On Thursday, TechNews hosted the first-ever debate for SGA president. This in itself speaks volumes of how far both of these organizations have progressed in the past couple of years. While both student organizations are improving, so too is the quality of the campaigns themselves. Both Duncan’s ticket and Easley have spent time and money on campaign ads, posters, and the debate. A great part of these advances are thanks to the work of Dylan Easley, who is currently serving as Vice-President of SGA, and Richard Duncan who is the Managing Editor of TechNews. Both have shown that they are willing to put in the time and effort to change IIT, but also to win the presidency.

Both Dylan and Richard are junior-year Aerospace Engineering majors. Dylan is a member of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity (The Skulls), and Richard is a non-Greek dorm resident. This in itself has been the focus of concerns by Greeks and non-Greeks alike. However, both candidates think that these concerns are unfounded. When asked about this “Greek v. Dorm” division, neither party felt that this is or should be a real concern.

The consensus is that SGA is an organization that should represent the interests of all students. It doesn’t believe there is a real issue at all, only a sort of institutionalized animosity. It is his belief that the Greeks do a lot to help the social aspects of campus, and

By Ricardo Gonzalez
TECHNEWS POLITICAL ANALYST

This year’s candidates pull out all the stops in the first real campaigns in IIT memory
Anyone that thinks politics does not affect student life here at IIT, behold. Doors were controlled by public safety during Wednesday’s abortion protest.

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Jackie Mason
Perlstein Auditorium
SGA ELECTIONS
10 am - 5 pm

Min Wu Aung Paintings
Chouhan Gallery, 11 am - 7 pm
Sarah Harmer, Marilyn, 9 pm

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Gothroaths 9, The Bottom Lounge, 10 pm
Doors Open on the Right, Second City, 8 pm
Duvall, Empley Bottle, 9:30 pm
Focus, Places & Inner Spaces, Art Institute of Chicago, 10 am - 5 pm
Gospel Brunch, House of Blues, 9:30 am - 11:30 am, noon - 2:30 pm

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The following letter does not re- flect the views of the Greek system nor does it represent the opinion of Tri- angle. It is the personal opinion of a single student at IIT and it should be regarded as such. Being personal in nature, all questions and comments re- garding the letter should be directed to its author or the editor of TechNews. As a student and a Greek, I have read and for the most part kept silent about the school’s treatment of Alpha Epsilon Pi. While I agree that the school’s general procedures in the disci- pline of Greek organizations are unreas- sonable and that the manner in which AEP’s suspension was handed evi- dence that, I believe suspension was pro- ceeded. I was left to believe that the de- cision was reached, and I was willing to leave it at that. However, new develop- ments in an unrelated matter have made it clear to me that as a student I can not let the school’s authority con- tinue without at least expressing my outrage. I would like to make it clear that the opinions in this letter are my own and do not necessarily reflect those of any organization at IIT.

A recent “incident” involving my fraternity, namely Triangle Fraternity, has indirectly drawn to the attention of our Greek organizations of FIPIG rules, a set of regulations which guide Greek life here at IIT and many other campuses across the nation. I put quotes around the word “incident” because I expect any reasonable person can see it only was an incident under the applica- tion of said clauses. Until now, most of our members, and I would venture most members of all Greek organizations, have little to no in- tention to the textual content of these rules, feeling, perhaps, we already had a good idea of their scope without taking the effort to read them. I see now this attitude is grave in error, although not for the reasons I might be expected to recite. Certainly, all Greeks are sup- posed to read these rules, be familiar with them, and, in principle, allow them to guide their conduct. However, what is far more important is that by accept- ing these rules without careful consid- eration, we have all unwittingly en- dored some deplorable regulations. For those who are unaware of the “incident” I speak of, I am referring to Triangle’s kick at the end of this year’s Greek Week. For several hours, these skits have traditionally ranged from something quite to edifying raunchy. Triangle’s skit this year cer- tainly fit that mold, though I would at- tach harder as to why from most of the other skits. The bone of contention appears to be our skit’s depiction of Greek adviser Kevin Ruderman as gay. As it is Ruderman who has taken ac- tion, I should point out that the prob- lems apparently lies not in the impli- cation he gay, but in the general attitude toward homosexuals implicit in this diction (an opinion I articulate have heard, but hardly expected, given his position). Now – and I hope this will as much of a shock to at least some readers as it did to me – un- der FIPIG rules, this constitutes sexual abuse. I quote from the FIPIG Risk Management Manual, Section 4, “Sexual abuse usually falls into two categories, verbal and physical. Verbal abuse may include…sexual innuendos about your or someone else’s sexual activities”. I invite the reader to read the entirety of this document; many blanket statements made therein are sickeningly arbitrary and partisan. The flawed and obviously loaded use of the term “sexual abuse” notwithstanding, note how wide a net such regulations cast over our behavior as Greeks. The FIPIG definition covers behavior which is clearly not harassment, much less sexual abuse. So even the least values-based leadership and de- mocracy hardly more so than most of the “incident” I speak of, I am referring to Triangle’s skit at the kickoff of this year’s Greek Week. For several hours, these skits have traditionally ranged from something quite to edifying raunchy. Triangle’s skit this year cer- tainly fit that mold, though I would at- tach harder as to why from most of the other skits. The bone of contention appears to be our skit’s depiction of Greek adviser Kevin Ruderman as gay. As it is Ruderman who has taken ac- tion, I should point out that the prob- lems apparently lies not in the impli- cation he gay, but in the general attitude toward homosexuals implicit in this diction (an opinion I articulate have heard, but hardly expected, given his position). Now – and I hope this will as much of a shock to at least some readers as it did to me – un- der FIPIG rules, this constitutes sexual abuse. I quote from the FIPIG Risk Management Manual, Section 4, “Sexual abuse usually falls into two categories, verbal and physical. Verbal abuse may include…sexual innuendos about your or someone else’s sexual activities”. I invite the reader to read the entirety of this document; many blanket statements made therein are sickeningly arbitrary and partisan. The flawed and obviously loaded use of the term “sexual abuse” notwithstanding, note how wide a net such regulations cast over our behavior as Greeks. The FIPIG definition covers behavior which is clearly not harassment, much less sexual abuse. So even the least values-based leadership and de- mocracy hardly more so than most of the
All three sides of the abortion debate at IIT protest

'Too few people to count' converge at State and 33rd; Public Safety well prepared

Few Illinois Tech students participate

By Daniel Crandall

W ednesday, the 7th, the Pro-Life Action League scheduled an abortion protest on State Street near the new student center. In response to the demonstration, many individual groups, without central leadership, came out to stage a counter protest for women’s rights.

The closing of the northwest exit of the MTTC caused many inconveniences to IIT students. Other than this slight annoyance, few students seemed to have any reaction to the protest.

Some members of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity came out to protest protests. “Now that I’ve seen a picture of an aborted fetus my opinion of abortion has changed. My fundamental belief are easily swayed by signs,” stated Matt Cemey. Their signs included “Fetus: It’s What’s for Dinner,” “Don’t You Have Jobs,” and “Protesting Changes NOTHING.”

When asked what he thought about the protest, president Lew Collins said that it was a “great example of the strength of the country.” It shows how Americans can have both “public debate and peaceful demonstrations.”

President Collins is, personally, pro-choice but stated that he “understands the opposing concerns.”

Dean of Students, Doug Geiger, said that it was a “critical year with elections and it is important people discuss these issues,” though he was unsure why the protesters decided to come to IIT. “My understanding is they are picking many campuses.” The protesters have gone on to protest at UIC.

“We here to do what we can to keep the IIT community safe,” said Director of Public Safety Scott Soltis, CPP. Officer Schaefer of the CPD said it was “a good protest, two sides exercising their first amendment rights.” Officer Schaefer said there had been two “discourses,” but nothing violent. When the CPD was asked about the count (number of protesters), they replied “too few to count.”

At the protest, visiting with the pro-life activists holding signs was a man in a dark hat and a long, dark coat. This was, Pro-Life Action League director, Joseph M. Scheidler. Scheidler and his orga-

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nization came to IIT because “kids are interested in the issue.” Citing statistics, he is informing students that we are “killing one-fourth of our population.”

The signs that his proponents were holding were explicit in their display, but he defended them as truth. “[They] want to explain how bad abortion is.” He compared his signs to an advertisement.

“If we had a picture of a hamburger that said McDonald’s, people wouldn’t stop and ask why we’re against hamburgers. We’re just showing the public what abortion looks like.”

He went further to ask, “Why don’t they [pro-choice advocates] have pictures?”

Organizing some of the counter protest was Claudia Hommel from the Social Worker’s Party. There were “a lot of different groups who have responded to the Pro-Life Action League... there is no single organization counter protesting.”

Geiger’s lecture draws much interest

By Shravani Pasupneti

O n April 7, 2004, IIT architecture adjunct professor and preservation consultant Barbara Geiger presented a lecture entitled, “O. C. Simonds: Shaping the Midwestern Landscape.” Held in the lecture hall of the Chicago Architecture Foundation, the lecture was received well by all of the attendees. The lecture was so successful that several of the attendees requested a course that would allow for more in depth study of other Prairie school designers. Following the event, Geiger reflected, “Simonds was such an important influence on the Chicago landscape that it was exciting to get to introduce people to his life and work.”

Professor Geiger also recently began teaching a new course, “The History of Landscape Architecture,” (ARCH597) this semester. Essentially, it is a survey course of the development of landscape design from earliest human activity up to today. While the College of Architecture does offer a course about landscape design, this class allows students to study what has already been designed instead of designing something themselves. This semester all twelve students enrolled in the class were future architects. As such, they learned about the relationship between landscape and structures as well as the intense creativity involved in landscape design.

