Shimer College to move to IIT in Fall 2006

By Lauren Joyce
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A few months talk back and forth about the benefits of moving to the IIT, Shimer College, an independent four-year liberal arts college whose curriculum focuses on the Great Books of the Western Tradition, have decided to set up shop here on campus in Fall 2006. Shimer's Board of Trustees accepted IIT's invitation on January 17, 10 days before the conditional offer expired.

Now many of you may be wondering - why is Shimer moving to IIT? When looking at the entire scenario, there are numerous benefits for the move.

First and foremost, Shimer College's student enrollment is very low. This is partly due to the look and feel of the campus. In fact, the enrollment has been declining by a rate of about 5-10% per year according to the December 14, 2005 proposal given to all members of the Shimer community.

One prospective graduate noted that Shimer has a poor location, crumbling physical plant, a lack of extracurricular or off-campus activities, a small and insular social scene and a lack of diversity in electives. With these problems, it is very hard to see how Shimer could possibly be a good fit for IIT.

A second benefit is that Shimer will bring a modest number of students to campus and will provide opportunities for our students to enroll in great books classes and language courses. Shimer's President William Rose is also following the same mind set and believes that IIT's Fullerton has the potential to be a good fit for IIT.

In Fall 2006, Shimer will occupy the second floor of 2441 South State Street, which is the Backyard for Business and Science Education. Shimer will also be using some rooms on the first floor.

Together both floors will hold administrative and faculty offices, classrooms, a lounge, a bookstore, meetings rooms, reception areas, admissions and storage.

With these three main benefits for both IIT and Shimer, there are still some questions left to answer. The first is how the Office of Student Activities plans to integrate Shimer students into the campus?

The next is with the increase in number of students coming to campus and IIT's goal to increase enrollment, what is going to happen when IIT needs more space for their own students in regards to parking, on campus housing, and classroom space? IIT already has a very visible parking issue that many students often complain about. Some wish there was a parking garage to alleviate the battle for parking spots in the common area.

The future will remain very interesting especially since many IIT students were unaware of these negotiations between Shimer and IIT. What will the rest of campus think about this campus changing decision?

Office of Technology Services
All new in 2006

By Submission
OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

In 2005, the Office of Technology Services went out a survey to find out what students liked and disliked about the technology at IIT. Students responded with more wireless, more internet spaces, a better Blackboard and a late-night computer lab. OTS took the results from the survey to develop a new plan for Spring 2006.

New In Spring 2006:
1. MSN Core Wireless
2. Email quota increase to 100Mb
3. Blackboard Upgrade

INSIDE

WEEKLY REVIEW 2
OPINION 4-5
NEWS 6

CHICAGO 7
A&E 8-9
I-TECH 11-12

T E C H N O L O G Y
COMICS 13-14
SPORTS 15

TUESDAY, JAN. 24, 2006
By Lauren Joyce

As I was standing on the 7th floor of the FIT Tower on January 6, 2006, I watched Bromwell lose a cornerstone of its history—Pilgrim Baptist Church. What turned into a 4 lifts melted as a small flame on one corner of the roof. Within minutes, the fire engulfed the building and smoke could be seen from miles away. Knowing the history behind the church made me realize the immense impact this event would have on the Bromwell community as well as the entire gospel and architectural communities.

Designated as a Chicago landmark in 1981 and a part of the National Historic Landmark registry, Pilgrim Baptist has served the community and history in more ways than one. A ministry building developed by the door of Adler & Sullivan, the church contained a great amount of architectural details and interior designs.

Construction of the building commenced between 1890 and 1891, when the church first served the Jewish community as the Kohlenhauer Hebrew Synagogue (KiyoteChicago.org). It later became home to the Pilgrim Baptist congregation in 1922.

Although the aforementioned see both significant to the history of the church, it was gospel music that put Pilgrim Baptist in the spotlight. Under the guidance of the church’s music director in the Thomas A. Dorsey, Pilgrim Baptist became the birthplace of the unique sound of American gospel music in the 1920s and 30s. In fact, the church was so essential to the progress of gospel music, that famous inventors such as Aretha Franklin’s father, CL Franklin taught “singing gospel singers within the church’s walls” (technews.

The church was also visited by some of the most talented gospel singers in history including Mahalia Jackson, Sallie Martin, James Cleveland, and the Edwin Hawkins Singers.

The church not only brought gospel music to center stage, but in the recent past, it had been providing low-income families in the area with reliable services such as free legal counseling and youth ministry. According to a news article published by ABC 7 Chicago, Congressman Bobby Rush said, “The church is part of the basic fabric of the community on the South Side of the Black church...This church is a part of the family called community here in this area, and it hurts our hearts to see it going up in flames.”

As stated before, Pilgrim Baptist Church was designed and built with Adler & Sullivan between 1890 and 1891. Over the years, the building had fallen into about $2.8 million worth of disrepair, and the congregation was working to renovate the copper cornices, stained glass windows, electrical system and gutters.

Losing Pilgrim Baptist Church is not going to be easy on the Bromwell community. So many times, I would drive past the church on my way to Jewel or downtown and admire its architectural beauty. No one will be able to do that anymore. The history will always be the same, but the church will not, even as it is rebuilt.

Criminal action was ruled out by the Chicago Police Department, but the Fire Department believes the fire was caused by a propane gas torch used by one of the roofers during gutter renovations. The roofers filled the scene, and the construction company is under investigation.

