A letter from our SGA President

By Jason Tenenbaum

Fellow Students,

I am writing to call for a Special Meeting of the Student Government Association on Tuesday, February 7, 2006. The special meeting will immediately follow a shortened regular meeting scheduled to start at 9:15 PM and serve to the purpose of informing and discussing the Constitutional Amendments on SGA Reform that will be introduced during the regular meeting.

The amendments will eventually be sent to the SGA Advancement Committee, myself, and many other students of IIT. People present have done to develop a stronger, more efficient, and more effective Student Government. I urge you to make every effort possible and to encourage others to attend this meeting.

Sincerely,
Jason Tenenbaum
Student Body President
Student Government Association

First, but not last: honored at Armour

By Alliash Love

Charles W. Pierce, on June 19, 1961, received the very first Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering awarded by the Armour Institute of Technology (now the Illinois Institute of Technology). Not only was he the first student to receive this degree from Armour Institute, Mr. Pierce is very likely the first black graduate of the Armour Institute, and one of the first black American chemical engineers in the United States.

His legacy is an inspiration to all students that face the challenges of diversity and the opportunity we should embrace it.
SGA special meeting

When: February 7, 2006
(following short regular SGA meeting)

Where: Go to the meeting and find out

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By Colin Ench-Uei

I understand how many of you might think that I am the world's biggest football fan, but I assure you that I am not. If there is a football match being played anywhere in the world, I will watch it. I love the game, I love the players, I love the atmosphere, I love the whole experience. But when it comes to watching a football match, I am the person who is always sitting at the back of the stadium, laughing at the players' mistakes, and enjoying the game as much as the next person. So why do I continue to watch football matches? Because it's something I enjoy, and it's something that I want to do. But I will tell you one thing: I don't enjoy watching football matches the way that you do. I don't enjoy watching football matches as much as you do. I don't enjoy watching football matches as much as you do.
The world can’t and shouldn’t give in to militant Islam

By Justin Schenck
COPY EDITOR

Most of you have probably heard of the Liars about the cartoons published by a Danish newspaper. If you haven’t, I’ll bring you up to speed. Some cartoons were published in Denmark’s Jyllands-Posten newspaper in September. They satirized the beliefs of Islam and depicted the prophet Muhammad in an unflattering way. One of the more offensive cartoons showed Muhammad wearing a turban shaped as a bomb with a burning fuse. A group of Danish imams in Copenhagen, starting with Abu Laban, decided to use these to incite riots.

Abu Laban is a 60 year old Palestinian who traveled the Middle East to discuss the issue of the cartoons with other prominent Muslim leaders. In his booklet, he also included thirteen other cartoons of Muhammad that were highly offensive that were not published by Jyllands-Posten. These three cartoons were completely fabricated by Abu Laban’s delegation. Two of the faked cartoons that were made solely to incite riots depict the prophet with a pig face and a Muslim being raped by a dog.

The reactions to these cartoons have been rather extreme. Mass protests have erupted across the Muslim world and amongst Muslim populations in European countries, notably Denmark and Great Britain. A look at the Associated Press photo shows that the signs of these protests have also been rather offensive. One sign in Turkey showed the Star of David on fire. Danish and Norwegian flags are being routinely burned. Signs in Britain read “This is the beginning of the end for you disbelievers”, “Be prepared for the real Holocaust”, “Behead those who insult Islam”, “Europe, take some lessons from 9/11”, “Europe is the cancer, Islam is the answer”, “Free speech go to hell”, and “Exterminate those who slander Islam.”

Militant Islamist organizations have also begun to issue threats. The terrorist group Hezbollah announced that it is preparing suicide bombers to attack Denmark and Norway. An imam in Kuwait, Naamen Al-Masbah, said that those who published the cartoons should be murdered. He also threatened death to the citizens of the countries where the cartoons have been published. Mullah Krekar, the alleged leader of Ansar al-Islam, said that the cartoons were a declaration of war, and that Muslims in Norway are ready to fight. Protesters have rallied on Osama bin Laden to avenge Muhammad. Sheikh Abu Sharif, spokesman for the Othber al-Amir group, said that he will not be satisfied with protests; the only solution is to slaughter those responsible. Even further than the threats and protesting is the physical rioting. The Danish embassy in Syria has been torched. The Danish consulate in Beirut has been torched as well. Other Danish consulates and embassies have been evacuated for safety purposes. Protesters in Beirut have begun stoning Maronite Catholic churches and Christian owned property. It is certainly understandable why a Muslim would be offended by these cartoons. The cartoons were deliberately made to be offensive. I have no problem with people being offended by the cartoons, and I certainly don’t condone the message sent in the cartoons. I do have a problem with the attempts to stifle the press by the militant Islamic groups. Protests are fine. Even protests with such vile signs as these are fine—there is a reason we value freedom of speech. However, cross the line when people start to burn down buildings and rain suicide bombers. The hypocrisy of the militants is also blatant. On all of these Danish flags they are burning, there is a crucifix. The Middle East publishes anti-Jewish cartoons constantly. These people don’t seem to care when they’re insulating millions of people that believe in a different God than they do. It’s all a progression to institute Sharia law in the Western world. I do not believe that all Muslims are like these radicals. There is a big error in assuming that those who are showing the loudest are the most representative.

Speaking of those Danish flags, political columnist Charles Moore has an interesting theory about that. He said that last time he was in Palestine, there didn’t seem to be a lot of Danish flags for sale. However, when the riots started, they had tons of them to burn everywhere. He continues to investigate the fact that this “spontaneous” outrage doesn’t seem to be so spontaneous at all. Charles Moore claims that the flames of outrage were lit by well-organized militant Muslims who wanted others to be furious. He’s right when he says that figuring out how this all started would be a great piece of investigative journalism.

