They were considered developmentally deficient too. Blacks were considered stupid, less capable of feeling pain, less deserving of life. The life of black was considered less valuable than the life of a white American.

Lincoln, the first Republican, was not in favor of slavery at the time of the debates. He did not want states entering the Union (Kansas) to have slaves.

Fundamental to Lincoln’s debates was his conviction that slavery was a moral wrong, the issue of right and wrong, and he charged his ideas spread throughout the nation, and they as a moral wrong by more and more Americans. Lincoln led to the the 13th amendment, which outlawed racial slavery—thus, legally, black Americans became human.

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From 1840 to 1860, growing abolitionist sentiment was surfacing in the United States, but abolitionists were a certain minority confined mainly to newspaper editors, no writers, and to some religious groups. The institution of slavery hinged upon one idea—that backs were not human. If they were fully human, they should have the same inalienable rights as other humans (white Americans). The concept of the sub-humanity of black Americans was manifested in many ways. Blacks were considered an inferior “Negroid race.”

The parallels between the Lincoln-Douglas debates and the Keyes-Obama debates are particularly striking. Both debates were centered upon fundamental questions of humanity and were situated in turbulent eras.

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Today’s vote will come down to three: Florida, Ohio, and Michigan. No one seems willing to even dare to make a prediction, considering what happened four years ago. Last election Ohio and Florida went to Bush, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Iowa to Kerry.

Pennsylvania at last polling was eight points to Kerry. Michigan and Ohio showed Kerry six points ahead. Iowa and Wisconsin were dead even. And Florida—that is a whole different story. No one seems to be even making a prediction, considering what happened four years ago. Last election Ohio and Florida went to Bush, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Iowa to Gore.
TechNews explores the the overall differences between the two leading candidates of the 2004 presidential election.

By Anthony Gaddini
NEWS STAFFWRITEW

Tonight America will elect its president for the next four years.

John Bush, the Democratic candidate, opposes George Bush on many issues. His campaign is focused on the “W stands for wrong” theme. He asserted that the President has misguides America. Kerry stated that American involvement in Iraq has been fraught with error. He feels he could do better by garnering the support of other nations which he accused Bush of alienating. Bush accuses of misjudging Iraq’s weapons capability, too. He wants to substantially reduce US troop involvement. He also accused Bush of allowing Bin laden to escape.

Kerry accused Bush of inadequately funding the effort, thus Kerry voted against an $87 billion funding bill. Kerry claims that the president has neglected law enforcement and emergency response funding as well.

Kerry supports the formation of a Palestinian state and would appoint an ambassador to the peace process. He also feels the President has neglected education issues, leaving his “No Child Left Behind Act” under-funded. He promises a $44,000 tax credit for college tuition. He wants to implement a public service program where 2 years of service could entitle a student to a public university education. He is against vouchers.

Kerry has positioned himself as the “environmental candidate.” He has proposed stricter cleanliness regulations and has accused Bush of neglecting environmental standards. He opposes drilling for oil in ANWR, and he supports alternative fuels and electric infrastructure grants. He wants the Kyoto Protocol passed.

Kerry also wants to maintain government ownership of Social Security and wants to create a federal fund to reimburse employers for 75% of employees’ catastrophic health expenses. He wants prescription drug benefits extended. He is against settlement caps for malpractice.

Kerry wants to avoid a bill supported by business leaders which would phase out business incentives. He is against the death penalty that would not overturn Roe v. Wade, which he supports. Fair trade tempered with tougher envi- onmental standards. Kerry wants to hold weekly “Job Kerry supports tax cuts for the “bottom 98/2%” cut.”

Bush’s campaign has centered on ac- tion. He has accused Kerry of having no plan. The dominant issue for Bush has additional funding for the military and wants Iraq.

The economy, which suffered a recession in early 2000, has been crucial to the Bush campaign as well.

Kerry has proposed that congress of Homeland Security and National Defense by channeling money to community colleges and vocational education at vocational schools. stimulate the economy.

Bush wants to expand Federal Pell to become intrinsic to secondary education in primary schools. He wants teachers are poorly qualified. He is in support.

Bush wants to improve the electricity proposed a healthy forests initiative to thin Kyoto. Bush “is fully committed to the forest such a ‘Road Map to Peace’ which will involve territorial negotiations and a final settlement by 2005. Bush seeks increased compliance with trade agreements. Bush has proposed a prescription benefit plan and a program that would make health coverage more affordable for small business. He wants citizens to malpractice suits. Bush stopped funding for overseas abortion and contraceptive programs, and he signed the late-term abortion bill. He opposes abortion except in cases of rape or incest.

Today’s election is critical. It is one of the most internationally covered elections. An entire section of the BBC world news
Excellent qualifications for this month’s Professor of the Month.

Runner-up - Lori Friedman, Assoc. Director, International Office

This nomination stated that she was the backbone to I-Fest and the event would not have gone on without her help. She is said to be a very committed advisor.

Student of the Month - Sangeeta Rajagopalan

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EVENT AND ORGANIZATION OF THE MONTH - International Fest and ISO

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CLARIFICATIONS

TechNews thanks its readers and anyone who has had questions about the map that was printed to accompany the story "A Glimpse of Indian Culture" in the I-Tech section of the previous edition. Many felt that the map improperly displayed the borders of India with respect to the disputed region known as Kashmir.

