Press Release
C&G submission
Chicago, April 11, 2006 — A $3.9 million bequest from the estate of Carroll K. Simonis was presented to Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) President Law Colins. The gift will establish the Carroll K. Simonis Scholarship, which will be the nation’s largest scholarship program for a single fraternity chapter. The donation will also fund maintenance and improvements to the Phi Kappa Sigma house and fraternity quadrangle.

Carroll Simonis was an inspiration to us all. Longevity, perseverance and a dogged pursuit of the ideals of fairness and justice through appropriate means and channels were his hallmarks,” said Daniel Latt, IIT’s Grand Alpha of the fraternity. “His generosity to Phi Kappa Sigma transmuted the bonds of monetary donation; every action he took in relation to the fraternity was based on his genuine love, caring, and compassion for its members, in history and those emblematic acts that make our fraternity unique and special.”

Simonis became a member of Phi Kappa Sigma in 1929 and had a life-long affiliation with the fraternity. He twice served as Alpha of Alpha Epsilon Chapter and was Chapter Advisor for 15 years following his graduation, and he provided leadership to the House Corporation for more than 60 years. Simonis was honored as the first recipient of the National Interfraternity Conference Silver Medal Award for a lifetime of distinguished service to youth through the college fraternity system, and he was also given the IIT Alumni Award of Merit in 1982.

Simonis, who died at the age of 96 in 2004, graduated from Armour Institute (now IIT) with a degree in mechanical engineering and worked for 33 years in the comptroller’s office at Illinois Bell Telephone Company. He served in the U.S. Army Signal and the Army Air Corps during World War II.

The Alpha Epsilon Chapter at Armour Institute was initiated into Phi Kappa Sigma on June 8, 1898, and was granted a charter in Alpha Epsilon Chapter. The members of the first fraternity at what is now IIT have kept the chapter active for more than 100 years, and the members are still centered on the IIT fraternity quad.

IIT students at Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium

CAURS Press Release
SUBMISSION
On Saturday April 1, 2006, the second annual Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium (CAURS) was held at the Chicago Cultural Center. With almost 100 student presenters and nearly 250 total attendees, the event was a huge success on all accounts and an improvement on last year’s event in all respects.

This year marked IIT’s first time participating in the event, thanks to Provost Myerson’s generous dedication of funds. The symposium gave an opportunity for dozens of IIT’s undergrads to present research to peers and faculty from the six participating schools (University of Chicago, Northwestern University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Loyola University, University of Illinois at Chicago, and DePaul University), in the form of poster sessions and oral presentations. Numerous cash awards were made, including six for best poster presentations, best oral presentation, and a grant for research to be presented at next year’s symposium. Among the winners were IIT’s own Jesse Collins with an award for best engineering, physics, or mathematics poster.

We have no doubt that next year’s symposium will be bigger and better in all respects. We also hope that the opportunities and awards CAURS provides will help stimulate more undergraduate students. It’s been taken too much to get involved, and the benefits, both personally and professionally are numerous; a sentiment shared by the hundreds of participants. We look forward to seeing CAURS grow for years to come.

Daniel Oliver, CAURS Intern-School Board

$3.9 million gift presented to Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity

IIT BASEBALL UP AND DOWN
 Scarlett Hawk Baseball seems to be experiencing an up and down season. The Scarlet Hawks prepare to face Robert Morris, Bethel and tournament competition this weekend.

SGA ELECTION RESULTS
 This past week students all across campus voiced their opinion for who they wanted to run for their new Student Government Association. The results are finally in!

9/11 TAPE PLAYED FOR JURY
 Just this past week, a cockpit voice recorder was heard publicly for the first time. Flight 93, which crashed into a field in Pennsylvania, had its voice recorder played during a trial.
By Lauren Joyce
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With only 24 days of stay required left in my college career, I have begun to look back upon my college career and what I have or have not done. I realize that although I have done a lot, there are things I have missed out on that would have made me a happier HITT student. Hence, I am going to share a list with all of you about what you should take the chance to do in college.

1. Take time out of your so-called "busy schedule" to hang out with friends.

Too often, we are not able to fully appreciate our friends because we have too much homework to do or we have another test to study for. Despite what many of us, including myself, dedicated students may believe, IT IS okay to blow off homework once in a while or postpone studying to bond with your friends. After college, a lot of people do not stay friends, but this could change if people would just socialize with one another.