I am very worried by the trend against the press seen in the wake of these riots. Many papers have now refused to print the cartoons. CNN ends every one of its articles about the cartoon rows with “CNN has decided not to print the cartoons out of respect for Islam.” This is an admirable trait. However, CNN has had no qualms about printing a controversial ad depicting the Virgin Mary nude of elephant dung and female genitalia. CNN is not refusing because they respect Islam; it is because they fear militant Islam. Continuing to bow down to destructive thugs like those who burned the embassy in Syria will only give them more power. These people are working to roll back freedoms in the West to make every Western state a sharia following totalitarian wasteland. The state run Al-Assad in Syria said that it was unjustifiable “under any kind of personal freedoms to allow a person or a group to insult the beliefs of millions of Muslims.” This is obfuscation wrong, and the idea I fight against. We can not have a free society without a free press.

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For the Win
The best things that could happen to you on your 21st birthday

5. All-expense paid trip to Las Vegas
4. Visit to the Bahamas
3. A leg mysteriously appears in your bedroom.
2. Palst goes out of business.
1. The Jagerbus is in town!

For the Lose
The worst things that could happen to you on your 21st birthday

5. The person you wake up next to is the wrong gender, and his or her name is tattooed on your butt.
4. Any circumstance in which your ID ends up confiscated.
3. “This is public safety. Open the door.”
2. Getting on AIM. Period.
1. Prohibition is reinstated.

Cutting through the red tape
Part 2: The IIT Payroll System

Coming next week:

By Smit Baviishi
TECHNEWS WRITER

This week, Ben Bernanke takes over the reins at the US Federal Reserve Bank as Alan Greenspan retires. This will mark the end of a remarkable era in world economics. As the Chairman of the US Federal Reserve Bank, Alan Greenspan has been at the helm of the US economy for 18 years, making him one of the most powerful men of our times. The stock markets have a unique way of testing new blood at the Federal Reserve. For instance on Oct. 19th 1987, just two months after Greenspan’s confirmation, the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped by 24.39% on a single day. The economy was in turmoil due to overvaluation, illiquidity and market psychology. But luckily Greenspan’s famous “Fed stands ready to provide all necessary liquidity” quote helped calm the nerves of banks and security dealers and hence averting a major disaster. His “irrational exuberance and unduly escalating stock market” quote led to the stocks fall by 3.2%. This is a classic example of how his words not only affected the US economy but rather the world economy.

While the majority of his tenure has gone by uneventfully, Greenspan did make a few controversial moves. This includes his handling of the stock market bubble of the late 90s and his endorsing of President Bush’s budget cuts in 2001 which has played a major role in today’s budget deficit. He is also accused for talking in a very unique “Greenspan” lingo and making contradictory statements during congressional testimonies which has often led to confusion in the markets. On a lighter note, a stock trader from New York accused Greenspan of making the market “too predictable and boring.” Whatever one might think of Greenspan, one fact remains that he will probably be acknowledged as the world’s greatest economic mind even by generation and under him America saw two decades of unparalleled growth and prosperity.
Alito in as new Associate Justice

By Justin Schenck
COPY EDITOR

A white back, I wrote an article about the fight that was crowing in Washington D.C. about the nomination of Judge Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court of the United States. It's finally come to an end — but not without much consternation in Congress. There was great speculation as to whether the vote to confirm would be filibustered by the Democratic minority in the Senate. Senators John Kerry and Ted Kennedy said they planned to filibuster, and would lead the filibuster against the vote for cloture. Sen. Kerry said that Judge Alito "would actively work to erode civil rights, discrimination, and privacy protections." The filibuster failed, as the Senate voted 72-25 to end debate and send the nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States. He was sworn in less than two hours after the vote, and sat with the rest of the Justices up front at the State of the Union speech that night.

Postal Rampage in California

By Shea Lempley
COPY EDITOR

Jennifer San Marco, a former postal worker, went on a murderous rampage last Monday, killing an ex-neighbor, several former co-workers, and herself. Her attack began between 7:15 and 8:15PM in the condominium community where she lived over two years ago. The first victim, a former neighbor with whom she argued frequently, was linked to the other killings on Wednesday by forensic evidence. Just before 9 PM Monday, San Marco arrived at the Santa Barbara Processing and Distribution Center where she shot and killed six co-workers before turning the gun on herself.

At this point in the investigation, police are unsure whether victims were targeted or chosen at random. All but one of the victims was female, and most came from minority groups. According to Jeff Tabala, a former postal worker, three of the victims were black, one was Chinese-American, one was Hispanic and one was Filipino. While employed by the postal service, San Marco made numerous racial comments, many of them especially harsh toward Asians. In New Mexico, where she relocated in late 2003, San Marco tried to register a business venture known as "The Racists Press." San Marco, 44, had a history of mental illness. Before seeking early retirement from the postal service because of psychological problems, she spent 72 hours in a Santa Barbara mental hospital in 2003. Before the hospitalization, "She seemed to be having conversations and there wasn't anyone around her. She'd just be jabbering away," recalled Tabala. "It was pretty unsettling."

San Marco was the first female former postal employee to go on a rampage. More than 50 people have been killed since 1986 by current or former postal employees, leading to the term "gazelle pileup" for displays of unrestrained aggression or anger. Sources: Reuters.com Associated Press

Massive heroin bust seizes puppies

By Justin Schenck
COPY EDITOR

A drug bust involving heroin trafficking from Columbia to the United States had a huge twist recently when the DEA discovered a drug lab being run by a veterinarian who was using puppies as transport heroin. The Colombian drug lab involved puppies being surgically implanted with liquid heroin. Investigators say a veterinarian stitched a total of three kilograms of heroin into the bellies of six dogs. Three of the dogs died from infections after the heroin was removed. Over thirty arrests were made. More than twenty of the arrests were in Colombia by DEA operatives, and the other ten were in New York, Florida, and North Carolina. The DEA officials also seized about 24 kilograms of heroin. The drug ring was also supplying heroin to humans that swallowed the drugs, body cream, aerosol cans, and the lining of purses and luggage. According to the U.S. government, Columbia is the world's leading cocaine cultivator, supplying about 90% of the U.S.'s cocaine. Columbia also is a very important supplier of heroin to the United States. President Uribe of Colombia was actively working with the DEA to cut down on the country's drug production. He has launched many aerial attacks to destroy drug crops. Source: The Associated Press, CIA World Factbook