From the Editor-in-Chief

News and Editorial
TECHNEWSARTICLES@GMAIL.COM

Editor-in-Chief
LACRON JOYCE

Managing Editor
KATHERINE POWELL

Assistant Editor
SARAH BOYER

Copy Editor
JOHN SCORCIA

Photo Editor
MICHAEL MIRKLEY

News Editor
STEFANIE GEORGE

Online Editor
JORDAN MOLLIR

Managing Editor
TONY ANNAN

Assistant Editor
COLIN BIESKOT

News Editor
KEVIN HIGGS

Online Editor
WILLIAM L WuLgiTH

Business and Advertising
TECHNEWS@COMCAST.NET

Advertising Manager
MELISSA YAHS

Assistant Advertising Manager
SOPHIA MANESLKE

Distribution Manager
TO BE ANNOUNCED

Finance/Advertising
GREGORY PALLARD

Website Design
VICTOR TEMPEST

General Information
TechNews is written, managed, and edited by the students of Illinois Institute of Technology. The material herein does not necessarily reflect the opinions of Illinois Institute of Technology or the editors, staff, and advisor of TechNews. There will be no censorship of TechNews publication by the faculty or staff of IIT. TechNews and its writers shall be responsible for their own writing and the results of their writing. TechNews is published every Thursday. No solicitation or unsolicited submissions is allowed. All white space in the TechNews is open for student writing.

Advertising
Purchasers of advertising space that are not affiliated with TechNews community, it is the responsibility of such purchasers to verify the accuracy and validity of any claims made in the advertisement.

Submissions
TechNews is published on the last Thursday of each month of the academic year. Deadline for all announcements, announcements, and ads is 3:30 on the Thurs.

Letters to the Editor
Letters to the editor may be submitted by anyone, but are subject to review by the editors. Letters of 300 words or less will be published.

TechNews Classifieds
Universal Advertising
Rates
$6.00 per issue for 30 words. Additional words are 25c each.
Pre-payment is required.
Deadline
Friday noon before the requested TechNews publication.
All opportunities are published in TechNews.

To Order
Visit our website:
technews.collegeadvertising.com
Here you can place your ad, pay by credit card, and view your proof of publication. Call us at (312) 567-3955 if you have questions or problems with the site.

TechNews Classifieds section is powered by Universal Advertising.

Editorial Policy
The editors reserve the right to determine if submitted material meets TechNews’ policy and standards. Written of submitted articles will be paid, even if the material is published.

Letter to the Editor
Letters to the editor may be submitted by anyone, but are subject to review by the editors. Letters of 300 words or less will be published.
WE WANT YOU!

Make a difference in campus life

Come to a meeting
Join a committee
Plan a Special Event
Voice your opinion

Visit sga.iit.edu for email sga@iit.edu
Stop Iran before they go nuclear

By Justin Schenck

Iran and its leader have been in the news quite a bit recently. Their leaders are insisting on moving Iran forward into the nuclear age. He claims that the reason for Iran going forward into the nuclear age is not for nuclear weapons, but rather for nuclear power. Obviously, this has stirred many eyebrows. The president of the United States and the United States have expressed concerns about a nuclear Iran being a threat to the world.

Iran is not an average country. The EU and U.S. would not be nearly as concerned if Iran was not developing nuclear power. Since the Iranian hostage crisis, the United States has had diplomatic relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran. Since then, Iran has been one of the principal sponsors of terrorism. Fighters have come from Iran to destabilize war-torn Iraq. They have actively supported Palestinian terrorists in the past. They are vocal supporters of Palestine and undermining Israel today. Their mailbox is called “Death to America” and train young terrorists.

In addition to Iran not being an average country, their current leader is not an average leader. Ahmadinejad has inflamed world opinion recently. He has called for Israel to be wiped off the map. He has paraded missiles through Tehran with “Death to Israel!” written on them. He claimed the Holocaust was a myth, and Israel should instead be located in Germany. Furthermore, he has called for a conference on the Holocaust “myth,” reviving “Holocaust scholars” to come to Tehran and destroy the Holocaust. He has oppressed his own people, adopting radically strict laws that he views in line with Islam. He has cracked down on women not being fully covered and banned Western Attire. Ahmadinejad has proven himself a tyrannical dictator. Genealogical aims against the free state of Israel. Nixing the world’s expectation to believe that he wants this nuclear material for purely peaceable reasons, such as nuclear power. Over the largest reserves of oil in the world lies under Iran’s soil. Yet Ahmadinejad’s country is desperately in need of nuclear power.

Negotiating with Iran is not going to work. All the stern words from the EU, U.S., and IAEA will do nothing. The United Nations Security Council has passed a resolution against Iran’s nuclear program. The United States has threatened military action should Iran pursue nuclear weapons. A strong statement should be made. I have read the letter is not going to stop a mandated dicter. The EU has tried negotiating with Iran and sealing their nuclear research plans. The U.S. has said that they will never consider an attack. But the movie’s got one of the biggest twists the moviegoer has seen. In all honesty, you’ll be surprised and sliced against that this is something thatZYXYZ and Woody Allen got together.

Stop Iran before they go nuclear

By Justin Schenck

Iran and its leader have been in the news quite a bit recently. Their leaders are insisting on moving Iran forward into the nuclear age. He claims that the reason for Iran going forward into the nuclear age is not for nuclear weapons, but rather for nuclear power. Obviously, this has stirred many eyebrows. The president of the United States and the United States have expressed concerns about a nuclear Iran being a threat to the world.

Iran is not an average country. The EU and U.S. would not be nearly as concerned if Iran was not developing nuclear power. Since the Iranian hostage crisis, the United States has had diplomatic relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran. Since then, Iran has been one of the principal sponsors of terrorism. Fighters have come from Iran to destabilize war-torn Iraq. They have actively supported Palestinian terrorists in the past. They are vocal supporters of Palestine and undermining Israel today. Their mailbox is called “Death to America” and train young terrorists.

