University looks to boost enrollment to meet financial needs; space already at a premium

By Richard Duncan
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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hirty-five hundred by 2010. That’s the plan IIT is now “vigorously pursuing” to increase undergraduate enrollment on the Main Campus.

Nearly one year after the university underwent a budget freeze due to poor enrollment figures at the Stuart Graduate School of Business, IIT President Lew Collens says the university looks to boost enrollment to meet financial situations.

In an interview with TechNews, Collens addressed a number of issues regarding the current state of the university’s finances. He noted that last year’s freeze became a much bigger issue than it probably should have been.

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Collens said that in the past year, positive changes have been made at Stuart and continue to be done. Provost and Senior Vice President Allen Myerson took over the role of Interim Dean there in the summer of 2004, and has brought costs down and changes to the methods of recruitment for IIT’s downtown business school, according to Collens. While Dr. Myerson certainly does not plan to serve as Interim Dean indefinitely, Collens noted, there is currently no timetable for hiring a new dean.

Other Main Campus personnel have also moved to jobs at Stuart, while some of Stuart’s faculty have made the move to the Main Campus to help facilitate the new undergraduate business program here.

Despite improvements at Stuart, the overall outlook for the university financially will be a difficult balance until the enrollment goal is met.

“We’re still committed to small classes,” Collens said, but that they are likely to increase some. When asked about present difficulties in certain departments, he noted that while it is very hard to specifically target students in one discipline or another as a rule, one department – the College of Architecture – has already been forced to limit incoming students due to rapid growth there over the past two years. Addressing older student resistance to the new class sizes and other changes, he joked that older students and the elderly seem to hold the same aversion for change and risk, but that he fully understood why students who had a certain experience would be worried any changes to that experience could end up negative for new students.

As for what many have perceived as a growing list of upper administration positions, Collens said that he did not feel that the group had really grown that much in the past few years, only that some positions have had a cyclical nature in the past, and continue to do so. One example of this is the restructuring of Enrollment and Student Affairs back in 2002. Previously, the Dean of Students and Dean of Admissions positions filled much of the role now held by the Vice President for Enrollment and Student Affairs, a position that remains vacant.

One position that will be changing soon is the addition of a new Chief Financial Officer. Previously held by Vice President for Business and Finance John Collins, President Collens said that with a number of new residence halls and the building of a research park in the southwestern quarter of the campus needing most if not all of his attention, Vice President Collins decided it would be best to relinquish the role. A search firm has been hired to find a new CFO.

Speaking about the staff and administration of the university in general, Collens said that perhaps the most difficult job of any manager of a large corporation (profit or nonprofit) is to match the best people with the best jobs. “It’s hard to find all great people” for pre-existing roles, he said, and so focus has been placed instead on finding the best roles for the great people IIT already has. Termining the matching of personnel with the proper roles as an on-going process, he said that it can be easy as students to see what can be done better - and usually students are right – but since most students are only at the university for four to six years, they often only see one step in the process as opposed to the whole thing.

Overall, Collens explained that a private institution like IIT, which produces great research knowledge in addition to degrees, would never reach the profitability of some of the newly popular for-profit universities that focus more on vocational-type education and do not engage in research. Each year the difficulty is to find ways to fund the deficit that will inevitably exist, and how large a deficit can be withstood. While he noted that such things are difficult to predict, he did not foresee another freeze like the one last year occurring this year. Collens said that in all, by continuing to grow the university’s endowment, increasing the philanthropic donations given to the school, and increasing revenue through a larger enrollment, the future of IIT’s finances looks good.
Enrollment Numbers of Times Past
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Enrollment Soars to 8200;
Evening Registration Up 40%

Figures released last week by the registrar’s office after virtual completion of the largest registration in the school’s history place the student body at over 8,200 persons in all divisions, undergraduate and graduate, day and evening.

As of September 25th, 3,476 students were enrolled in day school and 4,774 people had registered for evening classes: a total of 8,250.

Of the 3,476 in day schools, 3,244 are undergraduates and the remainder, 232 are pursuing graduate studies. In the evening division the undergraduates number 4,335, of which 525 are enrolled in the downtown campus, and the graduates total 489. It was emphasized by the registrar’s office that these figures are correct only as of the date given – late registrations are still being accepted.

Comparison with the registration of last semester shows that enrollment is up by 30%, greatest gains being made in the evening school where a jump in registration of over 40% was noted.

The rise in registration may be attributed to the completion of the new Chemistry building and the five temporary units that provided a total of some 150,000 square feet of floor space. Further increases in enrollment may be expected next semester when the Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering building is completely finished.