Human Wins Majority in Palestine

The people of Palestine have won a majority of 76 to 132 seats in the expanded Palestinian Parliament. The main reason for this success was the former leading party, Fatah. Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Mahmoud Querida and his Cabinet resigned after the announcement. This makes questions for many nations, among them: What will Hamas do next? and Who do we support now? Many nations are debating in this time of uncertainty. Both the US and Israel have expressed concerns that they will not support a terrorist regime. -ReutersOnline

Busted Driving is Drunk Driving

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nhtsa people saving people

World News Briefs

By Shea Lempley
COPY EDITOR

Update on Condition of Ariel Sharon
Israel Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who suffered a massive stroke less than a month ago, remains in critical but stable condition. According to a press release, Sharon, still in a coma following surgery, had a feeding tube inserted into his stomach Wednesday. The absence of his voice from the floor for the March 8 election confirmed Sharon's departure from the Middle East political scene, although President Jimmy Johnson told Obama this has promised to continue Sharon's goal of peace with the Palestinians.

Billion in Aid for Afghanistan

An aid conference of more than 60 nations met last week to discuss support for the Afghan people. The goal of the meeting was the Afghanistan Compact, a five-year plan to improve conditions in the war-torn country. The US has appropriated more than $55 billion over the last three years, and plans to contribute $11 billion next year. More than $25 billion has been pledged by other nations, but for no one had the amount been disbursed. The Afghanistan Compact aims to establish democracy, encourage economic growth, eliminate the last threats and illegal armed groups, and build a national army.
Novel therapeutic invention: inhalable insulin

By Victor Gaharay

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved an inhalable form of insulin last Friday for patients with diabetes. Insulin injections first became commercially available in the 1920's and the new scientific breakthrough offers an alternative to millions who are forced to take insulin injections daily. The rapid acting inhalable insulin named Exubera, manufactured by pharmaceutical giant Pfizer, Inc. provides an option for those who are reluctant to take daily injections.

The number of diabetic patients has increased in an alarming manner in recent years. According to a study done by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the number more than doubled from 1980 through 2003 in the U.S. 40% of the patients are 65 or older. There are about 21 million diabetics in the U.S. and five million of them need daily insulin injections.

The American Diabetes Association estimates that almost 15 percent of patients do not take injections or pills as prescribed. As a result, many of them end up in hospitals for poor control of blood sugar. Over half a million patients were hospitalized for life threatening elevated blood sugar in 2002.

How do we get flowers? Most of the food we eat is broken down into glucose and our body uses it for energy. Insulin, a hormone made by the pancreas, helps glucose get into the cells of our bodies. Blood sugar builds up if our body does not make enough insulin or cannot produce its own insulin. This is known as diabetes and can cause cardiovascular complications including kidney failure, nerve damage, blindness, heart disease, and it is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S.

There are two types of diabetes: type 1 category classification is for patients who cannot make their own insulin and type 2 for patients not able to make enough insulin. Healthy eating, exercise, and blood glucose testing are basic therapies for type 2 patients. Some type 2 patients also require oral medication, insulin injection, or both to control their blood sugar levels. 5%-10% of diabetic patients are type 1 and they require insulin injections daily to live.

Many type 1 patients require multiple injections daily and it is extremely cumbersome for many to go through this routine everyday. Most of the patients take both long acting and short acting insulin injections to control their blood sugar levels. Short acting insulin injections are taken at mealtimes to control elevated blood sugar following food intake and long acting agents provide coverage to control blood sugar throughout the day. Compliance with this routine is a major problem with many diabetic patients.

For years, scientists have been researching on other forms of insulin to manage the disease. Insulin pills are not an option since it is not absorbed and cannot reach the blood supply.

The new product: Exubera, a human form of insulin can be inhaled from a device about the size of a flashlight that contains a cloud of powdered insulin into the lungs. It has been tested in approximately 2500 adult patients and peak insulin levels are reached at 45 minutes compared to 105 minutes with short acting insulin injections known as "regular" insulin. The new inhaled formulation can eliminate the need for short acting insulin injections. However, many patients will still require injections of long acting insulin, since the inhaled form is short acting.

Because of safety concerns, the product was not tested in children. Pfizer, does not recommend its use in children, smokers or patients with lung disease, such as, asthma or emphysema. Baseline lung function tests are recommended prior to its use and report sheets should be done every 6-12 months.

The appropriate inhalation technique is extremely important for successful use of the product since only about 80% of inhaled insulin actually makes it into the blood stream. The physicians will be required to distribute medication guides to achieve optimal use of Exubera.

Side effects reported in clinical trials included cough, hoarseness, dry throat as observed in the use of inhalation products used for other illnesses. However, shortness of breathing was reported in few patients in the trials. Thus, some doctors have concerns over the long term effect of Exubera on the lungs. Pfizer has committed to conduct post-marketing studies to ensure long term safety of the product.

The product will be available in the U.S. pharmacies in the summer of 2006. Financial analysts have estimated that its sales could easily reach over $1 billion within a few years and to $2 billion a year by 2010. Lilly, another pharmaceutical giant is currently conducting trials on another version of inhalable insulin.

This new option is great news for many diabetics who cannot take injections for one reason or another.

Press Release

Governor's Environmental Corps Summer Internship Applications Now Being Accepted

By Illinois EPA

SPRINGFIELD --- Governor Rod Blagojevich and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency announced today that applications will now be accepted, through March 24, for this summer's 2006 Governor's Environmental Corps (GEC) internship program. The application can be downloaded from the Internet.

"Since 1991, the GEC program has provided a real hands-on learning experience for more than 500 college undergraduates or graduate students," said Illinois EPA Director Doug Scott. "Students in such fields as engineering, geology, chemistry, biology, communications and law have gone on to careers in the environmental field and their contributions also energize our own staff members each summer."

The program is a unique partnership between state government and Illinois corporations whose sponsorship contributions pay the salaries and expenses of the college students who participate in the nine-week program, which will run this year from June 5 through August 4, with up to 50 students participating expected. Salaries have been set at $1205 per month.

