“This week was an extreme success,” commented Suruchi Thakore, the programming chair of RHA and the head of the “Clash of the Halls.” “We had an amazing turnout at all of the events, free food, and a lot of prizes. I have to admit that I was a little worried at first, but IIT proved me wrong. Congrats East!”

The schedule for the week was full of fun and exciting events. Monday was the day of the Obstacle Course. The event consisted of five races, in which the participants played golf around some cones, passed a hula hoop around a circle, played Frisbee golf, ran with a spoon in their mouth, while balancing a ball at the end, and had fun during the exciting t-shirt race. Two teams participated in the event: a team of five players from South and another team of five players from East. Overall, approximately 20 spectators were present. Ultimately, South won three of the five races, emerged victorious, and each member got to take home a $10 gift certificate to Best Buy.

Tuesday night’s highlight was the game show and free food. The fun included doing sit-ups, jello eating, and some trivia. The winner was decided by the final question and East emerged as the winners of this event.

Wednesday was the first general meeting of RHA. The members of the executive board were introduced and upcoming events were introduced. The attraction of free pizza brought in a large crowd, many of whom stuck around to watch Van Wilder. The Beach Volleyball tournament took place on Thursday successfully brought in the biggest crowd of the week. There were five games of six participating, but South emerged as the winners of the tournament. Free food brought in a lot of sideline cheering and made the entire event very enjoyable. The prize for the winners was movie tickets to Lowes.

The 60 second Talent Show on Friday shied the spotlight on some of the talent present among IIT students. Students displayed their skills by singing, playing the guitar, making jokes, juggling, and dancing, and many other ways. The winning halls included Fowler, South, and East.

Considering that this was the first time that the “Clash of the Halls” actually worked out, the event worked out well. Plenty of freshmen got a sense of school spirit and upper classmen enjoyed the opportunity to kick back and just relax. The week provided some friendly competition, free food, and a good chance to meet new people. East Hall was declared the winner of this year’s “Clash of the Halls” and will be having the winner’s pizza party.

New E-mail, New Network, New Problems?

By Jeffery Clark
WEB EDITOR

Last spring CNS announced plans to transition to a new e-mail server and to introduce wireless and gigabit LANs to the campus. Not all of these plans have been implemented.

“The e-mail server switch and the transition of the webmail from Critical Path to IPlanet, went well,” said Hakan Oyewole, manager of system services. Users are already enjoying several of the new features such as web-based calendars and personal filtering options. Another expected change that, so far, is not completed are the wireless and gigabit LAN projects. While SSV has the capability, and is already using gigabit LAN, MSV and the Quad have not been upgraded yet. Both the MSV and the SSV do not yet have Wi-Fi access, due to the necessity to discuss with the Housing department what needs to be done in order to provide access to the building, although wireless in the graduate apartments is completed and operational.

There were also two unexpected changes over the summer, the new DHCP system and the new campus phone plan. The new Registered DHCP system replaces the old static IP system in place last year. Added efficiency in managing the limited number of IP Addresses that IIT has and more security were the driving reasons for the change. The reason for the new phone provider is that AT&T’s ACUS service dropped IIT as a client as it was leaving the rebellious business. This opened the door for Telecommunications to bring in a local business, that offers more plan choices, and discounts compared to the locked per minute charge of ACUS. While there have been bugs with both of these new systems such as the DHCP registration page only accepting @iit.edu e-mails and locking out Vanderscoot, Stuart, and Kent Law students; and older operating systems such as Windows 98 and ME not working properly with DHCP, the problems are rapidly being solved.

The biggest complaint among students is the speed of the campus network and the lack of communication from the Office of Technology Services (OTS). While the lack of communication is a problem there are currently plans to make OTS information more available to students. The network speeds however, are the responsibility of the students. All the viruses and the constant file-sharing that goes on is what makes the campus network so slow. Students, Staff, and Faculty alike must take the responsibility to make sure their computers are virus-free and keep them current with patches and software fixes. Students must also be more considerate of the other users, and regulate their bandwidth usage.

Other universities, such as UIC, charge students for bandwidth. OTS has no plans to do this at IIT, but discourages abusing the privilege of the “open network” policy and to be courteous of the other network users. OTS is “here to provide the best service possible to students,” says Oyewole, but students must also report problems to OTS. OTS is always willing to take complaints and work towards an acceptable solution. The best way to file a complaint is to call the OTS Support Desk at (312)567-3375 or 7-DESK.
We Will Always Remember

By Richard Duncan

Managing Editor

A

school, sitting in class. An

awiring the telephones at the

local exchange office. Clean-

ing the house, listening to the radio.

For years and years growing up I

heard the stories. From my parents

and grandparents to other ac-

quaintances, everyone knew where

they were and what they were doing when they heard the news. The Presi-

dent had been shot. John Fitzgerald

Kennedy was dead.

