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A blizzard in the city that works

By Ryan Kamphuis

CAMPUS EDITOR

It came. It saw. It conquered. After days of warning, the great blizzard of 2011 hit Chicago. Dumping over 20 inches of snow on the ground, the blizzard brought the city to a halt and shut down almost everything. Wednesday after the snow stopped, the city looked like a ghost town, populated only by those who were willing to brave the snow to see the aftermath. Lake Shore Drive was filled with abandoned cars and buses. People skied down the middle of State Street. Chicago Public Schools were empty.

IIT ran into just as many issues as the city of Chicago did. Initially shutting down from 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 1 to 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 2, IIT eventually canceled all classes on Wednesday. Students awoke to a campus totally covered by snow on Wednesday. Academic buildings and the MTCC were snowed in and had to be dug out in order to be entered. Roads could not be seen, the Quad was covered in 5-foot snow drifts, and the wind coming in off Lake Michigan created wind chills below zero degrees Fahrenheit.

The blizzard canceled many events that were planned for Tuesday and Wednesday, including a chemistry colloquium, a psychology presentation, the Black History Month kickoff event, and many meetings. Even with all the cancellations, IIT students still made the best of the horrendous conditions. Snow forts became commonplace on the quad, and many snowball fights were had.

In what many students felt was a controversial decision, IIT decided to restart classes on Thursday, February 4. Many were angered by this decision since the Chicago Public Schools and many other schools decided to stay closed on Thursday.

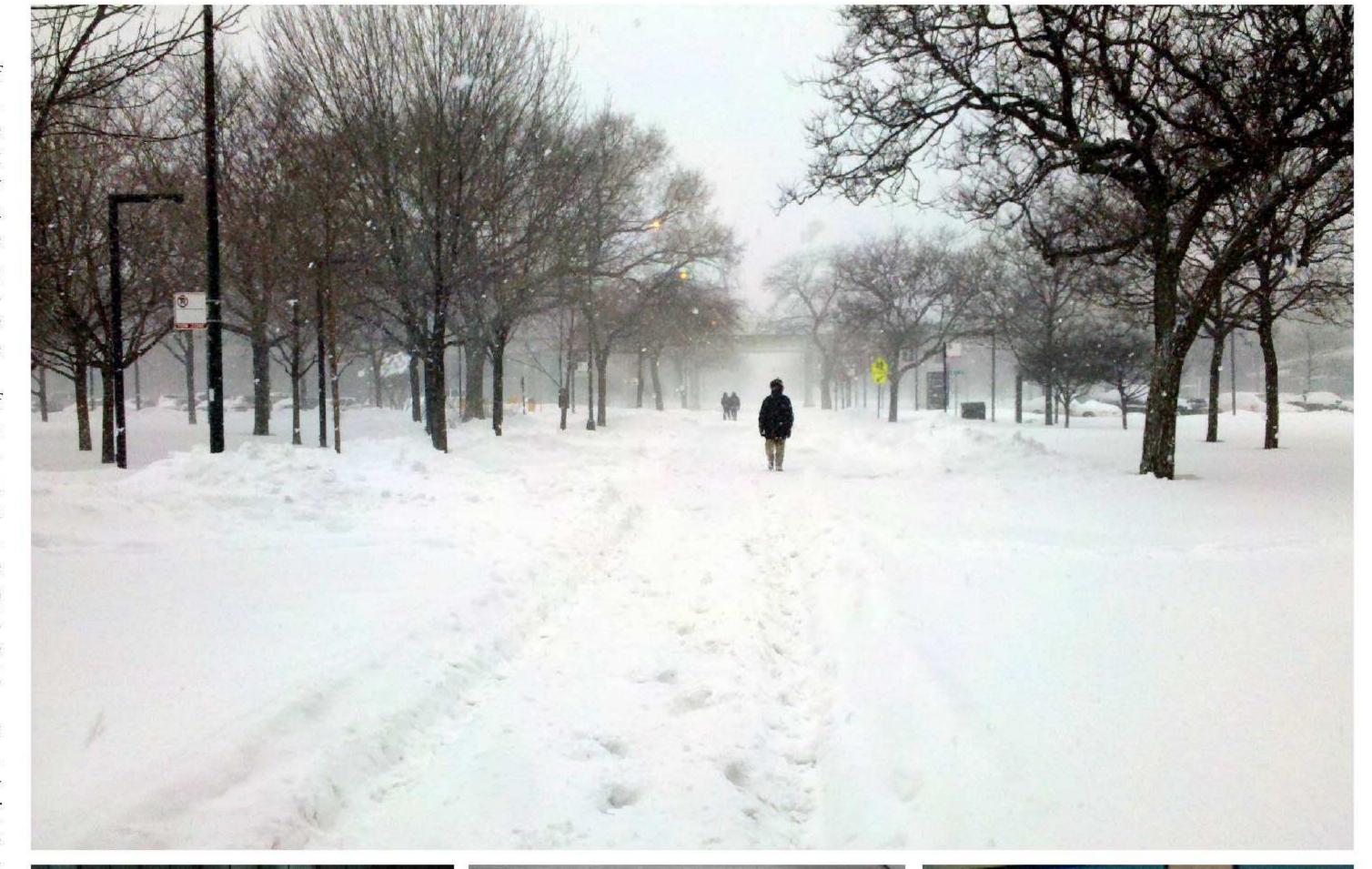
Despite this fact, IIT was ready for the return of students on Thursday. Facilities had spent all of Wednesday plowing and salting the sidewalks and paths west of State Street in order for students to move between classes. The conditions east of State Street were another story, however. Paths had formed between the dorms and the MTCC, but only because they had been packed down by the repeated travels of students.

Many of the entrances to most of IIT's buildings were closed off on Thursday. This was either because snow hadn't been cleared from the front of the door or, in the case of the MTCC rotating door, all the snow and wind broke it.

While IIT's sidewalks and paths were cleared on Thursday, the same couldn't be said for the roads crossing IIT's campus. While the city of Chicago did begin to plow the roads on campus, they weren't fully cleared on Thursday. State Street was down to one lane through campus, and snow still covered the median, making it tough to cross on foot.

If one thing was learned from the blizzard of 2011, it was that Chicago truly is the city that works. While cities like New York and Philadelphia were crippled for days by blizzards in late 2010, Chicago got just as much snow and was back on its feet in less than one day. By late Thursday, flights were heading out of both Midway and O'Hare. Roads were cleared, and businesses were open. Life was back to normal.

(Photos by Ryan Kamphuis and Chris Roberts)















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SEXTECH EDITOR

One of my close friends is dating a girl some years younger than he is. She comes off as a nice and grounded person, but is still immature about dealing with some social situations. She is likely to misinterpret anything said about her by other people as negative and offensive and reportedly flew off the handle at their mutual acquaintance when an issue came up, instead of approaching her in a civil manner. I've observed them happy together, but I've also seen that he's changed his behavior and habits, because she can easily get jealous. I met her a few times, and she never personally offended me. However, I've known him longer than she has, and I don't think that relationship is going anywhere. Should I approach him about this and if yes, how?

A: As tough as this might be, the best approach to this situation is to simply be patient and supportive. If the relationship is going nowhere, then it will run its natural course and eventually you won't have to worry about her anymore. If you bring it up with your friend, you risk damaging your relationship with him. His instinct might be to defend her, and he might get upset. If she hasn't offended you, it would unwise to bring it up, as your friend might consider this to be crossing the line. If he's happy, then it is your duty as his friend to be happy for him too. Time will tell whether you're right or wrong about her, but in either case, holding your tongue will protect your friendship, and in the end, it's up to your friend to date whoever he chooses. Good luck!



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On objectivity

By Timothy Smith

TECHNEWS WRITER

Wow! When worldviews collide! I wrote an artide a couple of weeks ago, trying to add to the conversation regarding how our worldview affects everything we do. The response was interesting and instructive. First, I would like to note that ad hominem attacks provide no useful basis for discussion, but only enflame or antagonize. Second, I would offer that objectivity is often misunderstood and misused in a dialogue about worldviews.

The first point needs no discussion and the second provides the basis for this article. Objectivity is often used as a blunt beating tool that is intended as the ultimate end game solution for subduing the adversary in "rational versus religious" conversations, where the "religious" adherent appears intractable in his or her views.

This is a much misused tactic and should be abandoned in principle. The primary reason for this is, of course, that the person wielding the Objectivity Tool is not being objective, even as they attempt to force another person to be "objective" (by which, they are actually attempting to force the other person to adopt their own worldview). The person attempts to use the Objectivity Tool with language like "Everyone should critically examine their own worldview and see how it corresponds to reality" or "One should talk to people with other worldviews in order to gain a broader perspective." The implication here is that the author of this statement is the rational objective

one, with a dear view of reality. In fact, they are making statements, which are not themselves objectively true but are based on the author's worldview. This is because they either do not understand the nature of reality, or worse, are deliberately obfuscating it in an attempt to browbeat another individual into submission.

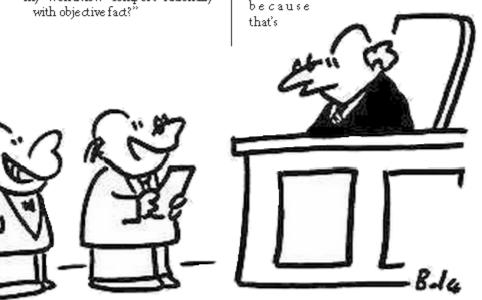
As to the nature of reality, one must necessarily start with a presuppositional approach. Regardless of one's approach to reality, one's expression of reality is grounded in a worldview by which the data is interpreted. The interpretation process is where objectivity turns to subjectivity. It operates like a lens. The objective fact is viewed through one's worldview (the lens) and often takes on the

shape of the viewer's subjective perspective.

For example, one might consider the objective fact of radioisotope data accumulated over the years by reputable scientific agencies and scientists. The objective fact is that deep earth diamonds contain measureable amounts of the radioisotope Carbon 14, but its significance may be deliberately understated by the scientific community in general, because of its "apparent" anomalous nature. Another objective fact is the half-life of Carbon 14 - approximately 5730 years. The existence of such data would generally suggest that the deep earth diamonds were formed less than many thousands of years ago, yet such conclusions are dedared invalid against the "impregnable" wall of "science" and "rationality." The challenge that we face is that many such objective facts exist and are commonly ignored or understated due to a prevailing and controlling culture, which demands adherence to an intolerant and unsustainable "scientific" but unexplainable worldview, called evolution. By the way, how did we ever get something from nothing

The point I am trying to make here is that we all view the world through the "lens" of our worldview, and none of us can claim to be truly objective. In fact, those who daim objectivity are most likely to lack it. This does not mean we should abandon all rational discussion, based on objective fact. Rather, we should recognize our lack of objectivity in interpretation and ask the question, "Does

my worldview comport rationally



Defining relativism

By Hannah Rosenthal

TECHNEWS WRITER

My sorority sister walked into the kitchen, as I rinsed my bowl and spoon. "Good morning," I muffled, a little groggier than anticipated due to the morning dormancy of my vocal chords. She did not hear me, as she walked casually out of the room. Were my words spoken? Sound waves left my mouth, entered my own ears and conveyed meaning that my sister did not adknowledge. The presence of the sound waves could not be negated, regardless of the fact that my sister did not respond to them.

