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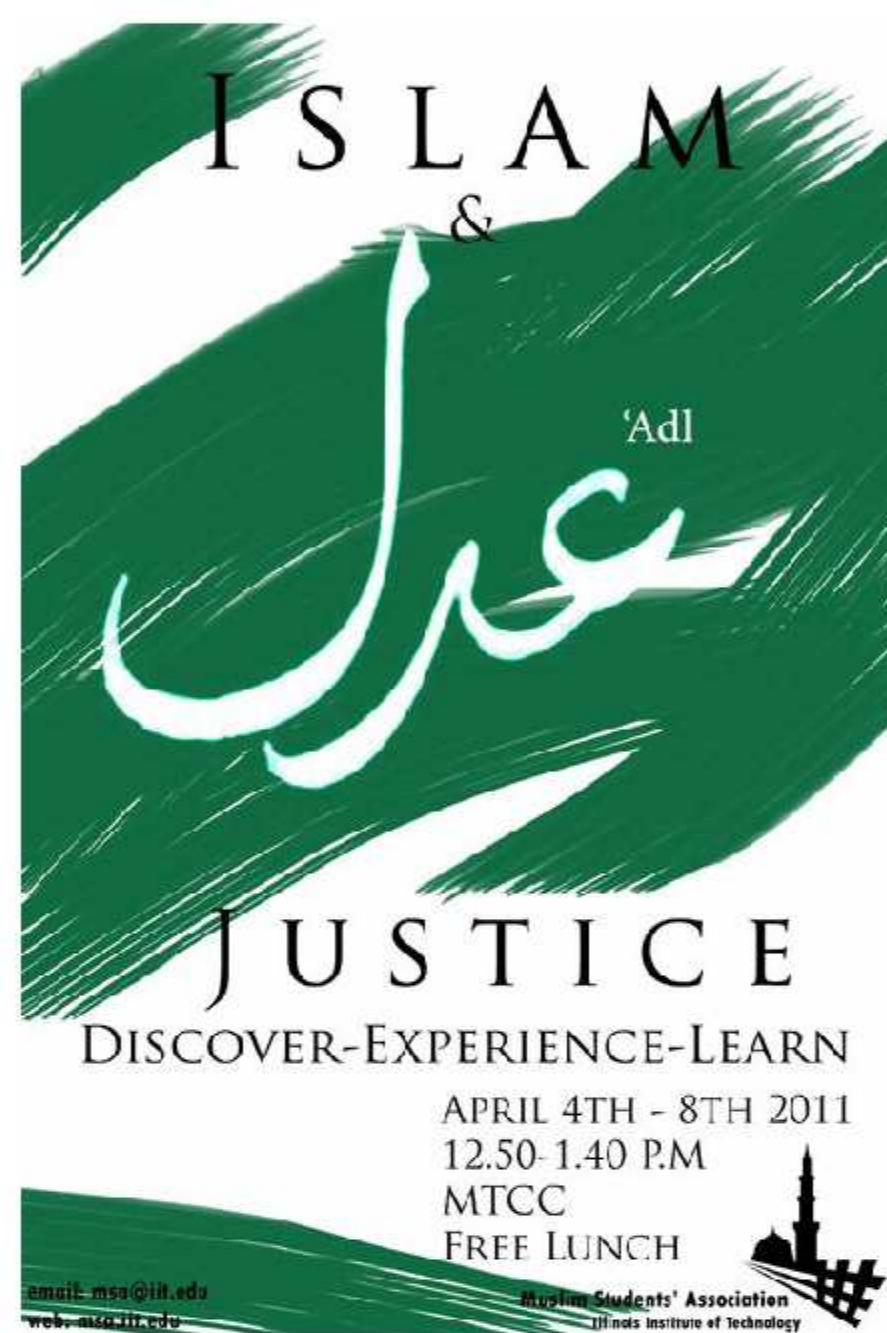
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Islam and social justice

Discover Islam Week 2011: Discover, Experience, Learn

By **Tanim Taher**
TECHNEWS WRITER



Each of us lives in a society where we work, interact and live together. There is a certain set of rules and paradigms that make this society function but which, on the other hand, bind us together in harmony. We may come from very diverse backgrounds, we may have very different kinds of jobs and aspirations, but our society is well able to accommodate all such differences, and indeed, benefit from them, due to the prevalence of several cornerstone societal values. Respect and dignity for others and the idea of freedom are obvious social fundamentals that immediately come to mind. However, there is another very important social value that encompasses these and ensures that the rights of others - groups or individuals, are protected and not violated; and this is the idea of social justice. Social justice is that glue that

binds people in a society together in harmony - it is what ensures that people are able to lead an honorable, safe, dignified life.

The Muslim Students' Association at Illinois Institute of Technology (MSA@IIT) is organizing a series of lectures from April 4 - April 8 to shed some light on the very important idea of social justice. The goal is to show that the great religions of the world, including Islam, firmly support issues related to Social Justice, and also to give examples of how religiously inspired struggles for justice and equality transformed history and civilization for the better. Below is the list of talks that are being organized by MSA@IIT.

Yesterday, April 4, from 12:50 p.m. - 1:40 p.m. at Herman Hall Ballroom, there was an interfaith panel of students who read passages related to social justice from scriptures of different religions - Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism and Islam. The idea was to show that although we come from different religious backgrounds, our religions are all related and united in one very important area among others - that is human rights, human dignity, and social justice. Today, on April 5, at the same time (12:50 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.) in the MTCC Ballroom, Professor at the Humanities Department at IIT, Catherine Bronson, will deliver a lecture entitled "Science, Civilization and Islam." A society based on the strong foundations of equality and social justice can achieve great milestones and transform human history. Professor Bronson will discuss how the Muslim Civilization between 600-1600 AD that was based on these very same principles transformed the realms of science and culture, and allowed for the flourishing of a very open, welcoming, diverse and just society where people from different races and religions could work together freely.

Then on Wednesday, April 6, we give you the opportunity to learn about the man who inspired and continues to inspire struggles for

DISCOVER ISLAM WEEK APRIL 4TH-8TH 2011 SCHEDULE			
APRIL 4TH MONDAY	APRIL 5TH TUESDAY	APRIL 6TH WEDNESDAY	APRIL 7TH THURSDAY
SOCIAL JUSTICE IN RELIGIOUS SCRIPTURES	SCIENCE, CIVILIZATION & ISLAM	MOHAMMAD AND SOCIAL JUSTICE	ISLAM 101
HERMAN HALL BALLROOM 12:50-1:40P.M	MTCC BALLROOM 12:50-1:40P.M	MTCC AUDITORIUM 12:50-1:40P.M	MTCC AUDITORIUM 12:50-1:40P.M
Various religious groups get together to promote diversity through commonality	Catherine Bronson Adjunct Faculty at IIT and Phd candidate at University of Chicago	Tahera Ahmed Northwestern University's first Muslim Chaplain	ISLAM 101
			APRIL 8TH FRIDAY
			MSA OPEN HOUSE FARR HALL-3RD FLOOR 1:00-2:00 P.M
FREE LUNCH EVERYDAY			
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justice and equality around the world. This man is Prophet Mohammad, the prophet of Islam - who by the grace of God transformed the most backward, oppressive and socially unfair city in just 22 years into a sophisticated, cultured and an uplifting society where justice and equality reigned everywhere. Prophet Mohammad is an inspiration to a billion plus Muslims, and his struggles for justice and equality resonate strongly even today - including some of the recent events in North Africa and Middle East. The title of the lecture is "Mohammad and Social Justice", and it will be given by Tahera Ahmed, who is a chaplain from Northwestern University. The lecture time is again 12:50 - 1:40 p.m. at the MTCC Auditorium.