The course has no prerequisites and is open to any undergraduate. Professor Geiger hopes that eventually students from other disciplines will want to take this class. She adds, “This is a great time to study landscape at IIT, with all the campus development work going on!” In the future, she would like to add another course that focuses more on the Prairie school designers, as well as landscape design in the Midwest.
April 2004 Incident report

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By Bob Lambert
DISTRIBUTION MANAGER

America: Land of the free, home of the gas-guzzler. Enough said.

I’ll be the first to admit that we are caught up in an automobile craze, and the SUV is the center of our attention. Our fondness for sports utility vehicles and other “gas-guzzlers” is evident. In just under 20 years, the SUV, coupled with the pickup truck, has grown to dominate more than 50 percent of the vehicle market in the United States, while at the same time making the environmentalists at Sierra Club cringe in disgust. So then we must go back and ask ourselves—Why? Sure, we can blame it on the capitalistic needs of American society, or some romantic perception that focuses upon what they think we want. But truthfully, we are Americans buying these vehicles for one of two reasons: either they are bought as a symbol of status, or they are bought because they focus groups spoon feed us what we Americans are buying these vehicles. Let’s take a trip into suburbia America. If you are as lucky as I am to have been raised in a suburb, you would have seen the revolution of mothers who started with a station wagon in the 80s, bought a minivan in the mid-90s, and then upgraded to a SUV for the millennium. If they weren’t the first person on the block to get one, they were definitely envious of their friend down the street who recently acquired one. It is easy to see how this could spiral out of control. Now this is a status symbol for many of these people, gas prices and environmental concerns probably took a back seat in their buying decision. However, if you have the money to invest in something which will improve your social standing (if this is of concern to you) then go for it—if it’s your choice. Chances are you won’t see a businessman rolling through town on 26-inch chrome rims on his Navigator, contemplating new ways of restoring the ozone, but the possibility is there.

Viewpoint 1: Americans as Status Buyers.

This represents the largest portion of the individuals purchasing these vehicles, plain and simple. In fact, most vehicles are a general representation of a person’s status. The first time you see someone in any car, you begin to make assumption as to their financial situation, taste in style, and social standing. Not to be left out, SUV’s have come to the rescue and filled a niche in a society where “Bigger is Better.” Fuelled by the advent of hip-hop commercialism, vehicles such as the Cadillac Escalade and Lincoln Navigator have propelled to the forefront of market purchases for many Americans. Let’s take a trip into suburbia America. If you are as lucky as I am to have been raised in a suburb, you would have been the revolution of mothers who started with a station wagon in the 80s, bought a minivan in the mid-90s, and then upgraded to a SUV for the millennium. If they weren’t the first person on the block to get one, they were definitely envious of their friend down the street who recently acquired one. It is easy to see how this could spiral out of control. Now this is a status symbol for many of these people, gas prices and environmental concerns probably took a back seat in their buying decision. However, if you have the money to invest in something which will improve your social standing (if this is of concern to you) then go for it—if it’s your choice. Chances are you won’t see a businessman rolling through town on 26-inch chrome rims on his Navigator, contemplating new ways of restoring the ozone, but the possibility is there.

Viewpoint 2: Americans as Buyers of Function.

Two hundred years ago, horsepower had a different meaning. Gone are the days of horse drawn carriages, which have been replaced with a line of vehicles which serve a meaningful purpose for a select group of individuals. These individuals will buy SUV’s and trucks for a number of reasons: Off-road capabilities, towing power, interior passenger capacity, and so on. I’ll come right out and say that my family has purchased trucks and SUV’s because we actually use them for what they are designed for. Every time we move a load of dirt with your Honda Civic? Didn’t think so. What if you were going to tow a group of seven? Carpooling seems like the ideal option, so why not take a vehicle capable of it. Sure, you can stuff you and six of your closest friends into a Ford Transit. It can be done, but that doesn’t make it a good idea. The Jeep, which originated as a military transport vehicle in the early 1940s, has become the most successful 4x4 SUV of all time. Many Jeep enthusiasts purchase this vehicle specifically to explore its off-road capabilities—climbing hills, traversing creeks, and battling through sand dunes. One of the biggest selling points behind SUV’s is the four-wheel drive option. Primarily a safety add-on, these will assist in dwindling winter weather or emergency situations. Ever see what happens to your standard vehicle or minivan on a road with potholes or other obstacles? It’s not pretty. Another reason for buying an SUV or truck is for its towing abilities. Farmers, construction workers, and boat owners alike fall into this category.

Sophisticated four wheel drive systems and mountains of torque make this: When your ultra-hip environmentally friendly Toyota Prius gets stuck in a snow drift during the frozen tundra of an Illinois winter, I’ll be the first person you call to tow you out. You can thank me later. Lastly, the most common reason for purchasing one of these vehicles is for interior storage capacity. Most SUV’s come with enough storage space for a family of four (luggage and all) to take a weeklong trip with room to spare. Upgrade to a Ford Excursion, and that number doubles. That larger footprint provides considerable interior volume, packaging flexibility, and a versatility not offered by many of the eco-friendly sedans. So what?

With all that aside, the biggest complaint about SUV’s and trucks is their inherent ability to consume fuel. I, as much as anyone else, would like to see fuel mileage increased for “gas-guzzlers”, but chances are this is not going to happen overnight. In any case, it’s true that trucks and SUV’s consume about 50 percent more fuel than your average sedan. However, vehicle efficiency comes at a price. The trade off in fuel is offset by the versatility offered by a truck or SUV. When it all comes down to it, these vehicles should be purchased for the purpose they serve. A more efficient vehicle isn’t a good value if it doesn’t meet your needs. If you want to put something, buy a pickup truck. If you want to carry a lot of people, buy a van. If you want to drive in the snow, buy a four wheel drive car. If you want do all of these things, buy an SUV.

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students, not simply the dorm residents or Greek members. Dylan has had a lot of important discussions in planning the quad, he answered that he was aware that the planning of the quad was of concern not conspiracy. He sees Greeks as any other students at IT, and is willing to give Greeks any help they need when negotiating with the administration, adding the voice and support of all students to that of Greek council. On the same subject of unity, the question was asked of what efforts would be made in order to help inter-campus relations between the many diverse ethnic groups, as well as with the gay students. Both candidates spoke of increased efforts not only to have specific cultural events, but to have events geared towards getting people to understand the wide variety of cultures. Dylan said that the fact that events were open to everyone was not enough. Event planners need to make substantial efforts not only to open all events to the public, but to make them inviting enough so that people not belonging to a particular group are comfortable enough to attend. There was also a specific question of gay tolerance issues on campus. The question was directed towards Dylan, because of recent events during Greek week, when one chapter’s opening skit had comments that were seen as very offensive to the gay community. In all honesty, it seemed like Dylan was being asked to represent and respond for all Greeks for the actions of a chapter that he is not even a member of. However, his response was very satisfactory. A chapter did something that was offensive. Greek council is taking steps to ensure that the situation is resolved, and the whole Greek community has been made aware that this is unacceptable.

For the majority of the debate, the candidates seemed undistinguishable in their positions. I believe that this is partly because some of the questions asked had an obvious correct answer. Both want to take efforts to increase school spirit. Both want to increase Greek/dom relations. Both want to increase inter-cultural relations. Both think that the school’s alcohol rules are too stringent and are causing more problems, as people now have to take the risk of going off campus, since the BOG closed and removed bars from campus. Both are in favor of opening student government elections to all students, although Dylan noted that in the past he did not think that the school was ready for them, he has changed his mind in the past year.

For the most important question of the night was when the candidates were asked what the difference between them was. Dylan stated that he is not the optimistic that he perceives Richard as being. He is a realist. He has not only served SGA as Vice-President for a year, but was also Treasurer for a year before that, and a voting member his entire freshman year. He knows how SGA is run. He has been to conferences outlining ideas for improving student government and has taken strides to implement those changes, but those changes must be gradual in order for them to be effective. In his time at SGA he has gotten to learn the things it takes to be a leader on campus and the difficulty that comes with trying to please all of the members of the student body, but it is obviously something he feels he is ready for.

Richard stated that he is not an insurrectionist as Dylan seemed to imply. He was however looking to change SGA for the better. He has not been involved with the inner workings of SGA and in his time in TechNews has been able to hear many of the complaints that the students had about the organization, which eventually led to that now almost-famous black ad calling SGA to attention. He has the respect of his fellow students, and is known as a student leader with the administration. He is an optimist and because of it is very optimistic of what he will be able to do to improve not only SGA itself, but also student life on this campus. I do not think that it is possible to declare a winner for this debate. In all honesty, I believe that it is not necessarily fair for TechNews to be conducting a debate in which a valued member of their own organization is participating. Some of the questions seemed to be particularly loaded, as was Dylan making Richard respond for the actions of a Greek house he wasn’t a member of. What I was impressed to see, is how well both candidates were able to hold themselves in front of the crowd. Both were very confident in what they were saying and the way they held themselves at the podium. Richard was able to satisfy my personal concerns that he was looking to end the divisions that plague our campus, not to intensify them. Both have shown themselves to be excellent leaders dedicated to improving our campus.

The only thing that did stick out in my mind that I would have to give Dylan bonus points for was his closing statement. “I’ve read through 5 years worth of meeting minutes from SGA, the only motions I’ve ever seen brought to the floor are constitutional changes... What’s the purpose of reversing the constitution if you can’t do anything... SGA’s power is not changing itself... I think change is great in SGA, but I would like to see ten times more change outside of SGA.”

