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RHA Exec Board members reflect on their trip to the IRHA 2011 conference at Eastern Illinois

By Utsav Gandhi CAMPUS EDITOR

College doesn't have to always mean midterms, quizzes, projects, lab assignments, and essays. Without downplaying the significance of these, there is a student organization on campus which feels confidently armed enough after a memorable three-day experience that the definition of 'fun' on the IIT campus, and specially for the residents, can be extended to just more than those listed above. Yes, people here have priorities, but they aren't out to change them. Aiming to get residents more involved in creating a positive living environment, the Residence Hall Association (RHA) attended IIT's second Illinois RHA (IRHA) Conference on February 18-20 at the Eastern Illinois University in the City of Charleston, IL, and came back enlightened, entertained and transformed. More importantly, they came back after spending some unforgettable moments from other campus contingents, and are now raring to go to apply the skills and values learnt at these to try and create a fun residential experience. I interviewed two RHA Exec Board Members, Mansi Patel and Emmanuel Klu.

I've seen the brochure - and the first question that came to my mind is why was the theme 'students by day, leaders by night'?

IRHA has a theme every year, this year the theme was to honor visiting RHA contingents as superheroes - hence the theme. They organized activities and training sessions for us during the day and had events such as roll call and the banquet at night.

Any thoughts about the hosts and their campus?

That's what an actual campus feels like! It was really, really huge, and since they don't have the advantage of a city like Chicago amidst them, they seem to have created a small world where everything that a college campus should have (read: Taco Bell) was on the campus. The hosts were warm, friendly and welcoming. Even though the place was remote,

they didn't make us feel so.

Thoughts about other school contingents? How they were different or similar in any way to IIT's contingent? Anything specially worth noting about the IIT contingent?

far, the most diverse contingent as compared to the others, since we had India, Ghana, Hong Kong, Poland and America all represented! Some of them were kids who despite being freshmen were attending their third IRHA Friendly, outgoing, really contributed posiconference already, which really reflects on ence of fund-raisers on campus?

conference coming up in Western Illinois University over summer, and a local one for the Midwest region, but we're so disappointed to know that we can't go!

How were costs met? How was the experi-

We must thank a lot of campus offices that came forward and generously donated as well as all those who made our fundraising efforts such as the bake sale and the Valentine's Day sale such huge successes. Over 70% of our target was met through these efforts; and we also have to thank the HRS Office for providing the necessary stationery and equipment. In fact, IIT RHA won the Philanthropy ward for maximum donations.

The RHA Exec Board members gained valuable lessons from this conference, and the immediate changes they suggest which they feel will get more people to be involved in creating a fun living community is to get them to attend meetings - and for this, they have vowed to make General Body Meetings (which all residents are welcome to attend) more fun and more interactive. Having successfully organized their famous Boat Cruise at Navy Pier and having recently opened up an fantastic collection of DVDs for residents to rent free of charge (check them out, 9-10 p.m. at the RHA Office opposite Lewis Hall in MSV!), the RHA is now looking at their next big event - Floor, or rather, Hall Wars. Keep your eyes open for an exciting day of fun and free food, and fight for your Hall's glory (however cheesy that may sound).

Finally, this is the cheer that resonated at the conference. If you see an exec board member passing by, request him or her to perform it for you. It's catchy, it's infectious, and it's completely original!

IIT is Red Hot (clap on the T) We are the scarlet hawks We are R-E-D (Red) H-O-T (Hot) Once we start we cant be stopped Red hot (clap clap [break] clap x3)



(Photo courtesy Utsav Gandhi)

tively to the entire 'fun' atmosphere. They were so willing to open up so easily, it really made our friendships with them all the more endearing. Initially, they labeled us as the 'rich school' with 'free iPads' but we tried to change that somewhat biased perspective by being good representatives of IIT and trying to convey that IIT is not just about good grades and a good job. We really learned a lot from every contingent that was there, though; we realized sometimes letting yourselves loose is a great way to make new friends. There were colleges whose RHAs are more active than their SGAs, and it really reflected in the strength, preparedness and coordination between them. We were, by

the kind of involvement they have on campus, without de-prioritizing studies, of course. Not that we were any less - Gary So won a special award recognition for his services towards planning and organizing the event. IIT RHA will really try to produce more students here - because we believe that is the kind of college experience that really counts.

A quick round-up of your schedule of events (what you'll did, etc.)

Every moment was memorable, no kidding. Dance training sessions, bowling, movie shows, training sessions, ice breakers, the banquet, roll call, prize distribution at the end, everything was unforgettable. There's a national

TEDXIIT

A Platform to discuss Innovation

By Utsav Gandhi **CAMPUS EDITOR**

There's a quote attributed to Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. that says the following: "The human mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions."

That's what the TED conferences do: they stretch the dimensions of your mind. Each TED speaker has about 20 minutes to present an 'idea worth spreading' in the most innovative and impactful way they can. Speakers range from Google founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin, to a young man living in a remote village in Malawi who - at the age of 14 - built a windmill for his family, using an old textbook. Every talk is an outstanding example of the immense creative ability of the human mind, and really makes you think deep into your fundamental understanding of issues you may or may not have considered before, often letting you see previously unseen viewpoints.

A group of passionate IIT undergraduates are organizing a TEDx conference at IIT's Downtown Campus in March. Speakers

include Michael Hettwer, photographer with National Geographic and Leonard Reiffel, a widely recognized scientist, educator, and inventor/entrepreneur. The event will be held on the 26th of March, 2011 from 10 AM to 7 PM, and there are about 50 seats left for the IIT Student Body. For more details and to apply, visit www.tedxiit.com.

The idea for TEDxIIT was inspired by the organizing students' motivation to give the members of the IIT community-students, faculty, and alumni—a place to share their ideas with each other and the world. The inaugural TEDxIIT is organized around the theme "Break Through," and features speakers who have yet to break through onto the world stage, as well as those who have broken through before. TED's media initiatives include TED.com where new TEDTalks are posted daily, and the Open Translation Project, which provides subtitles and interactive transcripts as well as the ability for any TEDTalk to be translated by

volunteers worldwide. TED has established the annual TED Prize where exceptional individuals with a wish to change the world are given the opportunity to put their wishes into action; TEDx, which offers individuals or groups a way to host local, self-organized events around the world; and the TEDFellows program, helping world-changing innovators from around the globe to become part of the TED community and, with its help, amplify the impact of their remarkable projects and activities.

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Egypt from an insider's perspective

By Sara ElShafie

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Sara ElShafie, a Paleontology student at the University of Chicago and a personal friend was in Cairo with a study abroad program when the demonstrations began. Being of Egyptian descent, she could identify closely with the cause and events that transpired there in the last month. I am excited to share with you excerpts from a blog she started http://asandstorminbastille.blogspot.com/, describing her experience.

I experienced the revolution both as an Egyptian citizen and as an American visitor.

When demonstrations against the Egyptian government began on Tuesday, January 25, everyone was excited and impassioned. These sentiments grew as demonstrations continued throughout the week, but as rumors spread and the warning signs began (e.g. periodic blockage of Twitter and Facebook), everyone braced themselves for the anticipated escalation of Friday, January 28.

Thursday, January 27

At first I wasn't very concerned at all. Tuesday I slept through the initial action (finally catching up on sleep after an exhausting week), and I shared in the general excitement of the group and reveled in the sense that we are witnessing history. I sat reading the news on Al-Jazeera, eating my 'aeesh baladi* and marveling that demonstrations of this magnitude have not occurred since the Bread Riots 33 years ago (*"bread of my country," the whole grain pita bread that is subsidized by the government and which all Egyptians, including myself, love to eat. In 1977, the government suspended subsidy of bread, bringing the cost to 1 LE a piece - way too expensive, especially at that time - which launched several days of bloody revolts in Egypt).

My state of mind switched yesterday when I read on Al-Jazeera that the government is really cracking down on protestors, and I decided to remove my post from the previous day about the demonstrations. I left the student apartments in Dokki in central Cairo to stay with my uncle's family in a neighborhood farther from the downtown area.

I am excited to be here and proud to be living though these events. But it also seems that I am more worried about the situation than the rest of my peers. I have heard much more about the Egyptian government's dysfunction and irrationality over the years. Ibrahim's (my cousin's) warnings were a wake-up call. He cautioned that things could get ugly tomorrow, that the police might shoot people, that the government might start cutting off resources like internet, mobile service, electricity, or water. That was when I realized the severity of the situation. Perhaps he was being slightly overdramatic, but also judging from what I know of the government and Egypt's history, I know that he wasn't being unreasonable.

Sara (one of our program coordinators) shared the Egyptian activist perspective on this week's events with me in the car (she personally escorted me to and from Arabic class today, for safety). She made me fully realize the amount of pent up anger and frustration that is igniting this week. I cannot even comprehend the amount of suffering and oppression that Egyptians have been living with for the last 30 years. She told me about Khalid Said, an average middle class Egyptian who, because of an unwarranted skirmish with the police, was brutally beaten and murdered. Apparently this incident made activists out of many who had been frustrated but reluctant to get involved, including Sara. She kept saying, "It could have been me! It could have been one of my cousins! There was no sense in it at all! It was pure injustice! It made us all SO outraged, and we all decided to say, 'We will not be treated this way! We cannot live like this!" That was about a year ago. Now, with the Tunisian revolts coinciding with Eid al-Shorta*, everything is finally igniting into the protest that everyone has been waiting for. I don't know if anyone anticipated the extent to which it would continue. As apprehensive as I am about tomorrow's demonstrations, I am truly praying that the protesters will continue and prevail until they force Mubarak to step down for good. Egyptians are finally breaking the crust of malaise and despair and showing the world their true col-

* Eid al-Shorta ("Holiday of the Police") is a national day off in honor of the police, whom everyone detests. Thus, it has become a day of protest against the government — though never before to this extent.

To be continued...

5 health tips to feel more energetic

By Alpesh Modi

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Life nowadays is really busy, and most people don't care much about their health. Last Saturday, while I was shopping at a downtown Walgreens, I saw a gentleman (dressed like a doctor) buying some candy with a brief glance at the nutrition facts on it. That sparked a thought: "Do I ever consider my health before eating or drinking anything?" Then I decided to write an article sharing health tips that can help everyone.

1) Stay hydrated, especially before you exercise. We've all heard the eight glasses of water a day recommendation. Most health experts now recommend dividing your weight in half to determine the number of ounces you should drink each day. For example, if you weigh 180 pounds, you should be drinking 90 ounces of water a day. Sports drinks may give you a little more energy but are not the right choice if you are looking to lose weight, so be careful what you are drinking. Try to make sure you drink plenty of fluids at least 30 to 60 minutes before you exercise.

It's like filling up your gas tank before a big car trip – this way you won't run out of energy in the middle of your workout.

2) Eat smaller meals more frequently. Eat smaller, more frequent nutritious meals (4-6 a day) to keep your metabolism running at full capacity and give you a steady source of energy. Eating a huge meal all at once can cause your energy levels to crash dramatically. That's why most of us spend the hours after Thanksgiving dinner dozing on the couch.

Think about it like a coal furnace – while it's burning, adding small amounts of coal will keep the fire going strong, while piling it full with coal will smother the fire out. Of course, no coal will mean no fire at all,

 Eat more fruit (and throw away the candy). Replace any and all candy or other sweets with fresh fruit. No, it doesn't compare at first, but avoiding the blood sugar crash that comes with candy makes the whole idea worth it! If you're dying for something sweeter, add a (level) teaspoon of sugar to your fruit for only 16 extra calories.