Oftentimes, people view truth in the same manner. We derive our own truth based on individual or societal preferences. Like my sister did, we ignore or are simply unaware of reality. We attempt to dwell within a reality we make, or one that our culture makes for us. Failing to adknowledge truth leads us to consider right and wrong to be subjective terms, based on individual or societal preferences. This is known as relativistic thinking. This type of thinking transforms moral claims, like "murder is wrong," into a matter of personal preference.

It's important to distinguish moral judgments from personal preferences. Choosing a favorite type of ice cream is a personal preference, which can often be influenced by one's

culture. Choosing to prosecute a man for murder is based on the truth-daim that murder is wrong. To say "murder is wrong" because

how the United States culture views murder is an example of relativistic thinking.

According to Scott Klusendorf, there are three different types of relativism. "Society does" relativism is the belief that different views within a culture are all acceptable. "Society says" relativism means that right and wrong are determined by a culture. "I say" relativism is the belief that right and wrong reside with the individual.

These types of relativistic thinking are selfdefeating. To accept all beliefs within a culture may lead to accepting two contradictory ideas. For example, "society does" relativists may believe that it is wrong to abort a child Yet when their neighbor has an abortion, they deny the legitimacy of their own belief and daim that their neighbor's actions were acceptable.

To say that my culture tells me right from wrong suggests that people like Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Gandhi were evil, since their ideas opposed the aulture of their time. "Society says" relativism has the power to wreck havoc like Hitler's regime did in Nazi

To say that I decide for myself what is right and wrong suggests that every man and woman should establish their own moral code and that we are therefore incapable of judging the actions of others. But what if the man stealing your purse was an "I say" relativist and informed you that he did not think the action was wrong? To what standard could you hold him, if every man and woman establishes their own standard for just behavior?

Relativists daim neutrality but inevitably make moral judgments. Regardless of religious affiliation, I challenge you to analyze the way you think about truth Do you identify with one of the three types of relativistic thinking? Do you find relativism to be selfdefeating? Questions such as these point me to truth: objective, knowable and ordained by the God of the Bible. Like sound waves resonating in the kitchen, truth exists whether or not we acknowledge or respond to it.

"Your Honor, my client pleads not guilty by reason of cultural relativism."

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Vedic Vision Society: Come rediscover the spiritual you

By Utsav Gandhi

CAMPUS EDITOR

Among the many on-campus student organizations that first caught my eye when I joine d IIT last semester, the Vedic Vision Society has, since then, never failed to enlighten me. We've had discussions about matters that I don't generally give much thought to, caught up as I am in all my math and engineering classes. It's that one hour of freedom every week, if I may say so, that reconnects me with my inner spirituality and provides me a perspective to see myself and the world around me. I look forward to every week, because these sessions get me questioning a lot that I believe in and assume about the world around me. The delicious Indian lunch is also a great pull, I must say - pakodas, chole and pulav (to those who are unaware what those words mean, come and find out!) The lectures are facilitated by His Grace Nityananda Pran Das ('Prabhuji' as he is fondly called), who is a practicing spiritualist since 2003 on the IIT Campus and who has earlier worked as a marketing professional in the retail industry for over 10 years. The weekly sessions of the Vedic Vision Society propagate the principles of the Vedas (Sanskrit for 'knowledge', these are ancient sacred texts of knowledge) and help students exercise prac-

tical spirituality. This semester, the Society has the following lectures planned till the start of Spring Break: "Orientation to Vedic Studies" free ærtification course lecture series starting Feb 4th

The course will proceed as follows: Week 1. Introduction to Yoga Week 2. Karma Theory 11 FEB Week 3. Religion vs Spirituality 18 FEB Week 4. Faith vs Reason 25 FEB Week 5. Practical Spirituality 4 MAR

They are held in Wishnick Hall Room 119 on Fridays from 12:40 PM onwards and lunch following immediately. You can become a member by simply attending one of their weekly lectures or any of their events or email vedicvis@iit.edu. It is absolutely free with no membership fee. For more informa-

About the society, visit http://mypages.iit. edu/~vedicvis/index.htm

About the Vedas and the Bhagavad Gita,

Hope to see you all soon...come, and you'll be surprised at how much this makes

Update! The Society has also received approval and funding for Vegetarian Cooking Classes' to be held on campus, probably the Gunsaulus Hall, for this semester. Keep your eye out for fliers and posters on what I believe is a much-needed and very helpful series of some serious cooking classes!

Campaign : </ end hate> An interfaith community service initiative

By Mohini Lal

When I was about eight years old, I realized that people looked at me in a strange way. Some people would even cross the street to avoid me. Now, I'm only 5'2" (not exactly intimidating), so this struck me as strange. My parents already knew why though: these people were scared of me because they thought I was Muslim.

This bothered me for a couple of reasons. First, I'm not Muslim- I'm Hindu Second, it was unfair for everyone. I immediately thought of how hurtful it must be to feel that everyone had judged you before you had even spoken. It's only now I know the other side of the problem: how terrifying it must be to go through life knowing nothing about some one but fearing him or her all the same. No one should be made to feel like he or she is an outsider to the community, to the city, or even to the country; but no one should fear the people with whom they drive to work, fly across the world, or simply walk

I believe in this campaign because I want to believe that I am not the only one who feels that they should have more freedom and that things should be better. I need to believe that good people are out there, and in the short time I've spent talking to people on campus and in Chicago so far, they've already proven

All the meetings will be in Shimer College's Cinderella Lounge at 3424 South State St. It is important that you come to see what you and your community can do. It is just as important that you make sure your voice gets heard on campus matters like these.

Mohini Lal and Utsav Gandhi are Community Ambassadors for the One Chicago, One Nation 2011 Campus Track - Illinois Institute of Technology & Shimer College. Our campaign is all about Better Together - Inter Faith co-operation and dialogue to SPEAK OUT about the importance of religious tolerance, MOBILIZE peers to participate in action on a

THIS SPACE IS EMPTY AND WE'RE BLAMING YOU. WRITE FOR TECHNEWS. ERASE THE GUILT.

Building communities with snow

By Udayan Debasis Das

STAFF WRITER



Snowpocalypse, Snowmageddon, Snowtorious B. I. G., Snowverload: the monikers keep on coming, but it must be admitted that the great snow event wasn't what it was made out to be. This is a good thing.

From all accounts, only one death in the city of Chicago, and that to someone who didn't quite have their wits about them, walking out by the lakeside on such a night as that person did. (I imagine the discovery was made so expediently, because of all the people who were stuck in the cars on Lake Shore Drive – the ones who had the real ordeal, the ones who really faced the brunt of the blizzard, being stuck in the snow, without food, drink or access to facilities, for up to 11 hours or more – someone must have seen something and raised the alarm.)

What has been most interesting for me, other than actually watching the blizzard through apartment windows (the blizzard seems to have finally taken care of a number of plastic bags that hung on high branches in various places), has been the aftermath, the clearing up process, the general sense of community.

On Wednesday, when I walked out after the storm had subsided, there was a sense of good cheer all around, the distant wailing of

kids, the sounds of makeshift sleds crashing against each other in the parks (accompanied with appropriate shrieking), aggressive sculpting - snowmen emerging out of the snow, complete with scarves, pipes, and carrot-noses – and a lot of "pleases" and "afteryous." The shovelers were out already, starting to make some headway into the piles. It was worth reflecting that these people didn't need to go anywhere, but were doing this for the sake of those who might. This was seen in other ways, too, as on Wednesday, as on the next two days, people were seen coming off the sidewalks to help people push their cars out of a jam. People in cars behind a line of cars came forward and shoveled while the cars ahead gradually made their way out. Again, the infectious warm feeling was visible everywhere.

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And so, I say, what a snow-storm this has been, not for its record-worthy snowfall, but for this reaching out of helping hands after. I wish Dickens were alive and recording all

The city gets a lot of flak for doing things wrong, but at 2 AM on Friday, crews were still out there with many-limbed machines, shoveling, still shoveling.

What's your angle?

An ethical discussion on current topics

This week:

How much is enough?

By Annie Hutches & Phil Theisen TECHNEWS WRITERS

"Hey, Drake, check out this article. Apparently, a Disney executive received a lot of money in bonuses, while the company as a whole didn't do so hot that year, and a lot of people got laid off. How did this happen? Where did all that bonus money come from?"

"Whoa, calm down, Josh. I do see your point about the bonuses, but a few million

dollars, as much money as that is, really isn't all that much, compared to the billions in revenue that the company makes. I'm sure they can afford that."

"Yeah, but does one need so much money? I think they're overpaying this guy."

"Who knows? Whether he needs it or not, he must have the skills to back up his high salary. Given his position in the company, maybe he accomplished enough things to deserve it. He must have gotten to that position somehow."

"Drake, running a company isn't a oneman show, you know. Behind every highly paid executive, there are many employees that work hard for him without all the glamour, or the money. It may seem like he is accomplishing so much for the company, but in truth, there are others behind the scenes, who make it all possible."

"It's all about quality over quantity, Josh. A single visionary can be worth more in the eyes of a company than an army of replaceable workers."

"That's the thing. All this company cares about is the balance sheet at the end of the fiscal year. True, it's a business, and they need to make a profit to survive, but they don't seem to care about the hundreds of people that

> lost their jobs or the families they have to support. Maybe they could have used the millions to invest back in the company, such as making their employees That might yield bet-

ter results in the long run."

"I could also argue that the potential to earn more is a good motivation for hard workers, and this extra incentive could lead to an increase in productivity as well. But I do agree with your concern for those that were laid off. Businesses should serve the society and people, including its own, rather than the other way around."

What's your angle? Send your thoughts to peds.iit@gmail.com



A hard-earned Disney Dollar! (Photo courtesy graciepoo/flickr)

Is Bing copying from Google?

Does Google really have a hit on the line with this one?

By Ed Scanlon **TECHNEWS WRITER**

If you haven't seen Google's [Amit Singhal's] blog post (googleblog.blogspot.com), let me summarize. Google suspected Microsoft's Bing of "copying our search results" and, naturally, Microsoft denies this. Google thinks they can prove it. But is what they're proving really a problem at all?