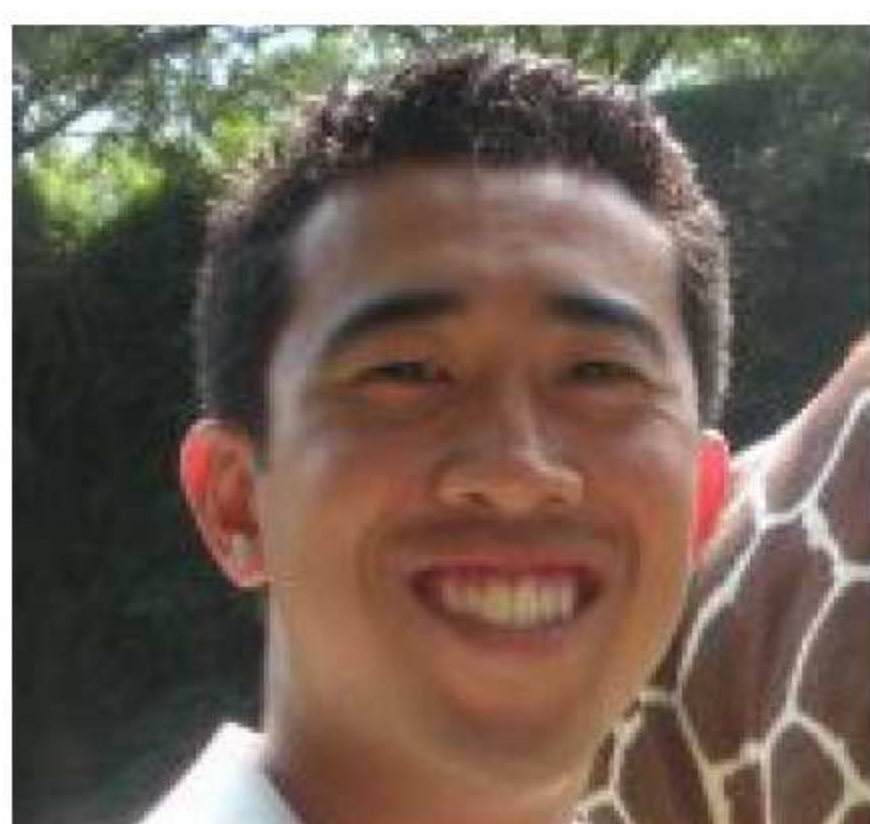
If you like the first three lectures, and want to learn more about the faith that heavily emphasizes concepts of social justice, then you will also like the "Islam 101" lecture on Thursday, April 7, 12:40 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. in the

MTCC Auditorium. Islam encourages social justice right from the beginning, starting from home by taking care of your parents, and extends to even to those who are not related, such as neighbors, orphans and the needy. Islamic social justice is about a struggle against inequality. This lecture will touch some bases on core Islamic beliefs, and it will be delivered by Abdur Rahman Khan who is the Imam of the largest mosque in the Chicagoland area. The final event for the week is on Friday, April 8, and it is called "Mosque Open House." If you are interested to see how Muslims pray and what a mosque looks like, then you are invited to join us for the Friday prayer at the IIT mosque on third floor of Farr Hall, from 1:00 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.

There is free food at all these lectures and events listed above! We hope you will find the lectures interesting, relevant to today's time, and illuminating. So please come and tell your friends about it as well.

I PRO 335 : Lego Art

By **Tanya Prabhakar**
TECHNEWS WRITER



Lee, the leader of I PRO 335
(Photo courtesy Tanya Prabhakar)

I PRO 361 Lego Art is aimed at creating an after-school Lego Art program for socio-economically segregated youth students. This week I interviewed Lee Fink, the team leader of I PRO 361.

Where did you get the idea for I PRO 361?

The idea of "LEGO Art" originated from my own personal interest in the arts and expressing creativity. For the past few years I had always been hearing about the government budget cuts within arts programs. I wanted to start something that gave opportunities to young students who may not have had the chance to be creative. After some research into different arts programs, I decided to simplify the I PRO into something exciting. I eventually ran into many sites that were about modern-day LEGO artists and sculptures. As a child, I knew how easy it was to use the modulated LEGO bricks and the endless variety the bricks produced. Thus, the initial idea of "LEGO Art" was created.

What is the mission of your I PRO?

This program was initiated to address the decrease of government funding in youth art programs within Chicago. The I PRO seeks to

create an environment of creativity and positive experiences through the use of LEGO bricks.

What are the short-term and long-term goals of the group?

Our short term goals for I PRO 361 is to launch a pilot program of LEGO Art, find potential sponsors for LEGO Art and develop methods to give recognition to these youth students. Looking further down the road, the long term goals are to actually implement an after school program based off the pilot program. Additionally, the I PRO seeks to gain grants and sustainable partners for the future semesters.

What has the team accomplished so far?

I'm very happy with the team I have had the chance to work with this semester as we have progressed at a very steady and rapid pace. The most notable accomplishment thus far is the start of the pilot program of LEGO Art. Our I PRO has teamed up with the Boys and Girls Club here in Chicago to put together a two week long LEGO Art program (March 28 - April 8). Our educational development sub-team created a curriculum for each day of the program with help from IIT's Math and Sci-

ence Education Department. Additionally, our I PRO has developed many methods of recognition for these young artists from simple award prototypes, to a final exhibition of their work, and even an online virtual gallery. Our funding and sustainability sub-group have already gathered many grants and potential sponsors for LEGO Art and are awaiting the take-off of our pilot program.

What are you most looking forward to in the project?

I think I speak for the whole I PRO 361 team when I say that we are most excited about the pilot program which begins on March 28. The team has spent a lot of time defining what LEGO Art is and what the program should look like. The pilot program will be the realization of our vision. LEGO Art started up as a small simple idea to me and grew into something much larger. The success of our I PRO is due to the hard work put in by our team and I invite any IIT student that wants to share our passion to look into I PRO 361 for future semesters.

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Sex Week ads: up close and personal

By Anonymous
TECHNEWS WRITER

It's not always an easy task to get a person out of their clothes, but when the opportunity arose to do so for an event as positive as Sex Week, I happily peeled off a couple of layers. I knew it would get some looks. I expected to hear some talk. This is why I elected for my participation to be anonymous. That is, the ads were posted without my face visible in them.

What I did not expect was for that talk to be so centered on my body, rather than the event itself.

Within a day of the ads being posted in the MTCC, mine had been vandalized, and the male counterpart was missing. Since then, the Sex Week blog addressed the accusations of sexism, but the criticism has not stopped.

After days of listening to and reading comments by students on behalf of "the girl in the photo," I've decided it's time that girl address those concerns herself. Here I go.

Concern #1: These ads are sexist.

I cannot disagree more. As stated in the blog, there are two versions (male and female) specifically to avoid sexism.

Concern #2: It is important to validate other opinions in the feminist movement, so you shouldn't shoot down opinions, and you should apologize.

I wholeheartedly agree with the first part of this comment. In the very first meeting Feminists United ever had, members learned about different schools of feminism and their differing viewpoints. Almost every meeting since then has been in discussion form, allowing students to hear opposing viewpoints on current topics through the lens of feminism. I don't believe this is an organization that looks to "shoot down" other opinions. Of course, it's important to validate other opinions, but it is also important to fully understand our own, and to stand up for our convictions without apology. What social justice movement could

survive if its members did not feel strongly enough to answer to criticism?

Concern #3: These ads exploit the people in them.

Neither of us feels exploited and we both agreed to be involved, knowing exactly what these photos were going to be used for. There was no coercion, no incentive, no peer pressure involved. We volunteered.

Concern #4: These ads are harmful because they imply that the ideal "sexy" person is physically attractive.

Nowhere on anything related to Sex Week does it say that either of these bodies is ideal in any way. If you think they are physically attractive, good for you! But everyone has different tastes, and a big part of feminism is rejecting the idea of an "ideal body." Just looking at the event topics for Sex Week - communication, safety, consent - you don't see a thing about physical ideals, just healthy attitudes toward sex and sexuality.