The majority of selected students will be matched with staff mentors in Springfield, where Illinois EPA's headquarters, organic laboratory and regional environmental offices are located. However, limited positions will also be available in regional offices in Charleston, Peoria, Rockford, Champaign, Col
dines and Marion.

Students are assigned agency mentors in their area of environmental interest and obtain hands-on meaningful contributions to the regulatory and compliance assistance operations of Illinois EPA. In addition to their work experience in a professional office setting and field operations, GEC interns also participate in regular field trips that provide them a first hand knowledge of current environmental challenges and solutions.

Interns stationed in the Springfield area who enjoy working with children can also serve as volunteer instructors in the Junior Governor's Environmental Corps, an environmental awareness and education program that reaches hundreds of six-to-twelve-year old in central Illinois each summer at camps and other venues.

Applications can now be downloaded from the Illinois EPA's website at www.epa.state.il.us or you can contact Rochelle DeRochet at 217/782-9560.

American Diabetes Association

Central Illinois Chapter

www.diabetes.org/illinois/aboutus/whoweare/centralil.html

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Winner of a top prize at the Disney magazine competition for women in 1970, relatively unknown in the 1970's. She is a life long friend of Walt Disney and has been a frequent contributor to his various projects. She will return to her career in June on March 20th.

Gay bar attacker on the loose

A young man and his wife have taken the lead in a 1970's investigation of a gay bar in New York. The man and his wife, who were both in a relationship with a gay man, have been involved in a series of attacks, and have been involved in numerous investigations. Upon a search of their home, they found Nazi paraphernalia and anti-Semitic writings.

Seventh grade investigated by Secret Service

A teacher at a grade school in Wester park, Rhode Island assigned a seventh grade English class a project to write about the students who would do on a perfect day. A seventh grade boy wrote that he wanted to commit violence against President Bush, Oprah Winfrey, and executives of the Coca-Cola and Wal-Mart companies. The teacher, who was looking for ways to educate students in the Secret Service program, The Secret Service is investigating, Thomas M. Powers, a Secret Service agent who said that there was no proof that the boy had not been involved in such activities.

Source: The Associated Press

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**FEATURE**

Coretta Scott King leaves legacy after death

By Alliasha Love

On January 31, 2006, civil rights leader Coretta Scott King, beloved wife of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., died at the age of 78.

Mrs. King, as did her husband, leaves a legacy of social reform from civil rights to women's rights, to the abolition of apartheid in South Africa. She spent her life fighting and overcoming struggle for the benefit of humanity.

Mrs. King grew up in rural, segregated Alabama. She graduated at the top of her high school class and went on to study education and music at Antioch College in Ohio.

With aspirations of becoming a singer, Mrs. King moved to Boston to attend the New England Conservatory of Music, where she earned a degree in voice and violin, and also met her future husband while he was a graduate student of philosophy. They married in 1935, in a ceremony led by Reverend Martin Luther King Sr., Dr. King's father. Together, Dr. King and his wife built a strong family unit and worked together tirelessly in a social movement that shaped our history.

What began as a Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott quickly grew into a civil rights movement that was televised throughout the world. Despite the overt brutality that African Americans faced in their struggle against poverty, racial injustice, and war, Dr. King maintained the advocacy of non-violent civil disobedience.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in April of 1968, but his work lived on through his wife and the hearts and minds of those that believed in his message of peace.

In 1969, Coretta Scott King published her first collection of her husband's sermons, *My Life with Martin Luther King Jr.* Every year, the American Library Association's Ethnic Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) presents the Coretta Scott King Book Award to a black American author and illustrator for exceptional and inspirational contribution to the areas of literature and graphic arts.

In 1974, Mrs. King founded the Full Employment Action Council, a coalition of over 100 religious, civil, business, labor, and women's rights organizations committed to creating and supporting national policies for equal economic opportunity and employment.

In 1981, Mrs. King founded the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change in Atlanta.

In 1983, she marked the 100th anniversary of Dr. King's historic March on Washington, by leading a gathering of more than 800 human rights organizations, the Coalition of Conscience, in the largest demonstration the city of Washington D.C. had seen up to that time.

In 1985, Mrs. King and three of her children were arrested at the South African embassy in Washington, D.C. for protesting against the system of racial segregation in that country. A decade later, Mrs. King stood with Nelson Mandela in Johannesburg as he was sworn in as President of South Africa.

Mrs. King also led the campaign to establish a national holiday in honor of her husband, a bill signed by former President Reagan and first observed on January 20th, 1986. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday is annually celebrated in over one hundred different countries. In 1995, Mrs. King was invited by President Clinton to witness the historic handshake between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Chairman Yasir Arafat at the signing of the Middle East Peace Accords.

Among her many other commitments, Mrs. King served on the board of directors of the National Organization for Women and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and remained a staunch advocate of human rights throughout her life.

Coretta Scott King is survived by her four children, Martin Luther King III, Dexter Scott, Yolanda Denise, and Bernice Albertine; one sister, Edythe Scott Boyking; and her brother, Obie Leonard Scott. She remains an inspiration to many around the world.

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win an iPod nano

take the IIT student technology survey and register to win one of three iPod nanos to be awarded

check your IIT email for the link

sponsored by TechNews and the Office of Technology Services
Night Owl Computer Lab
in the Commons

- Late-night study spot for students
  (IIT ID required for entry)
- Check-out a laptop
  (IIT student ID & matching photo ID required*)
- Printing
- Wireless Internet

Open 7 Nights a Week
11:00pm - 6:00am

*Matching forms of photo ID may include: passport or state-issued driver's license/identification card*
What’s in a name: why black is beautiful

By Allisah Love

Black History Month began as Negro History Week in 1926, under the leadership of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a scholar who had earned a Ph.D. from Harvard University. Dr. Woodson created Negro History Week in an effort to acknowledge the achievements of Black men and women, who, until that time, had been ignored in American history books and studies as valued contributing members of society.

Dr. Woodson chose the month of February to pay tribute to Black Americans because the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln are during this month. Both of these men greatly influenced Black history. Dr. Woodson’s Negro History Week has since blossomed into the Black History Month of today.