In addition to Iran not being an average country, their current leader is not an average leader. Ahmadinejad has inflamed world opinion recently. He has called for Israel to be wiped off the map. He has paraded missiles through Tehran with “Death to Israel!” written on them. He claimed the Holocaust was a myth, and Israel should instead be located in Germany. Furthermore, he has called for a conference on the Holocaust “myth,” reviving “Holocaust scholars” to come to Tehran and destroy the Holocaust. He has oppressed his own people, adopting radically strict laws that he views in line with Islam. He has cracked down on women not being fully covered and banned Western Attire. Ahmadinejad has proven himself a tyrannical dictator. Genealogical aims against the free state of Israel. Nixing the world’s expectation to believe that he wants this nuclear material for purely peaceable reasons, such as nuclear power. Over the largest reserves of oil in the world lies under Iran’s soil. Yet Ahmadinejad’s country is desperately in need of nuclear power.

Negotiating with Iran is not going to work. All the stern words from the EU, U.S., and IAEA will do nothing. The United Nations Security Council has passed a resolution against Iran’s nuclear program. The United States has threatened military action should Iran pursue nuclear weapons. A strong statement should be made. I have read the letter is not going to stop a mandated dicter. The EU has tried negotiating with Iran and sealing their nuclear research plans. The U.S. has said that they will never consider an attack. But the movie’s got one of the biggest twists the moviegoer has seen. In all honesty, you’ll be surprised and sliced against that this is something thatZYXYZ and Woody Allen got together.

Thoughtcrime in the 21st century

By Justin Schenck

In George Orwell’s 1984, the government stopped illegal speech and action by stopping the use of these crimes — illegal thoughts. Winston Smith said in the book that thoughtcrime is the only crime that matters, because all crime must first start with a thought. Many words from Orwell’s book have entered the mainstream (thoughtcrime, Newspeak, Big Brother, Room 101, and The Thought Police).

Unfortunately, we only turned around these words for fun — we don’t actually realize when they’re taking place in our own house.

In the United States, we have what’s called “babe crimes.” Federal law defines these as crimes in which the “defendant’s conduct was motivated by hatred, bias, or prejudice. Based on the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, or gender identity of another individual or group of individuals.” In many states, these hate crime statutes will increase a prison sentence for a crime. It’s not likely that it would be enough to change a life sentence to a death sentence, but a hate crime addition could add another 5-10 years to a sentence.

Imposing these additional penalties on acts based on motives in effect makes certain motives illegal. This legislation is criminalizing certain thoughts that the government deems undesirable. Many people don’t care about the thought that is being criminalized. I agree with their point — they don’t want to defend neo-Nazi, gay bashers, anti-Semites, or any other hate groups. Neither do I. I do, however, want to defend the First Amendment. This government can make being in a certain mindset while committing a crime more illegal than the crime itself — what is the limit on the mindset? It sets a dangerous precedent to be sure.

The difference between first and second degree murder is the intent. If I commit first degree murder, I have killed a human being with planning or premeditation. If I commit second degree murder, I have killed a human being, but perhaps as a crime of passion instead. In the case of second degree murder and lesser statutes involving killing such as voluntary and involuntary manslaughter the intent was much different than first degree murder. Hate crime legislation does not change the intent — it changes the motive. Legislatively against the motive is nothing more than thoughtcrime in modern day America. Is it morally consciptuous and illegal to murder a human being because they are black, Jewish, or gay? Absolutely. Is it morally consciptuous and illegal to murder a human being because I just plain hate him? Absolutely. How about if she owes me money? Is it a rival gang? If I was paid to do it? All of these things are terrible — but why is the first one a motive?
The holiday season is over? But I wasn’t finished complaining!

By Joseph Kaiser

TECHNEWS WRITER

H igh, space cupcakes. A few weeks ago, I was looking forward to finals. I wrote an article I was proud of. So proud of it, I did something I’ve never done before. I sold the article to TechNews, so there’s no issue of the newspaper on finals week. However, instead of admitting to error, I’m going to do something no one ever thought of before – I’m going to pass off the error as what I planned all along. It was great therapy for something. So without further ado, dear reader, I present to you an article that’s six weeks out of date. Time in next week as we wonder if Google’s next trick is going to be a free e-mail service, and wonder if Athens can get in together for the 2004 Summer Games. For now, though, courage.

With the holidays approaching, many of us are going home to our families for the holidays. Everything from the Jewish Hanukkah (this word can be spelt over 90 different ways) to the Christmas party is just around the corner. With all the parties, it’s really cold out today” will be celebrat
ed by our broad constituency. Whether our favorite party was well-attended (either legally adopted, or just some friends!) most of us will have someone to share our December with.

This is the kind of article that gets read aloud at the beginning of a Christmas movie when someone asks me to kill the music because they want to love them. If you are that person and I’ve caused you to be depressed and per
haps go do something wacky like pay a family to be your family (I think Ben Af
leck was in that one… I apologize, because I didn’t mean to make you feel bad."

Anyhow.

I figure that you’d all like to keep sleep over the holiday break. I know most of you will spend it dragging, playing video games, and forging lasting memories with your families – so I offer you, dear readers, a special article for you to work on over the holiday.

You are a third grade teacher. Traditionally, you are tired after 15 minutes of these days. You have to be careful not to overdo it, to keep them from boredom. So you decide to use a technique for this.

Second semester: do we even care?

By Collyn Emch-Wei

CHICAGO EDITOR

W  e’ve just come off our sec
ond longest break of the school year, all rested up, relaxed, ready to jump into this new term of academics. However, we all know that’s not true. Granted, we may be at our most rested during this time, but we’re all at our laziest at this time.

This is currently my third year back from being at this institu
tion long enough to gain a severe level of apathy towards anything related to school, which is often the case with any place I’m at for extended periods of time. I suspect that this is also the case with many of you, and I’d notice that a large number of students chose not to go to their first session of class, or even to their second ses
sion. Did they have a more important appointment? Sure, if you count the two hours that you’ll spend at the gym, you’ll be saving time. Hey, I’m not saying this is bad…some things are pretty important. However, it seems to me that there’s absolutely none. And it’s really nobody’s fault. We’ve become locked in our habit sleeping in, doing very large amounts of nothing, and other assorted vaca
tion activities. It’s a tough addition to heat: think of heroin, and then make it a whole lot easier. There’s no endorphin rush quite like waking up after the hour sleep.

