**Crowning Around unveils Crown Hall to public**

**By Shravan Pasupneti**

T**his past Saturday, the newly renovated Crown Hall celebrated its 50th anniversary and was finally unveiled to the public in a celebration by the Mies van der Rohe Society. The event drew not only IIT students and alumn, but also families from all over the city. The celebration featured a wide array of activities, from tours of Crown and the other Mies buildings on campus, to games, such as Mies Bean Bag Toss and Jeopardy. The majority of the events were held under the shelter of a tent set up in front of Crown Hall. A large portion of the activities were family friendly, the most notable being the strolling performers; a number of clowns, jugglers and stilt walkers were present throughout the day to give impromptu performances to any interested audiences. Also under the tent, members of the College of Architecture led drawing exercises of Crown Hall. The next submissions could be included in a future commemorative Crown Hall book. In addition, actors from June Fieder’s play, “Glass House,” read selected scenes. The play revolves around the relationship between Mies van der Rohe and his client, including problems they came across while building the Farnsworth House in 1951. The Farnsworth House is another architectural work by Mies van der Rohe. Later in the afternoon, colleagues of Mies van der Rohe and historians hosted a panel discussion where they shared their personal reflections and stories.

The event was publicized through ads in the New York Times and the Chicago Sun Times. In addition, flyers were distributed throughout the city. The opening was even listed in Crane’s list of the “Top Ten Things to Do in Chicago” this past weekend.

The Crown Hall renovation project has been broken into phases. The first phase involved restoration of the studios, wiring of student workspaces, upper level woodwork, the South Porch, and ensuring ADA compliance of the downstairs restrooms.

Dirk Lohan, Mies van der Rohe’s grandson, started this summer’s sixteen-week renovation on May 17, 2005 when he shattered a pane of glass. Lohan won this opportunity with a $2,705 bid on eBay. This summer’s renovation involved restoring the exterior of Crown to its original 1956 appearance.

United States is globally advanced in the fields of Science and technology as well as other in different areas equally. So, naturally students expect a lot from the Universities like international exposure where there are lots of students from all across the globe and moreover students get to know about different areas equally. So, naturally students come to the United States to pursue full degrees over several years. The 2003/04 reported decrease in undergraduate enrollments could lead to several years of lower enrollments unless the number of newly- admitted undergraduates rises in the coming years.

The major reason the international students come to United States to pursue their higher studies is due to the fact that United States remains the best place in the world to seek the benefits of higher education.

International students brought over $13 billion dollars to U.S economy in money spent to tuition, living expenses, and related costs according to Department of Commerce. Nearly 75 percent of all international students reported that their primary source of funding comes from personal and family sources or other sources outside of the United States.

Another major reason for decline in enrollment was due to the fact that most of international students who come to these universities are not funded, either in form of financial aid or some sort of assistant.
Students participate in MTCC Late Night

Too often, current students comment about the artificialness of the campus; however, many fail to realize Mies’ break in design. His groundbreaking design put modernism on the map and helped Mies break the architectural status quo. He utilized glass and steel to create smooth, simplistic and elegant multi-purpose buildings with large windows that provide excellent views of the campus and large areas of green space, parallel to the “campus in a park” scheme.

What does this mean for IIT? Frequently students as well as faculty and staff complain about the current state of laboratories, technology, buildings, etc. This federal distinction will be a step in the right direction for the future of the university. Main Campus’ listing on the Register does not mean federal funding for renovations, but it does provide tax breaks for developers. Hence, IIT will become a prime place for building development, meaning the possibility of new laboratories. University Tech- nology Park, dormitories, etc. IIT is on the road to a bright and prosperous future with this distinction.

So I leave you with this. Respect our campus for its enormous contribution to architecture and history. You do not have to like the aesthetics of the campus, but respect the art and the plan of the campus. Not everyone has the chance to have our campus for its enormous contribution to architecture and history. Don’t lose it. IIT Main Campus is considered the campus of the 20th century, in terms of a modernist master facelift in hopes of promoting the history of green space, parallel to the “campus in a park” scheme.

