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From the Editor-in-Chief

By Lauren Joyce

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m those of you who are completely out of the loop, I would like to take this time to mention the significance of perhaps the largest natural disaster in American history. Earlier this week, President Lew Collins opened IIT’s doors to students from the College of Architecture at Tulane University after Hurricane Katrina swept through New Orleans and other Gulf regions and submerged more than 40 percent of the city in water.

According to a recent e-mail sent out to the student body by President Collins, students from Tulane have already mustered in classes at IIT and are living in fraternities on campus. With thousands of students misplaced by the hurricane, there is going to be a large immediate acceptance rate among universities across the nation; however, what does Hurricane Katrina and her effects mean for IIT and its community?

First and foremost, as more transfer students enter the university, the student body will increase in size, especially in the College of Architecture. This increase of architecture students then poses the question: Where are the architects going to study if they are already out of room? As many of us know, the amount of architects accepted to IIT this year was higher than in previous years, which caused a dilemma on where to house the graduate students. If each class continues to grow, Crown Hall will not be able to house all architects, thus defeating the purpose of Mies’ building. However, only time will tell what will happen.

Secondly, those who commute will suffer higher gas prices since oil riggs were damaged by the storm. Within just a day of the hurricane, gas prices throughout the nation increased. Since the Gulf provided some relief to rising prices of imported petrol, the damaged riggs will not be able to do that for quite some time. Hence, people, who either have to carpool, use public transportation, or deal with the high gas prices until crews replace the damaged riggs in the Gulf. However, commuters must realize that even prices for public transportation may increase if funding for public transportation does not.

Third, student arrive may increase due to surcharges being placed on air travel by some airlines, such as United, to alleviate the cost of fuel. When speaking with a fellow student, whose father travels frequently, she mentioned that her father already had to pay a surcharge to fly due to the increased petrol prices. Higher prices for air travel may mean less world travel for the ambitious student.

Fourth, the long rebuilding process required to bring New Orleans back to its original state may eventually lead to an increase in job opportunities for engineers and architects. Hence, IIT graduates may obtain jobs at a faster rate and in greater mass. The need for engineers will swell to match the amount of construction and re- newal occurring once the city and others like it (Biloxi) are drained.

Finally, not to sound pessimistic, but donations to the university may decrease as people are contributing to the relief effort in the Gulf instead of IIT. Although this is a slim chance considering the consistent donations we have received from both Priorker and Galvin throughout the year, it is still a possibility, especially among young alumni or those who have family in the Gulf regions.

Overall, the effects upon the IIT community are manageable compared to the effects in New Orleans, Biloxi, and Mobile. Thus, I propose that we make do with any circumstances that may arise and instead give in any way that we can to the relief efforts for the aforementioned cities. I am proud of President Collins for taking the stance in opening the IIT community to misconspelled students and hopefully students and faculty alike will look highly upon IIT for its actions.

MTCC Late Night attracts students

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drops to choose from, ranging from cows to the Eiffel Tower. In addition, students could pick from a dishelled pile of costumes that matched the various themes from the karaoke machine. A myriad of songs were heard that night.

Another favorite of the night was the visit from the exotic animals. Some of the animals present were an armadillo, a geoffrey cat (a very small leopard), a tarantula, some cockroaches, a hedgehog, a huge turtle, and a thirty three year old monkey named Adam Monks. With occasional “love” bites from the Geofffrey cat named Jesse James, the overall mood of those viewing the animals was upbeat.

Body art and wax hands gave the night an artistic feel. The wax hand station was held on the bridge. Some students were unhappy with the process that making was hands entailed because it could be painful. The process called for one to dip his hand in ice-cold water for thirty seconds and then in warm water. Some students complained of numbed fingers. The body art, however, was painless, and also fairly ordinary.

In the bathroom, barries were set up, and students roamed the area with laser guns. For five minutes, students were active in an adrenaline rushed game of laser tag, free of charge. However, the same activity would normally cost around five to ten dollars in the Chicago area.

Even though the lines were long, the students for the most part were satisfied with the activities. Reshma Marri, a junior at IIT, was asked if she would participate in MTCC Late Night again, and she responded with two enthusiastic thumbs up! Union Board president Kedari Vasu stated, “Even though the process of settling up was chaotic due to our busy summers, I think the overall night went extremely well.” I could not believe that so many people stayed till 1 a.m.” Union Board will be putting on more events throughout the year, and soon to come will be Homecoming.

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Technology disregarded in times of crisis

By J. Mikesell
TECHNEWS WRITER

It is always amazing to see the arrogance of America. We develop the technology to resist nature’s wrath and persist in the unlikeliest of regions. However, given but a moment’s rest, we discard the technology and marvel when we suffer because of it.