2. On the first nice day of Spring, go outside.

Every year before this, I have stayed in my room doing homework because I did not want to fall behind in class. Other times, I thought I just had too much stuff to do. What happened? I missed out on a whole lot of fun as well as the first beautiful day of Spring. Although some of you may not view this as detrimental, it is. The first warm day of spring is when a lot of people drop any homework they are doing and go outside to enjoy the weather. I know personally there are even the people who take their homework outside just to enjoy the warmth of spring. It was not until this year, that I actually participated in dropping my homework. For all you who are freshmen, if you missed out this year, do not miss out next year. Drop what you are doing or take your homework outside. Either way, ENJOY THE WEATHER.

3. Make the most of your education.

All around campus, I hear people complain about how they do not like their major or their classes. Although some of it could be the environment of IT, a larger portion of IT's students unhappiness is their inability to make the most of their education. If you feel you are not getting what you are paying for, change your major or take another course. Action, not organization. Volunteer off campus. Go see a musical, play or open space town. Visit one of Chicago’s many museums.

It is not only about learning in the classroom, but it is also about learning outside of your university. It is about experiencing the environment around you. IT and the city have so much to offer that it is your own fault if you cannot find something to help you make the most of your education.

4. Take advantage of student discounts.

This is the one area I have always had trouble finding. If you happen to have a student ID at some college or the like, you should make sure you get your hands on that because a lot of people you know who were 30 years prior can remember what life was like in 2006. You can look back at some of the greatest years of your life.

7. Eat cookies (if you want!)

Want to know what I miss about the cafeteria? The cookies! My freshman year I had to eat them at every meal for dessert and now they are a precious commodity. I still buy them when I have a pass to eat in the cafeteria. You really can’t find these yummy cookies once you graduate so enjoy every one of them.

8. Learn as much as you can from these around you.

Even though we pay money for our education, you sometimes learn the most from your friends. You can learn more about calculus from your roommate and more about statistics from your professor. You can learn about people’s different cultures and ethnicities. These interactions can help you become a more well-rounded person. These relationships you forge can change your whole life. So get out and learn from everyone!

Now that I have given you a list to do in college, feel free to add more to it. This is only my list, and there is always possibility for growth. As we all prepare to take our next steps into the world, we should remember to enjoy college. So make your list, get out of your room and make the most of your college experience. Before you know it, college will be behind you and the real world awaits you so take advantage of everything around you.

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Illegal immigration demonstrators march in U.S. cities

By Rebekah Reid

Demonstrators fill the streets. Not just the downtown areas, but in cities all across the country. Nearly 70 U.S. cities will be filled with an estimated 1 million illegal immigrant supporters.

In Atlanta, the two-mile match supports immigrant rights on two fronts. Nationally, with an overhaul of immigration laws stalled in Congress, the demonstrators urge lawmakers to pass the 1 million illegal immigrants act legally. On state level, marchers protest the state legislature which now only represents the signature of Gov. Sonny Perdue. The law, if signed, would require adults to prove they are in the country legally before being granted an administrative benefit.

Following the demonstrations on Monday, 10 more states had similar rallies. Salt Lake City produced 20,000 on Sunday, more than expected, said police, and 50,000 marched in San Diego. Demonstrations were also held in Alabama, Oregon, New Mexico, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa and Idaho.

Universal health care bill passed in Massachusetts

By Victor Geharoy

The Massachusetts legislature has voted to offer health coverage to all residents. The historic bill passed overwhelmingly and Gov. Mitt Romney signed the bill into effect on Wednesday, April 13. (Reuters US, April 13, 2006)

New York and other states will be the first to provide such healthcare coverage. All state residents will be required to purchase health insurance by July 1, 2007.

The legislation provides subsidies to help low-income residents buy insurance. Companies with 11 or more employees will be required to help employees pay for insurance. To make the plan work, the bill offers a mix of penalties and subsidies to individuals. Employers who do not comply with the act will be fined. This means that the requirement will be penalized with a hefty fine.

The plan is expected to cover 450,000 uninsured people with seven years, about 95 percent of the state’s uninsured population. The bill creates a sliding scale of affordability based on individuals who can afford insurance versus others who cannot. About 315,000 residents will be covered by allowing businesses with 50 or more employees to pay into a state insurance pool. The bill also provides incentives to insurance companies for offering coverage at a lower cost. Subsidies will be available to help
citizens with incomes at or below 300 percent of the poverty level. The program will cost $2.6 billion over three years. In addition, the state surplus in 2006 will be only $125 million. The rest will come from federal funds and existing state funds. A new agency will administer the system.

