Student Government Senate elected

By Abhishek Gunduguri

Graduate Student Association, Greek Council, Residence Hall Council, and The Executive Board Vice Presidents (i.e., Academic Affairs, Communications, Finance, and Student Life) are also ex-officio seat holders in the Senate. As the presiding officer, the Executive Vice President is the 51st member.

The decisions of the Senate dictate the actions of Student Government Association and influence the actions of the University. Each Senator chooses a committee in which to become active. These committees (i.e., Academic Affairs, Student Life, Finance, and Public Relations) meet to tackle issues that their constituents (the students of IIT) bring forth. Then, the committee comes to the Senate with bills and resolutions that resolve these issues. Each Senator votes on these bills.

The following is an official statement from Steve Baden, director of Public Safety at IIT. This statement is in response to the 'One Victim' piece that ran on the front page of the Nov. 7 issue of TechNews in which the victim stated that Public Safety did not honor his request to be taken home from Mercy Hospital on October 3, 2006. This statement serves as both a clarification of that incident and offers a clear understanding of the Public Safety Escort Policy.

Our escort policy is much like many universities and colleges across the nation. We drive students, faculty, and staff anywhere on campus, from any point on campus to any campus destination. Since IIT has a Shuttle Bus service operating to and from the Downtown Campus, Public Safety would not escort individuals to that campus. Our escort service is not designed to be a "taxi service," for instance, as for individuals coming back from O'Hare, in need of help with luggage (as they get off the Green Line) and need help getting to their off-campus dormitory. Since the Green Line stops on campus however, we will pick up individuals waiting for a ride from that station to a campus destination.

The escort service is for individuals who feel uncomfortable (for instance), walking across campus after dark, or for individuals in need of assistance as they have an injury, making it difficult to move about campus, or for individuals who may be lost on campus. The escort service is not to drive off campus, with exception that Mercy Hospital is frequently used by university students, staff, and faculty, as we drive individuals to and from Mercy Hospital. We also will drive students who are using the Health Services in Far Hall, as they may need to get to Mercy for evaluation or treatment. In case of medical emergencies however, we do not escort, but an ambulance would be called.

We do make exceptions (to the campus policy) from time to time. Those exceptions are done (as with the student who was struck on October 2, 2006), when he was taken by ITPS to Mercy, and picked up by ITPSD at 11:15 a.m., and he desired a ride to the area of his residence at 31st and Wells. In that case, the [IIT Public Safety] officer picking up the student contacted the Shift Supervisor for clearance to drive the student from Mercy to his residence. The student asked to be dropped off at 31st and Wells, as opposed to being dropped off at the door to his residence (app. 2 blocks from 31st).

The gala was held last Friday at Kaleidoscope. It was a social event with a large turnout from members of the IIT community. The gala began at 6:30 p.m. and was sponsored by the Union Board and Greek Council. The night started out a bit slow, but it picked up a bit when the actual programs scheduled for the night began.

Going on throughout the night was an oxygen bar available for anyone who was interested although a disclaimer had to be signed before taking part in the activity. There was also a caricature artist available to make disproportionately portraits of people who cared to have one taken of them.

The portrait came out really colorful and interesting with nice and funny captions. Although the DJ had music playing most of the time, dancing did not really pick up until toward the end of the night when a whole bunch of people went down to the floor and got their grooves on. A swing band (with instructor) was also at the gala.

They gave simple lessons including a few basic moves in ballroom dancing, which got everyone on the floor moving in some sort of sync to the tunes coming from the jazz band.

Also at the gala was comedian Nicole Peter who does musical comedy. He came on with a lot of very funny and interesting material along with dramatist, Kristen.

With his guitar, he spun out tunes with witty comedy and impressive acrobatics.

The gala, which had tickets go fast far on the last day of its sales with refunds available for anyone who had bought tickets previously, went pretty smoothly and was impressive.

It was not open to guests of the IIT community until the last day.
Submission Information

Every week the TechNews editorial staff will choose one photo submitted by a reader to print here.

If you would like to submit a photo for consideration:
E-mail it to technewspics@gmail.com by Thursday 8pm
Subject matter is open.
Include your name as you would like it printed.
Keep in mind that a description that you would like printed with it.
Contest is open to any IIT students, faculty and staff excluding TechNews editors.

NOTE TO READERS:

In observance of Thanksgiving, the TechNews staff has decided to cancel our November 26th edition. We wish all students, faculty, and staff a restful and happy break. Please look for our return to the racks for the last issue on December 5th.

TechNews staff
Administrative response: IIT students and the student activities fund

By Mary Taylor-Blasi
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES, IIT

As I read the article on Mr. Patel, I was somewhat struck by his comments. Not necessarily because of her negative opinion of me; students have a right to their opinions. As an administrator, I know there are times my decisions will not please all students. Actually, I was bothered more by the anonymous nature of the letter that had let someone down. As I sat in my office reflecting on this thought, I came to a single conclusion: I failed to communicate the purpose of programming to a student.

I don’t think the argument is the advertisements did not say “Students Only.” Nor is the argument that students pay into the Student Activities Fund (SAF) $60 per semester, or that the latest issue of TIME had precisely the same topic on its cover page — “God Vs. Science.”

In fact, I think the question can be answered with a case cut out for us. The SAF and student programs are not that different. Programs exist on campus to enhance the education of our students both through the programming of events as well as participating in events. Fundamentally, I feel it is in our students who should receive the greatest benefits from these programs and funds. This belief is also reflected in one of two guiding principles used to allocate the SAF, which is “how will the students of IIT benefit from funding this program?”

To me, the question of what the benefit is and who should attend programs are intertwined. However, one is more important than the other. The benefit to our students is the more important factor. Who should attend events is a feature in answering the question of how beneficial a program can be. However, the answer to how students benefit from an event is not limited to who attends that event it is just one of the many facts that impacts the question.