Hurricane Katrina was terrible. I would go so far as to say it was nigh impossible to predict a crisis of this magnitude. The hurricane leveled or inundated cities all around the Gulf coast, left masses of people homeless or searching and severely damaged the infrastructure of affected states through power outages and the like.

It appears that the government considered such disasters perhaps too low a priority compared to terrorist threats, but it would be unfair to put all the blame on it. I believe that the responsibility for this calamity rests with the residents of the damaged areas and the local leaders thereof.

I have seen dozens of photographs, often of flattened communities. But there is a disturbing trend in these pictures. There are not piles of concrete and steel strewn about, only heaps of broken beams and plywood. When I do see brick or concrete it is largely intact. Then I see the pictures of cities with their piles of broken dreams and timber, but in the background apartment complexes and skyscrapers stand tall and defiant.

We are never content to weather the long-term dangers of our environment. We flaunt our mastery of the elements and our pride leads us to ignore prudent courses of action.

It is apparent that knowledge of how to resist hurricanes exists and is widely available, but is not often used. We know that a reinforced concrete house isn’t going anywhere, yet we refuse to build it because it isn’t stylish enough and build cheap, spacious palaces of drywall and pine instead. Now, at least, the concrete house is a lot more stylish than the pile of rubble next door.

Disco disasters

By Chris D. Jones
TECHNEWS WRITER

I just so happened that Friday night a few of my friends and I decided to embark on a trip to Club PM where we hoped to partake in our fair share of “dirty dancing”. We got our tickets, rushed up the stairs, and there before us, laid a dance floor. It became quite apparent that there was clear-cut separation visible on the dance floor. From these observations, categorizations of dancers became apparent, starting from the center of the floor and moving outward thusly: Dirty/Self Conscious, Dirty/Shameless, Clean, and the Watchers. The intent here is to associate each classification with individual personalities.

Those who would be classified as Dirty/Self Conscious are willing to dance questionably only when surrounded by other people involved in the same action. It can be said that they are more afraid of being seen by others who are not taking part in what is considered taboo. As they head into the center of the crowd they are separated from the Clean by the Dirty/Shameless and even further from those who would just be Watchers. It is my notion that these people are like the majority of the human population.

Dirty/Shameless aren’t really concerned with what is okay and rarely look at what society would have them do. Instead, this group of people, conveniently located where everyone can see them, do what “feels right”. Their sole concern is having fun, often unhindered by the inhibitions with which most people bind themselves. Ultimately these actions seem to reflect a similarity in the character of those people. I suspect these are the extremely outgoing people. Some would call them rebellious and fearless for their willingness to put themselves in such an open, and often misunderstood, situation.

The Clean are trained or taught to have what may be called a “higher respect” in themselves. The Clean are the elitists of the dance floor. They are on the outskirts of the dance floor, enjoying themselves in what is socially viewed as a more acceptable dancing method. This means that, because of the fact that they wouldn’t dare dancing the way the others are, they also often take every opportunity to poke fun at the two more dirty sections of the dance floor.

Watchers will rarely work up enough confidence to actually transfer from their group into one of the other classifications. In most cases they need a bit of a push, such as someone escorting them to a section of the dance floor. Peer pressure plays a large role here, especially with males, because of the expectation that a successful man should have no trouble finding a girl or being a “ladies man”, which, at a dance club, often requires being part of one of the other classifications.

The Behavior observed on the dance floor wasn’t anything new but it certainly has a bit more depth then I ever cared to look into. I believe it is deftly possible to assess, with some accuracy, an individual’s personality from observing their actions in a club scene and on the dance floor.
Update on gas prices, $4 per gallon

By John Purpura

TECHNEWS WRITER

Petroleum and natural gas, which are two of the natural finite resources that are available to mankind, are depletioning at a faster rate than ever before. So far, the consumers of United States have enjoyed the under priced fuels prices in comparison to many major industrial nations.

Americans enjoy the most energy intensive economic system on the planet. Much of the country de- pans, directly or indirectly, on fossil fuel for heat in winter and for air-conditioning in the summer. The American way of life depends on mainly fossil-fueled transportation that moves people and everything they need over vast distances within the country. Oil-fueled transportation also connects the nation materially to the rest of the world, including to more than 60% of its oil supplies.

Many products ranging from textiles to personal computers are made, in part, from oil or natural gas. The reality is that though there have been increase in usage of latest technology like internet stocks, but the entire post-industri- al economy stills uses the pool of oil and gas. Domestic resources are drying up; thereby the demand for gasoline is rising faster than be- fore.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has tightened the supplies of oil and natural gas, in the view of its dominance in global markets. The federal government has responded to the price hikes and publics by

Oldest human dies, attributes age to herring

By John Purpura

TECHNEWS WRITER

A Dutch woman officially recognized as the world’s oldest person has died at the age of 115.

