Annual Report Shows Strong Financial Picture

By Richard Duncan

University financial figures, obtained by TechNews and slated to appear in this year’s annual report, paint a rosy financial picture for IIT. In the last fiscal year (May 31, 2003-2004), the school’s total assets increased $21.4 million to $551 million.

With a record $224 million endowment and growth in nearly every sector of the university, results from fiscal year 2004 “reflect continued strengthening of the institution’s financial base,” commented John Collins, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, in the report.

Incoming undergraduate students in fall 2004 numbered 615, the largest class in two decades. New graduate students also grew to 842, and enrollment at IIT’s downtown law school, Chicago-Kent, grew to 1,174. Total enrollment for the university stands at 6,167 as of the printing of the report, a drop of 32 from last fiscal year.

A further look at IIT’s balance sheet shows that the largest increases in assets occur with investments and physical properties. The McCormick Tribune Campus Center, with a total cost quoted in the report at $55.4 million, and State Street Village (SSV) were both completed during fiscal year 2004. However, “at the cutting edge of student housing design,” SSV is owned by the independent State Street Village Corporation.

The report also states that improvements to athletic facilities and laboratories “enhanced the IIT student experience.”

Despite the growth and financial improvement shown in the report, fiscal year 2004 did not pass smoothly. In February of 2004, a university-wide spending freeze was implemented to help reach budget goals after IIT’s Smart Graduate School of Business failed to meet enrollment goals. Additionally, though IIT is now in fiscal year 2005, reports have surfaced that staff were allowed a maximum 1.5% pay increase this fall. Enrollment over the past year was estimated at 3.3% for 2004 in the Department of Labor’s Consumer Price Index. In January, IIT President LewColell mentioned that while the university is solid financially, budgeting would be “tight” until 2010, when the university’s undergraduate enrollment is planned to reach 2,500. It is expected that revenues at this enrollment level will allow the university to operate comfortably, though little has been said as yet about where the university plans to place these new students in dining or classrooms, or whether faculty and staff will be increased to serve them. Public discussions about new housing are expected very soon.

NROTC takes first at national competition

By Callie Johnson

Every Thursday they can be seen around campus wearing white hats, dressed in black during the winter, khaki in the fall and white during the spring. They are in our classes, in our fraternities and living down the hall from us in the dorms. While it may not be known what they do, sometimes we see them in the gym while we are going to swim practice, sometimes we see them carrying around rifles or leaving from physical training. They may have only been seen a couple of days a week in the gym, but in all actuality they practiced six days a week and sometimes twice a day. Whenever they do and wherever they are, the men and women of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) here at Illinois Institute of Technology are a class act.

When they are carrying around rifles, they are indeed actually practicing. The NROTC unit sent their drill team consisting of four University of Illinois at Chicago students, Conlisk from UIC, MIDN 4/C James Aguirre from IIT, MIDN 4/C Ian Faunt from UIC, MIDN 3/C Justin Mediros from UIC, and commanded by MIDN 2/C Justin Mediros from UIC. The color guard members were MIDN 2/C Michael Correa from IT, MIDN 4/C James Aguirre from IT, and commanded by MIDN 2/C Dennis Bannister from IT.

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Changes proposed to undergrad honors

By Vaibhav Agrawal

On February 24, 2005 the Undergraduate Studies Committee Council will be making a proposal to the Faculty Council highlighting a change in the honors classification system in the undergraduate graduation ceremonies. Currently, IIT undergraduates with a 3.0 GPA and above are marked with the simple distinction of Honors and undergraduates with a GPA of 3.5 and above are marked as High Honors. However, some students have reported that these levels of distinction have not been prestigious enough. Based on the complaint of one student last semester, the issue of the lack of distinction in the graduation ceremony was brought forth to the UGSC in November and a possible three-point system of honors was set forth.

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Old News

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The NROTC unit at IIT was established during World War II as one of the original officer training programs set up to supplement the US Naval Academy in providing officers to the fleet. Since its origin, over 500 naval officers have gone through the NROTC program at IIT.

What lies ahead for IIT’s NROTC unit is uncertain. Captain Anglemann says, “All we are very sure of is very little.”

The reason behind all the uncertainty concerning the unit is that Congress is undecided about what to do. It is the Congress which must decide each year the procedure for disestablishing a unit.

As of this date, the Fiscal Year 1979 Defense Appropriation Bill has passed the House of Representatives, but the Senate Appropriations Committee is considering different language, concerning NROTC funding, than that passed by the House. To further complicate matters, the committee has suspended action until both Houses of Congress resolve the problem of the Defense Authorization Bill which the President vetoed. The likelihood that both bills will pass the Senate before the beginning of the new school year is remote.

Another alternative would call for the IIT unit to work out an agreement with a neighboring university. One alternative is to no longer accept freshmen ROTC class to IIT. This would allow all midshipmen currently at IIT to have their education at IIT. The program would slowly be phased out over a period of four years. This choice would make the Class of ’79 the last group of midshipmen to receive all their classes at IIT while being members of the Northwestern unit. This choice would make the Class of ’79 the last group of graduating naval officers from IIT. This seems unlikely but is not altogether out of the question.

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**By Mehjaben Nazim**

I see and think in colors (and I know I Quixt a few people who do, so I am not the only weird one). Everything is color to me. My favorite Margarita is a red. The guy who has a crush on us, is a beautiful sea green guy. I love the way that the sitting room at home is a rich plum and my dorm room is teal. Love is yellow and sometimes peach. Each boyfriend is indigo-black and on good days, a very hot fuchsia. I precise to stop the color analogies in a bit. If you want to know your color and I know you, ask me!