An entire generation was held to-

gerher through this tragedy, and thirty-

some years later, they still remembered everything, right down to the last de-

tail. They never forgot. I often won-

dered what it was like that day, as the

news spread, as countless millions

dered what it was like that day, as the

President addressed the American people.

I wondered how the world would be dif-

ferent, and what they were doing when they heard the news. We would all remem-

ber, always.

Two years later, we do still re-

member. Sure, the lack of another ma-

jor attack on the American mainland

has put quite a bit of distance between

us and the reality of a world with ter-

rorism, but we remember why we were

attacked, and why we must never

let that or any other act of a fringe,

radical group damage the spirit of free-

dom. We must never let the greed of

corporation or lust of political gain

blind us from the fact that all

peoples, everywhere, of all lan-

guages, ethnicities, and religions,

deserve a life of dignity, respect, and

freedom. As much as some chide

leaders for impure motives, mis-

guided policies, or overstepped

boundaries, those three thousand

people lost on that one day died for

one reason. They died because they

were free to go to the college of their

choice, study the subject of their

choice, always.

Then and there I knew, everyone

would know exactly where they were

and what they were doing when they

heard the news. We would all remem-

ber. Where they were, what they were
doing the day they would die in the name of

terrorism. They didn't know that

their lives would be sacrificed in such a
cowardly act, or that others would

taste of freedom later on as a result.

They were flying cross-country to see

family, return home, or take care of

some business. They were going about their lives, their routines, just like every other day.

But that one day, we will always

remember. Where they were, what they were doing. When we heard the news.

They were in the Towers, in the Pentagon, in Pennsylvania, being free. We will never forget that.
**W** hile thousands of Chicago youth played softball, went to the beach, or played in parks, 16 students found an alternative way to spend their summer. They enrolled in the IIT Summer Young Adult Vitality program. The students learned to build, repair, diagnose, and analyze computer hardware.

The program (Working for the Advancement of Technology) program helps students learn valuable computer skills through the use of numerous problem sets, hands-on lab exercises, and field training. The SWAT program was conducted by the Digital Media Center (DMC) on the campus of Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT). Each student gained both technical knowledge and troubleshooting skills. The DMC’s SWAT was modeled on the nationally recognized SWAT program founded by Mc. Lucy Miller. The mission of the nation program is to promote student leadership training, address technology competencies, provide outreach to the community, and to serve as a resource. The program was modeled on Chicago area middle and high school students who participate in SWAT were trained to become technology assistants and are identified as resources to assist their schools and communities by using their newly gained technical expertise.

The SWAT students received hands-on training in a rigorous environment for six weeks, with sessions run- ning five days a week, six hours a day. They learned how to diagnose and repair defective parts, to load software, and to connect networks. They gained knowledge of viruses, worm versions, and they even built web pages.

In addition, SWAT students learned to promote community service by repairing computers through our partnership with Chicago’s very own Time Dollar program, an organization that provides computers to disadvantaged Chicago residents. The SWAT program taught these students' education. The DMC has strongly encouraged these respective schools to consider them for positions as Technology Assistants. With the vast knowledge they gained in the SWAT program, they are sure to be a valuable resource.

Some student comments about the program were: “I thought it was fun and interactive.” “SWAT taught me part of the computer that I didn’t know about,” and “I liked the experience of working in the Time Dollar program and learning to work with computers.”

The students showed marked improvement in their computer knowledge and skills. They have improved their test scores an average of 250% over the course of the program.

The SWAT program is proof that it is possible, with the right curriculum and instructors, to teach 10-16 year old students significant computer hardware knowledge in just one summer session.

“IL Institute of Technology is proud to be a partner by offering the SWAT Program to Chicago youth and play a vital role of career exposure in the Chicago educational system. We want to help develop the next generation of computer engineers and scientists, I.T professionals, and technicians,” says Kevin G. Smith, Associate Director of Community Outreach of IIT’s Digital Media Center.

IIT’s Digital Media Center, is working to create new trends in community technology equity and integration; co-locating access, programs, and content within the community where citizens gather. It’s focus is to providing learning experiences for IIT undergrad and graduate students via community service through programming and services to help improve lives in Bronzeville and all residents of the city of Chicago.

