Spring Formal
Knickerbocker helps Formal close year of activities

Attendance falls short; Only 250 tickets sold
By Vidya Shivakumar

The elegance and glamour of last night’s Spring Formal was visible in just about every aspect of the dance—including the food, the people, and the decorations. Spring formal is traditionally put on towards the end of April every school year, and is coordinated by Union Board and financed by the Student Activities Fund. Unlike past years trends, Spring Formal this year grabbed a relatively low turnout, but this did not dampen the spirits of the attenders or the success of the event.

As you entered the crystal ball-room last night, it was hard not to feel surave as the atmosphere was extremely chic. The music of the string quartet allured wanderers into the ballroom that was trimmed to perfection. The decorations included tall columns, tissue draping the room, and beautiful flower arrangements adorning the dinner tables.

The dance floor was extremely unique, making traditional wooden dance floors appear archaic. Pictures were taken with people standing on it all night. This floor was illuminated which made the dancing that much more fun.

The music on the other hand was a bit of a different story. With more Usher.

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The majority of songs being pop and rock songs from the 80’s and early 90’s, mixed in with some hip hop and the Charlie brown, interesting dance moves from the robot to the harlem shake could have been observed. The DJ was not a complete hit that night, as many disgruntled undergraduates wandered the dance floor, however, those who did dance, danced the night away.

The people who attended the dance were bedecked out in full length gowns, cocktail dresses, and of course, the suits. Walking into a room with fine looking guests made “my kind of town” a wonderful hit.

Besides the atmosphere of the night being a hit, the food was also grand. With three dinner choices to choose from, they all turned out to be a hit. Chicken Parmesan, Bistro Chicken, and a Vegetarian Wellignon (which was a pastry filled with vegetables in a creamy sauce) were all listed on the menu, preceded with a Caesar salad and proceeded with a rich chocolate cake to top it off.

When asking programmer coordinator for Spring Formal, Ani Shah, what she thought of the dance, she stated, “A lot of hard work was put into the making of this event. I heard a lot of positive feedback from everyone who attended. Overall, I think it went really well. I just wish the DJ played more Usher.”

ASCE hosts regional conference

IIT American Society of Civil Engineers student chapter hosted the 2005 Great Lakes Regional Conference in conjunction with University of Illinois at Chicago’s student chapter on April 21-23. IIT also repeated the ASC Steel Bridge Competition. University of Wisconsin at Madison was the big winner for the day. Schools from across the Midwest, including Notre Dame, Marquette, MSOE, University of Wisconsin at Urbana-Champaign, and Purdue attended. IIT’s steel bridge team failed to move on to nationals as last year’s team did, failing during the loading/unloading phase of competition.

Lack of preparation was the main issue that IIT students feel the rush of the plan et flying toward them in tandem dives this past weekend.

Commentary
Second major event on major holiday weekend draws questions
By Sonya Colletti

Last year I went to Spring Formal and had a blast. My friends and I couldn’t wait for spring formal this year, but as we made plans we realized something: Spring formal is on the first day of Passover. Now I don’t expect most of you to understand what this means; if you grew up in this Christian oriented country, I would be surprised if you realized how many religions there were before you got to IIT. My entire life I had school during Channukah, while there has never been school on Christmas. I fail quizzes for the High Holidays (Rosh Ha-shanah and Yom Kippur), and have celebrated Passover while neglecting homework. During Channukah last semester the only time five of us Jews could light candles, was not at the religiously ordained sunset, but was at 11pm after our convenient 6-9pm finals.

"Am I surprised that people at IIT would schedule Spring Formal over one of the most important holidays in the Jewish religion? Of course not, but am I pissed that they didn’t even notice they were doing that? Oh yeah! During Passover we celebrate G-d for the many miracles he performed freeing the Jewish slaves from Egypt. At this point I would find it miraculous if someone at IIT even recognized the existence of Jews within the institution.

I certainly don’t believe it is possible to schedule around every single religious holiday celebrated by students at a school with more cultures then majors. I understand that I am part of a minority at this school and in this country, but that does not give you the right to constantly ignore and disrespect me and my people the Jews. So please, in the future, when planning events that are a tradition at IIT, don’t forget that some students may be observing a religious tradition that has been happening for so much longer. At least offer a dinner option that I can eat any of for my $20.
Old News

Integral Production Underway
from Volume 107, Issue 9/02/2019

Work on the 1980 Integral, IIT’s yearbook is already in progress and its staff is confident that it will be the best book done in a decade. “We feel that from its demise almost two years ago, the yearbook has improved tremendously,” says Business Manager Peter Erdelyi. He listed several improvements in production including printing of the book for the Spring (students will receive copies on May 12), a color section, a 16-page news section recappping the year’s events, and a 16-page supplement covering events from the book’s deadline to the end of the year. This year’s staff is headed by Editor-in-Chief Jim Haleas, Managing Editor Steve Smith, Photo Editor Jeff Welst, and Erdelyi.