This statement is something I could not agree with more. SGA needs to be a catalyst for change, not within itself, but in the way that student life is conducted in this campus. Yes, efforts need to be made to improve SGA, no one is denying that, but improving SGA cannot be the main focus of SGA. I believe that both candidates will be excellent leaders, and I hope that those that have worked with them will do more to clarify their strengths and weaknesses during the pre-voting discussions. Regardless of who wins it is clear that SGA has and will continue to be an important part of life at IIT and TechNews will continue to do whatever it takes to keep the organization accountable to all students. For those of you who have voting rights for this election I only ask that before you cast your vote you ask yourself this question: Which candidates do I think will do the most to benefit ALL STUDENTS, not just the particular group I happen to belong to?

Presidential Debate Transcript
By Vaibhav Agrawal
OPINION EDITOR

Opening Statement:
Richard: Thank you all for coming! This is a momentous and historic time at IIT. The student body has been revitalized by the presence of two new buildings on campus and has seen many changes. The biggest change we have to deal with as students is what we are going to do in response to the university’s effort to make changes to our lives. Student organizations are at their peaks and are doing things never done before: Has the student government really kept up with the rest of the student organizations in keeping up the progress? The student government accountable. The reason students are excited is because they have seen the power of suggestions of SGA and the voice of 5,000 people speaking together. I’ve been part of this change for the past two years and have learned that change creates strength, conflict breeds resolution, and strife leads the way for accomplishment. An angry student yesterday will tomorrow be a student as a representative of change. The goal for SGA will no longer be the vision of its leader, but will be the vision of the student body. When people speak of SGA, no longer will they talk about noon full of strangers but will be speaking of themselves.
Dylan: The problem is being addressed to Greek Council and I have the utmost concern that they will make the right decision for the benefit of others. Members of the Greek community will not only learn, but benefit from this experience. We can only make a constant effort for diversity education and people to be open and I believe that people will accept the choices here at IIT. I truly believe that on the whole people here are not homophobic and this was just an unfortunate display of homone gone wrong. I am very glad that it is being properly handled by Greek council and I am sure that it is not possible in the future will be handled appropriately.

Richard: I have to make it clear that it was not at this event and, therefore, have no hand knowledge. In general, this problem really underscores one problem as being one of most of some campuses in Chicago if not in the entire nation. We are diverse, but not very mixed. The student government needs to establish itself as a role model and show that it is okay to tolerate others for their differences.

What does it mean to know this performance tied for first place?

Dylan: It does not reflect on the entire student body, rather it only reflects on the students judging it at the time. At the time, these students probably didn’t know that the performance upsetted people. They found it appropriate and, after some thought, I am sure they can see where it may have offended some people.

Richard: This is a touchy issue and I personally believe it’s been kept alive by the color, but doesn’t reflect what most people believe it’s been kept alive by the color. It does not reflect on the entire student body. Rather it only reflects on the administration by one group or another to accurately understand each of your personal beliefs.

Dorms vs. Greek issue or non-issue?

Richard: This is a tough issue and I personally believe it’s been kept alive by the color, but doesn’t reflect what most people believe. Yes, there’s a difference but it is much of a difference between undergrads and grad. The fact that you all have a different social life here in student government means we’ve come a long way. The fact is that there’s a huge grad and commuter populations that’s underrepresented in SGA. This old battle between the Greeks and dorms needs to be faced head on. It’s something that is not a factor. All students here are looking for the same interest in bettering the school and I think we should focus on that.

Dylan: I’ve given a lot of thought to this in the past weeks and tried to discern the clash between greeks and dorms. It seems to be more than anything an individual thing and there’s definitely diversity amongst opinion. It’s basically a friendly rivalry. I particularly remember a women’s ball fight we had my freshman year—it was a great bond to let us feel connected. Or course there was a division, but there was a strong sense of continuity. When I hear that Greeks can SGA, I think that it’s ignorance. Every Greek organization has values that tie them to become involved on campus.

Conflicting dining hours with classes are an issue? What is conflict and how will you address it?

Richard: We can really use to our advantage the fact that we’ve had unprecedented access and cooperation from the administration on our levels on everything from programming activities to renovation to changes in the curriculum. We need to address this immediately and look from a calm perspective and reach an agreement. As the incoming class sizes increase, we need to take hold of this situation before things get out of control.

Dylan: SGA has already made to take care of this recently in its request to make an hour-long dinner break. From my experience at SGA, I’ve thoroughly learned and asked them what they see their role in SGA as a group. Despite the recent advances committee involvement, they do not see their needs being accurately represented by SGA in general. I try to assemble people as much as possible. We cannot expect an SGA that is dominated by one group or another to accurately represent the needs of the entire student body.

Richard: What qualifies it to be SGA president and what have you done in the past to improve student life at IIT?

Dylan: I think I’ve exemplified a great deal of leadership over the past year. I have developed a number of relationships with many of the administration and student leaders. I believe that relationship part of the presidency is the most important part of it. If you can’t work with others, there’s no need to be in the position. I’ve shown my interest in improving student life at IIT by my willingness to run for SGA president. If I become elected it will become my only position on campus.

Richard: I think it’s not here is not the problem with our own personal qualities. We need to fix the problem by the problem. You just have to get things fixed because guy after can’t start over and can’t be expected to do what you’ve done before. If I become SGA treasurer of my house: if you want things to look better, you want food better, and wall painted, then you are going to have to pay more. Prices will be raised in MSV to better serve its residents. SGA can only serve as a feedback organization and has ability to look at student opinions very fast and effectively. SGA best use is to give input to the administration and help them look at the cost-benefit ratio of their actions.

What are the differences and why I vote for you?

Dylan: I am not an eternal optimist. I am a realist. I have been involved too long to be naïve and close my eyes and think that nothing is going on. I’ll bring experience to the table. I will bring past knowledge of how SGA is run and I will be able to bring a lot of inside knowledge of how SGA can be changed. There is a big difference between looking at the outside and thinking what needs to be changed and being on the inside. I am not an insurrectionist. I am not going to try to break down the walls of SGA and to rebuild them. Instead I’d always promote gradual change from worse to better if you do things too fast people won’t like it.

I make decisions very carefully. Through my experience, I’ve learned something: If you make one student happy, chances are you will make five other students unhappy. Listening to everybody, weighing the costs, weighing the benefits is really the way to make things better.
Richard: I will admit to being an eternal optimist. I always try to look at the bright side of things and try to look at the positive. I do not see myself as an insurrectionist at all. If it has an insurrectionist, I would not be running for the office as legally mandated but rather I would try to run between various administrators and try to get government overthrow. I am definitely the one for change. I have been not on the inside, I’ve been on the outside for 2.5 going on three years now. I’ve seen what students go to SGA meeting for and see what they come out with. I’ve seen why the one that don’t go don’t go. For the past years, students have been pushed down and told gradual change is the best change and yet change has come to some pace.

The best SGA has done in past two years is change the name from SLC to SGA. True, the spirit of motion was to promote association with general-student body and not just student leaders accountable. By far the one thing I bring to SGA is an outside look, a fresh look. SGA has had the same look, for quite a while and many students are not happy with that.

Richard: AEPi have been removed from campus?

Dylan: That’s a pretty sticky topic considering that it wasn’t my decision. In the fraternity world to be kicked off campus and allowed back within two years is the best possible situation. I know what happens to you when you screw up. Be removed from campus and allowed back, is amazing. AEPi had some problems; their best members overlooked some problems in their house. It’s believed that in two years AEPi will come back and they will be much better for it. My fraternity has major problems too—we’ve stopped, changed the way we operate. We went down to three people and since then we’ve been strengthened. We’ve stopped running, we’ve stopped drinking. I agree with Bob Lambert. We made a change where it was needed and we were able to stick with through the change and been successful. We’ve been successful, but because of it I think AEPi has been given that option and would not have been given that option had we not put more energy behind this than I’ve ever spent. In general, this is something we need to study and I’ve spoken to Bob Lambert, having 2% of voting body in executive board is not a good thing if 25% is voting what the greater student body wants.

Richard: What do you think needs to be viewed as IIT and why?

Richard: (1) We need to break down the barriers that have been here for decades. Any of the battles we fight today has been fought before

(2) We need to increase the diversity, not just in the traditional form of admissions diversity, but in terms of the number of cultural events we will attend.

(3) We need to learn how to listen to everyone. Opinion, every thought, every statement—we need to think outside ourselves and outside their organization. Having 2% of voting body in executive board is not a good thing if 25% is voting what the greater student body wants.

TechNews made attack on SGA

Richard: As managing editor at the time, I can say that the decision was made with editorial board and with a long and careful thought process. TechNews was on the Finance Board blacklist at the time. We admitted to wrongdoings and we felt that the student body was not happy with SGA, but we said that we were not gonna stand around and wait and decided to make this a call to action.

Dylan: Needless to say I was surprised. It did something good it gives a kick in the butt and definitely got more people interested in SGA, more so than it really did change anything about the way we operate. You can’t prolong activity through open ridicule. The best thing is that got people interested in SGA: if you can get a bad piece of press, sometimes it’s much better than a good piece of press. I am sure this incident served many more purposes than TechNews even thought of. Yes, TechNews should hold student organizations accountable, but then again does TechNews speak for every student? SGA speaks for every student in theory. Is TechNews representative? As far as holding people accountable, I become curious from time to time of exactly what TechNews accountable.

