

New head volleyball coach hired

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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.

Hamlett leaves IIT for the MLS

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After a fantastic 2010 season - which saw the team win the conference league title, for the second time in three years, and attain it's 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.

Scarlet Hawks travel to St. Louis for quad meet

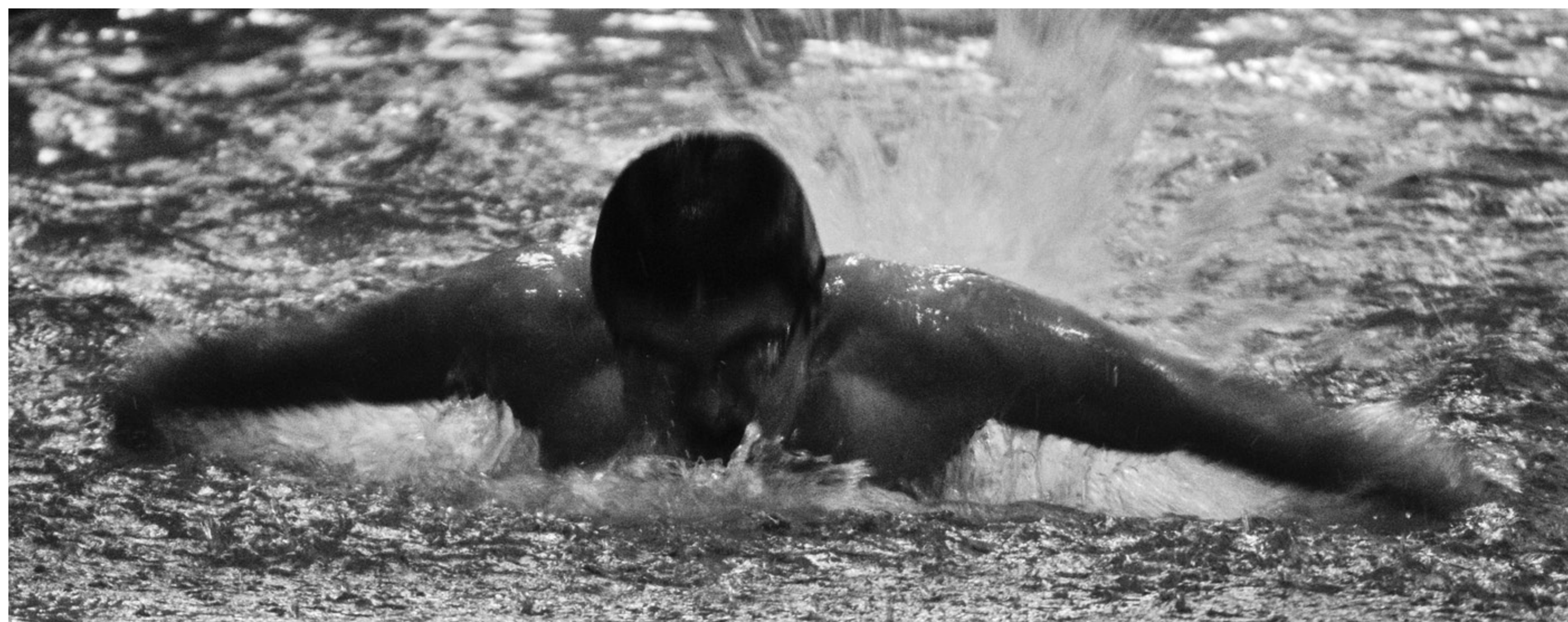
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On Saturday, the Illinois Tech Swimming and Diving team travelled to St. Louis for a quad meet against Lindenwood University, St. Louis University, and Missouri State. The Women's team of freshman Jillian Hamada, sophomore Aimee Dewante, and juniors 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 Greenbay Wisconsin, followed by two home meets the next weekend on Friday night and Saturday morning.



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