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IPRO 335 in Haiti: Arrival

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On the morning of January 3, just as the sun began to rise, six individuals boarded a plane leaving Chicago which would ultimately land—with one lay-over, of course—in the tropical island of Haiti. For those of you who have been reading TechNews, you may recognize that this trip was for IPRO 335, a project initiated by Dr. Laura Hosman of IIT's social science department which aims to design a solar solution to power laptops distributed through the One Laptop Per Child program (OLPC).

The end goal of the project is to design a solar array that would provide enough electricity to charge each laptop in a given school each day and, once our pilot school gets up and running, provide the plans to others in Haiti so that it can be replicated in schools across the country. No, we didn't walk onto the plane with solar panels under our shoulders or with electrical equipment stowed in our carry-ons; instead our aim for this trip was to scout out four prospective schools in the small city of Lascahobas, assess their structural integrity, and discuss our plans with principals and other school officials there.

We landed in Port-au-Prince and as we stepped out of Customs into the warm Caribbean air we were greeted by the sounds of the street, escorts calling out for their passengers, the rumble as cars sped by on the bumpy roads, and the penetrating conversations in French creole. After a worrisome bout of cell-phone trouble, we were finally led to our local drivers, a couple of men who were helping with the OLPC organization in Haiti. As we headed through the streets, I couldn't help but

think, as we passed the brown concrete walls and rubble, that this was like the pictures we often see of Iraq. But as I looked up into the hills upon which thousands of small homes were built, I couldn't help but recognize the Rio in Haiti. Posters littered the streets and walls, each promoting a different candidate for president. As we sped up and over hills, around curves and past monuments, we saw so many aspects of the people in Haiti.

We finally arrived at the Prince Hotel where we would be staying for several nights of our trip. Even through the destruction of last January's earthquake there were these little alcoves of beauty in Port-au-Prince which we discovered along the way. The hotel lobby was filled with artwork—carvings, murals, and paintings—and the architecture was practically foreign to the rest of the city.

Though we did not attempt any intensive official business that night—we were all too tired from the early flight and travel in general—we did meet up with our local contact in Haiti, Guy Serge Pompilus, along with several local university students who were assisting us in our solar implementation. They drove us out into the night and brought us to an excellent restaurant with great local dishes. Some indulged in the fresh seafood while others stepped out a bit more and tried Haitian treats such as goat; still others—i.e. me—decided to take it easy that night and stick with some American favorites.

After the early morning commute to O'Hare, the subsequent flight across vast waters and darted islands, the sensation of being in a foreign land and being introduced to new

experiences, and our first indulgence in Haitian culture, we were ready to retire for the night so that we might be prepared for our travel the next morning: a scenic trip over a mountain (or two) and through dusty little villages. The next day we would start assessing schools, and that was when our work really started.

Check out an overview of the trip and project at <http://www.inventingthefuture.iit.edu/journal/2011/1/14/ipro-335-visits-haiti-to-help-transform-the-quality-of-educa.html>, and for more information on IPRO 335, please visit <http://iitempoweringhaiti.org/> for updates, information, and pictures of our work.

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SustainabilITy is Fun!

Harshita Iyer
TECHNEWS WRITER

We hear about green buildings, recycling bins and alternative energy resources. But for the majority of us, that is about as far as it goes. Although most people do care a lot about the environment and sustainability, they do not have either the knowledge or the time to do something to help create change. Or they simply believe that one person's actions will not save the planet. This may be true, but I believe otherwise. As said by Confucius, "A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step".

And that is where the Office of Campus Energy and Sustainability at IIT started off a few years ago. Now the office has a Director, a Sustainability Plan and recently received the Princeton Review's "Best Green Rating" in Illinois, tied with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The Office organizes all sorts of fun events throughout the year, such as the Earth Week in April, around Earth Day (April 22), and creates awareness about Recycle Mania, an annual recycling competition every February among U.S. and Canadian colleges. They also organize events a few times every semester, called Campus Sustainability Forums, which are open to all IIT students, faculty, and even the community. These forums discuss various concerns about sustainability, and attempt to make people aware of what is going on at both IIT and in the community. Each forum covers a new topic, as well as topics that continue to be a concern, like recycling which is covered once every semester.

The first Sustainability Forum of the semester was on the 21st of January, about transportation, and the two speakers at the event were Bob Anderson from Hybrid Electric Vehicle Technologies, and Adolfo Hernandez from Active Transportation Alliance. They spoke about how important it is that we depend less on gasoline and how easy it is to make the world move towards healthier and more sustainable modes of transport, like biking and walking (if distance permits). Bike parking, having separate bike and walking trails on roads, and bike renting systems are easy to implement and manage as well. The forums, initially just speaker sessions have been converted into Speaker Panels, so that the floor can be opened to a question and answer session. These forums make people more aware about developments in the arena of sustainability, so that the community as a whole can move towards a more sustainable and healthy way of life.

The forums are normally held between 12 noon and 1.30 pm at the MTCC Ballroom, and lunch is served. Attendance is preferably by RSVP, as otherwise, there is not enough space to accommodate everyone. So anyone interested in going is strongly recommended to RSVP, unless they want to risk having to watch the entire event standing up. The list of topics for this semester and their dates is on the Campus Sustainability website (<http://www.iit.edu/sustainability/>).

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Wrangling worldviews

By Jared Berg
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I applaud the authors of both of last week's Opinion pieces for bringing up the important topic of differing worldviews and how these affect one's approach to life. However, I disagree strongly with their analyses and conclusions and believe that the issue needs to be addressed further. As the articles are closely linked conceptually, and the Christian sentiments contained within virtually identical, I will treat them together as one thesis.

The authors' definitions of "worldview" are fairly clear. A worldview is a set of beliefs that allows us to understand reality and guides our interactions with the external environment. With this definition they explain that a worldview is an interpretation of the real world, which objectively exists separate from what people may believe about it. This assumption is important to identify, as it implies that certain worldviews could be superior to others at capturing truth about reality. In contrast, postmodernist thought says that truth itself is relative and all worldviews are equally valid.

Why is this important? It is insightful to understand the philosophical context in which the previous articles stand. They both draw heavily on the tradition of Christian "presuppositional" apologetical technique. Instead of focusing on evidence for the claimed historicity of Biblical events or traditional arguments for the existence of a particular god, the presuppositional approach employs some of the language of postmodernism to aim directly at the foundations of knowledge. When asked to justify their religious beliefs, the Christian presuppositionalist usually describes how their worldview neatly integrates their theology with all other knowledge and answers the fundamental questions of life and existence. They then will challenge the ability of other worldviews to "account" for various things, including reason, science, morality, or nature. This move was made explicitly in one of the articles to which I am responding.

It was claimed that non-Christian worldviews are unable to explain why science is so successful at describing and understanding the natural world. Further, the Judeo-Christian conception of god was said to be central to the logic of science. These claims falter on both historical and philosophical grounds. Science, broadly defined, was invented by the ancient Greeks, who were pagans. The Scientific Revolution that followed centuries later, while certainly centered in Christian Europe and carried out largely by religious people, erupted during a revival of humanism and a rejection of traditional medieval thought. The success

of this revolution is found where it proposed natural laws and causes, not supernatural ones.

Declaring that other worldviews cannot account for the success of science is quite an extraordinary statement. While even a rudimentary discussion of alternative, secular theories of epistemology, ontology, and metaphysics is far beyond this article, suffice it to say that only certain Christians believe that Christianity is the lone "rational explanation." Even if there were no competing systems, counting the failure of other worldviews to account for any particular fact as a point in favor of Christianity is logically fallacious. To quote one of the preceding articles, "If we are truly here as a result of random evolutionary processes, why is the law of gravity universally true?" The non sequitur contained in this question should be obvious to any attentive reader.

Additionally, it is not that clear to me ex-

“ Science, broadly defined, was invented by the ancient Greeks, who were pagans. ”

actly what characteristics of Christianity are specifically conducive to doing science. The Christian god has been described as an orderly lawgiver, but the purported behavior of this entity contradicts this portrait. The god of the Bible supernaturally intervenes in nature and history in ways inscrutable to scientific methods. The central event of Christianity, the resurrection of Jesus, is a miracle and therefore contrary to all scientific understanding. Simple deism, with a non-interventionist god who set the universe in motion, seems to provide the same foundation for scientific induction as Christianity. Why, at a minimum, is deism not just as rationally adequate as the Judeo-Christian worldview?

The strategy of presuppositionalism, whether intentional in this case or not, is to shift the burden of proof from the one making a specific religious faith claim to anyone who may challenge this claim. It also makes an end run around arguments or evidence that may be seen to conflict with certain religious beliefs. If a worldview is claimed to be all encompassing, than any apparent incongruities can be explained away in terms of the worldview itself. Simply put, this conception of a worldview makes it unfalsifiable, because any contrary fact can be dismissed as merely the artifact of observing from the vantage point of an opposing worldview.

Rejecting the existence of a neutral viewpoint or any objective common ground would be standard postmodernism, but Christian presuppositionalists hold other beliefs that seem to be in conflict with this relativism. At a minimum, a Christian usually believes that God exists, the Bible was inspired by Him, and that Jesus was the son of God and died for the sins of humanity. They believe these things both as part of their worldview and as objective facts. However, if a set of objective facts exists apart from worldviews, then some things are independent of subjective interpretation. These separate facts could serve as a common ground from which to evaluate how well a worldview corresponds to reality.

Here is a direct conflict between the idea of a worldview as a self-contained explanatory "bubble" and the logical structure of Christian presuppositionalism. If some objective facts exist, then these should be the basis for critiquing different worldviews. Therefore, Christianity is subject to criticism from people of opposing worldviews, and must justify its claims from the common ground of agreed factual information. Whether or not Christianity is an internally consistent worldview is irrelevant, what matters is how well it corresponds to objective facts about reality.