Personally, I refused to believe the semester was actually beginning until I had woken up for 8:30am class, and staggered over there in the cold. The only thing I could think of was the sleep I was losing, the crack formed over my head, and I was a little bit tired. I saw that everyone else was feeling the same symptoms of withdrawal, all trying to get back to our normal liveness.

If you say you’re not a victim of the upcoming weeks, you’re lying through your teeth. Re
member, the first step is to admit your problem. It’s like the last time. You should join the ranks of the rest of the helpless, and come together to fix this problem.

Next week, preferably after I sleep.

Bureaucracy is coming to TechNews

By Joshua Munn

EDITOR

If you’re not aware that there is a lot of bureaucracy at IIT, you’ve either been under a rock for the last 80 years, or you just graduated from high school. For those who are aware, have you ever tried getting a package from the campus mail center? How about changing majors? How often do you have to fill out the five (yes, 5) FIVE forms required to get a co-op job? Have you ever pondered why we need to triple stamp double return and return forms in triplicate?

In a series that should continue through the first half of this year, we’ll be bringing you the student body, step-by-step instructions for navigating the pa
perwork and red tape that is the IIT administration. CPP will look at bureaucratic processes that sometimes blindside them through their way.

If you’re receptive to the upcoming weeks, sharp reader will find out bow, why, when, where and why he or she may sign up for a co-op job, when he or she must take a seminar abroad, and how to start a student organization. You can also get some insight into the purpose behind some of this red tape.

So, if you’ve ever wondered why it takes a month to get a paycheck or why the payroll office only processes payroll authorizations twice a month, pick up a copy of TechNews and prepare to be en
lightened.

It’s your school, and the bureaucracy is here specifically to serve you, the studen
t. In theory, anyway. You as a student also have the right to know why things happen they way they do in everyday IIT life.

Now, some of the administrators may be skeptical as to my intentions writing such a column. To them, I will just say that it was quite an underwhelming process to go through the paperwork and red tape associ
ated with the process of applying for a co-op, which is made all the more convol
tuous form via the IIT administration. If I can be of service to my fellow students in getting past the bureaucracy, I feel that it will be of great benefit.

Look for the first installment of my column, titled “Cutting through the red tape”, in next week’s TechNews. If you can’t wait till then, you can always reach me at joshuam@1t.edu. As always, the opinion section is looking for writers to make it the best it can be. If you would like to join me in my red tape adventures, feel free to send me an e-mail.
Wendy’s tale comes to an end

By Justin Schenck

Imagine everyone has heard about Anna Ayala’s tale of the finger in her Wendy’s chili. She was eating at the San Jose Wendy’s when she supposedly bit into a severed finger that was in her chili. She immediately ran out of the restaurant and filed a lawsuit against the franchise owner.

The police investigated the incident, finding that the woman had a history of suspicious lawsuits. She ended up dropping her lawsuit because it “caused her great emotional distress and continues to be difficult emotionally.” At one point, a popular theory was that the finger belonged to a woman who had her finger bitten off by her pet leopards.

A few months later, the finger was traced to its rightful owner — an accountant of Anna’s husband who lost a finger in an industrial workplace accident. He belonged to Pat Hogan, who lost his finger in the tailgate of a truck during an accident at his employer, an asphalt company. Anna Ayala was in jail on attempted grand theft charges. Meanwhile, her husband was being held in jail on two identity theft charges.

In September, both pleaded guilty to conspiracy to file a false insurance claim and attempted grand theft of over $2.5 million. Her husband bought the finger for $100, and they paid the owner of the finger $250,000 to keep quiet.

Ayala bragged that inmates were asking for her autograph and appeared to be enjoying her notoriety. Superior Court Judge Edward Davis said that “guilt and arrogance overtook this couple” and sentenced Anna Ayala to nine years in prison. Her husband, Jaime Plegan, was sentenced to more than twelve years in prison for this charge. He has not yet been sentenced for the identity theft charges.

Condi comes down hard on Iran

By Justin Schenck

Iran and its president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, have been in the news quite a bit recently. He has made bold claims against the state of Israel, claiming it should be the end of the state or reintegrated to Germany. He has also been a vocal supporter of the nuclear program. He declared that Iran will have “peaceful nuclear technology.”

Iran’s nuclear weapons technology have worried the United States and the European Union, who think that the Iranian leader’s intentions are more than just personal. They have stated that they believe that it is working towards building a nuclear weapon, which could potentially destabilize the Middle East and be a threat to Israel.

Airstrike aimed at al-Qaeda

#2 kills at least 17

By Justin Schenck

The CIA launched an airstrike in a tribal area of Pakistan near the Afghanistan border last Friday. They believed the area to be a suspected al-Qaeda hideout that contained the #2 leader Ayman al-Zawahiri. In early 2004, an anonymous Pakistani official said that al-Qaeda operatives including al-Zawahiri may be hiding out in a nearby area of Southern Waziristan, but this was never actually proved.

The next day, Pakistani officials confirmed the airstrike. They said that al-Zawahiri wasn’t there, and that at least 17 innocent civilians, including women and children were needlessly killed. Pakistan’s Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said that the attack was highly condemnable and that the government assured the people they will not allow these incidents to recur. People in Pakistan were already tired of Gen. Musharraf’s alliance with the U.S. and this event caused mass protests. More than 8,000 people of the area took to the streets chanting “God is great!” Nearby, a mob burned down an office of an aid group supported by the United States.

While al-Zawahiri was not actually there, it seems that these top al-Qaeda operatives were. Pakistani security officials said that Mullah Omar, the Ayman al-Zawahiri, and Abdul Rehman al-Mairi were all present. Mullah Omar was an explosives expert who operated a terrorist training camp near Jalalabad in Afghanistan. Abdul Rehman al-Mairi was a close family relative of al-Zawahiri. Pakistan said that their bodies have not been found, but they believe they were there and their bodies were taken away.
Chicago’s fire goes out

By Justin Schenck
COPY EDITOR

Chicago’s fire goes out is a headline that indicates a story about a fire incident in Chicago. The article is likely to discuss the incident, its causes, and any aftermath or consequences.