For more information on IIT - DMC programs, services, and partnership opportunities call (312) 567-8839 or visit us on the web at http://dmc.iit.edu.
According to the constitution of SGA, regular reports and other publicity are required. Despite numerous contacts by our staff and the declaration of public relations chair Scott Waicekauskas in the two SGA meetings of this semester, TechNews has received no communication whatsoever. In addition, both the SGA and Finance Board websites have not been updated since at least late April. The current [SGA] constitution posted online is that of the former SLC from 2000–2001. Numerous student organizations, including this one have expressed a general lack of organization concern concerning the financial paperwork dealing with Finance Board and the Student Activities Fund (SAF). Therefore, due to the above mentioned grievances, TechNews has decided to formally “blacklist” both SGA and Finance Board.
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By Jeffrey Clark

One of the most anticipated games of last year, Lucasarts’ Jedi Knight II: Jedi Outcast has once again been underscored by the infamous “next release.” Raven Software, once again under the direction of Activision and Lucasarts has come up with the newest release in the long-running Dark Forces series, Jedi Knight II: Jedi Academy, promising to be just as enjoyable and even more exciting than the prior games.

Star Wars Jedi Academy is a dynamic single and multiplayer action experience featuring an all-new epic story. Players are prepared for long sessions and are an excellent addition. The new airplanes — F-85 and T-95 tank are an excellent addition. The new gameplay mode is on a kind of duel mode and straight deathmatch. Not much was changed from Jedi Knight II Multiplayer. The weapons in the game are mostly the same from those seen in Jedi Knight II: Jedi Outcast, but a few new ones have made the cut along with new Light Sabers and saber de-signs. Basically, the further the player gets into the game, the better their skills with the saber get.

As much as we like the open-ended feel of the mission lists and the direction the series is headed with character customization — it remains nearly unchanged from JKII in the graphics department. Sabers glow, blaster bolts spark as they hit walls and other objects, and limbs smoke once they’ve been chopped off, but overall the visual quality of the game is just about the same as Jedi Knight II. Not a really bad looking game, but not much improved either. The screen shots pretty much speak for themselves. As with most Lucasart Star Wars titles, the sound and music are always top notch. Tapping into the massive collection of movie sounds and using John Williams’ award-winning music, everything in the game sounds just about as it should be.

My one major complaint about the game would definitely be the the over all “feel” of the action. The player’s Jedi character and enemy Jedi are without the “feel” of the action. The player’s Jedi and enemy aren’t that bad of a game, it’s just not breaking any ground, with the one exception being perhaps the ability to piece together your Jedi before you jump into the game. Still, the variety in missions and amount of action in the game promises plenty of saber swinging and run and gun action.

By Kumar Shah

Last year when developer Digital Illusion released Battlefield 1942, the first-person shooter fans got what they had always wanted — a team based multiplayer game based on World War II. Then came the Road to Rome expansion which was equally good and the latest addition to the series is Secret Weapons of WWII. As the name suggests the expansion is based on the experimental weapons during the World War II didn’t affect the flow of war but are an amusing addition to the game.

The game features apart from new maps, a new gameplay mode and a number of new vehicles and weapons. These maps and vehicles still do not take away the amazing balance of the games and are an excellent addition. The new airplanes — F-85 Goblin and the rocket jet are extremely fast but also prove equally difficult to handle. Moreover you need to stay away from the anti-aircraft guns provided as a countermeasure to them. The Flakpanzer antiaircraft tank and the Wasserfall guided missile can bring down the planes in a matter of seconds if you have the skills. Apart from that, the C-47 cargo plane acts as a mobile spore point and is perfect to parathude behind enemy lines and wreak havoc. Then there is the personal rocket pack that lets you fly although a heat meter takes care that you don’t fly indefinitely. Also, it is extremely volatile and a good hit or two can burst it and leave you dead.

To pack a good punch on land you have the new German Sturmtiger and the US T-95 tank which are extremely powerful. But they also have limited ammo and the turret-turning can prove equally difficult. Two other vehicles which benefit the players largely are the LVT-2 Water Buffalo and Schwimmwagen which can go on both land and water. Apart from that the infantry now has a new shotgun weapon for allied forces and a grenade launcher for the Axis forces.

There are also eight brand new maps which are a lot of fun to play. One new map particularly which caught my eye was the Essen Factory map. It gives the allied forces a lot of airpower, along with the C-47 to transport the infantry now has a new shotgun weapon for allied forces and a grenade launcher for the Axis forces.

The single player still remains bad so only people with good connections could play this game for this game. Its retail price — 30 dollars seems a little high compared to the additions and one wishes some more new maps were added to use with the vehicles. Also, some of the new vehicles seem to fancy for the 1940s doing away with historical accuracy. But the game still gives the fans enough to keep playing the best multiplayer WWII game till the next installment is out.
By Christopher Berenfeld

**Art of the Wild West**

**By Dominic Garascia**

**Art Briefs**

The window on the West, Chicago and the Art of the New Frontier is an exhibit dedicated to the art created in the American West from 1914 and onward, and currently on view at the Art Institute of Chicago. The exhibit itself has several pieces that are of the highest quality in the genre; especially some important works by the artists Frederick Remington and Georgia O’Keefe. Even those who are generally uninterested in the art of the “American West,” which often times is snubbed at art circles, will be impressed by the sheer quality of the work itself. Generally when one thinks of “American Western Art” images of bland landscapes and expressionist sculptures of cowboys come to mind, well any true art lover will have a sense of shock when they see the true originals that inspired many of the more modern times with two famous works by Georgia O’Keefe, “Cow Skull with Calico Roses” and “Black Cross,” both considered to be among the most important pieces.