Richard: Quite frankly, TechNews is directly accountable for the entire student body. If the student body were to come together and say that they disagreed with TechNews and wanted the leadership removed, then the administration would close TechNews the very next day.

Alcohol on campus

Richard: (1) This year IIT’s role is that they chose Mackie Derrick to sit on committee of TechNews as president. He was a great help to the task force. If IIT starts putting a strong hand on alcohol issue and parties on campus, then what they do is push students away. The safety is being ability to walk half a block up to your local bar and partake if you’re of age and to try to do responsibly and not to do so to the extent where you can reach home safely without having to take a 30-minute EL-ride. If a death occurs or an assault occurs on the EL with a drunk person from IIT coming back, from the EL in the best there longer for us to hit. IIT will be just as accountable as if they allowed it on their own campus and the administration needs to seriously think about that.

Richard: I think that all has bad needs has to be kept in perspective. Shortly after this accident occurred and was alcohol-related, the university started cramping down and that’s the exact opposite of what I think they should’ve done. I think the biggest thing is that we need to take responsibility rather than just risk management. When it comes to alcohol, we should not be encouraging our students to leave campus to partake in these activities. We should be encouraging them to stay on campus and be responsible with what they are doing. What would I think? I think we can do as a university to force our students to go off campus to engage in these activities and then have their safety up to the hands of the general public and the CPD when we have a fully-staffed Public Safety force on this campus that can more than take care of the job if we keep it on campus, it is controlled, kept only to those that are of age, and kept in responsible.

How will SGA work to have neighborhood bar?

Dylan: I think the first step is after SGA everyone heads over to Jimbo’s and we patronize our local bars. I am absolutely serious about this. We have local bars and we have within them close walking distance. What we do is actually make an effort to use what is close to us. If you walk back from Jimbo’s, you’re going to walk two blocks through Bridgeport, and then you’ll hit the Public Safety bridge and from there you’re essentially safe. I think that’s a great alternative.

Richard: I think what we can do is use history. IIT did not always use to be this loud and down on alcohol. According to a formerly very distinguished professor who now happens to be dean, there used to be an open bar in the basement of the BUR in the Armour Dining Room where professors could go in at any time of the day, make their own drink, and carry it in to class. While I do not think we should have an open bar open to everyone by any means, I do think we can have university-sponsored events and manage and enforce not only that it will be fun but regulate the safety and security of IIT students when they partake of alcohol.

As SGA president, what will you do to increase school spirit?

Richard: I am an avid sports fan and unfortunately I’ve had to learn that here because of a lack of a football team, but I was very excited when we added soccer.
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a time for decision
a time for moving forward
a time for working together
a time for agreement
a time for no looking back
a time for leaders
a time for followers
a time for no looking back
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a time for students
a time for artists
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The first floor of Perlstein Hall was transformed into a gallery featuring works in all media including: painting, sculpture, drawing, photography, video installation, fashion, and musical performance.

The organization of the show sought to create an environment which would not only present each piece as its own individual artwork, but also sought to illustrate the full depth and breadth of the work IIT is producing as well as an attempt to highlight the beauty and art found in the everyday. What was refreshing about this year’s show is not only that many noticed an improvement in the overall quality of the art, but also the perseverance of hand crafted art in our new digital age.

It is very reassuring to see that digital media is being embraced and used as another in creating art, enriching the complexity of the art scene, but not replacing more traditional methods. The food at the reception also provided an interactive piece, which encouraged participation by all those who attended; all of the Coke cans were sculpted in an organic pattern on the floor, which was altered every time someone drank one. There was also a similar pile of Twinkies on the Mies Van Der Rohe table in the lobby contrasting two very different IIT legacies.

The “one night only” exhibition highlighted the artistic talents of the IIT community and provided an outlet for personal expression, as well as promoted a culture of art on campus. The success of these shows relies entirely on people caring enough to produce art and having the courage to share it with the wider IIT community.

This show is proof that art is not dead at IIT, but is thriving through the individual efforts of the students as well as the faculty and staff. This one night show also highlights the need for a permanent university art gallery, which IIT is sorely lacking. The creation of a gallery is currently being studied by an ENPRO and anyone who cares about art should support it.

On Wednesday, April 7, the Whiplash Art Club hosted its second annual art show, “ICON,” the work was drawn primarily from IIT students as well as some submissions by faculty and staff.

By Chris Berenfeld
ARTS STAFFWRITER
One gift from New Guinea and twenty some years later, Associate Dean of the Undergraduate College Jack Snapper has continued out pack rat tendencies from childhood in his newly settled home in Main Building. Bustling to get in stories about the collection of artifacts and tribal art he has amassed as acquisitions from friends, dealers, and travels, Snapper delivers the world without stepping foot outside his office.

Starting with his namesake, Snapper points out a woven upon turtle shell which hangs appropriately in the center of his other works. Made with a type of palm tree called bilum, it was acquired through a dealer in Mexico. This gorgeous part of his collection also speaks to the attempt of narrowing a focus in woven and tribal art undertaken about three to four years back which the many baskets hanging and sitting around attest to. Mayan, Hope, and African woven arts are all accounted for in his collection as some were obtained personally and others purchased through other means.

Recently hung is the collection of tobacco pipes gathered in a two week New Guinea excursion with his brother and friend during the 70’s. Explaining that they served as a peace pipe traveling as the first white man many had seen during his travels, one can still pick up the scent of his worldly activities that he achieved through trading glass beads. Just as the pipes steadily balance on two chains, Snapper speaks of his world of aesthetics.

Much preferring art which carries a punch that he is able to collect and hang on walls, it becomes clear especially after being pointed out that many of his works achieve balance that preferably isn’t obvious. Wanting a kick in the guts feeling from art, Snapper takes a ceremonial New Guinea stone from his wall that contained tightly woven bilum and the jaw bones of a small animal. Claiming there are artists which set out to frustrate dealers by creating art which is not able to be placed on walls or collected, a subtleness about many of the pieces is felt. After a decorated piece of New Guinea wood which delivers the punch Snapper is looking for as a war shield is pointed out, his Ganesh collection is soon brought up too. Collected from the sister of former IIT International Office employee Ravi Shankar, several clay Hindu god forms play instruments as a more recently acquired golden Ganesh dances.

What once began as stones, insects, and later pistols has now grown to a collection of note, although Snapper admits that some items are in his office partly because he was made to take them out of his home. Even though his collection speaks to the appreciation of history, Snapper asks why he would go back when presented with the question of what period he would most enjoy living in. He is certainly proof that this is a good time as his collection speaks to the global community we embrace in the days of shrinking distances.
Haitian dance brings African beat
Cultural Center mixes tribal style with workshops
By Daisy Agose
TECHNEWS WRITER

I was privileged to attend one of the events presented by the old town school of folk music at the South shore cultural center; it was particularly designed to showcase the music and culture of the African Diaspora.

The event, which coincided with Haiti’s two hundredth independence, was titled “a journey from Africa to Haiti”; it began with a very lively and upbeat Haitian dance workshop, which had active participation of the members of the audience. We were taught different steps and Haitian rhythms for an hour.

This was in itself educative, as it presented Haitian dances that had evolved from the Nigerian Ibo tribe. The dancers were to project the ancestors’ spirit of revolt and to convey the message of freedom attained by the Haitians.

The second phase of the event was a presentation of the African drum and dance by the Miniwa dance ensemble. They started off by exhibiting great drum beats, later accompanied by very agile dancers. The music they played was characteristically West African blended with “American and Caribbean cultural expressions.” It left with moving around in your seats and clapping at the swift, spirited and energetic movement of the performers.

The final phase of the show was performed by a Haitian dance company called Tamboula, interested in preserving their cultural heritage through folklore and sacred traditions and rhythms.

I ever doubted them in the first place. Hauntingly beautiful and somewhat whimsical, this evocation bodes optimism for the future. Known for whimsically sad and depressing songs, Modest Mouse has tailored a sound that seems to be more upbeat and danceable.

With the release of the much anticipated Modest Mouse album, “Good News for People who like Bad News” I held my breath to see if Isaac and the gang would deliver.

“I never stopped wondering about the production quality of the album,” Isaac said. “We’ve been working on it for a long time and it’s finally coming out. I’m really excited about it.”

The album is set for release on April 13 and it features twelve tracks, including the singles “Ambulance” and “Desperate.”

The lead single, “Ambulance,” was released last month and has been well-received by fans and critics alike. The song features Isaac’s signature blend of punk and folk influenced music, with lyrics that touch on themes of isolation, depression and the struggle to find meaning in a world that often seems cruel and unjust.

The first track, “The Diary of Alicia Keys,” is a reflection on the singer’s journey from a struggling artist to a global superstar. The track features Alicia’s powerful vocals over a backdrop of driving beats and catchy hooks.

“Songs in A Minor,” by Alicia Keys, is the singer’s third studio album and it features a mix of pop, R&B and soul-influenced tracks. The album was released on March 1 and it has been well-received by fans and critics.

The album features hits like “The Life I Know,” “Fallin’” and “You Don’t Know My Name.” The album was produced by Alicia Keys and it features contributions from some of the industry’s top producers, including></s>
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Cultural Night’s Vivid Exotic Depictions Captivates Audience

By Sukanya Balasubramaniam

India, the vibrant land of mythological tales, of Gods and Goddesses and a thousand years of history, has evolved over centuries as a mystic land of festivals. Every occasion you can dream of is celebrated with gaiety, pomp and fervor. These colorful and happy cultures bind the people of the nation across various states and religions in a unique way and is a spectacle that cannot be experienced anywhere else in the world. An essential flavor of these festivals is the dance and music that goes with it. “Cultural Night” organized by the Indian Students Association of IIT is an illustration of the marked culture of India.