Hendrikje van Andel-Schipper died on Tuesday in her sleep at the care home in the Netherlands’s leading team, for most of her life. She was a former needlework teacher who was born on June 29, 1890 and often said her long life was "the answer to praying." - Beijering

Hennie, who was a passionate soccer fan, supported Ajax of Amsterdam, the Neth- erland’s leading team, for most of her life. She married a tax accounting inspector in the 1930s and was forced to sell her jewelry to buy food during the truth about the costs of using fossil energy.

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Alabama Update as of September 3, 2005:

Deaths: Two people are reported dead in Washington County.

Flooding: Flashing reached 11 feet in Mobile, matching the record set in 1917. Piers were ransacked and grand homes flooded. The major bridge over the Mobile River remained closed; it was struck by an oil drilling platform that floated away from a shipyard.

Damage: About 325,000 homes and businesses destroyed.

Evacuations: All coastal and low-lying areas of south Mobile County and who beachfront and flood-prone areas of Baldwin County were told to leave.

Power Outage: More than 200,000 remain without power.

Florida Update as of September 1, 2005:

Deaths: Eleven

Flooding: Flooding streets in the Florida Panhandle and eroded beaches.

Evacuations: As the storm aimed at the Gulf coast, many people on the Navarre Beach, Pensacola Beach, and Perdido Key were urged to evacuate stadiums.

Power Outages: About 80,700 customers without power.

Damage: Initial estimates pegged the insured wind damage from the storm at $20 billion.

Hurricane Katrina

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Washington’s Ramps onto Ken- nedy Expressway Closed

A ll morning, the wide entrance ramps onto the Kennedy will be per- manently closed. In addition, the Chi- cago Department of Transportation plans to close the Monroe Street on ramp some time early next year. These closures are expected to reduce crashes, which occur around 450 times per year. By the way, the Washington Boulevard overpasses will be closed until re- construction is completed or December at the latest.

Cop in Meeks Case ‘Acted Prop- erly’

The Chicago Police sergeant who pointed a gun at the Reverend/Senator James Meeks told him to “get back in the ‘little car’” - the Prius - after the arrest of the angry or disgusted expected after the an- nouncement, instead called for the install- ations of cameras on police vehicles. In ad- dition, he called for the creation of a code of conduct for traffic stops and a civilian review board to investigate all police mis- conduct allegations. On top of this, he announced a plan to recruit 200,000 new voters in Chicago who can “help change a flawed system.”

Boeing Machinists on Strike

Boring Co. Machinists voted Thurs- day to strike as union members over- whelmingly rejected the company’s contract proposal their leaders had deemed “insult- ing.” Union members voted 86% in favor of a strike beginning at 12:01 A.M. Pac- ific Time Friday. Under union rules, the contract would have been automatically ratified unless two-thirds of the members voted to strike. The strike affects about 18,000 Machinists at Boeing’s Hooven- gton production facilities. It was the first strike at Boeing since 1985.

A spokesman for Guinness World Records, which confirmed she had become the world’s oldest person, said that title had now passed to the 147-year-old Scottish woman, Margaret Dood, who was born on August 15, 1890. The record for the longest life is held by French woman Jeanne-Louise Calment who died aged 122 in 1997, according to Guinness World Records.

“She felt that being the oldest person in the world was for more than a year was long enough.” - Beijering

Gasoline, diesel fuel, heating oil, and natural gas. The reality is that though there are no point in extracting oil with oil at any price even though there will still be plenty left in the ground.

What about substitutes? Concerns over cli- mate change have already stimulated a growing interest in alternative energy sources. ARCO’s CEO Michael Bowlin is on record as saying, “We’ve embarked on the beginning of the last Days of the Age of Oil.”

Gas. The purpose of this report was to quantify the insured wind damage from the hurricane. Initial estimates pegged the insured wind damage from

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Dan Flavin: A Retrospective

By Alice Wong

The Museum of Contem- porary Art (MCA), 220 East Chicago Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60611, presents Dan Flavin: A Retrospective, the first comprehensive exhibition of Dan Flavin’s full career, from July 2 through October 30, 2005. Flavin (1933–1996) is considered to be one of the most innovative artists of the late twentieth century. He was capable of filling large rooms with inexpensible energy by using invisible, expressive, standard-sized fluorescent lamps, fixtures, and wiring. He is best known for his long boxes that consist almost entirely of fluorescent tubes in ten colors and five shapes. For more than three decades, Dan Flavin systematically pursued the artistic possibilities of fluorescent light, and he entirely limited his materials to fluorescent tubing in standard sizes, shapes, and colors. His resulting works possess a simple straightfor- wardness and an intense complexity.