The term “African-American” does not accurately describe Black Americans. There are multitude of races and cultures on the continent of Africa, including white Africans. The name “Africa” itself comes from the name of an Italian map maker called Leo Africanus. To use the term African-American to identify Black Americans only is misleading.

The term “black” has long been a distinguishing factor used to describe people whose heritage can be traced to include darker people of the earth. The term “black” carries with it a negative stigma rooted in racism. In the 1960’s, however, Black Americans took the term that was once used to designate them, and reversed its meaning into the inspiration that “black is beautiful.” The Black Power Movement and Civil Rights Movement which challenged racism, poverty and injustice, sparked changes around the world.

The color black encompasses all colors, just as the multicultural diversity of Black people encompasses all races. Most Black Americans are a mixture of several races and heritage, not all exclusively from Africa.

The mystery, pain, and darkness of a past that many have tried to destroy and many would like to forget are rooted in the term black. The infinite future and possibilities of some, who haven’t even an inkling of insight into their potential, is rooted in the term black, as for them it is unknown.

Mass media, television and film industries for years have shown the world an image stereotyping Black people as lazy, ignorant and worthless. Though the characterization is undeserved, unearned, dispelling the myth as Dr. Woodson has endeavored with Black History Month, is the challenge of all educators of the Black Diaspora.

Science and technology black inventor’s time line more to come next week...

By Allisah Love

1492 - A black navigator, Pedro Alonso Niño, travels with Christopher Columbus’s first expedition to the New World.

1789 - A solar eclipse, accurately calculated to the date by Benjamin Banneker, took place on April 13.

1791 - Benjamin Banneker publishes the first almanac by an African-American and is appointed by President George Washington to help survey Washington D.C.

1793 - Eli Whitney invents the cotton gin, which makes cotton cultivation on a huge scale possible in the South and thus greatly increases the need for slaves, whose numbers skyrocket.

1821 - Thomas Jennings invents the dry cleaning process.

1830 - Norbert Rillieux became an instructor of applied mechanics at the L’Ecole Centrale at Paris at the age of 24. Rillieux developed the theory of multiple-effect evaporation and revolutionized the sugar industry with his refining process.

1834 - Henry Blair is the first African American to receive a patent, for a cotton-planting machine.

1867 - Alexander Miles invents the elevator.

1872 - W.A. Lavallette invents the printing press.

1874 - Lewis Howard Latimer patented a closed, pivoted bottom to the usual open-end water closet in railroad cars.

1876 - A patent for the telephone was issued to Alexander Graham Bell. Lewis Howard Latimer, Bell’s assistant, executed the drawings and assisted in preparing his descriptions required to prepare the applications for the telephone patent.

1878 - E.H. Dickinson invents the player piano roller mechanism.

1880 - Powell Johnson invents eye protector glasses.

1881 - Lewis Howard Latimer and Joseph N. Nichols received a patent for their electric lamp, which dealt with the method of making carbons or connecting them to the metal wires in the lamp.

1882 - Peyton Johnson invents the swinginging chair.
On the cheap: Big Daddy's

By Colin Emch-wei

The scene: four hungry college students sitting around a coffee table, trying to decide what to eat. For the most part, the same four guys don't want to spend money, because they're probably going to spend it on "books" or whatever the heck else students spend money on. Luckily, On the Cheap was there for the rescue.

Pizza is the quintessential cheap food. It takes almost no skill to make, requires little knowledge of cooking, and is usually in abundance. It's almost a natural occurrence in these parts. Once somebody figures out a way to capitalize on that, we despair.

There are a large number of places to get this collegiate staple. A few weeks ago, we covered Basil Pizza, the home of the famous pizza slice of pizzas and pop. Until recently, I believed that there was no pizza slice better than the one from Basil Pizza. However, I recently stumbled upon a small hole-in-the-wall joint near our dorm that gives the slice from Basil Pizza a run for the money. It's here that we're finding a way to capitalize on the success of the pizza slice.

I'm referring to no Big Daddy's.

Anybody who has driven down State Street has passed by this tiny pizzeria. It is nestled in a row of other, much larger businesses. In fact, it is overshadowed by the famous State Tavern, one of the largest and most popular pizza joints in the area. However, Big Daddy's has a loyal following of regulars who come in every day to enjoy their homemade pizza.

The pizza itself is simple but delicious. The crust is thin and crispy, with just the right amount of chewiness. The sauce is slightly sweet and tangy, with just a hint of garlic and basil. The cheese is melted to perfection, with just a bit of gooeyness that makes it stick to your mouth.

The prices are also very reasonable. A large pizza costs just $8.99, which is much cheaper than any other pizza place in the area. The small pizza is only $5.99, making it the perfect choice for a quick meal.

So, if you're looking for a cheap and delicious pizza, look no further than Big Daddy's. They offer a variety of toppings, including classic pepperoni, sausage, mushrooms, and more. And with prices like these, you won't have to worry about spending too much.

Hope is more powerful than a hurricane.
2006 Chicago International Auto Show (February 10-19th)

By Anthony Gaddini

The 96th Chicago International Auto show is coming up! 1.2 million square feet of floor space will be covered with production, debut, and concept automobiles from most automotive brands sold in America. The Auto Show is held at McCormick Place, within walking distance from IIT.

This is the first time that the Chicago Auto Show, the oldest in North America, has been internationally certified by Organisation Internationale Des Constructeurs D’Automobiles (OICA). This prestigious distinction is held by only three auto shows in the US: Chicago, Los Angeles and New York.

41 brands will be present including Porsche, Ferrari, Bentley, Aston Martin, International Truck, Mini, and Maybach. Sadle, Bugatti, Lamborghini, Rolls-Royce, Lotus, Paner, Morgan, and Maserati will not have exhibits as on January 28th. The two Chinese brands, Geely and Chery, that made a hallucination at the New York Auto Show will not be at the Chicago Auto Show.

The Chicago Auto Show provides an excellent way to familiarize yourself with dozens of models rapidly—an excellent way to shop for a car. You can learn crucial aspects about different automobiles like visibility, interior comfort, and usable room, which can be gleaned from spec sheets. For automotive enthusiasts, the Auto Show is a cornucopia of design genius. Most manufacturers will display one or more of their latest concepts.