Google's case

In order to prove this accusation, Google set up a "sting," in which gibberish terms were artificially set up to return an unrelated result.

The people at Google searched their gibberish terms on Google with the Bing Toolbar on, and then clicked their unrelated results. After some delay, they saw Bing searches for the same gibberish terms returning the same unrelated results.

The blog post says:

We look forward to competing with genuinely new search algorithms out there - algorithms built on core innovation, and not on recycled search results from a competitor.

The clear implication is that Bing doesn't have the ability to search, and instead it simply copies from Google, since Google is the king of kings. "Look on my works, ye mighty, and despair!" ... quite literally, I guess.

The exact situation

It is important to make clear exactly what is happening here. The implication is that Bing is simply an interface, taking data from Google, but this is not the case. They certainly have written in a slightly misleading way.

What Google is actually saying is that Bing Toolbar is recording when you click on things,

and altering the results it returns to fit the data it gathers. Their accusation, with misleading commentary stripped away, is that when you search Google with Bing Toolbar active, and it writes back home with data on which link you clicked, this amounts to copying from their own engine.

As they put it,

Put another way, some Bing results increasingly look like an incomplete, stale version of Google results - a cheap imitation.

The experiment conducted by Google does, indeed, prove that Bing search has learned from the data that Bing Toolbar has gathered. Bear in mind of course that this does not mean that Bing search is just a copy of Google search. Searching without Bing Toolbar on both engines will not yield identical results.

Why Google's complaint is bogus

The first thing I have to make clear is that Bing's search results are not copied from Google. As mentioned, searching for the same thing does not yield identical results on both engnes.

What is [supposedly] copied is whatever the users of Bing Toolbar click on. So if you search for xyz and click on a link, the toolbar writes home about it, and Bing search now knows that the link is related to xyz. Not because they contain similar terms, or because the keywords or names are the same, but because you clicked on it.

Modern search engines are not yet smart enough to truly know what it is that you want when you search. As a result, they need to guess at what you might want. They rank the results, such that the results on the first page are more likely (by their measure) to be what you want, and the results are less likely as you continue through the pages.

Google's famous Page Rank Algorithm has done this for years. When you search on Google for something, it also pays attention to which results you click on. These results are then ranked higher (by a tiny, tiny amount). These algorithms essentially borrow the brains of the users to determine what is relevant. Basically, since you know what you want, whatever you click on is the right answer. So I would be wise to pay attention to what you click on.

This is what Bing Toolbar is doing. The only difference between this and Page Rank is that the toolbar is watching you on other sites, while Page Rank only knows what you click on when you're using Google itself.

The other thing you need to know is that Google Toolbar does the same thing. It also knows what you're doing on other sites, and writes home about it. While we don't know the inner workings of Google, it is conceivable that Google search would consider this data.

What does it mean?

In short, Google is accusing Microsoft of doing something that they themselves are doing. Additionally, it isn't exactly the worst thing in the world. At least, it definitely isn't "copying" or stealing. And now you know. And knowing is half the battle.

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Wireless in MSV: upgrade or downgrade?

By Mark McGuire

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Ever since my family got high-speed internet, I've had to deal with poor service, shoddy hardware, and deplorable connection quality. The problems only got worse when we started using wireless. It was a constant trial to position access points around the house, so that every room got good signal strength, and even then the connection was worse than a wired one. It got to the point where I convinced my father to put holes in the walls and purchase network cable, so I could run it through the walls and crawlspace of our home. Afterward, the few problems we had were because of our phone line.

These previous experiences with wireless were what caused me to be skeptical of the wireless upgrade to MSV. I was stunned when I got the email from my RA, explaining that only wireless internet would be available in MSV. For me, this is about as close to a deal-breaker as it can get. I would have seriously considered looking for an apartment, if that were a viable option. My fears were confirmed on move-in day, and since then things have only slightly improved. At the time of writing, I have lost connection to a voice chat server over twenty times. The longest I have stayed connected is ten minutes. The other users of the server have not lost connection at all. I have spent eighty dollars on network equipment, including external antennas, but the connection is only slightly better than an old wireless USB dongle I purchased 5 years ago.

OTS surveyed MSV over the last month, and when they came to my room, I was sure to express my dissatisfaction with the internet ever since the switch to wireless. I know that my friends in MSV did as well, but the ques-

tion remains: how will OTS solve this problem? I'm not a qualified network technician, even though I have taken courses on it, and I don't know the costs of the solutions that OTS has to consider, but I do believe that there is a most reasonable course of action. Bring back the wired internet.

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I know the big thing about the switch to wireless was the upgrade in speed, but did we really see a significant increase? Previously dorm rooms in MSV were connected by 10Mbps (roughly 1 megabyte per second) lines. The average speed I experienced was over 250 kilobytes per second, and the maximum was one megabyte per second. The connection was reasonably stable, with a few outages because of hardware. After the upgrade, I've had average speeds of around 400 kilobytes per second with a very rare maximum of 1.6 megabytes per second. The connection quality, however, is laughable. I entirely lose connection tens of times a day, and even when I'm connected I get frequent slowdowns and packet loss.

So at the cost of reliability we have gained a small improvement in connection speed. A trade-off that could never be justified to any user. What can we do? Rewiring MSV with new cable would be costly and money has already been spent on the wireless upgrade. Why not just bring back wired in addition to the wireless? There's no need to replace the cables to the rooms, we already have wireless for speed. Why not just plug the rooms back into the network switches? That way latencydependent applications can run without disconnecting, and users of iPads and laptops can still use the improved wireless. From my perspective, it seems to be a simple, cheap solution that everyone benefits from.

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Vis-à-vis: Violate this!



By Vlada Gaisina OPINION EDITOR

According to the United Nations, one of every three women on the planet will be physically or sexually abused in her lifetime. (www.vday.org)

Every day, 1600 women and more than 10 000 newborns die from preventable complications during pregnancy and childbirth. Almost 99% of maternal and 90% of neonatal mortalities occur in the developing world. (WHO, www.who.int)

In 2005, 1,181 women in the United States were murdered by an intimate partner. That's an average of three women every day. Of all the women murdered in the U.S., about one-third were killed by an intimate partner. (Bureau of Justice Statistics, as reported by the National Organization for Women, www. now.org)

The list of similar statistics trails on, each more disturbing than the other. According to WHO, "the United Nations defines violence against women as any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or mental harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life." This includes not only domestic violence, but also sexual harassment and abuse by authority figures, trafficking, child marriages and sexual abuse in conflict situations.

We live in the 21st century. Think about that, and reread the statistics above. Did it feel any different?

Meanwhile, women in Afghanistan resort to self-immolation to escape virtually every form of abuse, a transgender woman in DC is arrested for being assaulted by an off-duty cop, and a Long Island DA said that the murders of four women, whose bodies were found in Suffolk County, were "a direct result of their business as prostitutes."

Volumes can be written on the inherently detrimental effect of violence, but even beyond that the point needs to be reinforced that domestic violence or violence against anyone because of their gender, race, sexuality, ethnicity or social status is truly despicable, abhorrent, and vile. Nothing less would

If there is any hope of ever curbing vio-

lent behavior against women and minorities, this approach needs to be taken in every classroom. Those who adopt this view at an early age not only will refrain from gender-based violence, they will be outraged by its instances elsewhere and be compelled to address it. I applaud the schools that already have a zerotolerance policy for such behavior, but unfortunately we continue to see many examples of disastrous effects of intolerance - the Rutgers suicide being but one of them.

And when was the last time domestic violence got any coverage by the media? There has been hardly any, since the Rihanna and Chris Brown incident from 2009, yet it continues to happen daily. According to the National Institute of Justice (http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov), 1.3 million women and 835 000 men are physically assaulted by an intimate partner in the United States annually. Of course, in this ADD culture of Twitter and instant updates nobody pays attention unless celebrities are involved.

Many websites provide further statistics, as well resources for the victims and how-to guides for the activists. See, for example, Stop Rape Now (UN Action against violence in conflict), United Nations Secretary-General's Report on Violence against Children (www. unicef.org), the Sexual Violence Research Initiative (www.svri.org), and WHO Multi-Country Study on Women's Health and Violence Against Women.

To make a more immediate impact right in the IIT community, come to a performance of the Vagina Monologues this weekend! The Monologues are performed as part of the V-Day campaign, originated by author and activist Eve Ensler (www.vday.org). Since its inception in 1998, the movement has continued to grow, spreading to 140 countries, with over 5,400 benefit events taking place in 2010. V-Day's mission is an organized response to violence against women and girls, with an oft-quoted slogan "Until the violence stops," signifying the intent to make the world an aggression-free place for women, however long it might take.

IIT's performances will be held on Saturday, February 12, at 6PM in the Pritzker Club and on Sunday, February 13, at 3PM. The admission fee is \$5 and 90% of the money raised will go directly to Porchlight Counseling, who provide support to college victims of sexual assault, as well as outreach and education programs to help prevent it. The other 10% goes to the V-Day campaign. Come enjoy some free snacks, cheer on the 13 women performers and give the violence a proverbial middle finger.

CMC Professional Development Seminars

Tuesday, February 8th – Researching Companies – 12:50 – 1:50pm Wednesday, February 9th - Interviewing - 12:50 - 1:50pm Wednesday, February, 9th - Communication - 3:00 - 4:00pm Thursday, February 10th – Working a Career Fair – 12:50 – 1:50pm Friday, February 11th – Resume Critique Sessions – 2:00 – 4:00pm

CAREER FAIR WEEK! (all seminars at 5pm)

February, 14th – Creating a Quality Resume

February, 15th – Interviewing

February, 16th – Researching Companies

February, 17th – 30 Second Pitch

February, 18th – Working a Career Fair

February, 21st – How to Ask/Answer Questions – Webcast and In person

February, 22nd – Image Management – Webcast and In person

You can RSVP at www.cmc.iit.edu

IIT First-Year Students and Graduating Students (Seniors) —



Want to win an iPod Touch?

- DISAGREE
- AGREE
- STRONGLY AGREE

TAKE THE SURVEY!

IIT is participating in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). You will receive your survey by email from NSSE soon.

Respond by April 1 for a chance to win one of two iPod Touches.

We want to hear your feedback about IIT!

Your opinions count and will help IIT to improve academic and social programming at the university.

HAVE QUESTIONS?
 Contact the Office of the Registrar at registrar@iit.edu.



Tuesday

2/8

RSVP for Commencement!

Everywhere

Beginning Monday, February 7, Commencement RSVPs will be collected online at www.iit.edu/commencement. RSVP now so you're not left out!