For more information, contact the Massachusetts Health Care Access Agency at (617) 319-4646. The Massachusetts Health Care Access Agency is an independent, not-for-profit organization created by the Massachusetts legislature to provide health care to all Massachusetts residents.

Charges expected in Duke University rape case

By Justin Schenck

A lawyer for one of the lacrosse players accused of a rape says that he expects one of the members of the lacrosse team to be charged soon. Attorney Darrell Bullock in Miami, Florida, said that the district attorney’s office has been interviewing at least one of the men involved.

The Duke University is vigorously fighting these charges, and is divided against itself. Although the team’s actions have been widely criticized, the Washington, D.C. lawyer Bob Benenato to the defense of the reputation of the players and the university. As of this week, 50 of the 90 students on the lacrosse team have been suspended for the spring semester. The team and the school have been under fire by both the media and the public.

The coach of the lacrosse team has still maintained the allegations. The Duke Chapel had an informal vigil praying for healing in the Duke community. After the charges that the attacker was gang raped by the Duke lacrosse team surfaced, there were large protests across the campus.

Local News Briefs

By Justin Schenck

21 year old charged in six murders of relatives

A young man, Jesse Davis, confessed to the kidnapping and strangulation murders of his grandmother and five relatives in a small village in Pennsylvania’s Amish county, Lancaster County. His grandmother, who was the youngest relative, was only 5 years old. The owner of the home was in New York at the time, and prior to the murders had called 911. The man killed his mother and house with police to find all six people in the house dead. The suspect had been charged with six counts of murder.

$224M Powerball ticket sold in Missouri

Last Wednesday night, a Powerball ticket worth $224.2 million was sold in St. Louis, Missouri. The ticket was sold at a QuikTrip at 2791 Dunn Road. No winner had yet come forward. The woman is the largest ever in Missouri, and the seventh largest in Powerball history. The winnings will be paid in 30 installments over 29 years, or a lump-sum payment would be paid $102.8 million immediately before taxes. The winner has 60 days to decide on a payment option, and 180 days to claim the prize.

One missing in California mudslides

Violent storm rains drenched over six inches of rain on Northern California last week, triggering mudslides across the region. An elderly man was missing and buried somewhere in the mud. His home was hit by a slide that was 14 feet deep. The slide poured 500 yards. Two other rescue workers are searching for Mr. Walter Gould, who is 87 years old. The mudslides have also caused power outages, house evacuations, mountain damage, airport delays, and baseball game rain-outs.
Never before heard Flight 93 tape played in Moussaoui trial

By Shea Lemley  
TECHNEWS WRITER

Federal prosecutors last week played the Flight 93 cockpit voice recording for a jury. The tape, never before publicly played, was done so for the first time as part of an attempt to convince the jury to sentence Zacarias Moussaoui to death. Prosecutors told the jury to imagine that they were on the doomed Flight 93 as they played the tape.

The tape heard both passengers talking and the hijackers giving orders to the passengers. The hijackers, thinking they were talking to the passengers, railroaded saying they had a bomb on board. They continually told the passengers that they will not be hurt if they sit down. They alternated between telling the passengers to shut up and sit down and talking about their plan in Arabic amongst one another.

In the last moments of the doomed flight, the passengers attempted to take the plane back from the hijackers. The plane, which was headed to the U.S. Capitol, crashed into a field in Pennsylvania. As the passengers were grabbing the upper hand, the hijackers spoke in Arabic, asking if there was a fight, and if they should "put it down." The doomed passengers tried to regain control of the plane, saying "push up" and "pull down" as the steering yoke moved rapidly. Passengers are heard saying "Oh God!" and "I don't want to die!" as the plane descended. The last words on the tape amid crashing sounds are "Allah is the greatest" in Arabic.

Source: The Associated Press

Immigration 4000 incorrect SAT scores plague students

By Shea Lemley  
TECHNEWS WRITER

Last Wednesday, the College Board announced that a batch of its October SAT exams had been graded incorrectly. Although the 4,000 students affected by the error comprise less than 1 percent of test-takers, the issue raises concerns over the widespread use of college-entrance exams, state-level exams and other standardized tests. October's errors on the SAT follow similar issues in 2003 and 2004. Approximately 4,100 people were mistakenly told they had failed a teacher licensing exam, and 8,000 students in Minnesota were told they failed a state-wide high school graduation examination. Dozens missed their graduations. The SAT error was comparatively small, but it is a very visible and widely used test.