Student yearbook pictures will be taken from November 13-16, free of charge. According to Erdelyi, “it only takes five minutes.” Students can sign up in the HUB to get pictures taken. A candid section is also planned in which students can take their pictures or have the Integral photograph them in “crazy poses” or doing “something funny.”

The price of the Integral has remained the same, $8.00, and there is a discount for making a deposit in advance which brings the cost to $7.25. Yearbooks will go on sale November 5 and can be purchased in the Integral offices (5th floor Main bldg., MWF 8-11 am), at tables in the dorms, or in the HUB cafeteria. Last year’s book can also be purchased, for $8.95, in the bookstore.

As to why a student should buy a yearbook, Erdelyi replies that “it would preserve your memories of what happened at IIT…we’re not going to mince anything, but show the true character of the school, neighborhood and city we’re part of.” He asserts that they are not just going to chronicle events. The book is intended to be such that one can put one’s own self in the pictures, creating what Erdelyi terms “a springboard for imagination.”

The book is to total 192 pages, making it the largest in a decade. It will be published by Hunter Publishing Co., the same firm that does yearbooks for Northwestern University, University of Chicago, Harvard, and MIT.”
Arts

JOFFREY BALLET
at the Auditorium Theater
Sunday May 1st at 2:00 pm
$10/ticket/person/ID

Regular tickets sales begin
on Wednesday April 27th
at 12:00pm
in the UB office

Movies

Meet the Fockers
April 28th showing
at 8 pm and
April 29th & 30th showings
at 7 pm and 10 pm

MTCC
Auditorium

Entertainment

Talent Show
Sunday, May 1st
at 7:00 pm
HUB Auditorium

Hosted by comedian
Dan Kino

Free Admission

Sponsored by UB and the SAF
**Opinion Writer: Heather Selby**

When did body hair become so ugly? Every time I pick up a magazine, every time a genetic counselor asks me about my children’s chances of inheriting body hair, I feel a little more oppressed. And then, the other day, I was walking by the student union and I saw a girl walking around with no pubic hair at all. It was a startling sight. But it was also a sign of the times. The world has changed, and we need to change with it.

There’s no “Just Do It,” but I guess the fact that it stands out means that for as much grief as I’ve given over the past few years, there’s no way we can go back. For the past few years, we’ve had to learn to accept body hair as a part of the human experience.

The most lasting image of that first year was of a young woman with no pubic hair, just self-shaved to the bone. It was a sign that women are becoming more independent, more confident, and more in control of their own bodies. The past few years have been a time of change, and it’s important that we embrace it.

Opinion Writer: Richard Duncan

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**TechNews**
Dear Editor,

In response to Fernando Alessandini’s letter to the editor last week, does love and marriage really go together anymore? According to statistics, sixty-five per cent of Americans who walked down an aisle, took an oath, looked into someone’s eyes and said “I do” forever, presumably with a few dreams of what that meant. Apparently forever felt a little too long after a few years so they decided to call it quits. Was the problem them, or was it just that we expect too much of marriage? Many people speak of spending the rest of their lives with a soul mate, but is it even reasonable to look for a soul mate to be your spouse? Maybe your soul mate is one of your children, who you met in a past life. Or maybe it’s one of your friends. When men and women have such a difficult time trying to figure out what each other is trying to say, is it reasonable to think that they can spend eternity together?

Letters to the Editor

When one marries, there is the permanence of it is what takes the weight off, the undershirt can go on as a chemical reaction for many, but that they hate to be possessed one false sense of security -- the makeup escaped by sex with random partners. Falling in love doesn’t mean committing to another person – it means committing to commitment. Maybe marriage isn’t the right place for those who love each other and want continual passion. Maybe the permanence of it is what takes the magic away. Maybe it’s not the way to make love stay.

The ideal, of course, is those rare couples who genuinely enjoy each other’s company, not to be confused with those people who have been married for fifty years. You’ve seen those people verbally abusing each other over the grapefruit in the supermarket. They have still live in a dream that no one has made banner that herald “Too Old to Get Divorced” rather than “Happy 50th.”

Now that gay couples can marry (at least in Canada), it will be interesting to see how their relationships fare. For example, it seemed that perhaps it was the problem of putting men and women with their opposing need and wants together that caused the problem.

Perhaps those who are truly happily married have different expectations of marriage. Maybe they see it as the home of two companions -- two very good friends sharing the good and bad times, rather than wondering where the passion went.

Maybe by trying to keep love alive in the glass jar of marriage we simply smother it. Maybe marriage is a great place to bring up kids, share companionship, and know that there is someone there with whom to share your daily going-ons (whether or not they actually listen). Perhaps it just isn’t the place where you can make love stay.

--Heather Selby

Dear Editor,

It was my understanding that articles in TechNews, or any journal for that matter, must either be an original composition or quote the original author if an excerpt is being presented.

“What It Means to be Human – Part II” by Mr. Anthony Gaddini appears to be neither of those.