4) Get rid of the sugary soda. One 12-oz can of soda on average contains a whopping 35-40 grams of sugar, guaranteed to leave your overworked, terrorized pancreas begging for mercy. By all means, this stuff must go. To make the transition easier (since most soda is caffeinated as well), replace it with some unsweetened or very lightly sweetened coffee or tea. Both tea (especially green) and coffee are loaded with antioxidants, and not having to deal with caffeine withdrawal should make the break from soda much easier to manage.

5) Don't Sleep In on the Weekends. Let's say, you get up every day at 6:30 AM but on weekends you like to sleep in, sometimes till noon. This is a really bad idea, as you're going against two factors: the circadian rhythm of your body and sleep inertia. From the time we were cavemen, our bodies adjusted to patterns of day and night and temperature changes, waking when the sun came up and falling asleep when the sun went down. This was observed by Prench scientist Jean-Jacques d'Ortous de Mairan in the 1700s, It's a real phenomenon that has been documented in singlecell organisms, plants, and many members of animal kingdom. Once you find a rhythm that works for you, stick to it and don't change.

Sleep inertia is usually felt when you sleep in well past your normal waking time. You'll wake up feeling sluggish and tired and feel like you can't get in gear for several hours. If you're traveling or need to catch up on sleep for one reason or another, a better solution is to take short naps of 30 to 60 minutes over the next few days whenever possible.

These five changes can have a major impact on your body's ability to work efficiently (which can mean more energy in a matter of days), and act as a stepping stone to better health in the long run. Try them out for thirty days and see how effective they are for you!

What's your angle?

An ethical discussion on current topics

This week:

How green are hybrids?

By Annie Hutches & Phil Thiesen TECHNEWS WRITERS

"Tom, how was the Auto Show this year?"
"It was great, as usual. There were so many awesomenew concepts! I took a bunch of pictures. The Toyota Prius especially got my attention."

"Oh, really? What was so special about

"Well, you know
I've always been
fond of hybrid cars.
Toyota just announced an even
smaller version of
Prius and a plug-in
model that will im-

prove the gas mileage even further. Anything that can help us lessen our negative impact on the environment is a great thing, I think."

"I agree about the benefits of reducing our oil consumption, but I heard that there are some negative things about hybrids, too. The special batteries required for these vehicles use materials that are extremely toxic to the environment. In places where they are manufactured, disposal of the waste material is a huge problem, and even here in the US all those batteries will have to be accounted for, once their lifecycles end. Wouldn't this be like trading one pollution issue for an other?"

"That can definitely be the case if we aren't careful. I read about these issues too,

and it seems that Toyota and other companies are making efforts to collect and recycle all of the materials in the batteries, as well as researching new and better battery technologies.

There's another advantage to owning hybrid vehicles. Even though the technology does cost a bit more up front, the owners will see a financial benefit over the life of the car, thanks to the money they'll save on fuel. The

rising gas prices today make this even more attractive."

"Yeah, but guess where all of the rare earth metals in the batteries come from? China is the biggest source of these mate-

rials, so the more we rely on the hybrid and electric vehicle technology, the less money we get to keep in our own county, not to mention that the Prius is made by a Japanese company."

"Actually we do have large reserves of that material in the US, too. They just haven't tapped into the resource yet. Further, many of the hybrids on the road today were manufactured in American plants."

"I see I'm glad to hear that at least some effort is being made to address all of these issues. In any case, I think the whole "green" movement is a good philosophy."

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

Does wealth always mean "success?"

By Malav Manek
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Is money really everything in this world? Are the top ten richest people the only successful ones from the entire globe's population? Have they even been called successful once? Unlike the majority of today's generation, I do not believe that success is all about having the most money and the highest luxuries around you. In my opinion, success is simply about being able to achieve "positivism," "happiness," "simplicity" within oneself, and "a good social life." Success, in other words, is about having all friends and no enemies; this can be achieved by unity. It should be eliminated from our thoughts that only the rich can attain success or can be called successful.

The definition of success may vary from person to person, but I believe that successful people are not the ones who have the best of all, but rather those can appreciate whatever may come their way and learn to accept it as an achievement. The four main factors that constitute success, as mentioned above, carry a deep meaning behind them. One can undoubtedly note a downfall in the quality of life, if one of these factors is compromised or not maintained to the required standards.

To begin with, positivism means having the right attitude towards one's aims and objectives in life. It is essential to have a wellorganized routine that would aid in tackling your short-term and long-term objectives. As one works with an organized procedure, success is bound to knock on your door; the selfconfidence within yourself increases as you tend to realize your objectives. This builds up a sense of positivism within oneself that leads to further attainments and success. Moreover, if one is "determined" to achieve a goal within the boundaries of available resources, success is meant to be the obvious outcome. Hence, without a positive mind, happiness, simplicity or a good social life are difficult to achieve; without all these qualities, there is no success.

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Apart from that, happiness is a positive psychological state of mind characterized by love, satisfaction, pleasure or joy. Happiness could be the cause of an achievement or the outcome

one wanted. When you have the money, but you do not get any joy in the process of earning that money, the

"... an absence of happiness can harm you spiritually and mentally..."

wealth earned would be useless. This is supported by Albert Schweitzer, who said, "Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." A happy person with nothing to worry about can be categorized as a successful person, since it leads to a longer and trouble-free life. Earning money involves a lot of stress and pain to the human body. When looking at the lives of the rich, it is visible that they sacrifice their happiness and quality of life to earn the wealth. In my opinion, they should rather be classified as unsuc-

cessful people, since an absence of happiness can harm you spiritually and mentally and you would spend the same wealth that you earned to treat the consequences of stress (damage to yourself). Alternatively, having just what you require in combination with a much happier life would be the best way of living anyone could choose. Hence, without happiness, positivism, simplicity, or a good social life are hard to achieve; without all these qualities there is no success.

Simplicity, in the context of success, is the act of following a straightforward approach

to attain an objective with the desired positive outcome. The simpler a process, the easier it is to follow and

perform, and the higher the probability for it to be successful. In the case of the need for an organized routine I mentioned earlier, for example, one does not require an expensive laptop or palm pilot to do so. The traditional pen-and-paper style is the simplest and most convenient way to help oneself organize. The quote by an ancient Chinese political leader, Deng Xiaoping, "It doesn't matter if the cat is black or white, as long as it catches the mice," explains my emphasis on adapting simplicity. One must not choose any procedure on the basis of its modernity or prestige, but rather on

its simplicity, so that one is positive about the result. The fruit of this path is the achievement of easy and quick success. Hence, without simplicity, positivism or happiness are difficult to achieve; without all these qualities, there is no success.

As I mentioned in my introductory paragraph, success is all about all friends and no enemies; this is directly related to a person's social life and relationships with fellow human beings. When you have a strong bond with everyone around you, there is a strong sense of unity and oneness. In my opinion, this is an essential quality of life that everyone must strive for to be successful. It is very evident in life that a group of people tend to be more successful in accomplishing a task than a single person. Apart from that, if you maintain a good relationship with everyone around you, you would be respected and welcomed in that environment, which itself is an achievement. This is important, since everyone is destined to go through rough times at some point and only if you have a good social life would you be sure to be supported by a community, so that you do not lose hope and maintain your positivism, happiness and hence success.

To conclude, it is clearly visible that success is equal to having all the four important factors in life, since they are interdependent. My argument is strongly acknowledged by Jim Rohn, who said, "Success is not so much what we have, as it is what we are." Wealth should be considered the least important factor when accounting anyone's extent of success since money cannot buy positivism, happiness, simplicity, or a good social life.

Is it just me, or... Should IIT start teaching science?

By Chris Roberts

TECHNEWS WRITER

Disclaimer: This article stems from my concern that Rebuttal to "Rationality vs. faith" and On objectivity were written by a student at a university which focuses on science education. My problem is not the religious aspects of the writings or that the articles were published, but that an adult writing about science would apparently know so little about it as to create articles that are largely nonsensical. I hope people appreciate the humour of this article; it is fairly heavy-handed. Most importantly, I intend neither hostility toward Timothy Smith nor to incite an overthrow of IIT.

Do I have your attention? Good. While reading Timothy Smith's article "On objectivity" in a previous issue of TechNews, I had a troubling epiphany: IIT does not provide science education. That may sound shocking, but stay with me on this. IIT advertises itself as a university that is particularly skilled at educating its students in science and technology, even offering undergraduate research opportunities. The ignorance expressed in Smith's writings leave few other reasonable conclusions than IIT is clearly not doing its job.

Smith called the response to his first article of this semester, in which he made such claims as that in order for non-Judeo-Christians to use the scientific method they must convert to Judaism or Christianity or else their work will not make any sense (so much for Greeks, Muslims, Chinese, and Mayans) and let us not forget his claim that the perceived predictability of gravity somehow invalidates the theory of evolution, was "interesting and instructive." I would prefer that it had been inspirational, as in inspiring Smith to attend classes that could address the, frankly worrisome, ignorance that he expresses about the numerous subjects which he writes about.

These claims veer into outright hostility to knowledge and proper definitions in Smith's comment that evolution is "an intolerant and unsustainable "scientific" but unexplainable worldview..." This is truly a remarkable statement.

First of all, the theory of evolution is not a "worldview." It is a credible and strongly-substantiated explanation of the properties of a specific phenomena: biological life. As such, it is an idea which can be integrated into a worldview, but the idea is not a worldview in and of itself. It seems that Smith is under the impression that a worldview is a static monolith that cannot be changed or reevaluated, that new information is observed through an immutable perspective rather than being capable of changing said perspective.

Second, evolution is sustainable. It has not been successfully refuted; it explains life as it is, was, and offers predictions of how it will continue; and, contrary to Smith's earlier article, there is a non-supernatural explanation for the origin of life on Earth: abiogenesis. What's that, you say; a scientific explanation that is not dependent upon worldviews based on talking snakes, raising the dead, and transmuting women into sodium chloride? Yes!

Third, evolution is explainable. It is taught to students worldwide; yes, even at IIT. It is not even a difficult idea to grasp and Smith offers no arguments to the contrary. Again, I can only understand Smith's claims being made by a college student who is not being educated.

Returning to his recent article, I believe Smith seriously needs to reevaluate his definition of objectivity. Dictionaries help tremendously. For a thing to be objective means that said thing has properties and behaviour which are independent of a sentient observer. Objectivity, as a tactic in an argument, is simply an intellectual tool used to filter thoughts through a narrow set of parameters, much like logic. Said parameters, in this case, are that the only valid ideas are those which can be verified by observation of the physical world and do not rely upon subjective interpretation. Put simply, objectivity limits consideration of any topic ex-

clusively to sensory input. If someone claims to be making an objective argument while deviating from that, their argument is not objective. It may be rational and/or logical, but it is not objective.

Next, Smith uses the long-quashed argument that "diamonds contain measurable amounts of the radioisotope Carbon 14," therefore Earth must have have come about in less than the billions of years that current scientific understanding argues. I could go into an extensive explanation of the limitations of specific dating methods, why C14 dating is not used to on diamonds in the first place, and how carbon 14 is created in nature. However, then I would be cheating Smith, as he is likely paying a rather large amount of money to attend a university and he should get his money's worth by attending classes and visiting the library.

"The point I am trying to make is that we all view the world through the "lens" of our world-view..."

Smith mentioned the term "ad hominem" is his most recent article as something to be avoided. I believe Smith should be acquainted with another term: "non sequitur," an argument in which the conclusion has nothing to do with the statements building up to it. The six sentences which preceded the above quote not only comprised the largest paragraph of Smith's article, but had nothing whatsoever to do with lenses or worldviews; they were about Smith trying to refute the theory of evolution, without expressing any knowledge about or familiarity with the theory. All of this begs the question that Smith said we should all ask.