However, TechNews stands by the map which was printed. It is an internationally accepted map depicting the three parts of Kashmir as they are claimed by India, China, and Pakistan. The state of Jammu and Kashmir in India is denoted by a dashed line, indicating the dispute, and the Line of Control is clearly marked on the map. The Pakistani controlled portion of Kashmir is colored the same shade as the territory of Pakistan, the source for most of the concerns, but it should also be noted that the Indian controlled portion of Kashmir is colored the same shade at the territory of India.

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In Defense of the “Che”

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ome readers were apparently perturbed by the October 5th publication of the Ricardo González’s “You Che Shirt Makes You Look Like an Idiot” article. Mr. Gonzalez was accused of spreading “mysms, and outright lies concerning Ernesto Guevara.”

While reasonable people can disagree on weather or not “Che” shirts are a good thing, it would be unfortunate to attempt to wash Che clean of his bloody history. In fact Che took responsibility for the execution of informers, undeserving parasitic elements, deserters and spies in the revolutionary army (1).

He personally executed Eutimio Guerra, a suspected Batista informant, when nobody else in his ragged hand would, and he analytically described the event later in a cold, dehumanizing manner reminiscent of Dr. Josef Mengele. “I tried to find the problem,” giving him a shot with a .32 pistol in the right side of the breast, with exit orifice in the right temporal lobe [3]. He gasped a little while and was dead (7). Even Fidel Castro was reluctant to support Guerra’s cause and had asked his brother to assist in Guerra’s arrest. However, such a request would not have approved of American help in matters that were considered as domestic.

Che was not a hypocrite. He was a realist who analysis the situation to his own advantage. He did not have a signiﬁcantly different understanding of what Che would do. He was ruthless. He was violent. He was something Che would be strongly opposed to,” is misleading. Che certainly would not have approved of American corporations profiting from sweatshop labor, but he certainly approved of back breaking forced labor if it helped his “Revolution.” Che forced people into labor. The American Marxist organizations that produce the “Che” shirts do not (4).

Che was a tremendous advocate of hatred and violence. “Hated” as an element of the struggle; a relentless hate of the enemy, compelling us above and beyond the natural limitations that man is heir to, and transforming him into an effective, violent, seductive and cold killing machine.” He wrote this in his famous “Message to the Tricontinental.”

“Show me an army that does not shoot its deserters,” wrote McRae in another attempt to justify the brutality of Che’s “army.” “The US military does not shoot its deserters during peace
time (6). Also the US military is an organization that has been produced at a pro
ductive, yet dehumanizing work environment. That is stupid. What, do they have to exterminate and suppress. Hitler dehumanized the Jews, calling them “Volkverderzung” (5).

Many was born into an “up

miester class family” (1). While he may not have been rich, he was deﬁnitely better off than your typical Argentinian. Furthermore, Che was not a true Argentinean. His parents were Spanish. They had little that did not have a signiﬁcant indigenous ancestor.

Cuba has high literacy rate and more doctors per people than other countries. Does this in any way justify Che’s ruthlessness and brutal
ty? No. Furthermore, one does not see desperate people setting sail in inﬂatable rafts from the Florida Keys heading to Cuba.

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Some consider him a martyr. This is why some glorify him today.

“A “Che” shirt, logo, or poster is a symbol of Che. It represents what he stood for—antiauthoritarian socialism. Do people who wear his shirts support antiauthoritarian socialism?”

It would be far more appropriate for a true Marxist or socialist to wear a shirt emblazoned with a stylized image of Marx or Engels. Furthermore, a true Marxist would avoid wearing a shirt produced at a proﬁt in sweatshops in Honduras, where many “Che” shirts are made (4).

Would you want someone to wear a “Che” shirt? Some possible answers are that one could truly support antiauthoritarian socialism. One could be ignorant of the Che’s history. One could simply ﬁnd the striking image visually appealing. Some could argue that the Swastika and the Swastika are visually appealing. This does not make these symbols worthy of becoming attire, though.

People who wear “Che” shirts risk alienation from people who know history and value life, liberty, and good taste.

Anthony Gaddini

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**FB Role Defined, & Redefined**

By Finance Board

Finance Board nominations are coming up at Tuesday’s SGA meeting and six positions are up for election. This article was written by several members of the board to discuss the purpose of FB, how it works, and the issues that all students of IIT should be informed about.

The main purpose of Finance Board is to ensure that organizations receive funding in a fair and consistent manner, for the maximum number of students, and for the benefit of the IIT community.

Finance Board makes certain that proposals for funding are well researched, financially responsible, and accessible to the student body. Finance Board does not make decisions based on whether or not it “likes” the planned event or purchase. Rather, it decides whether the need for the expenditure has been justified by the organization, and whether or not there is sufficient proof that the organization has researched alternative options for their proposal.

Alternative options could include looking for multiple venues to hold an event, finding several competitive caterers to provide food, or researching multiple vendors to purchase an item proposed for. This research is important to justify why an organization chose to purchase items or services from a specific place.