Let’s make this campus the campus it is destined to be. Let’s make our campus more welcoming to developers. Hence, IIT will become a prime place for building development, meaning the possibility of new laboratories, University Technology Park, dormitories, etc. IIT is on the road to a bright and prosperous future with this distinction. So I leave you with this. Respect our campus for its enormous contribution to architecture and history. You do not have to like the aesthetics of the campus, but respect the art and the plan of the campus. Not everyone has the chance to have our campus for its enormous contribution to architecture and history. Don’t lose it. IIT Main Campus is considered the campus of the 20th century, in terms of a modernist master facelift in hopes of promoting the history of green space, parallel to the “campus in a park” scheme.

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Yummy Mummy: sexualization of women

By Heather Selby

I first heard the term “sex object” as a teenager growing up in Tokyo. Feminists spoke out against the evils of objectification, while the basis of her appearance, solely, and not for her brains and talent. Male critics at the time laughed derisively that feminists only complained because they were all men. How could anyone think about something as trivial as a sex object. It took a while for me to figure out what the fuss was about. In fact, in her appearance, you probably weren't to consider a sex object. It's not just the teen years that finally, older women are considered sex objects. We are all grappling with the challenges that come as we age, but there are countless others who want to sell to our husbands and boyfriends. Naturally, there is no end of tut- ning about young girls’ clothes on the streets as if these poor kids had gone and designed the hankies that double as tops these days, with Juicy, Hotte and FCKUR emblazoned across them. Along with the tiny skirts there's a little to choose from that isn’t slutty. And thanks to Betsey Spears and the girl group tATu, girls in uniforms are now the sex object, managing to turn even the most confident students at a girl’s school into an embarras teenager grappling with an unwanted sexual attentions. It's already a difficult situation when you are a teenage girl, because it's like flirting with a near volatile, and if everyone else is sporting hug-ger jeans and a pierced belly button. It's hard to know what to do when it comes as a disgusting shock to teenage girls when they learn 30-year-old men are having sexual fantasies about them when they’re dressed like this. It's not just the teen years that have become so sexualized. Married women with kids are now known as “yummy mummies”. The truth is that beautiful women in the play ground are just sitting waiting for a sexual outlet some time along with their husband is at work. In reality, they’re wondering what time Barney will be home. For those of you who think looking for a sexual outlet is something only women do, it’s not that much different. The only secret a “cougar” knows is that successful sex isn’t an exercise program with different positions, but rather part of a loving relationship. In fact, women who initially embraced the change round, turned to me drily and said, “Meet my daughter—the slut. Do you believe these clothes?”

Research better off if privately funded

By Jonathan Mikessel

A HIT, we are primarily dedicated, with the notable exception of architecture and a few others, to science of no month.

As such, we are not strangers to research. Students and professors conduct research on campus and many students will have careers centered upon it. More importantly, the future of any technology depends upon these experiments. It is this sense of great importance that it is handled properly? it is to say not government sponsored or suffocated by it.

Why not? The federal govern- ment does offer billions of dollars each year for scientists in organiza- tions like NASA, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Ener- gy. Haven't they brought us Global Positioning Systems (GPS), cell and satellite phones, Velcro, and Teflon, among many other things?

Well, no. Cell phones, satellite phones, and communications satel- lites were developed privately, debatably beginning with AT&T's Teledyne. Launched in 1962, it received token assistance from NASA in the areas of telemetry and used their launch facilities, but was mostly an in-house project. Velcro is old invention, developed in 1948 by George de Mestral, a Swiss. Roje Plankton accidentally created Teflon in a refrigeration experiment in 1938 while working for Dupont. GPS was developed by government researchers in the Department of Defense around 1980, but was brought to consumers in the form of portable receivers that were privately designed.