Concern #5: These ads objectify the people involved.

So far, I gather that people believe this because there are no faces, and also because the images are being used to "sell" something. My face is not there because I wanted to remain anonymous. It's for protection, not because Sex Week wants you to think people are nothing more than their bodies. And, to address one commenter's concern that the advertisers were choosing "sexy" people because they sell better, this just isn't the case. They chose us out of sheer convenience. A wide array of bodies would have been wonderful, but it is difficult to find willing students. It would have been just as sexy and would have grabbed just as much attention with other bodies. I truly believe this.

Concern #6: The ads offend some, and impose your moral ambiguity on others.

Of course the ads offend some. But they don't impose anything on anyone. First off, we aren't "morally ambiguous." We know what our stance is about the poster, and that is that

the posters are appropriate for the topic and do not objectify those involved. I'm sticking to my guns on this stance, while acknowledging that some people don't like them. That's fine. It is totally okay to have differing opinions, but I am not ambiguous about my viewpoint, so the posters stayed, and those that disagree with us are still welcome to participate in the week or protest (as some have).

I hope that these arguments answer some questions and make our intentions more clear. I'd also like to add that the sexiness is not synonymous with objectification. Objectification would lie in the intent of the advertiser and the mindset of the viewer. I think it's clear that the commenters did NOT believe "the girl in the photo" was just a body, nor did Feminists United intend to imply as much. It is okay to post attractive images and to be attracted to them, too, so long as we recognize there is more to the people involved. We recognized that with these comments, and despite the controversy, that, at least, is something to celebrate.

As a side note, I also want to say that I don't appreciate being spoken for, and frankly, I find it infuriating when people put words in my mouth. Next time you see a girl or a guy on a similar poster, consider that he/she has a mind of his/her own, and made an informed decision in agreeing to participate in the advertising.

As we look back at Sex Week, let's remember not to judge each other. When we are so surrounded and so concerned by sexism, it is easy to forget that militant modesty does not necessarily combat it (sometimes, it can even be a symptom). Let's stop slut-shaming and remember that a person who is proud of his/her body and his/her sexuality is something to aspire to, not something to be ashamed of.

Happy Sex Week, IIT!

Love,

The Girl From the Sex Week Poster

Sponsored by IIT Feminists United and SA

March 28- April 3

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Diary of an ASB-er: days 1 and 2

By Alex Miller and Utsav Gandhi
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Well, to put it simply, we were super excited for this trip as soon as we were chosen to be a part of it. And this was sometime in October. Every subsequent meeting, as fundraising ideas were thrown around, as we played 'bonding' games to get to know each other, as March kept coming closer, as fundraising targets were being reached, as we finally got to know everyone's names, and as the EPIC spreadsheet kept getting tabs added to it, the excitement level was going up. For some of us who were returners or for some, who, like me, had worked with Habitat for Humanity in other places around the world, we knew what to expect physically. Waking up at seven in the morning, strenuous physical activity that we're not generally accustomed to, packing your own lunches and long hours without a shower - sounds exciting, right? Well, obviously this was not it. We also made some lifelong friendships, got to meet some fascinating people from different parts of the country, got the chance to explore some of the bay area's most interesting places and more important than anything else, got the opportunity to serve humanity in a special way.

Midway Airport on that eventful Sunday morning was an interesting sight. Daylight savings had just kicked in and yet the endless murmurs, jokes and chatter outnumbered the stifled yawns. Oakland was misty and rainy, though refreshingly humid, and the sight of green mountains all around the airport was a rare luxury we don't have here in Chicago. After a short journey in our infamous rental cars we were given a short introduction to the First Presbyterian Church in San Leandro, which we were to call home for the next few days. Fully equipped with an industrial kitchen, an indoor basketball court and gym, a reading room and a games room with a small DVD collection, we were most excited to see the giant room where we would all be sleeping - really the kind of place that would inevitably lead to some great friendships (over free, professional massages and games of Monopoly and UNO). Over Subway misadventures (applicable only to the vegetarians) we learned that the next day was going to be an exciting day of exploration. And so it turned out to be.

Monday was our adventuring day. It started with a trip down some very confusing roads that ended at a rocky beach and building entitled "The Warming Hut." Here, we met Bob, an IIT alumni and the official photographer for the Golden Gate Bridge. Eating lunch outside along the beach, chasing seagulls to share our lunch, and taking pictures through the heavy fog of the bridge and city was just the first of many adventures to

come. Taking a group picture, we then moved on to the next part of our journey: a tour of the Golden Gate Bridge. With presentations by leading engineers in charge of maintaining the bridge, we learned about how the bridge is maintained, and how it has evolved slowly over time.

Following that incredible presentation, Coach Jason Neal suggested that we go to Muir Woods. Driving over the glorious Golden Gate that we had just had fabulous presentations about, we proceeded to drive down some of the curviest and hilliest roads I have ever been on (and being from New England, that's

impressive). Arriving at Muir Woods, we hiked through an impressive canopy of trees, taking pictures in some trees with "caves" built in. Knowing our hard work would start the next day, we decided to go on one last adventure for the day - heading over to the cross streets of Haight and Ashbury, the center of the "hippie revolution" of the 1960's. Splitting up to try a variety of restaurants, perhaps the peak of the night was afterwards while exploring the little shops and murals of the neighborhood. As the sun set on our first full day on the west coast, excitement began to arise for the first few days on the job site.



The team at the Golden Gate Bridge (yes, it's really there behind all the fog) - with the Chief Photographer of the bridge, an IIT alum (Photo courtesy of Utsav Gandhi)

Summer 2011 Co-op & Internship Timeline

All students applying for Co-ops &/or Internships must take **Introduction to Co-op & Internship Workshop before applying**
Check CMC website, cmc.iit.edu, for workshop schedule

April 4, 2011	First day students can start submitting their Work Term Evaluations and on-line applications for Co-op Renewals & Extensions , to the CMC. (<i>renewals are for co-ops only</i>)
April 11, 2011	First day CMC advisors will begin meeting with students who are applying for new Co-ops and Spring Internships
April 25, 2011	Recommended deadline for submitting on-line Renewal and Work Term Evaluations to ensure work without interruption after spring semester coop ends on May 14 (this is not the final deadline but the date that CMC recommends students submit their applications in order to get approval if they wish to continue working without interruption on May 16)
May 16, 2011	Earliest date to start Summer 2011 Co-ops and Internships
July 16, 2011	Recommended deadline for submitting Co-op Renewal applications and Work Term Evaluations to ensure approval for registration by the July 9 registration deadline
May 23, 2011	First day of Summer semester 2011 classes
June 1, 2011	Co-op & Internship Registration Deadline —last day to meet with CMC advisors to get approval and register for spring semester Co-ops and Internships. (last day to add/drop classes)
June 2, 2011	Latest date to submit applications for Summer 2011 CPT/Work Authorizations to International Center
June 24, 2011	Latest date to begin working Summer 2011 Co-ops and Internships
July 23, 2011	Last day of summer semester/ last day of work for Summer Co-ops and Internships . Note: Intern applicants can request later end date (up to August 20) at time of application.
August 15, 2011	Earliest date students can start Co-ops & Internships for Fall, 2011
August 23, 2011	Fall 2011 classes begin

Explore STEM+ at IIT

By Sumana Sundaramurthy
TECHNEWS WRITER

Although many of us were having good fun during the spring break, the educational outreach program at IIT kept many of us busy during the entire week. More than 50 students and faculty from IIT volunteered for organizing the program. The program had hands-on workshops conducted about the various STEM fields - science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, as well as business, architecture, and psychology. The different workshops engaging multiple disciplines were Building Blocks for Team Communication, Experience ArchITecture, Mechanics of Roller Coasters and Robot Obstacle Course. The workshops were proposed and developed by IIT undergraduate students, with the support of IIT faculty and staff.