After being disgusted with the lack of research and poorly presented facts in said article I did some research of my own. I discovered that the majority of Mr. Gaddini’s article was in fact a reprint of a published essay, “The Sacredness of Human Life in a Desacralized World” by Dr. Donald Marcano.

The essay is available online through www.cathmed.org/publicationslineracquaterly/1999_04.html. At least half of the article printed in TechNews is blatantly plagiarized from this essay. While Gaddini did rewrite some sentences and exclude a few paragraphs, the overwhelming majority of his article is fact the work of another person, one who is neither quoted for credited. Nor heads and eyes can track moving objects or turn toward a sound.” (National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke).

Furthermore, it takes anywhere from a couple months to several years to properly and fully diagnose PVS. Most comas do not last longer than 2-4 weeks (National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke), while for poor research and overwhelmingly biased opinions.

It’s bad enough to copy someone’s work without due credit, but even worse to copy someone’s paper and attempt to support it with a (earnest) smattering of stretched truths and flawed, deceptive examples. I suggest if Gaddini wants to convince a wider community. The Quality of Life equation, the attacks on Dr. Colin McGinn as he reviewed the book by Evelyn Pluhar, even the analogy to the medieval feudal society and the lion all come from DeMarco’s essay. Furthermore, many of the so-called “facts” Gaddini includes are nothing more than re-twist representations of reality virtually devoid of truth.

The reference was made to Sarah Scantlin, a woman who was victim to a violent car crash. Twenty years after being hit, she awoke miraculously from a coma. Gaddini attempts to draw a tie between the Scantlin and the late Terri Schiavo by claiming that “not only does this remarkable case demonstrate the dubiousness of PVS [persistent vegetative state], but it also casts a horrible shadow on a legal system and society that recognizes a human life is a valid one day and valid on another.”

The glaring error omitted by Gaddini and other pro-life supporters who seek to connect these two cases is that Scantlin was never diagnosed with PVS. Terri Schiavo, who may not realize it, there is a distinct and pronounced difference between a comatose state (what Scantlin was in) and PVS. The medical community has never made claims to the effect that comatose patients are no longer human; that they hold no hope of ever recovering. Comas can last from a few days to years, but higher brain activity continues for the entire duration. PVS, on the other hand, is indicated by a lack of brain functions. A simple brain scan can easily show the difference.

What makes the issue more confusing is that “Patients in a persistent vegetative state are usually considered to be unconscious and unaware, but exhibit sleep-wake cycles and sometimes even begin to be conscious as arising from partial consciousness, such as grinding their teeth, swallowing, smiling, shedding tears, grasping, moaning, or screaming without any apparent external stimulus. Their heads and eyes can track moving objects or turn toward a sound.” (National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke).

Furthermore, it takes anywhere from a couple months to several years to properly and fully diagnose PVS. The newborn passion of an affair is like a drug that people want to prolong by enshrining it in marriage. The more cynical, marriage to a great breadwinner is the answer. Does any of this do the trick? Many women and men disappear when they marry, complaining about noisy beer drinking friends and gossip girlfriends. People’s careers are sacrificed to meet the agenda of the other person who makes more money. In a side mirror, people watch as personalities, their sense of humor, their joy of living disappears rather than flourishes in a marriage.

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--Carolyn Wood

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The Weeds of Relativism

By Anthony Gaddini

Lake 3:17 Where fan is in his hand, and he will purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

“Habemus Papam”, “We Have a Pope!” the Cardinal announced, confirming the white smoke streaming from the Sistine Chapel. Cardinal Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI stepped forward onto the balcony overlooking St. Peter’s Square and said, “I am a simple, humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord”. The crowds before him erupted into exuberant applause.

Immediately, commentary on the Benedict XVI flowed like a river. I suspect that much of the commentary found in the New York Times and Washington Post and much of the mainstream media was penned prior to the Pope’s election, will all the accompanying pre-determinations. The editorial staff at the New York Times (Relativist Times) was almost as sad as they were on November 3rd. Their morose complaints were truly a shock to me.

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By Floriann Stankovich
NEWS WRITER

As a young man, he served in the Hitler Youth — compulsory at the time — and was drafted into the anti-aircraft until the end of World War II. Some Jewish people worry about the new Pope’s intentions, yet he has been a leading voice in fostering relations between the Jews and the Catholic Church and their battle against Anti-Semitism.

Before he was elected Pope, he was known as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, a strict defender of Catholic orthodoxy. He held a distinguished career as a university theologian before he was made Archbishop of Munich, and then made a Cardinal by Pope Paul VI in 1977. Pope Benedict XVI has been a controversial choice as the deacon, John Paul II, who was a firm supporter of the existing doctrine. Benedict accepts the traditional Catholic doctrine as a basis for his papacy.
Chicago is (very) noticeably not the “City That Never Sleeps.” The loop turns into a ghost town around 4pm and most other places are open only till 10pm. Just where is a hungry IIT student to go when those 3 a.m. hunger pangs set in after 27 hours of studying? Though not numerous, there are some establishments that cater to these situations perfectly. The “greasy spoon” is the perfect place to refill on coffee, late night eats, and recharge one’s will to study. Finals week is nearly upon us, so take a break from the death-hold of the IIT campus. Venture out for a break, or hole up in your favorite, and study with a change of scenery... and free coffee refills.