The reason why none of these technological innovations were granted by government agencies is because the agencies do not make practicality a part of their research. They are paid to do research in space, so the research is shaped by their own interests, not by what the public wants.

This is why NASA launched the laser projector to outdo the Depart- ment of Defense researched the XB-70 bomber. The laser projector’s mission, to work on the non threat of possible human settle- ment, was extremely dubious. The Sahara Desert is far more hospitable, having among other things breathable air, a protective atmosphere, and grave- ry, yet we?re not planning on moving there any time soon. The XB-70 was created with the goal of achieving mach 3 flight. It did, but then some- body realized that dropping bombs at that speed is extremely problematic and the project was cancelled, losing millions upon millions of taxpayer dollars.

Privately executed research, whether funded by corporations, oth- er businesses, or wealthy individuals, achieve somewhat better results. Lower costs, they wait until the public has need of a new technology, then set about developing a product that will best fit that need. The research will still be done, albeit at some- what slower rate than government research programs, and once done it will immediately produce income. An added benefit is that the money that funds these projects comes directly from the companies that run them, not the average consumer, thus lessening the burdens on the public.

The main drawback is that cor- porate penny-pinching and the lack of sci- entists the means to perform mean- ingful research. I believe, though, that this problem is relatively minor compared to the waste of government funds currently taking place and could be largely remedied by a researchers union. Such a union would sit down with company executives and negoti- ate a suitable budget and timetable for the project and if the strike and the company would not provide enough money or time.

Do you want to pay for research directly or would you rather let com- panies handle it? It’s your wallet.

Student’s Perspective: Educational Environment

By Sara Pfau

Having spent my time on campus this past summer, I watched and heard much of the construction work taking place on the newly re- made South Hall of IIT. With the scaffolding covering the exterior of the building, I waited in anticipa- tion and listened to the sandblaster work on the steel frame. I even got not to see the building grow at night as walked along State Street. I am currently an archi- tecture student here at IIT and was informed of the changes that would occur to our beloved Studio and College of Architecture build- ing, therefore I knew what to expect once the building had been unveiled and the scaffolding removed. But I was still surprised in the end. Having completed the restoration phase a week ahead of schedule, the crews and personal assigned to the project did an amazing job.

With freshly coated steel, new- ly installed windows and some paint on the interior the building shines as if it were brand new! I encourage all the students and faculty of the cam- pus to visit Crown Hall in order to gain some insight into what the educa- tion for architecture students is all about here at IIT and to have a first-hand experience of the beauty of buildings. I cannot wait for the soonest, better speaking from ex- perience, as the semester progresses, the clatter caused by studio projects will increase.

I must say I will miss spend- ing time in Crown Hall this year. The third studio class has been relocated to the Materials and Met- als building (behind the Gallery Library to the west), one of Mies van der Rohe’s first building for the campus. And even though this warehouse once used by the facili- ties department to store their snow plows and landscaping equipment is not a building easily compared to Crown Hall as far as luxury goes, I do see some potential in it to be an adequate educational environment.

Finally...
Japan plans test of “new Concorde”

By Vijay Muthabathula

The Concorde, regarded as the fast-}
est ever transatlantic commercial aircraft,} 

designed by France and Britain, is the most imaginative and 
much challenging undertaking in 
aviation history. The great adventure of building the Concorde, a techno-
logical miracle and symbol of the 
rise of 20th century supersonic flight, 
industry ended on Tuesday, July 25, 2000 when an Air France Concorde 
flight taking passengers to New York exploded and burned 
slammed into a hotel. 109 people 
on board and four people on the 
ground were killed.

The Japanese Aerospace Ex-
ploration Agency, known as JAXA 
for short, plans to launch an arrow-
shaped airplane at twice the speed 
of sound high over the Australian 
outback as early as next month in 
a crucial test of the country’s push 
to develop a supersonic successor to the 
retired Concorde.