The decisions Finance Board makes are based on the articles and restrictions set forth by the FB Guidelines and content in the workshop. While it may seem obvious to the reader, it’s important to realize that FB is governed by these Guidelines—that is, they are a set of guides. The Guidelines are written in a way that leaves room for interpretation, similar to the elasticity of the U.S. Constitution.

This allows Finance Board to be flexible in its decisions and to help accommodate the changing needs of the student body. For example, a highly debated issue that keeps coming up is that of food in organizations’ operating budgets. Currently, the Guidelines do not specifically address funding requests for food. Thus, FB addresses each request for food on a case by case basis, deciding whether there is a justified need of food for the operation of the organization.

Each semester, FB also assesses what changes need to be made to the Guidelines to better meet the needs of the Student Body. A recent change includes an increase in the maximum amount that may be requested for conferences, and a future change that is being looked into for this semester includes a new category for Competitions/Tournaments, as more organizations have the need to propose for events that are neither programs nor conferences.

If you have voting rights in SGA, it is important that you make a responsible and informed decision when voting on Finance Board allocations, and that you critically evaluate every proposal that is put up for vote. It is also important to consider the appeal of the event or proposal to the whole student body, since not every student can come to the SGA meetings and vote. Proposals are now available to view on Friday after 5:00pm in the student organization area, and in the near future, Finance Board proposals should be accessible online by the weekend before the SGA meetings.

Every member of Finance Board has office hours, where you can run by a proposal that you are submitting or ask questions about how FB works. FB holds weekly roundtable lunches Thursday at 12:45, where you can bring by any personal or organizational concerns and discuss them with the board over lunch.

FB even has an AOL screen name, IITFinanceBoard, that you can IM to FB even has an AOL screen name, IITFinanceBoard, that you can IM to.

**What is a Patent?**

By Alex Polyakov

What is a Patent? The term “Patent” refers to a type of Intellectual Property. Patent Law protects your ideas and inventions. Patent protection is difficult to obtain and it is for a limited term and within a specific scope.

However, once you obtain the benefits of Patent protection, your investment in this form of Intellectual Property becomes very valuable. Patent protection is a reward to inventors for having an incentive to create.

The patent owner will have a limited commercial monopoly on his or her idea for a specific period of time. However, the price of this limited monopoly is that the inventor must disclose to the public his or her invention, it cannot be kept a secret. The benefit of the U.S. patent system is that it allows progress without having to repeat the “mistakes” of others, largely due to the disclosure requirement.

Anyone can have an idea worth a fortune, even if it is not earth-shattering. However, your idea will be more valuable if you protect it, because if you do not, you may lose it. Patent Law will protect your idea and your invention against all who may try infringing your limited monopoly, whether innocently or not is irrelevant.

If a court finds that another has infringed your Patent protected rights, then that court may award substantial monetary damages, it may force the infringer to stop his or her operation completely, and it may even award attorney fees to the winner of the lawsuit. One of the underlying reasons why damages in a lawsuit for patent infringement are so great is because patent protection is so difficult to get.

What can you do? You can call, email at chicago-kent_patent@yahoo.com, or fax us at any time. We are interested in providing an answer to any question concerning patent law that you may have. Being future engineers and scientists, it is our belief that having an understanding of patent law will be a valuable tool in any of your future careers.
papers were model propaganda engines. Likewise, anti-abortion websites and newsletters churn out stories about teen pregnancy, disproportionate rates. Abortionists were driven primarily by religious sentiments. Similarly, many people who have strong religious convictions. Quakers and some Catholics were not only actively against abortion, and some Catholics are notable anti-abortionists. Powerful plantation owners and Catholic bishops supported the Democratic Party. Many abor- tion providers, like Planned Parent- hood, are affiliated with the Democratic Party. Many white Americans seri- ously envisioned blacks and sub- human, as being different from them, as being less deserving of freedom. Many African Americans experience slavery as a sub-human, developmentally primitive, as be- ing insensitive to pain, as being less human of life. Several key differences ex- ist. The violence of slavery was ob- vious. Slaves worked unceasingly and were publicly flogged, beaten, and lynched. The violence of abortion is not obvious. Medical terminol- OIOPINION STAFFWRITER

John Kerry is socially liberal, sup- porting a pleasant hoppy flavor. Some prefer the sweet citrus and fruits or spice, yet at the same time a pleasant hoppiness. They tend to be darker than lagers, ranging from rich gold to a dark amber color. Normally served to accentuate rich foods like steak, sausage and fish and chips.

Draughts: Light or Dark, in any style a draught beer is simply any beer served from a keg at a bar. A beer keg is cold, drinkable beer from a keg or bot- tles has lower carbonation levels than when it was cold around the farm. It is a natural with snacks and regular pub food.

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Canada: Canadian Justice Minister assures American voters that a loss of the left that Canada will be on heightened alert for terrorists trying to enter the United States from Canada to help prevent any pre-election terrorism.

Sudan: More Nigerian troops have been deployed to Sudan to help curb the violence, which United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights ambassador, Angelina Jolie, refer to as "undeniably horrific." The United States is deploying its help by deploying to the troops to Sudan.