Before I even begin my musings, let me tell you the key to reading these - puns! (All intended), hidden references? (Yes, read between the lines). Here is my challenge to you, if someone or some particular group in an ambiguous manner, I most likely will not like you! I liked the color of the man in the room at home is a rich plum and my dorm room is teal. Love is yellow and sometimes peach. Each boyfriend is indigo-black and on good days, a very hot fuchsia. I precise to stop the color analogies in a bit. If you want to know your color and I know you, ask me!

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It has an extremely interesting texture; it does not affect me to a great extent anyway, at least not in the way it did before. Cheating and plagiarism are the two biggest things that I do not look at it in the same hor- rid way as I did before. Crazy, isn’t it?—all —

**By Alber Belzer**

Culture Editor

**Un-Beverage-able**

By Abhinav Hasija

TECHNEWS STAFF WRITER

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HP begins headhunt for new CEO

By Sherine George

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Mad World
By Alex Belzer

A F R I C A

The Sudan government has denied the need of the International Criminal Court to try the war-criminals in the almost-a-year-long conflict, which is the main issue. Some have placed blame in West and South Sudan, claiming that the matter needs to be settled in Sudanese courts, but the Sudanese legal system remains skeptical.

Uganda: Former child soldiers returned to the battlefield, this time fighting against those who people return to conflict, this time doing so willingly, to fight against the Ugandan Army and the LRA. Some of these returning soldiers are under eighteen, against international law. But given their limited options for employment, many Ugandans sign up for war, according to the UN.

ASIA

Howard Baker, the United States Ambassador to Japan, has renewed his country’s claim that it has nuclear weapons. Since making that claim, North Korea has since withdrawn from international talks regarding the end of nuclear weapons programs. Baker also urged the United States to accelerate its efforts in getting North Korea to join the talks, and believes that it is not too late for them to do so. While Baker doesn’t feel that North Korea is a nuclear weapons threat, he is worried about the more than 20,000 child soldiers, former rebels, and nuclear weapons, which is the track record.

Syrian troops asked to leave Lebanon

By Shravani Pasupneti

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MIDDLE EAST

International pressures gather on Syria, specifically from the United States, with Bush demanding that Syria remove its troops stationed in Lebanon, in addition to calling for any Sudanese Husein supporters, Iran, already in hot water in the United States’ boiling pot, sides with Syria, much to Bush’s dismay.

The group of senators who include Hillary Clinton and John McCain will be traveling to Iraq during the weekend of February 18th. They will meet with military leaders, top Iraqi officials and local war leaders. McCain and Clinton have often challenged the Pentagon’s planning and management of the Iraqi effort, particularly once major combat ended.
Gung Hay Fat Choy
By Melissa Pros

February 9, 2005 marked the beginning of the year 4702 on the Chinese calendar. Also known as the Year of the Rooster, this occasion was celebrated on February 13, 2005 in the streets of Chicago’s Chinatown. Despite the rain and dreary weather, Wentworth Avenue was packed with tourists and locals alike. Like all Chinatown parades, the floats were those of city politicians and officials and the bands were all from local, but non-Chinatown high schools, providing an ambiance more like Columbus Avenue than Wentworth. But once the dragons started to pass and the drum beats and clangy cymbals took the streets of Chicago, the tourists and locals alike. Like all Chinese-American eateries.

For the Roosters: The sign of the Rooster indicates a person who is hard-working and definite about their decisions. Roosters can therefore sometimes come across as boastful. They make good restaurateurs and owners who work hard.

Second Stop: Red Line

Aji Ichiban 2117 A S. China Place (Chinatown Square) Are you a sucker for cutely wrapped Asian candies? Or maybe you just need a hankering for some dried fish. Either way, this “buy it by the pound” shop is for you. Often times samples are available so you can try that Ten Scented Olive before you buy. And when you decide what you want, a polite but shy girl will help you fill your bag. You can get out of there relatively cheap, but it’s also easy to drop a bunch of cash. Either way you’ll leave happy.

Richwell Market 1835 S. Canal Street Now that you have gotten the yummy stuff, you can stop here for the essentials. The Richwell Market is not in Chinatown proper, but it is well worth the long walk/drive from Chinatown. This “Wholesale to the Public” warehouse has everything you need to make your favorite Eastern specialties. From rice to sacks of all sizes to frozen mochi, Richwell market is a fully stocked grocery. They carry an amazing array of bottled teas and drinks and they have a bakery with fresh baked buns and pastries. Stop in, stock up and make your own Chinese dishes sans MSG.

Tea Leaf Café 2334 S. Wentworth Ave. #A Tea Leaf Café (TLC to the cool kids) is a hip hangout for Chinatown youngsters. With a full menu of Boba Tea, also known as Bubble Tea, you can customize your tea and make it the perfect beverage. They also carry smoothies, shaved ice and espresso drinks along with a small, but good menu. Menu Tea Leaf Café is probably the only place in Chinatown where ordering a burger wouldn’t warrant a questioning stare. Make sure you grab a punch card, because the 11th Boba is free! And TLC is open late too, midnight on weekdays and till 2am on weekends. Great place to hangout and “study” they even provide free wireless access.

In Shop/4! Fashion Cermak Avenue Designer-esque clothing goods at reasonable prices. They also have rice and noodle plates, which are equally delicious. But nothing will warm you up on a cold winter day like a piping hot bowl of Pho. The small size is plenty for even the hungriest IIT student, the large is just a waste of money. The Noodle also has fantastic fried rolls and a moderate selection of fruit smoothie drinks, similar to those served at IIT Y. This place is small, but the food is even better, and it’s never too crowded. They also carry a good selection of authentic Vietnamese beverages including iced coffee, which comes in a breyer atop a coffee cup, and even salty lemon drink. Drink, Pho and fried roll will cost less that 10 bucks, which makes The Noodle and even more perfect IIT student destination.