Even the organizers of program "Explore STEM+ at IIT" were quite surprised when the registration reached its full capacity within a week the online form was made available since it was organized for the first time. Around 300 students participated in the workshops from various high schools around Chicago area, including Chicago Public Schools (Community Youth Development Institute, Gage Park High School, Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy, Perspectives/IIT Math & Science Academy, Simeon Career Academy, Thomas Kelly High School, and Uplift Community High School), as well as De La Salle and De La Salle-Lourdes Hall Campus, Mooseheart Child City & School, and the West Side Leadership Academy of Gary, Indiana. The number of students attending from

the various schools varied from 1 to 44.

The results of these workshops were positive, which is evident from the feedback of students. Brianna R., a student at Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy, said, "My experiences on the STEM+ activities were very positive. I appreciated the different fields that we were able to interact in through fun projects. This experience really opened my eyes to new career choices and interests. Both the architecture and roller coaster activities were very engaging and encouraged communication skills which are important. I would recommend this trip to my fellow classmates in the future so they can receive the fun, interactive, and innovative way of learning that I did." Brittany S., a student at Gwendolyn Brooks College Preparatory Academy: "Today was a very educational and exciting field trip. I had a wonderful experience with architecture and engineering. It broadened my horizon in these fields. I did not think that engineering could be as fun or as interesting as it was for me today. When we got a chance to make our own roller coaster it gave me a new idea about engineering. Before this field trip I did not know what engineering was, let alone have any interest in it, but after I attended this wonderful field trip, it made me rethink my future and my interests in what I want to be when I grow up. Thank you for allowing me to participate in this wonderful experience and I will be looking forward to many other field trips pertaining to this one."

Marya Spont, community liaison and outreach coordinator for Undergraduate Admission, who was the main coordinator of the event, said "the results of the surveys that high school students and teachers filled out were overwhelmingly positive,

with the most common suggestions for improvements from both groups being 'make it a full-day event' and 'let us go to every workshop.' While we at IIT were glad to hear that our campus visitors had a good time overall, we were especially moved by the fact that 98.5% of attending students "strongly agreed" or "agreed" that they left the event knowing more about STEM fields than when they came (more than 70% suggested that they didn't know about STEM fields before coming), and more than 80% said that they were more likely to consider a STEM career after attending these workshops. Being able to make a change — a real, measurable, and possibly life-altering change — in a young person's life is something that we are all very proud of and which we hope to continue to make possible in the future."

Clockwise from bottom: Experience ArchITecture; a robot obstacle course; and the organizers of STEM+ (Photos courtesy of Sumana Sundaramurthy)



SGA unveils UCal

By Karl Rybaltowski
and Utsav Gandhi

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AND CAMPUS EDITOR

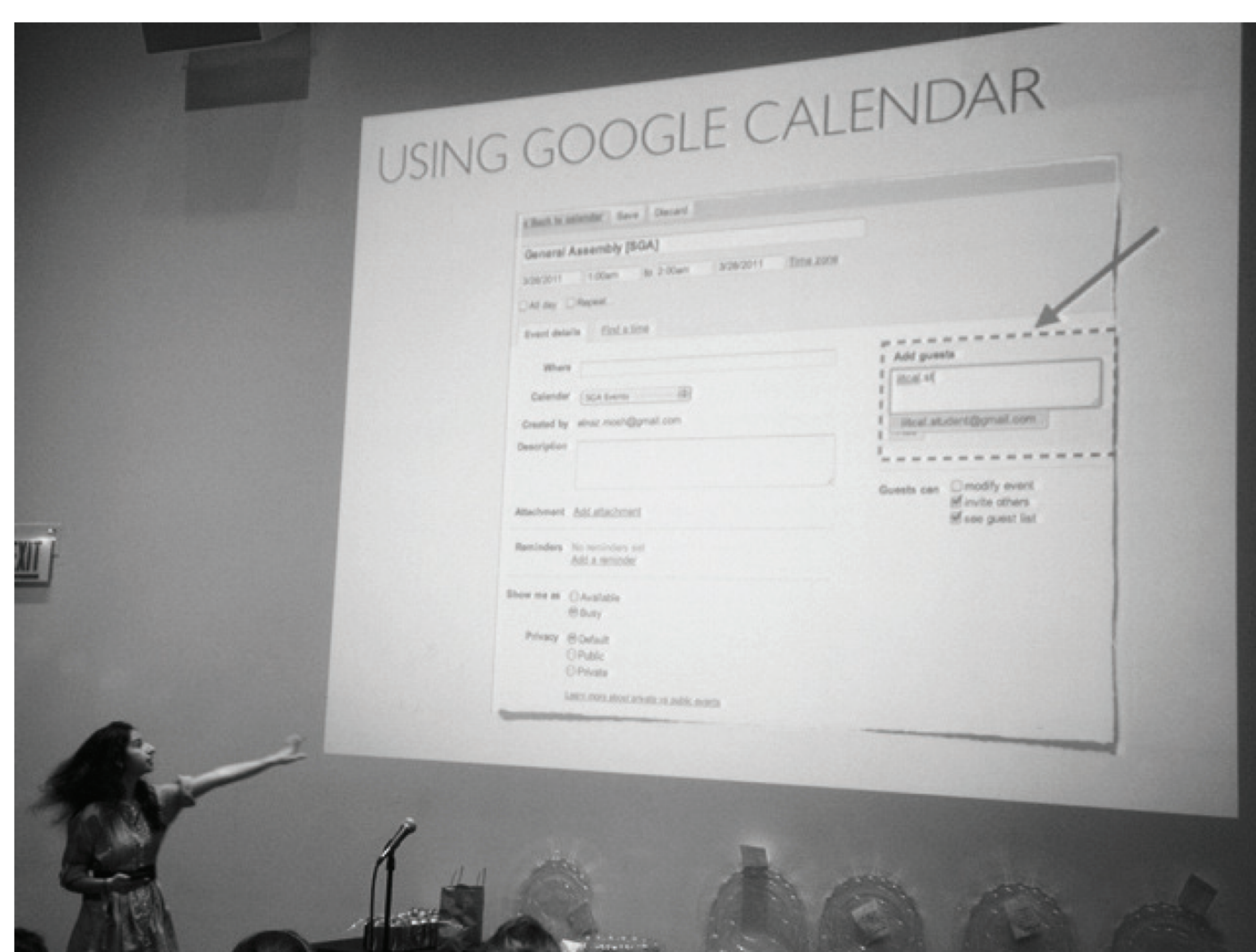
Last Thursday, SGA (with the newly elected Executive Board in attendance) unveiled its ambitiously completed project — the UCal, or Universal Calendar. Initially planned as an all-inclusive academic and co-curricular calendar listing mostly all the events happening on campus at a particular time, the UCal is also a sustainable and dynamic Google calendar that hopes to list faculty office hours and the ARC schedule. With the university's move to Google Apps for e-mail service, the Universal Calendar may become the go-to resource for all levels of the IIT community.

This idea might change the way the newspaper you're reading right now goes about getting its stories covered. It represents a giant leap forward in keeping students informed about what's happening on campus — thus increasing the potential for getting students more involved in opportunities they might not

have been aware of in the first place. Though an ambitious project, it started as a minor idea last summer, during a meeting of the newly-elected SGA Executive Board. "We were all talking about how good it would be to have a single place to check out all events," said Elnaz Moshfeghian, outgoing VP of Communications and President-elect of SGA. "I said, 'we could do a Google calendar!' ... but it was just one of those daunting tasks that no one ever really wants to tackle."