City Lights: External Experience

By J.R. Britta III
TECHNEWS WRITER

City Lights: External Experience suggests a focus on the visual or sensory aspects of the city, possibly exploring how city lights influence the perception of the urban environment.

Ice: good for more that just the cream

By C. Emch-Wei
CHICAGO TIMES

The article titled Ice: good for more than just the cream indicates a discussion about the versatile uses of ice beyond being just a dessert component. It might explore ice’s various applications in different contexts or situations.

On the Cheap: Edwardo’s Natural Pizza

By Justin Schenck
COPY EDITOR

On the Cheap: Edwardo’s Natural Pizza hints at a review or an article about Edwardo’s, a restaurant that specializes in natural pizzas. The focus might be on the affordability of their menu or their approach to natural ingredients.

A single page from a document with sections titled Chicago’s fire goes out, City Lights: External Experience, Ice: good for more than just the cream, and On the Cheap: Edwardo’s Natural Pizza. Each section seems to cover different topics, ranging from a fire incident to city lights, ice applications, and a restaurant review.
The largest snowflake in the world, found in Siberia at twelve inches, can’t be compared, but even the recording-setting storm of 189 inches of snowfall in California can measure up! By next week, IIT will be the only place in the world to have seen snow crystals over thirty feet. Even though more snow falls each year in southern Canada and the northern United States than at the North Pole, art@IIT will be presenting a first-of-its-kind exhibit rarely seen outside a microscopic world from snow crystal research laboratories at the United States Department of Agriculture.

The newest exhibit, Frozen Architecture, explores the art of nature as the unintended result of scientific inquiry. A normal light microscope gives us a clear view of snow crystals, but by using a Low Temperature Scanning Electron Microscope (LT-SEM), the solid structures of the crystals become visible. These crystals have an architectural structure that is composed of massive forms that are extremely fragile, delicate and highly intricate. Structures that seem to be impossible supported: some are perfectly structured others totally chaotic. Gravity, weight, and support have a new meaning at microscopic scales as they all determine appearance.

These structures, that are formed in nature by the simple process of freezing precipitation as it Huffman through the atmosphere, are sensitive to a variety of conditions, including temperature, air currents, and humidity. A crystal needs atmospheric conditions of near zero degrees Fahrenheit to grow. Although over twenty different types of crystal formations exist, six-sided hexagonal crystals are generally shaped in the high clouds, needle or flat six-sided crystals are shaped in the middle height clouds, and a wide variety of six-sided shapes are formed in the low clouds. The colder the temperature, the sharper the ice crystal tips get. At warmer temperatures, the ice crystals grow slower and smoother, resulting in less intricate shapes.

To get an idea of how snow crystals are used scientifically, an ice core 1,200 feet long can show what the climate was 1,400 years ago. Even scientific grain like Kepler, Descartes and Roske studied snowflakes as early as the seventeenth century. It hasn’t been until the last hundred years that true progress has been made in this fascinating field, and in this research unit.

The crystals on display starting Thursday, January 26th will have a great variety of textures: smooth, grooved, etched, and pitted; many of them showing a high degree of a common hexagonal structure and symmetry as they are viewed at a magnification that ranges from 150 to 1,500 times. Needless to say, given the statistics of finding identical snow crystals in nature that is dependent on the 10^21 particles composing a flake, there will be no repeats in the Kemper Room Gallery. Join us for an evening unlike anything IIT has seen before.

Opening reception on Thursday, January 26th, 4:30 - 7:30 pm, presented in the Kemper Room Art Gallery, 355 West 33rd Street, Chicago, through February 26th. Hours are Monday - Thursday: 12 noon - 5 pm; Friday: 12 noon - 5 pm; Saturday: 8:30 am - 5 pm; and Sunday: 2 - 4 pm.
Sherman and Krawczyk selected for ArtFutura 2006

By Robert Krawczyk

Robert J. Krawczyk, Assistant Professor, College of Architecture and arHIT Gallery Director, and Mindy Aars Sherman, Master’s Candidate, College of Science and Letters and a@IT Arts Coordinator, both have art pieces in the upcoming ArtFutura 2006 Exhibit titled Transformation. This is the first major exhibition of Sherman’s photography and it is the second year Krawczyk’s digital work has been selected for this exhibit, which is sponsored by the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. Their work was selected from 534 entries submitted by 178 artists from across the country by Janice Rundall, Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at the Art Institute of Chicago.

The exhibit runs from February 3 through the 16th in the American Medical Association Building Lobby, located 515 North State Street in Chicago. Additional information about the exhibit can be found at: http://www.rusjaartboard.org

Robert Krawczyk’s series of mandalas are based on the simple geometric definition of “mandala”, from the Sanskrit for “circle.” A mandala is a complex circular design intended to draw the eye inward to its center having symmetrical and radial a secondary set of patterns begins to emerge. Even a slight variation in the placement angle generates a great variety of unexpected patterns. The final enhancement is the shape and rendering of the seeds.

Originally using the south-side view of Chicago’s skyline as her inspiration, photographer Mindy Sherman now uses many forms of light to produce her dazzling displays. She seeks to amaze with a longer camera exposure and manual techniques that result from her home of five years, the campus of the Illinois Institute of Technology. Formally studying photography at the Institute of Design and University of New Zealand provided an opportunity for the study of composition and refinement, which Sherman monitorsantly_submerges. With the skyline as her biggest source of experimentation, there now exists a vocabulary in Sherman’s collections that extends to other sources of light like traffic, airports, holiday lights, and sunsets.

TechNews
Enjoy the fine arts?
Love listening to new music?
Live at the movies?