The event was scheduled on the 10th April at the HUB auditorium. A fresh batch of effort went into the organizing of the event. The preparations for the event began a month in advance. The students with utmost interest and enthusiasm rehearsed their performances. The outcome of all this effort was the display by a dazzling array of performers on the big day. Fliers were put up at every nook and corner of the school premises. Given the large crowd, there was a large turnout of people at the time of the event, embellished in the best attire from various walks of life. The crowd was mostly comprised of the Indian community and a couple of students from other nationalities. The climate outside was electrifying as people were all geared up for what would be a night to remember. If you were a passerby, you had the opportunity to witness and reminisce on the part of India which you left behind.

The event was devoted to paying a tribute to the almighty seeking his blessings. The rest of evening was dance and music personified to the fullest extent. The vocalists represented the music in its greatest glory while the dances were an amazing display of neuromuscular coordina-
tion. The best part about the event was that the music and dance was displayed in a form that suited today’s genre and tastes.

It was a closer look at what really went on. The opening of the event was an amazing classical evening. A classical composition by Anuya Wagh. Anuya, with her dance movements beautifully depicted the man and civilization evolved from his ancestors over time. The “intellec-
tual” singers, you could say, displayed their talent by rendering some of the best tunes of Indian music. A moment of quietness, as though I was sitting in a Ricki Martin or Mariah Carey or Lata Mangeshkar concert because of the enthralling electricity and invigorating performances from the artists in their unique style of performance, which was a treat. The indo-western fusion dances were the best part of the day. The dances namely the FSA-angels and Bollywood fusion and Acha Dajiba had the whole aud-
ience transfixed on the stage. To add more spice to the event were the skits which had the whole au-
daience laughing. The instrumental music was another dimension added to the event which was amazing. An illustration of Indianism would never be complete without Indian food. The brief hiatus to the program was filled up with this exciting session of dusk and mists.

The event as a whole was an exotic, lively display of the talent of our IIT students. The Indian Student’s Association needs to be lauded for their organizing abilities. At last, the event was a huge success. The stage was presented to one and all the students of IIT for exhibition of their talent in any form. The partici-
pants did an excellent job at presenting their gifts to the audience. All in all, the event was a roaring success.

FINANCE BOARD REPORT!

Association for Computing Machinery--Programming
ACM Cyber Fest $736.00
Description: ACM Cyber Fest is an annual event held in order to provide interested students an entertaining day while using computers. We will be co-hosting this year’s event with F.R.A.G. in the MTCC ballroom. We expect 60 attendees based on last year’s turnout. We are requesting for fliers/posters and food.

American Society of Civil Engineers–Programming
ASCE 2nd Annual Dinner at Bistro 110 $3,950.00
Description: ASCE is hosting our 2nd annual banquet at Bistro 110. The event is open to all students and will include a guest speaker on Civil and Architectural Engineering topics. It will be an evening of fine dining and socialization before finals begin.

Asian American Association–Programming
AnimeNight $166.00
Description: The Comic Book Association plans to run an anime night on the large-screen TV in the MSIV Lounge, for at least 24 hours of entertainment, socialization, and complementary refreshments for all interested attendees. The organization will provide the evening’s entertainment, but material, and funding for the necessary refreshments.

Delta Tau Delta–Conference
KamaeConference $3,500.00
Description: Delta Tau Delta is requesting funds to help offset the cost of going to the National Conference. Each chapter is required to attend. This Conference happens every other year and it is required to go because this is where all the legislative revisions are voted on.

F.R.A.G.–Operating $125.00
Description: With this operating budget we can buy office supplies, copying and postage. This will allow F.R.A.G. to send flyers to companies asking for donations as well as allow the group to advertise in events around campus.

F.R.A.G.–Capital $5,400.00
Description: These servers will fill the樱花 empty space of about 6.5years. Factoring in the increase in undergraduate student population that F.R.A.G. expects, this is a very sensible purpose. Our partnership with F.R.A.G. CSE department can guarantee that every IIT student, including those at other IIT campuses, will have access to these resources.

IIT Cricket Club–Capital $19,770.00
Description: IITCC was the last years runners up in the Midwest Champions-

ship and this year hope to bring the Golden trophy home. After the fantastic run last year IITCC would like to follow it up with some exciting cricket this year. For the matches and training purposes it would like to have newer bats and cricket equipment. Venue: Cricket Pitch behind baseball field. Date and time to be announced.

IIT Cricket Club–Operating $700.00
Description: This proposal is to request clothing for the players for the entire season from May 15 to October 15th. Due to the heat and tear of the material, we are requesting for two pairs of t-shirts and trousers. The clothes will be used for the 20 games that the IITCC will be playing.

IIT Cricket Club–Programming $2,600.00
Description: IITCC is requesting money for the participation, travel, and food for the players for the entire tournament beginning May 15th and ending on October 15th. 2004. The matches will be played on every Saturday and Sunday for 7 grueling hours at a venue decided by the Midwest conference.

IIT Lacrosse Club–Capital $2,001.00
Description: This proposal will enable the IIT Lacrosse Club to expand its member base and promote lacrosse through direct student participation in the sport. Our biggest problem is that we do not have enough equipment to growing the demand the games play the sport. This proposal provides for enough equipment of meet that demand and gives us the opportunity to organize a large scale event where we can accommodate over 50 students.

International Students Organization–Operating $1350.00
Description: The International Students Organization will be holding elections for the new board members for the year 2004-2005. The cost of printing and photo-copying flyers will be covered by this proposal.

Phi Kappa Sigma–Operating $590.00
Description: Phi Kappa Sigma is having a poker tournament in order to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. A $10 “buy-in” for charity will be recommended to all players a night of cards and good times.

Residence Halls Association–Programming
Flowers for the Formal $900.00
Description: RHA would like to work with the florist that is working with the Union Board to offer boutonnieres and corsages for sale at the event. The floral has offered discounts to the RHA and we will receive an additional $3.50. Purchasing the tickets to the formal, attire for the night, and floral accessories can all be purchased from this account.

S.C.A.–Capital $3,000.00
Description: Legitlate is the ultimate tool for Student Government to communicate and operate effectively and efficiently. S.C.A. would like to have this software integrated into the school.

TechMate–Programming
BBQ $3,050.00
Description: TechMate would like to continue the tradition of our annual BBQ. It is open to the entire student body and will provide food and entertainment while fostering student faculty interaction.

TechNews–Operating $2,045.00
Description: TechNews needs to join several national organizations in order to continue its mission to inform the student body on technology. The student body is essential for News for Design (NSD), the College Newspaper Business and Advertising Managers (CNBAM), and AIP College.

Union Board–Operating $72.00
Description: Union Board would like to provide lunch for two in last two meetings (4/20 and 4/27) of the year. We typically have 35-40 people eating our food. It is anyone’s welcome to attend. They are on Tuesday’s from 1-1:45pm in the MTCC Ballroom. In addition, we need funds to advertise our meetings and the final events of the semester such as the BOG films, talent show, etc. This money is needed cover the commuting classes which range from 2-10.

Union Board–Programming
Botanical Garden Trip $335.00
Description: The purpose of this proposal is to secure funds for the trip coordinated by Union Board to the Chicago Botanical Gardens the last weekend in May. It has 23 gardens, totals 385 acres, contains 81 acres of waterways, 9 islands, 6 miles of shoreline, 15 acres of parkland, and 100 acres of woods in both indoor and outdoor settings.

Union Board–Programming
McKinley $300.00
Description: Union Board would like to provide for a seedling for each student held during its traditional meeting (4/ 27) form 12:40-1:50pm in the MTCC. This is an event that is open to all IIT students.

Union Board–Programming
TalentShow $1,800.00
Description: The talent show is an annual event that gives IIT students a chance to win prizes and provides a night of enter-
tainment for the entire campus. In previous years, there’s been a time delay between acts and this year we hoped to fill it with a professional comedian to make the event.
AICHE Hosts Regional Conference

By Sukanya Balasubramaniam
I-TECH STAFFWRITER

I t is a dream for every Chemical Engineer to be a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. “All over the world, people talk of AICHE committees and conferences, and read AICHE journals. In short, the term “AICHE” means a lot to any chemical engineer, anywhere in this world. On April 2nd, IIT presented an opportunity to significant number of students from different corners of the country to be a part of this great community.

This organization primarily aims at educating and honing the skills of the intellectual youth. The AICHE has a long-standing history of organizing conferences all over the nation. It was a great privilege that the students of our university stage-showed this event. What makes this conference all the more special is, it has been six long years since a university in United States is organizing the AICHE conference.

The event was scheduled between the 1st and 4th of April. A lot of groundwork went into organizing such a big event. To cite a few examples, the students displayed utmost enthusiasm and energy in procuring sponsors from various companies and institutions and inviting a number of people from various disciplines to give lectures and trigger the young minds. On the pleasant morning of April 2nd, it was a big event. To cite a few examples, the organizers need to be lauded. The students received many stimulating and thought provoking ideas through the lectures presented by the corporate community. Among the various speakers was Prof. Bob Anderson, a faculty member of IIT. He gave an amazing review of career planning and job performance with references to real time situations.

It is a dream for every Chemical Engineer to bring in the amazing city of Chicago to the full extent possible. There are a few aspects, which are worth mentioning and for which the organizers need to be lauded. The IIT student group displayed superior and using the gathers of universities like Ohio State University, Purdue University and many others. The student community was excited and pumped up to take on the big event.