Over 2000 Applications for Enrollment Received for Fall Evening School Term

More than 2000 applications have already been received for the fall term of the evening school, according to Dean H. P. Dutton. The largest number ever enrolled in the evening division of Illinois Tech is over 4000. This record was made during the first semester of ’40-’41. However, Dutton stated that with servicemen returning, the record will probably be broken.

According to Dutton, it takes the average student from 8 to 10 years to get a degree from evening school. However, 5 degrees were given last semester. Dutton said that in the past the purpose of evening school was to enable men to complete their college work in their spare time. “In the future,” Dutton said, “the evening school will have three functions: First, continuance of the regular undergraduate and graduate work. Second, the teaching of specialized college credit courses. Third, the presentation of industrial courses non-credit, to enable persons of industry to get a better grasp of their job.”
Dear IIT Community,

Over the past two years, TechNews has transformed itself from a seldom-read doormat to a publication that has propelled numerous parts of our university into the spotlight like never before. If there’s controversy anywhere on campus, chances are TechNews is covering it. In fact, if the controversy is worth having, chances are TechNews started the fight.

But TechNews is about much more than just stirring controversy and bringing issues to light. TechNews is about your life, your city, and your world. That’s why this semester we’ve made two big changes that will be very evident from today on.

First, you won’t find TechNews thrown all over tables and floors across campus any more. Thanks to the Student Activities Fund, we’ve purchased and placed professional looking distribution stands just about everywhere you’d want to pick up a TechNews. Soon we’ll even have some stands outside, so you can brave the cold and snow to find out what’s going on at IIT. But if the cold of winter keeps you inside all semester, our website is always a click away. Many of you have already found our games, and starting this semester, you’ll also be able to find all our stories there as well. Each story can be rated by our readers, or comments written in response to them. For those who don’t want to surf over to our page, you can even use RSS to fetch our headlines into your favorite desktop RSS reader or even your My Yahoo! page.

Second, we’ve added two new sections, restructured one, and hired a record 16 editors to help continue the expansion of our coverage. To better serve both our local and international populations, we’ve restructured our News section and hired two new editors. Too many things happen around the city for us to feature only one part of it in our Chicago section, and too many of our students are concerned with happenings outside the Western Hemisphere to ignore international coverage.

While the growth of our Arts section and the resurgence of fine arts on campus has certainly appealed to a large part of our population, those less concerned with technologically inspired art and more concerned with technologically inspired, well, technology, have been largely left out. So, if you want to find the latest on the bleeding edge research going on at IIT, the new and improved offerings from the Office of Technology Services, or an IIT student’s review of the latest gadgets and gizmos, check out our new Technology section.

Another TechNews innovation over the past couple of years has been our Chicago section. With so much going on throughout the city, it’s practically impossible to cover it all. So while Chicago will continue to bring you the concerts, festivals, and other events that make life in the Windy City so great, our new Entertainment section is going to show you what’s going on in music, movies, video games, and even books from around the nation.

But the real transformation of TechNews over the past couple of years has not been our new sections or increased number of pages. What makes TechNews today is the feedback and contribution of all of the IIT community. We now have students, faculty, staff, and administration reading the paper every week, many following it so closely they know before we do when the paper is out late. Without the input of our readers, TechNews would continue to serve as little more than a doormat for our residents and a nuisance to the rest of campus.

So as we start another semester, we have just one thing to ask of you: keep it coming. We need your feedback to keep making TechNews the newspaper that IIT reads, that IIT needs.

It’s your TechNews.

Sincerely,

The Spring 2005 TechNews Staff
CONTRIBUTOR

Immigrants: What we can learn from them

The Chicago Tribune has an article about the effect of globalization on Mexican immigrants. Many of them came to America looking for jobs with higher wages that didn’t require education or language skills. For some time they have flourished in unionized assembly line jobs, but for the last ten years the effects of NAFTA and the North American employment marketplace have changed the factories they came to work for to be moved to Mexico.

The article itself is interesting, but what struck me the most was the attitudes of the former employees. They’re not crying to the Government about how they’ve victims of a global marketplace. They’re not saying they never had a chance to compete for today’s jobs where you need a diploma and computer skills to get in the door. Instead, they’re going out there every day and learning the skills they need to compete for employment.

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What DO YOU THINK?

By Ricardo Gonzalez

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6. Scott Peterson was convicted of killing his wife. I’m sure all our lives will be much better now that he is no longer roaming the streets, killing his wife. I know no one cares, but judging by the amount of media coverage this received, I am assuming that all news organizations are required to report on it, because otherwise it makes no sense that we ever heard anything about it.