IIT Rock Climbing Club Meeting Rock Climbing Club

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., MTCC Auditorium

Hello climbers! We hope that everyone can make it to this very short meeting. If you haven't been to any meetings you should definitely come. After this meeting there will only be monthly meetings.

Thursday 2/10

HawkEYE Workshop: The Nuts and Bolts of IIT: How Do I...? Office of Student Life

12:50 p.m. - 1:40 p.m., MTCC Executive Conference Room
The tools and resources you need for organization success
are just a question away. The most common questions are
answered here!

Ions in Channels Physics Colloquium

3:50 p.m., LS 111

Lecture by Bob Eisenberg, Department of Molecular Biophysics, Rush University

National Society of Leadership and Success Training Day National Society of Leadership and Success

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Perlstein Rm 108

Learn the skills to attain success and become a better leader! Requirement to become inducted as a lifetime member. Any questions, please contact us at nsls.iit@gmail.com.

Friday 2/11

Campus Sustainability Forum Office of Campus Energy and Sustainability

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., MTCC Ballroom

Get Involved. Attend the Campus Sustainability Forum.

Learn about what's happening on Campus and around Chicagoland. Go to www.iit.edu/campus_sustainability for more details. RSVP to campussustainability@iit.edu.

Orientation to Vedic Studies: Karma Theory Vedic Vision Society

12:40 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Wishnick Rm 119
Free lunch will be served to all participa

Free lunch will be served to all participants. All are welcome. The lectures are facilitated by H. G Nityananda Pran Das. Vedic Vision Society is a spiritual organization on campus catering to the spiritual needs of IIT's dynamic student body.

Saturday 2/12

Discover IIT Day

Office of Undergraduate Admission

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Main Campus

Interested in coming to IIT? Tour campus, learn about academics from professors, and hear about college life from current students. You'll get the facts on financing your education and meet current students and members of the IIT community!

University Calendar

Monday

2/14

Valentine's Day! Everywhere

Valentine's Day Red Rose Sale Alternative Spring Break

12:50 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., MTCC Bridge Score Big this Valentine's Day with Red Roses! ASB selling price: 1 for \$3 and 2 for \$5. Roses are in limited quantity. All funds raised will help the ASB team in meeting its goals.

Correlating HIV-1 gp120 Sequences with Neutralization Data Using the W-curve and TSP

Biology Colloquium

3:45 p.m., LS 111

Lecture by Doug Cork, BCPS - Biology Division, IIT

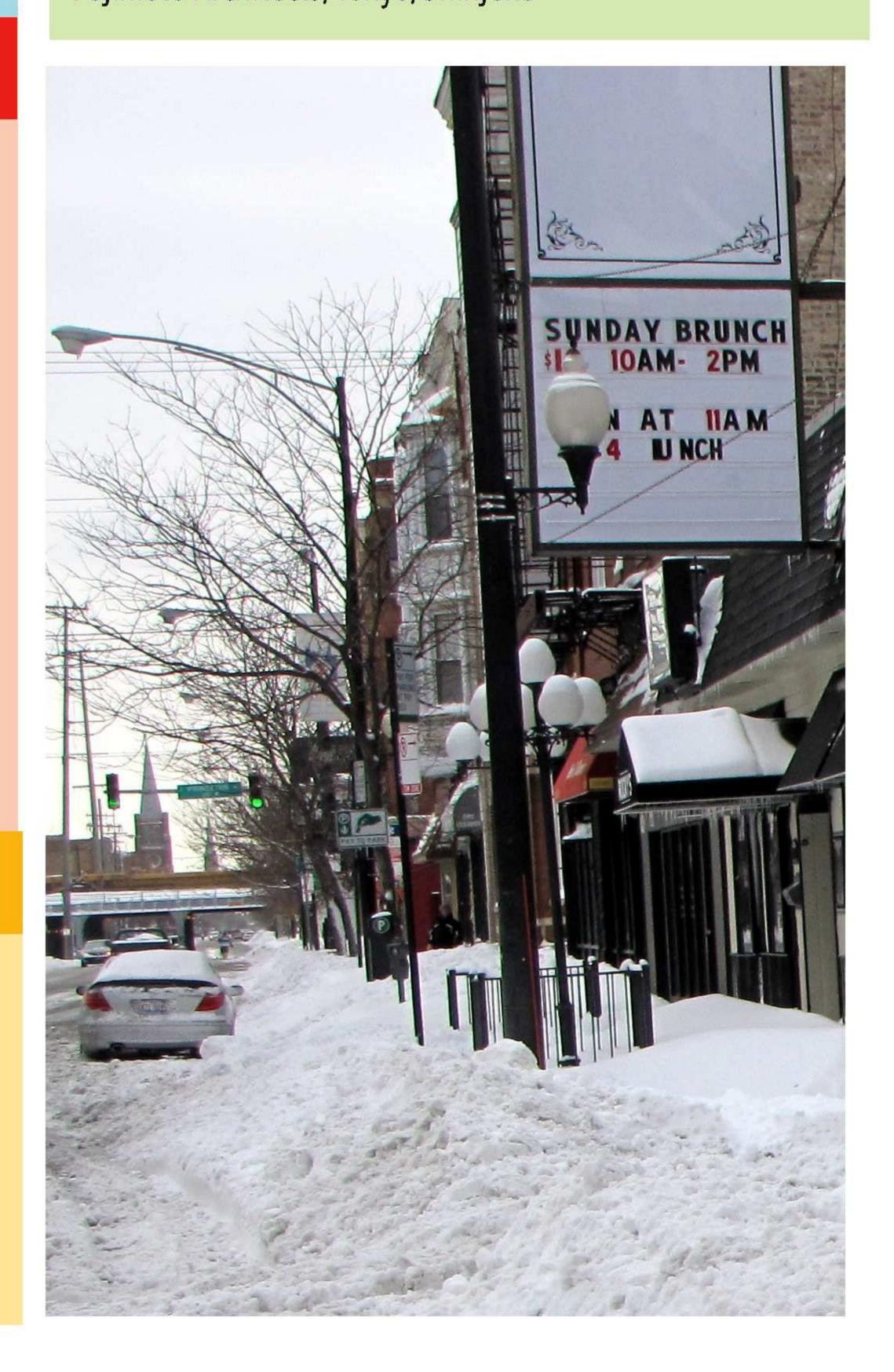
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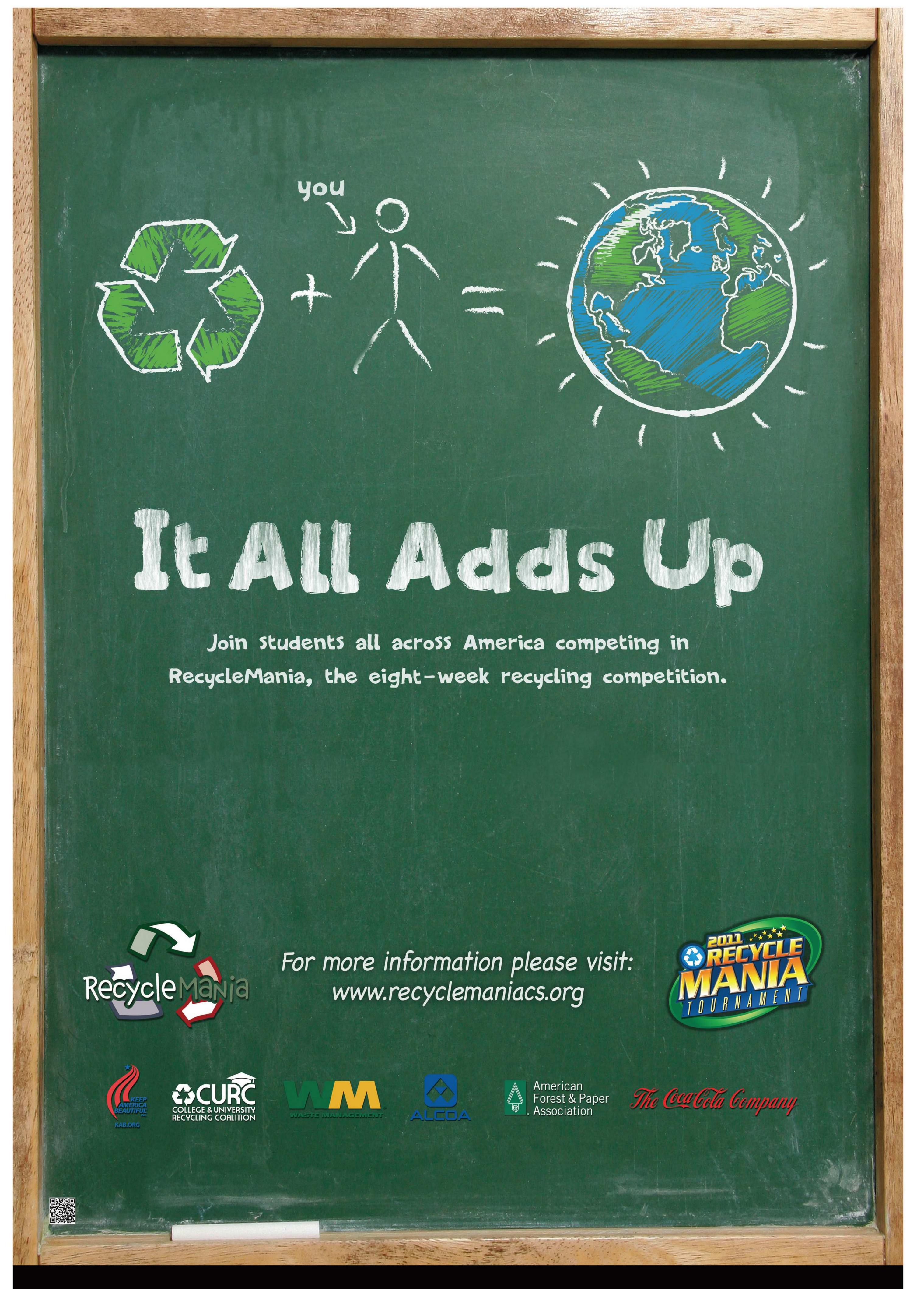
HawkEYE Workshop: Developing Your Flock: Maintaining Membership and Recruitment Office of Student Life

12:50 p.m. - 1:40 p.m., MTCC Executive Conference Room Improve the visibility and effectiveness of your organization through the use of thoughtful recruitment, retention and publicity strategies. Keep your members involved with helpful officer transition tips.