The error was discovered when several students requested hard-scoring, which is available at a fee of $50. A College Board spokeswoman, Jennifer Topel, said that "the vast majority" of incorrect scores were off by fewer than 100 points on the 2,400 points assessment. However, 16 scores were changed by 200 points or more, and for those students, finding out about the mistake by e-mail on Thursday may come as quite a surprise. Many students had to scramble to change their future plans and aims for less prestigious institutions. New York, Institute of Technology, where as many as 50 affected students may be headed, is reevaluating program placement and scholarship awards.

Some see the problem as an illustration of how the testing industry is not qualified or adequately equipped for the massive number of test-takers. Although letters and e-mails sent to students whose scores were affected described the error as a technical issue, Topel said the College Board is still investigating exactly what went wrong.

Source: Associated Press

The to-do list in Beth Hoyme's purse will never get done because a drunk driver convinced his friends he'd be fine.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.
On the Cheap: Ocean Buffet

By Justin Schenck

I don’t know about you, but every now and then, Kitchen won’t satisfy my Chinese food cravings. The reason may only be a misunderstanding of different Chinese food offerings. That’s right, last week, I was trying to get a Chinese Buffet. We normally get our Chinese food from takeout, but sometimes I feel like I’m finding instead of the Windows, I was Burgers, my idea was on us, and we headed to the Ocean Buffet. We found the price on the door. After all, for an ocean, can’t we also Chinese dinner fare around $8.70. For luck, it appeared to be $2 cheaper. A total under $10 is not bad and a good deal, so we headed in. The restaurant was a little small, as could be expected. There were three table-size tables with dinner food for us to choose from, and a few for sale.

The dinner food table included some traditional Chinese Buffets favorites such as Homefried Rice, Lo Mein, General Tao’s Chicken, a Mongolian Beef, and some of the side dishes (fried rice, steamed pork, vegetables, etc.). Greasyくん, they served Pepsi products as well, but not too bad. We looted several on our plates and headed off to Pepper Steak, which was great. Unfortunately, the General Tso’s Chicken was rather bland, with a very faint taste from any sauce on it. The Homefried Rice and Lo Mein were quite good, the Homefried Beef was tender, and the Mongolian Beef was awesome, and of course, the great chicken on a stick was good as always. Desert was limited to cheesecake, and we decided to stick with the Chinese Buffet dining; remember Ocean Buffet is cheap and great choice.

Ocean Buffet is located at 31 S.S. Abband Ave., in the same strip mall as the Dornick’s grocery store. You can reach them at 777-0520.

Chicago News Briefs

By Colin Emch-wei

HOW TO BE AN URBAN WARRIOR

There are two ways of looking at the future of America. One, if you’re a city-dweller, you’ll find the urban environment to be a complex, challenging, and exciting place. The other way of looking at the future is from a rural perspective. From this point of view, the urban environment seems much more daunting. The urban environment can be overwhelming, and the urban dweller can feel lost and isolated. However, if you’re willing to put in the effort, you can make the most of this challenging environment.

The urban environment offers a wealth of opportunities for personal growth. The diversity of people and cultures, the availability of educational and cultural resources, and the dynamic nature of urban life all contribute to a rich and rewarding experience.

However, it’s important to remember that being an urban dweller requires a certain level of adaptability and resilience. The urban environment can be stressful, and it’s essential to take care of yourself both physically and mentally.

In conclusion, while the urban environment can be challenging, it also offers endless opportunities for personal growth and innovation. If you’re willing to embrace the urban environment and put in the effort, you can make the most of this exciting and dynamic place.

Campus Antwar Network holds conference

Press Release

On Saturday, April 22nd, students from Campus Antwar Network (CAN), an organization that promotes education and awareness about Middle Eastern regional conference at 10K University of Chicago will hold a conference on the Middle East. The conference, titled “Understanding the Middle East,” will be held at 10K University of Chicago. The conference will bring together scholars, activists, and community leaders to discuss the complexities of the Middle Eastern region.

The conference will feature a keynote address by Dr. Samir Amin, a renowned scholar of the Middle East. Other featured speakers include Professor Reza Madadian, a leading scholar of Middle Eastern studies, and Professor Maryam Gharib, a scholar of Middle Eastern politics.