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Deviating from the general flavor of the conference was the entertainment section. The students organized a comedy show to add some spice to the event. Not to forget, April 4th was entirely devoted to fun and exciting things.

On the positive side of this conference was that there were students from a gamut of universities like Ohio State University, Purdue University, University of Illinois, Purdue University and many others. The student community was excited and pumped up to take on the big event.

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The event lasted till three in the afternoon and was attended by representatives from Alpha Sigma Alpha, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Zeta Pi Omega, and Kappa Delta Phi. An attendee noted that “the retreat was a great opportunity to hang out with my fellow Greeks and to share insight into the problems all of our chapters face.”

1st Greek Leadership Retreat Works to Bring About Positive Change

By Max Rajan
I-TECH STAFFWRITER

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Steroid Use is Increasing in Professional Sports

The use of steroids may eventually be used in college sports, or is it currently in use? By Steve Anderson

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I am not saying Mark Prior has a "steroid problem", but I don't believe he hasn't used steroids. Tendons are the first things to go, not the liver. Most of the recent steroid accusation is starting with Mark Prior, who is on the disabled list with a Achilles heel injury. Former CY-Young pitcher Jack McDowell has voiced on a radio station his opinion on the current situation: "I am not saying Mark Prior has or not, but it kind of worries me that he has an Achilles' heel that won't heal itself. Tendons are the first things to go."

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In baseball, steroids do not really have a major impact on the game as well as the players. Steroids gives himself a huge advantage. The harder you can hit someone, the bigger you are, and the faster you are, you are just that much better than the next player. Not to anyone's surprise, this might be why the NFL has a much stricter steroid testing program in all. Many stars have been suspended for a numerous amount of games for each particular offense. Conversely in baseball, there has never been a suspension or fine handed down for steroid abuse. It seems as though everyone is using steroids, and baseball has not done anything about the obvious problem. These two players are being Ken Caminiti and Jose Canseco.

There are a couple of big name players right in the middle of the steroid debate. The biggest one is left-fielder for the San Francisco Giants, Barry Bonds. He has repeatedly denied us- ing the substance even though his former personal trainer was indicted on charges of steroids and has stated that Bonds, along with many other big name players, were supplied by their agents.

Baseball has begun to make a stride in the right direction this year. Some teams are currently working out a plan to have harder and more frequent random steroid testing put into affect. Baseball personnel have repeatedly stated their concern about the game as well as the players. Ste- roid usage from former players has caused negative affects on the user, ranging from liver problems to heart problems. Also, recovering from minor injuries takes a significant time longer. The most recent steroid accusation is starting with pitcher Mark Prior, who is on the disabled list with a Achilles heel injury. Former CY-Young pitcher Jack McDowell has voiced on a radio station his opinion on the current situation: "I am not saying Mark Prior has or not, but it kind of worries me that he has an Achilles' heel that won't heal itself. Tendons are the first things to go, not the liver."

Gladly, the steroid debate really has not traveled as far as the college field. Being a college athlete myself, I have never heard of an athlete on my level using steroids or any other illegal performance enhancers. Perhaps that trend someday can continue to the pro- fessional level and finally put an end to the heated debate. Look for more severe steroid checks in the future, including at the collegiate level.

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Soccer Club Officially Recognized on Campus

By Daisy O. Agose

No soccer fan can claim to be out of sync with the game due to the distance or its relatively low profile at IIT. Those who simply love the game keep the spirit alive here on cam- pus.

Students could express it in subtle ways like wearing a football jersey, to playing FIFA as seen in the recent FIFA tournament, or more passionately by playing and watching the game. Those who love to play meet religi- ously every Friday at 6.30pm and also on Saturdays. For a typical game they divide themselves into groups of five to seven mem- bers a side, and take turns to play. Eight minutes is the allotted time for each game, however they go by the golden goal rule sys- tem. If a team scores before time-up, that team stays while the other is replaced. If none of the teams scores before time-up the media, the hype still continues.

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UCONN Makes History

Men’s and Women’s basketball teams win championship games

By Matt Helland

In the first of two Men’s NCAA semi-final match-ups in San Antonio last weekend, the Oklahoma St. Cowboys faced the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. In the first half, Georgia Tech jumped out to an early lead by- hind the 3-point shooting of Marvin Lewis and inside play of 7-1 center Lake Schenscher. At halftime, the Cowboys found themselves looking at a 37-30 defi- cit. The Yellow Jackets contin- ued the momentum, led by Joey Graham's 17 points and 10 re- bounds, and cut the lead to 53-51. From that point Georgia Tech controlled the lead until John Lucas hit a key 3-pointer with 26.3 seconds remaining in the game to tie the game at 65. With the ball and the last shot in the game, Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt decided to put the ball in Will Bynum's hands. With seconds re- maining, Bynum dribbled through traffic and hit a lay-up with 1.5 seconds remaining to win the game and give his team a 67-65 win and a spot in the National Champion- ship game. Ironically, Bynum was considering transferring to Okla- homa St. But the Cowboys ran out of scholarship money and he ended up at Georgia Tech.

In the second semi-final game the Huskies of Connecticut played the Duke Blue Devils. Early in the game, UCONN jumped out to an early lead, but two quick fouls on Emeka Okafor hurt the Huskies as the center had to sit out the last 16 minutes of the first half. Duke made a run once Okafor was sidelined and took a 41-34 lead into halftime. The Blue Devils, led by Luol Deng’s 16 points and 12 re- bounds, continued their excellent play in the second half. However, momentum turned late in the game when both of Duke’s centers, Shelden Williams and Shavlik Randolph fouled out. With Duke up 75-67 and less than three min- utes left, Connecticut went on a remarkable run and scored 12 points in a row to take a four point lead. The final point came on an Okafor free throw, which was quickly followed with a mean- ingless Duke 3-pointer at the buzzer to make the final score 79-78. Connecticut’s remarkable come- back effort was led by Emeka Okafor’s 18 point second half. Senior guard Ben Gordon also had 18 points in the Huskies win. In the championship game, Connecticut proved that they defi- nitely had the best team in the country. In a game which the score was closer than the competition, the Huskies dominated Georgia Tech and out. Connecticut jumped out to a 15 point half time lead, which increased to as much as 25 points in the second half. However, Georgia Tech displayed its true toughness and fought back to close the deficit to nine points by the end of the game. But in the end, UCONN, once again led by All-American Emeka Okafor’s 24 points, claimed their second nation championship un- der the leadership of Coach Jim Calhoun.
I've never really cared or worried very much about genetically enhanced food until tonight. What better to do on a Friday night than to grab a couple of friends, head on over to Heaven (1550 N Milwaukee) and learn about the hazards of genetically manufactured (GM) foods?

Heaven Gallery is hosting From the Ground Up, which is an investigation into the manufacture of food products, its interconnection to the environment and our well-being as a society.² The works of Richard Curtis, Daniel Johnson, David Banga, Jeff Sweeton, and Eric Lebofsky are featured from April 9 – 24. I would recommend you go, this exhibit is highly informative. One wall is lined entirely with flyers advertising local vegetable cooperatives, the pros and cons of genetic engineering, pamphlets on why to become vegetarian and ads for local vegetarian restaurants.

The entire exhibit focused mainly on the dangers and hazards of genetic engineering and its effects on our society. All of the art was centered around rotating information to the audience, based on statistics. One of the most interesting facts was that it takes 25,000 gallons of water to produce one lb. of wheat, whereas it takes 2000 gallons to produce one lb. of meat. There were printed images of this text on the wall and a chart showing the dangers and benefits of GM foods. Some of these companies included Kellogg's Corn Flakes, Nabisco Snackwell's Granola Bars, Quaker Yels, and onions.

Other than being jam-packed with tidbits of information, the show also provided both arguments, the pro and cons sides of GM crops. To the question of GM foods were safe, the anti-GM camp claimed that there were too many independently funded studies on the safety of GM foods for them to be taken seriously.

While the pro-GM camp states that there are no inherent differences between GM foods and those from organically grown crops. They argue that “no one has substantiated a single human death, or even illness, as a result of consuming GM foods.”² When asked about the impact of GM foods on the environment, the anti-GM advocates stated that bioengineered crops (‘supercrops’) do far reached damage to the environment. Insect-resistant crops will eventually harm species that are not their target and grow out of control.

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For more information on the installation, or if you’d just like to read more about genetically enhanced food, check out www.visionpreserve.com. For a list of vegetarian restaurants in Chicago, check out www.vegdinahicago.com

² From the Ground Up flier
³ GM Crops: The Arguments Pro and Con

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One Chicago gallery has turned mealtime to classitime

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Restaurant Review

One sin down, six to go

Buffet City

7010 S. Pulaski
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Lunch (Mon-Sat) 11:00-3:00
Dinner (Mon-Thu) 3:30-9:30
(Fri-Sat) 3:30-10:00
(Sundays) 11:00-9:00

A reflective pond with oversized goldfish. Dome ceilings with crystal chandeliers. Intricately carved jadeite ships. And four lines of all you can eat buffet.

This isn’t a grand palace in China and it isn’t your typical “OCB” fare. This is Buffet City. Newly opened on the way south side (yes, there is stuff farther south than that) Buffet City is a modern uptown of all-you-can-eat cuisine. They feature not only the expected Chinese dishes, but piles of shrimp, mussels, a salad bar, Mexican food bar, made-to-order sushi, freshly cooked king crab legs and dish-it-yourself ice cream served alongside even more gut busting desserts. Buffet City is not for the light eater.