Determining just what these facts are returns us to the realms of philosophy and science, in which all can share. One is not justified in making "Christianity is true" a foundational, unassailable assumption of their worldview. It is also improper to equivocate and label all unproven statements as "faith" and "religiously held beliefs." Induction, or even the existence of an external reality outside of our own minds, have not been logically proven. However, they are basic ideas that are pragmatically necessary to start understanding reality. They are not comparable to a complicated theological claim like "God is a Trinity" or other Christian doctrines. Such attempts at inverting reason by starting with conclusions and making them initial assumptions should be abandoned.

I propose that those with different worldviews continue in rational, evidence-based dialogue. They should find the common logical ground which they share and start from there. It is pointless and counterproductive to simply chalk up differences in belief exclusively to the existence of worldviews or subjectivity. Everyone should critically examine their own worldview and see how it corresponds to reality. Does it allow for new knowledge, evidence, and argument to alter beliefs, or is it dogmatic and inflexible? A worldview is not better than any other merely by containing true beliefs, but also by its ability to acquire additional true beliefs and expunge false ones.



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Is it just me, or... Should TechNews screen for trolls?

By Chris Roberts
TECHNEWS WRITER

At the risk of feeding a troll, this is a response to the article "Rebuttal to Rationality vs. Faith." I am not writing this to get into a flame war over the merits of religion, or lack thereof. TechNews has had them before; they are a tremendous waste of good ink. No, my focus is on something more troubling. I am getting rusty at distinguishing between the intentionally inflammatory writings of Internet trolls and the honest opinions of the highly ignorant.

If "Rebuttal" was not written by a troll, I am deeply worried for the state of education in this country. At minimum, it highlights the need for IIT to strengthen the Humanities department in general and English education in particular, if for no other reason than to introduce would-be writers to dictionaries. Nearly all of the author's claims can be quashed by exposure to biology, history, and physics; all of which should be readily available at a university.

"In fact, we all hold to a set of beliefs by which we interpret the world... These beliefs are inherently religious, since we assume them to be true by faith."

First of all, if one does not adhere to a religion, then one's beliefs and assumptions are not religious in nature, because there is no religion to base them on. Euclid's axioms are thought to be true without proofs. They have nothing to do with gods, holy texts, what to do on Sunday, or which sexual practices will result in one being trapped in an ever-burning lake of agony until the end of time (aka: divine justice).

Secondly, faith (unquestioning belief that does not require proof or evidence) does not directly equate religion. If the answer to the question "Do you have faith in ____?" is "I am still questioning and need more evidence," then you do not have faith in _____. People can have faith in regard to those they love, political ideologies, justice, and, yes, religious dogma. However, one need not have religion to have faith - ask any fallen Catholic. Moving on:

"Only within a worldview based on the Judeo-Christian God can the ability to do observable, testable, and repeatable science make sense... God created the world in an orderly fashion, with natural laws, such as gravity and conservation of energy."

Funny, looking through Genesis, I did not find anything about laws or gravity. God's "orderly fashion" reads more like an episode of

Fairly Odd Parents, with things getting magically *POOF*-ed into existence. At least the Babylonian creation, Marduk killing Tiamat and forming the world out of her body, implies that some thought and engineering entered into it. One does not need to know how something was created in order to form a hypothesis about its attributes and behavior. You do not need to know where babies come from in order to predict that Americans will complain about paying high taxes.

"If we are truly here as a result of random evolutionary processes, why is the law of gravity universally true?"

So many falsehoods in one sentence, where to start... First of all, which law of gravity? Galileo's? Newton's? There are more than one and they are all flawed, thereby making none of them universally true. Secondly, evolution is not random; it is a very complicated system with many other systems affecting it. Just because it does not appear to be micromanaged by a sky-dwelling magician dressed in a toga, does not make nature or any of its workings (including evolution) random. Lastly, there is a reason why scientific disciplines are separated: they might not have anything to do with each other. The movements of planets do not require animals to evolve in any particular way, or even exist.

"Only the Judeo-Christian worldview provides us with the framework by which we can make sense out of our ability to predict discrete future events based on scientific knowledge."

I find it odd that the author specifically chose to exclude Islam from this worldview by saying Judeo-Christian instead of Abrahamic. Apparently, according to the author, the scientific contributions of Muslims, ancient Greeks, Romans (pre-Constantine), Mayans, Chinese (the list goes on) were utterly nonsensical because they lacked the proper view of reality: that of pious Jews and Christians. Somebody call the Texas school board, they have a lot more textbooks to change: mathematics, astronomy, chemistry, biology, geography, medicine, geology, physics, engineering, metallurgy...

If, on the other hand, the author did not actually believe any of the claims made in the article and was simply trolling... That is even worse. That sort of lying and dishonesty serves only to legitimize and encourage ignoramus who want to impose their baseless ideals upon others, while discouraging those who seek to expand and deepen human understanding.

Then again, maybe it's just me...

Thoughts on Tucson

By Karl Rybaltowski
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Since the massacre that occurred outside a Safeway in Tucson, at an event designed to put congressional representatives in touch with the people they represent, there's been a lot on peoples' minds. There's the question of gun control - how did someone who had just been thrown out of school (until able to provide proof, through an evaluation, of no mental or emotional issues) procure a firearm so easily? There's the question of security - should top people on the Hill be the only ones receiving any sort of security detail when in public?

And then there's the finger-pointing over who's to blame for the event. Was it really the revolutionary, hateful, exclusionary rhetoric of the Tea Party and sympathetic politicians? Was it the left-wing agenda, rife with proto-communist policies that are pushing people to take deadly advantage of their 2nd-amendment rights? Or was it the violent tones of political discourse in general, so degraded after a kinder, gentler time of politics, that have incited regular Americans to violence against our elected representatives? The short answer is none of these (at least, not in a way that we can prove).

The motivations of a person strongly suspected of severe instabilities shouldn't be directly linked to the present state of politics in our nation without any clear evidence. Sarah Palin, for all the embarrassment her "blood libel" brought down on her, still had one thing right - it was irresponsible of the media to be doing what it did. But her incredibly

ill-conceived (and now infamous) crosshair map, along with some of the downright hateful things spewed by the punditocracy, aren't just driven by (respectively) a desire for fame or sagging ratings. There's a far more insidious, and seemingly innocuous issue at play.

The problem is what I refer to (with no small amount of hyperbole) as "messianic politics." While personality has always played a role in political races, it's the issue of inflating the importance of a candidate's character (until character is all we value that candidate for) that severely undermines our political system, from the electoral process to the language we use. It might seem strange that irresponsible voting or, more puzzling yet, violent political rhetoric, stem from a political mentality that focuses too strongly on people and their promises, and less on policy, but it does make sense.

One commentator on the media frenzy after the shooting may have put it best (in terms likening media figures who spin up this rhetoric as children playing games): "If you dress like a cowboy, then someone else has to be the Indian." Simply put, treating your favorite candidate as a hero necessitates treating "the other guy" as an enemy; the more you idolize your candidate, the further vilified his opponent will be, until we reach a level of talk comparable to that of today.

So the next time you get caught up in Obama-mania, become a McCainiac, or hop on the Tea Party Express, remember - for every hero you follow from the gut, there might be a completely reasonable person on the other end of the aisle who ends up being demonized.



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Celebrate India's Republic Day on January 26

By Utsav Gandhi
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They say you come to value something more only when you don't have it anymore. For me, that "thing" is unquestionably my motherland. Home is where the heart is. And my heart beats along with those of 1.2 billion other people who proudly, defiantly, ostentatiously proclaim that they are glad to be part of the mesmerizing community the world calls "India." Ask any tourist who loses his heart to the warmth of the hospitable people. Ask any native born on Indian soil who is residing abroad. Ask an urban dweller, striving to find his place and his identity among the millions who reside in the thriving metropolises. Ask the simple, contented rural inhabitants working industriously every day in the self-sustaining farms of India. The colors, the sounds, the smells, the cuisine, the attire, the religions, the traditions, the languages, the wildlife, the festivals - it is this overwhelming diversity of cultures that completely immerses you, completely consumes you.

A land that has created so many different traditions and sheltered so many different communities has been a great contributor in the history of civilization. From the time it spawned some of humankind's earliest known societies in the Indus Valley, to today's great metropolises on the threshold of a new era in their own little history, India has always occupied its own special place in the world. Wheth-

er it's some of the most beautiful monuments, created by the Mongols, that mark its geography, or the game of cricket - the legacy of the British who ruled over the land for about two hundred years; whether it's the constantly re-invented street food that can both excite your taste buds and make you feel a little sick; or the amazingly insensible yet consistently captivating Hindi films that never fail to entertain; every aspect of this amazing country leaves you touched, moved and transformed.

One surprising fact is the ease with which we let ourselves be consumed by this magic. But even more surprising are the opportunities this very experience provides you to define your identity. Among the millions who call this land their home, you never feel lost or have to struggle to find your identity, your place in the community. If you embrace the culture, the people, the land itself with all the possible warmth and friendship you can generate, you will find that in return, the people and the land will be ready to accept you with open arms, no matter what your race, religion, language or nationality. As a citizen of this amazing land, all I am required to do is to love my country patriotically and be ready to help, be ready with a simple sacrifice whenever it calls me. The values instilled in me by my life, schooling, and upbringing in India are ones that have been passed on by generations, and as a dutiful member of that community, I am expected to uphold them wherever I go and whatever circumstance I am in.