Remington’s black and white paintings, among the most innovative paintings of their time, are also on view, the depiction of the story of a Native American named White Otter. The bold use of black and white tones in paint gives the paintings an expressiveness quite

NASA Not so Ugly

**By Christopher Berenfeld**

Engineers and Artist have finally come together at the Art Institute of Chicago in a new show “AirSpace Design,” which celebrates and explores the aesthetic adventure that are born in the aerospace industry. On loan from NASA, with objects dating back to the NACA (National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics), are approximately 100 models of planes and rockets as well as several full size components such as engines and propellers. Several photographs depict the massive scale of some objects such as a wind tunnel that could not physically be displayed for obvious reasons.

Most of the models on view are the actual models used in wind tunnels to determine the aerodynamic qualities of the air and spacecraft. The show starts sometime in the early 1950’s and winds its way to the present featuring recent NASA projects. Some of the highlights are models of the Black Widow, the first plane designed for nighttime use, several versions of the Delta Wing aircrafts, an SR-71 Blackbird, the Saturn I rocket, the Space Shuttle and several proposals of Hyper X aircraft. There is also a full size XL-1-1 rocket engine, which was used in the B-52—the first plane to break the sound barrier.

The Bronco Buster Cast 1998, Bronze

By Dominic Garascia


Intimate Encounters: Paul Gauguin and the South Pacific at the Art Institute of Chicago. The show commemorates the death of Gauguin with over 40 drawings and prints by the famous impressionist. September 6th-January 11th.

Thomas Struth at the Museum of Contemporary Art. A deep and thoughtful look at modern photography of all types from landscapes, to streetscapes. September 24th.

Richard Gray Gallery: Forty Years at the Richard Gray Gallery, 875 N Michigan Ave., Ste. 2503. This show celebrates over 40 years of many works from various artists. Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 5:30PM September 5th though October 3rd.


At the Sputnik Museum, 618 S Michigan Ave, two exhibits: Shaping History: Chicago Jewish Women in the 20th Century through October 31st and Southern Exposure: Photographs of South American Jewish Life Through December 28th.

Los Puertorriqueños en Chicago: Photographs by Carlos Flores at City Water Tower: Black and White photographs of a look at Chicago’s Hispanic community. Through September 29th.

Tasteful Art: an open house by three Armitage Avenue Boutiques, Assorted Echoes 1022A W. Armitage, Celeste Turner, 859 W. Armitage and multiple Cheers, 489 W Armitage. The three galleries will show many mediums of art in all its forms and of course the artists. September 19th from 9 to 9PM.

A Chicago staples for those of ages: First Fridays. September 5th-6th 10pm at the Museum of Contemporary Art. “Culture, cocktails, music. All in one place. Live music free Wolfgang Puck appetizers, an exhibition opening and more.” Including a walk to the MCA’s 12x12 exhibiting ultra new Chicago Artists.

Photographer, Lecturer at University of Washington Department of Architecture 6:00 pm, Perkins Hall Auditorium. Lecture in conjunction with opening of exhibit. 22 September 2003, Monday in conjunction with an exhibition of pictures of the McComb Tribu.

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Disonic Rocks the Metro in Chicago

By Ana Bhattacharya
SPORTS EDITOR

I t is quite unusual when a local metal band goes on tour and is able to pack the house at their first show. It is even more difficult when the band is from the opposite side of the country, as is the case with Disonic. The Chicago leg of their recent tour filled the Metro, a venue known for its rabid rock crowds.

Disonic is a band whose members have been friends and music associates since junior high school. Their music is best described as alternative rock, with a punk influence. It is not jumpy 19-year-old boys screaming their lungs out, Laskowski's tortured yet brilliant vocals...although it is difficult for the forbidden fruit of heavy metal to find a niche without it somehow seeming somewhat wild aggression and raw test-tosterone to tether the torrten on the brink of delusional insanity...oh yes...fans of all generations could have been heard breathing a sigh of relief. For once, a pop band has brought the progressive yet subtle world since Jerry Cantrell’s “Boggy Depot” half a decade ago to a local stage. The recent LP, “Phazon Point” (a fist-pumping anthem), “New Eyes,” and “Our Burden,” are all charged with a blend of progressive rock and metal styles...Chase
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Disonic: Simple...it was the type of demo we wanted to make. It is the result of a lot of time spent in the studio, bangled out the tunes, mixed, and left. We never gave ourselves the kind of time we needed to make a polished demo with polished songwriting.