If program could only be attended by students, I feel there would be many programs that could not be offered. By limiting all programs to students only, I think we would be limiting what our students can gain. As students you do have a say in what programs are being offered and what programs are being funded. The SAF is allocated by a group of students called the Finance Committee. I encourage you to speak up, like Ms. Patel and let your student representatives know what is you want to see on campus. Now the question is for you, how do you want your SAF to benefit the student body?

Signs of science: Commentary on science and God

By K. Thinnaneri Ganesan
TECHNEWS WRITER

One of the first worthwhile endeavors that I remember as a foot-in-the-door, was a high school stock chart opportunity, which was expected to be of some use in my future career. However, I could not find the ability to invest wisely. I became a proponent of investing my money in stocks with a high dividend yield. I also dabbled in options and mutual funds. As a result, I had some success in this line of work. However, I soon realized that investing in stocks was not as straightforward as I had thought. I decided to seek the advice of an investor who had been in the business for many years. He told me that investing in stocks required patience and a long-term perspective. He also emphasized the importance of researching companies before investing. I took his advice to heart and began to do more research on companies before investing. I also diversified my portfolio to include stocks from different industries. As a result, I was able to achieve better returns on my investments. I am now a believer in the value of long-term investing and the importance of doing one's homework before investing.
Sex with a celebrity:
No defense for ‘most hated’

By Joseph Kaiser
ONLINE EDITOR

Well, if one is to go to the end, then I will say:
Where did the Britney/K-Fed thing go wrong?
Me: Personally, I think it was the first message breakdown: Did you think he knew how to write or what?
K-Fed: He had a kid last three months ago. And if he had a proper divorce, not just via a settlement (I mean, how many times I have seen that video by Kelly?) And this is divorce, not just a breakup! I don’t think he would have taken it so poorly. Now, K-Fed, the next night, to the opposite end of goods, our show here in Chicago, he announced Britney was single to the ladies. Could you blame him?

Look, K-Fed, as many of us, it was good to see one thing (dancing) and believed he was good at a myriad of other things (streeting, modeling, being a leader) and most of us can be funny and deed our fantasies. But not K-Fed. He got what essentially amounted to a deformed rose. He is a man that was not out to a dream. And no, we weren’t happy about it. Sometime good things happen without much dignity. But that was a very humbling experience for him his fault of a human being. No one took him as he suddenly realized that he had to pay attention to him because he married Britney. Britney.” Credit: Sprints and he took his place and he took his place and he went. Got his performance slot and a nomination for a Teen Choice Award? They even gave him his own damn record label. There’s no way that Britney wasn’t going the strings to get him this role a high-profile role. They didn’t just give it up. House of Blues to an old cod, that can’t even assure 100,000 fans in Chicago. Like music capital of the universe. The whole thing, it’s because he didn’t account for his scribes that were always in the way, people who just came to make life of him.

There’s no circumstance under which he still couldn’t win if he got his own damn slot. No one could be stopped. But you can stop all the way. These are the kind of people who understand: Upset. Stop, and the whole community is her as political ads.

And there are TV wars. Almost every commercial on the local channels is political ads. But what makes the most of the content is the candidates they support. I understand portraying a sign for you personally support, but when almost your own lane in full of signs, it’s bit excessive. And it’s not just one yard. Driving through town, they were all out of place, nothing but town parks and politicians with dishonest smiles.

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Borat: ball sacks on the big screen -or- Borat: It's great success!

By Kevin Franke

On Friday, I went to the late show of "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan." I wonder now - where can I even begin to describe this movie? It is unique, controversial, and gross; it is notorious and certainly not for everyone. But, most importantly, it is absolutely hysterical. I will do my best to lay down the basic facts about the film in order to inform those who have not yet heard of it, but mainly I wish to give my account of some of the exceedingly offensive and hilarious scenes that are in the movie.

First, let's give a brief background and plot description. Sacha Baron Cohen is the British comedian who plays Borat; you may also know him as Jean Giraud, Will Ferrell's French, homosexual twin from "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby," or Ali G from "Da Ali G Show." In fact, this HBO series is where the character Borat first appeared, as his Kazakh police access television show featured him performing journalistic research on American cultural practices. Borat's ignorance to the social rules and etiquette of America.

This formula was a fantastic success for the show, and what is not broken should not be fixed. Thus, the movie is basically an extension of Borat's segment in "Da Ali G Show" into a full-length film, which amounts to a rehashed compilation of the bumbling, politically incorrect, horny, and unhesitant Kazakh journalist's misadventures in America. The plot is simply government of Kazakhstan sends Borat to the United States to film a documentary about American culture. Early on, he encounters a chess player in a hotel room and falls in love with Pamela Anderson, vowing to make her his wife. And just like that, you have the backbone to one of the funniest comedies of our generation.

The movie maintains the TV show's feel as a cheap documentary; the film has a low-quality grainy texture and the camerawork is often jerky and out-of-focus. Adding to the low-budget feel is the fact that most of the scenes were largely unscripted and took place in public areas with real people interacting with Cohen/Borat without knowing he was an actor. Considering the movie was shot in just three weeks, it is truly an impressive accomplishment. Cohen's acting skills are, because most, if not all, scenes involving other people had to be pulled off in one take. Just imagine being able to let loose a live chicken in a New York subway or (for gays only) kissing every man you introduce yourself to on the cheek - and not laughing as you watch them try to devoid of your instant attempts and ultimate success - and you'll really appreciate his ability.

But Cohen's real comedic genius lies on his ability to play a character that is firmly anti-Semitic, homophobic, and racist. Borat's bigoted, drunked, and out of context, he is always absurd and incomprehensibly outlandish, so genuinely and impeccably delivered, that it gives the impression that his ignorance is so pure that it makes it difficult to even imagine that they could ever be sensible.