Some new concepts to check out includes the Honda FCX, a skateboard-chassis and fuel-cell powered family saloon with surprising elegance and technological brilliance. On the other end of the spectrum is the Chevrolet Camaro concept. GM designers actually took cues from the Air Force’s F-22 Raptor fighter when drawing the body panels for this car. It signals a departure from GM’s front-wheel-drive only dogma and resurrects many of the admirable aspects of the American “muscle cars” of the 1970s. The Dodge Challenger, which will go into production, is another muscle car that will surely give the Mustang a run for its money. Retro styling, a slick 5-speed stick, and hemi power will be the draw with this vehicle—a combination so appealing that at least one woman couldn’t help but take off her clothes and pose on the Challenger at the Detroit Auto Show. She was arrested, but this will probably dissuade some men from believing this car will provoke girls’-gone-wild incidents during trips to the movie theater.

For the testosterone junkie who wants enough torque to upset the earth’s rotation, there is the International CXT (makers of the long-gone but incredibly durable Scout SUV). This vehicle makes GM’s Hummer look dainty by comparison. Jeep, always known for its well designed and entertaining displays (truck-tough glass cases) will be showing off two new cars, the Compass, which rides on an all-new platform with the Dodge Caliber, and a re-designed Wrangler, the ministry of the Jeep brand for half a century.

More adequate aesthetics will be elevated to new levels this year with the debut of the new Jaguar XK, designed by Ian Callum, one of the finest designers in the world. The Porsche Cayman, a boxster-derived sport coupe, is added to the Porsche stable. It’s named after a crocodile-like creature, but it screams of feline ferocity and power. It is claimed to be the best handling car to ever carry the Porsche emblem. Period.

Make sure not to miss the Saturn Sky. Built on the same platform as the Pontiac Solstice, this car embodies my hope for American automotive design, and makes one wonder if Wiccans have taken over GM’s naming division, since these new models have been named after cosmology: Equinox, Solstice, Sky. What’s next, the Biscuit Lassie?

The Sky is clean and focused. It shows what a company can create when it subordinates marketing people to those few designers who love cars. Its sharply folded sheet metal is a striking contrast from the bulbous Solstice, and it gives the car a more masculine look.

Sadly, the Saab 9-3X, the famed wankel-powered sport coupe, will not be at the show, and neither will the Ford Reflex, the much-vaunted about diesel-electric-powered sport truck aimed at the rising yuppie-parented-crowd, but most of the hot concepts and production models will be available for viewing.

Hancock lawsuits settled

By Justin Schenck

A disaster involving the Hancock Center killed three people and hurt seven others in 2002.

Scaffolding was on three sides of the Hancock Center to clean the facade of the building and to recant the building’s windows. A scaffolding broke loose and crashed down to the street level from 43 floors up. No one was working the day of the accident, and the National Weather Service had issued a high wind advisory for Chicago. The day of the accident, Chicago officials in July 2002 passed an ordinance requiring scaffolding operations to complete a safety course, and to secure scaffolding during bad weather if work was not taking place.

A settlement was announced on February 1, the day the case was going to trial. A total of $71.2 million was awarded to seven injured people and the families of the three women killed. It is the third-largest settlement of a personal injury lawsuit in the state since 1986.

Beech Systems Inc., which made the scaffold, and AMO Architectural Technologies Inc., which opened the scaffold, each contributed $26 million. Other defendants included the company which owned the commercial part of the Hancock Center. The city of Chicago is receiving $128,000 for property damage costs it incurred.

Source: Chicago Tribune

City lights: Predetermined position

By Colin Emch-wel

When we pass through our world, we see the misconceptions of what we think is true. Possibly what should be. These illusions have been perpetuated by people with a special kind of vision whom we inhabit our lives. On this subject, let me pose a question, one pertinent to the event of time.

What would you say if I had asked you to describe your idea of the city of architecture and technology as it applies to a university campus?

You would tell me that you expect to see buildings of the public style of architecture, those buildings appearing to be at the age of the city—this, an archaicism of tan stone and pointed arches, high flying, yellow pillars, and gray elevators. I too believe in the beauty of this type of architecture, but I have never asked you of another thought.

Having chosen to attend the Illinois Institute of Technology for one purpose or another, you must have made some initial judgments pertaining to the architecture populating your campus—to recall your thoughts. These are some, I myself included, who are attracted to that which is considered extraordinary in the context in which it has been found—the steel and glass of Crown Hall whose central position in this university, a modern interpretation on an ancient structure. These are those others who expect that an innovation of this nature should be in the ancient and venerable models, in the most known through the centuries, without modification or reinterpretation.

Interestingly, this desire for elements to be as historically known is common even among the architects, even within the design process. Often, in experimentation with new materials, or new uses of these materials, an architect will look back on the teachings of history having links in his present position.

The auto show is open to the general public from February 10-19th. Hours are 10AM-9PM all days except the 19th, when the show closes at 5PM. Admission of adults is $10, but for those three cars of food to the show on February 15, 16 or 17, you are granted half off the regular admission ($5). Food will be donated to Chicago Christian Industrial League. Children under 7 are free with adult. Women are $5 on the 14th, which will include women-oriented programs. Many dealerships have coupons as well.

For comprehensive, authoritative information: http://www.ChicagoAutoShow.com/Anthony’s hot tips. Some cars and technologies you should not overlook at the Auto Show:

Cars:
- International CXT
- Jeep 2007 Compass, Wrangler
- Dodge Nitro, Challenger, Spiritus
- Daimler-Chrysler’s BLUETEC engines
- Jaguar XK
- Porsche Cayman S
- Maybach
- Subaru Tribeca
- Toyota Vits
- Honda Fit, FCX
- Pontiac Solstice
- Chevrolet Viva
- Saturn Sky
- Ford GTX1 Roadster, F-250 Superduty
- Mazda Kibana

Friends Don’t Let Friends Drive Drunk.
SGA reform finally underway

By Jason Tenenbaum

THE first set of changes introduced on Tuesday will reorganize the Executive Board, integrate the constituent bodies of the Executive Board, and create a Judicial Board to hear grievances within SGA and serve as representation to the campus Judicial Board.