Dan Flavin is known to be an “artist’s artist,” because he came from a modest background, never graduated from college or art school, and was chronically insecure. In order to protect himself and to avoid chronic insecurity, in order to do this and tell the world at epic length that he, like James Joyce, had been raised in a narrow Roman Catholic household, and to protect himself and to avoid making him a most regal appearance. Mufasa and Simba, the king and his heir, wear their lion masks on top of their heads, giving them a most regal appearance. The Lion King is a visual extravaganza from start to finish. From the first moment, the grand voice of the baboon Rafiki, welcomes us to the world we are about to visit. Then the animals enter from all corners of the theatre, among them a huge elephant, tall giraffes, and stunning theatrical exhibition along with re- markable music and catchy lyrics to sing to.

The Lion King musical is the story of a young orphaned lion cub named Simba who struggles to accept the responsibilities of adulthood and his destined role as king of the African savanna, as told by way of astounding puppetry and stunning theatrical exhibition along with remarkable music and catchy lyrics to sing to.

“The Lion King” is one of the most memorable, moving and original theatrical extravaganzas in years,” while USA Today claims that “it is the artistic equivalent of Life to ROAR for!”

The Lion King employs more than 232 puppets, 27 kite birds and 143 people, 53 actors and nearly a hundred others to create its magic. Unfortunately, the show leaves Chicago on Sep- tember 4, 2005.

Current and Upcoming Arts Events

Last of the Boys
Location: Steppenwolf Theatre
Dates: September 15, 2005 – November 13, 2005

“MASTER HAROLD”...and the boys
Location: Steppenwolf Theatre
Dates: October 1, 2005 – October 30, 2005

After the Quake
Location: Steppenwolf Theatre
Dates: October 20, 2005 – February 19, 2006

4.48 Psychosis
Location: Steppenwolf Theatre
Dates: November 10, 2005 – December 18, 2005

Man of La Mancha
Location: Court Theatre
Dates: September 29, 2005 – November 6, 2005

Mabou Mines Dollhouse
Location: Court Theatre
Dates: November 30, 2005 – December 18, 2005

Death of a Salesman
Location: Steppenwolf Theatre
Dates: September 04, 2005 - October 16, 2005

Soundtrack City
Location: Chicago Vaudre
Dates: September 08, 2005 - October 29, 2005

Lights Over Europe
Location: Trinity Lutheran Church
Dates: September 09, 2005 - September 18, 2005

The Empire Builders
Location: Bailiwick Arts Center
Dates: September 02, 2005 - October 07, 2005

War 6
Location: Heartland Studio Theatre
Dates: September 09, 2005 - October 09, 2005

Bikerman and Jewish Avenger
Location: Metropolis Performing Arts Centre
Dates: September 10, 2005 - October 29, 2005

Daredevils
Location: Neo-Futurarium
Dates: September 10, 2005 - October 15, 2005

Macabaret
Location: Theatre Building Chicago
Dates: September 10, 2005 - October 31, 2005

Anna Karenina
Location: Theatre Building Chicago
Dates: September 11, 2005 - October 30, 2005

Gypsy
Location: Third Place Theatre Chicago
Dates: September 11, 2005 - October 30, 2005

Hephaestus
Location: Lookingglass Theatre
Dates: September 11, 2005 - September 25, 2005

Two by Four (after Chekov)
Location: Irish Repertory of Chicago
Dates: September 11, 2005 - October 16, 2005

Grand Hotel- The Musical
Location: Drury Lane Theatre at Water Tower Place
Dates: Sep 14 2005 Oct 23 2005

Footloose
Location: Marriott Theatre
Dates: September 15, 2005 - November 27, 2005

Improvisation With the Vampire
Location: The Hull House Center for Arts and Culture
Dates: September 15, 2005 - November 12, 2005

Spectacle ’05: Loves Me, Loves Me Not
Location: Museum of Science and Industry
Dates: August 15, 2005 - September 25, 2005

Who’s Driving the Bus?!? My Year as a Kindergarten Mom
Location: Apollo Theatre
Dates: September 15, 2005 - November 05, 2005

Gallows
Location: The Side Studio
Dates: September 16, 2005 - October 15, 2005

Disney’s The Lion King playing at the Cadillac Palace
Silent? Not exactly

By Ryan Withans

D escribing themselves as an "autonomous unit of un-extraordinary kids reared on pop culture between the years of 1976 and the present day," Bloc Party isn’t quick to seek self-glorification. Others, however, are quick to praise the British group. Entertainment Weekly predicted that Bloc Party’s recent album, Si- lent Alarm, would “take the U.S. by storm,” but don’t hold your breath for it. While not as universally enjoyed as more popular Overalls, the overwhelming praise in Bloc Party’s music can’t be denied.