Still, we are inclined to feel offended when we watch this purely for the chance that it is politically incorrect and culturally insensitive remarks. How could this be? Perhaps it is because Borat displays our own prejudices to us. For example, when he asks a menu owner what is the "best weapon to defend from Jews," and gets a moment of serious contemplation, followed by the answer "nine millimeter or a forty-five." Or, when he tells a man at a rodeo "in my country, we take them [homosexuals] to jail and we...uh, finish them [kill them]." and the rodeo man laughs agreement and says "well, that's what we're trying to do to them here." While told, all I know is that the purchase of a fine SUV for his travels, the Kazakh asks the dealer "if I roll into crowd of paparazzi, will it be damaged?" Of course, the dealer, reluctant to lose a possible customer, replies "Well, it depends on how hard you hit them," then as an afterthought, added, "and some might just roll off the windshield."

Not all the punch lines were intended to provide social commentary, though. There are plenty of instances of good, classic humor in it. I like when he sees a tourist for what is apparently his first time, and asks in utter amusement, "Is this a cat in a hat?" Or when he causes $425 in damage in an antique shop and offers to repay with a "digital watch from future" and the "best pubic hair in Kazakhstan." And since the SUV was too expensive, he ends up purchasing a used ice cream truck, which he then equips with a live brown bear for protection. Let's not forget the visual line of the Kazakh national anthem: "All other countries are run by little girls."

And I watched in amusement as he manages to force Pamela Anderson into a ceremonial wedding. Absolutely hysterical.

Unfortunately, if you're not so fond of gross-out humor, perhaps it is best that you pass on seeing this movie. And to those of you planning on watching the movie, maybe you, too, should put the newspaper down, because I don't want to ruin the most...hum...exciting part of the movie. Oh, here it goes. I actually didn't see how the scene developed, but I know that Borat catches his 300 lb. assistant Azaamt, pleasing himself to a picture of his beloved Pamela Anderson. That's what I've been waiting for all this time.

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Kevin Franke gives the crazy Kazakhstan and his new film two thumbs up.

Thrift shopping: Something Old Something New

By Lory Mishra

There are two very different people who work at Something Old Something New. The first one is a rather severe-looking woman, dark-haired, mushroom-colored, and rimless glasses. She is the apparent no-nonsense store owner. The second is a short, musky, muscle-bound, the help who quietly requests that the customers handle the array of merchandise with care. This undeniable contrast between the two leads the worker is only matched by the contrasts in the very.

Available at this mythical thrift store.

The first time I walked into Something Old Something New I was overwhelmed by the selection and thus, purchased nothing. Plus, the woman in the military jacket was all sorts of intimidating. Once I managed to venture in to this military jacket, I was struck by peering on a woman from any other thrift store on Belmont Ave. There is an entrance indie rock or indie coming through the speakers as the workers in the local radio stations, the merchandise is constantly recognized to make browsing easier, and the prices are much lower. The highlight of the store is the "irregular" American Apparel t-shirts for both men and women. Something Old Something New carries reject-AA shirts, worn with noticeable defects, at a price of $3.90 each, two for $6.00 or four for $10.00. These shirts are perfect for layering in the winter but also are perfect on their own. They come in many different colors and sizes but only with few variations in designs. Something Old Something New carries a large selection of used jeans in the range of $3.50 to $5.00. Most of the store, being a thrift store, offers used items. There are xps (organized by color), belts, shoes, hats and jackets all foldable within the budget of a poor college student. Also, if you are looking for cheap toiletries, this thrift store will not disappoint.

It is difficult to list all the options offered by Something Old Something New and one has to visit it to fully appreciate its variety. Especially, if only to observe the store owner and the dock worker, everyone should venture into this thrift store at least once.

"Something Old Something New" is located W Belmont Ave, between Kammer and Sommerville, at 1054 W Belmont. Take the Brown/Red line to Belmont and Sheffeld and walk a few blocks west.
The ultimate chocolate destination - The Ghirardelli Shop

By Disha Doshi

ADVERTISING MANAGER

Thanks to Colin Emch-Wei's - ON THE CHEAP that we are now cognizant of plenty of cool restaurants around Chicago that can please our taste buds with delectable viands and at the same time suit our pockets. After a mouth-watringing meal, a good dessert is what seems to be logically next and apparently deserved in the sequence. So are you looking for some fantastic places to treat your sweet tooth? Well, I know of a groovy place that actually tops my list of favorite hangout destinations in Chicago. Believe me it is a place that you just cannot stop treating yourself at.

The Ghirardelli Chocolate Shop, located to the west on the Chicago Water Tower, is the "magnificent mile," it is actually any chocoholic's dream turned into a beautiful reality. The place is cozy and warm and the huge and strikingly\n
Majestic walls add a sense of brightness and homeliness to it. The stunningly simple yet carefully considered mahogany furniture in fact give an artistic touch to the place. The bright lights help in creating a perfect ambiance and add a sophisticated value to the place.

The Ghirardelli offers a range of International chocolate bars, truffles and a huge array of Intense Dark chocolate bars all crafted to achieve the perfect chocolate intensity and experience. Me and my bunch of friends got ourselves a box of chocolates that had a variety of truffles and with mouth-watering soft center candies rolled in waves of delicious chocolate. I can still savor the dark raspberry Ganache-Raspberry layered center captured in a shell of dark chocolate, melt in my mouth.

The place also has a range of sundae's, ice cream cones, drinks, hot beverages, cold beverages, and more. We decided to order their famous hot fudge sundae and it was definitely worth all its fame. Their Bananas Split too is a great option to treat yourself with and the good thing is they are not charged on the toppings. And the scoops are beauty and gigantic ones.

Onward to the price list! If you think the place is going to be pricey just because it is Ghirardelli then you are not exactly right. The prices are partly on the higher side but that's one of the_scope sizes overwhelm you and can actually treat two people. After all, the hot fudge sundae that costs us $7 did make it expensive but worth the wait.

All in all a brilliant place to let yourself indulge in a lavish chocolate experience! The Ghirardelli Shop is located at 300 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60601.

Thanksgiving Concerts

If you’re staying in Chicago over the Thanksgiving break, there will be an abundance of concerts to attend.