Primitive Future College of Architecture

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Crown Hall Lecture by Morgenstern Visiting Chair Sou Fujimoto, Sou Fujimoto Architects, Tokyo, Shinjuku

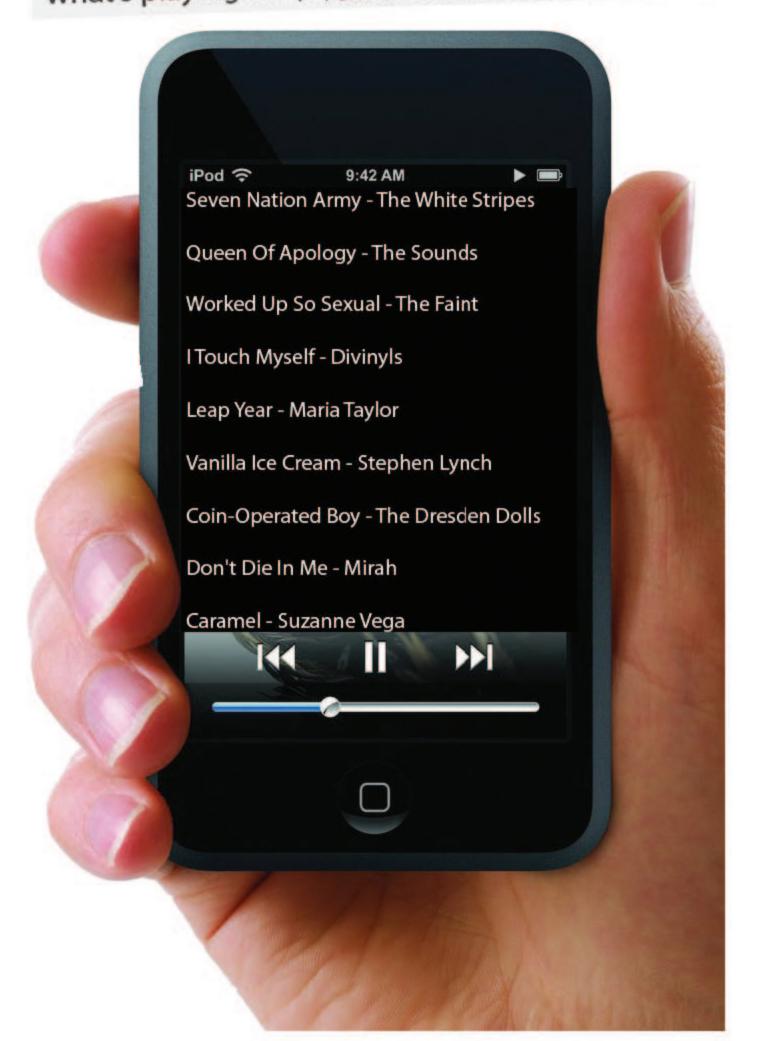






February 6-April 2, 2011 Get Involved www.iit.edu/recycling

what's playing on Vlada Gaisina's playlist?



What's playing on *your* playlist? Email ae@technewsiit.com!

GreenIT

Did you know...

...Americans throw away enough writing and office paper annually to build a wall 12 feet high, stretching from New York City to Los Angeles? Next time, instead of throwing away that piece of paper, either reuse it for notes or recycle it throughout campus so it can be remade into recycled paper for future use.

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.

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011 FIF GOMMENGEMENT

GRADUATING IIT STUDENTS

DO YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY IN MAY?

DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT THE ONLINE RSVP FORM!

@ www.iit.edu/commencement

APPLICATION BEGINS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011

DEADLINE TO RSVP IS TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011



Happy New Year!

Chicago's Vietnamese celebration















Photos by Ton Trieu

Illinois spring Map Grant disbursement arriving soon

$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{v}$ The Office of Financial Aid

Federal funds were disbursed after the add/ drop date, but the Office of Financial Aid is still processing the Map Grant for the Spring term. For students awarded the Map Grant, these funds have not yet disbursed to your financial aid account.

The Office of Financial Aid requests these funds from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) each semester. Currently, ISAC is not accepting requests for Map Grant funds for the Spring 2011 academic term. We anticipate ISAC to accept new requests this week. Providing we can request the Spring 2011 funds, we anticipate Map Grant disbursements will occur mid-February.

Until the Map Grant disburses to your ac-

count, you may receive an outstanding balance notification from the Bursar's Office. The Office of Financial Aid notified the Bursar's Office of the delay, so you should not be penalized for these funds not disbursing yet. Please note: If you have an additional balance on your account after the IL Map Grant disburses, you need to pay that balance now. The Bursar's Office will not remove late fees for students who neglect to pay their bill on time. Please be proactive and check your bill today on the MyIIT portal.

The Office of Financial Aid will notify you when the IL Map Grant funds are disbursed. If you have any questions, please contact us directly at finaid@iit.edu or at 312-567-7219. If you have a question about your bill, please contact the Bursar's Office directly at bursar@ iit.edu.

Engineering futures session bettering prospects

By Young Hong Ip **TECHNEWS WRITER**

This semester, Tau Beta Pi was excited to continue the Engineering Futures Workshops. This program enables students to actively engage and practice soft skills such as team chartering and problem analyzing. Students came out once again for the continuing series of soft skills. On Saturday, Tau Beta Pi hosted the Effective Presentation Skills workshop. Students turned out to develop and hone their public speaking and presentation skills. Many students took away valuable lessons and were also able to lend their experiences to peers new to

public speaking.

As some of you may know, Tau Beta Pi is an exclusive national honors engineering society reserved for only those who have shown exemplary character and achieved the highest of grades (Top eighth of the junior class and top fifth of the senior class). As part of the initiation process, student are required to earn three credits to become qualified for initiation. Participation in Engineering Futures is one of those ways candidates can earn a credit.

Be on the look-out for the awesome events Tau Beta Pi has planned this semester. Email us at tbp@iit.edu for more information or to join our mailing list!



Protecting an idea An interplay of science and patents

By Sumana Sundaramurthy **TECHNEWS WRITER**

An intellectual property attorney from ent includes an abstract, specifications and the ways of protecting an idea using IPRs and patents. Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) refers to distinct types of creations of the mind for which rights are recognized, as well as their corresponding fields of law. This gives their owners the rights to a variety of intangible assets like artistic works, inventions, discoveries, etc. There are various classes of IPRs that include patents, trademarks, copy rights and trade secrets. Patents are given for an invention or discovery; trademarks for products like Coca-cola; copyrights for materials like books, music, etc and trade secrets for certain formulas or other components like the recipe for KFC chicken and so on.

IPRs are considered to be very important because today, they contribute much more to the market value of the product. Also, about 89% of the biotech companies license patents that are considered the most effective means of capturing competitive advantage.

Patents give the owner the right to exclude others from using item but, at the same, time they doesn't give the right to the owner to use it too. A patent is valid for 20 years from the date of filing the patent. The components that can be patented include compositions of matter, processes, methods and apparatus. A pat-

Wood Philips, Mr. Adam Wolek spoke about claims. The prerequisites for a patent are that it should be useful, novel, sufficiently described and non-obvious. Disclosure in the form of an article or other form is called prior art. Publishing, collaborating, maintaining records, time and finance are the issues that are faced by the publishers. Patents cannot be filed after they are being published, but in the United States a grace period of one year is given for filing the patent. Next come the issues related to joint inventorship.

There are certain requirements in order to become an inventor, and it is very important as incorrect inventorship may invalidate the patent. Another important concept to claim the ownership of a patent that has already been filed would be the maintenance of a lab notebook that has been attested from time to time and should also have a witness sign. During the filing of patents there are two kinds of applications: the provisional and non-provisional, with separate procedures for each country. Acquiring a patent is a time-consuming and costly process, so different ways to cut down costs, searching for prior art and discussion with a patent lawyer would help in maintaining the patent. The role of IPRs and especially patents were thus considered to be very important in Biotech industry.

Knapp Entrepreneurship Center: A gateway to the business world

By Harshita Iyer

TECHNEWS WRITER

It is said that there are two professions that are very risky to get into – show business and real business. Neither guarantees a good result, but both can take over one's life completely. And yet, or maybe because of this, there is this inexplicable allure to them.

Well, acting is a different case, but for those IIT students who want to get into the real deal – entrepreneurship – there is hope. For some, the name Knapp Entrepreneurship Center may simply ring a bell, but for those interested in business and entrepreneurship, it could end up meaning a lot in the future. Whether you're someone who is hoping to run a business some day, or even someone who just wants to get involved in a co-op or internship, Knapp could be the answer for you.

The Knapp Center began operating in June 2005, and has since been trying to create awareness about opportunities for up-and-coming entrepreneurs. It is named after its main financier, Jules Knapp, who wanted to encourage the growth of entrepreneurial spirit in the IIT community. There are already many entrepreneurs in IIT's student body, but Knapp felt that more growth was necessary.

In the words of its Executive Director, Nik Rokop, the Knapp Center's main goal is to "support IIT-related entrepreneurs by providing effective, affordable, and expert resources to help create and grow successful commercial ventures". Knapp aims at helping students, alumni and faculty members gain access to the right resources and the right people to be able to start and grow businesses, which, as most people know, is not an easy task.

To do this, the Center organizes a wide range of events every semester, including networking events and educational seminars where entrepreneurs, lawyers and managers from the business world come to IIT to talk to the students. They also have "Angel Network" events which aim to get great entrepreneurs to come to IIT and tell the students their stories of how they got to where they are, and what the essentials to making it as an entrepreneur are. For students not directly into business, there are "App Designing Competitions" at KnappLab where students design applications for phones and computers in the hopes of designing the best app.

This semester, Knapp has a whole range of opportunities for students. It recently inaugurated the Entrepreneurship Academy, which offers entrepreneurship minors to students, as well as EnPROs (which are basically IPROs in which there are some elements of business management involved), loads of seminars, the App Weekends (for students to come and try their hand at designing Apps), as well as "extreme entrepreneurship events" (you can have a look at their calendar at http://knappcenter.iit.edu/calendar/).

One gets exposed to a huge array of opportunities here that one would not experience otherwise. Through Knapp, one can also write for the Center, work with companies to do market analysis and create business plans, and even work with companies in internships and co-ops.

The Knapp Center's main goal is to make sure that your big ideas can grow into real big businesses, and it will try its best to help you every step of the way. If you want more details, visit the Knapp website at http://www.stuart.iit.edu/entrepreneurship_academy/. Anybody out there who doesn't want to sit behind a desk forever, and would like to be the boss instead, this is the place to be!

Summer classes at IIT? Read on!

By Utsav Gandhi

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CAMPUS EDITOR

Many students must be considering the possibility of staying on campus over summer break. Being able to take classes while the weather is good, working ahead so that they could graduate early, retaking a class when they don't have too many other classes to worry about, or maybe getting some handson research experience are all good reasons. In any case, Chicago is an awesome city to live in during the summer, and IIT has a range of classes and services available for students from May through August. Smaller class size means closer contact with teachers and concentrated, fast-paced, to-the-point classes. For those with questions, there was a summer registration fair this past Monday on the MTCC Bridge. For those interested in summer courses who weren't able to make it. TechNews has collected the most important information from the session. It's helpful information, but for more specific questions, students are welcome to contact the concerned department by email or in person.