T. The government spent money like drunken sailors. In a clever move by Bush we cut taxes and increased spending showing the rest of the world that we’re so rich we don’t even care.

8. Michael Moore’s head (and wallet) got fatter. Like a master Chef Michael Moore crafted a tasty political message pie with one part truth, two parts half-truths and a dash of lies. When confronted with this lie he said “All of the facts in the movie are true” and threatened to sue anyone who said otherwise. The second part of the statement “all of the other stuff was made up though” was barely audible over the crunching sound made by the Doritos stuffed in his mouth.

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Personal Experience of a Tsunami Victim

By Abishhek Srivinas

Being a very passionate person about cars, I was very excited to visit Paris this year in Detroit. From the very time I came to Paris, I was looking forward to the next week. I was waiting for this auto show to happen and to go to it. Let me tell you that I also have about a hundred model cars in my collection, for real!

The show this year was... I don’t know, better than last year? Not as good as last year? I don’t know. Because this is my first show! I followed the Detroit Motor show for the past 3 years in the newspaper and auto magazines, which I had special subscriptions for. But magazines don’t give you the complete picture. So, visiting the show for the first time was a very memorable experience. Let me tell you.

The show happens in Cobo center, in downtown Detroit... Oops you already know that. Let me go directly to the point you don’t want to know about the tickets too, because in Detroit, there are about 4 entrances. I entered from the one which opened into the Ford and Lincoln companies. First thing that catches the eye is a model of an engine. Then the cars begin. Or maybe I take back my word. It began with a SUV... is that a car too? No ITS AN SUV. A whole lot of other cars, next to BMW a few exhibits. Next are a whole lot of other cars. It had the much-needed rest after a strenuous workout and the full preceding the storm complex. The students have spoken to since I came back comprised of a large pool of cars. It was a time to come with terms with their newfound freedom, meeting old friends while starting stories about new ones and taking a break from their nocturnal existence.

Many students visited home, some traveling to distant countries to meet friends and family after almost two years. Some talked about how they felt that they now had two homes and missed one when they were in the other. It was also seen that students living in the vicinity of Chicago found more to do in the winter as compared to some people who live far away like skiing for example. The ones who had done their very best to prefer the comfort and care of their homes rather than make the trip to their best friends. But this year, the students preferred to enjoy the comfort and care of their homes.

The festive season was slightly dampened by the news of the Tsu- nam, especially for students visiting home in or close to the affected areas. However, most students celebrated Christmas and the New Year like they always do. Visiting family and friends, receiving gifts and enjoying dinner by the fireplace. Some less intelligent souls like me also decided to catch a glimpse of the ‘Ball Drop’ at Times Square in New York, not knowing that over 2 million people also wished to witness it. There was so much opportunity, why not just choose to sit at home and watch celebrations from all over the world on television, until I heard the news of getting knocked around for a couple of hours. Even though the number of people attending the event was very small, the ones who did make it, to places like Las Vegas, San Francisco and Florida. Some even went to Mexico or the Bahamas. The event was beautiful. With music playing with the people from the areas and studying coral reefs off the east coast of Australia, it was back to the rigamarole of school for you. Hope- fully, the holidays have rejuvenated you and prepared you for the rocky road ahead...Good luck!

Next to BMW a few exhibits away is my personal favorite, Mercedes Benz. They had the best sports cars for me... the E Class and the SL500. It is by far the most technologi- cally advanced car. It was inspired by the world famous formula 1 racing series. They also had the new E-class, S-class, and the new Grand Tourer. Next to these was the costliest car ever. The MAYBACH. A class of its own, made by Mer- cedes, marketed under the name the Maybach. It’s a limousine in disguise and fully lengthened. Next are a whole lot of other companies. Audi, Chrylser, Porsche, Dodge, Subaru and the expensive Audis. The part of the sporty cars I liked were from the continent of Eu- rope. The Maserati, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Ferrari impressed me the most as they had a formula 1 car in their ‘stable’ (to the people who don’t know what is a racing car. You are calling the prancing horse and it so needs a stable?), Lamborghini also impressed me the most. Next to these sporty cars was the ‘SMART’ car. The little car being made by the company that was founded by a Swiss Army company is a small car to move around in city traffic. I am sure there are many similarities... The magic I have experienced... The auto show I have seen!!