Using an innovative computer, 
JAXA has developed cutting-edge 
design techniques for the next-gener-
ation supersonic transporter that will 
carry more passengers safely with 
slower emissions. The core plan for 
the project is to verify this technology by 
launching a small, non-powered 
airplane that will glide at supersonic 
speed via a rocket.

The test follows a three-year 
hit-up since the first experimental flight 
of the unmanned aircraft, dubbed the 
“next-generation supersonic trans-
port,” prematurely separated from 
its booster rocket and crashed into 
the desert. Further tests are being 
planned to launch a successful mis-

sion that will pave the way as JAXA aims to develop a plane that can carry 
300 passengers at Mach 2, or twice the 
speed of sound, making the run 
from Tokyo to Los Angeles in about 
hours.

The test plans that the rocket 
will carry the plane to an altitude of 
20km (12.4 mi) before releasing it at 
Mach 2 to test jet engine perfor-
tion about the plane’s aerodynamics.

The craft will float back to earth by parachute.

This breakthrough could help Japan 
skyrocket ahead in the aero-

space industry.

The planes were retired from commercial service in October 2003 after 
34 years of service, never hav-

ing recycled the billions of tax dol-
ars invested in them.

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International News Briefs

By Sherine George

Seventeen Chinese citizens have 
been charged with smuggling 
arms into Pakistan, the largest arms-smuggling cases in China’s 25 years of 
the country on trial in the remote western province of Qinghai, 
neighboring Tibet, and are accused of 
more than 900 guns and 1.5 million 
guns accessories in Pakistan. They were 
uted in Kashgar, in China’s far-western region of Xinjiang, and in Xining, the capital of Qinghai.

China’s public health experts are 
losing sleep over the threat posed 
by bird flu to Britain’s health and 

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By Babajide Oke
TECHNEWS WRITER

The city of Chicago definitely proved to be exciting to residents with the programming that was available over the summer. Those of us who were here can testify to the good times we had. From the numerous concerts and music festivals to the dance classes held in the Grant Park. The dance classes were exciting as folks had the opportunity to learn rhythms to different dance styles such as salsa, swing, ballroom, and so many other types of dance.

One popular event that took place during the summer was the infamous “Taste of Chicago”. This is an annual festival that showcases a wide variety of food and appeals to a variety of people. Many of the city’s restaurants set up tents, cooked and served special delicacies to excited crowds. The festival also had an international flair to it with tents serving food from many different parts of the world.

Another highlight was the Chicago Outdoor Film Festival. Movies were screened at no cost on Tuesdays at Grant Park. It was quite spectacular sitting under stars and watching a movie with friends.

As schools start, and before you get neck deep in school work and exams, do take some time to tour the beautiful city, try out the awesome cuisine available, spend some time with friends in Millennium Park, or just take a walk down the Magnificent Mile enjoying the sights of Chicago.

Restaurant Reviews

By Callie Johnson
TECHNEWS WRITER

Grace O’Malley’s Restaurant-Pub
1416 S. Michigan Ave.
312-508-1800

Hours: 11:30 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday through Friday; 11:30 a.m.-3 a.m. Saturday; 9:30 a.m.-midnight Sunday

Back from the hiatus—moving on. There is a great place to go eat and take time out from the busy year we all have been having ahead of us. Grace O’Malley’s is an Irish Pub/Grill about ten blocks north of campus on Michigan Avenue. Owned by the same folks as the Chicago Firehouse Restaurant, this neighborhood spot is nothing short of spectacular.

The place is small, sure—any restaurant on the south side usually is. If you happen to walk in on a Friday or Saturday evening, do not expect to be seated any time soon. The pub is in front, with seating for the restaurant in the back. Seating is mostly booths, with a few tables scattered around. The waiter is always promptly at your table, asking for your drink and appetizer orders. Appetizer choices range from Beer-battered Onion Rings to Calamari to Quesadillas. Grace O’Malley’s is also home to one of the best Reuben sandwiches in town. The other entrees are fantastic, as well. The Fish and Chips is excellent, and others have raved about their burgers. The menu also offers salads, soups, ribs, and pasta. Whatever you could possibly be in the mood for, Grace O’Malley’s probably has it.