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Obama offers very different strategies. While Kerry has stated that he would have vigorously opposed the war even if Iraq did not have WMDS, he stated that he would have taken a different approach. He wanted to get more "international support." He also feels that Bush’s advisors had unrea- sonable expectations.

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Kerry and Bush tax policy is sharply different. He wants cuts for the bottom 98% of earners, whereas Bush wants taxes for all. This marks a great philosophical divide between the two major parties as well.

Finally, on national security Bush and Kerry offer very different

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By Abhinav “Sunny” Hasija

NEWS STAFFWRITER

For most of us there are now only 2 types of beers: Dark or Light. This week, TechNews brings to you the various uses of beer. Most of the different classes of beer are due to the various processes used to create a beer, giving a distinct taste.

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The World At Large

By Alex Belzer

OPINION STAFFWRITER

United States: As the country prepares for elections next week, 60,000 ballot papers have gone missing in Florida. In other news, students living in Fourth Ward were robbed of their moccasins, the floor and the friend they would call “brother” by authorities. No one was available for comment at press time.

Pakistan: ABC News has obtained new evidence of American soldiers internationally citizens have been heard encouraging America.” International citizens have

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By Jessica Roy

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Kennedy has assassinated so many people it’s beyond count. Personally the number is at 71.

Kerry Edward’s-Who is Bush-Cheney is our ticket for America no one has questioned their differences.

October 25, 2004

A House Divided

By Anthony Gaddini

NEWS STAFFWRITER

Advanced Micro Devices, maker of personal computer and server processors, announced Thursday the distribution of a $249 mini computer that includes an AMD processor, software, word-processor, multi-media software, and a stripped down version of "XP. Named the Personal Internet Communicator (PIC), it will be marketed as part of AMD's goal to get half the world online by 2015. The device includes a keyboard and mouse and is enclosed entirely in a durable plastic case ap- proximately the size of a suitcase. It operates without a fan and can only be upgraded by a service provider. It was sold at "unbeatable" prices of $249.

Indian Internet penetration is around 0.4%, and high-speed pen- etration is only 1%. It is primarily by high costs and archaic infrastructure, as it is only 75% ready to serve, and 100-hour connection running at 50 kilobits per second (dialup speed) on average. Thus in a country with the largest population in the world, internet users are few and far between, while other user groups are computer literate. It is in the future.

AMD hopes it can open markets in developing nations, where brand recognition is valuable. Rapid developing middle classes in these na- tions will likely seek better computers than those that feature AMD processor in the future.

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Students Share Fall Break Stories

By Govind Wakhlu
I-TECH STAFF WRITER

Fall break knocks on the average IIT student’s doorstep at a weird time in the academic year. It seems to have finally arrived after having sapped all the energy out. Sometimes, however, a freak midterm is scheduled right after fall break; the logic behind which can be sought after forever. Anyhow, coming back to the point, the average IIT student is very lazy at this time of the year. The reason could probably be the fact that Thanksgiving break isn’t too far off and most people have huge plans for that weekend. Fall break, therefore, seems like a good time to just get some rest and hangout instead of make a road trip around half the country. Most of on-campus residents spend Fall break in the confines of the campus or close by while for most commuters, fall break is when they spend some time with their family. Also, students from nearby states like Indiana and Minnesota tend to go home for the weekend. This weekend, the volleyball team was in Indiana for two days, too. Raisa Pielar, an active member of the team says she played volleyball for two out of the four days, spent one day catching up on sleep and the next day catching up with schoolwork. Dancing seems to excite a decent crowd at seagoing events at IIT. Some students visit All Stars, a club located in the Presidential Towers that allows people 18 and over on Thursdays. Some students, like Yagna Pathak like to go danc- ing with friends but also like to get in touch with their childlike self once in a while. “How can you not know what brouhahaing is? It’s sooo much fun!” was what she had to say to me when I asked her about the cool things she did over fall break and seemed puzzled when she told me that she was brouhailing.

There is a generic trend that most on-campus residents followed this weekend. They woke up late, either roamed around the city or slept again. Some students, like Yagna Pathak like to go danc- ing with friends but also like to get in touch with their childlike self once in a while. “How can you
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To help you follow this year’s presidential election, this page of TechNews gives you the electoral college results from 2000 as well the electoral vote distribution for 2004 for you to color in yourself as the results come in Tuesday night (or Wednesday or Thursday or in December...). By the way, before you begin wonder why the Electoral College hasn’t been changed in 200+ years and four split elections (including 2000), a quick statistic: according to The History Channel, there have been over 700 attempts in the House to change/abolish the Electoral College.

**Interesting Things about the 2000 Presidential Election**

- The 2000 Presidential Election was the fourth election in which the winner of the popular vote didn’t win the Electoral College. In the most notable (1824) Andrew Jackson won 43% of the popular vote, which in the four-way race (all candidates belonged to the same political party as well) was the largest of the candidates. No candidate won a majority of the Electoral College, so the vote was then thrown into the newly-elected U.S. House of Representatives, per the U.S. Constitution. It was alleged that due to some “back room” dealings with Kentucky Senator Henry Clay, John Quincy Adams won the vote in the House. Adams named Clay his Secretary of State. Jackson supporters claimed the “will of the people” had been ignored, but not all states had all the candidates on the ballot (two didn’t have Adams), and some didn’t even use the popular vote to decide the electors at all. Jackson did come back to run in 1828 and won that election outright by a landslide.