Apply for A&E Editor with TechNews
E-mail
laurjoy@gmail.com
or
technews@iit.edu
IN 200 YEARS

A LOT HAS CHANGED ON THE LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL. ESPECIALLY IF YOU’RE A GRIZZLY.

Habitat protection for the endangered grizzly bear is one of many programs that protect and restore what Lewis & Clark saw 200 years ago.

WHAT'S LOST?
WHAT'S LEFT?
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

WALK WITH THEM AND SEE WHAT YOU DISCOVER.
WWW.LEWISANDCLARK200.ORG

Missouri Historical Society
Ad Council
Faculty of the week: Dr. Kathryn Spink

By Shravani Pasupneti

Birthplace: California
Siblings: None...I'm an only child.

Where did you graduate from:
Illinois from Michigan Tech, Ph.D. from Michigan State and I just finished my Post Doctoral work at Northwestern Medical School, which is how I came to Chicago.

How long have you been teaching here at IIT:
Since Fall '05.

What classes do you teach:
Currently, I'm teaching B211, B212 and B213, Virology, which is a new course that hasn't been offered at IIT in nearly ten years.

Where were you before IIT:
I taught microbiology for a semester at Elgin Community College to gain some teaching experience. I wanted to make sure teaching was really what I wanted to do with my career.

What is your favorite thing about IIT so far:
I'm not ready to say. I haven't been here too long to decide my favorite thing. The things that I like about IIT though are the faculty members in the Biology department. I also like the variety of classes that I've been able to teach here; that's a definite advantage of teaching at a four year college versus a community college where you teach the same class over and over again.

What did you do over winter break:
My husband and I watched a lot of television. My favorite shows are Last, Desperate Housewives, and The Sopranos. I split most of my time between doing that and preparing for the Virology class for this semester. I also really enjoy watching figure skating; there's a new show on FOX that I'm pretty psyched about - Dancing With the Stars. I really like watching it even though I can't skate myself.

Pet:
We have a cat named Sam and two tropical fish named Jews and Spot.

Favorite book:
I have a few favorite authors, like J.K. Rowling (who wrote the Harry Potter series), Elizabeth George, Tom Clancy, and Jon Axel.

Currently Reading:
Haha...my Virology and Human Biology books! Aside from that, I'm in the middle of an Elizabeth George book.

Editor's question of the week:

"I worked all of break...so I made money to pay my bills, bills, bills." said Hazel Ramirez.

By C. Reynolds

Emergency phones on the quad

Two new emergency phones have been installed outside of the Kappa Phi Delta and Sigma Kappa houses after a man followed three female students back to the Kappa house last semester, harassing them and breaking the glass of the door. There had been a phone outside the Kappa house, but it was out of service. These are the only phones placed on the Quad.

Donald Morgan, Shift Manager for Public Safety, was on duty when the incident occurred and responded to the call, yet he notes that an emergency phone would not have prevented the confrontation.

"The girls called on a cell phone, but they waited until they got to the house to call," he said. "They let this man harass them from the time they left Quinn's on 35th till they got back. An e-phone wouldn't have solved the problem."

Public Safety does not hold keys to the fraternity and sorority houses, unlike the SSV and MSV buildings. Though the resulting privacy granted to residents of these houses can be a positive aspect of Greek living, Morgan stressed that this can also hinder Public Safety's ability to provide optimum safety and security.

"It's kind of a Catch-22 because unless we get an emergency call from a house, we have to virtually see the hazardous situation in order to act," Morgan said. "And if we get a call, and the head of the house doesn't come out and explain the situation, all we can do is kick down the floor because we don't have keys."

While the reported transgression may sound like an alarming situation, the IIT Campus is one of the safest campuses in the City of Chicago. For example, in 2003, the most recent year for which data has been compiled, there were only two reported aggravated assaults on the Main Campus.

There are prescriptive plans for additional emergency phones to be installed in the Quad.

Shravani Pasupneti, Editor

Pasusrir@iit.edu

Insurance for studying, visiting or teaching abroad

Traveling overseas this semester as part of a study abroad program, as a visiting professor, to attend an on-campus or any other IIT business? If so, the International Centre and the Office of General Counsel strongly encourage you to attend an upcoming one-hour presentation on how to make your travel as safe and secure as possible. The presentation will be held in the International Centre on Thursday, February 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Alumni Lounge of the IITB. Please join us!
Announcements from the study abroad office:

STUDY ABROAD INFO SESSIONS—SPRING 2006
Come check out the Study Abroad possibilities of IIT! Now is the time to apply for Study Abroad for the 2006-2007 Academic year! Earn IIT credits and discover places you’ve only dreamed of! Financial Aid is applicable! Meet with exchange students and study abroad participants from IIT’s exchange institutions such as Sweden and France! Take summer classes in Paris or Krakow!! The Study Abroad programs are open to both undergraduate and graduate students!

Stop by at one of the info sessions:
- Tuesday, January 31st in the
  MTCC Auditorium
- Thursday, February 2nd at
  12:30 PM in HUB Alumni Lounge

PARIS INFO SESSION
Study this summer in Paris! Immense yourself in experiential learning in the City of Light (for 4 weeks and gain 6 credits)! An info session with faculty will be held on Thursday, January 26th, from 12:30-1:30 PM at the MTCC Student Conference Room.
Application Deadline: February 1st, 2006!!
For more information check the Study Abroad web site: studyabroad.iit.edu
“Summer programs.”