"Does my worldview comport rationally with objective fact?"

Well, let us see. Does Smith's view, judging by his articles, agree with apparent reality? I say that it does not. People can work within the bounds of the scientific method regardless of their religious beliefs: Stephen Hawking is an atheist, Ahmed Zewail is a Muslim, and Benjamin Franklin was a deist. Individuals' perspectives are not "inherently religious" if no

religion is adhered to. Theories of gravity, as in plural, do not refute the theory of evolution and nor do diamonds. These are all facts that should be very easy to come by at a university, especially one supposedly focused on science.

By the way, readers may have noticed that I have changed my writing style by directly addressing Timothy Smith's writings using his name. I was originally prepared to write this article from a detached, objective point of view. Then I read the following passage in Smith's article:

"In fact, those who claim objectivity are most likely to lack it."

Since the majority of people who claim to use an objective approach are, according to Smith, liars, I wanted to avoid that approach. Therefore, instead of being detached, using passive voice, and referring to "the author," I opted for an involved and subjective approach. On a side note, Smith's baseless suggestion is deeply flawed in treating objectivity as a quantitative attribute that can be lacked, as opposed to a method, much like the scientific one, which can be learned and honed. Take journalists as an example. Objective news coverage is not based on journalists being inherently objective in their personal perspective; in fact, journalists can be some of the most passionate, stubborn, and opinionated people on the planet. Objective coverage is possible because journalists can learn a method of removing themselves from the stories they write.

The point I am trying to make is that Shimer College should assimilate the science departments at IIT. Not only does Shimer address the historical progression of science from numerous perspectives, including religious, but it also focuses heavily on making students articulate their thoughts into effective and informed arguments, something that I believe students like Timothy Smith would greatly benefit from.

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

Defining marriage: is it possible?

By Hannah Rosenthal **TECHNEWS WRITER**

Ground is breaking on the marriage debate. On February 23, 2011, Obama's administration declared that it will no longer op-

pose legal challenges to the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act. For fifteen years the law has prevented same-sex marriages from being recognized by the federal government or states where the union was not originally performed. Journalists David G. Savage and James Oliphant from the Los Angeles Times wrote last Wednesday, "The administration's new stance was hailed as a 'monumental turning point in the quest for equality' by Jon W. Davidson, legal director for Lambda Legal, a gay rights group in Los Angeles." The significance of the shift is obvious. The controversial question arises: is it a shift in the right direction?

Marriage. What is it and what is it for? Is it definable? Is it for "love and profit," as suggested by an author published in TechNews two weeks ago? According to Webster's 1828 dictionary, marriage was defined as "the act of uniting a man and woman for life... marriage was instituted by God himself for the purpose of preventing the promiscuous intercourse of the sexes, for domestic felicity, and for securing the maintenance and education of children." Today, the first of ten definitions from www.dictionary.com reads "the social institution under which a man and woman establish their decision to live as husband and wife by legal commitments, religious ceremonies,

etc." followed closely by "a similar institution involving partners of the same gender: gay marriage."

Clearly, the social and political environment has changed. The same-sex love stories that pop culture once considered taboo have slowly become the classic American underdog. Younger generations mourn with Collins as he sings about Angel's death in the musical Rent. We gaily kick off the new year singing along to Katy Perry's "I Kissed A Girl." With all the excitement of being a part of something much bigger than ourselves, a cause that could change the course of history, we have failed to remember that committed heterosexual relationships



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are worthy of our esteem.

In the past, heterosexual relationships have been necessary to populate the earth. Modern technologies like artificial insemination have changed this. Now a man does not even need to know a woman before she bears his child. Yet people are still people; human nature has stayed constant throughout the course of history. We still need unconditional love. We need people to know us intimately and love us in spite of our faults. History informs us that these life-giving relationships are formed within the context of a family.

Today the word "family" is nearly as loose as the word

"marriage." When people refer to their family they could be referring to a mother and father, fraternity brothers, a step-mother and biological father, half-siblings, two mothers in a homosexual relationship, or perhaps a single mother. All too often, the very group of people God intended to love us most consistently and intimately is in flux. Why? The regretful disintegration of the family stems from human sin. Spouses stop forgiving each other and end their marriages in divorce. Pornographic and sexually perverse programs flood our televisions and destroy healthy sexual intimacy. According to Dr. Joseph Nicolosi, men and women with same-sex attractions base their identity in gay or lesbian relationships to fill the void left by an absent or unloving father. Familial flux therefore becomes generational.

Paul Popenoe, an American marriage counselor in the twentieth century wrote, "It can be demonstrated from history that no society has ever survived after its family life deteriorated." Our generation needs men and women committed to one another in loving, heterosexual relationships. We need mothers and fathers committed to raising their children in families that intimately know each other and love one another in spite of our imperfections. Marriage transcends the state.

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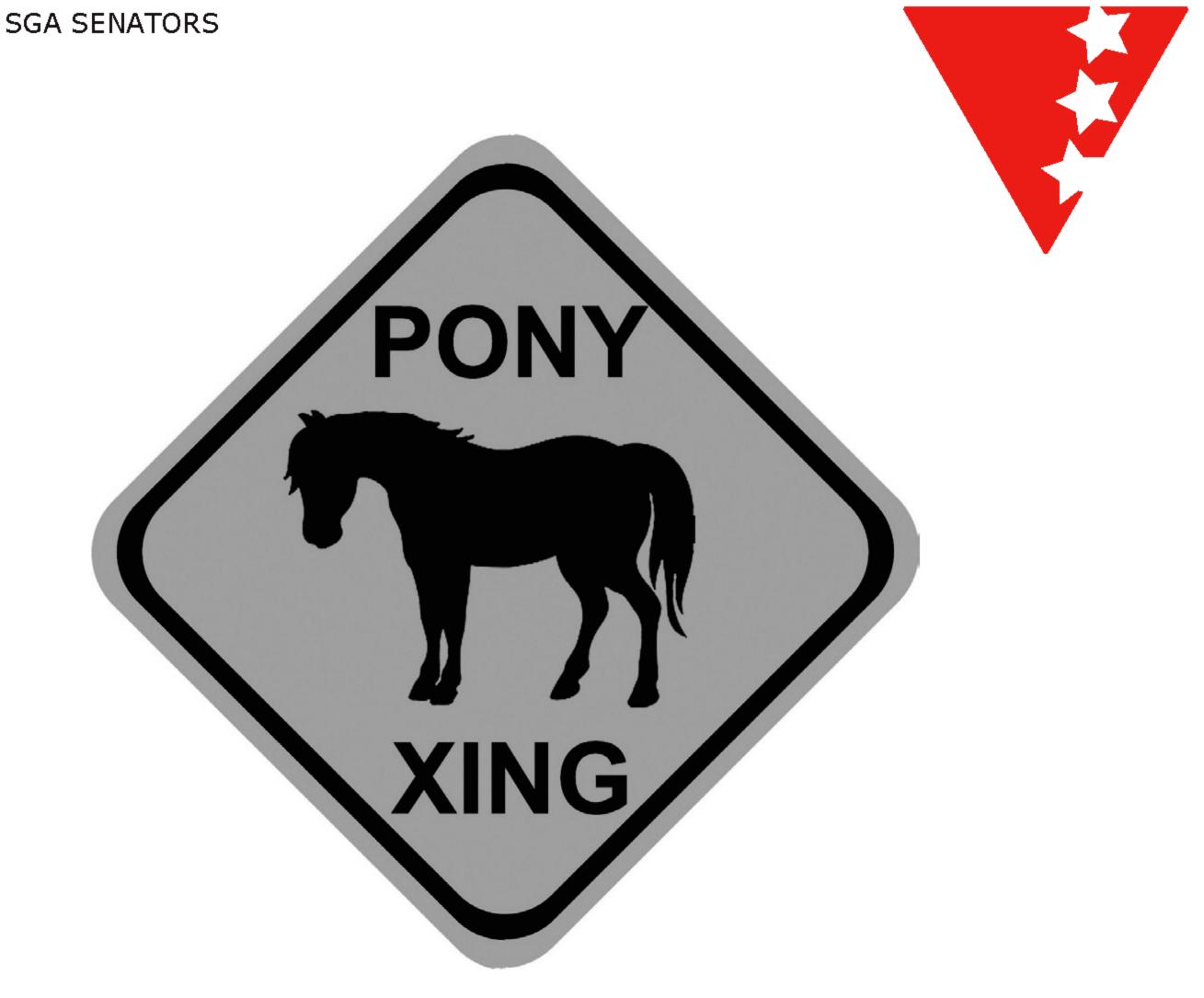
No government policy will change what God intended when he gave Eve to Adam in the Garden of Eden. But our generation must esteem and protect what marriage has traditionally instilled: life-giving, committed, loving relationships within the context of a family.



Project Pony

How SGA Projects go from idea to reality

By Rani Shah & Harshish Chitkara



Project Idea Generation

Project Research

SGA **Proposal**

Project Implementation



Project Idea Generation

How we receive feedback and concerns from students

- "What's Your Issue?" Table
- Informal Conversations/Word of Mouth Student submissions to sga@iit.edu/sga.iit.edu

IDEA – Project Pony: Provide a FREE PONY for every enrolled IIT Student (Yes, part-time students are actually included this time)

Project Research

- 1. Begin discussion with appropriate administration/staff members Dining Services: Pony feeding programs, i.e. bonus points
 - Housing and Residential Offices: Pony housing OTS: Pony tracking services and protection against Trojan
 - horses.
- 2. Feasibility Study Is this project possible? Oh yes. Very much so. (Let's just pretend it is)
- 3. Prior Project Comparison
 - Similar to the iPad endeavor; ponies are the next logical
- 4. Student feedback Is this project important to the student body?
- According to survey results, a reported 100% of female students agreed to "love ponies". Upon hearing the enthusiastic female student body response, male students quickly approved project.

SGA Proposal



- 1. Senators draft a proposal to be submitted to appropriate admin/staff members, which includes plan for implementation
 - Buy ponies.
 - Distribute ponies.
 - Enjoy ponies.
- 2. Senators vote 'Yea' or 'Neigh' on final proposal.
- Proposal becomes a working document with admin/staff involved 4. Final proposal includes win-win situation for all parties involved
 - Student productivity rises exponentially.
 - Student enrollment reaches all time high.
 - IIT becomes even more world-renowned for its
 - groundbreaking ideas.

Project Implementation

Positive impacts of the initiative

- 1. The term 'horse-power' is no longer restricted to physics class.
- Horsing around in lab will is taken much more seriously, along with wearing your hair in a 'pony' tail.
- 3. U-Passes become secondary. Why take the green line when you
- can gallop your way to Blick? Equestrian sports become incorporated into Keating.
- Campus crime reaches an all time low, because nothing is more intimidating than a nerd on a pony. Criminals, prepare to get pwn-eed.

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By The Office of Financial Aid

Hey everyone! The Financial Aid Department is back this semester to tell you all about their services and keeping you aware of developments in Financial Aid, in an effort to spread some knowledge of the opportunities out there to save up on some money, since we all know that tuition is not very easy on the wallet.

This week, the topic being discussed is about the Scholarships option in the Finances tab on your MyIIT.

As of today, there are more than 1.5 million scholarship opportunities available to stu-

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dents, totaling than more billion! \$3.4 Every year, students contact the Office Financial Aid to inquire about private scholarships supplement financial packages and expenses. In order to help meet the needs of our student, our

office increased the outside scholarship resources available to help expose students to upcoming opportunities and deadlines for scholarships.