- The popular vote in Florida was undecided until the U.S. Supreme Court ruled just days before the Electoral College vote to halt recounts in counties Gore felt he should have won. This was an unprecedented move by the Court, which declared one-time ruling that could not be used for further cases.

- Bush won many states in 2000 that had voted for Clinton in 1996, many of which were very close in the popular vote. Many Democrats blamed the 3% of the overall popular vote won by third-party candidate Ralph Nader for this.
Interesting Things about the 2004 Presidential Election

- The electoral votes in 2004 are realigned to match the 2000 Census.
- Independent/Green Party candidate Ralph Nader, who won about 3% of the popular vote in 2000, is not on the ballot in 16 states nationwide. Many of these are due to legal action taken by Democratic supporters, who feel Nader’s 3% in 2000 would have swung the election for Gore.
- President George W. Bush did not have a major opponent by any measure in the primary race, and was nominated officially by the Republican Party in one of the latest nominations in history in mid-September.
- Many political analysts, going into the weekend before the election, felt that it is a very real possibility that each candidate could receive 269 electoral votes. This would mean that the President would be chosen by the newly-elected House of Representatives, with each state and D.C. receiving one vote. In this case, Bush would most likely win due to his strength in many smaller states in the Plains, West and Southeast. This all of course would happen with no regard to the popular vote.
- Electors in the Electoral College are picked by the states in various ways, but contrary to popular belief, do not have to vote the way their state intends them. The Supreme Court ruled in 1952 that this was the case. Two states, Nebraska and Maine, also do not use the “winner takes all” system in which the winner of the state’s popular vote gets all that state’s electoral votes. They both use the “district” system. In this system, the winner of the states popular votes receives the two votes representing the state’s Senators. The remaining votes are given out based on Congressional districts won by the candidates.
- In what could make things even more interesting, the state of Colorado is voting this election to change their electoral vote system to follow a percentage of the popular vote instead of “winner takes all.” The vote will affect this election’s electors. Colorado has voted Republican in eight of the past nine elections, varying only to vote for Clinton in 1992.

2004 Electoral Vote Distribution
Follow along, by coloring in the states on election night, with your favorite national news source. Try to choose one that is fair and balanced, and does not prematurely call the outcome of the race. Good luck to the candidate of your choice. Let’s hope you put your crayons away by the time you turn in tonight.

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Talent Spotlight: Mindy Sherman

By Govind Wakhlu

TECHNEWS STAFFWRITER

Mindy Sherman, a senior at IIT, has been playing piano every week in the Global Grounds area for almost two semesters now. Her music reminded me of Richard Clayderman with an added ambient effect, ideal for my twenty-minute coffee break before I interviewed her...

Govind: What is it like playing for a college crowd that is always on the move?

Mindy: The good thing is that my music is also moving constantly and taking new shapes. I play very ambient, atmospheric music that is supposed to be in the background unlike music at a jazz club. However, it is still loads of fun when tons of people rush in for lunch together, many stop playing at a jazz club. However, it is to be in the background unlike music at a jazz club. Mindy: I am really passionate about photography and am also taking a graduate level photography course at the School of Design this semester, something I am exceptionally lucky to be doing.

Govind: You have been playing since the last semester. What would you like to add or change in your performance?

Mindy: I would love to project the lyrics of the songs I’m playing. In addition to that, I would love to display pictures I have taken which have been shown at art shows around the city. Also, in the near future, I want to record my performances.

Govind: Have you ever thought of playing with other musicians or do you love playing solo?

Mindy: Playing the piano solo is my stress reliever. My influences include eminent solo artists like Chie Koma and Keith Jarrett and so playing solo comes naturally to me. But I would love to experiment with instruments like the solo, bass and different percussion instruments to add to the vibrancy. That will surely give my music a new dimension. No music can be created in isolation.

Govind: What are your other interests besides music?

Mindy: I enjoy going home and I miss the vibrant stress reliever. My in

Govind: Do you come prepared with a definite set-list?

Mindy: I come prepared with some songs that I know I’m comfortable playing and will perform. So I start off with some warm ups exercises and basic chord progressions. After that I play the songs I had decided, combined with a lot of improvisation. Since I play with the jazz band, improvisation comes easy to me and it is always a lot fun.

Mindy: Anything you want people to know?

What/Who has been your driving force so far?

Angeliki.

What are your other interests besides music?

I have a few people that motivate me. Most important is s

What do you want people to know?

Brian’s right. Alaska is really awesome.

Favorite thing to do in Chicago: The only thing I missed this summer about Chicago was Chinatown.

Favorite quote: It’s by Paolo Coelho, “If you really want something, the entire universe conspires in helping you achieve it”.

Book Review

By Mehjabeen Nazim

TECHNEWS STAFFWRITER

Imperial Hubris (Why the West is losing the war on terror) by Anonymous

In Imperial Hubris, the author argues that Americans misunderstand Bin Laden and al-Qaida and have little idea that they are losing the war. It is a powerful, persuasive analysis of the terrorist threat and the Bush administration’s failed efforts to fight it.