GLOBAL E3 PROGRAMS APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 17, 2006
IIT offers various exchange programs for engineering majors in 17 different countries through the Global Engineering Consortium. All scholarships apply.
Please be aware that this year, the application deadline for the FALL, 2006 semester is February 17, 2006.
For a list of available programs, please visit:
http://www.iit.edu/~international/studyabroad/global/e3.html
Don’t forget to check out the scholarship web site at:
http://www.iit.edu/programs/global-e3/students/scholarships.htm

More information can be found on the Study Abroad web site: www.studyabroad.iit.edu
Sponsored by: Study Abroad Office, International Center
FreshTech
By Kevin Henry
TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Take a day trip to Mars
A group of scientists have outlined an idea to create a "hypercruise" engine. The hypothetical engine would allow travel to Mars in just three hours or to a star 11.1 light years away in 80 days. Based on a controversial theory of the fabric of the universe, the theoretical engine will create an intense magnetic field producing a gravitational field and giving thrust to a spacecraft. If this magnetic field were large enough, it is proposed that the spacecraft would essentially slip into a different dimension. One where the speed of light is greater that it is in our own, allowing incredibly fast speeds to be reached. If the magnetic field were switched off, the engine would reappear in our own dimension. The US Air Force has already taken interest in this idea, and one of the scientists that developed the idea said that a working model could be created in about five years. However, now the idea is still just science fiction.

First there was CRT, then LCD, now there is LED. The next big trend in flat-screen technology is the OLED, short for Organic Light-Emitting Diode. Display. The technology, developed by Canon and Toshiba, uses a method similar to how CRTs create images on the phosphor-coated screen, emitting light. Instead of using an electron gun, however, electrons are emitted from a line of emitters across a vacuum gap, creating an image on the phosphor-coated glass. The effect creates a truer color display since it's not on an LCD like package. The new devices also have lower power consumption, and can be made thinner than other display types.

Smarter elevators going up in Seattle
No more long waiting times. Developed by Fujitsu, the new elevator system will decrease the amount of time it takes to reach the destination floors of passengers. Passengers enter their destination floor on a touch screen in a wall-mounted kiosk in elevator shafts. The Destination Floor Guidance System processes the requests and informs users to ride in a certain car. The computer system groups passengers by common destination, minimizing the number of stops the elevator has to make, thus decreasing the amount of time to reach a certain floor. The software even has predictive logic, and can predict where the demand will be placed during certain times of the day. The system is likely to be in place at the Metropolitan Park West Tower in downtown Seattle.

Never oversleep through a power outage: Using the American Innovative NevoLink 7-day alarm clock, you'll never oversleep because you forget to reset your alarm clock. The alarm clock, in its name says it all, has a different alarm time for each day of the week. Even programs each day alarm each week with a changing schedule. The alarm clock also features a customizable snooze time, the option to be awakened by the buzzer or built-in radio. The AM/FM radio also includes a sleep timer, and one of the best features of all is the Nap button. Set a separate alarm for napping without screwing up your seven day alarm settings already set, or still get the same option of the buzzer or radio.

Wikipedia shut down by German court order
By Justyn Schenck
COPY EDITOR

A German hacker was shut by the nickname "Wiki vandal" and several Wikipedia articles were removed from the site on the order of the German government. The sites were shut down by the Supreme Court of Federal Justice. The hacker was accused of sending a virus that interrupted the site for a short time.

Kevin Henry, EDITOR
HENRKEV@IT.EDU

Digital music sales on the rise
By Justyn Schenck
COPY EDITOR

A few years back, no one took Napster's idea to sell legal music online seriously. If someone wanted to get music on their iPod, they'd load up Napster, Kazaa, their favorite IRC channel, or whatever, and buy or trade music online. If you listen to the RIAA, piracy is still killing them and the Internet is a haven for pirates of all sorts. Legal online music sales do not even begin to enter the RIAA's returns at 2003. However, online music sales across the globe hit $1.1 billion last year. This was at least three times the sales of online music in 2004. This amount accounts for 6% of record company revenues. 420 million track sales were downloaded in 2005 in two countries in Europe, Britain and Germany, more people are legally downloading music than illegally downloading music. The rise in popularity of programs and services like iTunes has been the catalyst for the digital music revolution we see here in 2005. Many people are increasingly attracted to the service or services like it, which offers single track downloads for only $0.99. Many people like the flexibility it offers, instead of being bound to buy a CD at the store for the one song they like from the radio, they are able to purchase that song for only $0.99. I predict that the online music industry will quickly eclipse hard CD sales with more and more people moving into the DSL/Cable modern range of speeds. One of my only qualms is to opine about their "last sales" from piracy while legal digital music sales are booming.
OTS results spark technology changes on campus

1. Additional Storage

This was the No. 1 student issue. In response, IT has allocated additional storage for email accounts. The quota for student accounts has increased from 11 Mb to 100 Mb.

2. Unavailable and Slow Campus Network

Prior to the Full 2005 Semester, OTS completed a fiber loop to give Main Campus a redundant network connection. This means that if one Internet connection or one main net-
work switch has a problem, campus Internet traffic will be seamlessly routed through an alternate path. Bandwidth was more than dou-
bled (increased 264%) for faster downloading speeds.

3. The Network is slow, but MSV is even worse

While everyone was glover the Winter Break, wireless access points were installed throughout MSV. Wireless Internet access is now available in both individual rooms and public areas in all MSV buildings.

4. More courses should use Blackboard

The Blackboard upgrade installed in December makes Blackboard more user-friendly for professors, which will hopefully increase the number of courses that use Blackboard.

5. New 24-hour computer lab for all students

A night owl lab will open in the Commons during the first week of the spring semester. Because food and computers don’t mix, the lab will only operate during non-dining hours (overnight). Students will check-out laptops from the lab assistant with their ID and can use the computer within the Commons dining area. This “mobile” computer lab will give all students access to computers and printing when all other campus labs are closed, with the added benefit of easy pack-up (in time for breakfast).

The “It’s Only Another Beer”
Black and Tan

8 oz. pilsner lager
8 oz. stout lager
1. frosty mug
1 ky road
1 pick-up truck
1 90-hour day
1 tired worker
A few rounds with the guys

Mix ingredients.
Add 1 telltale vehicle.

Never underestimate “just a few” buzzed driving is drunk driving.
DOWN WITH BOREDOM

Statutory Warning: Opening this page before going to bed might keep you up all night.