The conference will also feature a panel discussion on the role of women in Middle Eastern societies. Speakers include Professor Zainab Salbi, a leading advocate for women’s rights in the Middle East, and Dr. Susan Carabine, a scholar of Middle Eastern women’s rights.

The conference will conclude with a film screening of the documentary film “The Battle of Algiers.”

The conference is free and open to the public. Registration is required and can be done online.

Fire up the grill! Ribfest dates announced

Press Release

Northwestern is throwing out and getting ready for the largest worldwide cookout of the summer. The eighth annual Ribfest will be June 10th from noon to 10PM and June 11th from 8PM to 11PM on Lincoln Avenue from Irving Park to Foster.

The Ribfest will feature a variety of ribs from all over the United States. Ribbers will be on hand to cook the ribs to perfection.

The Ribfest will also feature a variety of music, including live performances from local bands and a variety of food vendors.

The Ribfest is free to the public, and all proceeds will benefit the United Way.

For more information, please visit www.ribfest.org.
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Missouri Historical Society
Sexual Awareness Month: ask the sexpert

By IIT Counselling Center

SUBMISSION

I was drunk and now I don't know if I had sex. What do I do?

A couple of issues come to mind here. First, depending on the circumstances, you may want to ask your partner what happened. If you knew with whom you spent the night and you felt comfortable enough, you could flat-out ask them what happened. You might feel embarrassed or awkward but what you find out might help you feel better or inform what you should do next.

If this happened recently, it would be smart to make an appointment for a gynecological exam at the Student Health Services or a clinic like Planned Parenthood. This might help determine if you did actually have intercourse and if it makes sense to be tested for pregnancy and/or Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs). Emergency Contraception (EC) is something to discuss with your healthcare provider. EC needs to be taken within 72 hours of unprotected intercourse to prevent pregnancy.

You might want someone to just listen to you. Consider talking to a close friend about what happened or if you don’t feel comfortable talking to someone you know or have been having difficulties surrounding the situation, consider talking to a counselor at the Counseling Center.

You may also want to think about your alcohol consumption and the effects alcohol has on you. In relatively small amounts alcohol can impair judgment and functioning and cause you to behave in ways you might not normally. You may also want to consider that your experience may have been non-consensual. It is possible that you were too intoxicated to give your consent or it is also possible that someone slipped a drug into your drink.

Date-rape drugs can render their victims physically helpless, unable to refuse sex and unable remember what happened. The drugs often have no color, smell, or taste and are easily added to flavored drinks without the victim's knowledge. There are common date-rape drugs are Gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB), Rohypnol (flunitrazepam/"rohypno"") and Ketamine (dextromethorphan).

"Date-rape drugs" can affect you quickly and the length of time they last varies and is dependent on the type of drug, the amount given and whether the drug was mixed with other substances, such as your drink. Alcohol can worsen the effects of some date-rape drugs.

Common effects of date-rape drugs include:

- Sedation
- Seizures
- Loss of consciousness
- Amnesia
- Delusions
- Problems breathing
- Low blood pressure
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Confusion
- Death

To protect yourself from being the victim of date-rape drugs:

- Don’t accept drinks from other people
- Keep your drink with you at all times, even when you go to the bathroom
- Don’t drink anything that tastes or smells strange. Sometimes, GHB tastes salty
- Have a non-drinking friend with you to keep an eye on you

If you think you have been drugged:

- Call Public Safety or go to the hospital or a police station immediately
- Get someone to come with you
- Have someone to stay with you and not go alone

The drugs leave your system quickly. Rohypnol stays in the body for several hours, and can be detected in the muscle for 72 hours after taking it. GHB leaves the body in 12 hours

Don’t urinate before getting help

Don’t douche, urinate, urinate clothes before getting help. These things may give evidence of the rape.

Finally, this type of thing happens more than we may realize. When drinking, feelings, values, desires and behaviors might get confused. Sometimes these experiences are fun and exciting but sometimes they can be scary or confusing. You may find it helpful to talk to someone about the incident even if you are not sure what happened. If any of these issues happen to you, you may be helped to talk things over with someone. Contact the Counseling Center at (312) 882-7312 to be put in touch with someone who won’t judge you and will be there to listen.