Housing

Housing and Residential Services will be keeping State Street Village open (semi-suites in SSV Middle) for students. You can learn more about it at http://www.iit.edu/housing/summer/. Up to 6 meal types are also available and required. Some great job opportunities are available for residents, such as Community Desk Assistant, Team Leader, Orientation Leader and Conference Housing Assistant – all with application deadlines in May. Housing Scholarships are applicable for some students. For more information, contact housing@iit.edu or call x75075.

On-Campus Jobs

Many openings are available on campus, be it at Keating Hall, Galvin Library or the MTCC. Students can check with the Student Employment Office for on-campus job oppor-

tunities and for professors interested in starting research internships. There are also many opportunities available for those able to work off-campus, including co-op programs, and the CMC is happy to discuss any possibilities with students. Contact cmc@iit.edu or call 312.567.8000. They are located on the Upper Level of Galvin Library.

Keating

Hours of operation for Summer 2011 are yet to be announced, though in the past there have been extended hours on summer weekends and recreation classes like Yoga and Tai-Chi.

Study Abroad

Always an unforgettable way to spend all or a part of your summer, there are a wide range of Study Abroad programs available. Classes may be taken anywhere (even a few blocks away from your home, far, far away from IIT!) and get transfer credit to IIT. The International Center (Main Building 4th floor) is a great place to learn about these programs, especially scholarships such as the DAAD Rise Study in Germany Scholarship or the Gilman Scholarship for Study Abroad for US citizens/certified permanent residents. Contact Ashley Sinclair, Co-ordinator of Study Abroad and Cultural Programs, at asincla1@iit.edu

The Office of Student Life (which is considering the option of organizing student activities with other summer programs in the city), Student Counseling Services, the Student Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Office of Spiritual Life & Service Learning and Student Health Services are some of the other offices whose services will be open to students during summer term.

You can view which of your desired classes are offered during the summer on your myIIT portal and contact your advisor for your PIN once registration starts on April 4. Keep in mind there is a limit to the number of credit hours you can register for over summer session.

INTERNATIONAL CORNER

Chinese New Year around the world and on campus

By Tingting Han

TECHNEWS WRITER

春节

在华人社会,春节是最重要的节日。在中国大陆、香港、澳门、台湾、韩国、越南 以及马来西亚、新加坡、印尼等地,农历新年均为法定假日。

新春在各地皆以传统农历的一月一日(正月初一)为主。传统上,每个农历年都有一只动物与十二地支对应,作为当年的象征,称为十二生肖。

春节的准备,准备鸡鸭鱼肉、蒸馒头、炸麻花、扫房子等。

在中国大陆,除夕晚上传统上和好饺子面切好饺子馅为初一包饺子做准备,因为初一不可动刀。全家一定要团聚,吃"团圆饭",出门在外学习工作的人要回家与父母一起过年,看春节联欢晚会,放鞭炮烟花,熬宿守岁。

接下来的15天,活动相继有:拜年,发红包,祭财神,回娘家,祭祖,开市,过人胜节,闹社火,祭星,元宵灯会等。

对于远在海外不能回家过年的华人,在此佳节倍思亲。我们IIT组织了包饺子的活动,让中国学生们感受到春节气氛,让外国学生对东方传统有更多了解。

In Chinese society, the onset of spring is a very important holiday. In mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, Korea, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, and Indonesia, the Lunar New Year is a statutory holiday.

Traditionally, every Chinese New Year has a corresponding animal and the twelve Earthly Branches, as a symbol of that year, known as the Zodiac.

New Year's preparations include prepared poultry meat, steamed buns, fried twisters, etc. The family eats "reunion dinner" and people who study and work away from home come back to see their family.

Besides the New Year, the Victory Festival and the Lantern Festival are some of the other festivals celebrated.

However, many people, such as me, could not go home for Chinese New Year. and did not get to see their loved ones this holiday season. We at IIT, however, had our own small celebration amidst the blizzard, and we made dumplings, organized activities for Chinese students and recreated the atmosphere of the Spring Festival, so that foreign students could learn more about the Eastern tradition.











Photos by Ton Trieu

Blue Valentine paints intimate portrait of close relationships

By Rebecca Waterloo **A&E EDITOR**

There's a blue hue that covers over the movie Blue Valentine as you examine the contemporary life of husband and wife. Ryan Gosling and Michelle Williams dive deep into their roles as Cindy and Dean, completely engaged and focused in their roles as a young couple brought together by fate, coincidence, or accident, whatever the perspective may be. Their performance of falling in and out of love during the movie is enhanced due the work of director Derek Cianfrance. The movie starts as a messy day in the life of a married couple and their six year old daughter, Frankie, as Cindy (Williams) is beyond exhausted and Dean (Gosling) shows less than a below average amount of aspiration in his life.

The plot is simple: a night in a cheesy, rundown hotel while trying to patch up their marriage with a night of intimacy and alcohol. The complexity, however, starts as we're brought not just to the hotel room, but through their story, suffocating us with their poisonous dysfunction until we plunge into a warm, clean story of love, dedication and devotion (coming mostly from Gosling's side). Cianfrance lets us get to know too little or way too much information of their life. The bouncing of black to white, left to right, his side-her side leaves a large responsibility for the user to determine the actual narrative that happens in the middle. The story unravels the hardship of a relationship, marriage and the sad truth that some people may just fall out of love no matter how much they try to keep it together.

This movie is full of fights, love (making), communication, silence, judgment and understanding, good guys, bad guys and everything you don't want in between. It requires an open mind and a realist's point of view as it's not an easy story. Is any situation in life? Blue Valentine is exactly what it sounds like.



Photo courtesy movies.nytimes.com

Documentary celebrates local talent

By Udayan Das

STAFF WRITER

The after-show program of the Louder Than A Bomb poetry slam consisted of a performance of a poem called "Stepping" by Lamar Jordan, which is an amazing poem, and as performed by Lamar, is worth the price of entry alone. Add to this the presence of the filmmakers Greg Jacobs and Jon Siskel, (the co-founder of the Louder Than a Bomb poetry slam competition) Kevin Coval, and finally another poem performed by Nate Marshall; you begin to see that the whole LTAB experience is even louder than the flyers claim to be.

of the poetry as competition, is a microcosm of young people at work, stretched to its limits, but doing what they like and know how to do best. Because the filmmakers stay away from gimmicky editing and flashiness of any kind, letting the words stand on their own and adopting a simple documentary approach: you are allowed to feel a lot, a successful documentary having done its work.

The talent that these kids display, the sheer passion for the work (which after all is most important), is simply amazing. After all, there

Photo courtesy louderthan abombfilm.com



Lamar and Nate are both seen in the documentary LTAB which follows the LTAB competition held in Chicago in 2008. LTAB is the largest poetry slam competition in the world. In Chicago, teams from dozens of high schools participate in it every year. It is almost as important as anything in those high schools sporting calendars. It is an amazing competition and involves great emotion, great works of poetry, and great characters. Some of these characters are to be seen in LTAB the documentary. Apart from Lamar and Nate, we follow two other young talented Chicago poets, Nova and Adam. Each of these four are part of intriguing stories that are far more interesting than a Hollywood film. What we see beyond the quality of the poetry, and the excitement is a little bit of everything. What is good to see is that the ego is not inflated out of control, so that the most competitive have a mutual respect for each other. This, possibly more than anything else, invites the deep involvement of the audience in the performance that is LTABthe film.

* Louder Than a Bomb (the documentary) is playing this week at the Gene Siskel Film Center: http://www.siskelfilmcenter.org/louderthanabomb - Siskel and Jacobs will be answering questions, and there will be student poets performing.

* Louder Than a Bomb (the competition) will be taking place from February 19 to March 12, organized once again by the wonderful Young Chicago Authors. You can find their

Coffee Club: The Wormhole

By Harshita Iyer

TECHNEWS WRITER

Last Sunday the Coffee Club ventured to a place called The Wormhole, just a short way off the Blue line at the Damen stop.

As expected, it was a great atmosphere, and had great coffee. The place was oozing with a retro,

messy but comfortable feel, with an unique arrangement of random couches. There was a long line for the Coffee Club, something that is not normal in coffee shops around Chicago. Could that be an obvious sign of a popular spot? The prices were reasonable, for a café (under \$9 for a coffee and pastries).

An exciting discovery was made there: they have a Nintendo! "ancient" The

but familiar version of our generation was what made it even better. The decor was unique and customer-friendly - mugs with faces on them, walls lined with old games in their boxes, and the clutter made everything seem to be in place. After an intense game of Tetris, followed by a game of Super Mario and many cups of coffee, the Coffee Club called it a day.

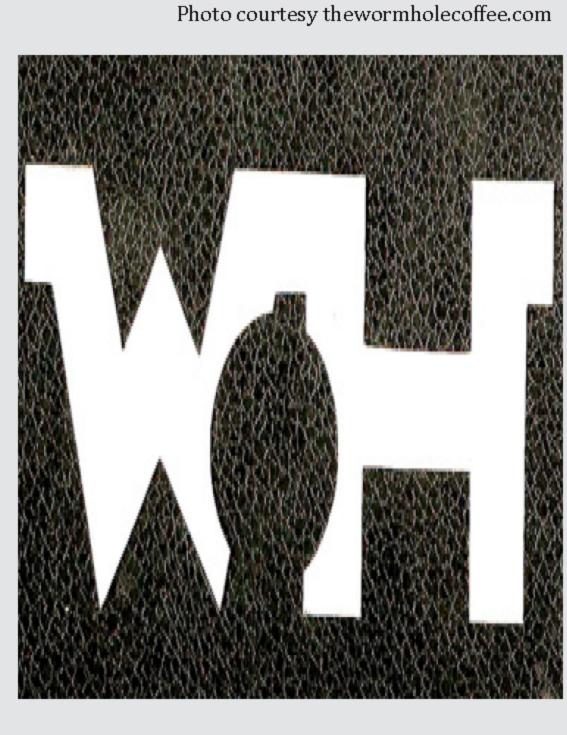
Another successful coffee trip for the club; the shop is highly recommended by them. The Wormhole is located in Bucktown/ Wicker Park, 1462 N. Milwaukee Ave. There is Wi-Fi available for students who need to get an internet fix in addition to caffeine off campus. The Wormhole is open from 7 A.M.

until midnight on weekdays,

and 9 A.M. until midnight on weekends. You can find out more information on their website at www. thewormholecoffee.com, search or for them on Facebook and Twitter.