Upper Level

During the Fall term, TechNews reported to students the new scholarship channel to the Finances Tab on MyIIT. New scholarship announcements and deadlines are added to this channel daily. The scholarships showcased on the portal are specific to our student populations, including special qualifications, such as academic, athletic or artistic talent. Awards are also available for students who are interested in particular fields of study, who are members of underrepresented groups, who live in certain areas of the country or who demonstrate financial need.

The scholarship channel also links to the resources page on the Financial Aid web-

here: http://www.iit.edu/financial_aid/ resources/. This page has several menus that identify specific scholarship opportunities for students. You can access direct links to private scholarship opportunities and organizations from this webpage. The scholarship channel in MyIIT and financial aid resources page connect students to the Private Scholarship Database. This database is a comprehensive search tool for private scholarships for students. You can connect to this database and search for a specific organization, scholarship type, and more. This is a wonderful resource for identifying specific opportunities for specific student types.

Shimer College

Leisure Reading

only has the Office Financial Aid compiled online resources for students, there are also scholarship books and materials in our office. Students may stop by to look through books these and copy information out of them. These are located at

the front desk in our office in Main Building, Room 104. The Galvin Library also has a section of scholarship resources for students too. Galvin did a wonderful job listing the scholarship materials on line for students here: http:// galvinlibrary.wordpress.com/2010/02/.

The Office of Financial Aid wants to encourage students to utilize these resources to help minimize debt once you graduate. If you are awarded a scholarship, you can easily notify the Office of Financial Aid through MyIIT on the Finances Tab: click Financial Aid awards in the middle of the page, select the current aid year, and select the Resources/Additional Information tab. If you have any questions about the private scholarship process, you may contact Jackie Anderson directly at jander20@iit. edu or finaid@iit.edu.

Tau Beta Pi spring initiation

By Young Sand Ip STAFF WRITER

Last Saturday, Engineering Honor Society, Tau Beta Pi (TBP), initiated 13 new members, including the Dean of Armour College of Engineering, Natacha DePaola. This semester, the chapter continued with the new initiation process that required student candidates to earn their membership credits by attending workshops, getting a recommendation letter, and completing an interview with a member of the executive board. The Initiation Ceremony marked the successful completion of the candidate's hard work where they were finally inducted into the Society.

Dean DePaola is our Chapter's newest Eminent Engineer. Eminent Engineers are individuals who have made significant contributions to both engineering and society and are nominated by individual chapters to become members of Tau Beta Pi. Dean Depaola is very excited about all the things the chapter has going on and recommended that a connection be formed between all engineering groups on campus to share resources and events. This, not only, allows for bigger and bolder events, it opens up more social and networking opportunities for students on campus.

To find out more about Tau Beta Pi's Events this semester by checking out our brand new website: https://sites.google.com/site/tbpiit/

(Photo courtesy Young Sand Ip)



Sidney Katz Studio symbolizes alumni generosity

By Alex Miller

STAFF WRITER

A large crowd gathered last Thursday, February 17th, to celebrate the rededication of the WIIT studio as the A. Sidney Katz Radio Studio. After making a very generous donation towards the day-to-day operations of the studio, the school decided to honor him through the studio. A brief ceremony included the unveiling of the new studio lettering and an interview of Sid in the WIIT studio itself.

During Sidney Katz' time as an undergraduate at IIT, he worked as an engineering technician, part-time math tutor, and hosted a program on WIIT. At this time, the studio was still located within the basement of a fraternity house of campus. After graduating in 1962 with a degree in electrical engineering, he continued on to work as an engineering technician at Filmotype Corp. He also acted as a patent examiner within the U.S. Patent Office in Washington D.C. Returning to school in 1966, Katz obtained a law degree from George Washington University and entered his legal career as a law clerk for Hurvitz and Rose. Moving back to Chicago, he became a associate attorney, and then a partner at various Chicago law firms.

For twenty-five years as a co-founder of Welsh & Katz Ltd., Sidney Katz used his knowledge obtained at IIT to fight for the protection of intellectual property, especially that regarding high technology, biotech, and pharmaceutical fields. They merged with Husch Blackwell LLP in 2008, and since then Mr. Katz has been primarily focused on client counseling, licensing, and litigation in all aspects of property law. This means he uses his experience within the U.S. Patent office to help clients with patents,

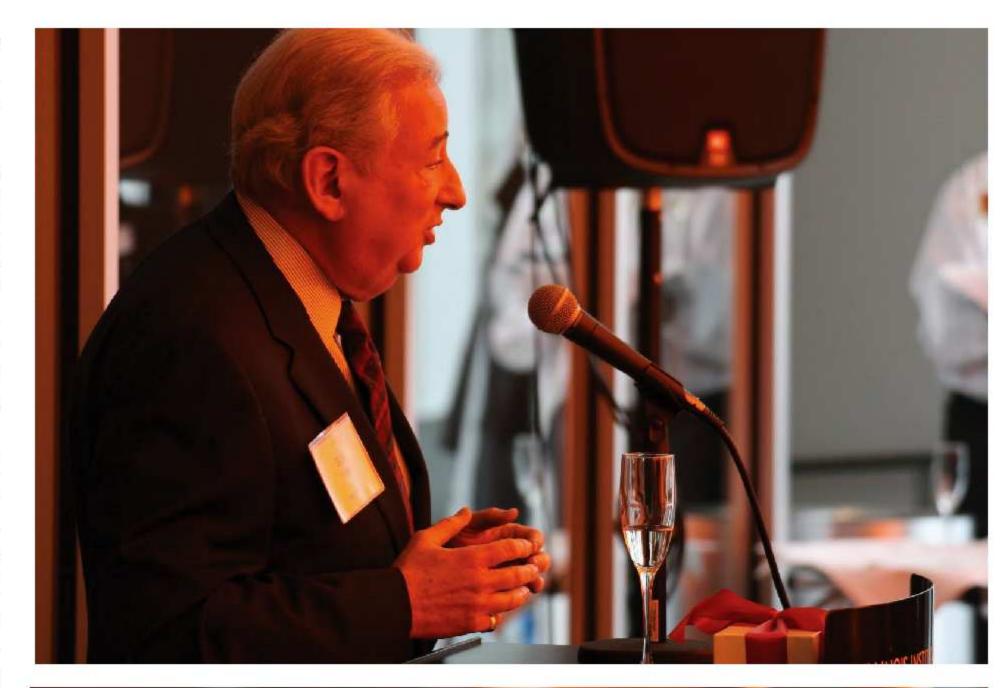
trademarks, and copyrights. He is especially well known within the business for his "protection of computer programs and video games under copyright laws."

As seen throughout his extensive career, Sid maintains his fond recollections of his beginnings at IIT, using knowledge obtained throughout his undergraduate career to aid in the protection of patents around the nation. As many of our alumni do, he expressed his recognition of the education he received nearly fifty years ago by donating generously to help the students receive the same opportunities he did as an undergraduate.

"In the past there's been lab renamings and other such rededications around campus," remarks Lauren Reising, the manager of Development and Alumni Communications. "The biggest gifts coming in are scholarships, and we're always looking for support with that. Every now and then there are generous donations like this, sometimes with a specific thing they want to donate to." In the past year, the lower level of Galvin was renamed after a similar donation from Cheri Schmitt. "In general, there are one or two renaming ceremonies a year." These commend extremely generous donations from alumni, often with the intent of helping a certain specific aspect, such as lab equipment or helping keep the radio station

With the majority of scholarships being provided by alumni donations, the importance of recognizing their generosity and continued support cannot be stressed enough. Small donations combine with other small donations to help students attend this university in hopes of achieving all of their goals.

(Photos courtesy Alex Miller)







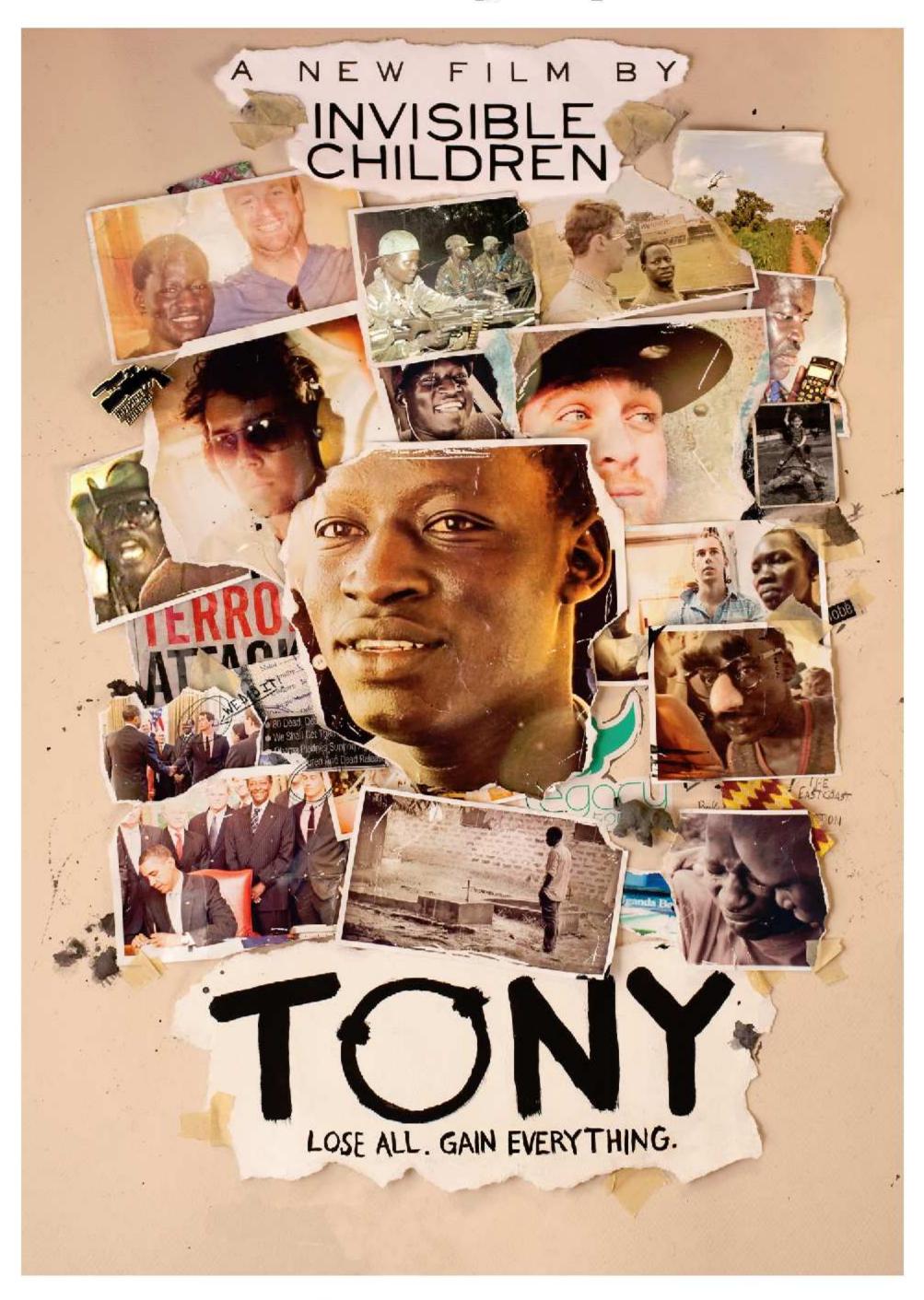
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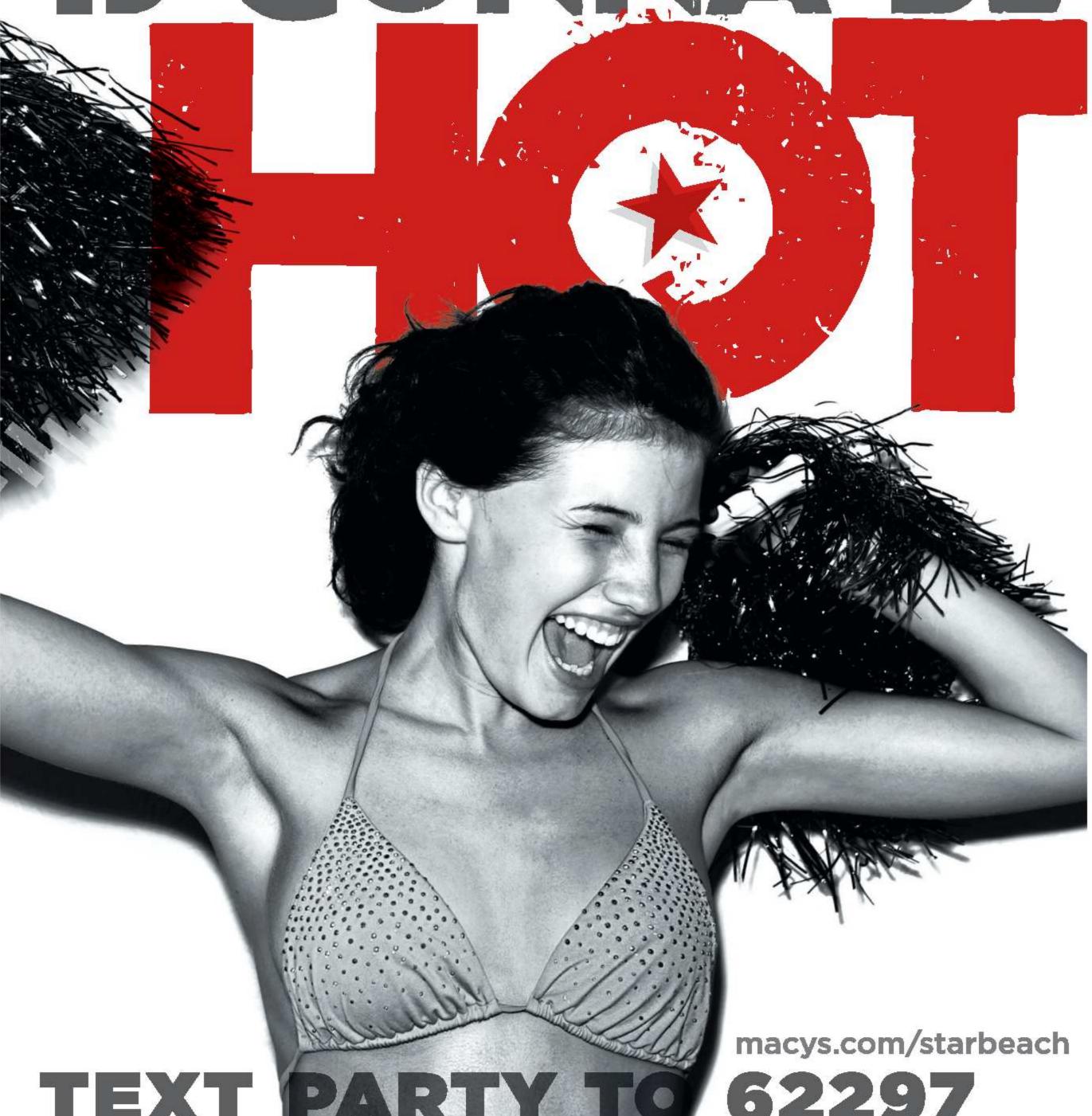