Chinatown: More than the typical Chinese
By Melissa Pros

Non-Chinese Chinatown Cafes

The Noodle Wentworth Avenue

Finally a franchise restaurant called Pho Huu, the noodle specialty in Vietnamese Pho (pronounced Faj), or noodle soup. The soups are all the same, you just pick the meats you want in them. All soups are served with a garnish plate of rice, vegetables and lemongrass. They also have rice and noodle plates, which are equally delicious. But nothing will warm you up on a cold winter day like a piping hot bowl of Pho. The small size is plenty for even the hungriest IIT student, the large is just a waste of money. The Noodle also has fantastic fried rolls and a moderate selection of fruit smoothie drinks, similar to those served at IIT Y. This place is small, but the food is even better, and it’s never too crowded. They also carry a good selection of authentic Vietnamese beverages including iced coffee, which comes in a breyer atop a coffee cup, and even salty lemon drink. Drink, Pho and fried roll will cost less that 10 bucks, which makes The Noodle and even more perfect IIT student destination.

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Chinatown Deals: Think ten bucks won’t buy two people lunch in Chinatown? Think again. Dim Sum, literally translated from Cantonese to “dot hearts” are small meats that touch the heart. More specifically they are small pasties, dumplings, buns and noodles that are served in small quantities that diners can sample a variety. Each dish costs an average of $1.50 and it’s surprising how fast they will fill you up. Ten dollars should provide two people with plenty to eat and some to take home for later. You also get to partake in free tea at most Chinatown restaurants. Dim Sum is traditionally a morning/afternoon meal so it is usually only available until 5pm. Also, it’s best on weekends, when fishes can be ordered right off the steamer cart.

Cheap Entertainment: “Because of Winn Dixie ” is a heartwarming tale. Most of your friends would make fun of you for seeing it, but I would make fun of you if you buy five bucks to see it. “Winn Dixie” is playing at the AMC City North theater which offers $5 Tuesdays. For just $5 (that’s less than Sodexo sushi) you get a ticket to any of the movies playing and a coupon for FREE small popcorn. The parking garage is also free, which is good because it’s a pretty long walk from the IIT. Make sure you get an AMC Moviewatcher card, too. You can sign up at the customer service desk and start earning free movie tickets and concessions.

Press Pass
By Melissa Pros

Tuesday 2/22: Kings of Convenience Double Door
Soundly/Morbid Angel House of Blues
Wednesday 2/23: Luna Metro / Smurhars
Thursday 2/24: Bella Lea Schuba’s
Friday 2/25: Modest Mouse Congress Theater
D.J Hell Geasland
Saturday 2/26: Ani DiFranco Auditorium Theatre
Sunday 2/27: Ani DiFranco Vic Theatre
By Anthony Gaddini

Robo-soldier: The troop of the future

E nlightened Special Weapons Observation Reconnaissance Detection Systems (SWORDS) robots are heading to Iraq to support American soldiers in March or April.

SWORDS was developed by the Army and Foster-Miller of Waltham, Mass., a robotics firm bought in November by QinetiQ Group PLC, which is a partnership between the British Ministry of Defense and the Washington holding company The Carlyle Group.

SWORDS is based on the Talon platform, a rugged and tested mine-clearing robot that has been used by Army Combat engineers. SWORDS is an improved Talon outfitted with standard-issue squad automatic weapons, either the M249, which fires 5.56 mm rounds at a rate of 750 per minute, or the M240, which can fire about 700 to 1,000 7.62 mm rounds per minute. The SWORDS can fire about 300 rounds using the M240 and about 350 rounds using the M249 before needing to reload. SWORDS will be the first armed robotic vehicles to see combat.

Each SWORDS unit costs around $200,000 to manufacture, a fraction of the lifetime cost of a soldier—around $4 million according to a Pentagon study. Furthermore, the destruction of a robot will not have the emotional impact of a soldier killed in action.

The military plans to invest tens of billions of dollars in automated armaments over the next decades. Running on lithium ion batteries, it can operate for up to four hours at a time. Operators control the robot using a 50 lb. remote transmitter. It moves using tank-like tracks, which help it overcome rocky obstacles and barbed wire, but prevent it from achieving speeds greater than 4 mph. SWORDS weighs 75 lbs and is outfitted with many proven technologies from the Army’s parts bin. It features optical systems that have been in use for decades, telepresence rapid aiming platform (TRAP), and a modified fire control system. It uses night vision and may be outfitted with infrared sensors. Even olfactory sensors are a possibility, allowing the operator to gather information about the presence of possible explosives or chemical/biological agents.

Several other combat robots are slated for development and/or production. The “hunter-killer” is being developed at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center. The Army is developing a reconnaissance robot that scouts buildings, tunnels and caves. A third robot hauls weapons and equipment as well as perform reconnaissance and search missions. A fourth originally designed to be a sentinel, will soon be able conduct surveillance, psychological warfare and other missions. Finally an air based drone plane called the Predator is already in use.

Critics have questioned the morality of using robo-soldiers. They fear that it dehumanizes war. It tips the balance of warfare in favor of the side that uses robots since that side will not necessarily suffer any loss of life. Many have pointed out that it breaks Isaac Asimov’s first law of robotics: A robot may not harm a human being, or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm.

Unfortunately these critics do not realize that Pandora’s box has been opened and it cannot be closed. The Atom bomb, the machine gun, dynamite—all these technologies dehumanized war, making it more destructive, quicker, and impersonal. Did we abandon these technologies? No. Why? Because they enemy may not.

According to MAW: “The workshop will feature speakers describing and demonstrating the features of numerous Mac-based astronomy programs. Featured areas will be Image Collection and Processing, Planetary and Solar System, and Telescope Control Programs. While some of the programs are Mac-only, many have Windows versions as well.”

MAW is in desperate need for more volunteers. IIT students with interest in astronomy should consider registering (http://mrmac.mr.aps.anl.gov/~macastroworkshop).