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SWE hosts resume-building workshop

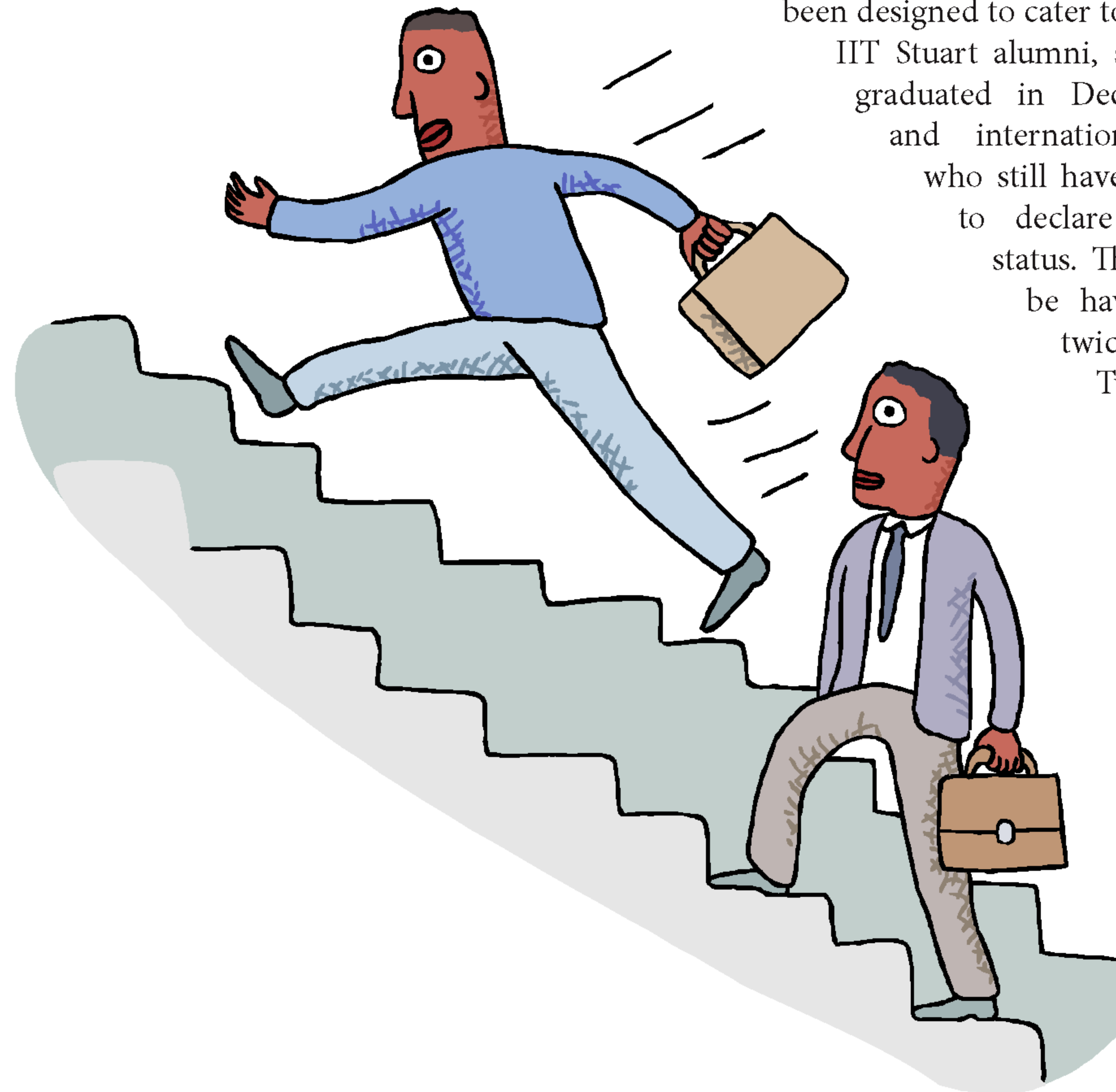
By Madhushree Ghosh
STAFF WRITER

On January 18 the Society of Women Engineers, together with the Career Management Center, organized a resume-building workshop for the students of IIT. Open to all, it was attended by both graduate and undergraduate students and was an educational guide to writing a successful resume.

The event was a joint venture of The Society of Women Engineers, the driving force that establishes engineering as a highly desirable career aspiration for women and empowers them to succeed and advance in their aspirations, and IIT's Career Management Center. It was essentially an interactive session that encouraged students to put their ideas across to the advisors and write their resumes simultaneously. Important and valuable information on how to format a resume, tailor it for different job positions and use power words helped students to rebuild and restructure their resumes into perfect tools for the job of their dreams. As pointed out by CMC advisors, a resume is a thumbprint of one's work life and thus should have eye-catching, short and proper information that, in the 15 seconds devoted to each of as many as a hundred resumes, should make an impact on the employer.

A format for the resume, together with a sample, was handed out to each student. Advice on incorporating some of the words used by the employers in their job descriptions into the resume (thus making the employers able to relate with them) came to be handy. The importance of mentioning student organizations that one is a part of, as well as volunteer work (which counts no less than a job description) were pointed out at the workshop. The workshop was like a practice session that included

everyone's opinions and contributions to building the perfect resume and in an hour's time painted a clear picture of what 'the resume that wins jobs' should be like. Students with individual questions or concerns were further encouraged to make appointments at the CMC for specific advice. It was undoubtedly a perfect lunch break for all career-seekers who are looking at the upcoming career fairs and CMC programs as a head start to their successful careers.



Get ahead of the pack: CareerLaunch programs at Stuart

By Kushan Trivedi
TECHNEWS WRITER

Coming into the spring semester, many of the students who would be graduating five months from now might have already started a job hunt. Many others might be eyeing summer internships during their summer vacations. The Career Management Center at IIT Stuart School of Business has come out with the right thing for them (and at the right time). The CMC at IIT Stuart is launching two series of CareerLaunch programs this spring, both aimed at different crowds.

The CareerLaunch Intensive series has been designed to cater to the needs to IIT Stuart alumni, students who graduated in December 2010 and international students who still have 60 days left to declare their OPT status. This series will be having sessions twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, for a period of five

weeks, starting January 18 and going through February 24 (with the exception of February 1 and 3). This series is defined as a Premium Stuart Specific program by the IIT Stuart CMC, developed to assist people in their quest for employment.

The second series of the CareerLaunch program is a High Octane Stuart Specific program which the Career Management Center at IIT Stuart has initiated, keeping in mind the career development of 2nd year graduate students, students graduating this spring or summer and those looking out for summer internships or co-ops. The sessions for this series would be held for a period of 10 weeks starting from January 24 and carrying on till April 4, with the only exception of the spring break on March 14.

These sessions for both the series of CareerLaunch programs are being held by the Stuart CMC Director and Facilitator, Mr. Luigi Pecoraro. Not only is Mr. Pecoraro guiding the students in getting their targeted jobs, but he is even assisting them with preparing their job-specific resumes and cover letters. Mr. Pecoraro will also be answering participants' queries, concerns and challenges, from clarifying their career paths to conducting an effective job search.

CareerLaunch is a new initiative, based on IIT's motto of how important it is in today's modern world to be strategically competitive. These programs are highly encouraging, not just for local students at IIT but even the international students, considering the current competitive job market scenario in the United States after the recession of 2008.

Note: Registration for either of the series of CareerLaunch programs can be done by mailing Mr. Luigi Pecoraro on luigi.pecoraro@stuart.iit.edu or by calling him at 312-906-6555.



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The challenge of building green at IIT

By Joseph Clair
DIRECTOR OF OCES

The IIT Campus Sustainability Plan sets targets for performance across several areas of university operation. Among these, the green building commitment stands as the most challenging, but also the most beneficial. Reducing emissions and energy waste, stormwater runoff, and solid waste all benefit the environment around the campus. Creating a more sustainable built environment directly benefits the members of the IIT community and improves the conditions in which we learn and work.

Although many green building standards and rating systems exist, the US Green Building Council (USGBC) has developed the most utilized and respected in the LEED Green

comfort, lighting quality and resource efficiency, all of which add value to buildings; however, the process of verifying that green building strategies have been utilized adds a cost not usually covered in most construction or operations work. This added cost has raised questions as to whether the value associated with following green building strategies justifies the cost of documenting, testing and verifying system operations. Research continues into this issue, and the Campus Sustainability Plan establishes that transparent reporting of performance is critical to a real sustainability program. Without the ability to have information reviewed and verified, owners leave themselves open to claims of "greenwashing", or claiming "green" without truly making the effort to accomplish the performance improvements.



Building Rating System. The system covers five areas of building design: site planning, water use, energy and emissions, materials, and indoor environmental quality, and offers four levels of certification based on the number of green strategies implemented. In addition, the USGBC has adapted the system to cover buildings at different stages of development: new construction, neighborhood development, commercial interiors (small tenant renovation), and existing buildings operation and maintenance. Because of this flexibility and scalability, the working group that developed the green building commitment for the Campus Sustainability Plan recommended that IIT use LEED as the basis for the target, and that IIT commit to meet the third highest level of certification (Gold) in all new construction and in the operation of seventy-five percent of existing buildings.

The improvements associated with green building operation affect air quality, thermal

The Facilities Department at IIT will develop standards and guidelines for greening buildings in order to improve the ability of the university to provide ongoing maintenance of campus buildings. These standards will reflect the commitment to hold the university to the standard of care developed by entities such as ASHRAE and IES that develop standards for indoor comfort, health and lighting levels. Rooting our standards in the work of these industry-recognized entities strengthens our commitment, and provides a link for students between what they learn in the classroom and what they see in campus operations.

IIT must work diligently if it wants to achieve its goal of becoming the most sustainable urban university campus in the United States, especially when it comes to greening buildings. With a spirit of innovation and excellence, IIT will find a way to make the campus a greener place to study and work.



IIT Undergraduate Research Day

Undergraduate Research Day is an opportunity to showcase the outstanding research performed by IIT undergraduates both on- and off-campus. It will be held in the MTCC on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 from 12:30-2:00 PM. Students who are currently involved in research or who performed research this summer are encouraged to present a poster of their work. Expenses for printing posters will be covered by Undergraduate Affairs. Posters will be judged by IIT faculty in order to provide awards to the top posters in each college (CSL, Armour, etc.). Students interested in presenting should submit the title of their research poster and the authors to the Office of Undergraduate Research by Thursday, January 31, 2010.

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Research at undergrad_research@iit.edu.

DEADLINES:

Files due for printing: Friday, January 28, 2011

Titles due: Monday, January 31, 2011

Poster Presentations: Tuesday, February 1, 2011

COMPETITION:

Awards will be given for the top posters within every college that has more than 15 posters presented. (First place: \$150, Second Place: \$100, Third Place: \$50).

Note: If a student has class during a portion of the schedule they can attend as they are available.

