Chicago becomes first city to practice evacuation drill

By Hazel Ramirez

Last Thursday, Chicago became the first major city to perform a disaster drill to prepare for a terrorist attack or natural disaster. The drill mimicked an evacuation scenario which would follow after an explosion. Emergency officials performed an evacuation involving 4,000 financial district employees. The participants worked in four office buildings near the corner of Wacker Drive and Monroe Street. These included large business employers of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and consultant Deloitte & Touche, LLP as well as Brian Hospital Corp. and Bloomberg L.P.

"Today is about showing the people of Chicago what they can anticipate when they reach ground level," said head of the emergency office, Cortter Teter. His office is designing further plans to include lessons learned after flooding from Hurricane Katrina which led to the evacuation of New Orleans last year as well as the infamous attacks of September 11, 2001 that destroyed the World Trade Center Towers in New York.

The exercise began at 4 p.m., and nearby streets such as Wacker Drive between Madison Street and Adams Street and on Monroe Street between Franklin Street and Halsted Street had to be closed. Some train schedules were changed and shuttles and bus services were rerouted or canceled during rush hour. Unlike fire drills, where participants are merely evacuated, the disaster drill was designed to have office workers walk several blocks from the intersection after the buildings were cleared. They were directed towards triage tents which were set up on various corners for shelter in cases where injury may have occurred.

The evacuation drill was scheduled to take less than two hours, and streets near the intersection were clear of office workers in less than 45 minutes. Participants walked west along Monroe Street, stopping occasionally by crossing guards to allow traffic to proceed.

The Salvation Army was also there in full support handing out thousands of water bottles to the participants.

"Everyone did what they were asked, followed procedure," said Sue Milders, an administrative assistant supervisor at Deloitte who took part in the drill. The exercise was videotaped so that emergency officials and residents can have instructions for evacuation procedures. With the success of the first ever disaster evacuation drill, Chicago can set an example for the nation hoping that other U.S. cities may consider holding similar drills.

Design and race: hybrid is a go at IIT

By Abhishek Gundugurti

Last Friday, about 34 students met in a classroom in Siegel Hall for a kickoff meeting. There were three people leading the way and explaining what the meeting was about and what the advertised competition was going to be about. Sanjana Wanasingha, Ph.D. student at IIT, and a former IIT Undergrad, is planning to lead this group along with the guidance and advice of Prof. Ali Emadi, in victory in the upcoming FORMULA HYBRID COMPETITION.

Formula Hybrid is the latest engineering competition at the college-level organized by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), IEEE and led by the Thayer School of Engineering and Dartmouth College.

This competition is unique in that, this is the first competition where student engineers would build a hybrid formula car to race. They will involve both a fuel-supplied system and also an electric system which will power the motion of the car. The hybrid drive system has to be designed by the students, along with the mechanical design of the chassis. As a result, the students of both the SAE and IEEE have come together to work as one in pursuing the final goal. The Mechanical team will be headed by Giuseppe Murat and the Electrical team by Pradeep Shoburn. The Society of Automotive Engineers at IIT (SAE at IIT) has already participated in competitions of this kind, building a car from a basic design. But it is a new concept for them to build their own car from the ground up, design the chassis, design the electric and mechanical systems and finish the car to race it at New Hampshire International Speedway. Thus, they are looking for students who are interested in building a race-hybrid car with whatever expertise they have.

It is an international competition, where colleges from other countries can also participate. Judging will be done in two primary categories, dynamic and static.

All the competitors lead to New Hampshire and race their cars, for the dynamic part of the competition, on the 1.058 mile oval. There will be three tests, endurance, pace and heat, followed by the best part of all (in my opinion) the endurance. There are other specific for which the car would be graded on. Safety is one very important factor and the cars need to meet a lot of safety requirements before going on the track.

Why would an IIT student be interested in this? Quite simple. It is hands-on work in their field of electrical or mechanical engineering. It would be a good team-building activity and a real good practical experience which would be helpful for entry-level engineering opportunities. In the end, it is great fun too because you are racing with other big name schools across the US and the world.