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University Calendar



Tuesday 3

Commencement RSVPs due Everywhere

Rock the Jukebox! Alternative Spring Break

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Commons

ASB is hosting a DJ fundraiser at the Commons. To request a song, it will be \$1 (and you will get a free ASB dessert). For your song to be played instantly, it will be \$2.

Share.iit Training for Faculty *Galvin Library*

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m., Library Learning Center
Faculty: would you like to ensure permanent access to your research and curricular work here at IIT? Then you'll want to learn more about IIT's institutional repository, share.iit.edu. Visit the Galvin website for more info.

Wednesday

3/2

Rock the Jukebox!

Alternative Spring Break

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Commons

Thursday

3/3

Share.iit Training for Faculty Galvin Library

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Library Learning Center

Sunday 3/6

Worship and Praise at Carr Chapel IIT Bible Club

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Carr Chapel

Come and join us for Worship and Praise every Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Godbox.

Monday

3/7

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Girl Scout Troop 40954

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., MTCC Bridge

Can't live without thin mints? Want some tagalongs to tag along with you on Spring Break? Searching for samoas? We'll be selling these (and more) for \$4/box. Come out and support this troop of Junior Girl Scouts and get a delicious treat in return.

Arabic 101

Muslim Students Association

12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m., Farr Hall

Arabic, a language that has passed the test of time, remains one of the oldest and most unique languages in the world. MSA@IIT will be hosting a beginners' Arabic class. We will also be providing a workbook for the Arabic language.

Tuesday 3/8

HawkEYE Workshop: Ask Us: A Forum with OSL Office of Student Life

12:50 p.m. - 1:40 p.m., MTCC Executive Conference Room
These special forums are for you to give direct feedback to
and ask questions of the Office of Student Life staff.

IPRO 363: This week's Language Link



(Photo courtesy Honica Samelson)

By Monica Samelson TECH NEWS WRITER

Ashika is from Mumbai India! And we'd like you to meet her!

What's your name? Ashika Jayanthy

Where are you originally from? Mumbai.

What is your major and what class stand-ing are you at HT? Molecular Biochemistry and Biophysics, senior

What's your native language? Hindi and Telugu, and English - English is technically the national language of India, so I first started learning English from birth.

Do you speak any languages other than your native language and English? I karned Sanskrit in school, but it's kind of like a dead language now - not many people really speak it. But what's interesting to know about it that Hindi (as in the language itself) and a lot of words in many other languages are derived

Can you tell us how to say a few common phrases in your native language?

How are you? Aup Kaise Hai?

That chick's hot! Woh ladki Kya cheez hai! What's your name? Aapka naam kya hai?

Are there any specific customs or traditions relating to your culture that you'd like to share? My favorite festival is Holi. It's basically where everyone takes to the streets and has a big water fight with water pistols and water balloons, and you also have powdered colors that you throw at people. That's a lot of fun.

Some mean people throweggs, though. What brought you to join us here in Chicago, and why did you choose HT? Just the

city, I guess, and I have family around here.

Do you like it here? Yeah!

What's your favorite way to stay in touch with your culture when you're here in Chicago? At IIT it's not really a problem to stay in touch with my culture, because of the ISA [Indian Students Association] and SASA [Southeast Asian Students Association]. I also watch

What Chicago experience has been most fun or interesting to you so far? I like exploring downtown a lot. The thing that struck me the most about coming to America was how empty the streets were. I could literally walk with five feet ahead of me and five feet behind me with no people and it was completely nor-

Interview conducted by Monica Samelson of IPRO 363. Looking to find someone to learn a new language with? Keep your eyes open for Language Link next semester, pioneered by IPRO 363. Email ipro363@googlegroups. com for more information, but here's a general

Language Link is a new IPRO that's building a web site for IIT that can work to match up students according to their language learning needs, as they hope to be part of UT's up-and-coming foreign language program. The website will work sort of like a dating site - using a matching algorithm to match up people according to various factors, such as language proficiency, dasses, extracurricular interests, and languages of interest

St. Baldrick's is coming!

By Lisa Kwiatkowski

If you haven't heard of St. Baldrick's, you either are new to IIT or may not be venturing far out of your room too often. If you have heard of it, then you probably know that it's a phenomenal fundraiser organized by students to support the St. Baldrick's foundation. It all started in 2008, when Lydia Benger (class of 2009) was inspired by the story of a girl fighting with cancer. That first year students at IIT came together and raised over \$10,000 to support childhood cancer research. What did these students do to solicit so many donations? They vowed to shave their heads. The generosity of IIT students didn't stop there though. The event continued in 2009 and 2010, raising over \$30,000 over three years.

It's happening again this year, and I'm sure that we are going to do better than ever before.

At Center Court on March 11, starting at 8 p.m., participants will be seated on a stage, cameras pointed at them, as their hair is shaved from their head. The idea behind the event is that participants get friends, family, peers, and professors to put money on their head. All the

money donated goes to the St. Baldrick's Foundation

The St. Baldrick's foundation has made more than \$55 million for childhood cancer research since 2005. Given that each year 160,000 children are diagnosed with cancer worldwide, this is a pretty big deal. Children who had almost no chance of survival fifty years ago now have an 80% survival rate

Now here's the interesting thing, IIT. We all know that there are way more boys than girls here, but looking at the participants for the event that's not the case. As of Feburary 25 there are seven ladies registered, while only six gentlemen are standing up for this cause. Come on, guys! Your hair will grow back way faster than it will some of these ladies! For anyone interested in contributing to this event, find us on the web at http://www.stbaldricks. org/events/mypage/eventid/4052/eventyear/2011. Too much to type? Check stbaldricks.org and æarch for events in the 60616 zip code. Remember, you don't have to shave your head to help. Donate to any of our participants and you can still make a big difference.



Volunteers get their heads shaved for a good cause at a previous St. Baldrick's event. (Photos courtesy Alex Hiller)



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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.

Nietzsche and Contemporary Philosophy of Science

By Udayan Debasis Das STAFF WRITER

2011 Sawyier Philosophy Lecture in Science, Technology and Society; presented by Ronald N.

Dr. Giere did not encounter Nietzsche until the '90s. When he was at Oberlin College getting his Bachelor's in Physics in the '60s, Nietzsche and his philosophical theories were not being taught there. Similarly, when he was pursuing graduate studies, also in the '60s, Nietzsche was not being taught at Cornell. In fact, Giere mentiones the fact that Nietzsche has hardly ever been taught in professional philosophy departments in the United States since the Second World War. The reasons being manifold: Nietzsche not being a "professional philosopher" but a philologist; unjustified connections made between Nietzsche's philosophies and Nazism; and perhaps even the fact that he was German, among others. What is interesting, however, is to consider Nietzsche's contributions to the philosophy of science discipline as it stands today, and the extensions that Giere draws from Nietzsche's

At the heart of this is the question of scientific truth, or truth in general, the notion of truth itself, in all its metaphysical implications. Though scientists find it hard to accept that there may in fact be no such truth to speak of, there is nevertheless a body of work within philosophy, and particularly philosophy of science that seems to suggest that. Nietzsche held a belief that was similar, long before the rest of the philosophy world had "wised up" to it. Nietzsche even went as far as to say that the religious zeal of the Christian period was replaced by a zeal for the truth after the enlightenment. All this was stressed during Dr. Giere's rather entertaining presentation.

Nietzsche also observed that in the light of the realization that such a metaphysical truth

being non-existent, and thus, true objectivity being impossible, it is time to take a wider view of objectivity, one which takes into account perspectives, each individual's, each culture's, etc. To Nietzsche, there is no seeing without a certain perspective informing the act of seeing, thus the knowledge derived is dependent on that perspective. More over, he says that the more perspectives of a certain thing are taken into account the more completely objective our (I suppose by "our" is meant "our human") conception of that thing becomes. Thus, it is necessary to take these varied perspectives into account (because different perspectives yield different truths) rather than insisting on one particular perspective being the correct or infallible one. The truth as we know it depends upon the world that we see.