University Calendar



Tuesday

1/25

C2ST Event: The Moon

Chicago Council on Science and Technology

5:00 p.m., MTCC Auditorium

Join C2ST and representatives from The Adler Planetarium and NASA's Luna Institute as we view Earth's closest neighbor, learn about our relationship with the Moon, and discuss NASA's near-term strategies for exploring the Moon and why it can be a platform for next-gen science. Tickets \$10 Advance / \$15 Door / \$5 Student. E-mail: info@c2st.org

Wednesday

1/26

HawkEYE Workshop: Frustration Free Financing

Office of Student Life

12:50 p.m. - 1:40 p.m., MTCC Auditorium

Manage organization finances and spend money like a professional after some guidance on the procedures and policies.

Un-Nanostructuring Energy Conversion in Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells

Chemistry Colloquium

3:15 p.m., LS 111

Lecture presented by Alex Martinson, Materials Science Division, Argonne National Laboratory

Thursday

1/27

Mies van der Roast Tasting

I PRO 333 - Crop to Cup

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Global Grounds

Talk to members of the I PRO 333 trip to Uganda about their experiences and sample the new IIT coffee blend.

Modification of Nanoparticle Surfaces to Create Biological Sensors and Change Cell-Particle Interactions

Physics Colloquium

3:50 p.m., LS 111

Lecture presented by Sandra Bishnoi, BCPS- Chemistry Division, IIT

Friday

1/28

Spiritual Welcome Lunch

Vedic Vision Society

12:40 p.m. - 1:40 p.m., Siegel Hall Auditorium

Vedic Vision Society (VVS) is a spiritual organization which conducts a weekly lectures and exciting events on campus catering to the spiritual needs of our dynamic student body. VVS welcomes new and returning students to IIT. Please join us for the Spiritual Welcome Lunch for exciting vedic cusine. Ask us about our events this semester while you eat!

Monday

1/31

Spring degree conferral applications due

Everywhere

HawkEYE Workshop: The Nuts and Bolts of IIT: How Do I?

Office of Student Life

12:50 p.m. - 1:40 p.m., MTCC Room 516

The tools and resources you need for organization success are just a question away. The most common questions are answered here!

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The Office of Campus Energy and Sustainability (OCES) is coordinating an effort among students, faculty and staff to define the specific actions, programs and policy changes IIT will make in order to reach the targeted commitments that will define IIT as the most sustainable urban university campus in the United States.

SPRING SEMESTER BOG EVENTS

- 1.13.2011 Hypnotist Chris Jones
- 1.14.2011 BSU Family Night
- 1.20.2011 Latin Dance Night
- 1.21.2011 Lousy Bowlers Tournament / Karaoke / Trivia Night
- 1.27.2011 Comedian Adam Grabowski
- 1.28.2011 Polish Club Disco Night
- 2.3.2011 BSU Poetry Slam / Dance
- 2.4.2011 IIT Idol Preliminaries
- 2.6.2011 SUPERBOWL PARTY
- 2.10.2011 Nice Peter
- 2.11.2011 IIT Idol
- 2.17.2011 ASB Benefit Night
- 2.18.2011 Valentine's Day Party
- 2.24.2011 TED Info / Cycling Roller Races
- 2.25.2011 Karaoke
- 3.3.2011 Skulls Night (Casino & Band)
- 3.4.2011 ISA Dance Night
- 3.10.2011 Tau Beta Pie (Pie Day)
- 3.11.2011 St. Balderick's / Band
- 3.24.2011 WIIT Band Night
- 3.25.2011 TED Event
- 3.31.2011 Costume Night
- 4.1.2011 April Fool's Day
- 4.7.2011 Latin Dance Competition / Poetry
- 4.8.2011 Ping Ping Tourney / 90s Karaoke
- 4.14.2011 Game Show Night
- 4.15.2011 Night of Noise
- 4.21.2011 Spring Fling
- 4.22.2011 Earth Day Party
- 4.28.2011 Movie Night
- 4.29.2011 Coffee House

* Some dates are subject to change.

The Bog is open every Thursday and Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 am.

For more info, visit <http://bog.iit.edu> or <http://facebook.com/bogit>



Bog Committee Meeting
Mondays @ 1 p.m. in the
LaSalle Executive Conference Room, MTCC
Everyone is welcome!

Wedding Banned

A modern wedding fix

By **Rebecca Waterloo**
A&E EDITOR

"Skip the ceremony and start the party!" That may be the motive for some people who go to weddings. For those who only care to party, they would have been happy if they came across the Cubby Bear venue on Saturday night (kiddy corner from Wrigley Field itself). Wedding Banned is an experience, a show, a concert, an event that is unforgettable. Starting at 10 p.m., six charismatic musicians came out dressed in 80's costumes. The lead male vocalist, Vinnie Van Action, dressed similar to an Elvis impersonator, explained to the crowd that he "just wants to have sex tonight".

The band only does covers of your favorite 80's 90's and modern rock music, opening the act with "My Own Worst Enemy" by Lit. Front woman Linda Ballenstein ("But you can call me Balls") came out dressed in a conservative 50's dress with her hair tied back and thick glasses framing her face. This look was just a decoy as her short curly hair fell out and she stripped off the costume to a skimpy ze-

bra printed dress as the night progressed. Her vocals were spectacular for her first cover "Hit Me With Your Best Shot".

Wedding Banned kept up the vulgarity all night with their innuendos, foul language, and the fact that they were there to get wasted with the crowd and provide some entertainment. The band put on an act, asking two audience members to play bride and groom (or "bride" and "bride" on Saturday) to keep the wedding act up throughout the night. This included a throwing of the bouquet and garter. Most of the show, however, was song after song of young people dancing to their favorite wedding reception tunes. Some of the songs included Sex on Fire, You Give Love a Bad Name, Under Pressure, Don't Stop Believing, Baby Got Back, Rock & Roll All Night, One Way or Another, Hey Mickey... All of the favorites from the last couple of decades.



Wedding Banned is the biggest party in the Midwest and for a small cover charge, it gives you that wedding night fix you've been itching to have sans the boring booze fest and expensive gift giving.



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Caffeine fix frenzy

Chicago coffee house hotspots

By **Rebecca Waterloo**
A&E EDITOR

Recently *Timeout Chicago* magazine presented an article featuring the 15 best coffee shops around Chicago. Some of them local, and some of them even vending our dear Crop to Cup coffee, you may want to check out these java joints (new and old) for a good source of caffeine. Below are a few of the most charismatically described, the rest you'll have to scout out for yourself!

(source: <http://chicago.timeout.com/articles/restaurants-bars/91287/15-spots-to-drink-coffee-now>)

Bridgeport Coffee House

A local coffee house to IIT, the coffee-roasting operation on the corner of Morgan and 31st Street is a point of pride for Bridgeport and a source of jealousy for almost every other neighborhood. Housed in a prototypically warm-toned, wood-heavy coffeehouse (only without the fleabag couches and drum-circle vibe), Bridgeport Coffee sets itself apart by roasting its own beans and brewing them with levels of respect usually reserved for presidents. *Bridgeport; 3101 S Morgan St (773-247-9950).*

Asado Coffee Co.

Kevin Ashtari, whose obsession with coffee began when he visited cutting-edge coffee shops in the Pacific Northwest, roasts his beans—usually African—in a drum roaster behind the counter daily, and rigorously trains his baristas, resulting in toasty, full-bodied cups of coffee. Seating, lighting and eating are afterthoughts here, so grab a cup of coffee and a bag of beans to go. *Lakeview; 1432 W Irving Park Rd*

Julius Meinl Coffee House

Leaky paper cups, lids with dubious sealing properties, mass-produced stale pastries—what tomfoolery the Europeans must think of American coffee culture. Showing Chicago how it's done right: Austria-based Julius Meinl. Here, as in heaven, coffee is presented on a sleek tray, accompanied by a glass of water and a biscuit cookie. *North Center; 4363 N Lincoln Ave*

The Wormhole

The theme is time travel to the '80s, represented by a DeLorean in the window, a bizarre cast of Ronald Reagan by the register and movie posters from a cultural moment most would rather forget. This new Wicker Park coffee shop could have been awful or amazing. Fortunately, it's as passionate about coffee as about

Back to the Future, as evidenced by the always urn coffee and the clean, fragrant results of the pour-over option. Plus, how can you be skeptical of a place that serves cereal all day? *Wicker Park; 1462 N Milwaukee Ave*

Darkcloud: Urban Coffee Lab

More like watching a science experiment than stopping into your neighborhood coffee shop, the process by which coffee is brewed at Andy Atkinson's new coffee shop is a marathon of measuring, weighing, pouring, stirring and timing. The truly bizarre space feels straight out of some sort of Dr. Evil futuristic lair: The large, two-room shop consists mostly of empty space, with a few black chairs and small yellow tables as accents. *Lincoln Park; 2122 N Halsted St*

Coffee Studio

Miguel and Lee Corrina Cano had a major advantage when they opened this Edgewater coffeehouse: They were both trained in design, and thus could (and did) execute the kind of sunny, welcoming and yet modern space many people covet for their living rooms. With its progressive aesthetic, it's surprising the Coffee Studio hasn't gotten into the pour-over game—it brews via a drip machine, which results in a cup that is consistently aggressive. Get used to the flavor, or pour in some milk—it's a fair trade-off for the atmosphere. *Edgewater; 5628 N Clark St*