The bottom line—Grace O’Malley’s is close (a few blocks south of Roosevelt) and has great food and service. Parking can be trouble if you want to park on the street, but there is a lot right next to the restaurant which has reasonable parking rates. The restaurant is small, so trying to get in on a Friday or Saturday night without reservations can be nearly impossible. The price is reasonable—eight to fifteen dollars per entree. However, Grace O’Malley’s is well worth the wait, the price, and the headache to park the car.

Grade: A+
Wicked: the musical numbers

By Alice Wong

Act One
• No One Mourns the Wicked
  • Citzen of Oz
• Glinda and Students
• The Wizard and I
• Morrible
• Elphaba
• Doctor Dillamond
• Dancing Through Life
• Fiyero
• Good for You
• One Short Day
• Elphaba, Glinda and Denizens of the Emerald City
• A Sentimental Man

Wicked
• Defying Gravity
• Elphaba, Glinda, Guards, and Citizens of Oz

Act Two
• No One Mourns the Wicked (reprise)
• Citizens of Oz
• Thank Goodness
• Glinda, Morrible, and Citizens of Oz
• The Wicked Witch of the East, Elphaba, Nessarose and Boq
• Wicked and the Wizard
• I’m Not That Girl (reprise)
• Glinda
• As Long as You’re Mine
• Elphaba and Fiyero
• Good for You
• March of the Witch Hunters
• Boq and Citizens of Oz
• For Good! Glinda and Elphaba

The set includes a cavernous stage fly-wheel to maintain a thundering score, and a lighting system designed to create a realistic light show. The costumes are designed by Ruth Tomlinson, and the sound design is by Briansound. The show features a large cast of young performers, and is directed by the Tony Award-winning director Jack O’Brian.

The musical starts with a flash-forward to a code, which, despite his heroic efforts, seems to be crumbling all around him. The final blow comes in the form of the seemingly invincible Anton Chigurh, who personifies a force that cannot be contained by the heart, the brain, and the courage of Wicked. Broadway would be a more magical place.

The national touring run of Wicked is currently touring Chicago, and will be in town until January 15, 2006, performing at the Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre on 24 W. Randolph Street.

So if you haven’t seen Wicked yet, now is the time to go see this astonishing Broadway musical before all tickets sell out!
By Kevin Franke

The quietest of mid 20 year-old, tattooed and pierced badasses from Orange County, California, call themselves Avenged Sevenfold, alluding to a biblical passage which preaches “what goes around comes around.” This motto is appropriate, considering that the hard work and steadfast resolve of the five gifted musicians has come around and rewarded them with a worldwide audience for their incredible music.

On June 9th, 2005, Avenged Sevenfold (who are: vocalist M. Shadows, rhythm guitarist Zacky Vengeance, lead guitarist Synyster Gates, bassist Johnny Christ, and drummer The Rev) released their third full length LP, City of Evil. Eleven tracks of flawlessly ar member rock force that is made up of Cedric Colliner-Vocals, Ty Caughall and Kyle Carlson-Guitar, Jason Segal-Bass, and Uch the Couch-Drummer. After placing third in the talent show last year they were asked over the summer if they would please come rock crown hall, and of course they said yes; however, the band faced a great challenge due to the fact that they would have barely a week to prepare for the event. A week of intense practicing and whatnot followed, and then the time had come. Static Groove took the stage at high noon and let no

Love it or Die: Avenged Sevenfold Unleashes “City of Evil”

By Casey Franklin

If you were one of the students who attending the Crowning Around event this past weekend then you might have been fortunate enough to witness the band Static Groove as they grabbed hold of the crowd’s attention causing the various activities and clowns to fade away into the distance. This IIT student band formed after combining with the band Blunt Force Trauma to complete the hot five

Static Groove demands attention at Crow

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Cool & new
By Kevin Henry

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Back to school technology for all

Kevin Henry
TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

It’s that time of year again: classes have started, books have been bought and freshmen are finding their way around campus and seeing what college life is all about here at IIT.