The registration fee for the workshop will be $75.00. Astrofest can be attended for the following discounted rates, 3 days ($30), 2 days ($25), and 1 day ($20). Families can register at discounted rates as well. Astrofest is free for anyone 14 years of age and under as long as an adult accompanies him or her.

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Starting off in a slow, sedative tone, this indie rock band surprises listeners when, like every other indie rock band, halfway into the song the music explodes, taking the song into a completely different direction. A good portion of the band’s music is instrumental, and well done at that, using a melange of different instruments to create a unique sound. This is worth checking out.

The Ides of Space — Switchboard
This relatively unknown Australian band surprised many with their debut release that seemed uncharacteristically mature for such a new band. This is really good music.

Matthew Good — Weapon
After the Matthew Good band split up, some of the members returned and formed Matthew Good. The band’s debut album, Avalanche, showed that there is life after the MGB. A great song that once again starts off slowly, gains momentum, talking about a relay race, I would be okay with it, but the entire song being dead on. The Black Eyed Peas also contribute Let’s Get It Started which is a good start. I know everyone’s parent’s dream is to have their son/daughter decide to “get re-tarded,” literally or figuratively. I do not think I have heard of a cure for being retarded, and I am sure those kids do not really want to find out what the short bus is like.

So, lastly, I have decided that if those two songs can become Kidz Bop songs, there are a few others that deserve special treatment. For that reason, I have made a list of the top 10 songs for Kidz Bop, especially if your child/daughter/son, you know your child/niece/nephew/little cousin/your younger sibling is already off to a bad start.

By Keisha Smith

Tuesday morning, 2/17, while watching Captain Planet, I saw a commercial for another Kidz Bop CD — Volume 7, might I add. For those of you who have never heard of the Kidz Bop collection: Some Kidz Bop CD—Volume 7, might I add. For those of you who have not ever heard of the popular songs of the year. However, while looking at the list of songs for Kidz Bop 7, and going through my lyrical memory bank, I realized that most of the songs on this CD do not even need a Kidz Bop version. Kidz Bop 7 includes: Pieces of Me (Ashlee Simpson), Broadway (Jay-Dee), My Boo (Usher and Alicia Keys), and Leave (Get Out) (Jolo). If you have ever listened to any of these songs, you would know that there is not any sexual, derogatory, or violent content in any of them. Why need a Kidz Bop version. Why? It is beyond me. If any song truly needs a Kidz Bop remake, why are little kids listening to it anyway?

Also included on Kidz Bop 7 is Love My Breath which is originally sung by Destin’s Child. If you actually listen to the content of the song, the entire song is about SEX. And of course I want my 8-year-old daughter to be able to ask some little boy, “Can you keep up, baby boy? Make me lose my breath?” Now, if we were talking about a relay race, I would be okay with it, but the entire song being dead on.

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By Andes De La Hoz

We are barely into 2005, but there has already been a few notable releases in the music world. While you Will Know Us By The Trail of Dead, have followed up 2002’s widely acclaimed Source Tags & Codes with Worlds Apart. Instead of repeating the formula and sound that put them on Top 10 lists for that offering, the band has decided to mix things up, much to the dismay of many. Where their earlier work was characterized by dirty, aggressive, feedback-drenched walls of sound and urgent delivery, their new sound is much more polished and released, influenced more by The arena rock than their earlier “Sonny Youth on crack” sound. The results are an entirely successful take on the album. The title track overcomes its heavy-handed lyrics with a memorable chorus and a hint of The Who on its intro; All Fire harkens back to the glory days of Daydreaming in its tone and performers. Summer of ’91 reaches a rousing climax, while Will You Smile Again For Me and Caravanserai return to more aggressive territory. The second half of the album is noticeably less interesting. Ending in Last City Of Refuge, the most boring song they have ever made. While the band has not fully lost its edge and raw sound, they should be at least applauded for trying, especially in an era where bombast is commonplace.

On the more mellow side of things, Bright Eyes began the year with the simultaneous release of 2 albums. I’m Wide Awake, It’s Morning is the more conventional of the two, a sound which was not too different from his previous work/country-folk collection of heartbreak songs (as always). Digital Ash In A Digital Uv, on the other hand, sees frontman Conor Oberst harkening back to 80s pop in an album that fulfills his long known interest to make an electronic album. Singles for both albums were released last year and surprisingly landed at #1 and #2 on the Billboard charts. While (the single for Wide Awake) is merely a teaser of the quality to come, Take It Easy (from Digital Ash In A Digital Uv) is the best song on the album by far. Digital Ash suffers from a lack of hooks; while most of the production is adequate, very few of the songs are musically memorable. Furthermore, Oberst has released his traditional singing voice, which while very emotive, can also be ri- diculously melodramatic and cringe-inducing. This lack of emotion ends up hindering Digital Ash, making it an interesting yet disappointing de- parture. However, the opposite is true for Wide Awake. By toning down his random screaming and wavy voice, the songs seem more mature, more world-weary. Conor’s lyrical prowess is in full force here: Lux never fails to be depressing. Landlocked Blues expertly weaves romance with commentary on current events, and First Day of My Life manages not to fall into the typical cheesiness of pre- vious works. Each of the album’s tracks are among the most memorable Oberst has ever composed; legendary Emmylou Harris sings backup on a few songs, adding a more traditional country sound to the proceedings, while horns and strings perpetuate a timeless feel. Oberst even manages to get away with an absurdly anecdotable that he is “the, album,” and with using Beethoven as the main melody of the final song, a rousing climax that finally serves a purpose. Of his more traditional random yelling, Both Digital Ash and Wide Awake are fairly cohesive pieces of work, but Wide Awake is considerably more satisfying. While Oberst’s current de- parture is not a failure, it is more traditional work that shows an artist reaching new heights, and probably landing on many Top 10 lists come the end of the year.