*NAP ATTACK*

"Yawn! I'm feeling sleepy, get me a damn chair..."

Why do you want a chair?

The bed is right over there...

I'm so used to sleeping during those damn chemistry lectures that now I only feel comfortable sleeping on chairs!

Word Search

IIT Professors

G X Q I H K U H N O N F O H M B L L Z U
Z N P A R E F P M N E R O Q A T P B S Z H
C A L M E N K V V O U Y V Y U E A M I R R
Z L Z O I F O S S N J W N A C Y C L I T
A K L A A M D D O N R Z T U R K X O G A N
Z G G K D Q A S R L E G H A B N X I D J
I H K B Z I N R W O Q N U T G R E E N W
F X D K C H N U B V G I H W R A K M O N
D A Q H O M F S A R X V O R E K H A R S
P B G J L K V P K N G R X Z B A R Z X M
Q Q K E D M W P A T I A P S S L A K G
F Z C X T Q S L T H G O C J N P K A K F
O S X Y T T P P U O F T A B I R F W U
M R D F I A E O C F B S Z Q G I Q I J H
X H E S K J U J L N J V U T F S Z N A F
E J W C K A L L E N D T Z V G I Q N R
J M I M I J L F W H Q R L C A N R J F M
C Z G C G C O K G H F J O Y A A D X B
N O S I R R O M M X D W T F T E D A K X
N L W N T S H L R D A Z A H F B S U K H

Professors

MORRISON
JOHNSON
KALLEND
LOCICERO
PIAGETE
DIX
RAM

GREEN
GORDON
ZAZI
IRVING
KASPRISIN
MAZAAWI
HANRAH

GINSBERG
LONGWORTH
KAPLAN
NOVAK
HALL
ZAZADINSKI
REMPFER

What's a man's idea of foreplay?
A half hour of begging.

TechNews Writers Needed!!!!

Get paid for the articles you write for the paper!
Start today, submit all articles to

technewsarticles@gmail.com
Despite tough winter training, IIT finishes strong at invitational

By Marina Hartung

January 19 (blind 14 marked the weekend of the University of Chicago invitational where IIT’s swim team posted the highest average score by taking many top finishes as well as qualifying many newly added to the National Meet. Both teams came in at 40th place. Overall National can be split down the middle past weekend in having four events, freestyle, butterfly, and backstroke.

The meet took place in the main pool in the University of Chicago. The second event was a team in the National meet March. From dusk until dawn, the meet was a success. The meet was a big win for the University of Chicago, placing first in the overall meet.

**Indicates a new national record**

**Student athlete spotlight:**

**Sarah Stone**

**Name:** Sarah Stone

**Year:** Sophomore (Political Science)

**High School:** Walden Hills

**Hometown/State:** Cincinnati, OH

**Events:** 200 IM, 400 IM, 100 fly, 100 back

**Biggest role model (general and why):** My grandmother is my biggest role model because she has raised six children on her own and did an amazing job and has an amazing family to show for it.

**Biggest role model in swimming and why:** My biggest role model in swimming and why she is important to me is my sister because she is always there for me and always pushing me to be my best.

**Favorite thing to do outside of swimming:** Running, reading, and painting

**What you think about Rob as a coach:** At times we have our differences, but good of the time he paces me to my place. I have really grown as an athlete through his training and experience.

**Favoriete memory of swimming on IIT team:** Florida my first year was amazing, we all had so much fun (besides my 4:30!)

**Your goals for the season:** Keep my 200 IM record under 2:40 and get more splits

**Favorite quote:** "The world is a better place and I'm not straggled in steps I should hold with care and my legs are too busy in the air."

**SCARLET HAWK ATHLETICS**

**This Week**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tuesday 1/24</th>
<th>Wednesday 1/25</th>
<th>Thursday 1/26</th>
<th>Friday 1/27</th>
<th>Saturday 1/28</th>
<th>Sunday 1/29</th>
<th>Monday 1/30</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Men’s Basketball</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Women’s Basketball</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Men and Women’s Swimming and Diving</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Last Week 1/17</th>
<th>Tuesday 1/17</th>
<th>Wednesday 1/18</th>
<th>Thursday 1/19</th>
<th>Friday 1/20</th>
<th>Saturday 1/21</th>
<th>Sunday 1/22</th>
<th>Monday 1/23</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Men’s Basketball</td>
<td>Lost Saint Xavier 83-51</td>
<td>Lost Saint Xavier 77-47</td>
<td>Lost Saint Xavier 83-51</td>
<td>Lost Saint Xavier 77-47</td>
<td>Lost Saint Xavier 83-51</td>
<td>Lost Saint Xavier 77-47</td>
<td>Lost Saint Xavier 83-51</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Women’s Basketball</td>
<td>Lost Saint Xavier 83-51</td>
<td>Lost Saint Xavier 77-47</td>
<td>Lost Saint Xavier 83-51</td>
<td>Lost Saint Xavier 77-47</td>
<td>Lost Saint Xavier 83-51</td>
<td>Lost Saint Xavier 77-47</td>
<td>Lost Saint Xavier 83-51</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Men and Women’s Swimming and Diving</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
<td>at I.U. South Bend 7 PM</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

University of Chicago Invitational - IIT

Top 3 Results:

- Women's: 1. Arika Bickel (200 Freestyle, 200 Backstroke, 200 Individual Medley)
- 2. Amy Bickel (200 Freestyle, 200 Backstroke, 200 Individual Medley)
- 3. Mimi Manges (100 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke, 200 Individual Medley)

For the IIT divers, however, the meet ended up well above par. IIT held its own, and its scores were above par compared to most of the other teams. For the swimmers, however, the team was more challenging in the freestyle events. The team's main concern was that they didn't want to risk a bad performance in the meet. The meet was a success, and the team's next goal is to prepare for the upcoming meet in March, where the team will face the University of Chicago.