The SGA Reform Committee will create a new committee to oversee the execution of the changes. Each of the new committees will include a Chair and a Vice Chair, as well as a representative from each of the constituent bodies of the Executive Board.

The changes encompass the legislation introduced on Tuesday and will enable SGA to function more effectively internally and externally, allowing for a more streamlined committee system, and create a better avenue for judicial matters within and outside of SGA. The changes in SGA could stop here, and would make a great stride in improving the ability of SGA to serve students, but there are additional changes to the voting body that need to be addressed. These changes would be made in the second stage of revisions at a later date and would create a Senate and General Assembly. The details are as follows:

A Senate composed of several special interest seats—granted to Residence Hall Association, Greek Council, Comen Dance Studio Association, and Graduate Student Association—and at least one seat granted to each academic college of the University would serve as the legislative body of the SGA. Additional seats would be granted to each college in proportion to its respective enrollment.

Every student at IT should be represented by at least one of the special interest seats, which means that when any student has a concern about their residential situation (a problem with the waiters in MSV, an issue with the Quad, etc.), it is clear what representative can address their issue. In other words, the constituency for each of the special interest seats is clearly defined and includes every IT student.

The remaining seats that are allocated by academic college allow students to have a clear list of representatives to bring concerns to the Senate. For example, a student in the College of Architecture would bring concerns forth to the Senate by sending a letter to the Chair of the Senate, a representative from the College of Architecture. Whether the concern is about academics, student life, or student services, you would bring your issues to the Senate.

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The Senate has similar responsibilities as the current voting body and would make revisions to the bylaws, confirm appointments, recognize organizations, and take other legislative actions. The Senate would meet every other Tuesday, on a schedule similar to the current system. Finance Board matters would be addressed by a Finance Committee, which would allocate funding out of the Student Activities Fund. Appeals of decisions of the Finance Committee would be directed to the Judicial Board.

A General Assembly would also be created to serve as the deliberative body of the SGA, inform students of SGA and University affairs, recommend actions to the Senate, or serve as a measure of student opinion. The meetings of the General Assembly would be open to any full-time student of the University, and any student who shows up to the meeting could vote. The General Assembly, then, has no power to enact legislation on behalf of SGA; it can make recommendations to the Senate or provide opinions. In this way, the General Assembly allows someone with a little or a lot of experience in SGA to be heard on issues or involved and preserves the uniqueness of the direct democracy we currently have.

Electors for the Senate would occur toward the end of the Fall semester, which allows freshmen to run for a Senate seat and breaks elections on the Executive Board and Senate seats into two. It also allows any Senator who desires to run for an Executive Board office to still stay active in the Senate if they desire.

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Editor's question of the week:
What do you think of the new smoking ordinance being enforced at IIT?

"Personally, I think it is important to follow through on implementing this new city ordinance and to have a smoke-free living and working environment."

Jennifer Szesnaski

"I really don't mind if people are smoking, but if they are doing this then the signs and change in ashtray location should be fine. I don't know if people will follow the ordinance. They might if people were on their case."

Alyssa McWilliams

"It's great that people who don't smoke no longer have to be subjected to it."

Manjot Imendar

"The ban should be enforced here at IIT. A lot of people don't know the new law, so they need to be informed about it. IIT can be stricter in terms of enforcement by implementing a new warning or fine system."

Sheetal Bhat

Finance Board recommendations to be voted on at February 7th meeting of SGA.

ACME
Programming: Evening with Industry
75 people, $5.00 Admission Cost
Requested: $2958.24
Recommendation by FB: $2928.24

Alpha Sigma Alpha
Operating: Office Supplies, Office Services, Photocopying, & Printing
Requested: $276.32
Recommendation by FB: $276.32

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Delta Tau Delta
Regional Conference: Northern & Western Plains 2006 Division Conference
12 people, $60.00 Attendee Cost
Requested: $720.00
Recommendation by FB: $1,500.00

Ethics Club
National Competition: Twelfth Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl
5 people, $347.00 Attendee Cost
Requested: $1,735.00
Recommendation by FB: $1,735.00

Honor Medical Society
Programming: Spring Formal
400 people, $25.00 Admission Cost
Requested: $10,200.00
Recommendation by FB: $10,200.00

Motor Sports Fan Club
Programming: IIT Go Kart Championship
84 (x2) people, $10.00 Admission Cost
Requested: $1,675.00
Recommendation by FB: $1,675.00

Sigma Phi Epsilon
Programming: Tea Party
30 (x6) people, $95.00 Admission Cost
Requested: $1,770.00
Recommendation by FB: $1,770.00

Sigma Phi Epsilon
Capital: Two Electric Water Heaters
Requested: $595.00
Recommendation by FB: $595.00

Sette Foss Bowling Society
Operating: Name Tags
Requested: $75.00
Recommendation by FB: $75.00

Finance Board Allocated Funds

Agenda for 2-7-06
This meeting is going to be short as possible. We have Finance Board, a Paul Terzino resolution, and introduction of reminders on the agenda.

After the meeting there will be a special meeting to discuss the first phase of constitutional revisions that were introduced in the regular meeting. There will be a presentation about the new amendments and what the future holds.

New Smoking Ban Ordinance to be Enforced

The Chicago City Council recently passed an ordinance to December entitled the "New Chicago Clean Indoor Air Ordinance." The ordinance went into effect on January 16, 2006. It prohibits smoking in public areas in enclosed areas and within 15 feet of the entrance to public places such as shopping malls, sports arenas, health care facilities, and public and private schools. As IIT falls into this last category, the new ordinance will be enforced on campus starting this semester.

In a recent interview, Joan Brigham, Associate Vice President of Housing and Auxiliary Services, outlined the steps that IIT is taking in order to comply with the new ordinance.

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Letter from Finance Board
Dear IIT Organizations and Friends,

Another existing semester is already upon us and high hopes are set in place for continuing with the successful events from last year and your organizations.