By Andes De La Hoz

TUESDAY, FEB. 22, 2005
W e are a lot about renewable energy and how it is the solu-
tion to the world's energy problems. How much is really know about this concept and what kind of solutions does it offer to existing engineering problems? What is the role and chal-
lenge of renewable energy in a sus-
tainable future? Professor Said Al-Hallaj, Coordinator of Renewable Energy Programs at IIT, sheds some light on this complex issue in an in-
terview with TechNews.

Professor Said Al-Hallaj is a Research Associate Professor at the Chemical and Environmental Engineering Department at IIT where he has also earned his Ph.D. in Chemi-
cal Engineering in 1999. Prior to Chicago, as a citizen of Jordan he has has previously earned his B.S. and M.S. in Chemical Engineering from Jordan University of Science and Technolog-
y in 1994. He has published over thirty papers for technical journal and co-authored several patents/patent ap-
plications in the areas of: energy storage and conversion, with emphasis on renewable energy, in addition by-
drogen, batteries and fuel cells for stationary and transpor-
tation applications.

TN: What stirred your interest in re-
newable energy?

SAH: I started my interest in my home country Jordan which was moti-
ivated by the lack of energy sources in Jordan coupled by shortage for drinking water.

TN: In your words, what is the role of renewable energy in a sus-
tainable global energy system?

SAH: Renewable energy should be a prime and major contributor in any real sus-
tainable energy s y s t e m . However, such a sys-
tem may include a variety of other s o u r c e s i n c l u d-
ing con-
tentional ones.

TN: What can you tell us about your research experience, hobbies...

SAH: I have a strong background in bench scale testing, pro-
type design to testing and commer-
cialization into consumer products. I have developed and designed new technology that are more efficient and cost effective on the long run.

TN: What are the implications of the results of your experiments? How can we use these new results on a small or a large scale?

SAH: My research group was suc-
cessful in taking some ideas from concept to bench scale testing, pro-
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TN: Can you tell us more about your other research interests. How about the calorimetric studies of batteries and fuel cells? Or the modeling or simulation and scale-up design of batteries and fuel cells for electric vehicle (EV) and stationary applica-
tions?

SAH: It is a methodology to study the thermodynamic, chemical, and elec-
tronic impacts. This concept is now

TN: What kind of Progress have you made so far? What plans do you have for the nearest future?

SAH: We have had great progress and pioneered the work in this area which is currently adopted by other research groups worldwide.

TN: Tell us more about the E3 con-
cept and how you think it can help sustainable energy?

SAH: E3 is a important tactical ele-
ment in achieving sustainability with the consideration of all energy supply and end-use options in the context of the economic, social and environ-
mental impacts. This concept is now

TN: What are the exciting new de-
scriptions you are working on;

SAH: We are currently working on several projects on batteries, fuel cells, hydrogen and solar energy with partners. We are hoping to continue to make great breakthroughs in the near future.

TN: What do you enjoy most about conducting your research?

SAH: Working with students and other associates on solving real world problems.

TN: How do you spend the thirty minutes of free time you have each week? Do you have any hobbies?

SAH: I enjoy basketball, movies and animated conversations.

TN: Interesting, they are regular hobbies (laughter). What kind of music or food do you like?

SAH: I like to experiment all types of food and music.

TN: What do you like the most about the IIT campus or students?

SAH: It is a real window to the world. You can meet people from all kinds of backgrounds, cultures, and countries.

To get more details about Professor Said Al-Hallaj’s research visit http://www.chee.iit.edu/faculty/al-
hallaj.html

Professor Profile

By Briana Swenson

A ssociate Dean John Snapper of the Undergraduate College is really a fascinating person on Main Campus. Anyone interested in hav-
ing a lively conversation about any-
thing should stop by his Siegel Hall ofﬁce and strike one up. Perhaps ask about philosophy, progressive jazz or even about the ar-
s of the New Guinea cambals he spent time with. No matter what the subject, I can assure you that you will both learn something and be highly entertained.

Last week I did just that and sat down with philosophy professor John “Jack” Snapper. The following subjects are just a few of the many we discussed at length.

TN: Let’s start with the basics – where did you grow up, where did you go to school? JS: My undergraduate was at Princ-
eton, my graduate at University of Chicago. I started in math there and ended in philosophy, eventually in philosophy.

High school was in Bloomington, In-
ya. That’s how I started in math there and then we decided to move to Bloomington, Indiana. The year after I graduated high school my family moved again. My father now lives in Vermont. I have a brother who lives in North Carolina.

TN: Why philosophy?

JS: That’s an interesting question. I have a strange suspicion that I never actually make any decisions in my life, I think I got sort of knicked that way I just sort of drift.

TN: How long have you been teach-
ing at IIT?

JS: I don’t know... since sometime in the late ’70s. So that would be 25 years-plus.

TN: What is your favorite class that you have taught here?

JS: Whatever I happen to be teaching at the moment. Right now I’m teaching the Art Theory course and I’m having a wallpping good time. I don’t know if my students are hav-
ing a good time, but I am. I am doing the little language seminar and I’m enjoying that as well.

TN: What do you do at this school besides teaching?

JS: Associate Dean of the Under-
graduate College. Mostly what I try to do to deal with there is students who are in academic trouble in one way or another and try to get them out of it.

TN: Let’s talk about some of the staff that you do outside of the uni-
versity.

JS: I live in Hyde Park. Push comes to shove, I’m a pretty decent cook. I occasionally go to weird concerts and I listen to a lot of stuff. I hang out in some of the bars and clubs there.

TN: Like electronic music?

JS: Waaay off the walls stuff. You know, things that I think are closer to the world of other research interests. How about the modeling or simulation and scale-up design of batteries and fuel cells for electric vehicle (EV) and stationary applica-
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TN: Are they the items that you picked up in your travels?

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TN: Do you have a favorite piece?