Their album opens with “Like Eat- ing Glass,” a song that drew me in gradually through its building tension, guided by the elas- tic and unyielding voice of the lead singer, Kele Okereke. As the albums progresses, precise bass lines woven between forceful percussion keep the level of energy up through “Banquet,” my favorite. “Banquet” brilliantly utilizes low, gutural vocals to add bits of metallic melancholy that somehow reminded me of the choral chants delivered by the Wicked Witch’s army in The Wizard Of Oz. Next is a slower song, “Blue Light,” which picks up towards the end while keeping a relaxed feel. “She’s Hearing Voices” begins with a strong beat that doesn’t let up in intensity, and it might be impossible not to bob your head or tap your foot to the song. The next song, “This Modern Love,” is soft, slow, and pretty much uninteresting, so I usually end up skipping it and going straight to the cauli- cryptic lyrics of "Pioneers". The next song, "Price of Gas," takes a stab at a political issue, and I bet you can guess which one. I, too, love the quick, scratchy opening of "Price of Gas," but the opening lyrics (“I’ve been driving a midsize car...”) are just ridiculous. After another fast song, and an enjoyable soft song, comes the quick country bed of occasional shimmering guitar of “Luno.” Two softer songs bring the album to a delightful close.

I’m not great with assigning genres, but a mix of post-punk and indie dance rock might come close to hitting the mark. Some other bands that have a similar sound are The Rap- ture, Franz Ferdinand, and Gang of Four, but Bloc Party still stands out on its own.

If you’re looking for something ad- vestigiously and rock-out music along with some decently inspiring stuff, Bloc Party comes with great reviews from me. And if you enjoy their music as much as I do, clear your calendar for the night of September 14th, when they’ll be performing at Congress Theater. I know I’ll be there.

Restaurant reviews, great eats in Chicago

By Callie Johnson

Costa’s
3401 Halsted St. 312-263-9700

Hours
11 a.m.-midnight Sunday through Thurs- day, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 4-2 a.m. Sunday.

I have a confession to make—the very first trip I took to Chicago my senior year of high school, I went to a Greek restaur- ant. The restaurant was My Big Fat Greek Wedding, and like most people, I was enthralled. I wanted to try Greek cuisine in this city. In spite of my high hopes, my first Greek food experience was terrible, and I never wanted to eat Greek food again. However, one of my very good friends asked me to have dinner with her at a Greek restaurant and, reluctantly, I said yes. I am very glad I said yes, though, because it changed my opinion.

There are several Greek restaurants in Greek Town, and everyone swears by a dif- ferent one. I pledge my loyalty to Costa’s. A fancier restaurant, Costa’s is well-worth the extra half hour it takes to get ready (alight, for the main part of our species, the extra five minutes is takes to get ready) and the eight to fifteen dollars per entrée. The service is excel- lent; your glass will not be empty, and there is no bothersome waiting, “Opa!” The ambiance is quiet—more like a nice date restaurant. The décor consists all of the tradi- tional Greek items, mosaics, bruised lamp, and roast leg of lamb, but there are also pasta dishes like Pastitsio Makedonakia and Malia Angelou. Whatever you could be in the mood for—ex- cept Mexican food or Chinese food—Costa’s has it. Reservations are recommended.

If you ever find yourself in need of a restau- rant for a date, or if you ever find that you just feel like you need some Greek food, this is the perfect choice. It is accessible by the EL (blue line to Halsted), then walk about a block north, and they also have valet parking. So go ahead, splurge a little.

Mama Thai Restaurant
1112 N. Madison St. Oak Park, IL 60302-3603 708-386-0100

Hours
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So you want to get out of the city. We all do, at some point. Some restaurants re- quire you to have a car to go to them—and some of these restaurants may be worth the drive, the wait, and of course, the gas money. Some, though, may not be worth it. How- ever, if you do find that you have that itch to get out of the city and want to go somewhere that feels small, Oak Park has a restaurant for you—if you like Thai food.

Mama Thai looks really small from the outside, but when you walk in, you will be pleasantly surprised. All of the seating is made of wood, and all the walls have wood paneling. The restaurant just has a honeyed feel. You are greeted, seated, and asked for your drink order immediately. While you look over your menu, drinking your guava juice (highly recommended), take special notice of the appetizer portion of the menu. Most of the appetizer items are seafood, so if that is not your thing, try the cucumber salad. The Tom Yum soup is excellent as an appet- izer item, as well. The entree portion of the menu is fantastic—curry items, traditional noodle selection, and rice items. The fried rice is superb—it has a much different taste than Chinese fried rice, and you can order it with beef, chicken, vegetables, or shrimp. Under the rice portion of the menu is the seafood and basil rice dish. When you order the seafood and basil rice, that is exactly what you get. It is spicy, but not overpowering. Overall, the food is simply wonderful.