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Snow-fun ideas for livening up no fun days

By Maria Vasos

Winter in Chicago consists mainly of an abundance of one thing: snow! But, many people do not know that beyond the typical snowball, snowman, and snow-angel activities, there are many other laughter inducing snowy pastimes. Compiled here is a list of the top ten:

1) Pour lemonade into a pile of snow by the sidewalk. Whip out a spoon and casually eat yellow snow while passersby give you funny looks.
2) Make an anatomically correct snowman or snow-woman.
3) Take a dustpan out to your car and dump that snow onto the left of a sidewalk. Roll the ball to the hits the pins. “This one might be better if you are over 21 years of age. Hint Hint.
5) Carefully shovel out a perfect circle of snow from an open field. Then call the tabooids and claim to have discovered the new breed of crop circles.
6) Snow bowling... make an extra large snowball. Dip it in water so that it freezes into a hard bowling ball type structure. Make pins out of snow and line the up on what is left of a sidewalk. Roll the ball to hit the pins. “This one might be better if you are over 21 years of age. Hint Hint.
7) Make a big pile of snow in an open area. Make dragging marks in the snow leading to the pile. Splatser ketchup along the dragging marks. Look from afar to see if anyone bothers to investigate the pile. Feel uncomfortable walking home after discovering no one came to the rescue.
8) Take a dustpan out to your car with you. Use it to collect the snow that you scrape off of your car and dump that snow onto the annoying car next to you that is parked too close.
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Carmine’s Clamhouse
1043 N. Rush St.
Hours: 11:00am – 11:30pm Daily
So you are looking for a nice and warm place to take your significant other to retreat from the cold weather? Well, look no further. This somewhat pricey restaurant and bar is upscale enough to create a warm lush atmosphere, yet requires only basic dressing up because it can’t cut off a song that people like. Also, try to go in a group and order ‘Pee in it.’ But, not on campus please.

Howl at the Moon
26 West Hubbard St.
Hours: Mon-Fri 5pm – 2am, Sat 5pm – 3am, Sun 7pm – 2am
You’re having a few drinks with friends, singing along to a rendition of Guns N’ Roses “Paradise City,” and trying to find an attractive distraction for the night, only you’re not at a fraternity house. This is what goes on nightly at Howl at the Moon, a party-like piano bar that caters to those looking to have a good time. Along with two pianos, there is a wide-variety of instruments including drums, guitar, and even a tambourine, that are played by humorous entertainers, which lives up Howl far beyond the typical bar scene. They’ll play requests for a few bills, and for a few more bills, they’ll stop the current song and play a new one. It’s like ‘bidding’ in order to get your songs played. So, get a feel for the crowd when you go, pick good music, and don’t cut off a song that people like. Also, try to go in a group and order the “Bad Apple.” It’s an Apple Pucker party-pleaser served in a bucket with a handful of straws. Fortunately during cold ‘n’ flu season, the alcohol content serves as a germicide, so you don’t have to wait to enjoy! Consequently, Howl at the Moon gets an A. *Adapted by Maria Vasos from Kiza Brunner.

Restaurant Reviews

Life in the Windy City
By Maria Vasos

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Matthew With Emily Sunshine And Audible Campaign @ Empty Bottle

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43rd Annual Carquest World of Wheels @ McCormick Place

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Streetlight Manifesto With Voodoo Glow Skulls, MU330, And Planket @ Metro

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Bronzeville Jazz Festival With Talking Tones feat. Fred Anderson, Ari Brown, and Ed Wilkerson And The Bronzeville Divas @ HotHouse

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StarPeople @ HotHouse

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SGA joins university in declaring Day of Giving
By Richard Duncan
SGA PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR

IfT's Student Government Association voted unanimously Tuesday night to join the university in declaring January 26, 2005, a Day of Giving in honor of those affected by last month's earthquake and tsunami in southern Asia. In addition, SGA's Vote for the Causes committee has passed a resolution that allows student organizations to donate proceeds from events that would otherwise return to the Student Activities Fund (SAF), at the discretion of SGA's Finance Board. Many organizations have already pledged funds from events both SAF-sponsored and organization funded, and many more are in discussion to do the same.

The Student Government Association, which counts as its member-ship all members of the IIT com- munity and all student on Main and Rice Campuses, serves to better student life and the academic experience at IIT through productive challenges to both the faculty, staff, and administration as well as the student body. For more information, contact SGA at sga@iit.edu, or visit http://sga.iit.edu.