ECE students to compete in hybrid design competition

PRESS RELEASE

SEPTEMBER 1, 2006
CHICAGO, Ill. - Electrical and Computer Engineering department students are preparing for the ride of a lifetime in the 2007 Formula Hybrid student automobile design competition. The event, sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) and Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), will be held Tuesday, May 1 to Thursday, May 3 at Dartmouth College and the New Hampshire International Speedway.

The new competition is based on the previous Formula SAE program with a few changes. Like Formula SAE events, the Hybrid competition includes an acceleration test, autonomous, on road, and endurance events, as well as engineering and construction static events. In addition, the new competition emphasizes drive train innovation and fuel efficiency.

"The hybrid formula competition provides the opportunity for undergraduate students to truly have an impact on the world of hybrid cars," said Sanjana Wanasingha, team project leader. "It gives students the chance to not only design a hybrid, but to see their design materialize and compete against some of the best universities in the world."

The teams will be evaluated in the following categories: high-power electronics; mechanical systems including suspension, steering, braking, chassis design, body design, and ergonomics; race strategy and management; computerized systems control; data acquisition; internal combustion engine including intake and exhaust systems, fuel management, and ignition systems; regenerative electric/hydraulic braking systems; and project management.

For more information on the competition or to be part of the IIT Formula Hybrid team, contact Wanasingha at wrsan@iit.edu.

Amy Hansen
Director of Communications ECE
From the Editor-in-Chief

By Michael Merkley

Challenge is the best education. No one ever learned anything by waking up everyday and monotonously going through the same tasks that they have done every day for their whole life. There is nothing more mindless than doing what you have already mastered. One really only learns and grows by figuring out something that you didn’t used to know how to do. Insight only comes from yourself in a situation that you have never been in before. I think both of these aspects can be listed under the heading of challenge. But that is mostly because I don’t like the typical definition of challenging oneself. People generally say that challenge yourself, you must do something that you think you cannot do, that’s different, and I don’t like it, but that is another story for a another time.

I don’t believe that anyone can pick up something entirely new, and master it immediatly. For example, one hears about a gifted musician that can pick up an instrument that they have never played before, and within minutes they have a better grasp of it than people that have played it for years. This is not what I am talking about: the musician has already mastered the art of making music, delicacy of his fingers, tone recognition, and sense of time, so a new instrument is not necessarily a challenge. However, putting that musician into boxing ring, and I doubt that mastery would come so quickly, and he would probably feel challenged.

I don’t believe that the most exciting times in life are when I am doing something new. I think that would be bored to death without it. Life is best when you are hanging on the edge, not quite sure whether you are going to make it. Now, I’m not talking about being an adrenaline junkie, I’m not saying that you should try to jump a motorcycle over a canyon, and be unsure of how things are going to end up. But I am definitely talking about that type of attitude applied to some activities. You have to jump in, even if it’s a bit scary.

You are all here in IIT, so I doubt that you are a stranger to what I am saying. You didn’t get here by taking it easy. You get here by doing it better, and also by pushing new horizons. Students, because you weren’t satisfied with memorizing multiplication tables, rather you moved into new realms. Professors doing research that is by definition stepping into the unknown, and reaching that is challenging in ways that I couldn’t begin to appreciate. I’ve noticed that there aren’t too many students members here that just answer phone calls, rather they are busting their tails bringing about the new next new thing. Everyone is pushing it. If you are bored, unchallenged, or unsupervised, I suggest trying something new. You’ve heard it before. It sounds simple. Just don’t forget it.

Welcome to TechNews.

The more I talk to new students, the more I am distressed by what they know, or don’t know, about TechNews. Simply put, we are a student run, student written paper, published weekly. ALL students are welcome, and encouraged, to write and take photos for TechNews. Get your work published, get help out the campus. Everyone is happy.

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What the Facebook edition number 2: what the Facebook reloaded

By Collin Emho-Wei
CHICAGO EDITOR

A message to you, dear reader, is not a big-fan of the social network. But Facebook, for once, is getting things right. And it's only fair because Facebook is the site. After all, it's where Facebook is, isn't it? Not yours. Not my Facebook, but that's another story altogether.