Deluxe Diner
626 S. Clark Street

Fashioned like a typical diner, the Deluxe diner boasts more than just the classic greasy fare of the Leona’s chain. Deluxe serves up a menu full of sandwiches, salads, burgers, and burritos, plus a big breakfast menu of omelets and sandwiches. During the wee hours, the staff is lax, patronizing only for refills on beverages, if that. There are no time limits or tab minimums placed on tables, which makes Deluxe a perfect place to bring the books. Besides a full menu of hearty food items, Deluxe Diner has a plethora of yummy desserts, especially shakes and milkshakes. If you order the famous thick Butterfinger shake, make sure to keep an eye out for thieves.

Starbucks’ Coffee
210 W. North Avenue (Piper’s Alley)

Coffee that costs as much as an average meal and the hip lounge atmosphere complete with giant overstuffed chairs and sofas. Not everyone knows that Chicago starts a 24 hours Starbucks at open on Friday and Saturdays). This 24 hour feature makes this Starbucks a favorite of DePaul students during finals, so if you want to study for awhile, sit out your spot early. Most Starbucks’ Café’s also come with WiFi access (for a charge, of course), so it is laptop friendly too.

White Palace Grille
1120 N. Campbell

White Palace Grille is a 24 hour heaven located on Canal and Roosevelt. Yeah, it is that white palace looking place that bears a questionable resemblance to a White Castle Drive Thru. White Palace is more than just “greasy spoon.” They have excellent food, most of which is surprisingly not greasy, and service that can’t be beat. There are no time limits placed on tables, and the waitresses serve with friendly smiles no matter how long you stay. The menu includes typical breakfast/lunch/dinner favorites which can be served “la carte” or “deluxe” which means that it is comes with soup and fries. White Palace also does a lot of late night takeout, for those that just can’t squeeze the hour break from the books.

Golden Nugget

Various Locations (On the North Side)

Located down 35th Street on the crazy Archer/35th Street intersection, the New Archview is a 24 hour diner with class...as much class as a 24 hour joint can be expected to have. The menu is enormous; the New Archview serves traditional favorites, plus international cuisines. For example, they serve hamburgers and hot dogs. In March, they serve some of the best corned beef around. And in April, the menu includes the green flan (flan green) at 2 a.m., in enough to make even the most humble, strung-out IIT student feel good. The New Archview attracts an interesting crowd. It’s not uncommon to see (on duty) Chicago Police Officers and families going out for a meal at 2 a.m., along with large groups of Asian students at the New Archview. They keep the best part about Archview is that the smoking and non-smoking sections are clearly separated and divided, so patrons of the non-smoking side won’t reek of smoke—this is so the case with many other similar establishments.

Pick Me Up Cafe
348 N Clark Street

Pick Me Up is for people who want their late night experience to be cool. They’re not a “greasy spoon” type by any means, but the free refills is a laughable concept. The best description of Pick Me Up would be a coffee house that serves a light menu of gourmet sandwich, pizzas, and appetizers, which is open late on weekdays and 24 hours on the weekends. Pick Me Up serves breakfast items such as the Vegan Tofu Scarf and pancakes with flavors ranging from berry and apple to Kahlua. Other menu items include the Hummus plate and sandwiches like a chicken breast topped with goat cheese and peaches. The atmosphere is kitchy-takes on multiple-levens and all sorts of craziness posted on the walls and glued into the tables. The cafe spans two rooms, neither of which are very large. Pick Me Up is special and because they are so damn popular. Pick Me Up has time limits/three minimums displayed on walls and across the room. The time minimums are not hard to reach with beverages being charged per cup. Pick Me Up is the most unique than all the late night counterrams, but it is worth it for its uplifting atmosphere and drift factor.

Creepy Guy on the ‘L’

By Mike Condeli

Chicago Brown/Purple

It may seem pretty stupid to have a street and an ‘L’ station that share the same name with the city they’re in. It’s practically unheard of, and we’re more than used to transportation-related screw-ups. For example, the Red Line runs between 90, 94, 190, 290, and 294. Not to mention, they all have names that articulate perfectly to your location, and it even places on your location in the city or the bars. But, since this column advocates public transportation, we won’t worry about that mess. The Chicago Brown Line stop is probably the most random place on the ‘L’ system and no one really realizes it. This station, appar- ently, is used by film crews when they want to portray a “classic” Chicago ‘L’ station. The station is architecturally unique in that the platform curves as the tracks curve. Another interesting feature of the station is that there are 16 self-portrait of students from the Marwen Art Center admiring the line. This goes with the artsy theme of the neighborhood.