The SGA Voting Body unanimously approves the measure declaring January 26, 2005 as a Day of Giving for tsunami relief. Courtesy of Richard Duncan

Student organizations take part in tsunami relief fundraising
By Shrvani Pasupneti

As the one-month anniversary of the Indian Ocean Tsunami approaches, the IIT commu-nity is organizing events over the next few weeks to raise money to aid the victims of the tsunami and their families.

The epicenter of the earthquake was located on the west coast of the Indonesian island of Sumatra. The magnitude of the earthquake measured 9.0 on the Richter scale, making it one of the strongest earthquakes in decades. This brought killer waves that swept away 225,000 people from the coast of the affected countries, namely students who have graduated from IIT. These students will represent IIT and work to ensure that funding is distributed not only in the immediate future, but also in the long term. SGA recently passed a proposal to allow all money collected from ISO events approved last semester to go directly to tsunami relief and is waiting for the final approval from Finance Board. One of these events will be a trip to see Blue Man Group perform later this semester. Based on the success of last semester’s trip, it is expected that all of the tickets will be sold, and a price of about $15-$20 per ticket, this event promises to provide a considerable amount of aid. In addition to providing monetary support, ISO is also working with the Counseling Office to provide counseling for members of the IIT community who have been personally affected by the tsunami.

The Honors Medical Society is also planning on doing what it can to help raise funds for tsunami victims. This money is being used to buy bottled water for distribution in the affected areas. Additionally, IIT has contributed $1000 to Doctors Without Borders or the Red Cross.

The Student Government Association is planning on donating all of the money from Bhangra Night, planned for later this semester. However, SASA has not yet been determined which organization to donate the funds to.

The 55th presidential inauguration

By Floriann H. Stankovich

The 55th presidential inauguration will always be faithful to that cause.”

“I am absolutely certain that America will miss him greatly. He was an American icon, comedian, and entertainer for 30 years. America will miss him greatly.”

The president said that in this season of peace, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, the president said that “the cause that we stand for freedom, and Americans will always be faithful to that cause.” He also clarified that this is not the day for divorce, though we will defend ourselves and our families by force if necessary.

He proceeded to say that “with the campaign behind us, Americans lift up our sights to the years ahead and to the great goals we will achieve for our country. I am eager and ready for the work ahead.”

E pluribus unum which means ‘From many, one’. Our country’s ideals were based on freedom, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The president said that “now...is the urgent requirement of the nation’s security, and the calling of our time.” With that he concluded, “the best hope for peace...is the expansion of freedom in all the world.”

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The Center for Disease Control predicts that there is a surplus of the flu vaccine, instead of the projected shortage, and if not used, will go to waste. So, states that were restricting the vaccine to only those at the highest risk are now able to lift the restrictions before the peak of the flu season in 1 to 2 months.

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By Spencer James

Most of you are probably familiar with December 26, 2004’s Indian Ocean Tsunami—the one with a death toll of nearly one quarter of one million people, a generation of more than 30 million, and a death toll of more than 120 parties running. Each party is required to list at least 12 candidates and every third name must be a woman’s to make sure that 25% of the assembly is made up of women. Of the parties appearing on the ballot are the prominent Kurdish Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, the Islamic al-Dawa, and the Iraqi National Congress. Even the Communist party may feature. However the Sunni party is a big concern, seeing as how they refuse to participate due to the ongoing violence surrounding the elections. The Sunni party wishes to extend the voting date, but interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi is stern in holding the elections on the original date. Allawi is said to be negotiating with the Sunni party for their participation. Their lack of enthusiasm is due to terms of repercussions in the legitimacy and stability of the government elected.

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Preparations for Election Day have been high in numbers and secretive to stave off the daily insurgent attacks. The locations of ballots have been kept secret and won’t be released until Election Day. Over 35,000 American troops will be deployed on the streets of Baghdad to help protect and make sure the voting process goes smoothly. In addition to the deployment of troops, the nation’s borders have been sealed off from any impermissible entry or exit. Only pilgrims from the Hajj in Saudi Arabia will be allowed to cross. But, due to the limited secure, there are still four provinces unsafe for voting due to ongoing battles between insurgents and U.S. and Iraqi troops. Once the elections are completed, Iraqi officials will ask the U.S. for a set date for the withdrawal of its 170,000 troops. The U.S. is still speculating on when and at what rate the withdrawal will be done. U.S. generals are still not confident on withdrawing as Iraqi police forces and troops are still inadequate for defending against the insurgents without U.S. support. They want to make sure that Iraq will be able to hold their own when the U.S. pulls out. It is suggested that as the rate of insurgent attacks decreases, the amount of U.S. troops will decrease.