Coffee Club is the perfect break from the mundane and a great way to see the little places you might miss out on oth-

erwise. So if you want to join in, just email iitcoffeeclub@gmail.com to be added to their mailing list. Or even easier, just show up at 11 a.m. at the MTCC, next to Global Grounds on a Saturday or Sunday, and tag along with the group of people you see, onto the next coffee adventure.



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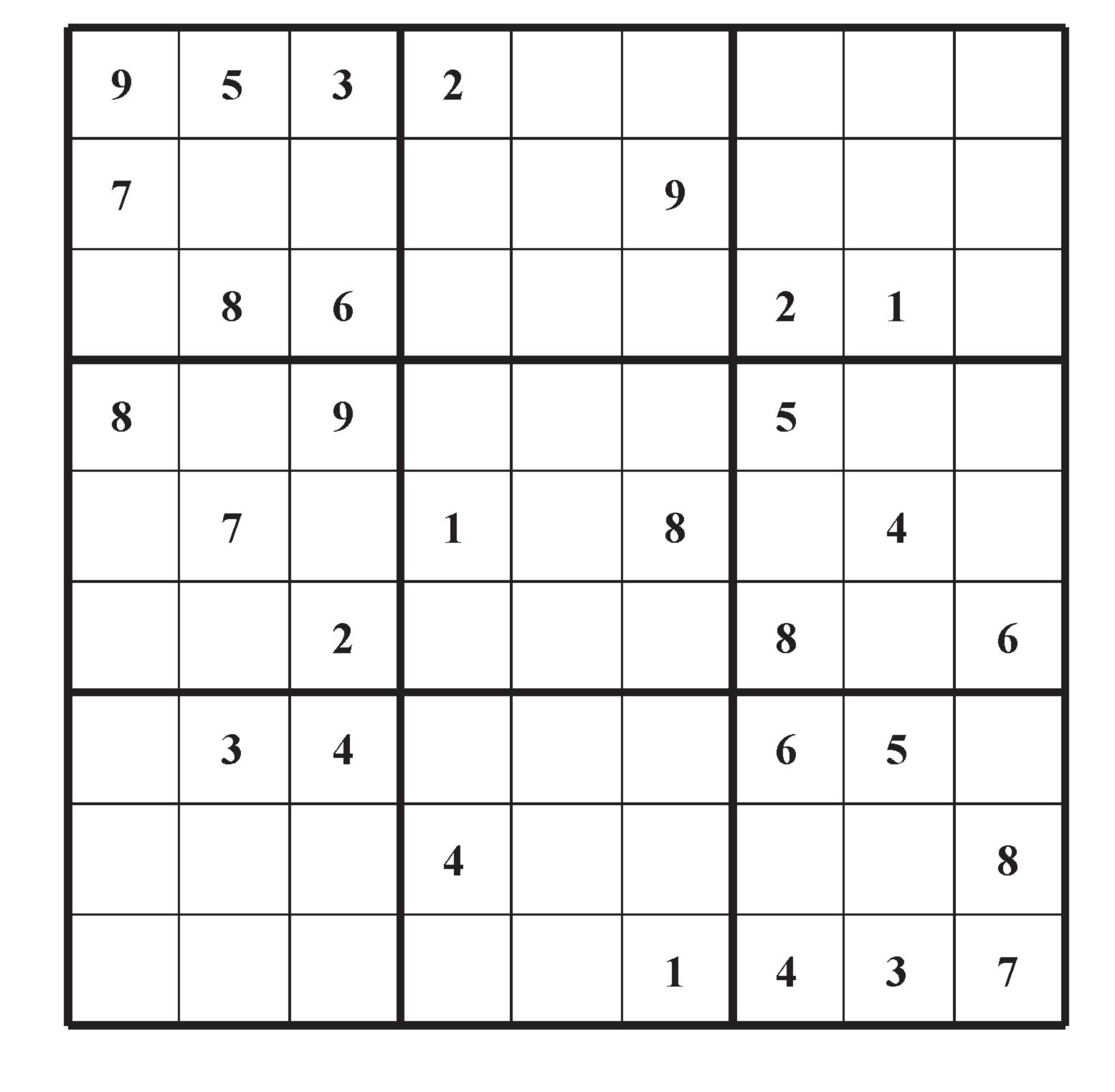
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- 61. Potato measurement
- 63. Track action
- 64. Commodore's lyric,
- "She's ____" and home description
- 66. Be off base
- 67. Ending
- 68. Boxer Spinks
- 69. Jamie Foxx's legend
- 70. Out of it 71. Sheltered, at sea

Down

- . Bidding
- 2. Meteorologist's line
- 3. Talk aimlessly
- 4. The Everly Brothers composition
- 5. Riyadh resident
- 6. Away from home
- 7. Under the weather
- 8. Moves restlessly 9. Foreboding

- 10. Roman fiddler
- 11. Gentleness
- 12. Wave catcher
- 13. One not wearing rose
- colored glasses
- 18. Eating places 22. St. Louis pro
- 25. Alfresco
- 28. Parent's order
- 30. FYI part
- 31. Contractor's measure
- 34. Ski lift
- 36. Opposite of sophisticated and advanced
- 38. All the renters on an
- estate
- 39. It may need massaging
- 40. Jersey call 41. Type of party
- 42. Greek woman who was a social climber
- 46. "Quiet!"
- 48. Clout 50. Fill up the tank again
- 51. Defoe character
- 52. Satellite of Saturn
- 55. A natural juice 58. Clods
- 59. Life lines?
- 60. Bond opponent
- 62. Kind of nut
- 65. 007 creator Fleming



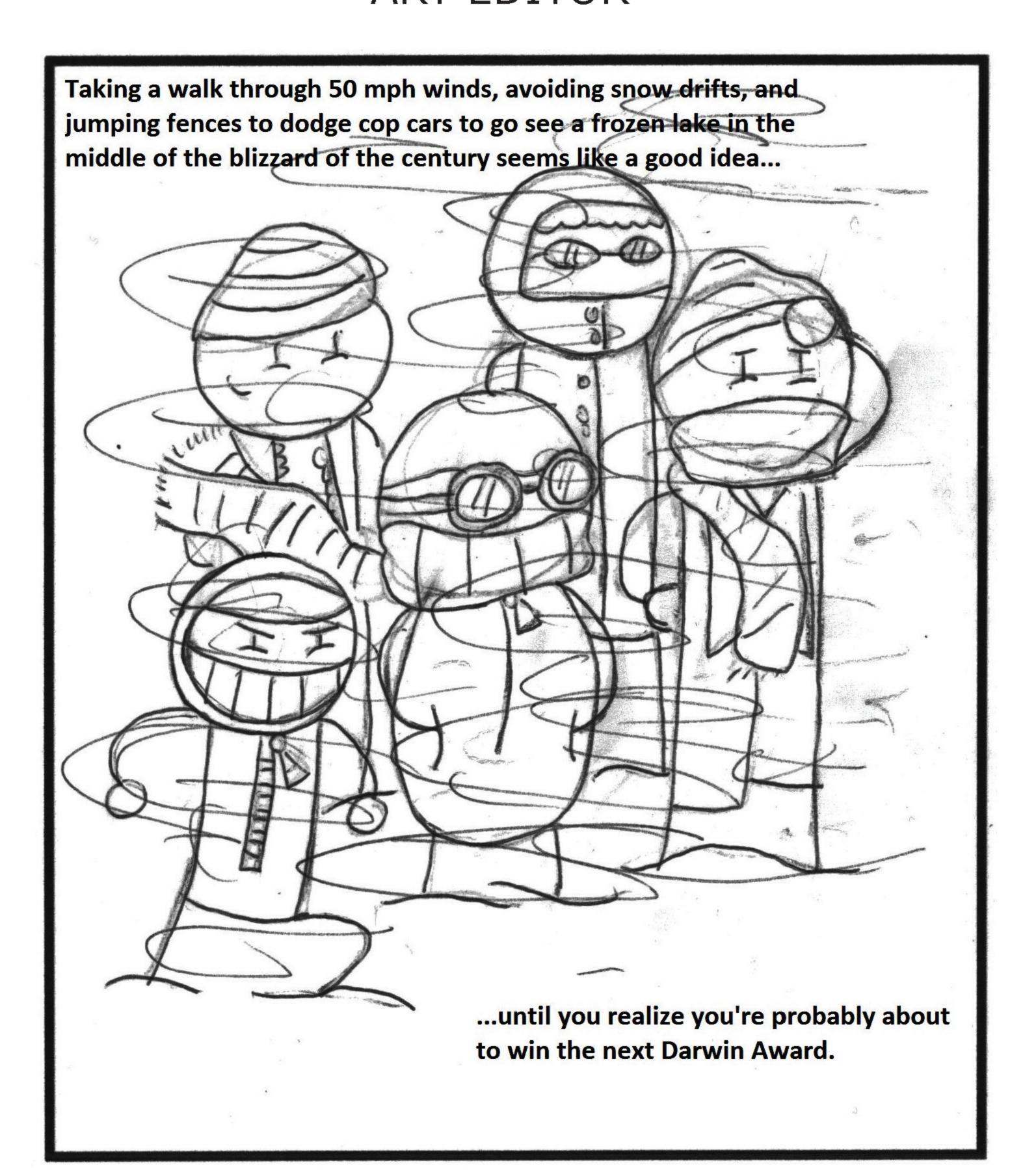


The word Sudoku, above, is actually the abbreviation of Suuji wa dokushin ni kagiru, meaning "the digits must be single" or "the digits are limited to one occurrence." Source: Wikipedia

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The First Day of the Rest of My Life

By Adin Goings ART EDITOR



Solution to last week's crossword

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Swimming, diving finish up pre-conference season

By Melanie Koto

STAFF WRITER

This weekend, the Scarlet Hawks Swimming and Diving teams competed in their last two regular season meets before Conference and Nationals, both at home. Friday night, the team competed against Lincoln College.

In the Women's 200 yard freestyle, freshman Abby Maze took first place with a 2:08.29, and in the men's sophomore Eric Grunden took third with a 1:51.41.

In the 50 yard freestyle, junior Melanie Koto took second with a 26.35 for the women's team, and freshman Yoni Pruzansky took second for the Men's team with a 23.04.

In the Men's 200 yard IM, freshman Felipe Bergh smoked the competition from lane one to take first with a 2:01.38 by .23 seconds.

In the 100 yard butterfly, freshman Aimee Dewante took first with a 1:03.76 for the Women's team, and junior Keiji Halloway took first for the Men with a time of 53.10 and senior Mark Callan took third with a 57.81.