A few days ago, Facebook reloaded its News Feed, and it's working. Yet as I'm sure you've guessed, the "News Feed" became the site's star attraction. In the past, it's been a bit inconsistent and sometimes a little too eager for users to click. Now, the News Feed, which features interesting news and updates, is delivering more relevant information and links for its users.

Alex Beizer updated his profile. He edited his favorite quotes, about me, and his previous. And Scott Kusick is providing the next great American novel.

The Facebook news feed is ticked full of information you just don't need to know about your friends and their lives. The Facebook edition number 2: what the Facebook reloaded.
By Michael Morley
TECHNEWS WRITER

I think one of the most exciting areas of Jit's campus is the incredible cultural mix that exists amongst the students. We befriended students and great people from all over the world who by one way or another happened to find themselves on our campus on the South side of Chicago. However, have you ever thought about what that experience might be like? Just to decide one day to pick up your bags, change your life, and escape for 6 months, or even a year to an exotic country. Honestly, when we finish our studies and become anchored down to fixed jobs, we will never have the freedom to see the world, which our international center at Jit provides us with. Speaking from experience, I can say that there is nothing more exciting, personally influential, and oh yeah, educational as spending a year away from your "comfort zone" of Chicago's south side campus. One of the hidden wonders of this campus is found on the 4th floor of the Main Building, where a dedicated group of workers and students organize exchange programs with more than 50 schools in the world throughout Europe, South America and Asia! Most importantly, you don't have to worry about even "finding time in your schedule" to go abroad. The universities, which Jit is affiliated with, have great reputations in their respective countries and offer a variety of engineering courses in native languages as well as English (for those who wish to go somewhere very exotic but don't have the background experience with the native language). Personally found an amazing university in Spain where I was able to enroll myself in biomedical engineering classes, which were equivalent to the courses offered at Jit and were accredited to my transcript! The International Center at Jit understands that studying in another language isn't always the most difficult, but you don't have to stress out too much because all courses taken abroad are recorded as pass-fail. That means that if you pass the course at all, you will receive the credit for it, but not grade it will count against your G.P.A.

I went to Spain last year and sincerely had the time of my life. I found myself in a beautiful, small village, Spain is not least amongst the thrills of northern Spain. Being located half an hour away from the mountains, and an hour north of a famous ski resort, and beautiful mountains, on beautiful days I commonly find myself playing beach soccer or hiking in the green hills with a group of friends. I made great friends with students from all different parts of Spain and it was incredible to get into profound conversations with them about their childhood and how the social trends and attitudes of their culture and lifestyle differ from our own.

Since the European transportation system is extensive and incredibly cheap (with Eurotrain tickets for students) it was very easy to just jump on a train or a bus and head off for the weekend to Madrid, Barcelona, Salamanca, Seville, or the beaches of Galicia or Catala.

Let's be honest: the first few weeks of school were pretty tough. At the beginning of the year I was sitting in my intro to physiology class staring at the professor, trying to figure out what they were talking about. But you would be surprised how quickly you can pick up a language if you are devoted to it and are completely "dropped" in with the natives. Very quickly some great Spaniards offered to help me with some things and I made some fantastic bar-crawling mates. Surprisingly, after only about 3 weeks of living with Spaniards 24/7, reading my Spanish textbook, and listening to the verbal jumble of my teachers I was able to understand what was going on and was on my way to really fitting in and feeling at home once again.

The European school system is surprisingly different from ours. Basically you go to lectures where the professor just speaks to you and you are expected to take notes on what you think is important. We never had a single homework assignment the entire year because they consider homework "childish" and feel that you should be able to find out the answers to any personal questions you have about the things we went over in class by sifting through library books. So we basically spent 3-12 months going to class, and coming back to study a bit in the evening and then just relaxing, and the only thing that determined whether we passed a class or not was one long, difficult final exam, but after a good deal of studying (less than a typical Jit student is used to) they weren't much of a problem. At the end of everything I got good grades in all my classes, learnt the language effortlessly, traveled the country, and made lifelong friends with whom I'll have to visit someday. So my question for you is: "why don't we do it?" I was very tentative about leaving at first but I knew that if I didn't seize this incredible opportunity that I would wind up graduating from Jit regretting not having done so. And after having spent a year in Spain, I can say that it was one of the best decisions that I ever made.