Buffet City was recommended to me by my boss, a small Asian woman who spoke of this mythical buffet like it was the Taj Mahal. Now this is a woman who raves about the great food they serve up at lesser establishments, like the famed OCB, so she was not to be trusted. I had to check it out for myself. So I braved the far south side (70th and Pulaski) in search of this Mecca. I was told it was in a vacant shopping mall in the place of an old Walgreens.

I expected to see a temporary banner half shining over some very obvious remains of a Walgreens sign, but I was much surprised. The parking lot was overflowing with cars, the place looks nowhere between GM foods and those from organically grown crops. They argue that “no one has substantiated a single human death, or even illness, as a result of consuming GM foods.”² When asked about the impact of GM foods on the environment, the anti-GM advocates stated that bioengineered crops (‘supercrops’) do far reached damage to the environment. Insect-resistant crops will eventually harm species that are not their target and grow out of control.

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I had planned on eating four plates, to get my cost per plate down to a slim $2.50, but after my second plate I knew it wasn’t happening. I realized then that eating lunch was a mistake. I turned that frown upside down by hitting up the lush dessert buffet and eating some radioactive “spumoni” ice cream. Neon green never tasted so good.

With proper fasting and food-stealing techniques, that $9.99 could last you a whole weekend, so I encourage you to check Buffet City out. And if crab legs aren’t what you seek, hit them up for lunch ($5.00) because as the sign says “No crab legs included with lunch.”

Public transportation looks sketchy, so get a carpool together and make it extra fun by hitting up one of the many of the Latino grocery stores along the way.

Exit on Pulaski from 55 and drive about 30 blocks, you can’t miss it.
By Sabine Kollwitz

H aving recently acquired a new used bicycle from Working Bikes Co-op (check out the article in an earlier edition of Tech News) I’ve been anxious to explore the surrounding areas. Getting started can be kind of tough and intimidating. Chicago’s such a huge city and there are so many places to go that it can get pretty overwhelming. Not to mention the issue of available bike lanes and in- ner city riding.

After having familiarized ourselves with the immediate surrounding areas, my friend and I continued to branch out further and farther into neighboring communities. A couple of our favorite places to bike to were Chinatown and Whole Foods (located at North Ave). Riding to Chinatown allowed us to explore a good chunk of Bridgeport and Pilsen. We took Lakewood Drive all the way up to North Ave, which made for a pretty scenic and relaxing ride. Riding along Lakewood, you’ll encounter numerous joggers, bikers, strollers, so if you’re looking for solitude, avoid popular exercising times (like after rush hour, in the morning try avoiding popular exercising times, etc). If you’re ever in the area, Edison Park has a pretty long and intense biking trail called North Branch Trail that will lead you through a great expanse of forest preserve.

You can get there via Brown Line, getting off at Francisco and going di- rectly north a few blocks. Getting off at the same stop, you can also get to the North Shore Channel Trail, which was opened in 2002. If you’re not re- ally into biking in the wilderness, but would rather just prefer a simple bike lane in the city. Roosevelt and Clinton, which branches oft of Milwaukee, are pretty biker friendly.

If you take Elston all the way up north, it will eventually run into North A verage Glass Roof. Visitors almost feel as if they have stepped into a jungle as they traverse the Fern Room, glimpses of the weather. With the majority of the weather. With the majority of the weather. With the majority of the weather.

Museums: The majority of muse- ums in Chicago have sponsored Free Day, where the price of admission is wa- tered down for a day of special events or exhibitions.

Critical Mass Chicago

Critical Mass Chicago is the ultimate event that will be the opportunity to enjoy idly stroll- ing along in the exterior spaces of this beautiful establishment.


By Beckie Peel

A s students at Illinois Institute of Technology, I know we all have infinite amounts of time and resources to explore this lovely city. Oh, so maybe not. for those of us living in the real world, there are several options for a fun morning or afternoon away from campus that are also free of charge.

Grant Park: Now that the weather is getting nicer, Grant Park is a wonderful destination for a walk or picnic. Easily accessible from the ‘El’, a wonderful destination for a walk or picnic. Easily accessible from the ‘El’. Get off at Roosevelt and Clinton and head west up to North Ave, which made for a pretty scenic and relaxing ride. The tree lined avenues of the Windy City.

As finals are rapidly approaching, I recommend taking a couple after- noons off from the intense study ses- sions to unwind and de-stress. Any of the locations that I discussed are an excellent way to unwind and re- member the days of your youth, when coloring with crayons, climbing trees, and an obsession with dinosaurs was all that you had on your mind. Chi- cago is a city that has so many things to offer us as students—don’t let these opportunities pass you by.


Upcoming Shows

By Annie Rannitla

Tues. April 13

Rafis  
Senses Fail  
Fired Up  
Don’t Look Down  
Metro | 6:30 pm, $11-$13

The Sleepy Jackson  
On the Stereo  
Schubas | 9 pm, $12 (18+)

Wed. April 14

An Albatross  
Fireside Bowl | 8 pm

Addison Grove Project  
Family Groove Project  
Schubas | 8 pm, $8-$10

Thurs. April 15

Building Press  
Fireside Bowl | 8 pm

Sugar Ray  
Little Nightmares  
House of Blues | 7:30 pm, $20

Morah  
Clearly and the Mainstream  
Schubas | 9 pm, $10

Lucero  
Two Horse Hill, The Glass  
The Empty Bottle | 10 pm, $8-$10

Fri. April 16

The Thrills  
Ambience Ltd.  
The Changes  
Metro | 9 pm, $15 (18+)

Queen Of The Night  
Symphony X  
House of Blues | 9 pm, $36,50 (18+)

Sat. April 17

LTL Baken  
MC Conrad  
Chapter 1000 Vertical Feet  
Metro | 11pm, $17-$20

Mustard Plug  
Catching 22  
Big D and the Kids Table  
The Planet Smashers  
DI Chuck, Wren  
Metro | 5:30 pm, $15

Atombombenkochtkafé  
The Silent Language  
Conspire  
Zelluloid  
Jay Rajeck  
The Empty Bottle | 9 pm, $8

Sun. April 18

Rasputina  
Model By Death  
House of Blues | 9 pm, $12-$14 (18+)

Jurassic 5  
Scotch/Black  
House of Blues | 6:30 pm, $25
This is the first of a two part series with articles entitled Do It in Private and Do It in Public because sometimes when you go out, you want some alone time with your significant other and sometimes you want to join in the fun and hoopla of the crowd. In this first segment, there is provided for you a variety of intimate locales perfect for some up-close and personal time. Just don’t forget to keep an eye out for the next segment and its delve into the social scene.

Kamehachi - Japanese restaurant with private floor seating dining rooms
1400 N. Wells
Chicago, IL 60610
(312) 664-3663
Website: www.kamehachi.com

As seen on television and in movies, some Japanese restaurants offer small, individual, private dining rooms for their customers dining pleasure. Kamehachi is one of these restaurants. Its rooms are in the traditional Japanese décor complete with floor seating next to lowered tables. These rooms are called tatami rooms. For an intimate gathering, there isn’t a better choice than the private tatami room at Kamehachi, which seats up to eight and is available by reservation for a fee of $30. Kamehachi also provides the perks of a famed sushi bar, valet parking, and 'El' access. Average price range for dinner (excluding wine, tax, and tips): $21-$30.

Lincoln Park Lagoon - Paddle Boat Rentals
Informative Website: http://pages.ripco.net/~jwn/lincoln.html

For a romantic, private activity, there is nothing like paddle boating in a secluded, picturesque setting. You know there is definitely a reason why the lagoon scene in Disney’s “The Little Mermaid” existed in the movie; romantic settings like that make guys ‘want to kiss the girl.’ Fortunately for romantic couples, the ambiance of a lagoon is isn’t far away because the Lincoln Park Lagoon is located just off Lake Shore Drive on Chicago’s lakefront. Paddle paddleboats are available in the south lagoon, which lagoon is located next to Diversey Harbor. There is ample free parking (although you may have to drive around for a few hours to find it) and public transportation access.

JC Cutters, ltd. - Horse drawn carriage rides
Website: http://www.jccutters.com/cutterspage2v2.htm

You know you see the carriages when you’re downtown, but you don’t know exactly where to start a ride. And, you always mean to ride in them someday, but you always forget. Well now is your chance. Here is a reminder. JC Cutters, ltd. offers luxurious carriage rides touring downtown Chicago, originating from four different locations: Michigan and Chestnut, Wells and Ontario, State and Randolph, and Superior and Michigan. The also provide transportation for special events and the like with reservations and ride mementos such as Polaroid pictures and Lucite frames, Wine goblets with wine, and coffee mugs. Champagne and roses are available with a reservation.

The Peninsula Spa Chicago - Couples massage
108 E. Superior St.
at North Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60611
(312) 573-6860
Website: http://peninsulaspachicago.com/services.php?category=15

The Peninsula Spa Chicago offers couples the option of relaxing together with any of their massage services, performed in a room for two. These massage services include Swedish massage, Therapeutic deep tissue massage, Peninsula’s Essential massage with aromatherapy, and Spa Reflexology massage with the ancient Chinese therapy of the feet and their pressure points. Unwind with your significant other at the prestigious Peninsula Spa Chicago. The fabulous service is well worth the hefty price tag. Call for reservations.