A big part of life here on campus these days is the internet. Most students have a computer on campus, and being connected and staying connected is an important thing for most people. Here’s a little guide to getting connected, staying connected, and staying safe on the net.

Getting (Un)wired

By now, most everyone has their computer connected in some way on campus, most through the standard ethernet ports that are in each dorm room and that spread across campus in most buildings. You can plug your computer in just about anywhere on campus.

However, for some people, being plugged in isn’t what they want, and luckily for them, most of the campus is also wireless. Most major buildings on campus are already equipped with standard 802.11a wireless networks, including the MTCC, Crown Hall and Galvin Library. The State Street Village dorms also have open wireless networks.

However, McCormick Student Village and the quad has no wireless network supplied by the school, but there are many wireless networks throughout the dorms set up by students, some open and some closed. If you find that you want a wireless connection in MSV or the quad, and can’t find an open network, you can set one up yourself. There are many options of wireless routers you can get, most available online, or through some re-tail stores. So, those with laptops can now walk around campus, can check their email, IM, and browse from just about anywhere on campus.

Play it safe.

Computer security is always a big issue on college campuses, and IIT is no exception.

From viruses, to hackers, to those who just want to score a computer, there are always threats, but staying safe uses just a little common sense.

Last year, as many returning students remember, there was a huge virus attack on campus that brought down the entire network for days. Although precautions are in place to prevent this from happening again, it can use some help from students.

Viruses are one of the biggest threats, and making sure your computer is virus-free is critical, but this is easy to do. For Windows users on campus, IIT’s Office of Technology Services offers free virus protection software that you can download from their website at http://its.iit.edu. For Macintosh and Linux users, though there is less of a threat from viruses, protection is still important, and there are several places online that you can search for free anti-virus software.

On top of using the latest anti-virus software, protecting yourself from email viruses is as simple as not opening any suspect emails. Making sure that all email attach-ments are scanned for viruses before downloading can reduce your chance of being infected. Protecting yourself from other vulnerabilities is also important. Installing an up-to-date firewall to protect your computer from attacks by hackers and other computers is a simple solution to keeping your computer safe. Using spyware detectors and blockers can keep your computer safe as well.

One of the lesser thought of problems in computer security is computer theft. There have been computer thefts here every year, and nothing can really be done to prevent it except using common sense. Keep your computer with you at all times. If you take it out of your room, even if you’re just getting up to grab a book or a drink. In the 30 sec-onds you are gone, your computer could be as well. Lock the door too your room and password protect your computer to prevent your data from being stolen.

Staying informed

Some people feel that their IIT email address is just another one too many, and don’t bother to check it very often. This, however, can be a bad thing. Most professors use that email to stay in contact about things happening in class, network outage and vi-rus alerts are sent to that email address. There is some importance to this. The email to stay in contact about things happening in class, network outage and virus alerts are sent to that email. Keeping your email is important, and don’t bother to check it very often. This, however, can be a bad thing.

Admittedly, using the IIT web-mail isn’t as easy as just opening your favorite mail client, but using it can be. If you feel like you don’t want to check several email accounts every day, there is a simple solution to checking your IIT email: mail forwarding. You can forward your IIT emails within webmail to be sent to whatever email address you want, so you can check your email in whatever way you like and still be up to date with your IIT emails.

Or, of course, to send an email or reply to one from your IIT email address, you still have to sign into webmail, but hopefully with mail forwarding, you can be saved a few trips to webmail.