Wednesday night, by which point school and work routines will have settled down, see pop-punkers Panic! at The Disco play at the UIC Pavilion along with The Maine and A Rocket to Remember. Thursday night, Jack’s Mannequin, Blue Party, who will be in town as part of the WGN cancelled their north American tour, so if you were counting on seeing them, it’s time to get a refund. Or a totally different end of the music spectrum, Michigan’s noise icons Wolf Parade play at the Metro for what will surely be a raucous, loud, unbearable set of their noise pieces.

Thursday sees popular electronic metal band Blind Guardian play at the Riviera Theatre. While most of Chicago's electronic scene is on the rise, this is a major opportunity to see a major act live. This is a must-see for fans of electronic metal.

Friday has a concert for just about every possible audience. Chicago's rising hip hop star Cafe Fiasco is playing a show at Park West, a modest venue which ensures everyone will get a piece of the action. And the cost? Free! Sponsored by Flask Concerts, all you have to do is check their websites for instructions on how to get your free ticket. Another Chicago act, Wilco, is playing two shows at the Auditorium Theatre, on Friday and Saturday. While this is a more formal, serious setting than the usual Wilco concert, the timing will most likely make it a very memorable tribute to their city. On a similar vein, My Morning Jacket is playing at the Riviera Theatre, for what seems like the hundreds of times this year (they played Chicago's Lollapalooza and Taste of Chicago festivals), touring in support of their live album “OK Easy”. The band is widely known for their intense, epic shows, and if the album is any indication, fans are in for a treat. Blues-rock fans can see one of two dates from The Black Keys, playing at the Vic Theatre on Friday and Saturday. If that's not enough, Jack Black and Kyle Gass' Tenacious D is playing at the UIC Pavilion. Finally, Chicago songwriter Andrew Bird is playing two dates at the Logan Square Auditorium, on Friday and Saturday.

Saturday sees shows by Latin rock band Jaguar He at the House of Blues in Chicago. The Abbey Pub is also hosting underground legends Pedro the Lion. Australian rockers Wolfmother are playing at the Riviera Theatre. Later that night they will play a free show at the Virgin Megastore at Michigan Ave. The Metro also hosts a metal show with bands Fear Factory, Suffocation, Decapitated, and Hypocrisy. Besides those, Wilco, The Black Keys, and Andrew Bird play their second sets of the week.

Sunday sees things calm down a bit, with a set by reunited punk rockers The Slits at the Logan Square Auditorium. And finally, for his only American show in 2006, Morrissey will play at the Aragon Ballroom.

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**Tuesday, November 21, 2006**

**TV Spotlight**

**Wednesday, 11/22**

- **7:00 PM**
  - Show Me the Money
  - ABC

- **8:00 PM**
  - CSI
  - CBS

- **9:00 PM**
  - Criminal Minds
  - CBS

**Thursday, 11/23**

- **9:00 AM**
  - McDonald's Thanksgiving Day Parade
  - ABC

- **8:00 PM**
  - Toy Fair 2006
  - HGTV

**Friday, 11/24**

- **7:00 PM**
  - College Basketball: Maui Invitational
  - ESPN

- **8:00 PM**
  - NBA: Dallas Mavericks vs. San Antonio Spurs
  - ESPN

- **9:00 PM**
  - The Simpsons, American Dad, Family Guy and War at Home
  - FOX

**Sunday, 11/26**

- **7:00 PM**
  - College Football: Notre Dame vs. Southern California
  - ABC

- **9:00 PM**
  - Football Night in America: Eagles vs. Colts
  - NBC

**Monday, 11/27**

- **7:00 PM**
  - Prison Break
  - FOX

**Saturday, 11/25**

- **7:00 PM**
  - Two and a Half Men
  - CBS

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**New on DVD**

**Series**
- The Thief and the Cobbler
- Voltron: Defender of the Universe - Volume 2
- World Series 06: Detroit Tigers vs. St. Louis Cardinals
- You, Me and Dupree
- TV Spotlight, New on CD and New on DVD compiled by James Boozer, Contributing Editor.

**Titles**
- Ice Age: The Meltdown
- Ice Age: Beyond the Ice Age
- Independence Day (10th Anniversary Edition)
- Miracle on 34th Street (1947)
- Perry Mason: Season 1, Vol. 2
- Purifier (2004) (Extended Cut)
- Saint of 9/11
- Seinfeld - Season 7
- Slayer
- So NoTOrious - Season 1
- Star Trek: The Animated Series

**Ice Age: The Meltdown**

You, Me and Dupree

An annoying gal (Kewin Will- ses) moves in with his buddy (Matt Dillon) and his wife (Kate Hudson).

You, Me and Dupree

Ice Age: The Meltdown

The sequel to the blockbuster animation about the ice age.

Voltron: Defender of the Universe - Vol. 2

Voltron's second volume on DVD in a Special Edition set.

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**New on CD**

**Love**
- The Beatles
- Toshiba EMI

**Tha Blue Carpet Treatment**
- Snoop Dogg
- Doggystyle/Geffen

**A & E**

- Survivor: Cook Islands
- CBS

- The Simpsons, American Dad, Family Guy and War at Home
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On the Cheap: Pete’s Pizza

By Colin Emch-Wei
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

This week, On the Cheap continues its quest to bring you the best pizza in Chicago at prices that won't require you to take out yet another student loan. The latest installment of this series lies in a well-established joint, Pete’s Pizza.

Pete's Pizza has consistently been named as one of the best places to get thin-crust (gon) pizza in Chicago. We at On the Cheap hear these kinds of ridiculous claims all the time, and we feel almost compelled to debunk or validate these claims. Onward to the food.

Pete’s Pizza offers standard fare; by this we mean that you won’t find any exotic toppings. If you can ask for it at a Domino’s, they can do it here... except better. Pizza comes in square slices, slathered in cheese that discursus the toppings. I was almost afraid that the order hadn’t come out right from the way the pizza looked. However, all was right in the world, as far as the pizza was concerned. The pizza itself had a relatively neutral sauce, which is to say that the flavor wasn’t overpowering but still able to stand on its own. When complemented with the very flavorful cheese, it created a tasty experience that wasn’t unpleasant in the least. The crust was a little disappointing, as it was a little tough and not as crispy as would be desired. It should also be noted that our pizza was a little less than warm due to the fact that we arrived at the restaurant late. It’s our belief that the pizza would be far better if it were hot from the oven. Barring the crust, it was an altogether decent pizza. What sealed the deal for us was the fact that a large one-topping pizza was $12.00—six bucks if you’re splitting it with a buddy.