As some of you may be aware, Finance Board has been working hard to improve our organization and serve you better with a more formal format for budgets. The goal of this change is to allow for better organization and management of proposals before they are actually voted upon by Finance Board and the voting body. To gain a more optimized use of the change, please visit our website at http://financeboard.iit.edu

Please note that under the new change, proposals are due the Tuesday, February 7th. You may submit them to the Finance Board mailbox before 5:00 PM, or you may submit proposals to a Finance Board member before the start of SGA.

Also, remember that proposals require that an SGA voting and completion of the Finance Board Workshop (both responsibilities may be held by one individual). If you need to be given a workshop, please contact the 2/6/06 meeting chair with both or both e-mail (sbhat@iit.edu) to arrange for an appointment. The Workshop Conductor's office hours are Monday 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

As a reminder, please check with the Programming & Proposals Board to ensure that your event will meet the criteria to be held. If you have any questions, big or small, please ask us for help, that's why we're here.

Best Wishes,
Finance Board
Apple makes a switch of its own

By Kevin Henry
TECHNEWS EDITOR

In June last year, Steve Jobs, CEO of Apple Computers, announced to the world that Apple would be swapping out the Intel processors in its computers to its own. The product of this announcement came in June this year with the introduction of the MacBook Pro and the iMac. Mac users, however, may not understand the important and historical significance of this switch, but it is in fact very important.

To put the Macintosh

Intel switch into context, we must first understand the history of Apple’s processors and their difference from those of other companies. Since the introduction of the first Mac, Apple has been working on Intel-class processors for 35 years. The decision to switch to Intel is a major difference. The Macintosh processor architecture is on Intel-class machines was far more compatible.

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chines today use an Intel-based processor. The first Apple processor was the PowerPC G3, introduced by Apple in 1989. The processors are based on the first processor. The advance of technology in the last couple decades has taken Intel processors from 4-bit machines to 64-bit systems.

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This Week in Chicago Sports

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This week the Bulls finish the last week of their seven-game long Western Conference trip with a week full of formidable opponents. Their first opponent of the week will be the Denver Nuggets, who the Bulls will face for the second time in the last three weeks. Last time these two teams met, the Nuggets blew a ten-point halftime lead, as the Nuggets' superior Carmelo Anthony had his way with the Bulls' defense, scoring 39 points. The Bulls will need to hold Carmelo to a sub-par game if they want to come away with a victory. Then the next day, the Bulls go to Sacramento to face the Kings. Although they are seven games below .500, the Kings will be formidable opponents as they recently acquired Ron Artest, and have gotten Ronni White back from injury. The Bulls finish the week at Los Angeles where they face the Clippers. The Clippers are led by former Bull Elton Brand who is having a career year averaging about 25 points and 10 rebounds a game. The Bulls should be able to salvage a win during the week, but not more than that.

The Blackhawks are now starting their fourth game of the year, as Nikolai Khabibulin's previous two replacements have not performed well. Their new goalie, Corey Crawford is only 21 years old, and is looking to prove himself. Blackhawks have a lot of talent on the ice. This week the Blackhawks conclude a six-game road trip against four good teams. The Blackhawks will have a difficult time trying to win against any of the opposing teams, unless Crawford can turn into a brick wall in goal. Hopefully he will get some help from the offense, but that does not seem likely as the Blackhawks rank near the bottom of the league in offensive production.

During the past week, the Chicago Cubs helped shore up their infield by signing second baseman Jerry Hairston Jr. to a one-year deal worth 2.3 million dollars. This week, the Cubs will face off against the Boston Red Sox. The Red Sox are one of the best teams in the league and have already put up a lot of points. The Cubs will need to have a strong defense to beat the Red Sox. The Cubs will also face off against the St. Louis Cardinals in a three-game series. The Cardinals are the first place team in the NL Central and have a very strong pitching staff. The Cubs will need to score runs if they want to beat the Cardinals.

In college basketball, the Illini remained at the top of the Big Ten Conference with a big win against Wisconsin, in which the Illini scored 93 unanswered points to regain control of the game after falling early. This week, Illinois will face conference foe Ohio State in a game they must win to stay atop the Big Ten. It should not be a problem for Illinois to come away with a victory if they get at least a mediocre performance from guard Dee Brown, and center James Augustine.

Unlike the Illini, who have been hot of late, the DePaul Blue Demons have been struggling and have dropped seven of their last eight games. Last season, the Demons were a bubble team for March Madness and barely missed getting into the tournament, but this season, they are one of the worst teams in the Big East. In order to not end up at the bottom of their conference, DePaul will need to find some production from someone other than guard Sammy Mejia.

College basketball, the March to Indianapolis

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Over the past week, the top four teams have solidified their ground, with Duke, Connecticut, Memphis, and Villanova all playing well. The Blue Devils will face a major test this week when they make the short trip to Chapel Hill to face the Tar Heels. On Monday, Connecticut and Villanova clash in what is the first of three games that will help determine the winner of the Big East.

In the Big Ten, a four-way tie for first was broken. Thanks to losses by Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois, the Hawkeyes of Iowa stood alone in first place. The Illini's loss was possibly the biggest upset of the season, as Penn State made a late comeback to break the Illini's 17 game home-winning streak. Atlantic Ten powerhouse George Washington has continued to dominate conference play and is 18-1 overall. With a weak conference and a team filled with athletic players, G.A.'s could easily go undefeated the rest of the way and enter the tournament with a 31 or 42 seed.

In the Pac Ten, UCLA rises to the top of the conference behind the strong play of sophomores Arco Afflalo and Jordan Farmar. The Bruins are extremely talented, and have the ability to make a final four run if they get solid play out of their big men.

One conference that has been getting extra attention this season is the Missouri Valley. Some experts are predicting this "Mid-Major" conference to get as many as four bids, with Northern Iowa, Wichita State, Creighton, and Southern Illinois all expected to make the tournament. The conference has produced winners in the past, as Creighton and Southern Illinois have both made tournament runs in previous years. Could this be the year that the Missouri Valley produces a Final Four team? Unlikely, but we won't know until March.

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