Natalie’s Cafe
678 N. Orleans St.

Natalie’s Cafe is one of the few places that serve decent coffee, and it even has decent prices. It’s not a 24 hour place, but they do stay open late. The coffee here is “killed” in the morning, and it keeps peak your interest, there are many other similar establishments. The place is a Jack’s deli, and it has the backing of none-other than Mr. Jay Leno. His pictures are all plastered above the bar. There is pretty decent, but the prices on the menu kept my wallet in my money. I did have a bottle of Anise Light, which was the “beer of the month” for April. The Green Door is relaxing and cozy: I could defiantly make it my favorite place to stop here and have a drink or two. Oh yeah, to further peak your interest, there’s a Jackelope head above the bar.

Press Pass

By Melissa Pros

Chicago editor
Tuesday 4/26/2005
House of Blues

Thursday 4/28/2005
Dj Logic
Park West

Friday 4/29/05
Erasure
Chicago Theatre

Saturday 4/30/05
Evanescence
Chicago Theatre

Sunday 5/1/2005
Lenny Kravitz
Nokia Cafe
Congress Theatre

Antibes
Millennium
House of Blues

Trust Company
Papa Roach
Vic Theatre

Bar Louis
226 W. Chicago Ave.

So you’ve decided to save your drinking for after wandering around the city. You’re not alone, for you, you have some class. This is where Bar Louis; there are a few other ones around the city and the country. The food is what draws me. Now they have a 254 buffalo wing deal for Sundays, if you feel like be- ing gluttonous.
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(Even the ones your friends think you can hear.)

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NEWS BRIEFS
By Sherine George

DALLAS Texas is expected to gain more than 12 milli
continue ranking as the nation’s second most populous
and to census projections re-

On Wednesday, April 20th 2005, Chicago celebrated its 50th
anniversary. Daley’s first inauguration. Day-

By Mark Tonchick

Type 1 diabetics may finally be able to live their lives without having to inject themselves with up to six shots of insulin on a daily ba-

By Shrvani Pasupeti

Inhaled Insulin shows Promise

City Celebrates Former Mayor’s Glory

By By Sherine George

Lance Armstrong to Retire

By Sherine George

Lance Armstrong announced his plans of retiring after the 2005 season. Armstrong, having had a successful career in which he inspired mil-

By Alexander Belzer

Virgin Mary visits Chicago

Since Monday the 18th hundreds of people have been flocking under the Kennedy expressway to take a closer look at the wall along Ful-

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When I said I wanted to be your dog

By Andres De La Hoz

TechNews Writer

Jess Lekman is apparently a big hit over in Sweden. They certainly have good taste, then. An overlooked album, last year’s *When I Said I Want- ed You To Be Here* is a highly enjoyable pop record, one that is not terribly original or groundbreaking, but manages to perfectly blend all of its influences and put them in service of some great songs. Rather than develop a particular sound, Lekman tries out different ideas throughout, from 70s car radio rock, to retro pop songs, folk ballads, and modern production. Most interesting, though, is how he’s able to make tacky kind of thing someone will inevitably listen to and play all over a car commercial, with a laconic style of singing reminiscent of Morrissey and terrific production work. *You Are The Light* has some of the silliest horns you’re likely to hear anytime soon, and Happy Birthday, Dear Friend Lisa has a tropical backdrop for its stories about birthday parties and Jehovah’s Witnesses. Where the album excels, though, is in its softer, more introspective songs. Lisa’s voice, while not terribly emotional or pretty manages to convey melancholy perfectly. Cold Swedish Winter weaves a really bizarre story about winters, Lou Reed, and loneliness in a way that would be tacky in most, but Lekman makes it work, just like most of his random ideas. When he utters, “You think it’s funny... my obsession with the holy matrimony,” in If You Ever Need A Stranger (To Sing At Your Wedding), the initial tackiness of the rhyme disappears due to the strong vocal performance and feeling of slight sadness. When I Said I Wanted To Be Your Dog is not a happy album, nor a sad album; it’s an album of conflicting feelings and ideas, one fitting for just about any one who likes his music emotional without being shamefully emo.

The world according to Garp

By Mehjabeen Nazim

Opinion Editor

In this dirty-minded world, Jenny thinks, “you are either somebody’s wife or somebody’s lover. I was lucky to be on your way to becoming one or the other. If you don’t either category, then there’s nothing left for you to do. I think there is something wrong with you.”

This riveting book recommendedit to me by my roommate is in one word – eccentric. I found myself reading this book filled with absurd humor and almost comical tragedy at odd hours, on the CTA, in class, in the loop, everywhere. It was first published in 1976 – and has been reprinted several times since then in more than thirty languages, in more than forty countries – with more than ten million copies in print. This book revolves around the polarizations they make. It chronicles his life and the characters stick in your head and make you think, “you are either somebody or somebody else.” If you didn’t either category, then there’s nothing left for you to do. I think there is something wrong with you.”