AB: Dave, what do you dig about these new songs? I’m not hearing any of the blaring Zakk Wylyde-ish guitar solos that caught my eye such as the one in Shifter. Was there a reason you didn’t showcase any of the axe-work on this demo? Will you do more guitar solos on your next demo/album?

Disonic: That is a tough one. I think in terms of the music scene we are a good bit ahead of the curve...but better. We have come so far, but still have so much farther to go.

AB: What are your feelings towards all the music downloading contro- verts? I mean the whole thing about Kazaa etc. should be allowed, or do you think that being a true fan isn’t worth the price for the music? Disonic: The people who tell you that Kaza is stealing from the art- ists are not giving you the full story. What they don’t tell you is that the artists that are making demo's which the band trying to always get better. We

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**Restaurant Review:** Baba’s Palace

By Syed Husain

The search for a Desi (the term used for people from the Indian subcontinent) restaurant is challenging for students to enjoy these areas not frequented by the CTA. Most have explored the area that thunders on foot, but what a better time to invest in a bike and a good cause to get around even more. The Working Bikes Cooperative, a non-profit organization dedicated to the idea of providing low cost transportation to people in Chicago and all over the world. Running off donated bikes and those rescued from landfills, the Chicago-based group raises money from bike sales in the city to send fixed bikes to countries in need like Nicaragua, Cuba and Ghana.

So far they have been able to ship thousands of bikes to areas where the luxury of having a bike is few and far between. The group employs volunteers to prepare and pack the bikes, help provide shipping and aid in the sales of the bikes. The shop is open every Wednesday from 11-7. Suggested donation is $20 and up to $50. All bikes go as is, needing some fine-tuning, but with a deposit, volunteers can work on them and have the bike ready for pick up the next week. If the repairs are minimal, they can be done before you leave. If you have an old bike you would like to donate to the cause, they accept donations at the same location. For more information, visit www.workingbikes.org.

**Baba’s Palace located on 334 West Chicago Ave, i.e. the Chicago stop on 33rd Street. Although far from being a palace of any kind, the restaurant is well maintained and is furnished in a very plain fashion. The first thing you notice as soon as you walk in is the lightning quickness of a seasoned service. If you can’t stand seeing people eat with their fingers or aren’t willing to try it yourself. If you do go there be sure to try their Lassi (a drink made of yoghurt, water and milk), it comes in 3 varieties: salty, sweet and mango flavored. My favorite is the one served with mint. The outside deck with seating for 85.**

For a bit more upscale dining that Crab Rangoon, or Bubble Tea? The reason to warn against bringing your own beer is that Crab Rangoon, or Bubble Tea? Bridgeport Eateries, if You Dare

By Dominic Garacina

F or me, Bridgeport, although it may not be the poise as the center of the Chicago Social scene does offer quite a few opportunities for diverse good eating. Morrie O’Malley’s hot dog stand on the corner of 35th and Halsted offers up cheap and good taste of Chicago’s classic hotdog. The infamous shumurock shake is a good way to cool down on a hot summer day. On the corner of 31st and Union three great restaurants compete to give a hard to make choice for any occasion. Stages though it may be in a gas station pro
duced to home environment and a really good turkey club. The Cesar and Club salads are also among the best in the area. Freddie’s another classic Chi

cago stand has the largest Italian Beef I’ve ever seen, not to mention a bag full of fries for $7.90. Panchos Pistoles across the corner offers a great variety of Mexican foods. From Chichenitza to Burritos you will not be disappointed. For a bit more upscale din
ning we have The Raveonettes. The Bottletones: Sushi, fried rice, or fried doughnuts you can find it all within the close confines of friendly Bridgeport.

**Upcoming Shows**

By Annie Rantilla

**The Metro**

From Autumn to Ashes Sep. 17
Cave In, Everything I Die, Funeral For A Friend Sep. 17
Maldita Vecindad Sep. 18
Vivid Star Ball Sep. 19
With DJ Skibble.

**House of Blues**

Bible of the Devil

Fifty Feet, Vekro Lewis and His 100 Proof Band, The Butchers.

James Falzone’s Allos IV Sep. 17
Featuring Josh Berman, Brian Dibblee, James Falzone and Frank Rosay.

**Beck**

Johnny Love Sep. 18
La Maloka. Soma, Mystica, 3-J-J-J, Monster O. C.

**Sparks**

Empty Bottle Sep. 18
Listening party for the new album from Sublime/Dr. Feelgood.

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Sof’Se Sep. 19
Young Blood Brass Band.

**World Music Festival**

Fiamma Fumana, Zeneg

**Gil Manta’s Party Dream, Let Dream**

Beat Junkies featuring J-Rocce Sep. 22
Shortcuts, The Molemen with Longshot.