The biggest problem is that Pete’s Pizza is located somewhere that’s pretty much just accessible by car, and they don’t deliver to campus because of the distance. Make friends with someone that has a car and do some carpooling. The actual restaurant isn’t too fun, even though the exterior is clean and welcoming. Sit on the side door that they’ve set aside for this purpose, and pick up your pizza from the friendly people at the window.

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Where in Chicago

By Andres De La Hoz
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Previously lacking in the rock festival department, the past few summers have seen Chicago turn into one of the hot spots for music in America with the emergence of festivals such as Pitchfork, Lollapalooza, and Lollapalooza, which ceased being a touring event and is now a 3-day event in Chicago, host landmarks of rock/hip hop/pop as well as games, crafts, and food, all set under the Chicago skyline at Grant Park. The new Lollapalooza, organized by Capital Sports Entertainment, has struck a deal to remain in Chicago for another five years, at least. Lollapalooza will pay $5 million to the Chicago Parkways Foundation. Among the key parts of the deal are that the festival might be able to include up to 15,000 more people than the one hosted this year. Lollapalooza ’06 attracted crowds of 60,000 daily, which was already a considerably large amount. Last year’s festival was a success, attracting large crowds for acts such as Chicago’s own Kanye West, The Red Hot Chili Peppers, and The Flaming Lips. The festival still faces some opposition from those living near Grant Park. Last year’s large crowds caused considerable traffic, and the noise levels received complaints, especially since the festival was expanded from 2005, going north of Buckingham Fountain. The New Eastside Association of Residents said noise levels were above state law and that they would ask the state to revoke next year’s festival.

There’s already rumors as to which bands might play at next year’s festival. Likely possibilities include The Smashing Pumpkins (whose reunion album should be coming up next year, and being from Chicago help), Radiohead (one can only hope), and a slew of bands with upcoming 2007 releases (The Arcade Fire, Modest Mouse, The Shins) and Chicago acts (Lupe Fiasco, Wilco, Ok Go).

Lollapalooza in Chicago for five more years

Where was this photo taken?

If you know, be the first to e-mail us at technewspics@gmail.com and we will publish your name next week.

Last Week’s Winner

Congratulations to Preeti Abraham who correctly identified last week’s picture as the Marshall Field’s (Macy’s) Store taken from the south-west corner of Washington and State.

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Sleepless nights could harm body, affect grades

by Lizia Lopez

THE LAGAN (DUBLIN) (U-WIRE) WACO, Texas - As our nation becomes more industrialized, Americans are getting less sleep.

Chronic, long-term sleeping disorders affect about 40 million Americans each year, according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

Dr. Charles Weaver, professor of psychology and neuroscience, said the most common disorder is sleep apnea.

"Sleep apnea is a disturbance associated with breathing difficulties: It disrupts sleep enough to get people to wake up and roll over and not be aware that they have been awakened," Weaver said. "They can be in bed for eight hours but awaken a dozen times a night."

Weaver said the disorder is common in children and those suffering from obesity.

The majority of college students who have trouble sleeping suffer from insomnia, which Weaver said is not a sleep disorder, but rather an inability to sleep, usually due to stress.

Weaver said the most common source of insomnia for students is caffeine.

"Red Bull is loaded with caffeine and sugar," Weaver said. "People that say it has no effect don't know what's going on. It does have an effect, it just affects people differently. It will inevitably increase heart rate."

Weaver said chronic lack of sleep leads to concentration and visual problems.

In his study, Stanford researcher Matthew Stolarz touched on the topic of sleep debt, which is the accumulation of a lack of sleep. Sleeping fewer hours will cause a person to make up for the lack of sleep by sleeping in on the subsequent day.

Stolarz said other studies have shown that sleep deprivation will increase the lack of sleep about eight hours a night for 12 consecutive nights will still show signs of deprivation.

"I'm not sure this is the most serious physiological problem with sleep deprivation is that it makes people sleep and it can reach a point where it's hard to keep their eyes open," said Robert Kramig, a registered nurse at Providence Hospital, said sleep deprivation can also stem from drug dependency.

"Various people complain about having trouble going to sleep," Kramig said. "Most say they go to sleep fine but don't stay asleep. They wake up at 2 or 3 in the morning and have trouble going to sleep."

Stolarz said sleep debt may play a role in affecting the performance of those who are willing to give up sleep for grades.

"I believe that some individuals are better at functioning with a high sleep debt than others, and this can be an advantage academically," Stolarz said.

Stolarz's study also found sleep correlations in gender.

"In my data set, college women slept less than college men, but in terms of their parents, there were fewer fathers than mothers. This explanation for this is that parents of college students come from a generation where women were less encouraged to work in the labor market than men," Stolarz said.

"The current wage ratio of women to men in the labor force, though rising, is approximately 75-80 years to the dollar meaning an average, men have more of an incentive to provide labor market than women, and thus less of an incentive to sleep. At the college level, women and men have more equal incentives and thus equivalent incentives to sleep." Weaver said sleep is poorly understood.

"It seems to be one of our evolutionary things," Weaver said. "If you're a creature like us, it's not safe to walk around at night. You have to protect yourself from going to get eaten, and so we specialise to do better if between sunrise and sunset we lay it in a cool place. You can see why we would have an adaptive value for not going out with rat fighers."

11 million tainted bottles of painkillers recalled

By Victor Guharyo

TECHNEWS WRITER

Eleven million 500-milligram bottles of acetaminophen, a commonly used pill for headache and pain are being recalled by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) because they may contain metal fragments (New York Times, November 10, 2006).