Dr. Giere has therefore been working on a theory of Scientific Perspectivism in which he aims to account for this assimilation of multiple perspectives in the creation of knowledge. This although challenging to a scientist who believes in perfect truth or perfect objectivity, need not be as unsettling to most contemporary practitioners in the discipline; for, as Dr. Giere points out, the business of scientific modeling, for example, is not fruitless: one should not expect exact replicas of natural behavior, but adequately similar model behavior is informative and useful. An understanding of the history and philosophy of science need not bring down the scientific discipline as it were, but being better informed scientists enables us to become better scientists because we understand the processes involved.

Ronald N. Giere is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the University of Minnesota, and a former Director of the Center of Philosophy of Science at the University of Minnesota: http:// www.tc.umn.edu/~giere/; the 2011 Sawyier lecture was delivered at the MTCC auditorium on Friday, February 25, 2011.

Vegetarian Cooking Classes on campus

By Utsav Gandhi CAMPUS EDITOR

Matar paneer is a simple yet tasty vegetarian dish from the northern part of India around New Delhi and Punjab. Pair it with a piece of naan or chapati to make a full meal, or add potatoes and serve with rice - completely your choice! It consists of paneer (homemade cheese) and peas in a sauce that's both sweet and spicy. First, the cottage cheese is prepared in the traditional method. The base is prepared with cumin seeds, garam masala, vine ripened tomatoes, green peas among other things and paneer cheese cubes are added for stir frying on high heat. This recipe is courtesy of the Vegetarian cooking classes on campus, facilitated by Ms Kirtida from the ISCKON Temple in Chicago, which are scheduled every Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Gunsaulus Hall First Floor lounge, Contact vedicvis@iit.edu for more information.

Week 2: Matar Panir

Preparation and Cooking Time: 45 minutes Serves 5 or 6 people

Ingredients:

2 table spoons ghee or oil Half teaspoon black mustard seeds 5 teaspoons cumin seeds 3 tea spoons minced fresh ginger 1 or 2 hot green chilies, minced 8 large ripe tomatoes finely diced I table spoon ground coriander 1 tea spoon turmeric Half tea spoon ground fennel

Half tea spoon garam masala (An Indian spice, available at any Indian grocery store)

1 teaspoon brown sugar

3 table spoons chopped fresh coriander leaves

1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint leaves

Homemade curd cheese (panir) made from 8 cups milk, pressed until firm and cut into half

Ghee (clarified butter, available in Indian grocery stores, ideal for deep frying because its smoke point (where its molecules begin to break down) is 250 °C (482 °F), which is well above typical cooking temperatures of around 200 °C (392 °F) and above that of most veg-

2 cups cooked fresh or frozen peas

2 cups whey or water

2 table spoons tom ato paste

1.5 tea spoons salt

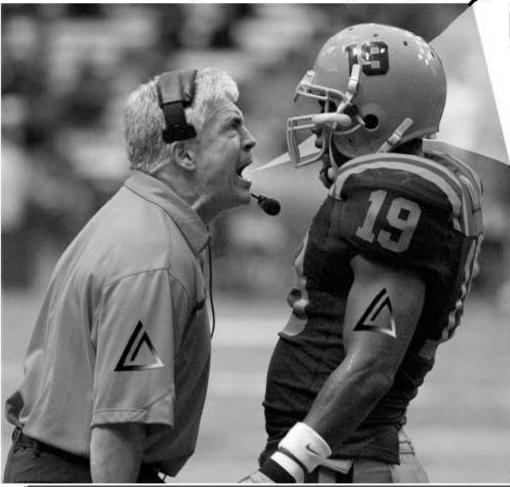
Directions:

1. Heat 2 table spoons ghee or oil in a 5 quart saucepan over moderate heat. Sauté the mustand seeds until they crackle. Add the cumin seeds and stir until they darken a few shades. Add the ginger and chilies and sauté momentarily. Add the chopped tomatoes, powdered spices, sugar, and half the herbs. Partially cover and stirring occasionally, simmer for about 15 minutes or until the tomatoes break down and turn pulpy.

2. Heat the ghee or oil in a pan or wok over moderately high heat. When hot, deep-fry the cubes of panir cheese a batch at a time until golden brown. Remove and drain.

3. Add the peas and water or way to the tomato and spice mixture. Boil, reduce to a simmer, and cook uncovered for 5 minutes. Add the tomato paste and salt and mix well; then add the panir cubes and simmer for 5 more minutes. Before serving, add the fresh herbs. Serve hot,

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Oscars: the aftermath

Last week, some of the TechNews staff got together to give you their predictions on who would win some golden statuettes on the night of February 27. It's time to recap who won big last night, and which staff members are better at spotting winners when they see them.

THE KING'S SPEECH

Best Picture Best Director: Tom Hooper Best Actor: Colin Firth Best Original Screenplay: David Seidler



None of us got Best Director right. Our main picks were Darren Aronofsky for Black Swan and David Fincher for The Social Network. But Ryan cleaned up with Best Picture, Best Actor and Best Screenplay. The rest of the TechNews staff were pretty firmly in the James Franco camp for Best Actor, and were disappointed he didn't get any recognition for 127 Hours. Our picks for Best Picture were 127 Hours and True Grit.

INCEPTION

Best Sound Editing: Richard King

Best Sound Mixing: Lora Hirschberg, Gary A. Rizzo, & Ed Novick

Best Cinematography: Wally Pfister

Best Visual Effects: Paul Franklin, Chris Corbould, Andrew Lock-

ley, and Peter Bebb

The TechNews staff was almost certain *Inception* would clean up in the technical categories, and we were pretty much right. Given how impressive the movie was in its visual and audio aspects, it was a front-runner for all of these.



THE SOCIAL NETWORK

Best Adapted Screenplay: Aaron Sorkin Best Film Editing: Angus Wall & Kirk Baxter Best Original Score: Trent Reznor & Atticus Ross

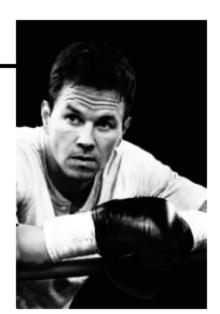
We pretty much agreed that the Best Adapted Screenplay came out of left field. Becca had favored 127 Hours, Karl was supporting True Grit. Film editing was where most of the staff were perplexed. Inception had been the staff favorite for this (and, honestly, most of technical awards). But Becca felt that the preview shown for *The*

Social Network made it the obvious front-runner. It became especially evident when they played the clip from the Winkleboss's rowing scene with "In the Hall of the Mountain King" playing in the background. For soundtracks, Becca's pick was 127 Hours, and Karl was in the Inception camp (A Hans Zimmer score is always a worthy contender). Both were disappointed. However, Beca concedes that the win made perfect sense, and those who listen to the soundtrack again will understand why.

THE FIGHTER

Best Supporting Actor: Christian Bale Best Supporting Actress: Melissa Leo

These two caught all the staff by surprise. Sure, these roles were good, but we'd assumed that Helena Bonham Carter or Hailee Steinfeld would be getting some recognition in this category. Karl had Mark Ruffalo pegged for best actor, too.



TOY STORY 3

Best Original Song: Randy Newman, "We Belong Together" **Best Animated Feature**: Lee Unkrich

Randy Newman for Best Original Song? We'll allow it. Becca will never understand how they can surpass A.R. Rahman's brilliance. Florence Welch took over Dido's role during the live performance's last night in "If I Rise" - hopefully that wasn't what made them lose it. None of us were particularly surprised by the Best Animated Feature choice, but we were definitely all happy with it!

the TechNews staff

"I thought this year's Oscars were very cool. I agreed with almost all the award recipients, the musical performances were excellent, and the vast majority of the Oscar winners were gracious and humble in their acceptance speeches. I'm really happy that The King's Speech did so well - it was an excellent movie, and it's great that it's finally getting the attention it deserves. My one real complaint about the night was the hosting done by James Franco and Anne Hathaway. Towards the end of the night, both lost their charm and killed the mood of the night. Another thing I found interesting was the fact that narration from The King's Speech narrated the best picture montage - almost as if the Academy was trying to give us a clue as to who was going to win." - Ryan

Final impressions from

"Most of the awards were well deserved, but I hated the lack of attention to 127 Hours. The academy went throughout the whole night without giving the film the time of day. In all of the clips for previews of each movie, the movie got about 4 seconds while The King's Speech was spoken over the whole clipping. I think politically it was a sweep, and they could have been a little bit more modest about it. James Franco's hosting was unimpressive, but I think he may have seen what was coming before anyone else did... Natalie Portman was stunning, and her award was an obvious win. Anne Hathaway was adorable, although the abundant dress change wasn't necessary; she was also a lot more upbeat than James Franco. The Social Network deserved best soundtrack, and if anyone wants it, I can give it to them. Personally I'm sad - 127 Hours should have won at least one award. It was a piece of artwork that went underrated, underestimated, and under-publicized. The academy obviously never saw it. Such a shame...." - Becca

THE NOT-SO-BIG WINNERS

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Best Actress: Natalie Portman, Black Swan

Best Costume Design: Colleen Atwood

Best Art Direction: Robert Stromberg & Karen O'Hara

strong contender, so it's tough to argue with the result.

Ryan, Utsav and Becca were agreed on this one, but our Editor-in-Chief had picked Michelle Williams for her role in Blue Valentine. It's OK, he understands.

We hadn't made a pick for these two categories, but Alice in Wonderland was a

Best Foreign Language Film: In a Better World

This was a tough one. Karl had thought Biutiful was the front-runner for this Oscar, but it was a close win, so no hard feelings.

Best Feature Documentary: Inside Job

Karl had been a big supporter of *Inside Job*, though we were all curious to see whether Banksy himself would go up to accept the award if Exit Through the Gift Shop won.

Best Documentary Short: Strangers No More

Best Live-Action Short: *God of Love*

Best Animated Short: The Lost Thing

We'll be honest... we didn't see many shorts this past year, but we're sure these were all great.

Best Makeup: Richard Baker & Dave Elsey, The Wolfman

Another one we hadn't made a pick for, but it's good to see *The Wolfman* getting some

Oscar love.

"The hosts could have done a better job (I found them a little nervous), 127 Hours definitely deserved more recognition, even Best Picture, maybe, and the stage performances, especially Rahman's, were Oscar-worthy.

Best Actress obviously wasn't a surprise. It was nice that she acknowledged her beginnings and her competitors.

I was excited to see Sir Francis Ford Coppola get the Lifetime Achievement - I am a huge fan of the Godfather series.

Director: I expected the Black Swan guy [Darren Aronofsky], but I think Tom Hooper winning it makes all the more reason for me to catch the film asap!!

Great to see Inception's technical excellence getting recognized, and Toy Story, Alice in Wonderland, the documentary Karl mentioned in his initial list [Inside Job], all getting their due.

As for how the stars looked, I was very, very happy to see Aishwarya Rai (who you might remember from Pink Panther 2) looking STUNNING." - Utsav

"I may be part of a tiny minority who actually liked the job James Franco and Anne Hathaway did hosting the Oscars - after Ricky Gervais' excessive snark at the Golden Globes and the general over-done nature of most award shows, it was actually refreshing to see them being awkward and geeking out over movies - I don't know, it just felt more earnest. The costume changes were unnecessary, but undeniably impressive.

As far as the awards themselves, I was honestly surprised at how well The Social Network and The King's Speech did. I felt like too many people couldn't separate the former from all the hype surrounding it, and the latter pretty much was just Oscar bait (though a well-done movie, I'll readily admit). Movies I wish had done a little better? Blue Valentine, The Kids Are All Right, and, of course, True Grit. I was really happy with the Inside Job win, though. An award welldeserved." - Karl

A&E

Haneke plays funny games with audience in 'Caché'

By Udayan Debasis Das STAFF WRITER

DANIEL AUTEUIL AND JULIETTE BINOCHE, BOTH SUPERB..."



first came across director Michael Haneke's work ("Caché", "Funny Games", and most recently "The White Ribbon") when he remade his "Funny Games" into an English rendition.