This book clearly demonstrates that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) can indeed be good analysts, the anonymous author—a current CIA official—does an exceptionally good job on the years he’s spent carefully studying detailed intelligence reports from several US and foreign spy agencies. In this book, the author would like to influence our policymakers that “Muslims hate and attack us for something we are and think, rather than what we do.” Muslims are bothered by our modernity, democracy, and sexuality, but they are rarely spurred to action unless American forces encroach on their land. It’s America’s foreign policy that provokes Osama Bin Laden and al-Qaida, not American culture and society.

Excerpts from Imperial Hubris

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A Look at Chicago’s Best Offerings for Dessert

The Cheesecake Factory Restaurant
875 N Michigan Ave

I know we all know the Cheesecake Factory, or at least we should. It is a great place to dine, the portions will last you the good part of a week, and the atmosphere is really cool, unless you cannot take the 3-hour wait, but there is a better take on it. Skip the 3-hour wait and grab a piece of cheesecake to go. Just step up to the deli style counter and pick a slice, or two if you’re really just too torn to make a sound decision. Take it home, and enjoy in front of a good movie, or while you’re cramming for exams. It will make that 8-hour study session much more tolerable. And, with over 20 varieties, everyone is bound to find something they like. Plus, for those who just are not all about cheesecake, they have gigantic Apple Fritters, Chocolate Cake, and the biggest slice of Carrot Cake you will ever encounter.

Ghirardelli Chocolate Shop & Soda Fountain
830 N Michigan Ave

When that dinky scoop of one of 12 flavors (I have yet to see all 31 in Chicago), from a place that also sells doughnuts just won’t satisfy, Ghirardelli is for you. This old-fashioned soda fountain takes its name from the chocolate it is centered upon. An ice cream shoppe owned by a chocolate company, I don’t think anyone could have thought up a better match. Ghirardelli has been operation since 1852, though the Chicago location has been around only in more recent times. But, the San Francisco based Ghirardelli does boast that it is the longest continually operating chocolate maker in America. They serve typical favorites like chocolate sundae, but also signature creations like their famous Golden Gate Banana Split. The best part is that the portions are huge and dripping with toppings, so after a movie or an exhausting trip to Water Tower Place, you and your friends can split one of these sizeable delights. However, do not expect to pay the $3 you would at the aforementioned 12 Flavors, but do not expect a dinky scoop either. Anything smoothered in their fine ambrosia fares well with me. And, even though there are other non-chocolate options, they just too vanilla (plain) for me to mention.

Sugar
A Lesser Bar
108 W Kinzie St

When I first heard about Sugar, I thought, “I have to go there.” What better reason could I get than to be able to share this experience with you readers? Sugar is for those that want dessert, but just cannot stand to be seen in non-“it” spots. This is as hip as a restaurant gets, with the price tag to prove it. Sugar is located in the Merchandise Mart vicinity, which means even parking is expensive; valet will cost you ten bucks. Sugar is definitely not the “go it alone” type of place, so you will have to find a date or group of push friends to join you. The desserts are priced around $13, which is pretty hard to swallow, especially when you realize you’ll have to order a drink to go with it, also another $13. Their kitchen sampler plate, which comes on a plate made of sugar, will run you $18 per person. The menu features desserts named after famous literature, such as the Marquis de Sade, Cino Cosiolle and Tequilla Mockingbird. After spending about twenty minutes deciding what dessert is worth the hefty price tag, you make a selection. The menu even suggests drinks to complement your selection,

La Creperie
Crepe Cafe
2845 North Clark St.

La Creperie is literally just what it says, “the crepe place.” They have crepes for dinner (similar to an enchilada) but what you really go for is the dessert. There menu lists crepes that are available seasonally, but the best part is that you can add ingredients to create your own fabulous concoctions, such as my favorite, blueberries and crème Anglaise which is available only in summer. Winter dessert goes can dive on Bananas and Strawberries along with the always available fillings like crème caramel, crème Anglaise, chocolate, Grand Marnier and Nutella. The employees have a secret (but not so secret any longer) concoction that they call the “Ogusam Crepe” which is filled with crème Anglaise, strawberries, and Nutella. If you pop in for Bastille Day on July 14, you can partake in the Bastille Crepe, a red, white and blue crepe boasting a strawberry, blueberry and crème Anglaise filling. All crepes start at about $7 dollars, but additional fillings will run $1.50 each. Still, if you stop in just for the dessert, you will not leave unsatisfied and it will cost under $10 dollars.

For those of you who have, like me, already run out of Halloween sweets, there is still hope. While you probably won’t be able to receive more freebie handouts like on Sunday night, Chicago does have much to offer in the ways of sweet pleasures. We’ll skip the bulk candy stores, because I’m sure we’ve had our fair share of mini candy bars, and move right on to the crème de le crème, dessert. Dessert is so popular among Americans right now, there are restaurants that serve nothing but these sweet delights. It might be the reason why there is a growing obesity problem in the United States, but let’s forget that and see what our city has to offer.
Big Bowl
60 E Ohio St.
Hours: 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday & Saturday

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Big Bowl has the feel of a Chinatown restaurant, but enough away to actually feel like you are off of campus. Big Bowl is also near two theaters (AMC River East and 600 North Michigan) and the Magnificent Mile—after you have dinner or lunch, you will not be lacking for things nearby to do.