The bottles were manufactured by the Perrigo Company, the world's largest manufacturer of store brand nonprescription drugs. They were sold under store brands or private labels by drug chains like CVS, Wal-Mart, Safeway and more than 120 other major retailers. Some of the said amounts bottles were sold as long as three years ago.

There were no immediate reports of injury or death. The FDA from visual and x-ray scanned tainted bottles included metal fragments ranging in size from "microdots" to one inch. One claimant of a bottle divided one-thousandth of an inch. A metal fragment was the rule. FDA could not describe the type of metal. Perrigo identified the problem after the discovery that its metal detector was wearing down prematurely. Perrigo stated that roughly 200 pills of the 70 million placed thru the metal detector. The FDA could not confirm whether the metal found in the pills caused the damage or resulted from it. Perrigo said the pills contained raw materials purchased from a third-party supplier and affected 313 batches.

Acetaminophen is also sold under the Tylenol brand. However, the generic versions made by manufacturers like Perrigo are typically much cheaper than the Tylenol brand. The FDA does expect the recall will cause a shortage of generic acetaminophen in the market.

The voluntary recall is a Class II recall because of the potential of a temporary health problem. Consumers with questions can call Perrigo at 877-546-0454 or they can check the FDA website http://www.fda.gov/ (people manners) to find out what the metal was and ferret whether they bought a tainted bottle.

MySpace prohibits illegal music

By Ginny Hames

TOWN & STATE DAILY (TOWN & STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa - It's all a part of the average college student's routine - WebMail, Facebook and then YouTube. These common interactions are what keep students going throughout the day.

Recent copyright issues, however, may turn free video clips into highly censored ones that require a copyright.

"I have always enjoyed looking up my favorite music or watching a brief clip," said Annika Turbog, freshmen in business. "I think requiring a copyright is a logical idea, but I think that it will limit the videos and music available."

Numerous companies are in the process of finding effective ways to develop better video filters to catch clips without copyrights. Many music and video clips are being downloaded to Web sites like YouTube and MySpace without a copyright.

Guba, a video-sharing site based in San Francisco, has created a method that creates digital signatures of copyrighted materials.

This means, according to a News.com article, the new technology will recognize a clip even if the video has been coded in a different format or the length has been altered.

As of Monday, MySpace began its effort to eliminate unauthorized music from reaching its site. The company agreed to deal with Gracenote, an online music database, after only three days, said Jim Hollingsworth, Gracenote's senior vice president of sales and marketing.

According to the article, MySpace is using Gracenote in order to identify music genres unique to every digital recording.

The system requires only a few seconds' worth of music to recognize and distinguish whether a song is copyrighted.

Gracenote scans music downloaded to MySpace and cross checks songs with those in the company's 30 million-song database, Hollingsworth said.

"I think that this will make it difficult for small, undiscovered bands to get exposure like many have through sites like MySpace in the past," said Peter Torvilliger, freshmen in pre-architecture.

Eventually all the music MySpace provides will be copyrighted.

Some companies, such as PhotoBucket and Revver, are relying on people to look at each frame uploaded to their sites to check for copyrights.

"We're going to ensure that this site doesn't cheat content creators out of one cent," said Steve Stenz, CEO of Revver. "Nothing goes on our site unless someone has taken a look at it."

Low carbohydrate diet does not raise heart risk in women

By Victor Guharyo

TECHNEWS WRITER

For years, the advocates of low carbohydrate diets, such as the Atkins diet claim that the diets may prevent obesity and heart disease. However, no one knew the validity of the claim since long-term safety of low-carb and high protein diets did not increase the risk of heart disease (New England Journal of Medicine November 9, 2006). Those on carbohydrates from processed foods and high processed foods diet doubled their risk of heart disease. Interestingly, those on a low-carb diets get more protein than those on a diet higher in fat and cholesterol (and saturated fats and cholesterol) were not known till the report of a research study came out last week.

"2, 800 women were followed for twenty years and the National Institute of Health sponsored study reported those on longer carbohydrate and higher protein diet did not increase the risk of heart disease (New England Journal of Medicine November 9, 2006). Those on carbohydrates from processed foods and high processed foods diet doubled their risk of heart disease. Interestingly, those on a low-carb diets get more protein than those on a diet higher in fat and cholesterol (and saturated fats and cholesterol) were not known till the report of a research study came out last week.

The landmark study provides a new insight into the management of obesity which has resulted epidemiologic predictions in the United States. Preventing dietary recommendations have advocated diets low in fat and high in carbohydrates as the best way to manage weight and reduce the risk of heart disease. According to the recommendations, diets low in carbohydrate and high in fat and protein remain popular. Indeed, several best selling books endorse the strategy for weight loss. The new study suggests the conventional wisdom and suggests that neither a low-fat dietary pattern nor a typical carbohydrate diet is ideal with regards to risk of heart disease; both have similar risks. However, a diet moderately lower in carbohydrates with a focus on vegetables sources of fat and protein may be the best option to prevent heart disease.

At this point of time, it is unclear whether the findings can be applied to men since the study included only women.
In The Limelight: Prof. Sandra Bishnoi

By Disha Doshi
ADVERTISING MANAGER

Prof. Sandra Bishnoi, Associate Professor of Chemistry, is a rare combination of a person with an unfathomable passion for science and yet has a human touch to whatever she does. Continue reading to know more about the lady who comes with positivism and energy.

TechNews: Tell us something about your growing up years.

Prof. Bishnoi: I grew up in Duncanville, a small town in Dallas County, Texas, with my older brother and dad. My dad was a machinist and so he made sure that I was mechanically inclined and was capable of working with tools.

TechNews: What colleges did you go to?

Prof. Bishnoi: I received Bachelor's in Chemistry and my PhD in Chemistry from the University of Texas, Austin.

TechNews: Were you inclined to chemistry right from the beginning or chemistry came later in life?