Within short order, however, the Communications committee, and in particular Moshfeghian and more recently SGA Senator Ariel True, set to work on tackling that very task. Though various general calendars exist already, the goal with UCal was to create a resource that was as easy to use as it was to access. "We didn't want a calendar where you'd have to fill out a form that someone would have to review," Moshfeghian said. What they decided on is "really natural, easy to deal with, and I don't think it's going to be too much work."

The calendar is divided into manageable segments (such that events can easily be found) - iitcal.student@gmail.com (listing all student and student-org sponsored activities on campus); iitcal.university@gmail.com (for university-sponsored events), iitcal.athletics@gmail.com (for sports and intramurals) and iitcal.hours@gmail.com for announcing deviations from regular office and business hours and publishing faculty office hours. Publishing your own event, following the naming convention (to ensure uniformity) and exporting to csv or iCal format are just some of the features this project offers. Organizations creating events in Google calendar only need to invite the UCal account - an accepted invitation



Newly elected SGA President Elnaz Moshfeghian explains the basics of the calendar (Photo courtesy Utsav Gandhi)

means the event will be part of UCal, making it a simple and fast process. Students need only subscribe to UCal in order to gain access to any or all of these events.

At the unveiling event, SGA thanked Angela Ng, outgoing President of the Union Board (which has its own comprehensive calendar listing student organizations' events), True and Jeanne Hartig, Vice President for Marketing and Communications at IIT. The calendar's functions were shown to a sizable group of student leaders and university staff, and Moshfeghian was happy with the reception. "Right

after the meeting, I turned on my computer and had invitations from orientation - all the orientation events are on there now. EWB uses Google calendar widely, and they're going to convert their material over."

With the response UCal has already received, and its administrative support, it's easy to see the initiative become the new go-to for all campus events.

To check out UCal right now, go to bit.ly/illinoistechcal. For any setup or subscription assistance, email calendar.iit@gmail.com.

I PRO 363: This week's Language Link

By **Monica Samelson**

TECHNEWS WRITER

Andrea is from Caracas, Venezuela. And we'd like you to meet her!

What is your name? Andrea Zufiiga

Where are you originally from? Caracas- Venezuela

What is your major and what year are you at IIT? Third year Architecture student

Besides English, what languages do you speak? Spanish

Can you please say a few common phrases in your native language?

How are you? ¿Cómo estás?

Where is the bathroom? ¿Dónde está el baño?

Do you speak English? ¿Hablas inglés?

This class is awesome! ¡Que chevere esta clase!

Professor, please give me an A! ¡Profe, porfavor deme una A!

Are there any specific traditions or customs relating to your culture that you would like to share? When saying hello we give a kiss on the cheek.

What brought you to join us here in Chicago, and why did you choose IIT? The architecture program and the aquatics

Do you like it here? Yes!

What's your favorite way to stay in touch with your culture when you're here in Chicago? I stay in touch with my friends and family all the time either by phone, text or Internet.

What Chicago experience has been most fun or interesting to you so far? Meeting new people!

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

Language Link is a new I PRO that's building a website for IIT that can work to match up students according to their language learning needs, as



(Photo courtesy Monica Samelson)

they hope to be part of IIT'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, classes, extracurricular interests, and languages of interest.

Sausage Fest Returns!

By **Miguel Gallegos**

TECHNEWS WRITER

What is SausageFest? SausageFest in the past has traditionally been a small gathering of members of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity selling sausage for charity. This time Sausage Fest will be more than just that. Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity and IIT have teamed to combine their efforts so that SausageFest will work in conjunction with the Office of Service Learning's Big Event this upcoming Saturday. SausageFest will be providing post-Big Event food and entertainment. The food, will of course be sausage! The entertainment this year will include locally renowned bands such as Cobalt and the Hired Guns, Canasta, and Superband! This year all the proceeds collected will go towards benefiting I PRO 335: Empowering Haiti. I PRO 335 is working to provide solar power to schools in Haiti to facilitate The One Laptop per Child program as well as increase educational capacity. If you like sausage, music, philanthropy, or just having fun please come out and support I PRO 335 on April 9. If you would like more information about I PRO 335 visit their website at www.iitempoweringhaiti.org.

Help save federal funding for education!

By **The Office of Financial Aid**

Hello everyone! The Financial aid Department is back again with a new piece of information for you, and a call for action. Help to make sure that there is enough financial aid at IIT for you as well as future students. Read on learn about the new bill that may cause Pell Grants and FSEOG funding to be drastically cut down.

On Saturday, February 19, the U.S. House of Representatives passed an FY 2011 spending bill (H.R. 1) that would drastically reduce Pell Grants and eliminate FSEOG funding for the 2011-12 academic year. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration, and students need your help in urging them to reject any cuts to the Pell Grant and other student aid programs for the 2011-12 year. Now is a perfect time to reach out to your Senators, to understand how this loss would change you, your friends, and IIT.

1. Share your story with your Senator: Explain to your Senators how federal funding directly impacts your education. Either you, or someone you know used federal funding to

help support their education: Stafford loans, Pell Grants, Perkins loans, etc. Many of your classmates, siblings, family, and friends have used federal funds to attend IIT and other universities. Loss of these funds will restrict student access to education.

http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=IL

2. Advocate to your friends: Regardless if you receive federal aid or not, share this story with your friends and family to help advocate for federal aid and keep these programs alive. Join the Facebook movement: <https://www.facebook.com/savestudentaid>.

3. Contact the Press: Write an article to the Chicago Sun Time, Chicago Tribune, Daily Southtown, NY Times, Huffington Post - share this information to as many people as possible. Spreading the word helps raise awareness of this issue to the lobbyists and groups who can make a difference!

The Office of Financial Aid wants to help students remain at IIT, maintain the federal support from the Department of Education, and continue support the education of our students. Please help us join this fight!

Course offerings at Shimer

By **David Shiner**

DEAN OF ACADEMICS, SHIMER COLLEGE

Are you looking for an elective to take next semester? If so, read on.

Shimer College, located on the southwest corner of campus, offers a number of courses that are approved to fulfill IIT's elective requirements. IIT students who take such courses are attracted by Shimer's small class size (12 or fewer students in every class) and the individualized attention provided by the Shimer faculty. Likewise, Shimer students take IIT courses on subjects that are not offered at Shimer. IIT and Shimer cooperate to try to meet the academic needs of students from both schools.

Shimer is a liberal arts college, so most of our courses are in areas such as literature, philosophy, and political science. However, we

also offer courses that appeal to students with a taste for the arts. The courses that have attracted the most IIT students so far have been in the areas of theatre, film, Eastern Studies, and foreign languages. We offer courses in those areas almost every semester, on essentially the same class schedule as IIT.

If you want to know more about taking a class at Shimer, I'd like to hear from you. We're now in the process of finalizing our course offerings for next semester, so I'll soon be able to let you know whether we'll be offering anything in your area of interest. If you decide to enroll in a Shimer course, whether that happens next semester or further in the future, we'll assist you with the process of getting approved to take that course.

Finally, if you have questions about anything at all concerning Shimer, email me at d.shiner@shimer.edu. I'll be glad to answer them.

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University Calendar



TechNews will now draw all event information from UCal, a newly completed project of SGA. This week, TechNews will highlight a key event for each day of the week as an incentive for you, our readers, to check out the other campus events on the website.