**Abbey Pub**

Second Hand Poet Sep. 18
The Saps, Brother Lowdown.

The Feanias Sep. 19
Cheer Accident Sep. 20
Bobbi Conn and the Glass Gypsies.

The Bottomless Sep. 25
Mates of State 27
DeHarvey Troob, Saturday Looks Good To Me, Victory at Sea.
By Melissa Pros
TECHNEWS WRITER

H and work and high hopes kicked off O-Week for the Greek community at IIT, which has seen an increase in new members in several years. Despite the shortened week, Greeks still had numerous exciting events planned and hundreds of freshmen to meet. New attractions at IIT, such as the soccer teams and Student Admin, turned out to be a successful rush. And for once, the weather cooperated and gave the whole IIT community reason to get out and play. However, O-Week 2003 turned into one of the worst rush weeks that the Greeks have had seen for many years, with most houses pledging significantly less than last year’s numbers. How did such a promising year turn into such a dismal failure? Kevin Ruderman, Greek Life Advisor, disagrees, claim- ing that despite the fact that Greeks were given far less opportunities to rush new students the failure was “more because the chapters were forced to try to rush numbers in places and times that made it impossible for students to go to Greek. Any time you try new ways of rushing there will be some high and low points, and this year was no exception.”

After shortening O-Week from five days to three, in half, the administration decided to exclude Greeks from most O-Week events. Additionally, the Greek 101 seminar, which gives new students some brief information on Greek life and usually sparks enough interest for freshmen to wander over to the Quad, was excluded from this year’s orientation. Greeks were warned not to invite freshmen to their rush events, not to visit students in the dorms during the day, and not to encourage freshmen to drop orientation activities. Most men- tioned to the administration was that “more than non-Greeks, a big plus for IIT, which is known for its poor fresh- men retention rate. The GPA aver- age of the Greeks is higher than the dorm average. Students who belong to a Greek organization also belong to other organizations on campus; each house has students involved in everything from the soccer teams to Mock Trial and Union Board.”

While this orientation week might seem like a success to the admin- istration, it was a tremendous blow to the Greek community. Recruit- ment of new members is what keeps fraternities and sororities alive, and these Greek organizations keep IIT alive. Perhaps the admin- istration does not appreciate all the effort that the Greeks put into mak- ing this campus a better place to live, claimed Ricardo Gonzalez, re- cruitment chair of IIT fraternity, Delta Tau Delta. “While not all the groups had a perfect rush week, several of them were able to successfully promote their chapters and take in large classes of new members,” remarked Kevin Ruderman. Some groups did well; though the average was still less than last year, there were a much larger incoming class. “Even though the shortened rush week hurt the Greeks some,” said Ruderman, “many groups were as interested in join- ing a Greek organization as we were in having them. The weather didn’t hurt either,” claimed Annie Rantailli, Alpha Sigma Alpha Rush chair.

In the aftermath of an obvious disappointment Kevin Ruderman claims the administration should be committed to discussing ways in which we can work with the Greeks for future Rush events that both the university and Greek Community can be satis- fied with.” Only next year will tell.

Career Development Center Upcoming Events

By Sherine George
TECHNEWS WRITER

What do women’s soccer and Residence Life have in common? Jennie Monroe. A native of Posan IL, Jennie is the new Assistant Soccer coach and the Residence Life coordinator. “Lee Hitchen, the soccer team and the Residence Life department were a perfect fit,” said Jennie. After graduation in 2001, Jennie worked at Kansas State University as a Resident Life coordinator. “Kansas State has a student body of about 22,000. There were a lot more students to deal with,” remarked Jennie. In 2003, Jennie moved back to Chicago and joined IIT. “My job as Assistant Director of Residence Life consists of directly supervis- ing RAs and involvement in the RHA’s programming efforts.”

In her free time, Jennie enjoys reading, going to concerts and playing different sports, of course. When asked how she liked her new job at IIT, Jennie said “I really like it here. Everybody is very nice and my working environment is one I can be successful in.”

“Come to me with your concerns and if I don’t have answers, I will di- rect you to the appropriate person. My door is always open for you, but I help you answered.”

By Mihdi Vahedi
TECHNEWS WRITER

The 28th International Fest is to be held on October 10, 2003. Historically this has been an exciting and enjoyable event. Last year, over 200 faculty, student, staff, and alumni contributed to the success of this event which was organized by the International Student’s Organization (ISO) and the International Center.

ISO’s goal has been to provide a venue for students of different cultures to come together and celebrate their respective cultures. Traditionally the event is free of charge and serves as a great medium to build a sense of appreciation and understanding of others. It is a time for students of different backgrounds to exchange ideas and thoughts.