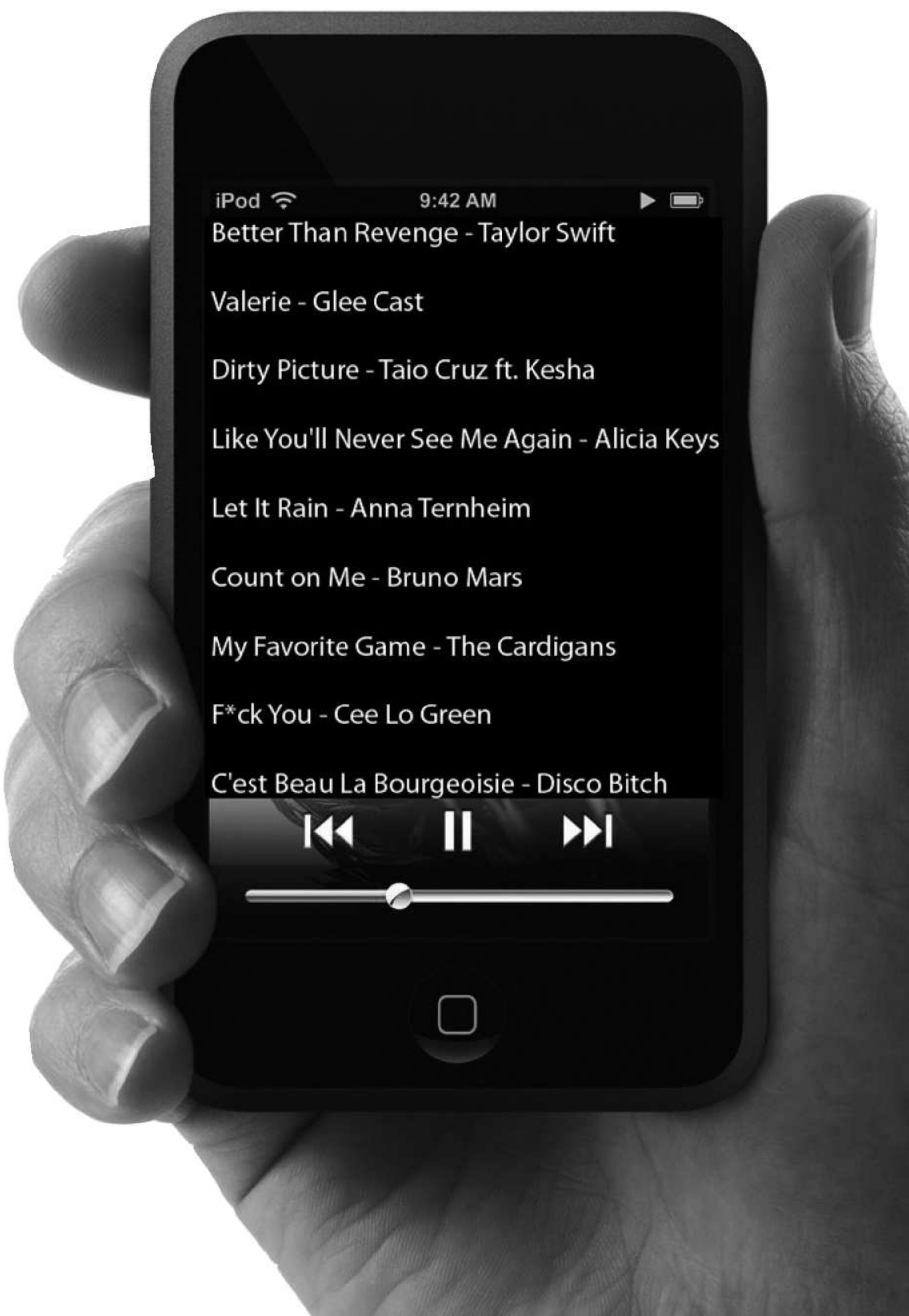
A De-li-cious Cafe

Is good pour-over made any worse if prepared by an unfriendly vegan? You'd think it would be, but this 21-month-old shop proves otherwise. No matter how surly the service, no matter how loud the Ani DiFranco is blasted, the pour-over coffee here remains robust yet smooth, complex but still drinkable. Vegans have the added benefit of pairing some eggless, milkless pastries to their order. *North Center; 3827 N Lincoln Ave*

@Spot Cafe

If this were 1992, and you were 16, this spot's "urban" unplugged vibe would leave you orgasmic. There are two things here, however, that will help purge that decade from your head: One, the fact that this shop uses coffee from Crop to Cup, a Chicago- and New York-based company that establishes strong relationships with its growers in Uganda; and two, the care with which that coffee is made. Just your everyday drip machines are used here, but the coffee (available in both medium and dark roasts) exhibits the clean, nuanced flavors of cups made using Clovers, Chemex and Clevers. *River North; 901 N Larrabee St*

what's playing on Ashleyann Sanabria's playlist?



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Third Friday Zhou B Art Center opening

By **Young Sand Ip**
STAFF WRITER

The Zhou B. Art Center openings that happen every third Friday on the month features international art galleries and art studios of local Chicago artists. From 7 to 10 p.m., the center is packed with people wandering the art rooms of all four floors, conversing with artists, enjoying some wine. This past Friday, the center featured the National Wet Paint Exhibition 2011 on the first floor curated by Sergio Gomez. The focus is on paintings by Masters of Fine Arts candidates and graduates from all over the country. The premise was how this new, technology oriented generation of artists redefine and use the medium of paint. One artist explained that painting allowed her to "get back to the basics of being", while another used painting to explore his dual cultural identity. Other artists

use painting as a way to regain intimacy with one's surroundings as the technological age has eradicated much of the personal emotion that comes from human interactions.

Up the narrow staircase are several studios

and hallways filled with photography, paintings, sculptures, jewelry, and digital artwork separate from the exhibition. The experience is enhanced by the various music playing from the artists' laptops and ipods, the bright and colorful lighting, and not to mention, the smells of acrylic paint, mahogany wood, and even beeswax. The artists, usually inside their studios, answered questions and explained the inspirations behind their work making conversations truly enlightening.

Many chose to wind down the evening at the Zhou B. Cafe, a cozy niche in the corner of the art center. Despite the bitter cold weather, the Zhou B Art Center opening was well worth

the visit. The center is on 35th Street between Morgan and Aberdeen, a fifteen minute walk from IIT.

The National Wet Paint Exhibition 2011 will be at the Zhou B Art Center till Febru-

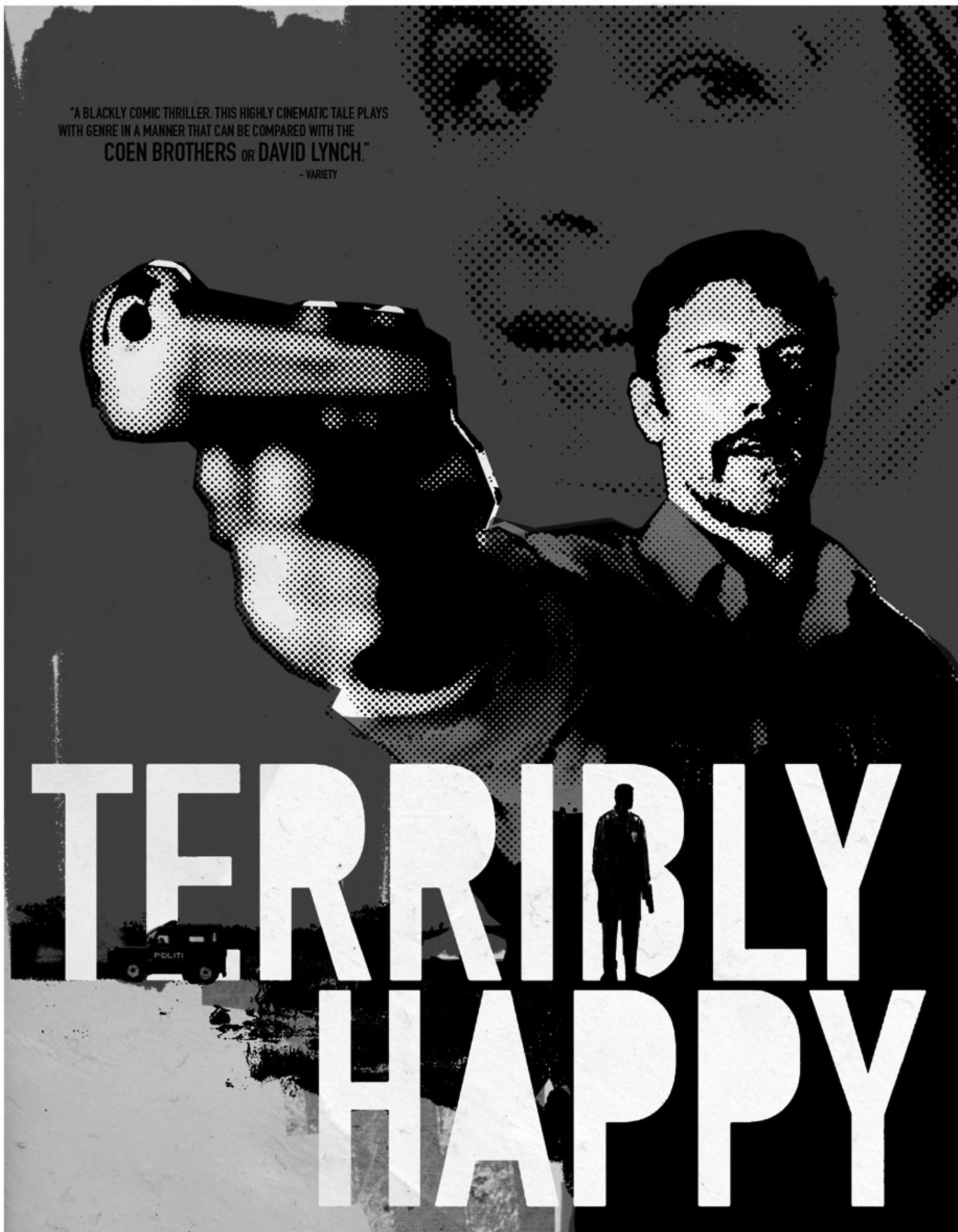
ary 28. For more information visit <http://www.visualarttoday.com/Exhibitions/WetPaint/index.htm>. For more information about the Zhou B Art Center in general visit <http://www.zbcenter.org/>.



A quality cup of Joe (Image courtesy www.re-nest.com)

One for the Netflix queue: *Terribly Happy*

By Karl Rybaltowski
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Directed by Henrik Ruben Ganz, *Terribly Happy* is a film about Robert, a disgraced police officer assigned to a small town as punishment. The tense interactions between this outsider, trying to uphold the law, and the townsfolk, with their peculiar way of doing things, are interesting enough to watch, but when he unfortunately runs into Ingelise, the wife of a violent resident that everyone in the community fears, things boil over, setting in motion events that twist and turn in a fresh way that sets the film apart - and leaves you at the edge of your seat the whole time through, even to the last seconds of the film.