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Two vehicles at this year’s Chicago Autoshow were true knockouts for automotive styling—technological art.

Jaguar, always a hallmark of automotive style, debuted the “Advanced Lightweight Coupe” a 2+2 all-aluminum luxury sport car. Since Ford acquired Jaguar in 1998, Ford has positioned Jaguar as a beacon of cutting edge design in a ocean of look-alike, focus-group designed, art-less boxes.

“I firmly believe that Jaguars should appear powerful as well as elegant,” said Ian Callum, the Design Director.

The aerodynamic all-aluminum skin on the “Advanced Lightweight” is muscular and taut yet subtle and curvaceous. Like a well-toned Greek goddess, this Jag beguiles the senses. It is a perfect example of proportion and stance. The svelte silhouette boasts a drag coefficient of 0.37. The wheels are positioned at the corners of the vehicle, offering improved stability and lending the whole vehicle a hunkered-down look reminiscent of nothing other than a jaguar.

There are no wheel overhangs, giving the car a bold profile and un-fettered visual appeal. Simple, clean, well-defined lines grace the sides and join custom-crafted body hardware with mathematical perfection.

Beneath the skin of this of this beauty lies the heart of a true predator. The use of aluminum makes the frame 40% lighter and 60% stiffer than a conventional steel body. Coupled with Jaguar’s supercharged 400 horsepower V-8 power plant, the “Advanced Lightweight” can sprint to 60 mph in well under 5 seconds.

Ian Callum’s philosophy was to execute the most advanced automotive technologies in an exquisitely elegant form. The suspension is computer controlled and integrated with the safety control system and the engine control system, making the “Advanced Lightweight” an engineering marvel as well.

“The next generation of Jaguars will be remarkable driver’s cars,” said Phil Hodgkinson, Director of product engineering, but Fidispigree, this Jag is a remarkable spectators’ car.

Jaguar and Maserati: Automotive art

By Anthony Gaddini

TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Born of the Maserati brothers in 1914, Maserati has had a long and arduous journey as an automaker. After being acquired by Ferrari in December of 1999, new hands wield the Trident. An injection of new capital, Ferrari designers and engineers, and the improvement of Maserati’s 40-year-old manufacturing facility have launched Maserati back onto the playing field.

The new “Coupe” is a delicious blend of disciplined sculpture and hot-blooded Italian sports engineering.

The 2+2 sport coupe features a long, gently sloped deck. Two subtle streaks define a prominent bulge on the hood, lending a feeling of unmistakable power. Rising above the assertive grille, these lines run to the base of the windshield and draw back over the hood culminating in two fluid tapers on the rear trunk lid, providing focal points for the distinctive dual exhaust. Every surface, line, and seam was lovingly assembled, by hand, in Viale Ciro Menotti, Italy, by the hands of skilled craftsmen and technicians.

The headlamps fit neatly into the front-side body panel and form a continuous line, broken only by voluptuous bugles, to the taillights, which are formed inside of the rear deck, for a razor clean look. The C-pillar merges with the rear-body panels forming a unbroken surface rounded off behind the wheel wells, giving the entire vehicle an unmistakably sensual presence that may get some at the Vatican upset—its nearly an occasion of sin!

The designers didn’t stop at style either. Beneath to hood lies a Ferrari designed and built 400 horsepower V-8 which can launch, with the help of a clutch-less manual transmission, the “Coupe” to 60 mph in under 5 seconds. The frame is sport tuned, and Ferrari imbued their racing know-how into square inch of this Mediterranean marvel.

In early December, Maserati announced that their ownership, once again, would be transferred. This time, it will go to Italian automotive giant Fiat. Let’s hope that Fiat can do for Maserati what Ford did for Jaguar.
Twenty years well worth the wait

By Sabine Kollwitz

S
ince 1979, the artists Christo and Jean-Claude (they go mostly by their first names) have had a major undertaking in mind for New York’s Central Park. Being most known for their work with fabric, the pair have enveloped whole islands in acres of pink fabric. Other famous works include Wrapped Reichstag, The Post Neuf Wrapped, Running Fence, and Valley Curtain. Since emigrating to the States in 1984, the pair has been based out of New York, yet doing work internationally. Having had their work displayed on four continents, Christo and Jean-Claude wanted to contribute to their adopted hometown. Central Park was chosen as the site because of the massive flow of people who traverse the park every single day. The manuscript gates were specifically adapted to human form, and scaled to appreciable proportions. And what a magnificent sight it is: 7,500 gates, 16 feet high with a width varying from 5 feet 6 inches to 18 feet meander around 23 miles in the park! The vibrant color, Saffron, was chosen for the gates because of it’s stark and playful contrast with the drery fog and rain that are of the season. This makes for a variable river of airiness and light which slowly slithers through the park and serves as a gentle reminder that summer is not far off. Until February 27th, the Park will be a haven for summer in a winterlogged city.

All of Christo and Jean-Claude’s work is temporary. Although, for reasons rather obvious - fabric does after all, not last forever - Jean-Claude and Christo had a few words of their own. The work is temporary to create an urgency to visit the site, and to evoke a feeling of tenderness for something that will not last forever. Much like youth, and childhood, the gates will become branded on one’s memory and will be looked upon as a tender memory. The gates will forever be shrouded with pristine newness and will not suffer the degenerative erosion of sunlight, snow, and rain.