Tuesday April 5
Forbidden Archaeology by Michael Cremo
Vedic Vision Society
12:40 - 3:00 p.m., Stuart Building Auditorium

Wednesday April 6
Chemistry Colloquium: Yoon Sung Nam
"Biologically Assembled Nanomaterials"
3:15-4:15 p.m., LS 111

Thursday April 7
Post-Earthquake Movie Screening
Engineers without Borders
5:00-7:00 p.m., MTCC Auditorium

Friday April 8
10th Annual Essence Banquet
NSBE
6:00-8:00 p.m., Hermann Hall Ballroom

Saturday April 9
The BIG Event!
Service Learning
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

IIT Health/Wellness Fair
Student Affairs
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday April 10
Discover Scuba
2:00-6:00 p.m., Keating Hall

Monday April 11
Some kind of BBQ
Vague Awareness Group
5:00 - 7:00 p.m., MTCC South Lawn

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Doors Open: 2:00-3:00pm
Welcome: 3:00-3:30pm
First Speaker: 3:30-4:00pm
Action Session: 4:00-4:45pm
Speed Network: 4:45-5:00pm
Exhibits: 5:00-5:30pm
Second Speaker: 5:30-5:45pm
Break / Exhibits: 5:45-6:00pm
Panel: 6:00-6:50pm
Closing Comment: 6:50-7:00pm

event info

Date: April 6, 2011
Time: 3:00 - 7:00 pm
Place: IIT - Hermann Hall - McCormick Auditorium

Attend all or part of the event

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Sybris and Colour Revolt play at Schuba's

By Kunoor Ojha
TECHNEWS WRITER

Chicago's indie/folk rock fans were treated to the sounds of Sybris and Colour Revolt at Schuba's Tavern on Friday, and the lucky audience will agree - neither act disappointed.

Colour Revolt fans were heartbroken when over a year ago, the group nearly fell apart, as four of its six members left the band. Naturally, when those four were replaced, many wondered if the act would lose its unique, raw quality - that unapologetic emotion tempered by sweeter moments but exaggerated in the vocalists' screams. This performance was an affirmation to fans that with Jesse Copenbarger and Sean Kirkpatrick at the helm, we need not worry.

For a band so laden with nostalgia and emotion, Schuba's was a perfect venue. With a small stage at the end of a small room, the band was close to their audience, rather than towering over them from a distant platform. The comfortable feel and intimate nature of the venue only added to fans' excited anticipation.

Colour Revolt's passion for their work was palpable on stage. The audience cheered for old

favorites like Naked and Red, as well as songs from this year's album, *The Cradle*, including 8 Years, a song that tells of the hardships Kirkpatrick and Copenbarger faced on the road with their old band. Without long pauses or speeches in between songs, they finished their setlist early enough to treat fans to extra, ending with *Mattresses Underwater*, a crowd favorite. Despite the fact that the new members had no part in writing the songs from the first album, they played with the same fervor as if they had, keeping the crowd nodding their heads in tune.

Following them was headliners, Sybris, a hometown band led by vocalist, Angella Mullenhour. The petite crooner may be the band's greatest draw, with a fascinating and unmistakable voice all her own. With her lyrics and the upbeat melodies, the crowd was full of tapping feet. Especially enjoyable was what is perhaps their most popular song, *Oh Man*, which had fans throughout the cozy venue singing in unison.

Although I prefaced this review by stating that neither act disappointed, but in all honesty, both of them did... when they walked off the stage.



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GreenIT

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

"My Love - Chicago" by Ton Trieu



Submit your photos to assteditor@technewsit.com for a chance to be featured in TechNews.

Off the beaten path

By Becca Waterloo
AE EDITOR

It is highly encouraged that you catch a remarkable and moving art exhibition happening at the Chicago Cultural center. Off The Beaten Path is an exhibition of twenty-nine contemporary artists from 25 countries around the world who choose to address violence towards women. Each statement addresses the basic right to a safe and secure life these women deserve and that it still isn't present everywhere. Women and girls are continuously victims of irrational violence and the fact that it is gender-based is quite disturbing.

Featuring work by renowned artists such as Marina Abramović, Laylah Ali, Yoko Ono, among many others, the exhibition asked artists to create art that builds awareness, inspiration, and positive social change and action (chicagoculturalcenter.org) It is in order to remove the veil that blinds us from this reality of violence towards women. Whether it being a "family affair", "cultural difference", or a result of the "messiness of war", the promotion of this awareness diminishes the ignorance of the viewer, forcing them to understand that this

violence can, and is happening anywhere.

The exhibition is located on the fourth floor of the Chicago Cultural Center, just an easy ride on the Green Line to the Randolph stop. The large exhibition space is modestly set up with each statement spread around the room evenly. Whether it is a painting, sculpture, movie, photograph, or installation, the exhibition moves you along one after the next to each part of the world represented wondering what problem of violence is next. Countries such as Yugoslavia, Norway, Cuba, Pakistan, Iceland, Egypt, Kenya, Israel, Peru, plus many more, are represented through these artists trying to make their declaration.

What is this exhibit trying to accomplish? "Can art forment social change? We hope that the artwork in this show can push the door open a little wider and, in the process, shed new light on an old problem as we begin to forge a new journey - off the beaten path," says curator, Randy Jayne Rosenberg.

This exhibition is organized by Art Works for Change. It is free and is ending April 13 to continue traveling around the world (Norway, Mexico, France, and South Africa).



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HOW TO CHICAGO

THE KEY TO UNLOCKING CITY LIFE

Underage

Under 21? Not a problem. There are plenty of cool night life activities for our 18 and over friends. Besides clubs and bars, there are many other great live music performances playing at ambient venues. This week's How to Chicago will highlight these places and highlight some key shows playing this week.

Uncommon Ground

1401 W Devon Ave.
www.uncommonground.com

Uncommon Ground provides a great atmosphere for groups of any size. Every night, the place features live bands, singers, and acoustic acts. Art work of different artists across the United States line the walls and new pieces are routinely brought in. Uncommon Ground has the country's first organic roof top farm and remains one of the most environmentally conscious businesses in Chicago.

Friday, April 8

Honky Tonk Happy Hour with Sarah and the Tall Boys
6:00-8:00pm
Cost: Free

Steve Dawson and Ellen Cherry - Folk/Americana
9:00-9:45pm
Cost: \$5

Cloudbirds - Folk/Americana
11:00-11:45pm
Cost \$5

Saturday April 9

Las Guitarras de Espana - Flamenco music
9:30pm
Cost: \$15

Sunday April 10

Opera Inter Alia
8:00-10:00pm
Cost: \$7

Metro

3730 N Clark St.
metrochicago.com

Metro features live concerts ranging from indie bands to punk rock to hip hop and more. All early shows (6pm) are open to all ages and later shows (9pm) are usually 18 and over. Two forms of ID (state id, drivers' license, passport, etc.) are required to be presented before entering Metro. Tickets to shows can be purchased ahead of time online. All events at the Metro Smart Bar are for 21 and over but there are exceptions. Further information on show times and age requirements are found on the Metro website.

Saturday April 9

WIRE - post punk English rock n' rollers
Also appearing Lasers and Fast and Sh!t
8:00pm
18 and Over
Cost: \$20 online

Smoke Daddy: Rhythm and Bar B Que

1804 W. Division St.
thesmokedaddy.com

Smoke Daddy features *free* live blues and jazz music every night. Accompanied by some barbeque classics like ribs, wings, and pulled pork sandwiches, it's hard to not enjoy the night out with some good friends.

Thursday April 7

Jim Conway (acoustice)
1/2 price on Burgers

Saturday April 9

Cash Box Kings
Blues

Friday April 8

Homewreckers
Rhythm and blues

Samah

3330 N Clark St.
samahlounge.net

Whether you want to tap into the hip, cool, transcendental scene of the "free" youth or just try everything once, take a chance on Samah, a hookah bar in Lakeville. The smoking seems to come secondary as most patrons are impressed with the "magical decor" and the cozy lounge environment. And who can miss the belly dancing? On weekends, the bar fills up quickly so a reservation especially for big groups is recommended.