Big Bowl is next door to California Pizza Kitchen on Ohio Street. Usually the wait could range anywhere between ten and thirty minutes, depending on what time of the day you go and what day you are going. The decor of the restaurant includes dark wood tables and chairs, paper lamps, and select artwork on the walls. The lighting is usually dim, so if you are looking for a romantic theme, or if you actually do not want to see much of the person you are with, this place is a restaurant you would want. The atmosphere of the restaurant is at a low rumble—if you need to hear someone talking, you will be able to.

Service at Big Bowl is excellent. As soon as you sit down, your waiter or waitress is there to greet you. Everything you order is brought to your table promptly, and your glass is never empty. The menu is about as extensive as P.F. Chang’s—unless you are looking for something exotic, you will find it here. Big Bowl’s staple is the stir fry bar. It is located in the back of the restaurant near the kitchen. If you choose this as your meal option, load your plate up. Big Bowl is a good restaurant. It is not exotic by any means—it is similar to P.F. Chang’s, but not quite as elegant. The service is great and the food is, as well. The atmosphere is great for a casual date, or if you want to go out solo—it is also a great place to have a meal. If you happen to be hungry for Chinese, Big Bowl is just a train ride away. Big Bowl is also reasonably priced ($8-$15 per entrée). Big Bowl gets an ‘A’.

Grand Lux Café
600 N. Michigan Ave.
(enter on Ontario Street)
Hours: 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Mon.- Thurs.; 11 a.m.-12:30 a.m. Fri.; 10 a.m.-12:30 a.m. Sat.; 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Sun.

Grand Lux Café is a great restaurant. There is nothing about it you will not like. The food is awesome and the service is excellent. Grand Lux is not cheap ($30-$518), but it is worth the extra change. Goalhead and stop (door is on Ontario Street) here—you will love yourself for it. Grand Lux Café gets an A+

You may pass by it when you are walking down Michigan Avenue. It sits right above Ann Taylor. You may find yourself intrigued—you may find yourself wanting to go in. Then you realize that there is no door on the Michigan Avenue side, you then find yourself swept away with the crowd on the Magnificent Mile, and the Grand Lux Café becomes nothing more than a tossed aside dinner option. Well, the door is on Ontario Street, and you definitely should not pass this restaurant up.

Grand Lux Café may remind you of the Cheesecake Factory when you walk in—as it should. The same design team that worked on the Cheesecake Factory worked on the Grand Lux. You walk in, give your name to the host or hostess, and wait to go up the escalator for your delicious meal experience. When your name is called (usually anywhere from fifteen to thirty minutes—again depending on what time of the day you go and what day), the ride up the escalator is like a door opening to food heaven. The first thing you see is the ceiling—it has dark wood details and fabulous lighting fixtures. The most of the tables are near the window on the Ontario side of the restaurant. You then get fabulous lighting and a view. As you sit down at your table, the only word you can think of is, “Wow.”

Not only is the décor out of this world, the service is one-hundred percent better. You waiter or waitress is always supercharming, nice, and quick to bring you everything you need. You always get a basket of bread at your table to start off your meal. If there is anything you want—short of a basket of hundred dollar bills or a car, your server will definitely try to get it for your. The menu is extensive—like crazy extensive. There are Chinese food options, Shrimp Scampi, Chicken Piccata, and pretty much anything you could want. You feel satisfied when you order, thinking to yourself your meal will be excellent. Your food gets to your table, and then you realise you have enough for about two more excellent meals. There are also several appetizer options if you want to snack before your meal—try the Spinach Cheese Dip (excellent!). The dessert menu is also quite impressive. There are not many places you can find Beignets or Banana Foster outside of the south. There are several items on the dessert menu that are baked to order, so save yourself some stomach room to elevate your already ethereal food experience.

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TECHNOLOGY NEWS
It's not that am unafraid to die, I just don't want to be there when it happens.
- Woody Allen

Democracy means that anyone can grow up to be president and anyone who doesn’t grow up can be vice president.
- Johnny Carson

Don’t go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.
- Mark Twain

**SILLY QUESTION OF THE WEEK...**
Why doesn’t Hungary just eat Turkey and Chile?

**Haunting Diseases:**
**Name:** Paranoia

**Meaning:** A psychosis characterized by systemized delusions of persecution or grandeur usually without hallucinations. (Merriam-Webster’s)

**Symptoms:**
- Persons turn back to listen to you even when you are before them.
- During the first stages, airy gossips. Second stage, talking when no one is around. Third stage, talking to themselves on cell phones.
- Fourth Stage, using AOL to chat with themselves. Hopeless when the person goes on blind-dates with themselves!

**Prevention:**
- Playing too much PC, X-box, PS-2 games. Listening to rock music. Reading horror stories in bed lights.
- Avoid doing the above and you have an approximate 47.98% of prevention.