Here comes the dance part

By Sabine Kollwitz

T
he other day I had the great pleasure of chatting with the boys from Olathe. Three bright eyed boys sat across from me and we discussed the band’s history, favorite shows, and the general evolution of the band made up as a group of individuals. For those of you not in the know, all of Oaltie’s members attend IIT, but I wouldn’t want to refer to them as a ‘campus band’. Comprised of Chris (guitar and vocals), Ed (bass, auxiliary, guitar when he feels like it, and any other instrument not played by another member), Federico (drums, bells, occasionally the xylophone), and Patrick (guitar, vocals, accordion, brings the dance). Coming from a vibrant past of Oasis cover bands, Alkaline Trio rip offs, samba bands, and wonderfully fun grunge bands, one could say it was formed. All four guys met on campus, and two were roommates. Patrick and Ed, having met in the dorms, picked up Chris and Federico and Oaltie, the Shawnee word for beautiful, came into being. Having graduated from playing top secret shows in the MSV basement to playing shows at Phyllis’s, Oaltie seems to be going in a very interesting direction musically. All four members bring a wonderful dynamic to the band, which adds a distinct vivacity to the music. Best classified as indie rock, Oaltie traverses a fine line between straight, simple, methodic riffs, ethereal, light, and airy harmonies which pander to the instrument, and more technical, meaty melodies. Their style is vaguely reminiscent of Jawbreaker and has been compared to The Promise Ring. Hailing from the south side of Chicago, the kids from Olathe eventually plan to tour internationally (see: Mexico and Canada) and spread the rock. When I posed the question of being able to play anywhere, at any time, and with any band, I got mixed responses. Chris would love to revive the recently shut down Freddy’s place and play with the likes of Broken Social Scene and Interpol. Ed chose to fuse architecture with music, picking his site as the legendary Auditorium Theater (by Louis Sullivan), but specifying that it would have to be right after it was built. Patrick’s hopes and dreams included playing the Coachella Festival in California which showcases every amazing band that is a band these days. (Read: Mogwai, Interpol, Bauhaus, Wilco, The Paint, Bright Eyes, New Order, you get the picture.) All four are also champion air guitar players. What’s even better, $4 of the band is single.
Over the past few years, there seems to have been signs that students are not doing as well. They are taking fewer classes, doing less homework, and looking more towards the video game consoles in the dorms. This shows that the school recognizes that many students are not really trying hard and are barely trying to help. All these resources are available to everyone; it's left for the students to use them to their best advantage. One interesting thing is that we did a study of grade point averages with reference to where people live, and we found out that people who live in dormitories have shown less interest in academia and everything that comes with school. TechNews had the opportunity to talk with the Provost and Senior Vice President, Dr. Allan Myerson. He said a lot about what the administration has researched since the dropping grades were noticed, and the resources that are available to fix the problem.

TN: What do you have to say about the low grades of the freshman class this year? AM: I am somewhat worried about the freshman class, probably sophomore and maybe juniors too. The students who attend a high school do not really look forward to the classes they do not turn in homework, sleep in class, read newspapers during the lectures or just don't care. It is easy to pick out such people because it is noticeable; there are completely not interested in making education an important part of their lives. They would rather hang around in their dorm rooms playing video games or cards. It is also a major issue; it's really important to be able to decide for yourself that it is time to get a college degree.

TN: Do you think that having a scholarship changes the attitude of a student? AM: Scholarships have nothing to do with it. Almost 99% of IIT's are recouped in the form of scholarship, so it's not accurate to say that people are less interested if their college expenses are paid by other means. There are people who do not do very well with school work, but have scholarships, and do not work as hard to do better; for such people there are resources available to them even if they are not interested. The Center has tutors and other people who help out with difficult subjects, the professors are available at their office hours and recently the Learning Assistant positions have been created to provide help for freshman with academic difficulties. The professors and that all those who live in MSV, have shown less interest in academia and everything that comes with school. The counseling center and the academic resource center, among visiting the professors would help to really improve the grades.

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Swim Team Prepares For National Meet

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The swimmers had an absolutely fantastic meet this past week-end. On Friday morning they headlined out to Wheaton College for the Midwest Invitational, which was the last meet of the year before National- als. Nine of the 22 swimmers were rested and tapered for this meet in hopes that they would swim fast enough to make the time cuts and then be able join their teammates at the National meet in March. Ev- ery one of those nine “taper group” swimmers swam season bests, eight of the nine swim lifetime better, and six new swimmers will be headed to Nationals. To make the outcome of the meet even more amazing, the team swam over 30 lifetime best races, over 19 season best races, there were 10 total new National cuts made and at least 5 more in- dividual school records were bro- ken. The icing on the cake came at the end of the meet when it was announced that the IIT women took FIRST PLACE out of 10 teams and the IIT men took second place (to Wheaton College) out of 12 teams. Those were the highest places taken at Midwest Championships by any IIT swim team ever in recent memory.

The taper group consisted of senior Co-Captain Matt Pearson, juniors Kaylyn Siefkas and Sid- dha Pimpukar, and freshmen Sarah Johnson, Dave Perry, Phil Pan- nenko, John Groszko, Robert Whit- tlesley, and Kyle Curtison. Pearson swam two amazing races, making National cuts and season bests in both his 100 and 200 Breaststrokes. Siefkas swam lifetime bests in every one of her races; the 200 and 400 Individual Medleys and the 100 and 200 Backstrokes. Pimpukar made National cuts and season bests in his 50 and 100 Freestyles, as well as a lifetime best in his 100 Butterfly. Johnson also had four amazing races, swimming lifetime bests in the 50 and 100 Freestyles and the 100 and 200 Breaststrokes. Perry had three great swims, the 50, 100 and 200 Freestyles, all of which were lifetime bests. Pannenko also had three lifetime best swims in the 200 Freestyle, 100 and 200 Breaststrokes, as well as making National cuts in both of his Breaststroke events. Groszko swam three lifetime- best times in the 200 Freestyle, 100 and 200 Backstrokes with a Na- tional cut in the 202 Back. Carlton swam three lifetime bests as well, in the 100 and 200 Butterflies and 500 Freestyle, with a new National cut in the 500. And finally, last but certainly not least, Whittlesey swam three lifetime bests in the 200, 500 and 1650 Freestyle, with National cuts in both the 500 and 1650.