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Visionary Vehicles To Chinese Cars to USA

Visionary Vehicles LLC is a firm created and designed for one purpose: to search the world for a car company they could introduce to the United States. Their efforts have been led by venture capitalist Malcolm Bricklin, the famous designer of the Canadian-made Bricklin SV-1, a safety sport car and importer of the Subaru and Yugo.

After searching through Serbia, Poland, Romania, England, and India, Visionary Vehicles finally landed in China, where they discovered a car company that fit their vision—the Chery Automobile Company, which is owned by the Chinese government.

Just recently, Visionary Vehicles LLC made an agreement with The Chery Automobile Company to import approximately 250,000 Chinese cars to America.

Two famous Italian studios, Pininfarina and Bertone, have designed Chery Automobiles with quality and cost in mind, the perfect balance for any budget-oriented individual, such as college students. These new vehicles will be priced at 30% less than their European common counterparts, will feature 10-year, 100,000-mile power train warranties, and are expected to ship stateside in 2007.

Over the next three years, Visionary Vehicles LLC will be selecting 250 of the nation’s best dealers to sell the new Chery Automobiles. The 2007 lineup of vehicles includes models similar but not identical to current modern cars consisting of entry-level sedans, mid-size sedans, crossover-type sedans, sport and luxury coupes, and even SUVs.

These vehicles will be built at Chery’s ultra-modern manufacturing facilities in the coastal city of Constanța, Romania. Unfortunately China does not enforce piracy regulations very well. Currently GM is preparing to sue Chery for copying automotive design.

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It is disappointing that Apple used 4200-RPM hard drive found in its notebooks on the Mac mini, but the effect of the reduced disk seek is probably of little consequence. Also, an IBM made 64-bit G5 processor would have been nice. It is likely that once cooling issues are resolved, the G5 processor will migrate to the entire Apple line including the notebooks, the iMac, and the Mac mini. The Dell system probably has and edge in overall system speed, but no benchmarks have been done on the Mac mini, which is scheduled for shipment on January 22nd.

There are numerous advantages to the Mac mini, features that are inherent in any Apple computer. The hardware and software are developed for each other and by the same people. This generally increases overall performance and reliability. It also allows Apple to pack all the power of a desktop computer into a device that measures 2.6 x 6.5 x 6.5 inches, operates nearly silently, and looks as chic as an iPod. It allows Apple to carefully monitor build quality, too. This explains why Apple computers are consistently rated as the most reliable according to Consumer Reports.

The Mac mini suits the needs of many moderate computer users quite well. It offers powerful creative applications engine makes for superior overall graphics performance.

Another drawback to the Dell and eMachines systems is that there is no FireWire connectivity. Fortunately both models feature PCI slots where FireWire ports and software design principles, Apple has adopted industry standard operating system known for its security and performance. The Mac mini is designed to become a second or even third computer, a peripheral system that can use an existing display, mouse, and keyboard. With only 3% of the computer market, Apple is forced to innovate and expand options for customers. The last few years have been quite good for Apple after nearly a decade of decline. Apple is one of the few major computer manufacturers that profited in the last year. Gateway went bankrupt, Hewlett Packard-Compaq posted a loss. Dell and eMachines posted profits, along with Apple, the oldest surviving computer manufacturer.

Apple, Inc. is one of the few companies that give educational discounts (sometimes as much as 15%). Apple and Dell also have special discounts for IT students.
YEAR IN REVIEW: THE BEST ALBUMS OF 2004

By Patrick Brown
TECHNEWS WRITER

THE ARCADE FIRE–“FENERAL” (2004)

If you read any music publications of an independent persuasion, you might have heard something about this album by now. It has received a lot of recognition and critical acclaim, and absolutely deservedly so. It mixes so perfectly a myriad of emotion, relaxing sensativity, and passionately, what it’s like to be a kid. It could be met with cynicism if you have no heart, but it is difficult to not be affected by what’s behind every song. The instrumentation is magnetic, and The Arcade Fire has a knack for writing beautiful melodies which they reinforce with guitars, keyboards, bells, accordions, and vocals. Overall the sound they create is pure and powerful, yet refreshingly fresh.

What’s Cookin’?...