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http://www.goosallie.columbia.edu

SGA reform hits phase II; election results

By Student Government Association

PRESS RELEASE

April 16, 2006: Student Government Association (SGA) will hold its last General Assembly meeting of the semester in PH Auditorium at 6:15 PM on Tuesday, April 25th — a meeting which will welcome new members to the executive board, new constitutional reforms, and a new outlook on the future of SGA. During this meeting, the voting body will decide whether or not to adopt the second of two sets of constitutional amendments to restructuring SGA.

The first of these amendments, adopted at the February 21st meeting, created a more focused executive board with a more evenly divided workload and ensured unbiased judgment through creating a Judicial Board. This new amendment would introduce reform within the SGA voting body itself— focusing student interest through creating a student Senate and easing the allocation of funds through transferring Finance Board into Finance Committee. In conjunction, these two procedures would work to streamline SGA while simultaneously making SGA reflect the interests of all students as a representative government.

In addition to reform, SGA is still working to improve student life and promote student vocations on campus. As the April 11th meeting, a residence was unanimously adopted by the SGA voting body calling for voting rights for a student representative on the Undergraduate Student's Committee, a branch of the Faculty Council which controls the academic requirements of undergraduate programs.

Through the "On Campus" campaign, SGA has recently been able to bring Jamba Juice® and Ruby Tuesday onto IIT’s campus, temporarily improving the dining options for students and faculty alike.

Also, the “What do you want?” grass-roots initiative has been working to generate feedback about IIT and is shaping the goals of SGA for the next semester and for years to come. Overall, SGA is looking at fresh faces and a fresh future — and is finally proving to IIT that SGA really is “what you need.”

Do you get involved? Email sga@iit.edu or drop by the SGA office in the MTCC.

Election Results:

President: 1096

Postion: Winning Candidate (non), Candidate (non)

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Vice President of Student Life: Jessica Petros (317), Alex Zelenky (212), Abstained (62), Invalid (6)

Vice President of Academic Affairs: Arav Roy (549), Abstained (69), Invalid (3)

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THINK HISTORY IS A LITTLE SCARY?

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Campus research: Professor Ganesh Raman at FDRC

By Abhishek Gunduguri

This week, Tech News is with the MMAE department, to talk about Professor Ganesh Raman. This is another insight to our campus research from a professor who worked with NASA. Professor Raman worked on Dynamic Systems from 1987 to 1999, and came to IIT and started teaching in 1999. He graduated from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay with a Bachelor’s. He did his Master’s in Cleveland State University and then went on to Case Western Reserve University where he earned a Ph.D. in Mechanosurgery and Aerospace Engineering in 1991. He has been awarded the best paper of the year twice in 1996 and 1997. He was also presented with the ‘NASA certificate of recognition for the creative development of a technical innovation’. He is an Associate Fellow of the AIAA. He is also the editor-in-chief of International journal of Aero-sciences.

Professor Raman’s research interests are varied, mainly in the complex fields of Fluid dynamics dealing with shear flow control, random aerodynamics and flow-induced sound, physics of super sonic jets, developing active flow control devices, super sonic jet engines. The following are the questions Prof Raman answered to his interview.

Questions for Research on Campus

1. What research are you currently doing at the MMAE department?

He started off by giving a background. He said he was at NASA before coming to IIT. He said he is currently working on Fluid Dynamics and high-speed civil transportations, etc. He also had come to IIT in 1999. He added that FDRC department is doing research on the same area as he did in NASA that is flow control, aerodynamics (which for example deals with jet coming out of engine, noise. He said he had done research for Air force, Boeing, NASA DARWIN and by other organizations. He added that FDRC has in the basement of IIT a super sonic jet facilities and cavity flow. For example Cerevisia includes the wheels well on an aircraft, weapon bay etc. The facility provides very high aerodynamics which help in this research. He said they are also looking at cladding of joints which produces large dynamic pressure and thus lead to research on fatigue failures.

2. How many students are in your research work?

A couple of Ph.D. students, and occasionally a couple of undergraduates. The professor said most of it is experimental. He added that their goal is also to have a transition to practical applications.

3. Do these projects have a specific aim?

He explained the process of funding from organizations and companies like NASA. He said there would be a set of deliverables which are required from time to time. There is a report every month or two. Our students get opportunities to do research, go to conferences and present papers, etc. We have had students who won to conferences. He also offered to show the facilities in the lab.

4. What is your opinion on the Research facilities at IIT?

He said there are a lot of facilities which are created with funding. IIT provides the infrastructure. All instrumentation is purchased by research funding.