Prof. Bishnoi: I had completed different plans for myself. I went to business school and for one and half years I had accounting as my major. I had friends who were all very clear that they wanted to work with top notch business firms. But I figured out that business was not a personality and an academic fit for me. For a semester I headed with absolutely no major during which I sampled various engineering subjects. I always had admiration plates of having an impact on the world which I thought would be possible in a field like chemistry rather than business. Thus I was a late comer to chemistry.

TechNews: Tell us something about your professional career.

Prof. Bishnoi: After I got my PhD, I spent two years working in the industry after which I joined the field of academics. Working in the industry gave me a clearer and broader perspective of a lot of things. After working in a major firm I also learned to cherish the kind of freedom academics has to offer.

TechNews: How do you think the field of chemistry has changed over the time you graduated?

Prof. Bishnoi: At the time I went to college there were not many women taking up chemistry. Today I see lot of women taking up chemistry and excelling in this field.

TechNews: What is the one thing you really like about being at IIT?

Prof. Bishnoi: I completely enjoy student interactions at IIT and talking to them not only about their classes and academic pursuits but also various aspects of life. I love the fact that IIT has small class sizes that let me know all my students personally.

TechNews: What is the one change that you think if done can wonders to IIT?

Prof. Bishnoi: I feel that we need to improve student retention at IIT and constantly work on elevating our stature. Our job does not stop at bringing in students but rather keeping them with us at IIT and providing them with a healthy atmosphere on campus to stay.

TechNews: What is the one thing in your life that you want to do?

Prof. Bishnoi: I feel that I am a very lucky and blessed person and my life has got better with each day. No doubt there are always "what ifs" in everyone's live but then my life wouldn't have turned out like this without those decisions for which I have those "what ifs".

TechNews: Your message to the students.

Prof. Bishnoi: Keep scoped in perspective because you know learn not abstract concepts but actual principles that are applicable on a day to day life. Keep your eyes wide open for small things like the food you eat to the medications you take because all these things have been woven in them. And keep learning always.

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Research Interests: Characterization of Peptide-Membrane Interfaces (Raman and Fluorescence spectroscopy / microscopy), Self-assembly of Polynuclear Materials, Delivery of Nanoscaled Materials for Medical Applications
Favorite Pastime: I love pets and my favorite pastime is playing with my dog. I love hiking, traveling and reading and spending time with my family and friends.
Preferred music: I enjoy listening to music but there's no specific kind of music I listen to every time.

A day with the IIT Army ROTC Fire Battalion
By Oladunlou Adeola
TECHNEWS WRITER

Starting a day 3.50am is not very convenient but it is sometimes required of cadets in the Army ROTC. I tagged along with the ROTC Fire Battalion squad on Saturday, 9th February, as an attached journalist to cover the Field Training Exercise (FTE) that was going on that day. The Fire Battalion Squad is actually an ROTC division composed of various volunteer in the Chicago area as opposed to each school having its own battalion. The atmosphere was a whole lot more relaxed as opposed to contrary opinion but it was obvious that there was a lot of order in whatever disorder there appeared to be. We departed at about 4.30am from the University of Illinois, Chicago (UIC) on our way to the Joliet Training Center which is a large expanse of land used by the ROTC, Army Reserves, and the National Guard to train. The point of the exercise that day was to obtain Leadership Development Points (LDP) for the MS3s. The MS3s are third year ROTC cadets. This is irrespective of their year in college and depends only on how long they have been in the ROTC. As expected, MS1s, MS2s, and MS4s are first, second and fourth year ROTC cadets respectively. The MS5s who are 8th year ROTC cadets are generally referred to as completion cadets.

We arrived at Joliet Training Center about an hour and a half after we left UIC. The cadets lined up according to their squads once we arrived and proceeded to the point where they were briefed on their requirements for the day. Handled rubber gloves (rubber ducks) and packed to set off on their missions. The members of the units were set to obtain LDPs for the MS3s who are to go to camp during the summer and need the points to go through the camp smoothly. Each squad had about 4 MS3s each and rotated leadership of the squad after each mission. The squads were to go on 5 back to back 2 hour missions during the day where they were either sent on missions (mission) or observed to conduct missions. Joining one of the squads, we set off into the woods with a cadre and a male walker, basically a fire walker goes the path of the mission over and over with different squads making sure that it goes smoothly. When we arrived at our set off point for the first mission, positions were assigned for the squad and each cadre set about their tasks concerning their respective procedures. The cadre leader along with the designated recorder got briefed on the mission by the cadre who is there to grade the missions.

The squad set out to begin the first mission amongst the thick woods and cold winds. They moved in formation and moved efficiently trying to execute their rescue mission as smoothly as possible. Many times they had to bow low when suspecting activity that may compromise their situation, but luckily for them, none of that happened. Finally, they emptied the rescue cell and sent out cadets to observe the area and record data concerning the objective. When they got back, without being spotted, the mission was ended successfully. But that was not the main point of the mission, the main point of the exercise was to evaluate the leadership attributes of the designated leader for that mission. The cadre called the group together and then went through the motions of the freshly executed missions. He went ahead and got feedback from the remaining squad cadets on what they thought about the leadership of the squad leader. The cadre then awarded points based on what the cadre evaluated from the procedure.

This same procedure went on and over again, back to back for 10 hours, with the squads going through and rotating missions and leaders. For food, they had MRs (Meal Readily to Eat) which are basically high calorie food packages which are made for the army to get food that when they are in the field with little time to cook and not much time to eat. The high calorie content is designed to sustain them for a long time. There were other cadets, mostly MS4s who just went around as backups and making sure the whole day went smoothly. As a matter of fact, one of the cadets taking part in mission had to be rushed to the hospital promptly by MS4s and cadets. The cadet in question ended up firing after being taken care of at the hospital. The MS4s are practically the highest ranked cadets in the ROTC because there are not usually many MS4s. A lot of the MS4s do not go through as rigorous procedures as the other cadets because they are usually in their last year of training and most of them are just finishing up and at the same time trying to graduate from college, so they are given a little brevery to balance the two. After they graduate, they go on to be leaders and are set as reserves to be called up when they are needed.