Computers all over

Some of you may not have a computer, yours isn’t working or you have a desktop and can’t take it around campus with you. Good thing there are campus computers all over IIT. The MTCC, Crown Hall, Galvin Library, the HUB, Alumni Hall, and Stuart Building all have computers for student use. All the computers have the same software, along with most of the software required for some classes.

Just log in and you can browse the web, create a paper or do your homework. In addition, most labs have printers where you can print whatever you want. Every student gets 350 pages of regular black and white copies. Color copies cost more, but can be made in some labs if needed.

If you need to have something printed, any of the printing labs can be used. You can email yourself the document in an attachment, or put it on a USB key, print it off and be on your way.

Getting help

If you are still having problems and can’t figure out how to fix them, visit the OTS support website http://its.iit.edu or call CNS at 7-DESK, and most problems can be sorted out quickly.

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Go wireless with your music
Logitech has released a system to listen to music wirelessly through head-phones. Connected to a PC through a USB dongle, and with a small inte- grated remote system to control the music, you can listen to your music through their wireless headphones with a range of 165 feet. In addition, there is a model that works with por- table audio players and has a range of about 33 feet.

Swivel and Shuffle
For those that have an Apple iPod Shuffle, there is a cool new way to plug it into your computer. The Pivot- Dock, by Switchkeyz, is a little dock that rotates 180 degrees, and plugs right into your USB port. It allows for a much more convenient angle to plug in your Shuffle, reduces acci- dents, lets you plug your Shuffle into tighter spaces.

Satellite Radio on the go
Sirius, the satellite radio maker, has unveiled the S50. Smaller than an iPod, and with enough buffer for 50 hours of MP3 or WMA files, you can listen to satellite radio on the go.

To access computer lab/print- ing accounts all students must use their U-ID as the login. The initial password is MMD0XXX, which is a student’s birthday [2-digit month and day (MMD)] followed by the last 4 digits of their CWID number (XXXX). Students who don’t know their U-ID can look it up at: http:// myuid.iit.edu.

Computer Lab Upgrades
OTS has completed the second year of a three-year cycle to upgrade all computer lab PCs. Next year, the third year of upgrades will be com- plete and the process will start over in Fall 2007. The Siegel Hall Lab in room 237 and the Stuart Labs in room 112 received the latest upgrades, Dell OptiPlex Gx62 PCs with a Pentium 4, 3.4 GHz chip capable of 64 bit addressing.

To provide students access to new computer equipment that supports their academic goals is a top priority for IIT and the university plans to continue refreshing computer labs on this three-year cycle to make sure this happens.

For more information on any of these new OTS technol- ogy updates, please contact:
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10 W. 31st Street.
Stuart Building Room 007
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Sodexo: new options filling the gap

By Babajide Oke

A
fter many rants and complaints last year, students have been relieved by the better service now offered by Sodexo, IIT's dining service. One major highlight is the revamping of the main cafeteria's menu to include more vegetarian items. In addition, there are more convenient locations for the students to enjoy grilled burgers and a variety of salads. The new menu also provides a bigger variety of pizzas, which are a major hit among the students.

Daniel Chong: 4th annual Way Award recipient

Daniel Chong was presented the Way Award for Excellence in Tutoring at the ARC celebration on May 6, 2005. A large gathering of current and former students, staff, and faculty were on hand to congratulate Daniel for his two years of service to the IIT community as an ARC tutor.

The Way Award is an annual event in which ARC tutors are honored for their contributions to the IIT community and are given $5,000 as a recognition for their efforts. This year, ARC tutors were selected based on their academic performance, leadership qualities, and their dedication to helping others.

Daniel's dedication to tutoring and his commitment to helping others has been recognized by IIT and the ARC community. His efforts have not gone unnoticed, and he has been praised for his exceptional work in empowering students to reach their full potential.

As a result of his hard work and dedication, Daniel has been honored with the Way Award for Excellence in Tutoring. This recognition not only highlights his outstanding contribution to the IIT community but also serves as a inspiration to others to follow in his footsteps.