Of the non-taper group, some still swam superior races, lending some extra excitement for the National meet when they will be tapered and rested. The five new individual school records were set by: Liz Wong (50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle), Samantha Stailey (200 Individual Medley), and Co-Cap- tain Marina Hartung (100 Breast- stroke, 200 Breaststroke).

There were at least five lifetime bests and 14 season bests swum by these swimmers, including: Amy Beri- bak – lifetime best 500 Freestyle; Daniel Crandall – season best 100 Breaststroke and 200 Individual Medley; Hartung – lifetime best 100 and 200 Breaststrokes; Jef Larson – season best 200 Breast- stroke, 200 and 400 Individual Med- leys; Luke Shiochere – season bests

50, 110 and 200 Freestyles as well as new National cuts in the 50 and 200; Atun Varhegyi – lifetime best 200 Freestyle; Sarah Sinne – sea- son bests 50 and 100 Freestyles, 200 and 400 Individual Medleys; Wong – season best 50 and 100 Freestyles; and Stailey – lifetime best 100 Butterfly, season best 200 Individual Medley.

Additionally, there was at least one IIT swimmer that made it to the finals in every single race save the men’s 400 Individual Medley and the women’s 1650 Freestyle (but those two events were empty only because there were NO IIT swim- mers entered in them). Such a feat is pretty incredible when there are 26 individual events and 10 relays but only 22 swimmers on the IIT swim team with 10 other women’s and 12 other men’s teams compet- ing.

The Week In International Sports

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Motorsports

Formula One Boss Bernie Ecle- sion has said that India will be hosting a Grand Prix by 2008. The venue will be either Mumbai, Hyder- abad or Calcutta. This comes a few days before Narain Karthikeyan is set to become the first Indian to debut on the F1 circuit. Karthikeyan completed 80 laps at the Barcelona circuit as part of the second round of testing for the Indian car’s new engine. In other news, Marcus Gronholm crashed out of the Rally of Sweden allowing Petter Sol- berg a comfortable victory.

Soccer

Chelsea extended their lead at the top of the Premier League after defeating Liverpool 3-0. They now lead the table to 12 points with a 1-0 win over Everton last Saturday. However, Manchester United continued to do their best stay close to the leaders by scoring a 2-0 win over neighbors Manchester City. Arsenal lost the top four battle for conference tournament chances. Inter Milan extended their unbeaten record in the Serie A with a 2-0 win over Roma on Saturday. Inter also secured a place in the semi-finals of the Italian Cup after defeating Al- aianta, 3-0. Juventus extended its lead over AC Milan by 5 points after win- ning 2-1 over Udinese.

In Spain, Barcelona thrashed Real Zaragoza 4-1 to bounce back from their loss last week. Michael Owen scored for Real Madrid to in- spire them to a 2-1 win at Osasuna on Sunday.

Cricket

In a huge setback for Pakistan, Shoaib Akhtar pulled out of the test match of the tour to India to recover from his hamstring injury. He will most likely be able to join the tour for the one-day internationals. However, India may face even a greater set back as Sachin Tendulkar, arguably the world’s best player, seems unlikely to play in the series. The Indian and Pakistani Crick- et Boards finally resolved the issue over venues. According to the revised schedule, Calcutta will host the test match that was initially planned for Ahmedabad. The Gujarati city will now host play to an extra one day international. The series may still go underway on time as some of the tele- vision rights issues between BCCI, ESPN STAR and Zee TV remain to be resolved.

Tennis

Sania Mirza became the first In- diaan to win a WTA title after winning the final of the Hyderabad open over Alyona Bondarenko 6-4, 5-7, 6-3. With the win, she moved into the top 100 of the WTA ranking.

American Andre Agassi lost to Juan Carlos Ferrero at the Paris Indoor open over Venkata Prasad 6-1, 6-3, 6-1. In the biggest upset of the ATP San Jose hardcourt tournament. The final of the tourna- ment was played out between Andy Roddick and Cyril Saulnier. Roddick proved too strong for the unseeded Saulnier and cruised to a 6-0, 6-4 win.

Amelie Mauresmo of France lost the final of the Paris Indoor open to Russian Sinarra Safina, who hap- pens to be the younger sister of top ranked men’s player Marat Safin. However, Mauresmo moved up to number 2 in the world rankings after the result of this tournament. Bulgarian Kim Clijsters made a very suc- cessful return from injury at the WTA tournament in Antwerp. She defeated Russian Nadin Petrova 7-5, 6-7, 6-1 on Thursday and now plays Serena Williams in the next round.

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March to the arch

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F or most teams on the ‘bubble’, the last two weeks of the regular season are vital. A string of wins can clinch a berth in the NCAA tourna- ment, while a couple of losses will ruin all hopes of getting a bid. Illinois and North Carolina have been the most impressive teams to date, and are considered favorites for the Final Four and a number one seed. The other two number one seeds out for grabs, with Kentucky, Kan- sas, Oklahoma State, Wake Forest, and Boston College all trying to ob- tain a top spot. Who will get those last number one seeds? As of today, here’s who I think will round out the top 16.

No. 1 Seeds

Indiana (27-0)
North Carolina (22-3)
Boston College (21-2)
Oklahoma State (20-3)

No. 2 Seeds

Duke (22-3)
Kansas (20-3)
Georgia Tech (18-4)

No. 4 Seeds

Arizona (22-4)
Louisville (21-4)
Alabama (21-4)
Michigan State (19-4)

Key games next week

Wednesday

Duke @ Georgia Tech (6:00 ESPN)
Tech needs a big win to help their tournament chances.

Thursday

Wisconsin @ Michigan State (6:00 ESPN)
Battle for the second best team in the Big Ten.

Saturday

Kentucky @ Alabama (12:30 CBS)
The SEC’s best battle for conference bragging rights.

Arizona @ Arizona State (9:00 ABC)
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