The soldier in the movie seat, returned it to her purse, without being shamefully emo. The theater lobby, where keen wailings could be heard and the manager was calling, “I was trying to cut his nose off with a scalpel, but I didn’t have an irrigation with her, it was much too large for her purse. It also required the con siderable cooperation of the patient. She then found out that Jenny had sliced her hair short, and so uses the bedridden patient as a great tool for the Phillipines Eagles. Much of the novel is also based on Garp’s marriage with Helen and the impact of his decision on their lives. It chronicles his life as a struggling writer living in the streets of New York. Garp struggles vainly to protect the people he loves. His life is both hilarious and ultimately tragic. The book also tells about serious topics like rape, feminism, lust, faith and trust in marriage, the, difficulties of being a writer and most important of all the fear of losing your dearest.

John Irving’s writing is clever, intoxicating and is filled with compelling, intelligent prose. This crazy tale is ironic, funny, inspiring and heart breaking. After finishing the book I missed Garp! After all, those are the best kinds of books – where Jenny Fields felt that the Valentine treatment would be just the thing for him. But she didn’t have an irrigation with her, it was much too large for her purse. It also required the considerable cooperation of the patient. She then found out that Jenny had sliced her hair short, and so uses the bedridden patient as a great tool for the Phillipines Eagles. Much of the novel is also based on Garp’s marriage with Helen and the impact of his decision on their lives. It chronicles his life as a struggling writer living in the streets of New York. Garp struggles vainly to protect the people he loves. His life is both hilarious and ultimately tragic. The book also tells about serious topics like rape, feminism, lust, faith and trust in marriage, the, difficulties of being a writer and most important of all the fear of losing your dearest.

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Although the Facebook has been around for a few years now, IIT was just added at around 5:00 AM CST on Sunday, April 17, 2005. So go ahead, go to www.facebook.com and get started! All the cool kids are doing it! (And they have been for a while now!).
By Casey Franklin
ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

I first heard the band Spoon when a friend told me I had to listen to their Kill The Moonlight CD and was instantly convinced by the replacement of drums with beat beats by drums to rock hard. Afterwards their fly beat composed of mere vocals paired with some lovely guitar and a surprisingly addictive naively voice possessed my car stereo for months. It is Spoon’s new album, Gimme Fiction, set to go on a live tour this fall. The band, which was picked up and released by Matunus, is known for his unique skill in molding the two into a dynamic, new sound. As an album, Gimme Fiction is one that you can easily listen to all the way through. Not many bands can make such individual songs about dragons split by effort from other equally random tunes creating pieces that read more like a novel always leading up to a climax. So you can see yourself, I present the list...

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2. Two Sides Of Monsieur Valy.
3. I Turn My Camera On
4. My Mathematical Mind
5. Delicate
6. Sister Jack
7. I Summon You
8. Infini Pete
9. Was It You
10. They Never Got You

Though seemingly their Gimme Fiction also manages to ex the same skyline. In comparison to their last album, their music has become much more dynamic, the depth of their sound growing substantially and taking a step away from the spacer songs of their yesterdays. Tracks are filled with snippets of diverse sound clips that gracefully interact with each other to create an overall seamless melody giving the listener the feeling that the tracks were constructed much like a brick wall with various pieces piling on one another all aiming to support the top. This method of com composition is especially fitting in songs such as Was It You which steadily fades out to the sound of rain after singing about being lost in the rain.

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Artist brings talents and gifts to campus

By Mindy Sherman

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Mr. Gorbachev, tear down that wall!

By Kevin Henry

When faced with oppression, hatred, and discrimination, the choice is not between two options: to ignore or to overcome.

As many of you may have noticed, a white wall was constructed south of the MTCC last week. No, it wasn't an allusion to 2001: A Space Odyssey, but a symbolic statement put up to express the rage that some individuals felt towards the treatment of the wall. However, the real issue was the misunderstanding and lack of communication between the students and the administration. The administration did not understand the students' point of view, and the students did not understand the administration's intentions.

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Optimizing and maintaining your computer

By Jason Resch

TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Everyone who drives should know to periodically change the oil in their car’s actuator, and get regular tune-ups, however few people are aware that they should be doing similar tasks for their computers. Like cars, personal computers will begin to suffer a decrease in performance over time. Fortunately, this can be remedied without having to bring new parts or pay someone to look at it. This article will provide tips on optimizing your system so that it runs as it did, when it came out of the box.

A common issue all comput- ers face is hard disk fragmenta- tion. When new files are first saved to your hard drive there is no issue of fragmentation, as the files are saved one after the oth- er in a serial fashion. However, once files are deleted, holes of free space are opened up. The next time a file is saved, it may be saved to one of these freed spaces. Fragmentation occurs when a file too large for a single freed position is split into mul- tiple parts and consequently gets spread across the hard disk. A heavily fragmented hard disk will not only be inefficient in its utilization of space, but it will also incur a significant decrease in performance. On a fragmented drive, the hard drive’s actuator has to move back and forth to reach the multiple locations of the file. Disk fragmentation also becomes more and more of an issue as a hard drive approaches its capaci- ty.