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Etiquette Dinner

Date: April 7, 2011

Time 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Where: Hermann Hall Expo

Cost: \$10 non-refundable

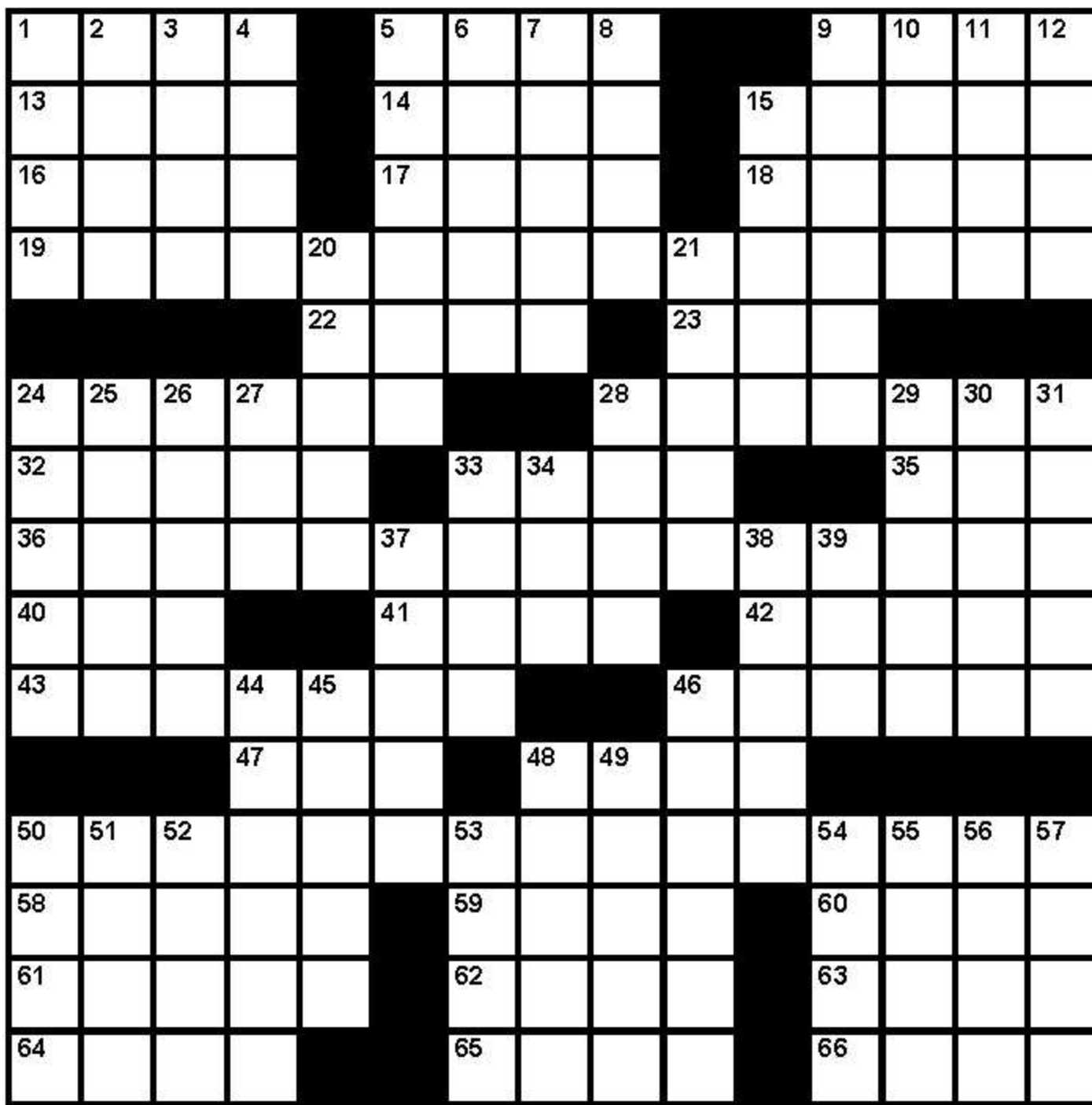
Please Note: All attendees must be in business casual attire.

Something we missed?

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Move it!