This year there will be a variety of performances by students and others from around the world. The event will feature the Texas Tech University Percussion Ensemble, IIT’s Community Gospel Choir, the IIT African American Student Association and several smaller groups. Artists from a variety of musical traditions will be performing. The event will also feature traditional cultural dances.

The event will begin at 6 PM in the Union and will run until 10 PM.

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The Un)successful Greek O-Week
Trekking Through Terror

By Niranjan Dhar

The Hindu Kingdom of Nepal lies along the Himalayan Range between India and China. Popu-
larly referred to as the “Switzerland of the East,” it was the birthplace of Lord Buddha and is home to eight of the ten tallest peaks in the world including Mount Everest.

Although the latter half of the 20th century witnessed the end of the age-old system of rule by hereditary heads of state, Nepal continued to suffer due to various political problems. In the 90’s, King Mahendra abolished multiparty democ-

racy, banned all the political parties, imprisoned his prime leaders and as-
numed absolute power. His son, Prince Birana, was crowned King in 1971. He was the first educated king and he had a democratic outlook. He was so popular amongst the people that he forced him to be a reincarnation of the Hindu God of preservation, Lord Vishnu.

The new government and the Maoists declared them terrorists. King Birana held a referendum and gave the people a chance to choose between absolute and constitutional monarchy. The votes were in favor of the former and King Birana remained in power. In the early 90’s, the political parties led a united struggle against the monarchy and de-
manded people representation in the go-
vernment. The King’s democratic approach fostered the advent of constitutional mon-
archy but the ensuing celebrations did not last long because the country was soon to be doomed with various crises.

The newly elected government in-
dulged in rampant corruption which se-
verely hampered the growth of the econ-
omy. While the big cities such as Kathmandu, Pokhara, Birganj and Butanagar were undergoing development, the rural areas were ignored. An armed insurrection in the late 90’s led by the Maoists, reached its peak. The then Prime Minister, Sherbahadur Deuba, requested King Gyanendra to postpone the elec-
tions by a year. On this pretext, the king assumed absolute power and formed his own government to restore peace and to organize elections in October 2002. After having been frustrated by the rampant corruption and sunk economy, the people of Nepal expressed and came out on the streets celebrating the king’s takeover.

The new government and the Maoists declared ceasefire following which, two rounds of peace talks were held. On the other hand, the political par-
ties saw this act of King Gyanendra as a way to establish absolute monarchy, as his father King Mahendra had done. They held mass demonstrations throughout the country denouncing his move as unconstitutional and demanded for the restoration of power to the people. The King suc-
cumbed to their demands and gave the go-
vernment absolute power. Unfortunately, this move was not enough to pacify the parties because the new PM wasn’t ap-
pointed according to their demands.

The new government continued the measures promised by the former govern-
ment and the first round of talks of government (the third since the ceasefire) was held in the last week of August 03.

The Maoists were not pleased by the govern-
ment’s political agenda and they called off the ceasefire, which were followed by their acts of terror throughout the country. The former Prime Minister, Sherbahadur Deuba was one of the primary targets, but luckily he escaped unscathed. They shot dead an army major and wounded another and also wounded a former deputy home

minister in broad daylight in the capital city of Kathmandu. Consequently, the government declared them terrorists.

Despite the unrest, political parties are struggling to come to a standing res-
toration of the parliament.

Uninhibited Painting

By Annie Ranttila

For the second year in a row, the Promis-
se Fraternity will be hosting their much talked about Paint Party. Happ-
ped past year, this house will be sheathed in plastic tarps to prepare for all the paint. This year’s event should prove no differ-
fent.

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for all. Make sure to not wear the best clothes in the closet; things will get messy and that way. The colorful shindig all begins at 9:30 and

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SexTech

Dear SexTech,

I recently found out that my girlfriend of four months cheated on me with my roommate. I have not confronted her about it and it’s been almost a week now. I tried to tell her about the incident, I would have expected her to either break up with me or to talk to me about it, as she is due to get married and there has been no visible change in her behavior. I was under the impression that things were going fairly well between us in the relationship, in the bedroom she couldn’t seem to be satisfied enough; she was starting to wear me out and I’m only 18. As for me I find it hard to act normal around her and I am not sure whether I should confront her about the incident, end things with her, or wait for her to tell me about it. What should I do?