Luckily there is a solu- tion to this problem. Microsoft Windows comes bundled with a Disk Defragmenter utility which can be accessed through “My Computer”. Once in “My Computer”, right click the hard drive you wish to defrag and select “Properties”. In the Properties window select the “Tools” tab and click the button which reads “Defragment Now...”. On Win- dows XP and 2000 you should take advantage of the “Analyze” function to see if a defragmen- tation is necessary, as it could take several hours to complete. Before running the Disk Defragmenter I suggest you first run the Disk Cleaning utility to remove any unnecessary files from your computer. It is always a good practice to try and keep your hard drive free of any files you no longer need, especially if they take up a lot of space. To run the Disk Cleaner, click the “Start” button, and select “Run then type: “cleanmgr” and press ‘Enter’. You will then be prompted for which drive to run the Disk Cleaner on. After running the Disk Cleaning utility on the drive you want, you will now be ready to run the Defragmenter. As I men- tioned previously, it could take a long time, especially if you are running it for the first time. Therefore you may want to run the defragmentation overnight, as once started it can complete without further intervention of the user. In my experience it is good to defragment about once a month, but it is not unusual for someone to access it by pressing the function key F10, and save it by pressing Ctrl-S. Windows 9X, ME, or XP. To access it, go to Start>Run> and type: "ntdll.dll". You can enable or disable any program from starting up when Windows loads.

In general you want to keep as few start up programs as possi- ble, but you want to make sure that you do not disable your Anti-virus or firewall software. Therefore unless you are rela- tively sure of what the program is, you should not disable it. Once you uncheck all of the start up programs which you do not want running, you may see a message that says "Click ‘Okay’ to save the set- tings.” The next time you re- boot your computer you will see a significant increase in the speed at which it finishes loading.

Troubleshooting a lost Internet connection

By Jason Resch

Occasionally at IIT you may find that your Internet connection is not working as it should. Sometimes the effect is campus wide, other times it may only be your computer. There is a multitude of reasons for a malfunctioning Internet connection. In order to help diagnose the issue as quickly as possible, there are a few things you should check before making a call to the Support Desk. It is even likely that in the process you will discover what the problem is and be able to fix it by yourself. This article will inform you on what steps to take when an Internet connection is lost, and what information you should have available when you call.

The first thing to consider when your connection is not working is whether the problem is with your computer or with IIT’s connection to the Internet. A simple way of telling is seeing if you can access www.iit.edu. If you can access IIT’s webpage but not get to any site outside of IIT, then chances are it is a problem between the campus and our ISP (In- ternet Service Provider). If there is a problem with the campus’s connection we will likely be aware of the issue and have people working on it and so a call is not necessary. Most of the time

we will not have any time estimate for when service will be restored. When it is only your computer that has lost network access, the most common reason for this is that your computer has been automatically blocked due to a detected virus infection. One way to tell if your computer was blocked is to first restart your computer. Then go to Start>Run and type: “command” and press Enter. In the command prompt type the command “spoofit”. It will then display a lot of information including your computer’s IP Address. If the address begins with 169.154, then chances are your computer has been blocked from the network.

When you call our office we will need several pieces of information. They include your full name, your IIT e-mail address, a phone number you should be contacted at, as well as your computers IP and MAC (or Physical) address. To obtain your computers MAC Address, go to Start>Run and type: “ipconfig” and press Enter. In the command prompt type: “spoofit” and press Enter. Doing so will display a lot of informa- tion, the two things to take note of are the ‘IP Address’ and the ‘Physical Ad- dress’. If your computer has multiple network cards, then more than one IP and physical address will show, it is important that you provide us with all of them.

After you call us and provide us with the above information, we will usually query Network services to de- termine the reason that your computer was blocked. In the case that it is a virus, we will also need to take your available times for when someone can be dispatched to help remove the virus infection. The office which sends out technicians is open between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM on weekdays, and so we will need to be able to set up a time in the next few days would be good for someone to come over.

If you are experiencing a prob- lem with IIT’s wireless Internet ac- cess the first thing you should check is the physical status of your connec- tion. Also please check that the access point you are connecting to is named IITWIFI, as opposed to a privately owned wireless networks on campus. As of this writing, IIT only provides wireless access in the O-campus Graduate apart- ments, the Galvin Library, the MTCC and SLC. Therefore we can only provide support when attempting to connect wireless from these locations.

If you experience any prob- lems with your computer or IIT’s network the OTS Support Desk can be reached at (312) 567-3375.

IIT programmers return from China

By Anthony Gaddini

TECHNEWS WRITER

L ed by Dr. Gruiu Calines- cu, the “A-Team” of computer science graduate students Chris Meyers (CS) and Dmitry Ratnikov (CS), and undergraduate Hart Wilson (CS) received an honorable mention in the ACM International Colle- giate Programming Contest. On November 6th, the “A Team” placed first in a re- cent competition, earning invites to the international contest. A second IIT team, comprised of software engineers students Daniel Kroll (ECE), Dmitri Ratnikov (CS), and David Weiss (CS) also did very well: They solved four problems and finished in 19th out of 20 teams competing in the regional contest.