By Mindy Sherman
PRODUCTION EDITOR

Good Lookin’

The production company who brought STOMP! to the stage added a Korean twist to an already energetic percussion show. The fit was good enough to pull off a well-liked show, but any preconceptions of flying food were not actualized during this week’s performance at the Chicago Theatre. More importantly than re-working a rhythm based show, Cookin’ actually took to stage a traditional Korean music format based on a thousand year old tradition. Performances of the specialized Nong-ak rhythms were first developed by Korean farmers and only later revived in 1970 by experts interested in preserving and renewing public interest. At that time, Nong-ak became commonly referred to as Samulnori and now Cookin’ pulls another historical revision with a fast-paced kitchen percussion show.

The meditation-like beginning served as a pre-dinner prayer and brought focus to the stage. After most of the audience was seated, a large projection screen set the show’s mood as four cast members appeared on stage in candlelit darkness. The audience began to hear perhaps their first introduction to the vibrant Samulnori rhythms. However, in this version, Cookin’ replaces the typical Korean percussion instruments with the typical utensils of an American restaurant kitchen such as knives, plastic containers, pots, and pans to name a few items. The props were used to work through scenes such as food fighting or other interactions caused by subplots.

The engaging introduction set up the main restaurant characters who would engage the audience for about an hour. The cast was made up of four kitchen hands that simultaneously prepared a wedding feast for two unsuspecting audience members. One kitchen hand was given his job because of his family relation as the nephew of the Maitre D’. The man who kept watch and time over the easily distracted kitchen hands throughout the show. Although described as a non-verbal show, Cookin’’s audience interaction was superb, both through hand-picked members of the audience, and bringing down the whole house with their antics. Their mastered awareness must have come from the show’s long run history or sponsoring production company. Developed in 1997 and traveling after their Off-Broadway success in 2004, production company Broadway Asia’s business is Broadway, especially with the rights to Rodgers & Hammerstein Theatre in no less than five Asian countries. With a company of this scale, it was surprising to see a show of less than their projected potential.

Another major surprise of the evening was the lack of accidents! With how fast the kitchen hands were swinging their knives around each other, their true injury rate was a source of amusement throughout the show. The interruptions to the storytelling slices, dices, chops and beats were disappointingly filled with slow-paced comedy, dance, and simple plot lines that attempted to play off Asian stereotypes like “Mortal Combat.”

If pulled off successfully, Cookin’ potentially has a much larger audience than the two million people worldwide they currently tout, half of which are reported as Korean. The show’s claim is true however, that you will never look at food the same way again. Although the show did suffer some dull spots, by the end, the time was flying fast as the cabbage was...
Year in preview
By James Tschirhart
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The year 2004 was a great year for animation. The Academy Award for Best Animated Feature went to Finding Nemo, which was directed by Andrew Stanton. The film was a critical and commercial success, grossing over $321 million worldwide.

Music for the Nonconformist
By Alexander Belzer

Artist: The Blood Brothers

Album: Crimes

The Blood Brothers are a band that has been around for 15 years. They have been making a name for themselves in the indie rock scene, and their latest album, Crimes, is no exception.

The album opens with “Feed Me to the Forest,” a track that sets the tone for the rest of the album. It features a dark, moody atmosphere that sets the stage for the rest of the album.

A reminder folks, this is not a pop album. This is a band that has refused to sell out. Instead of catering to the mainstream, they have chosen to stay true to their roots.

“Tragic” is one of the standout tracks on the album. It features a_pricey and haunting melody that is sure to get stuck in your head.

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NHL: Cancelled!
By Jon Murawski
TECHNEWS SPORTS WRITER
I t is official, the 2004-2005 hockey season is cancelled, and the current lockout of the season may continue throughout next season as well. Trevor Linden, president of the NHLPA (National Hockey League Player’s Association) made it abundantly clear that negotiations are frozen for the time being. The National Hockey League is insisting that a hard individual team salary cap is the only solution for future hockey to be played, and the NHL is not prepared or willing to compromise in any way. The league’s lack of cooperation has been notable throughout the season’s meetings and is making it impossible for any progress to save the rest of the 2004-2005 season. The league is in favor to disperse players from high-payroll teams to lower-payroll teams in order to get all thirty teams between the range of the minimum/maximum of spending. Since this conclusion is absurd, the players association has rejected it completely. With the players wanting more money and more freedom for veteran salary negotiations, the NHL is trying to cut back expenses not only for rookies, but for the average yearly earnings for the players in general.