-buzzed in the bathroom

Dear buzzed,

While cheating is one of the lowest things that someone can do to someone else in a relationship, the only thing lower would be to give you a STD, as it is a violation of the trust that you have given to that person and it is also a sign of disrespect towards you. In your situation the only recourse in this matter is to confront her about her infidelity; however you must do so in a calm manner, if you have no other proof than your roommate’s testimony. If all else in your relationship is going well you would have to wonder why she would risk everything for a fling with your roommate. It might be a case of jealousy on the part of your roommate who is bitter at happy people or perhaps doesn’t enjoy her presence. So first of all ask her about it, at this point if it is true then you will both need to sort out why it happened and where you would like to go from here. In many cases one instance of infidelity can be just that, one poorly exercised choice in judgment, especially if one of the people involved is unin-

troubled at the time. On the other hand, if it has happened before it could happen again. In this case the insatiable sexual appetite of your girlfriend leads to the conclusion that she might be a nymphomaniac in which case there is a doubt that you will ever be able to satisfy her in the bedroom. While you will be able to satisfy her in all other areas she just might need more than you can or will provide between the sheets.

Dear SexTech,

I am a natural brunette but, I dye my hair blond most of the time. I maintain my natural self. As far as the drapes matching the rug; you have two choices, you could choose to go back to the clean style that you have previously maintained, no

published back again, and most men appreciate a well maintained “green.” But if you choose to go back to the clean style that you have previously maintained, no

the color usually goes for most. However, in your situation it seems that it’s more

types, some liking blondes, brunettes, or a redhead; that is about as far as hair

Apart from waxing to maintain the illusion, or you can go for it as you are now. I would advise the latter as you seem to enjoy having your pubes back again, and most men appreciate a well maintained “green.” But if you choose to go back to the clean style that you have previously maintained, no

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By Jon Murawski and Steve Anderson

I love the Lady Hawks volleyball team’s season is underway. This year the Hawks have a new head coach, Melvin Hubbard. Coach Hubbard and the women recently participated in a 2-day tournament in Iowa. The Lady Hawks compiled a 3-1 tournament record behind the excellent plays of Amy Kopher, Lauren Joyce, Amber Bubela and Jackie Lange. Congratulations to the entire team on their efforts.

On Tuesday night, the volleyball team opened their season with a home game against Trinity International. Although they all played extremely hard with superb effort, they were unable to come away from this exciting match with a win. The game went down to the last minute and the Lady Hawks almost pulled out a well-deserved victory. This time, it was two other Lady Hawks that led the way. The Hawks’ attack was lead by the hard hitting of Devonie McFarley and Jen Wasek. This year’s captains (Jackie Sokolowski and Devonie McFarley) stayed optimistic after the match, commenting that the team put a lot of hard work into the season thus far and will get back on the winning track soon. The Lady Hawks’ next home game is Tuesday, Sept. 16th at 7:30 pm against Berat College.

By Elizabeth Blitz

Illinois Tech is not generally known for its outstanding athletics. Although most teams do well, IIT has always been on academics first. We do not have an amazing, state-of-the-art facility like many of the near-by state schools, nor are we hard-core re- cruits. But that does not mean our sports teams must be mentally able to handle the workload. If they are also physically ready, it means they are more likely to perform in sports, that just acts as bonus points.

Because of our emphasis, one program in particular has suffered: the women’s basketball team. With a record of 0-26 last season, hope for a future is extremely low. With the position of 0-26 last season, hope for a future is extremely low. Actually, the last dominant conference appearance is extremely low. The last dominant conference appearance is extremely low. This time, it was two other Lady Hawks that led the way. The Hawks’ attack was lead by the hard hitting of Devonie McFarley and Jen Wasek. This year’s captains (Jackie Sokolowski and Devonie McFarley) stayed optimistic after the match, commenting that the team put a lot of hard work into the season thus far and will get back on the winning track soon. The Lady Hawks’ next home game is Tuesday, Sept. 16th at 7:30 pm against Berat College.

By Syed Husain

The male Hawks showed their true colors and lived up to the hype and expectations that everyone here at IIT has of them. The first game of the conference (the first game that actually counted) had a fairy-tale-like outcome for them. According to Murat Ozcak, the only member of the team that I could get an interview with, “the game was amazing.” There were some problems though, the field was in bad condition and it was a night game, starting at 7:30 p.m. Besides these factors, Trinity Christian had the home field advantage.

Despite these obstacles, the Hawks took the early lead with a goal from the midfielder No. 16 Zack. The goal was a result of good passing near the 18 yard box and was scored 19 minutes into the first half (a note to the unfirmed, soccer games are played in halves, with each half lasting 45 minutes) and sent the Hawk bench into a frenzy of excitement. Coach Hitnich calmed the bench down and the game continued. The Trojans managed to pull one back before halftime, but it was ruled offside, much to the dismay of the home crowd. The trojans played a better second half and managed to get a few more shots at the goal, but did not succeed in finding the back of the net. The game was both physical and fast paced with our rightback No. 7 showing that they can hold on to the ball when it matters most. On Saturday, September 13th, there will be an- other conference game which will be played at home. The new soccer team is expecting IIT out in full support. The only downside to the victory was the fact that it was an away game, as Hawks supporters would have loved to see their team win.