If you’re a car lover, you’ll appreciate the trip, Mama Thai is in a refreshing setting with a refreshing small town feel. The food is great, the service is wonderful, and the average price for an entree is eight to twelve dollars. So, if you ever feel the need to get away from campus and out of the city, Oak Park and Mama Thai are for you.
Student Government Association kicks off new year

By Shravani Pasupneti
I-TECH EDITOR

The Student Government Association (SGA) kicked off the new year with its first meeting of the semester last Tuesday. The meeting, which was attended by 122 students, was fairly short, partly due to the lack of proposals since Finance Board had yet to meet.

The meeting began with reports from each of the executive board members, all of who were elected last semester through open elections. The members of the new board are: President: Jaron Tenenbaum, Vice President: Brad Ford, Treasurer: Karina Powell, and Secretary: Srinivas Abhishek Gundugurti. While Faraz Hussain was elected last semester for the position of Associate Vice President of Public Relations, he announced his resignation, due to academic responsibilities, at the first meeting.

Following the reports from the executive board, Rae Joyce Baguilat, Resident Life Coordinator, gave a short motivational speech illustrating what student governments could accomplish if they so desired. She listed the numerous accomplishments of the student government at her college when she was president, and she ended her talk by concluding, “There are many things we can do. The faculty wants to work with students, but they don’t like people who do nothing but complain. So, rattle the cages - think big. If you think it will really help IIT, the administration will listen to you.”

Following a report from Finance Board, the chairs of the various committees of SGA gave their reports, outlining what they had accomplished over the summer and what they hoped to accomplish by the end of the semester.

In addition to the new executive board, there will be a number of other changes in SGA this year. Among these are the card scanners and new computers. While the scanners were initially implemented at the last meeting of last semester, they are finally functional and have sped up the process of checking in and out of the meeting considerably. In addition, students who attend each SGA meeting will receive an email confirmation of their attendance, in the event that any disagreements about voting rights should arise.

Another new concept this year is that of Town Hall meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to provide a more relaxed atmosphere than SGA so that students may freely address their concerns. The meetings will be held on a rotating schedule in order to accommodate the schedules of as many students as possible.

The final point of discussion at the meeting was determining how to fill the newly vacated position of Associate Vice President of Public Relations. The two options were to hold another election open to the student body or allow the office of student activities to find a replacement.

Of the 122 students who came to the first meeting, there were quite a few freshmen. The large turnout could be attributed to word of mouth, or the fliers that were distributed throughout the MTCC. However, student reactions to the first meeting varied. When asked if the meeting proceeded as expected, freshman Kevin Arnold replied that it was and he planned on coming again – perhaps even joining one of the committees later in the year. However, not all students were happy with SGA.

Mike Woods, a transfer student, said, “It wasn’t what I expected. It was a lot of business. I was expecting more information about how to start organizations.” When asked to compare this year’s meeting with last year’s, Sapna Patel, a junior, commented, “SGA is trying to get more people involved this year. There were so many freshmen at the first meeting, so they did a good job of recruiting new people. I think the new president has a lot of passion and will help SGA a lot.”

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Share your space, but live on your own.
The next generation of consoles await

By A. Gundugurti

Microsoft's Xbox, Sony's PlayStation 2, and Nintendo's GameCube have recently brought new levels to a new level. With technology advancing rapidly, along with computers, even fairly recent gaming consoles have become obsolete. However, the powerful processors and memory of the gaming console world have stepped up again with new advancements and features for their next generation of gaming machines.

Microsoft Xbox 360

Microsoft had great success with their Xbox when they released it in late 2005. The Xbox contained a 733 MHz Pentium III, with 64 MB of RAM, and an 8-10 GB hard disk. Though it suffered from some poor gaming titles, it gained strength through games like Halo, Halo 2, and Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell.

With its release on November 25th, their new console, the Xbox 360, looks to be the most advanced console to date. It utilizes not just one, but three 3.2 GHz custom IBM PowerPC-based processors, and a 500 MHz ATI graphics processor, and shares 512 MB of RAM between the CPU and the GPU. A specially designed internal architecture is expected to optimize the system performance. Theoretically, it should reach 1 teraFLOP, or floating point operations. Al though the currently slated edition will only have a DVD-ROM drive, a later edition should contain a HD-DVD drive, supporting the next generation of optical discs.

Sony PlayStation 3

Sony also strived to rival both with its PlayStation and PlayStation 2 in 1995 and 2000. The PS 2 originally had a 294 MHz PowerPC processor, a 550 MHz NVIDIA RSX, and 256 MB of both RAM and VRAM. Standard PS 2 games are expected to be on the Blu-ray Discs, an advanced optical disc competing with HD-DVDs. It also will have backwards compatibility with PS 2 and PlayStation games, as well as memory stick, CompactFlash, SD slots, and a slot for a detachable hard drive.