My primary reason for watching "Funny Games" was that I had recently seen Michael Pitt in Gus van Sant's "Last Days", which was an affecting film. "Funny Games" was apparently an experiment on Haneke's part to see exactly how much nonsense an audience could take. He claimed that most people would not walk out of the theater (as they should) and would, in fact, due to contemporary desensitization, stay right to the very end.

I am glad to say that even though I was watching the movie on DVD, I couldn't get beyond 20 minutes of that film. That was before any of the gruesome violence or absurdity had even kicked in. If audiences were enduring this, then perhaps Haneke was right; things really were bad.

Given the argument that Heneke makes, and the audience's reaction, it is more instructive to ask how we got here. How and where did this process of desensitization begin, and how was it completed?

And undoubtedly, when one begins to take up that line of questioning, it is clear that Haneke in making that film is himself a contributor to that process of desensitization. As for the experiment and its outcome, given when this film was made, one could take any number of films from the existing collection made to prove this point – why waste money

and effort on such a project? Also, don't forget that once a celebrated director's name has been added, it adds another dimension to the experiment – is it not possible that some people stayed because they expected something special, right to the very end?

That brings us to "Caché": the "interwebs" buzz with discussions of the mystery of this film, its hidden meaning, its many likely locations of hidden cameras, etc.

This is all an exercise in futility, because quite simply put, the film is a sleight of hand. Worse, there is actually no illusion being achieved. Indirection is not necessary when the whole thing is a pure sham. Consider for example the reverse shot in Majid's apartment, apparently showing us where the hidden camera ought to be lo-

Apparently the skill of the director here is that we cannot figure out where the camera is in that shot – a futile exercise because the camera need not be in the frame at all. And that, then, is the conclusion from watching "Caché": it is an elaborate bluff on Haneke's part. It is true that as a study of character it could have been interesting, but Haneke is not really interested in the human story that is there and it is quite incidental.

It is the nature of "hidden" that we are supposed to focus on, but the fact is, there is nothing "hidden" here - it is all very

Global Grounds open until 11 p.m. through March 10? You bet we'll be there.

what's playing on Angela Ng's playlist?



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

More Morcheeba, please!

By Rebecca Waterloo **A&E EDITOR**

A week ago, you may have wandered across the Chicago River to the House of Blues for an ear-gasm brought to you by Morcheeba. Described as Electronica, Alternative Rock, or the most accurate: trip-hop; Morcheeba is the type of music you would listen with your inner hippieself. After all, the word "Morcheeba" indicates "the way of cannabis". This originated from "MOR"—middle of the road; plus "Cheeba"—informal name of cannabis. (Wikipedia. org)

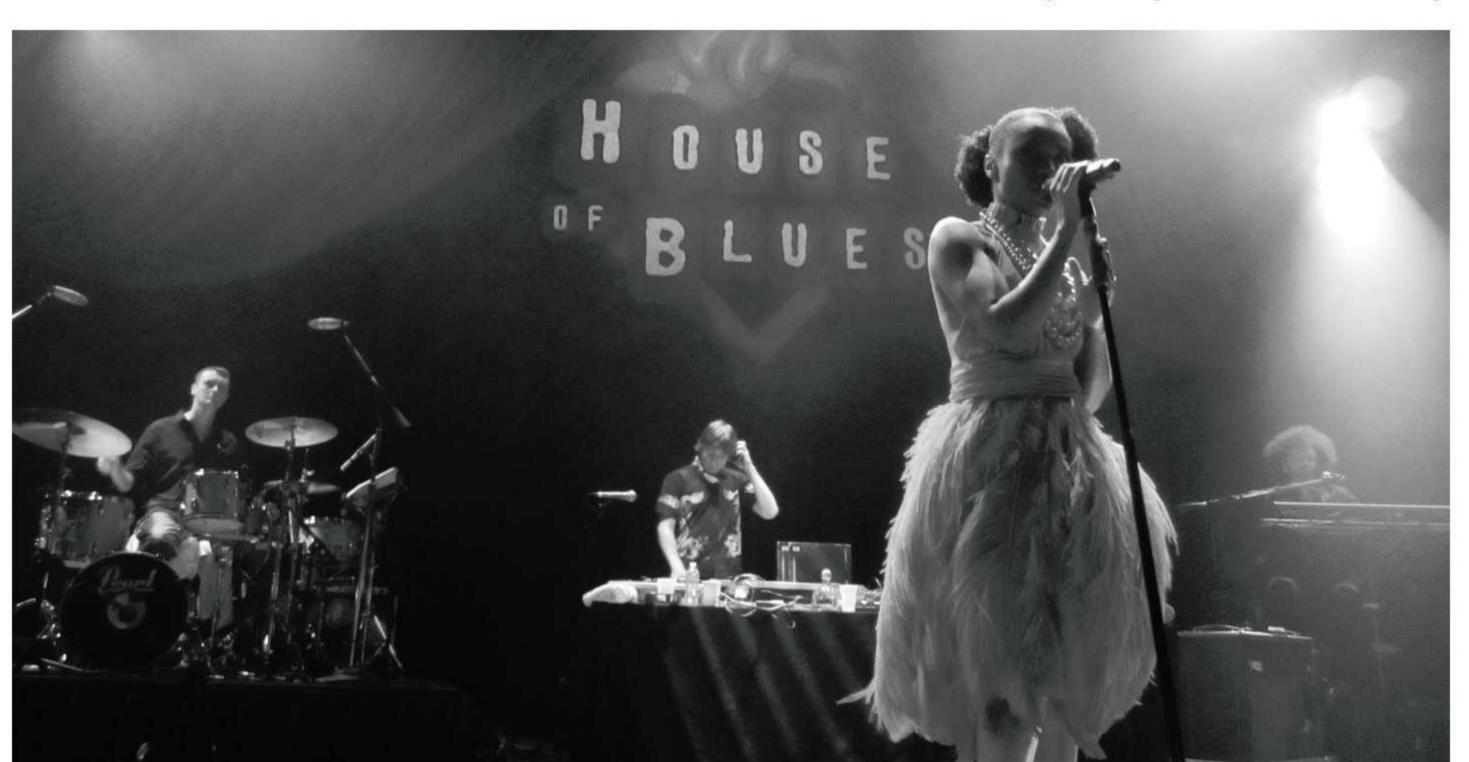
Although the crowd waited two hours to see the band after they were warned "just a few more minutes", it was all worth it when the lead vocalist (Skye Edwards) slowly towered over to the front of the stage in a bright red dress made of silk and giant red feathers, a red beaded necklace, and 3 ½ inch platform heels. Her hair was pinned back in a ball on the side of her head. Who's usually a small, African American girl from London; she completely sold the show Tuesday night with her whimsical vocals, toned arms and charismatic stage performances. The band was completed by a bass player, keyboards, DJ set, guitarist

and drummer. The mood was relaxing, and the band definitely knows how to jam. They played new and old songs including Crimson, The Sea, Trigger Hippie, Be Yourself, Rome, and Part of the Process.

A successful performance is based on crowd interaction. Participation was asked for one song (separate parts were assigned to the women and men); Skye's red necklace was broken in the first song and beads were thrown into the audience as souvenirs; A girl from Michigan State University who drove four hours to see Morcheeba was asked to come on stage and sing "Over and Over" with Skye herself, and a lucky ten people got to jam with the band on stage during the last song of their encore.

The colors of the show were spectacular, whether it was the lighting, Skye's red dress, or the décor of the House of Blues dimly lit up by neon lights on the balconies. If you haven't heard of Morcheeba yet, they have music ranging from the mid 90's to 2010 with plenty for you to pick from. Check out http://www. myspace.com/morcheeba for some sampler

(Photo by Rebecca Waterloo)



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HIGH ENDERS BY MYLES MELLOW AND SALLY YORK

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- 16. BINARY
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- 23. CAESAR'S MEAL STARTERS?
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- 31. E or G, e.g.
- 32. International language
- 33. -TIME LOW
- 34. "Seize !"
- 35. Arctic jacket 38. High enders
- 42. -PROOF
- 43. CAVIAR SOURCE 44. Afflict
- 45. GATHERED DUST
- 46. Black gold
- 47. Dutch pottery city

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- 51. Dorm room staple
- 53. "WE ___ THE WORLD"
- 54. Dash
- 56. PLAUDITS
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- 66. Heart chambers
- 67. Western or Buy
- 68. Arabic miracle
- 69. Leather whip

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- 2. "DANG!"
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- 9. HARMONIZE
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- 12. Spoonful, say
- 13. Cold shower?
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- 19. CORN DISH
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- 41. LADY MACBETH, E.G.
- 46. Fish hawk
- 47. STRIP OF POTENCY
- 48. Crude stone artifact
- 49. Bigwig
- 50. CLEAR, AS A DISK
- 52. "ANDY CAPP" CARTOONIST
- SMYTHE
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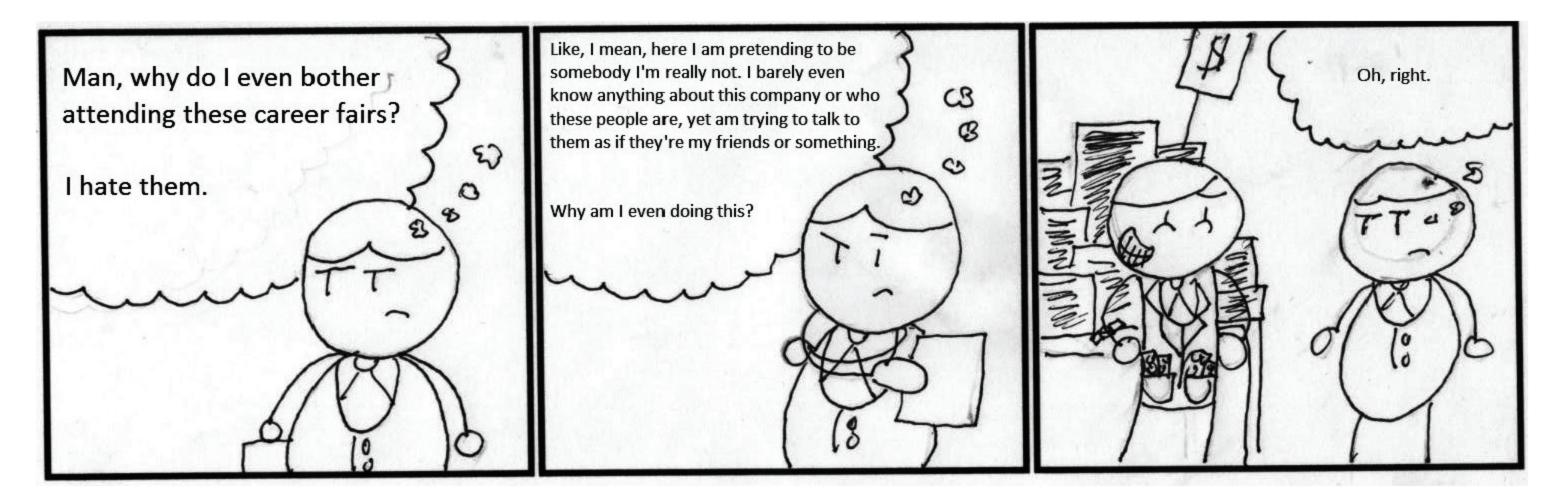
The word Sudoku, above, is actually the abbreviation of Suuji wa dokushin ni kagiru, meaning "the digits must be single" or "the digits are limited to one occurrence."