There are plenty of comparisons of this film to such works as *No Country for Old Men* and even *Blood Simple*, and the comparison to the Coen Brothers is not only flattering to Ganz, it's also apt. *Terribly Happy* is equal parts psychological thriller, film noir, dark comedy, and odd Western, and all of it is handled in a stylish way, from the cinematography to the subtle acting work. The small town and its surroundings, a boggy lowland, are depicted with just the right level of drabness, while the townsfolk, even when attempting to be nice to Robert, always appear slightly menacing, malevolent. The subtle cues in scenes where the officer enters a bar, a grocery store, or even the local clinic build a feeling not only of not belonging, of otherness, but also of a threat - everything comes together in an engrossing way, and it's easy to empathize with the unease that the main character feels.

While much of this may make the film sound like a piece of horror cinema, it's much less *The Wicker Man* than it is *High Noon* or *Double Indemnity*. There's a deft balancing of the different aforementioned elements that accomplishes two things. First of all, it makes the feel of the film unique, and though there are numerous shifts in tone throughout, they're almost imperceptible - subtlety might be the operative word for much of what *Terribly Happy* accomplishes, from its understated soundtrack to the nuanced acting of the various characters, townsfolk and outsider alike.

The second effect of this balancing is that there are a number of unexpected twists in the narrative. These surprises, at least in my case, left me in a very peculiar position - I had no clue what would happen next, not even an inkling. All of this served to make the film even more engrossing to watch. Upon reflection, that's a very rare occurrence in the world of cinema these days.

If there is one complaint about the film, it's a certain piece of the final scene. Too many of the events of the film, and motivations of some of the characters, are spelled out in very blunt terms. For a movie that didn't underestimate the intelligence of its viewers and kept things subtle throughout, such a turn at the very end seemed disappointing. And yet, the last moments of the movie, with Robert sitting down for a regular card game with some of the townsfolk, may seem mundane, but still end the film on a sly, satisfying note.

There is already talk of an American remake of the movie, given the splash it made during its limited release in February of last year, so this is the perfect time to catch the original if you want to make a comparison.

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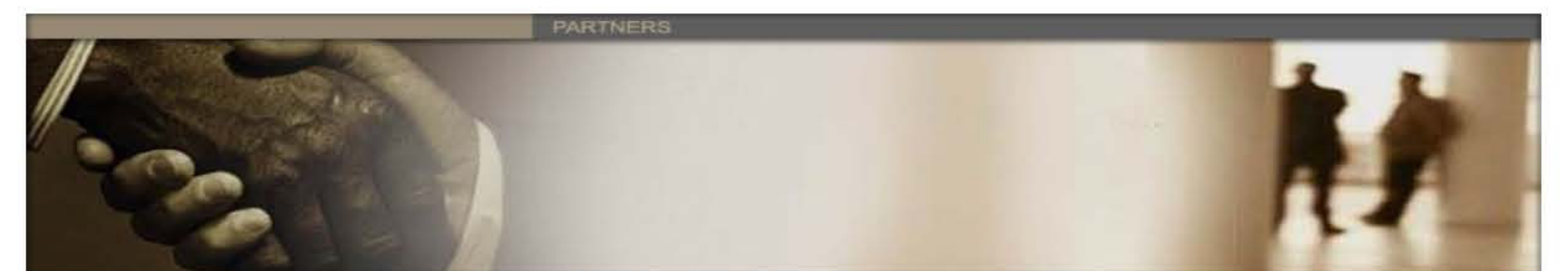


Welcome back! I need your help - last semester I coordinated a weekly column for you called "How to Chicago: A guide to unlocking the city life." It was a weekly calendar with events happening around the city: some free, some with a bit of a cost. I want to know: is this a useful resource for you? Would you like to continue seeing it, or would you rather have another key somehow telling you what's happening in the city? Fill out the TechNews feedback form to let us know what you want in your A&E section!

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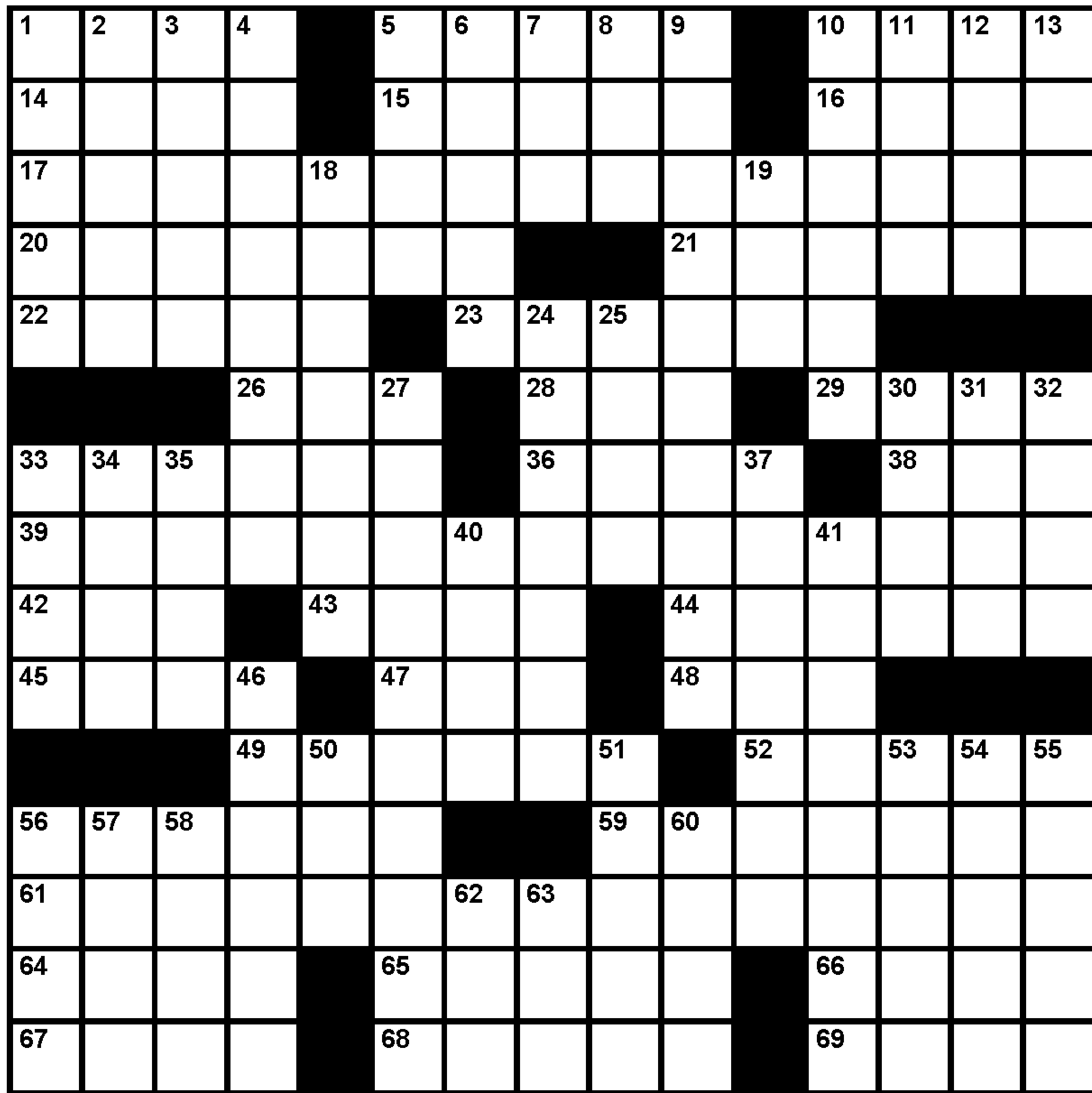
1st session: 3:30pm - 4:30pm in Stuart Building Rm 201