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**Student Organization Fair Snapshots**

[Images of students participating in the fair]

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City Lights: building beauty

By Colin Emch-Wei

One of the most controversial questions posed in relation to architecture is: What is beauty? Is it a sensible or simple art? Or, does it simply lie in the eyes of the beholder? There are, as I have alluded, numerous different theories on what beauty is, and I would like to make a discussion of them.

Sculpture, on the other hand, is the art of contrasting the natural with the man-made. One of the most fascinating aspects of sculpture is its ability to transform the ordinary into something extraordinary. This is achieved by using the materials available and the skill of the artist to create something that is not only aesthetically pleasing but also functional.

In the third case, the angle at which the facets on the under-side are cut becomes too shallow — the diamond is too short for its diameter — in this case, the light passes through the diamond, but not directly back to the eye. As with the case in which the angle is too large.

The most significant diamond is the one that is most magnified, both in color and in brilliance. This is because people find a diamond appealing in this third case, but the question is: Why? We like that there is a vibrancy to the light being emitted from the stone, as well as the joy of the prismatic effects. But, what has caused us to become attracted to these aspects, and does this even matter in the question of what beauty is?

It is my contention that beauty is the "architectural" realization of the natural, the man-made achievement of a natural phenomenon. This would mean that the above example would need to be expanded in the following.

The precursor to the three cases that have been thus far stated includes the encounter of the diamond in its natural and uncultured state. By this I mean that we have encountered an uncultured stone, and, due to the inquisitive nature of the human, we have resurfaced the stone in the light to attempt to Insets the prismatic movement of the light through the stone and to catch any on various subsets. By this process: an element, encourages the viewer to try to recreate it, challenging the human to imitate it. This is the true goal of architecture, is pleased. This suggests that natural beauty is what we acknowledge, but that we can achieve this same sense of awareness through the study of this one form. However, through this process, the closer we come to representing the true natural world, the more beauty we see in the new success.

On the cheap: Punky’s: pizza, pasta, and sandwiches

By Colin Emch-Wei

This is Chicago, the land of limitless Italian cuisine. Wherever you go, there will undoubtedly be some sort of Mom & Pop Italian joint stick in the facade of a city block. It’s not that we always have the best food, but for the most part they have a fair and appealing price range. Punky’s is one of these aforementioned stalks of Italian food.

The food is good. The ingredients are fresh and the food is flavorful. Punky’s serves a variety of pastas, pizza, and sandwiches. They don’t serve deep dish, but that’s no real reason to complain. Their toppings are of standard scope (pepperoni, sausage, onions), but they do have a barbecued chicken pizza to throw things off a bit. The pasta selection is similar to that of the pizza selection, meaning that it is relatively standard fair. Spaghetti, ravioli, and penne are yours to choose from, as are their variants. The pasta is probably one of the best values on the menu, as they come in at anywhere between $4.95 and $5.95, and they include garlic bread to accompany the meal. Extra garlic bread will run you about $1.75. With that said, the sandwich offerings are the most expensive, as they carry anything between hamburgers, hot dogs, and beef sandwiches. The sandwiches won’t rob your wallet, as they weigh in at no more than $5.25.

Lastly, Punky’s offers what they call a “pizzarooni,” which is essentially a massive calzone that can either be顾或Fried. I don’t know what I say those things are large; one could probably feed two people. These come in at $0.80, which isn’t too bad considering the amount of food here.

Finally, the most important part... how good is this stuff? Well, it’s not half bad. The baked sausage pizzarooni was thoroughly cooked, with the crust being light and tasty. The choice was plentiful, although it took over the dish to a point. the sauce was few and far between, lost along with the sausage in a sea of cheese. The texture of the fried pizzarooni was reported to be a bit toughly, and the sauce itself was terrible. Only the has it not so bad, either. Every element seemed to be in the correct balance, and overall taste and texture didn’t disappoint. Not the worst pizza I’ve had, but they definitely pay attention to the city. You get what you buy: a single slice goes for $2.75, and a large pie goes for about $13.00.