Nintendo “Revolution”

Nintendo also joined the console war in 2002 with the GameCube. The GameCube contained a 485 MHz IBM PowerPC-based processors, and about 40 MB total RAM, with 24 MB in the main RAM. It used a proprietary version of a MiniDVD for game disks, and sported many popular Nintendo games, some of which were based off classic Nintendo games.

Nintendo's next generation, code-named “Revolution,” is slated to come sometime in 2006. Though not much is known about the technical specifications of the Revolution, IBM will be making the CPU and ATI Technologies will be making the GPU. There will be 512 MB of built-in flash memory, USB 2.0 ports, and wireless controllers. The Revolution will also have WiFi capability.

The future for gaming consoles looks very interesting and should produce some very competitive tension between these three leading brands, which, in the end, should give gamers of the next few years some hardware to make them happy.

Water on your windshield?

Water on your windshield? A door to the future

The Motor Sports Fan Club at IIT had a summer event in which four IIT students went to the United States Grand Prix in Indianapolis, IN. Most people were fired up and excited about it because they were Formula 1 fans. The sound of the roaring engines was music to their ears, the sight of the cars rocketing around the oval was heaven... all right! Most people were excited about the cars, the race was an unmitigated disaster. ‘Why? you might ask? Simple: what should have been a 20-car race turned out to be an 8-car race. Luckily confusing to the whole of the American crowd, the day ended with many long faces and swear words flying around!

The reason for the deba- che was tire failure on the part of Michelin. The 20-car lineup had 14 cars that were Michelin-shod, and the rest were Bridgestone-stoned teams. Bridgestone had the right set of tires that suited the style of the track; an inlaid and an oval which had a curved banking. Michelin- in 2001 had a problem with driving their cars flat out on the curved banking. Michelin- in 2001 had a problem with driving their cars flat out on the curved banking. Michelin was the chosen replacement for driving their cars flat out on the part of the track that goes from inlaid to oval banking. This was because of a reaction that takes place.

The tires on both sides matter to a Formula 1 car’s performance. Therefore, there should be equal wear of tires on both sides, which means there should be equal usage of tires on both sides. What hap- pened here in the US GP was that Michelin did not properly calculate the pressures and tire-wear. The compound of the tire was using had a composition which did not suit the track. Because of these mistakes, there was one single tire failure in the practice session before the race. Due to this failure, Michelin wanted all their drivers to quit the race. Because of this, all 14 Michelin-shod cars quit.

Couldn’t they have got- ten the new tire compound? Couldn’t they have designed a tire of the type of turn? Couldn’t they have corrected the error some- how? Actually, if they did use another type of tire compound they would have made it. The rules, however, did not agree to it. If all the teams had signed an agreement saying Michelin could use a new tire compound, maybe they would have raced. Sadly, Ferrari as a team “did not give its opinion about it,” which meant they could not make a decision. This unfortunately proved that grown-ups in Formula 1 could not make a decision about what they could do to make 20 cars race.

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GADGETS of the new wave

By Kevin Henry

HAL saves the day

A ten-year-old girl in Bangor, North Wales was saved from drowning by a computer last month. The Posei- don system, a computerized lifeguard system installed in a small number of pools, de-tected that the girl was not moving, and alerted the lifeguard with an underwater camera. This is the second time a life has been saved by the system.

Roll it but don’t throw it

Phillips has unveiled a prototype for a thin, light, and flexible display in a mobile e-reader. This first-of-its-kind prototype has a screen that can roll and unroll, making the reader pocket-sized, providing equipment and services to aid in the recovery of survivors and their loved ones.

Cell phones to speed up testing in Japan on the new 4G phone network tech- nology has yielded speeds up to 100 Mbps. The technology that is currently available in Japan has speeds of 2 Mbps. However, standardization for 4G networks will not take place until 2010 in Japan, and even later in the US.

A door to the future

Japanese companies have developed an automatic door straight out of science fiction. The door, with small slots half the width of the doorway, has sensors to detect how far open the door is and stop the door by taking the shape of the person walking through it. This technology, though cool, also has practical applications for saving on heating and cooling, as well as reducing the entrance of allergens into a space.

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Keys you don’t want to lose

M azda has decided to do away with conventional keys for their new concept car, Saurus, and re-places them with USB flash drives. Not only do they have the ability to start the engine, the keys can also upload directions and music into the car’s internal computer hard drive.
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Cross Country ready for another successful season

By Bryan Bridgeman
SPORTS WRITER

I believe that it was Navajo distance running prodigy Billy Mills who once said “Every passion has its destiny.” With this in mind, it is exciting offering a prediction of how those crazy IIT runners will perform this season. The passion that I see in the eyes of my teammates every morning at 6:45 a.m. leads me to the conclusion that this Cross Country season will be monumental in the history of Illinois Tech athletics. I feel that it is an awesome privilege to be able to witness these runners as their passion blossoms into a victory that will exceed everyone’s expectations.