5. Does Galvin Library have good resources for research?

He talked about the Galvin library as being useful for general reference. There is also online library collection. Some of the old publications, some of them are still in their paper form. Galvin library helps in the fact that if a book is not present at IIT, they will request the book from another bigger library. He said they are heading to a virtual archive. That is becoming a trend. Most of this online. You need a license which you can get through the Galvin library.

6. What do you usually suggest to students who are interested in research?

Professor Ganesh said that if undergrad students are interested in research, what they have done in the past is that they have had undergrad research participants in projects. Undergrads usually help Grad students and the grad students will train the Undergrad students. They get an idea of what research is like. What I would suggest is gaining hands on experience which will give you a little of what to do later, help you decide about Grad school/Research work or job in the market.

7. Are there any requirements for a student to be a research assistant?

We look for students in good skill in the fundamentals, good foundation in math, being able to use MATLAB, LABVIEW, etc. If the student already has knowledge of this, they are better prepared.

8. Do you feel there are enough students who are interested in cutting-edge research at IIT?

He said “we have a lot of students interested, in the past, I had a lot of research funding, a lot of responses from students. It depends on how much funding a faculty member has.

9. What do you have to say about the IPR program at IIT?

Have you been a faculty advisor for an IPR? If yes, which IPR was it?

It’s a valuable experience and the main thing is when you enter the work force, the most problem you really ill need. The first thing to learn is how to define a problem. This is what has happened and this is what you have to do. Usually, it is an inter-disciplinary thing. IPR provides this thing. Same thing with sensory and with different skill levels similar to an IPR. IPRs provide a glimpse of this. The real world is uncertain, that is, it is not a textbook problem.

He said he had participated in teaching one IPR for which he was the co-advisor. When they were building the tube, the research was taking place on how much faster the building would make. They went with thick concrete for the building. How the IPR worked was, they made a big model and put loud speakers, acoustic smoke, saw how the sound propagated and checked the results. It was a very good sound production to the tube. This was 2000.

The applications were not really put in the building, but the IPR had to illustrate the use and study of a real life project.
Yahoo gets satellite maps

By Justin Schenck
COPY EDITOR

Google has had their satellite map service available for almost a year now, now Yahoo is entering the game. One of the biggest problems with Google's satellite maps is the lack of high resolution maps of many areas. Only large enough cities and certain locations seem to get the high resolution maps, while much of the maps show big blobs of blue. Yahoo maps has fixed that.

Yahoo's new satellite map feature shows the entire continental United States in the same resolution, one meter per pixel. One meter per pixel isn't very bad either, it's close enough to still see car's (not yet people like you can see if you check out Las Vegas on Google Earth). The beta version of Yahoo's Map service also has several other features. Like Google maps, there is a selection between map, satellite and a hybrid of the two. You can get directions and find locations on the map. Some features that Google doesn't have yet, however, is the ability to check traffic on major interstates, send a map to a phone or email it.

Something that may also be noticeably from Google maps is that the MTCC and SSV are shown as complete structures in Yahoo maps. Check it out at http://maps.yahoo.com/beta/, have fun exploring.

Bush administration considers mandatory data retention

By Justin Schenck
COPY EDITOR

A controversial idea of forcing Internet service providers to record their customers' online activities for future investigations is gaining ground in Washington D.C. Members of Congress also support the idea, saying that data retention measures are needed to help prosecute child pornographers. Some law enforcement officials are also lobbying for this legislation, saying it will help them prosecute crimes that happened a long time ago, past the time ISPs normally keep data.

Many privacy advocates and Internet service providers disagree with this policy. ISPs offer three reasons for their opposition to mandatory data retention: it is not clear who will be able to access the records of their customers' online behavior, it is not clear who will pay for the data warehouses to be constructed, and that it is not clear that police are hindered by current law as long as they respond quickly to investigations. Dave McClure, President of the U.S. Internet Industry Association, said "What we haven't seen is any evidence that the data would have been helpful, where the problem was not caused by law enforcement taking too long when they knew a problem existed." He also commented that this legislation is being supported under the guise of fighting child pornographers, but could also be used for any type of investigations, including tax fraud, terrorism, drug crimes, and copyright infringement. He said that the "agenda behind this doesn't appear to be legitimate."