Source: Wikipedia

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The First Day of the Rest of My Life

By Adin Goings ART EDITOR



Swimming, diving ready to conquer at nationals



By Melanie Koto STAFF WRITER

This week, the Swimming and Diving team will travel to St. Petersburg, MO for the 55th Annual Swimming and Diving National Championship meet. The team has 6 female and 12 male swimmers and 1 male diver who will be going to the meet to compete, with 49 individual meet entries and 10 relay entries between both the Men's and Women's teams.

Going into the meet, there are some good perspectives for some of the athletes. Sophomore Ian McNair is seeded third for Men's 3-meter diving and fifth for 1 meter diving. Freshman Aimee Dewante is currently seeded fifteenth in the Women's 200-yard IM, while sophomore Max Ramminger is seeded third in the Men's 50-yard freestyle. Freshman Michael Bodzay goes into the meet with the seventh

fastest time for the Men in the 400-yard IM, and junior Keiji Halloway is in twelfth for the Men's 100-yard butterfly, while freshman Yoni Pruzansky is in sixth for the Men's 200-yard freestyle. Ramminger also goes into the meet with the seventh seed for the 100-yard breaststroke, with sophomore Eric Grunden going in fourteenth, and in the 200-yard backstroke Bodzay is currently seeded tenth. Ramminger is also seeded third in the 100-yard freestyle, and Grunden is seeded seventeenth in the 200yard breaststroke, while senior Joe Muchna is seeded sixteenth and Halloway is seeded twentieth in the Men's 200-yard butterfly.

SPORTS

The meet will be held March 2-5 and is a prelim final meet where the swimmers and divers will compete twice to try to get the top sixteen spots. The team goes to the meet with hopes of placing top 10 again, as they have in past years.

ASB raising funds with friendly competition

By Jason Neal

DIRECTOR OF INTRAMURALS AND RECRE-

Basketball, soccer, volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, and water polo. What do these sports all have in common? The ASB Team believes they can beat you in these sports, and they're willing to try and prove it this Saturday. That's right, the ASB Team wants to take you on, in an effort to raise money for they upcoming trip. And for \$5, you can find out if you have what it takes to win.

Before we talk about how badly they want to beat you, let me give you some background. There are about 30 students and staff from IIT participating in this year's Alternative Spring Break service trip. In less than two weeks, they will be on their way to sunny Oakland, CA. For most of us, this would be a vacation, right?

The purpose of their trip is to do volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity, a not-forprofit organization whose mission is to help build, rebuild, or repair homes for families who cannot afford a house or the cost of the repairs.

Even with money from SAF, the cost is sub-

stantial, and each member is asking for donations to help alleviate some of the burden. The ASB Team has conducted several fundraisers since mid-Fall to make the trip financially feasible. They have hosted spaghetti dinners, a car wash, and a bowling tournament, ran a concessions stand for two swim meets, and sold roses for Valentines Day. They have embarked on a letter wring campaign seeking donations from friends and family.

"ASB Takes On..." is an opportunity for you to come to Keating and play against the ASB Team in some of your favorite sports. They have a basketball team, a soccer team, an ultimate Frisbee team, and a water polo team. To participate, you can form a team of your own, or sign up as an individual. It is a fundraiser, and it costs \$5 to join in the fun. The event will take place at Keating Sports Center this Saturday, March 5th, from 6pm to 10pm. The facility is normally closed during these hours, and the only people in the building will be those participating in the event.

To sign up as an individual or a team, send an email to intramurals@iit.edu or to contribute, go to this link: https://payment.iit.edu/ item.php?item=464



(Photo courtesy facebook/IITASB2011)

Cricket World Cup matches will be televised in Keating

By Utsav Gandhi

CAMPUS EDITOR

Occupying a special place in the hearts of almost a quarter of the world's people, the quadrennial ICC Cricket World Cup returns this year to the place where those very people live - the place where it is loved so much that it is almost considered a religion, the Indian subcontinent. At a time when defending champions, and four-time winners, Australia are struggling to find the confidence that earned them that dominance, teams like Sri Lanka and England are slowly, but steadily, coming up to make their mark on world cricket, and in the process, are no longer considered to be just dark horses. At a time when the game's most iconic player, Sachin Tendulkar, has done almost everything possible during a glittering career, except win this very trophy, this year's tournament is very exciting, and will no doubt send the cricket-crazy hosts and their fans all over the world into a frenzy.

The IIT Cricket Club, IIT SASA, and the Office of Intramurals and Recreation are bringing the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 games to Keating. They will be televising all weekend games and all the Play-off Games of the ICC Cricket World Cup live, for free. Get ready for the month long extravaganza combined together with the schools very own Keating Premier League (KPL).

Here are the remaining matches that will be televised at Keating:

Sat Mar 5 03:00 a.m. CST Sri Lanka v Australia

Sat Mar 5 10:00 p.m. CST India v Ireland / England v South Africa

Sat Mar 12 03:00 a.m. CST India v South

Africa Sat Mar 19 04:00 a.m. CDT Australia v Pakistan (Subject to Keating Spring Break

Schedule) Sun Mar 20 04:00 a.m. CDT India v West Indies (Subject to Keating Spring Break Schedule)

Sat Apr 2 04:00 a.m. CDT Final - TBA v

Here is some general information about the top teams in contention.

Group A:

Australia: Not the same team that won the last three world cups, but it will be foolhardy to count them out.

Pakistan: The perennial surprise package, capable of upsetting the best on their day.

New Zealand: Have made it five times to the semis, never beyond that. Will want to change that.

Sri Lanka: Red hot contenders, they are a very dangerous team at home.

Group B:

India: Home is where the heart is? A very dangerous batting line-up and in extraordinary form right now, they carry the hopes of a billion people.

South Africa: Strong favorites, but tend to fumble at big stages.

England: Have fielded a strong team after a long, long time. Look ready for the challenge.

West Indies: The dark horses. Could be responsible for some big upsets.

Pilates classes impact fitness

By Ashlie Ingold

STAFF WRITER

Pilates was developed by Joseph Pilates to increase the strength, flexibility and control of the body. He began as a young child in Germany suffering from asthma, rickets, and rheumatic fever, and he dedicated his entire life to improving his physical strength. He studied bodybuilding, yoga, and gymnastics. He lived a difficult life, moving to England in 1912, before World War I, and he emigrated to the United States in approximately 1925, where he and his wife began training students into the 1960s. Joseph died at the age of 84 in 1967.

Studying the different arts allowed Pilates to create this style of exercise that even those with many health issues are able to perform. Mandy Work believes that his story is worth knowing. Knowing this will hopefully encourage all students to come to a pilates class and develop their own style of exercise or continue in the tradition. I had the opportunity to interview Mandy, the pilates teacher here at IIT, and this is what she had to say:

How long have you been teaching pilates? Two years.

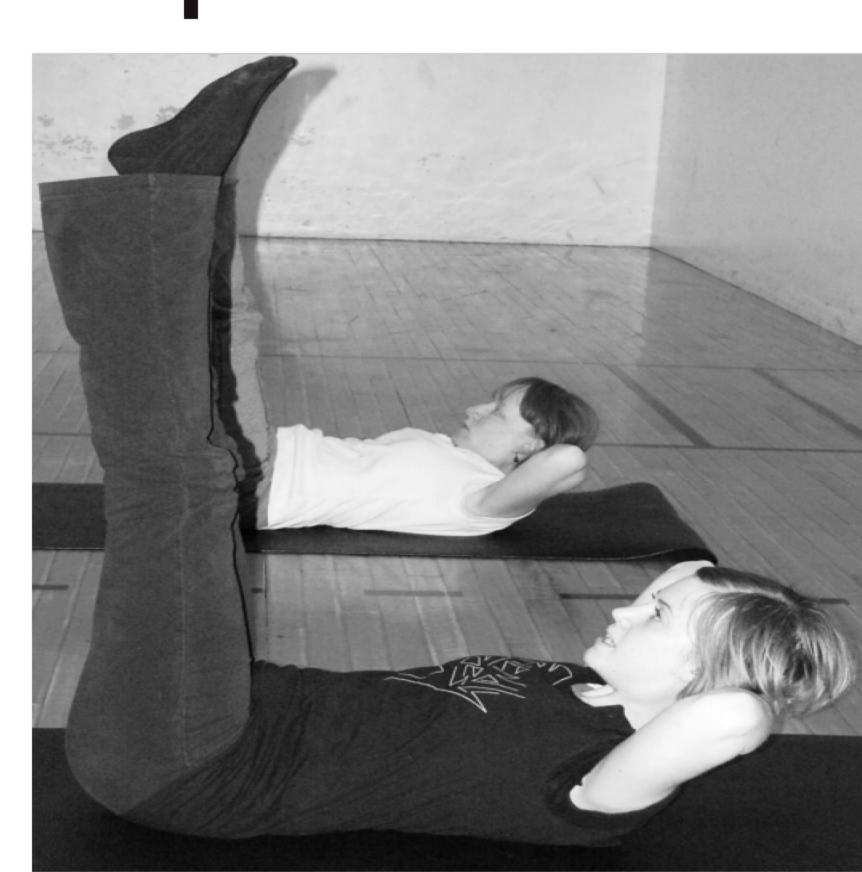
How long have you been teaching pilates

1.5 years.

What do you like about teaching pilates here?

I like that students can come check out the classes for free, so I get a lot of students who have never done pilates before. I like introducing it to them.

What are the benefits to taking a pilates class?



(Photo courtesy illinoistechathletics.com)

Pilates lengthens and strengthens the body at the same time. It is especially good for core strengthening, and regular practice improves breathing, posture, and performance in other physical activities.

How did you get into pilates?

I took classes at my college fitness center. What do you hope to accomplish by teaching pilates?

The powerful benefits that pilates offers the body and mind have had a significant impact on my life. I believe others can find increased personal wellness through incorporating pilates into their life whatever their goals may be.

Who was your main influence?

There wasn't just one person. I think it was more a side effect of being a dancer. It goes hand-in-hand.

Do you teach outside of IIT and where?

Yes, I teach at Move Your Feet Sports Fitness Studio.

Pilates is offered at Keating Athletic Center Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in racquetball court

University Social Calendar!

ASB'S ROCK THE JUKEBOX

Monday & Tuesday, March 1st and 2nd 12:00 PM in the MTCC Commons ASB is holding a DJ fundraiser: \$1to play a song! Eat and listen!

BOARD GAME NIGHT

Wednesday, March 2nd 8:00 PM @ MTCC Center Court Board games galore...Relax and play some old time favorites!

CHICAGO BULLS VS. WASHINGTON WIZARDS TICKET SALE

Thursday, March 3rd (game is on March15th during Sprng Break) 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Sign up at www.tinyurl.com/bullswizards2011. Only 27 tickets at \$10 each.

CHICAGO BULLS VS. ATLANTA HAWKS TICKET SALE

Thursday, March 3rd (game is on March 11th)
1:00 - 3:00 PM
Sign up at www.tinyurl.com/bullshawks2011. 50 tickets at \$10 each.

MOVIE: TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

Friday, March 4th
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Perlstein Auditorium
Relax, watch a movie, and eat pizza! Presented by Honors Law Society & UB.

ISA BHANGRA NIGHT

Friday, March 4th
10:00 PM - 1:00 AM @ MTCC Ballroom
Dance to some punjabi hits played by a professional DJ!

Psst! Did you know? Student orgs can put up event info by submitting their events on the UB website! So go for it!

Wanna hang out wih UBer fun people? Program killer events? Join us at...

UB General Body Meetings

1:00 PM every Tuesday @ mtcc auditorium

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