For the dollar, Punky’s is a bad place at all to go to case your collegiate-induced hunger pangs. It’s good, food, and they deliver to boot.
**Chicago Pitchfork Festival**

By Andrea De La Hoz

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The curating last year’s fest, influential music journalist and producer Jessicaudgett, the Chicago-based co-founder of Pitchfork Media, is now planning the third annual Chicago Pitchfork Festival. The event, set for July 23-25, will feature over 50 bands and performers from around the world, with highlights including influential indie rock bands, cutting-edge electronic music acts, and rising stars from the local Chicago music scene.

This year, the festival will take place at Union Park, a popular green space located in the heart of the city. The three-day event promises to offer an array of musical experiences for both seasoned music fans and newcomers alike. With a strong focus on emerging talent, the Pitchfork Festival has quickly become a must-attend event for music lovers across the country.

**Little Miss Sunshine**

By Jessica Schmit

TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

For yet another version of “National Lampoon’s Vacation” and Sundance’s predictable consecration of the red-necked suburbanites of suburbia, “Little Miss Sunshine” is a slimming beacon of hope among the mountain of derision slated for the film. This is not to say that the film is without its flaws; far from it. The movie is a dark comedy, and as such, the audience can be excused for finding the film’s tone and execution somewhat problematic.

But overall, the film is a success. It manages to balance humor with pathos in a way that is both clever and poignant. The performances are strong, particularly that of Steve Carell, who delivers a nuanced and moving portrayal of Frank, the film’s protagonist. The supporting cast is also excellent, with a particular highlight being the chemistry between Carell and Amy Ryan, who play his wife and daughter. Overall, “Little Miss Sunshine” is a film that is worth seeing - not just for its laughs, but for its heart-tugging story as well.

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*Bell, Avin’s second-in-command and the businessman to Avin’s gangster. Season 1 took the bold step of putting the Barkodale plotline on the backburner (for both dramatic reasons and because the plot called for it), focusing on the plight of poor workers and women band together as well as they deal with the local mafia. The risk worked, and the show had a completely different dynamic throughout the season. The way of Frank Sebokha and "The Greek". Season 3 returned to the familiar Barkodale crew, all the while adding a political aspect to the show, introducing councillors Tumelo Carcenti, an idealistic man who was considering running for mayor. Besides the Barkodale plotline, the show was following the Barkodale plotline involving the tighter-up-the-power police department, namely Major Bumny Colvin, and digging deeper into the illegal drug dealing. While a specific area of the city free for the drug dealers are consumers, to stay in, without police intrusion. While this plotline was the least realistic show has had, it dealt with the idea in a mature tone and never trying to push the envelope too far.*

**This Week**

By Michael Merkley

EDITOR IN CHIEF

One of the biggest bonuses for市场化 on ITT is Chicago. Chicago is an amazing city that has been known for its art and culture, especially in the Arts and Entertainment. So take advantage of the fact that there are two big events taking place this weekend in the city, and be sure to check out the events. UPASS that we should be so thankful for having. Here are a few events coming up this week that you might want to check out.

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10th Annual Macy’s Day of Music

From 1pm to 10pm, this Saturday, September 16th, you can enjoy music of all different genres, and a free performance from the world renowned Chicago Symphony Orchestra. So get down to the Symphony Center at 220 S. Michigan, or find out more at www.cso.org.

**Celtic Fest Chicago**

Another one of Chicago’s famous free concerts in Grant Park. This weekend, 16th and 17th, two days of enough music to make you want to dance. Find out more at www.chicagocelticfest.com.

**Shakespeare’s King Lear**

Through October 15th, the Goodman Theatre is putting on this classic from the most highly regarded playwright. www.goodmantheatre.org
What to watch for: NFL week 2

By Matthew Helland
	SPORTS EDITOR

Tampa Bay 17 Atlanta 24
The Falcons’ play their second division game in many weeks, making this early stretch of the season important. Expect a battle from Tampa, but the speed which Atlanta possesses on their home turf will be too much for the Bucs, as Vick and Dunn put up 350 yards on the ground for the win.