If you would like to contribute to the Campus News Section or would like to see something else in it Contact Jide okebaba@iit.edu
**Public Safety addresses campus attacks**

**By Ololuwade Adeola**

Tuesday During the last Tuesday of the semester, the Public Safety office addressed students and faculty members. The officer spoke about the recent increase in incidents of violence on campus, including assaults and thefts. The officer stressed the importance of being vigilant and reporting any suspicious activities to the authorities. The officer also reminded students to lock their doors and windows when they are not in their rooms.

**SGA Senate Elections**

**By Eli Stine**

We're here to help! The SGA Senate is in session, with a number of resolutions on the agenda. Among the topics discussed were the budget, the student activities fund, and the SGA's role in tinctorial and policy matters. The SGA is also considering the possibility of establishing a student government association, which would provide a forum for students to express their views and participate in the decision-making process.

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**Student Government Association Senate Election Results:**

There are a total of 15 seats; 2 of which are academic seats plus one for each: Commuter Student Association, Graduate Student Association, Greek Council, and Residence Hall Association, and the four SGA Executive Board. The elections for these seats have been filled. Six from the College of Architecture were filled along with four from the College of Science and Letters and one from VanderCook College of Music.
SPORTS

What to watch for: NFL week 12

By Matthew Helland
SPORTS EDITOR

Miami 14 Detroit 17
The Lions lackluster Thanksgiving with a late
evening game, giving football fans a game before the
big meal. Although this isn’t an ideal match up for
a nationally televised game, the game itself should
be very competitive. The Lions fans should be all over
Joey Harrington upon his return to Detroit, and will
hope their defense can shut down the ex-Lion.

Tampa Bay 10 Dallas 24
Obviously the Cowboys haven’t had enough
media exposure this year, so expect something
controversial to happen in Dallas before this game.
Even with all the divisional issues, there’s no denying
that the Cowboys are good, but good won’t turn into great
until they come together as a team.

Denver 28 Kansas City 23
The NFL Network starts broadcasting Thanksgiving evening with the best game of the
day. This better AFC West rivalry will likely decide
whether the Chiefs have any hopes of making the
playoffs. In such an important game for K.C., one
can expect Larry Johnson to be the focal point of the
defense and needs to produce for the team to win.

New Orleans 31 Atlanta 27
The Falcons, Saints, and Panthers are all battled for what looks to be two playoff spots. These
20 teams are very interesting in their own ways, and with a loss early in the season at New Orleans,
the Falcons really need this game. Unfortunately for
Atlanta, their pass defense doesn’t sound a chance
against Drew Brees and Michael Vick will have to
play a near perfect game for the Falcons to win.

Pittsburgh 16 Baltimore 20
I don’t know why Keep picking the Steelers to
win every week. I guess it’s just because until now to
realize that their defense isn’t playing anywhere
close to the level they did last year. Baltimore, on
the other hand, has been playing great defense and
has a controlled offense eerily similar to the Steelers
team of last year.

Jacksonville 28 Buffalo 9
The Jags have only one win on the road entering
this week, and have been as inconsistent as any team this season. When they win, they blow
their opponents out, so I’m picking the Jags to stop
up against Gardner that won’t even make it onto the
Buffalo defense.

Cincinnati 31 Cleveland 18
After a promising start to the season, the Bengals are stragglers to stay above .500. Their
defense only gets harder the rest of the season with
games against Baltimore, Indianapolis, and Denver
waiting down the stretch. Cincy will win this one, but
have to be considered a long shot for the playoffs.

Arizona 13 Minnesota 14
This is the fourth game in a row the Vikings were expected to win. However, they’ve lost the
first two and their game at Miami in week 11 will
be tougher than initially anticipated. Luckily for
Minnesota, the Cardinals are writing on the road and
all signs point to a Vikings win. Nevertheless, don’t
be surprised if they underachieve.

Houston 20 N.Y. Jets 23
The Jets surprised everyone in week ten by
winning in New England and moving their record to
7-4. Rookie head coach Eric Mangini has to be
considered the coach of the year at this point. The
Jets won’t be expected to win five games the entire
year, and now are on the verge of making a run
for the wild-card.

San Francisco 12 St. Louis 21
The Niners shocked the Rams in week two,
and Steven Jackson and company will be looking for
revenge. Expect Jackson to have another 100+yard
nothing game, leading this team to the win.

Carolina 24 Washington 10
With Clinton Portis injured and only three
wins, the Redskins have basically given up on the
season and named Jason Campbell. Bunching
starter Brennan is a great move for the future of
the franchise, as Campbell has potential to be a quality
starter in the league and the inevitable losses will
turn a high draft pick.

Oakland 9 San Diego 35
The Chargers are undefeated at home and
this week face the Raiders, whom they pounded
27-6 in week one. This game should get ugly
fast, and if Oakland can’t figure out how to protect
their quarterback they will be shutout for a second
consecutive time.

Chicago 20 New England 17
This will be a real test for the Bears. They
know they can handle the best in the NFC, but have
been shaky against AFC opponents this season. A
win at Foxboro against Brady and company would
definitely leave a statement and move the Bears one
win closer to home field advantage.

N.Y. Giants 28 Green Bay 17
The Giants were embarrassed at home by the
Bears in week ten, and need a game like this to
gain some confidence back. Eli Manning looked awful
against the Bears defense, but should be able to pull
things together in Tennessee.

Philadelphia 31 Indianapolis 35
I can’t wait for this game. The best two
quarterbacks in football will be on display Sunday
night in what should be a shootout. McNabb will
do his best to outmatch Manning’s Colts, but home
field advantage and the Colts experienced receiving
core will be the difference.

Green Bay 20 Seattle 24
Seattle’s offense is expected to be healthy for
the first time in weeks, and will be on display against
Mike Holmgren’s former team. The Packers have
definitely improved this year, but will have to
overachieve to win at Seattle.

Schedule of Events

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Women’s Swimming & Diving

No upcoming meets this week.

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