The ACM international contest was held at Pudong Shangri-La Hotel in Shang- hai, China from April 3-7, 2005.

Shanghai Jiangtong Uni- versity team scored all eight problems in 1517 sec- onds, taking 1st place. No other team solved all eight problems in the brain-twisting problems.

The best American team, University of Illinois, came in 17th overall. This is the first time the Amer- ica’s team competed in the 29-year his- tory of the competition. Two Canadian teams, the University of Western Ontario and University of Western Ontario and Waterloo State University and St. Mike’s, as well as the University of Mechanics and Optics, came in second and third, Canada saved North America to honor, as Ontario’s University of Waterloo took 4th place.

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**Third place Hawks make playoff push**

**IIT Baseball 15-3 in last eighteen games; Offense, ERA, in top 3 in CCAC**

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With less than six games before the playoffs begin, the Hawks are currently tied for third place amongst eleven teams. The top six teams in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) advance to post season play. The top two teams receive a by to the regional tournament with the remaining four teams playing a double elimination tournament, the winner advancing. The Hawks are ranked in the top three in almost every offensive category including; doubles, triples, home runs, slugging percentage, and stolen bases. Also, they hold a team ERA of 3.25 - second best in the conference.

The 2005 NAIA baseball ratings were issued last week. The report shows the top 25 teams in the nation, which are voted on by coaches throughout every conference. Although IIT did not make the list, they did receive several votes of recognition, a feat that has not been accomplished in over a decade. Coach John Fitzgerald has brought a competitive and winning attitude back to IIT. Good back to the Hawks as they approach the playoffs.

4.16.05 Judson College - Game 1

Entering a must win double header, the Hawks new it would be a low scoring game. Jose Medina started the first game and continued his dominance of the conference. Although Medina has only one win, he holds on to the fifth best ERA in the conference (2.09). Medina allowed only three hits over six innings and only one run while striking out three. The Hawks led off the game with a triple by Ross Hiner. But, unfortunately, Hiner was left stranded after a flyout and two groundouts. Bad news continued when centerfielder Dennis Payson left the game in the first inning with a injured left hamstring. The Hawks remained scoreless until the sixth inning. After another load off hit by Hiner, Judson opted to intentionally walk the dangerous Jon Roach to face Elvis Medina, who was struggling on the day. With one out, Collective Medina roped a base clearing double to deep centerfield, scoring Hiner and Roach. Matt Beauregard closed out the 2-1 victory in the bottom of the seventh inning for his conference leading fifth save of the year.

4.16.05 - Judson College - Game 2

Riding momentum from the first game, freshman pitcher Thomas Kennedy was lights out. With one of the greatest finishings performances of the season, Kennedy allowed only one run over seven innings. He also recorded a career best eleven strikeouts against a team that leads the conference in offense (.322 team batting average). Situational hitting and a steady diet of singles helped manufacture runs over seven innings of play, giving the Hawks a sweep over Judson for the first time in five years.

2.40.05 - Illinois Wesleyan

Without two of the biggest offensive contributors, the Hawks traveled South to face a solid Division III team, who had suffered only one loss all year. The Hawks started off the game with two singles, but left both Hiner and Snyder stranded. Again threatening in the second inning, with two on and no outs, they came up empty. Freshman Trevor Dickson started for the Hawks and seemed to be in complete control until he entered the fifth inning. Giving up two back-to-back singles, Wesleyan threatened for the first time. Overcoming adversity, Dickson managed to get a much needed groundball that turned into a quick double play. With a runner on third base, Dickson got another groundball to end the inning. The Hawks then sallied off of the defensive stand. Right fielder Scott Mulder singled out with out which sent up catcher Robin Todd. Todd did not waste any time and swung at the first pitch he saw, lacing it to the left field gap. Coach Fitzgerald, being aggressive as usual, decided to wave Mulder around third base. A hustling Mulder scored all the way from the first base, courtesy of a classy slide at home plate. The single run was all Dickson needed. Striking out five of the next twelve batters, he finished a nine inning complete game - five hit - master piece.

The IIT Lacrosse Club competed in its final two games of the season on Saturday at Northwestern University. Co-phased by the frigid temperatures, the team went on to play Loyola University and Northwestern University. IIT faced Loyola first. The game was deadlocked at 2-2 until late in the game when Loyola scored two goals to seal the victory. The second game pitted IIT against Northwestern. Northwestern came out strong, carrying the momentum that pushed them over Loyola earlier in the day, and finished with a 7-4 victory. Though both games resulted in losses, putting the team at 8-3 for the year, they were great learning experiences and integral parts to the growth of theclub. Visit the club website for more info about lacrosse, team pictures, and video at www.iit.edu.