Please join us in congratulating Daniel Chong on this well-deserved recognition. His dedication to tutoring and his commitment to helping others is a testament to the values that we hold dear at IIT.

If you are interested in learning more about ARC and the Way Award, please visit the ARC website at www.arc.iit.edu. There, you can find more information about the award, previous recipients, and how to get involved in the program.

We look forward to seeing you at the ARC celebration on May 6, 2005, to celebrate Daniel's accomplishment and to recognize the hard work and dedication of all ARC tutors. Thank you for your continued support of the ARC program and for helping to make a difference in the lives of our students.

Sincerely,

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Guillen has Sox poised for Playoff Run

By Matt Helland

Although White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen’s coaching style may be unconventional, especially for an American League team, he has managed to turn the Sox into one of the best teams in baseball. In an age of home runs and steroids, Guillen has used speed, pitching, and defense to lead the Sox to an AL best record of 78-47.

Before the 2005 season began, Guillen was given the opportunity to work with general manager Ken Williams to create a new identity for the Sox. Guillen’s first move was to trade outfielder Carlos Lee for speedster Scott Podsednik. He then let sluggers Maggio Ordonez and Jose Valentín go via free agency and picked up catcher A.J. Pierzynski, rookie second baseman Tadahito Iguchi, and pitcher Jose Contreras and Orlando Hernandez.

Guillen’s gamble on defense and speed was scrutinized by the media and fans that were disappointed with the release of fan-favorite and all-star Ordonez. However, once opening day arrived, fans jumped on the Sox bandwagon. After a 10-4 start, the White Sox were off on an amazing streak, and haven’t looked back since. One of the keys to the Sox success has been the one-two punch Podsednik and Iguchi have brought to the top of the lineup. Podsednik leads the league with 54 stolen bases and a .297 batting average, while Iguchi has been the league’s second best at a .329.

With all the success that Guillen has experienced this year, he knows that he can’t take any team lightly. He constantly drills his team on putting maximum effort into each game, and is not afraid to confront his players when he sees something he doesn’t like. Whether the media likes Guillen’s in-your-face attitude or not, he could care less. “I manage the way I manage; you can’t be something you’re not, you gotta be yourself.” It is this demeanor that has the Sox looking back since.

The two newly elected captains this year, Jackie Sukolowski, who garnered the shoes of former libero, and Jaimi Stroot, will fill the shoes of former libero and defensive specialist. The two newly elected captains for this season are seniors Amanda Bieberich and Lauren Joyce both of whom provide the team with consistent play last season. Sarah Ocieja will fill the shoes of former libero Jackie Sokolowski, who garnered was among the league leaders in runs scored before he was slowed with an injury. Iguchi has done the little things for the Sox, leading the team in sacrifice bunts, and is Guillen’s self proclaimed most valuable player. Guillen knows Podsednik and Iguchi are essential to the success of the team, saying, “I want them to be aggressive, but they have to do it. I can’t do it for them. These guys just want to win, just as much as I do. When you have players who want to win and are willing to do what it takes, that’s how you win.”

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IIT volleyball poses a strong season outlook

By Sarah Ocieja

The Illinois Institute of Technology Volleyball Team concluded a great pre-season Wednesday, August 24, 2005, with a win against Kankakee Community College. The annual scrimmage went well, with IIT winning all four games.

This year Coach Kelly Begich brought in the largest recruiting class with five freshmen and two walk-ons. The scrimmage proved that the incoming class will help solidify the team after a year already at IIT are Jessica Patena and Ellen Tran. Douglas and Estep bring immediate impact to the outside position while Olson continues to challenge both the outside and middle. Rohde and Stroot should make immense impacts on the right side. Patena comes in with outside hitting experience as well as defensive power. Tran will continue to provide excellent focus defensively as a libero/defensive specialist.

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