The Dance Academy of Salsa - Private Couples Dance Lessons
Website: http://www.danceacademyofsalsa.com/

The Dance Academy of Salsa has private dance lesson packages for couples of all ability levels and single lessons at a slightly higher price. If "Dirty Dancing – Havana Nights" turned you on, then actually learning the moves and dancing, instead of watching a movie, is a must-have experience. The Dance Academy of Salsa has also gift certificates for private, two-person lessons. So, if you need to give a unique gift, sultry salsa lessons are an extraordinarily sizzling option.
My fellow students,

Over the last two weeks you have seen my profile on the SGA website, read my posts on The Tube, taken notice of my flyers, and watched me at the Technews sponsored debate. In those last few hours before the election I would like to depart from telling you why I would make a good President. Instead I want to let you hear from some of your fellow students, past and present, who I have had the pleasure of working with in my time here at Illinois Tech. To me they are not just student leaders or successful alumni; they are friends. They are friends for the same reasons I hope you trust me to be President; because of my character, my competence, my ability, and my personality. I want you all to know that even though they may be in leadership roles in various organizations, they do not speak for their members or their organization as a whole. Thank you to the entire Illinois Tech community for your attention during this campaign. I look forward to seeing many of you this evening.

Sincerely,

Dylan Easley

"I firmly believe that there is not a student on IIT's campus who has a better understanding of the SGA, Finance Board, IIT staff and faculty, as well as the undergraduates' and graduate students' needs. From my own experience I can say that in order to serve the entire graduate and undergraduate population of IIT, you must be a champion of these three areas. Dylan has proven his ability in all three areas of focus."

-Matthew Hunt
SLC chairman (SGA President) 2002-2003

"I greatly support your campaign. From what interaction I have had with you I definitely feel that you are the right person for the job. You take special initiatives and really have the vision and plan to better organize the student government to be better representative of the IIT student body as well as make it more heard with the school's management. I strongly recommend your candidacy for the President of the SGA. Also whatever initiative and support you have given me to handle a very important issue that concerns the careers of graduate international students is demonstrative of your ability to appreciate the needs of the under-represented graduate body."

-Prasanna Parthasarathy
Graduate Affairs Committee Chair, SGA

"For the past 3 years I have watched Dylan sacrifice much of what he loves towards the betterment of this campus. Always giving all his efforts and available time to help anyone who wants to take action, but does not know how, Dylan has proven countless times that he cares how his fellow student's feel here at IIT. As president of Kappa Phi Delta, I have seen Dylan volunteer hundreds of hours in order to cook for us, help us build and pass an SGA Resolution, and work concerts to help us raise money. As an active member of his house, Dylan has never stopped pushing his brothers to excel and encouraging them to make the Greek Community as a whole thrive. Dylan is a very passionate and strong willed man who when he sees what he needs to do, he does it. Plain and simple. Always keeping an ear to the ground for student organizations who need help, Dylan has displayed one of the important qualities of being a leader: caring about your followers and helping them whenever possible."

-Theresa Allen
President, Kappa Phi Delta Sorority
Treasurer, Greek Council
Head Manager, IIT Fund Phonathon

"As an IIT alumnus, former Vice Chair of SLC, Finance Board Chair, President of Greek Council and current member of the Executive Committee of Phi Kappa Sigma International Fraternity, I have had the opportunity to interact with countless campus leaders and witness firsthand their various leadership traits and techniques. I must say that in all my travels, Dylan Easley is one of the individuals who truly stands out. Dylan has that rare ability to effectively guide others regardless of the situation. Such leaders are not the norm, they are the exception. Dylan Easley is one of the exceptional. I wholly endorse his candidacy for Student Body President."

-Douglass W. Opicka
IIT Alumnus Class of 1997

"Dylan Easley is a smart leader with great vision, a commitment to his fellow students, and the skills to bring our student government to the next level of excellence. He's not a leader who is satisfied with the ways of old, but strives to improve SGA in all ways possible. As president, he will leave our government much better than as he found it."

-Ryan George
Chair, Finance Board
Spring Formal guide to dress buying online

Spring Formal tickets are sold out! Yes, completely gone and those women lucky enough to get one of the 300 tickets available are now trying to answer that timeless question, “What Shall I Wear?”

Because college students by definition are broke and needy, I-TECH wants to help students get the best bang for their buck by telling them where to find the best formal wear deals through online shopping.

Online clothes shopping seems scary at first because of all the things that can go wrong, such as the dress arriving late, being too small/big, or not being as cute as the one shown on the site.

Avoid these scares by shopping early, but if the shopping has just started help yourself by getting ground shipping because the arrival date can vary too much depending from ten days to two and a half weeks. Pay the extra dollars to get express or priority shipping so you won’t regret it later.

Avoid a dress that is the wrong fit by taking accurate measurements according to site specifications—bridal shops will take measurement for free if a wedding is mentioned. If unsure about the size recommended by the company, order two sizes, one in the suggested size and another that is smaller or larger depending on what the discrepancy is. Don’t be surprised if the size online is larger or smaller than department store sizes because formal dresses are usually smaller in size.

One way to avoid getting the wrong size is heading into local department stores and trying on dresses. Write down the proper sizes and the name of the companies manufacturing the dresses. Why? Well, department stores are usually more expensive than online companies and knowing the size and the company wanted makes it a lot easier to find the dress desired. If confident with dress measurements, then skip the stores and take a seat at the PC to hit the web.

There are many sites to choose from, but here are some of the best ones with great deals.

**Prom Fashions USA** ([http://www.promfashionsusa.com/](http://www.promfashionsusa.com/))

Prom Fashions USA is a good online resource for designer dresses.

**Boscov’s** ([http://www.boscovs.com](http://www.boscovs.com))

Boscov’s has many popular brand named dresses like Zumi Zumi, Rampage, and Blondie; prices at Boscov’s range from $40 to $200 on beautiful dresses with standard shipping starting at $8.95.

**Delias** ([http://www.delias.com](http://www.delias.com))

For the newest teen trends in prom dresses Delias is the place to shop. Check out the sales section for limited selections of last spring’s hottest trends and a good sale price.

**Signature Trends** ([http://www.signaturetrends.com](http://www.signaturetrends.com))

Signature Trends has FREE SHIPPING on all orders and brand name dresses up to XL; prices range from $50 to $150.

**Ciera Collection** ([http://www.store.yahoo.com/ciera](http://www.store.yahoo.com/ciera))

Ciera Collection is a small Yahoo! Store site with simple, classic, floor length gowns. If the newest style is what you want and reasonable prices with free shipping check out

**Marshall Fields** ([http://www.fields.com](http://www.fields.com))

Marshall Fields is local but browse online before heading to the store or avoid the store by shopping online: Marshall Fields makes it easy to find the style of dress wanted with categories like glamorous, princess, romantic, and classic and it’s easy to find the right price range because you can choose from dresses below $100 or dresses above that mark.

**The Rose Dress** ([http://www.therosedress.com](http://www.therosedress.com/))

For simple cheap dresses and a good place to shop online, but if you want high style and glamour it may be a long night at the PC.

No matter what site you choose, always be careful when entering credit card information and SKIM the privacy policies—do not just click yes. Happy Shopping!

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IIT BASEBALL SCHEDULE:

Tuesday 04.13.04 North Park Ed Glancy Field 3 p.m.
Thursday 04.15.04 at Trinity Christian * Palos Heights, Ill. 3 p.m.
Friday 04.16.04 at Valparaiso Valparaiso, Ind. 3 p.m.
Saturday 04.17.04 #11 OLIVET NAZARENE (DH) * Ed Glancy Field 12 p.m.
Monday 04.19.04 DOMINICAN Ed Glancy Field 3 p.m.
Tuesday 04.20.04 at Robert Morris * Crestwood, Ill 3 p.m.
Thursday 04.22.04 #20 SAINT XAVIER * Ed Glancy Field 3 p.m.
Saturday 04.24.04 at Cardinal Stritch (DH) * Milwaukee, Wis. 12 p.m.

CUBS HOME OPENER, Monday: against Pittsburgh @ 1:20pm

WHITE SOX HOME OPENER, Tuesday: against Kansas City @ 1:05pm

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Start Attending SGA Meetings Now to Have Voting Rights for the Elections of
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These Three Meetings
• March 9th – Finance Board Nominations
• March 30th – Executive Board
  Nominations
• April 13th – Exec. Board & Finance Board
  Elections

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All Meetings are at 9:15pm in the MTCC Auditorium.
Questions? Email sga@iit.edu.

Congratulations

Richard Duncan is the recipient of the Richard Babcock Leadership Award
honoring an outstanding Sophomore or Junior who has demonstrated signif-
icant leadership skills in his or her personal and academic life. This
prestigious award carries an honorarium of $10,000.00.

The following students will receive the Clinton E. Stryker Distinguished Service Award
honoring students who have made notable contributions to campus life.

Betsy Raju • Lynn Kohlhaas • Alex Calflov • Sean McGann • Koren Aragaki
Satish Thomas • Chetan Narke • Kumar Abhijet • Sanjika Wirasingha
Kedari Vasu • Saruchi Thakore • Robert Lambert • Reginald Campbell
Ryan George • Dominic Garusia • Richard Duncan

Chetan Narke is the recipient of the Outstanding Student Employee of the Year Award
honoring students for outstanding job performance and dedicated service to the IT com-
munity. William Mustin is the recipient of the Outstanding Graduate Teaching as-
sistant Award honoring a graduate teaching assistant who has shown extraordinary
dedication and commitment to undergraduate education. Jack Snapper is the recipient
of the Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award honoring an advisor for their
outstanding contributions as a volunteer.