2nd Session: 6:00pm - 7:00pm in Stuart Building Rm 106

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CASE STUDY

BY MYLES MELLOR AND SALLY YORK

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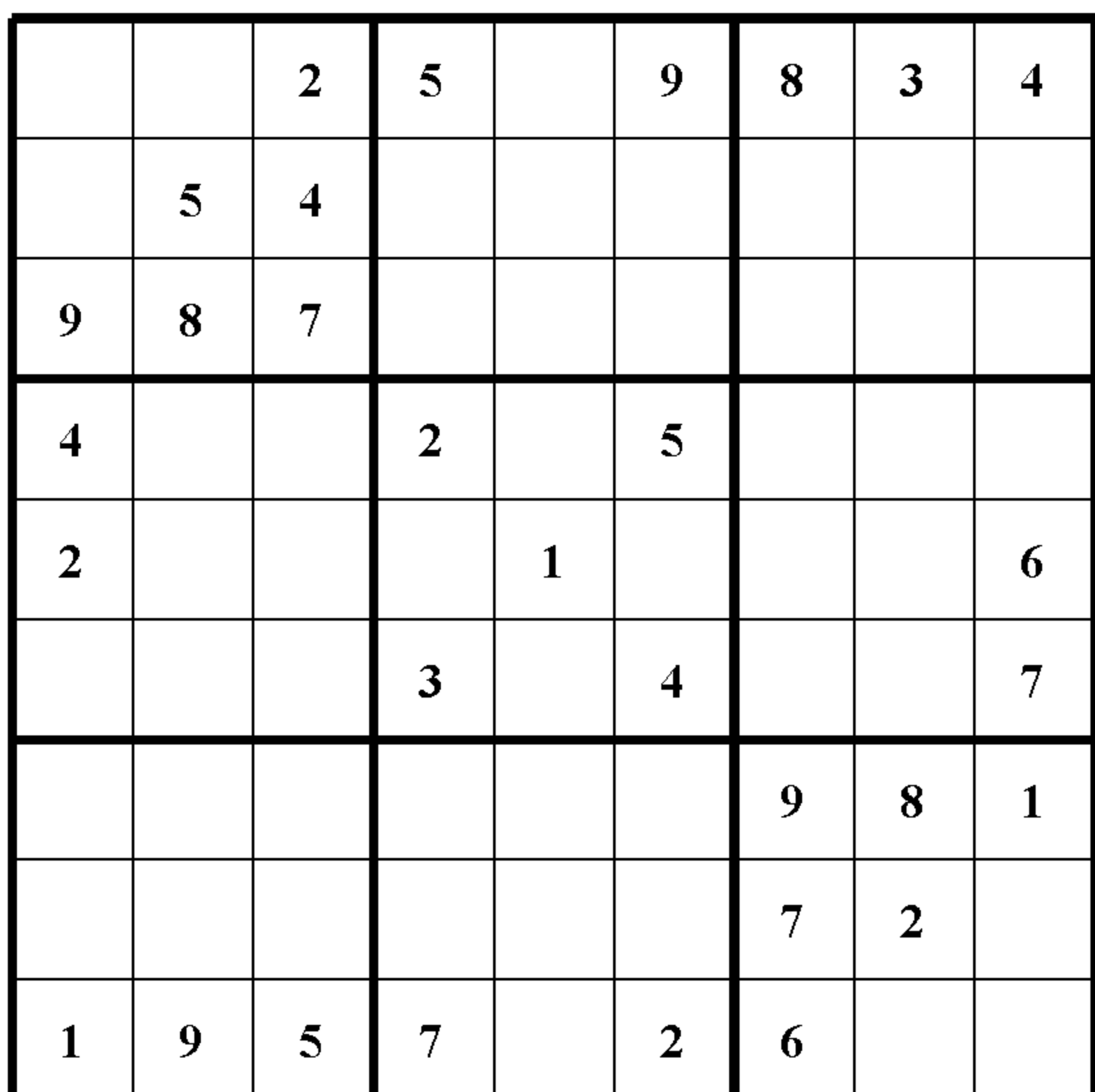
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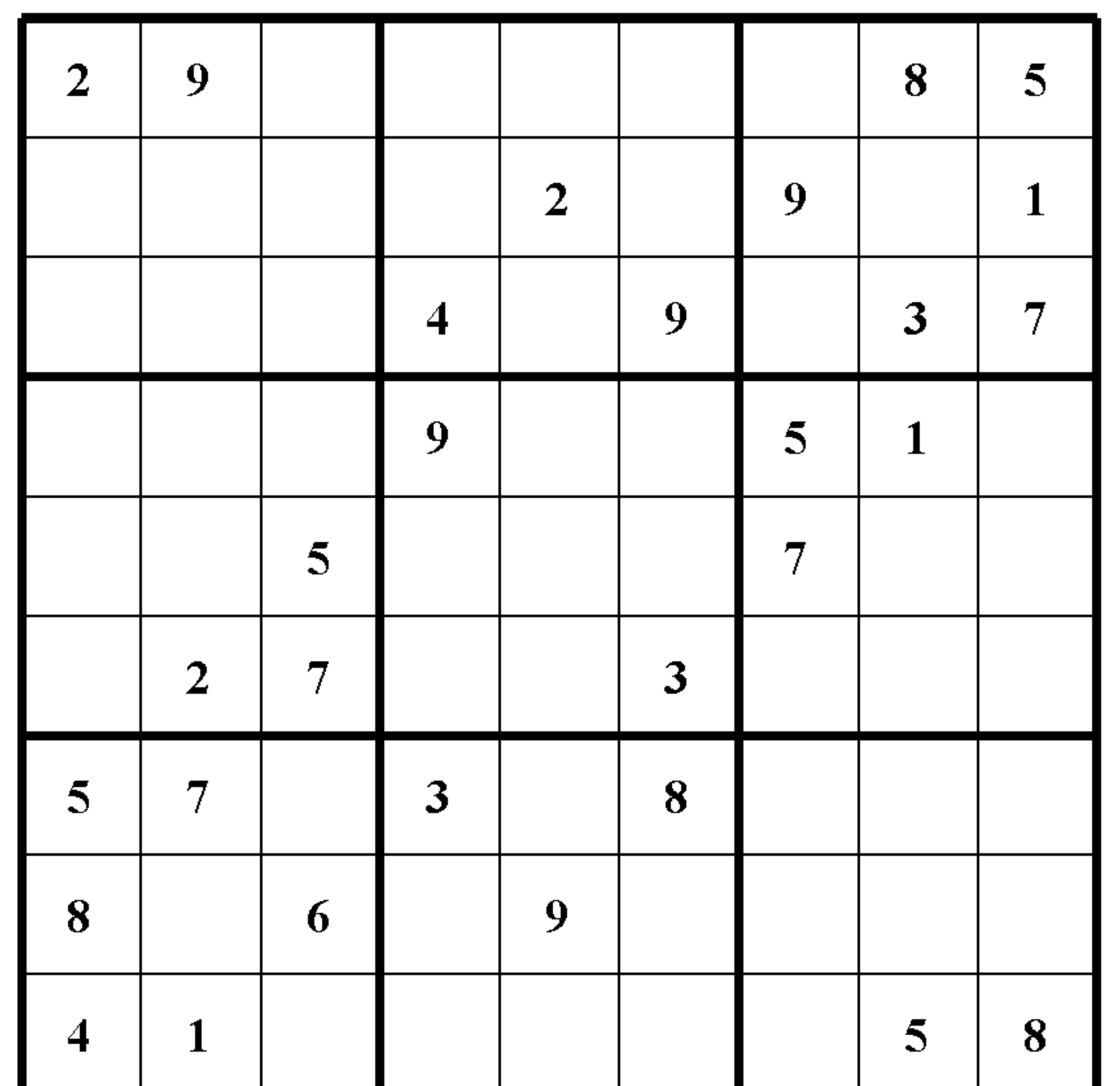
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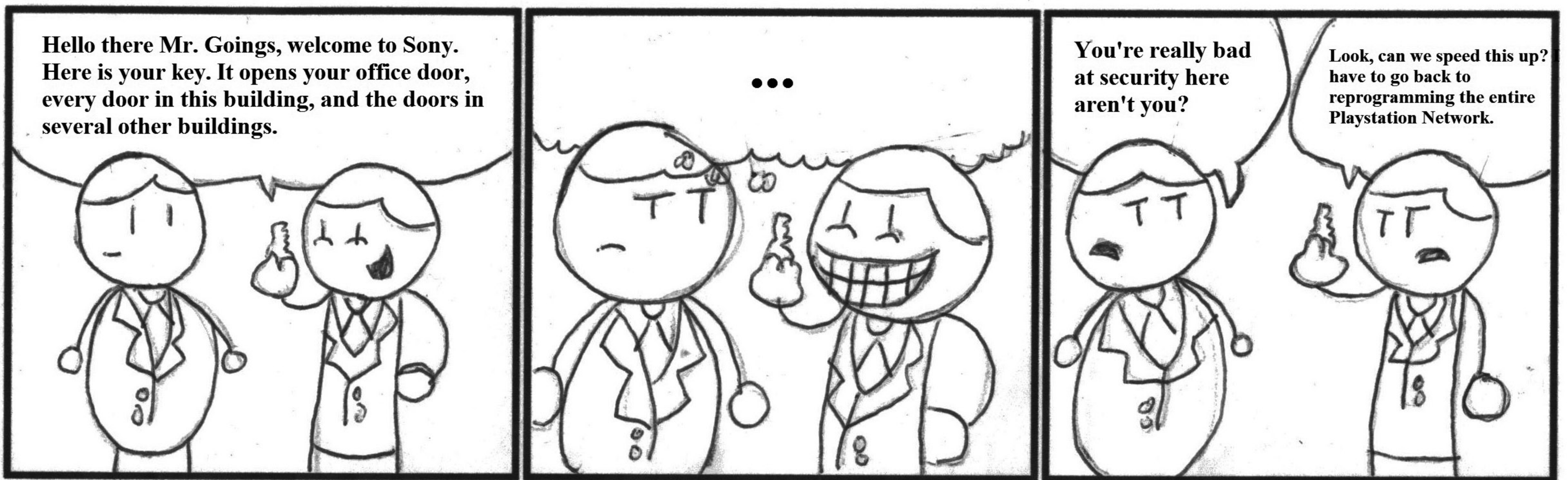
The word Sudoku, above, is actually the abbreviation of Suuji wa dokushin ni kagiru, meaning "the digits must be single" or "the digits are limited to one occurrence."

Source: Wikipedia



The First Day of the Rest of My Life

By Adin Goings
ART EDITOR



New head volleyball coach hired

By Kayla Heller
STAFF WRITER



The Illinois Tech Women's Volleyball team welcomes a new face to the program, head volleyball coach Jacquie Gatt. Coach Gatt comes to Illinois Tech from Wayne State University, where she served as an assistant volleyball coach for 3 years. Gatt played varsity volleyball at Madonna University, where she racked up a number of awards and honors, including, WHAC All-Freshman team in 2004, 3 time All-Conference player, 2 time All-Region player, 2007 National Runner-Up libero of the year, and 2007 All-American.

Gatt was hired after previous head volleyball coach, Kelly Fitzgerald, resigned. Fitzgerald came to the volleyball program in 2004. In her 7 seasons here at IIT, Fitzgerald led the Lady Hawks to an overall record of 165-124. She has recently taken up the head volleyball coach position at conference rival Roosevelt University.