In the 100 yard freestyle, freshman Jillian Hamada took first with a 57.63 for the Women, and Pruzansky took second for the Men with a 49.60, while senior Tomasz Chojnacki took third with a 52.18, and junior Dylan Maus took fourth with a 53.16. Koto took first in the Women's 100 yard backstroke with a 1:04.42, and sophomore Matthew Rosenfeld took third in the event with a 56.91 for the Men's team, while Bergh took second in the Men's 200 yard breaststroke with a 2:19.97.

On Saturday, the team faced Lake Forest College. Diving started the meet off, with McNair taking first place on both the 1 and 3 meter board, with scores of 287.55 and 337.50 respectively.

The Women's 200 yard medley relay followed with the team of Koto, Curran, Hamada and Maze taking second with a 2:02.19.

The Men's team of Rosenfeld, Grunden, Halloway and Pruzansky took second as well with a time of 1:40.16, followed by the team of Tapak, Bergh, Muchna and Lutgendorf in third with a 1:42.27, and the team of Lao, Grindel, freshman Arya Mohaimani and Maus taking fifth with 1:53.09.

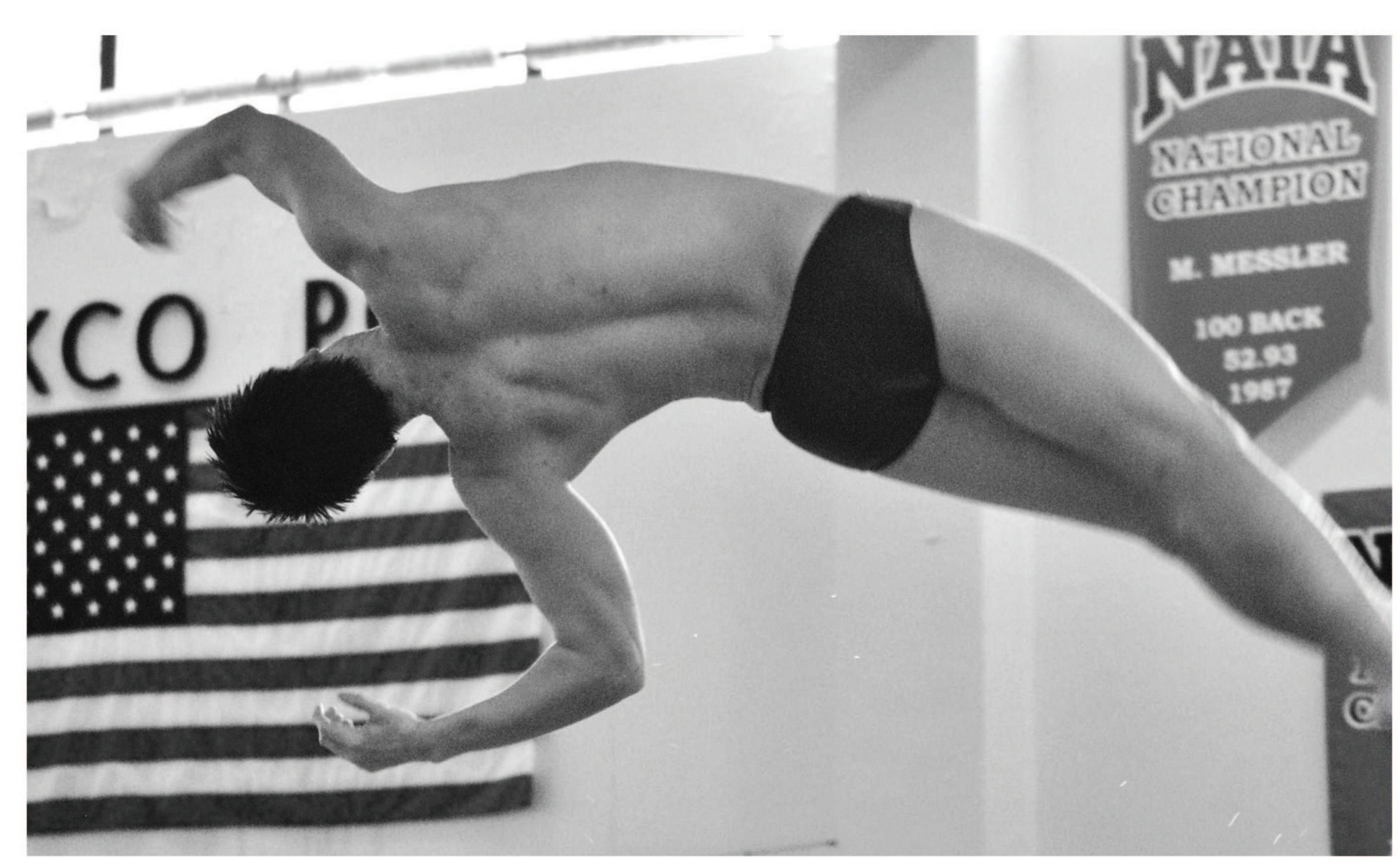
In the Men's 200 yard freestyle, Chojnacki took second (1:53.58), and in the 50 yard freestyle, Callan took second (23.41) as well. In the 400 yard IM, Bergh took first (4:25.43) followed closely by Halloway (4:31.92) and Mohaimani (4:34.03).

In the Women's 100 yard butterfly, Dewante took first with a 1:03.81, and in the Men's Muchna took second with a 55.74. Pruzansky took second in the Men's 100 yard freestyle, while Tapak took fourth (50.08, 55.42), and Hamada took first in the Women's 100 yard backstroke (1:05.84).

In the 200 yard breaststroke, Curran took second with a 2:43.60 for the Women's team, and for the Men's team Grunden took first with a 2:20.17.

In the final event, the 200 yard freestyle relay, the Women's team of Maze, Hamada, Dewante and Koto took second with a 1:48.37, while the Men's team of Callan, Pruzansky, Halloway and Grunden took first with a 1:30.71.

The team will compete in two weeks at the Liberal Arts Conference Meet in Iowa, and two weeks after that at the NAIA National Swimming and Diving meet in St. Petersburg, Mo.







Badminton Club launches 8-member co-ed team

By Ausrine Rakauskaite

TECHNEWS WRITER

The IIT Badminton Club has been a part of IIT for about 2 years, hosting open gyms at Keating every week throughout the fall and spring semesters for players of various backgrounds and skill levels to come enjoy the exciting sport of Badminton. Yearning for a more competitive edge, however, Praveen Shanmugam, president and lead organizer of the IIT Badminton club, decided to take the club a step further this semester and create an 8-member team of its best players.

With the help and support of Jason A. Neal, head of Intramurals and Recreation at Keating Sports Center, Praveen was able to organize try-outs on Sunday, January 23, allowing for the 30 or so members of the club to compete for the top spots. In the end, 4 men and 4 women were chosen to represent the IIT Badminton Team

Women's Line-up:

- 1. Ausrine Rakauskaite
- 2. Kylie Kosulic
- 3. Shiny Kaur
- 4. Erica Lin

Men's Line-up:

- 1. Praveen Shanmugam
- 2. Xu Shi
- 3. Raghuveer Cumar
- 4. Swaminathan Prasanna

Praveen hopes to expose the team to more playing styles and skill levels by organizing for the team to compete in tournaments around the Midwest, such as the Purdue open in West Lafaytte, IN or the Wisconsin Open in Madison, WI. Tarwan Winawan, a skilled player with both playing and coaching experience, will advise and assist the team on a weekly basis to prepare them for the tough tournaments quickly approaching. With a promising semester ahead, Praveen hopes to take the sport of Badminton to the next level here at IIT.



to courtesy Ausrine Raka

LOOKING FOR SOME ACTION?

Hello Climbers!

Our next Rock Climbing Club meeting is this Thursday at 1pm in the MTCC Auditorium. We hope everyone with an avid interest in rock climbing can make it! We look forward to seeing you there.

Spring fitness classes offered this semester

Friday - 6pm - MTCC Ballroom (Location var-

A.M. - 11 P.M. Monday through Friday. Please

call Keating at 312-567-3296 with any ques-

Keating Sports Center is open from 6:30

Salsa Dance:

tions.

ies from week to week.)

Instructor: El Caobo

By Graeme Port

SPORTS EDITOR

With the 2011 spring semester now fully underway, the Office of Intramurals and Recreations is pleased to announce that the following classes are now being offered to students, faculty, staff, and alumni of IIT, Shimer, and Vandercook at Keating Sports Center.

Classes are free for all current students, and \$5 for faculty, staff, and alumni.

Yoga:

Tuesday - 1pm - Racquetball Court 3 Instructor: Helen Lee

Tuesday - 7:30pm - Racquetball Courts 3 & 4 Instructors: Katrina Ryan & Natasha Holbert Thursday - 5:30pm - Racquetball Court 1 Instructor: Katrina Ryan

Tai Chi:

Monday - 9pm - Racquetball Court 3 Instructor: Paul Channic Wednesday - 1pm - North Gym Instructor: Paul Channic

Pilates:

Wednesday - 5:30pm - Racquetball Court 3 Instructor: Mandy Work

Argentine Tango:

Thursday - 7:30pm - Racquetball Court 1 Instructors: Karen Ma & Eric Ma

Plyometrics:

Tuesday - 9pm - North Gym Court 2 Instructor: Tony Saddy

Cardio Kickboxing:

Thursday - 12:50pm - Racquetball Court 3

Instructor: Suzanne Ko







Friday, February 18th
Men's & Women's
Swimming & Diving
Liberal Arts Conference Meet @
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

University Social Calendar!

AERIALIST PERFORMANCE

Tuesday, February 8th
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
In Carr Chapel. Sponsored by Mies van der Rohe Society.

HawkEYE Workshop: The Nuts & Bolts of IIT: How do I?

Thursday, February 10th 12:50 pm - 1:40 pm Office of Student Life. Held in MTCC Executive Conference Room.

Ticket Sale: Chicago Bulls vs. San Antonio Spurs game

Thursday, February 10th (game is on February 17th)
1:00 pm online at www.tinyurl.com/bullsspurs2011
Tickets are \$10 and only 1 ticket per IIT student.

NICE PETER

Thursday, February 10th 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm Come out and laugh tonight at the BOG!

IIT IDOL

Friday, February 11th 8:00 pm - 12:00 am

YO! Did you know?

Student orgs can put up event info by submitting their events on the UB websitel So try it out to get the word out about your event!

Contestants from 2/4/11 preliminaries will compete in 3 rounds. There are prizes to the top 3 winners!!! Come out to the BOG to cheer for your friends!

Wanna hang with the cool cupcakes? Program sweet events? Check us out!

UB General Body Meetings

1:00 PM every Tuesday @ mtcc auditorium

For more event info, check out our lovely website @ http://ub.iit.edu or contact us at ub@iit.edu!