For those who live in a cave:

The 2004-2005 hockey season has been cancelled for almost three and half months now. With the players agreeing to adjust current payrolls to any appropriate amount, the NHL has offered several unsuitable options. No agreement can be made with both sides yearning the opposite results. For example, the players agree on a “revenue-sharing system.” They are willing to cut entry-level salaries that will save the league an annual amount of $60 million. Plus, they would put a limit on team spending payrolls and luxury taxes, which again will give the NHL $30-$35 million to disperse to lower-income teams, in general, the high-revenue teams will help aid the lower-income teams. BUT, again will give the NHL $30-$35 million to disperse to lower-income teams, in general, the high-revenue teams will help aid the lower-income teams. But, the NHL wants more payroll cuts and less spending per team. As a result, a solution has yet to be agreed upon.

Swim team conquers Florida
By Marina Hartung
TECHNEWS SPORTS WRITER
B antery cold swept Chicago during the week of January 3rd through the 9th, which the swim team avoided by conducting their winter training trip down in sunny Florida. While a trip to Florida during the winter sounds like a vacation, in fact, it was anything but. Let me explain our cruel and unusual tortments.

If anyone happened to be in Keating over break when the swimmers “swimmaged” the woman’s basketball team, you would understand from the complete amazement we suffered that we are, alas, not runners. It was pathetically obvious that most of the team was unable to make the transition from water to land. So, while down in St. Petersburg, Coach Bond would drop his team off at The Pier, and tell them that they had X amount of time to run from The Pier to the pool (1.5 miles away). Then, he and Coach Mitchen (the other chaperone) would drive away in the team’s vans, leaving them to brave the elements and make it to the pool safely. Miraculously, they made it. This torment repeated most days and occasionally resulted in not only running to the pool before practice, but BACK to The Pier afterwards.

The team swam in an Olympic size training pool, which is 50 meters by 25 yards, more than twice the length of Keating. Some enjoyed the distance, while others did not.

While training and exhausted, the team swam in a meet in Daytona Beach. Ever tried to compete at something when you were fatigued? It usually doesn’t have very pretty results. Even so, they gave it their best effort and did rather well overall.

Coach Bond liked to give out things he calls “challenges”. The team endured a large amount of these over the break. For example, the swimmers could get out of practice 10 minutes early if 15 of the 20 people could make 50 meters underwater. Since it took about five or so minutes for us to complete the task, it didn’t seem quite worth it. But then again, it was so worth it to just get out of ANY practice.

Over the entire week, they had double two-hour practices each day. However, this was just a taste of the school year, where they undergo double training.

While their trip to Florida was definitely not a vacation, they would do it all over again in a heartbeat. Their winter training period of three weeks is the hardest, most vigilant, and exhausting part of their season; the part that pushes them to their best possible physical shape. Without this training, their performance in about a month, at the NAIA Nationals meet, would be disappointing. So, as unfortunate as their training may seem at first glance, Coach Bond seems to know what he’s doing. For which they are extremely grateful.

Quick Facts
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Negotiations:
The sides held meetings on Wednesday and Thursday in Chicago and Toronto without NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman and union head Bob Goodenow. Although both parties said the dialogue was good, they agreed that strong philosophical differences still exist. No new talks have been scheduled.

Proposals:
The NHL rejected a players’ association proposal, and its own counteroffer was turned down during a 31-hour session Dec. 14.

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7:00 PM
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Women’s Basketball
Purdue Calumet
at Lindenwood
1:00 PM

Swimming
Lindenwood
1:00 PM

Last Week
Men’s Basketball
Lost, 60-100 at Saint Xavier
Lost, 72-86 Saint Xavier

Women’s Basketball
Lost, 52-65 at Saint Xavier
Lost, 74-89 at Trinity Christian

Swimming
Cancelled


SCARLET HAWKS ATHLETICS
SNAPSHOTS by Jess Lee

But in the excitement, Sambo let all her hard work go down the drain.

"I see something horrible in your future: death... mayhem... EVIL... Wait a sec, it's just a fingerprint."

ACROSS
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6. Taxi
9. Praise
14. Churicin
15. Retirement savings vehicle
16. Accustom
17. Lend one of these
18. Spurn
19. Trick partner
20. Tail end
22. Cottonseed containers
23. Used to own
24. Close off
26. Depth measurement
30. Small telescope
34. German sub
35. Pesky insects
36. Not he
37. Emporium
38. Victual
39. Dick and Jane's dog
40. Immature newt
41. Exploits
42. Matsubito
43. Secretive
45. Nicotinic acid
46. Visage
47. Not hers
48. Soft palate pendant
51. Manicurist's tools
57. Mathematical term
58. Publicity
59. Optimal
60. Vassal
61. Enemy
62. Rent
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64. Finish
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1. Jones of The View
2. List of offerings
3. Thing
4. Trick
5. Hearing distance
6. Quoted
7. Solo
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