Scarlet Hawks travel to St. Louis for quad meet

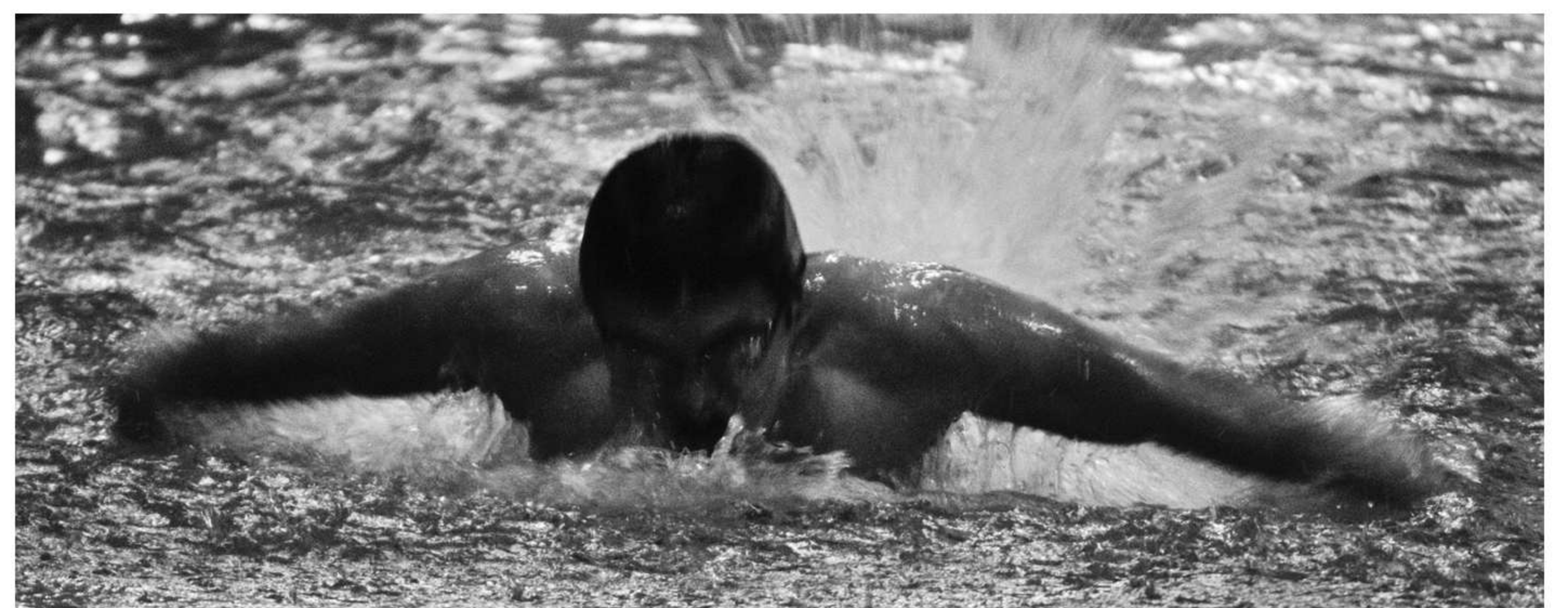
By Melanie Koto
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, the Illinois Tech Swimming and Diving team travelled to St. Louis for a quad meet against Lindenwood University, St. Louis University, and Missouri State. The Women's team of freshman Jillian Hamada, sophomore Aimee Dewante, and juniors Morgan Curran and Melanie Koto took 7th overall in the 400 yard medley relay with a time of 4:27.60, and the Men's team of freshman Michael Bodzay, sophomore Eric Grunden, junior Keiji Halloway and sophomore Max Ramminger took 5th overall (3:37.30), while the team of sophomores Matthew Rosenfeld and Michael Keane, senior Joe Muchna and freshman Yoni Pruzansky took 7th overall (3:45.55). Freshman Abby Maze took 8th for the Women's team in the mile with a final time of 20:05.78 and senior Tomasz Chojnacki took 7th (19:36.29) for the Men's team, followed by junior Izzy Radzik (22:07.40). In the 200 yards freestyle, Grunden took 6th for the Men's team with a 1:50.63 and freshman Arya Mohaimani took 8th with a 1:53.09. In the 100 yard backstroke, Koto took 6th for the Women's team with a 1:04.63 and for the Men's team Rosenfeld took 7th with a 57.11 and freshman Joe Lakner took 8th with a 58.82. In the 100 yard breaststroke junior Julia Duarte took 7th for the Women's team with a 1:13.70, and Keane took 5th for the Men's team with a 1:01.84, while sophomore Jeff Grindel took 8th with a 1:07.51. Curran took 4th in the 200 yard butterfly with a 2:23.45 and Muchna took 5th with a 2:02.74 followed closely by Halloway in 6th with 2:03.35 for the Men's team. In

the 50 yard freestyle Dewante took 7th with a 26.92 while Ramminger took 1st for the Men's team with a 20.97 and Pruzansky took 8th with a 22.86.

In the 100 yard freestyle Koto took 6th for the Women's team with a 58.52 and Hamada took 8th with a 1:02.45. Ramminger took 1st again for the Men's team with a 46.60 and Maus took 8th with a 53.83. In the Men's 200 yard backstroke Bodzay took 4th (2:01.04) and Rosenfeld took 7th (2:07.47), and in the 200 yard breaststroke Dewante took 7th (2:42.63) and Duarte took 8th for the Women's team (2:44.71), while for the Men's team Grunden took 5th (2:19.56) and Keane took 6th (2:22.86). Maze took 7th in the Women's 500 yard freestyle with a 5:45.06, and Mohaimani took 7th with a 5:12.10 and Pruzansky took 8th with a 5:15.10. In the Men's 100 yard butterfly, Halloway took 3rd (52.34) and Bodzay took 7th (55.43), and in the 400 yard IM Curran took 6th (5:00.79) and Muchna took 4th for the Men's team (4:29.80) and freshman Felipe Bergh took 5th (4:33.26). In the 400 yard freestyle relay, the Women's team of Hamada, Duarte, Maze and Dewante took 7th with a 4:08.03, and the Men's team of Pruzansky, Grunden, Halloway and Ramminger took 5th with a 3:20.55 and the team of Rosenfeld, Mohaimani, Maus and Chojnacki took 8th with a time of 3:36.36. The final event of the meet, the 800 yard freestyle relay, the Men's team relay of Bodzay, Bergh, Keane and Muchna took 6th (7:42.08) and the team of Radzik, Lakner, Grindel and Mohaimani took 8th (8:19.93).

The team's next meet is Saturday in Green Bay Wisconsin, followed by two home meets the next weekend on Friday night and Saturday morning.



Photos by Melanie Koto

Hamlett leaves IIT for the MLS

By Graeme Port
SPORTS EDITOR

After a fantastic 2010 season - which saw the team win the conference league title, for the second time in three years, and attain its first ever National Ranking (23rd) - the Scarlet Hawks Men's Soccer team once again finds itself without a Head Coach, for the second time in as many seasons, following the departure of Denis Hamlett last week.

Hamlett - who led the team to an impressive 14-6 overall season record, and a 9-1 conference record - departs the program to take up the Assistant Coach's position at the Major League Soccer side, Vancouver Whitecaps.

A national coaching search has now been implemented by the Athletics Department to find a new head coach for the 2011 season.



IIT 5-on-5 Intramural Basketball League

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The IIT 5-on-5 Intramural Basketball League begins Monday, Jan 31. The regular-season games will be played up until spring break (Friday, March 11 will probably be the last game). A playoff tournament/bracket will begin shortly after the break. The League is a great way to get motivated to get off the couch during these cold winter months and hit the gym to fulfill those New Year's resolutions. It is open to all students, faculty, staff, and alumni of IIT, Shimer, Illinois College of Optometry, and Vandercook. Teams must have 5-8 players, *must be coed*, and must have gender variety on-court at all times (at least one male and one female player on the court). Each team will select a captain, with the elected player being responsible for handling communication with league directors and teammates, which will mostly consist of schedule information. Games will be 20-minute halves, with a 5-minute halftime. (Total time on the court: 45-60 minutes).

In his excitement over the league, Ian Sisson, one of the members of the basketball committee says; "The intramural basketball league will be a blast this year. Our committee has been hard at work to continue improving the program. We anticipate a great turnout and look forward to seeing some terrific competition!"

The link to sign up is: <http://tinyurl.com/iit-basketball>. You may sign up as a team or as an individual. We encourage those that are in-

terested to collaborate and join a team prior to signing up; however there is also an option to sign up as an individual. Those that sign up as individuals will simply be placed onto a team with open roster slots, or, numbers permitting, will be combined together to form new teams. There is a \$20 deposit for each team to register, payable at the beginning of league play. The deposit will be refunded IF the team participates in all of its scheduled games. For those that sign up as individuals, there is a \$5 deposit.

Teams will play games two nights each week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:00-10:00 PM. Prior to the first week of play, captains will be contacted to give their team-schedule preferences. We will do our absolute best to accommodate each team's scheduling preferences/conflicts/etc. There will be a captains meeting Thursday Jan 27th at Keating Sports Center. After the playoff tournament/bracket, there will be prizes awarded to the champions. There will also be consolation prizes. All prizes are yet to be determined, but are always exciting. Justin White, another member of the Basketball Committee said that "The league was a big success last year, with teams filled with different personality types. It's a great opportunity to relieve some stress from school and just go out and play some ball." So instead of sitting around hiding out from the cold, get up and come to Keating with all of your friends and compete in the basketball league.

University Social Calendar!

SNOWBALL FIGHT¹ & IGLOO CONTEST²

¹Wednesday, January 25th @ 7 pm

²Friday, January 28th @ 5 pm

If there is enough snow, come to MTCC South Lawn!

SPIRITUAL WELCOME LUNCH (free food!)

Friday, January 28th

12:40 pm - 2:00 pm

Learn about the Vedic Vision Society at Siegal Hall auditorium.

ADAM GRABOWSKI

Thursday, January 27th

9:00 pm - 10:00 pm

At the BOG. Sponsored by SGA.

IIT IDOL PRELIMINARIES

Friday, February 4th

9:00 pm - 12:00 am

Email awelk@iit.edu for more info or to sign up to participate!

HEY! Did you know?

Any student orgs
can submit their
events on the UB
website!

So try it out!

**Wanna hang with the UBER fun kids?
Program killer events? Check us out!**

UB General Body Meetings

1:00 PM every Tuesday @ mtcc auditorium

For more event info shown above, check out our snazzy
website @ <http://ub.iit.edu> or contact us at ub@iit.edu!