So who are all these slightly insane people who rise in the God-awful hours of the morning to run distances that make most people vomit? Who are the men and women who have lost their minds to cross country? Let’s look into the faces of this year’s team:

Chris is a fiery young scamp from Rich South high school (Rich South? That sounds like an oxymoron to me) who has the craziest stride I have ever seen. His work ethic is even crazier than his running style and I’m sure that he will be dangerous in our upcoming meets. The next newbie on the roster is Greg Desesinski. Greg is a walk-on with no prior history of Cross Country or Track, but he is bringing his love of competing in road races and running for pleasure into the team. Continuing down the roster, we next find the name of Hawaiian Architecture student Kevin Knap. And now, we come to John McCluskey who is continuing a proud tradition of Alaskan runners being a critical part of our team. Also, I should probably mention Angad Ngwan, who just starting running hardcore this last spring with no prior athletic experience. This man has lost approximately 40 lbs. I have to say that Angad is looking solid and has a lot of untapped potential that will explode during the latter part of the season. And last but not least, is Matt Priebe who hails from Downer’s Grove. Matt is an all around good guy with a heart of gold and abs of steel. I think this kid could turn up to be the next heartbreaker of the team. But, naturally good looks aside, this guy can run. He is going to be unleashed in the races soon.

Speaking of unleashed, enter Liz Billitz, the newest beast on the Ladies’ side. This former basketball standout and Kappa house member is entering the team with a viciousness that will leave our arch-nemesis Olivet Nazarene University, shaking in their boots. Liz is asylum fast Christie Ferraro , Amara Opbonay, Shana Colletti, Natalia Ervin, Kristen Combs Kelley, Melissa Lemos, Ioana Nicolaescu, Karen Sedacki, and Kaitlin Stryle.

So how will all of these athletes perform this season? I’m predicting that the men’s team will repeat their conference and regionals victory once again and that the ladies will be right there with them. I think that after all is said and done, both teams will stand in gratitude on the National courses and course and thank Coach Phil Kopinski for all the hell and high water he put them through during practice. But I also realize that even if we do not achieve such glory, we still have the victory of knowing the three years ago, the Cross Country program was virtually nonexistent, and that Coach Kopinski and many dedicated runners have rebuilt the Cross Country program.

In fact, we owe it to those champions like Wendell Holmes, Lauren Raetz, Anya Flechtl, Matt Rodriguez and others who came out of this university with a degree and high honors, to be the best team we can possibly be. So, if you see some runners around on campus, be sure and give them a smile, a wink, and a nod. We are not only out to support the athletics program, but we are supporting all you hard-working students out there as well.
IT Men’s soccer starts season 3-0

By L. Geogehegan
SPORTS WRITER

IIT vs. Iowa Wesleyan College, Hawks set high standard for men’s soccer.

The impact from the bench enabled the Hawks to keep a clean sheet, as Nathan Woods was rarely troubled and Benson Olecky and Marlos Marquez added spark to the Hawks attack and defense.

The Hawks continued to raid the opposition goal with Steven Boorer coming close with a long-range effort only to be denied by the crossbar, while Pedro Lemos’ effectiveness continued to frustrate the opposition. It was only a matter of time before the Hawks would again find the back of the net, as the characteristics of a tough possession began to show.

Pano scored for the second time in the second half to extend the Hawks lead after a goal mouth scramble. The game was finally settled late in the second half as Steven Boorer was not to be denied a second time, comfortably finding the back of the net through the entire match.

Cincinnati 31 Cleveland 14

The Bengals will win the fight for Ohio bragging rights against the Rams.

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Arizona 20 N.Y. Giants 31

Arizona appears to have solved its offensive woes, but are still no match for the Giants.

What to watch for: NFL week 1 predictions

By Matt Helland
SPORTS EDITOR

Oakland 17 New England 35

3rd quarter comeback from Muskies

The Hawks started the second half with a bang as the defending champions take on the improved Pirates.

Tennessee 16 Baltimore 12

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St. Louis 42 San Francisco 13

The Rams have one of the most offensive exploits in the NFL.

Philadelphia 21 Atlanta 27

The Eagles beat the Falcons in the playoffs last year, but this game was in Philadelphia.

Dallas 7 San Diego 28

Drew Brees will try to prove to the Chargers organization that his 2004 season wasn’t a fluke, and having Ladainian Tomlinson, the league’s best back, won’t hurt his chances.

Minnesota 23 Iowa 21

The Gophers have come off early when we dominate this game on our home turf.

Women’s volleyball current 1-3

By Sarah Owcieja
SPORTS WRITER


IIT’s perfect start to the season.

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