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**SPORTS**

This week in Chicago sports

By Sachin Jain

The Bulls and the arrogant sunsets at home against the struggling Toronto Raptors. The Raptors have been playing terrible since losing star forward Chris Bosh to a sprained left thumb injury. The Raptors are now led by point guard Mike James who has been the team’s second leading scorer and leading assist man. The Bulls should have no problem winning this game as long they keep James under control and remain offensive minded throughout the game. The Bulls have gotten a big boost from the excellent play of both Andres Nocioni and Ben Gordon. Hopefully the win will be enough to lead the Bulls a spot in the playoffs.

The White Sox seem to have shrugged off their opening week losses and have started to look more like the defending World Series Champions. Although it’s still very early in the year, the White Sox major off-season pickup, Jim Thome, seems to be paying dividends, as he is playing phenomenal baseball, leading the team in RBIs and home runs. However, not everything is going well for the Sox as last year’s leadoff hitter, Scott Podsednik, is struggling mightily. His importance to the White Sox cannot be overstated because once he reaches base, it’s quite likely that he will steal a base and get into scoring position. By not leaving him able to steal base, the White Sox lose the spark that can provide at the beginning of the lineup.

This week the White Sox face off against two Central Division rivals in the Kansas City Royals and the Minnesota Twins. Neither team has started the year off particularly well, and thus should not give the White Sox too much trouble.

This week the Cubs moved to California to face a tough Los Angeles Dodgers team. The Dodgers come in as one of the most improved offenses in the National League and will be a tough test for the Cubs pitching staff. Later in the week the Cubs meet the St. Louis Cardinals for their second series of the season, only this time at Busch Stadium instead of Wrigley Field. The Cardinals will be looking for revenge as the Cubs swept the Cardinals a couple weeks ago. Instead of letting star first baseman Derrick Lee test free agency after this season, the Cubs helped make sure that they stay in town for at least five years by signing him to a $45 million dollar deal. This could turn out to be one of the Cubs best moves in years. Although they still remain on the 15-day DL, Mark Prior and Kerry Wood are making excellent progress. Prior will continue to throw bullpen sessions while Wood will begin pitching simulated games. The Cubs hope to have Kerry Wood back by the end of April, and Mark Prior by mid-May.

**IIT baseball garners wins and suffers losses**

By Matt Helland

**SPORTS EDITOR**

Coming off a winless weekend in which the Hawks lost three of four from non conference opponents Indiana Northwest and the University of Chicago, the Hawks returned to conference play on Tuesday. The Hawks struggled in their first game against Trinity Christian, but managed to beat Catholic 19-7 at home on Thursday and pace together a late inning rally against Trinity on Friday.

**IIT 8 TCU 14**

The Hawks got off to a fast start against the Trinity Christian Trojans, scoring three runs in the top of the first inning. Walks to Dennis Poyork and Greg Albritt started the rally and two-out singles by Joe Carden and Mike Erickson helped the scoring. The Trojans answered the Hawks three runs in the first by scoring three of their own in a three run bottom of the first run by Van Byrnum.

First baseman Garrett Nation gave the Hawks a 4-3 lead in the third with a blast over the right field fence. Unfortunately, the Hawks were only able to hold the lead for a half inning. In the bottom of the third the Trojans exploded for six runs, all coming with two outs.

Van Byrnum added another three run homer in the inning, and the Hawks found themselves looking at a 12-4 deficit. IIT scored a few runs late in the game, but it proved to be too little too late as the Hawks fell 14-3.

Carden and Nation had the seasons with three hits each.

**Scorecard**

IIT 8

TCU 14

Last in the week, the Trojans visited IIT for their second game, in four days. The Trojans took an early lead, scoring a single run at the second inning against Briner Schild,

A solo home run by Ross Hiler in the bottom of the inning tied the score. The Hawks fell behind 6-3 in the fourth after Van Byrnum hit a third three run home run against IIT. Freshman James Dodd took in to relieve Scariano with two outs in the fourth and gave the Hawks one of its best pitching performance of the season. Dodd would toss the final five plus innings, giving up only a handful of hits while striking out six.

While Dodd was doing his work on the mound, the Hawks bats started to heat up with runs in the seventh and eighth to tie the score at six. With the game tied at 6-6 in the bottom of the ninth, Joe Carden stepped to the plate and delivered a blast that cleared the left field fence, giving Carden his second home run in as many days, and Dodd the victory.

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**SCARLET HAWK ATHLETICS**

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