Oakland 10 Baltimore 26
The Raiders will find it difficult to win five games this year, and this won’t be one of them. The Ravens have a better defense, led by Ray Lewis, a better offense, led by Steve McNair, and are playing at home. Add these factors up and an easy Baltimore win is foreseeable.

Detroit 13 Chicago 16
The Bears welcome division rival Detroit for their season opener at Soldier Field. Detroit comes into Chicago with more experience than last year, and should keep the score close for most of the game. Look for the Bears to use Thomas Jones and Cedric Benson aggressively in the second half to wear out Detroit down the stretch.

Cleveland 16 Cincinnati 26
This interstate rivalry has been very competitive over the years. Even with the Bengals obvious advantages at the skill positions, expect the Browns defense to make this game closer than expected.

New Orleans 24 Green Bay 23
If the Saints use Reggie Bush properly in this game, he should be able to run all over the Packers’s shaky defense. Splitting Bush would give Drew Brees lots of targets, the Saints are looking to exploit. Look for the Saints defense to contain Brett Favre and the offense by improving their play against the Pack and pull off the upset in Lambeau.

Houston 13 Indianapolis 31
Last year the Texans played Indy surprisingly well in their two meetings. However, the Colts were able to pull away in the second half of both games. Expect the Colts to go right to work this week, using the passing game early to open up a big lead, and the running game late to put Houston away.

Buffalo 15 Miami 20
The Dolphins and Bills both have many questions on defense to answer starting the year off. Will Dante Culpepper be the player he was in 2004, or struggle like he did last year? For Buffalo, J.P. Losman will have to show he is capable of running an NFL offense. One constant for both teams has been solid defensive play. I’ll give the edge to Miami’s defense in this game against the less experienced Bills offense.

Carolina 33 Minnesota 17
The Vikings defense matches up very well with the Panther offense. The Vikings strength is in the secondary, where they should take away the deep pass that Jake Delhomme and Steve Smith have mastered. If the secondary is able to come up with a few picks, the Vikings should turn the turnovers into just enough points to upset Carolina.

N.Y. Giants 24 Philadelphia 33
The Giants have one of the toughest schedules in football, and games against the Colts and Philadelphia could mean an uphill climb if the Giants want to win a division title. A healthy Donovan McNabb looking to avenge the losses to the Eagles in 2004, will rack up over 300 yards passing in the Philly win.

St. Louis 35 San Francisco 20
The Rams need to win road games like these if they have any chance of knocking Seattle out of the top spot in the NFC West. Expect the Rams offense to be at top speed with Marc Bulger, Terry Holt, and Steven Jackson leading a balanced attack on the ground and through the air.

Arizona 24 Seattle 41
The Cardinals are improving an offense this year, but still don’t have the defensive players to stop Shaun Alexander and the powerful Seahawks offensive line. Look for Alexander to touch the ball 30+ times, rush for forever 150 yards, and reach the endzone twice.

Kansas City 23 Denver 24
The Chiefs and Broncos have arguably the best rivalry in football, each game seems to be decided in the fourth quarter and the home team usually wins. Home field advantage this week goes to Denver, who will heavily rely on both Tatum and Mike Bell out of the backfield.

New England 24 N.Y. Jets 14
On paper, Tom Brady and company heavily outmatch the Jets in every aspect of the game. However, the Jets have played the Patriots twice a year for as long as Brady has been in New England, so expect the Jets to show Brady different looks on defense to keep this game close until the end.

Tennessee 14 San Diego 28
Expect the Chargers to get better and better as the season progresses and quarterback Philip Rivers gains experience. Unitl then, look for San Diego to rely heavily on LaDainian Tomlinson. Expect Tomlinson to have 100+ yards rushing and 2 TDS this week.

Washington 17 Dallas 20
The Cowboys and T.O. will have national audiences tuning in Sunday night to get their first look at the new look Cowboys playing in Dallas. Expect Dallas to showcase their wide receivers in what should be a low scoring game.

Pittsburgh 13 Jacksonville 17
The Jaguars played great last year, and finally have a Monday night game. Casual football fans tend to overlook the Jags, but they have one of the best defenses in football and an offense that won’t waste opportunities to score.

IIT Women’s Volleyball

Photo by Sarah Brosa

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