**Cures:** Very few and specific for each person based on previous paranoid history. Best advised cure, consult a famous psychiatrist.

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First Swim Meet Gives Great Preview of Season to Come

By Brianna Swenson

During the Fall Break weekend, the Illinois Tech swim team participated in their first dual meet of the season at the University of Chicago. The meet was a success on the women’s side, with IIT winning, 118 to 112. On the men’s side, however, it was a bit of a letdown as IIT simply was out-swum by a larger team, 49 to 168.

Highlights of the meet include impressive performances by four freshman females. The first of which was three first place finishes by Amanda Babicec in the 200 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke and 200 Freestyle Relay. Both of Babicec’s individual events were school records and National qualifications, with the 100 Backstroke also being a University of Chicago pool record. Liz Wong also had three first place finishes, 50 Freestyle, 100 Breaststroke and 200 Freestyle Relay, which accounted for two pool records (50 Free and 100 Back), two National qualifications (50 Free and 100 Back) and a school record (50 Free). Yet another swimmer with three first place finishes was Sarah Stone in the 200 Individual Medley, 100 Freestyle and the 200 Freestyle Relay. Both of Stone’s individual events were quick enough to qualify her to the National Meet. The final freshman was Samantha Staley, qualifying to Nationals in two events and taking one first (100 Butterfly) and one second (200 Freestyle).

Other highlights include sophomore Julia Northrop winning both the One Meter and the Three Meter diving competitions, junior Jef Larson qualifying for Nationals and taking second in the 100 Breaststroke, and sophomore Kaylenn Sieffert helping the women’s 200 Freestyle Relay take first place.

When asked, Swim Coach Rob Bond had the following to say about the University of Chicago dual meet: “Coming off of a hard week of work, the times are about where I expected them to be. I think Liz Wong should be recognized as the swimmer of the meet, as she stepped up and had some great swims – especially in the 100 Breaststroke, which she normally doesn’t swim for us. It certainly is an accomplishment to set two pool records and a team record in your first meet as a freshman like she did.

“On the guy’s side, we were missing 3 of our top men, and that hurt us a bit in the overall score. Plain and simple, we were out-swum by the University of Chicago. I think our guys were back, and heavily outnumbered. I look forward to a rematch at their invitational in November.”

Upcoming meets for the Illinois Tech swimmers are this Friday and Saturday, November 5th and 6th. Friday will feature a HOME MEET against Benedictine University at 6:00 pm (Be there to cheer the team on!!!) and Saturday will be at Carroll College at 1:00 pm. Congratulations to the team and good luck in the weeks to come.

What to Watch For

NFL Week 9

Arizona 14 Miami 20

The Cardinals should have sophomore standout Anquan Boldin back for week 9. He and rookie Larry Fitzgerald could be the best young WR tandem in the league. However, the young receivers should have trouble getting free against the veteran defense of the Dolphins.

Philadelphia 28 Pittsburgh 17

Both teams are in great position for a playoff spot, and the winner of this game can all but assure a division title. Even though the games at Pittsburgh, I give the edge to the Eagles and their dynamic duo of McNabb and Owens.

Kansas City 28 Tampa Bay 13

The battle between the Chiefs fifth ranked offense and the Bucs third ranked defense should be entertaining. However, the play of Kansas City’s improving defense will be the ultimate factor in the Chiefs victory.

Oakland 10 Carolina 17

The Raiders and Panthers both had high expectations coming into this year. A playoff berth is still possible for both teams, but each team can only afford a few more losses. Julius Peppers and the Panthers defense will not allow their team to lose this game, and will carry Carolina to a much needed victory.

NY Jets 14 Buffalo 20

Buffalo’s defense has been great all year, but the Bills have hardly any wins to show for their great defense. Chad Johnson and Rudi Johnson showed us just how explosive they are at home. Look for Johnson and Johnson to exploit the Cowboys struggling defense and put up huge numbers once again.

Washington 23 Detroit 14

The Lions have been surprisingly good this year with a record of 4-2. However, their defense is ranked 30th in the league and their offense is ranked last. I think that these statistics will catch up with them this week as they face the Redskins underrated defense.

New Orleans 27 San Diego 33

Tomlinson and the Chargers should roll over New Orleans. The Saints statistically have the worst defense in the league and if Drew Brees continues to play well we should see a lot of points in this game, at least on the Chargers side.

Seattle 31 San Francisco 10

The Niners will try to rebound from their earlier loss to the 49ers this week. However, the 49ers defense will not allow their team to lose this game, and will carry Carolina to a much needed victory.

Chicago 10 NY Giants 21

The Giants will try to rebound from their earlier loss to the Eagles this week. However, the Eagles defense will not allow their team to lose this game, and will carry Carolina to a much needed victory.

Houston 17 Denver 23

The Broncos will attempt to take a commanding lead in the AFC West. The Denver running game should be at full speed against Houston, with running back Reuben Droughns at the helm. Droughns should surpass the 100 yard mark and score at least once.

New England 20 St. Louis 21

The Patriots will try to rebound from their earlier loss to the Rams this week. However, the St. Louis Rams defense will not allow their team to lose this game, and will carry Carolina to a much needed victory.

Record: 23-19

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