By Myles Mellor and Sally York



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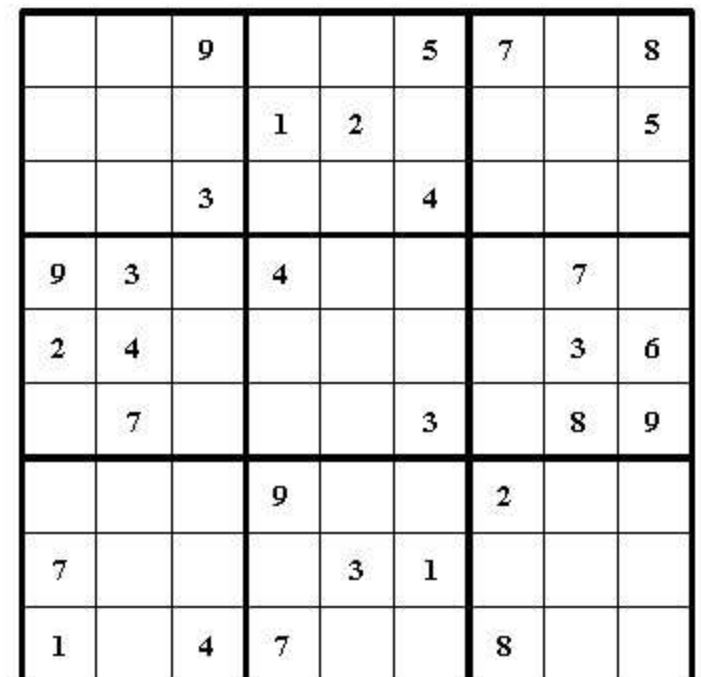
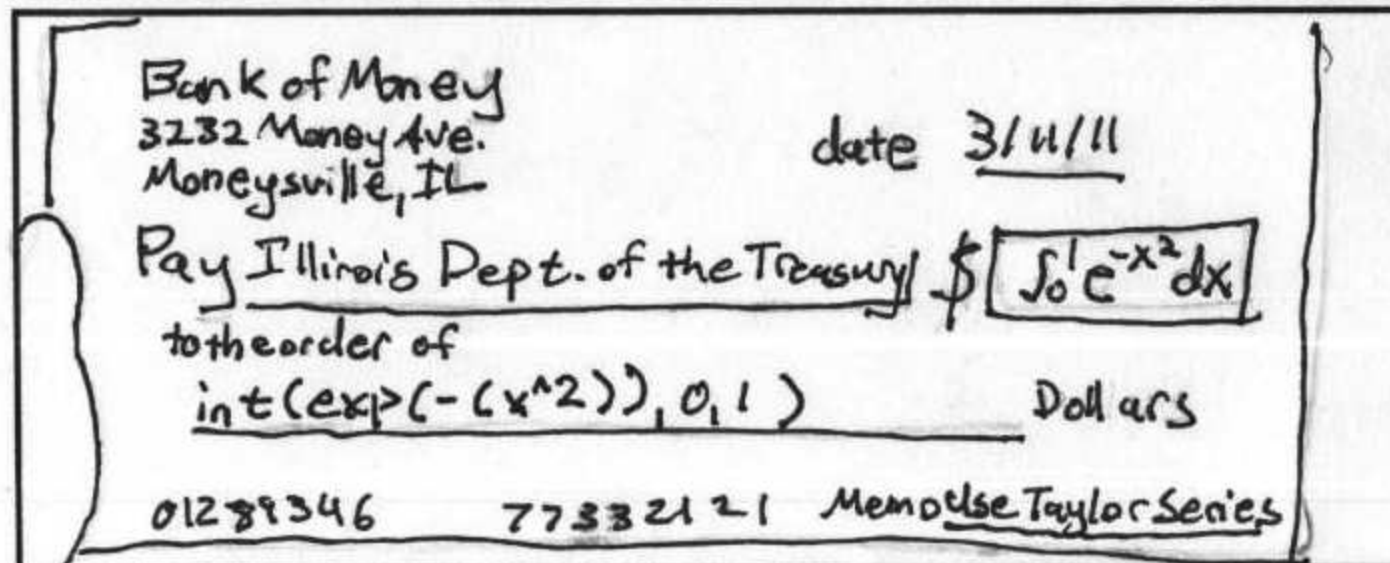
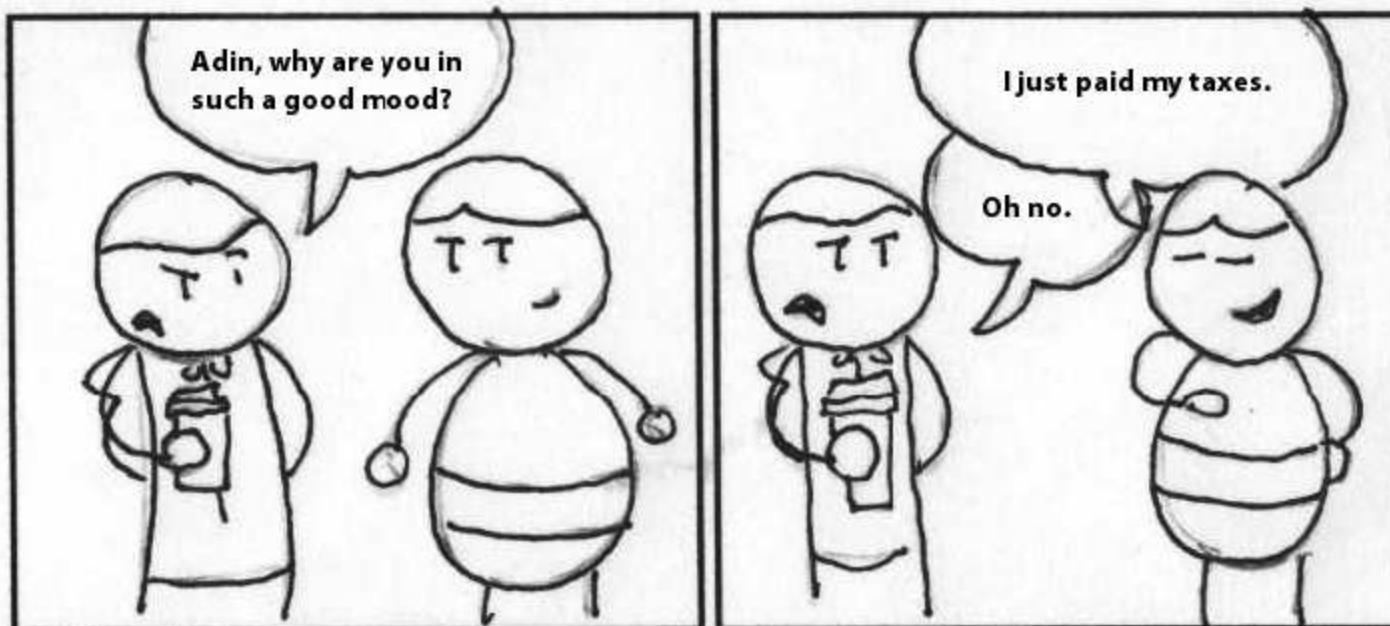
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- 18. Anesthetized
- 19. Express excitement
- 22. ___ Bowl
- 23. "___ Baby Baby" (Linda Ronstadt hit)
- 24. Don't hold back
- 28. Inner ear part
- 32. Ancient Greek theater
- 33. Shiftless
- 35. "Dig in!"
- 36. Wait on demanding diners maybe?
- 40. Age or cube
- 41. Georgetown athlete
- 42. Threadbare
- 43. Attack
- 46. Savory bit
- 47. Hindu month
- 48. Cat chat
- 50. Lights may do this during a storm
- 58. Pre-migraine sensations
- 59. Egyptian god
- 60. Bin brand
- 61. Refuse
- 62. Kind of store
- 63. Names
- 64. Transmitted
- 65. Cicatrix
- 66. "The ___ have it"

Down

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- 2. Aviation acronym
- 3. By way of, briefly
- 4. "___ Angel"
- 5. Prepare to strum
- 6. In conflict with, with "of"
- 7. "Big ___" (Notorious B.I.G. hit)
- 8. Fishing, perhaps
- 9. Mohandas Karamchand ___
- 10. Change back
- 11. Hasenpfeffer, e.g.
- 12. Game ender, perhaps
- 15. Sweat
- 20. Fine dinnerware
- 21. Eminent
- 24. Large-eyed lemur
- 25. Bring out
- 26. Article of faith
- 27. Lowe or Reiner
- 28. Arm bone
- 29. Popular mints
- 30. Caffè ___
- 31. ___ alcohol
- 33. Religious image (var.)
- 34. V-___
- 37. Elected
- 38. Displeased expression
- 39. Propel, in a way
- 44. Directed skyward
- 45. Upchucks
- 46. Lame joke
- 48. Ape
- 49. Bowel flusher
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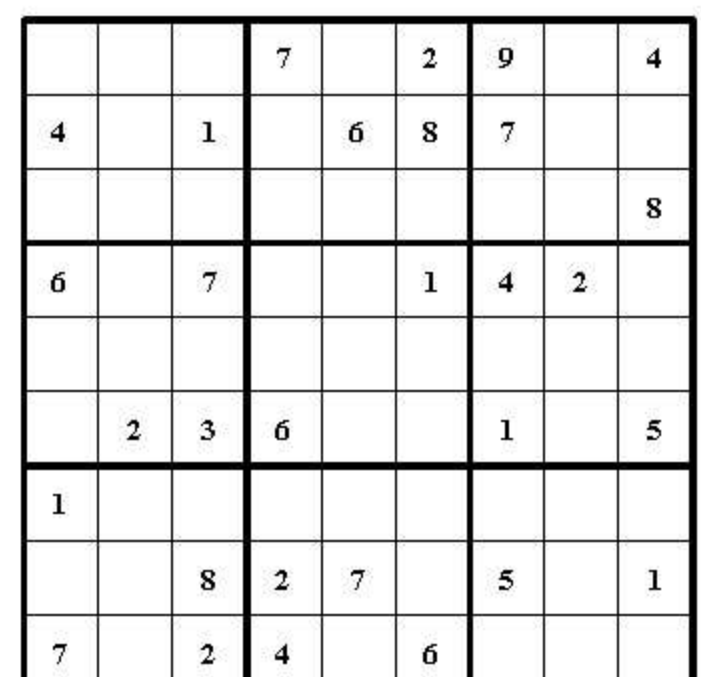
The First Day of the Rest of My Life

By Adin Goings
ART EDITOR



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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



Baseball on winning streak

By Melanie Koto
STAFF WRITER

Last Wednesday, the Baseball team played two games against the Calumet College Crimson Waves.

The Hawks won both games, the first 9-3, and the second 6-2. Sophomore Luis Montoya pitched a complete game, only letting up 4 hits and striking out 3 players. The Crimson Waves took a 2-run lead over the Hawks in the bottom of the first, but the Hawks quickly picked up their game in the top of the inning to tie the score.

Senior Ryan Bouck started off with a single followed up by another single by sophomore Kevin Glennon, advancing Bouck to third. Sophomore Jon Celestino flied out to center field, an RBI that Bouck scored on. Senior Mat Bednarz doubled next, bringing Glennon home for the Hawk's second run. After that, neither team scored through the next two innings until the Hawks brought up their score to a 6-2 lead in the bottom of the fourth.

Junior Brian Glennon started off with a single and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Junior Nick Wise grounded out but Glennon advanced to third. Bouck singled bringing Glennon in for the first run of the inning, and then Bouck stole second. Senior Bill O'Toole singled advancing Bouck to third, who then scored on a hit by Kevin Glennon.

Celestino walked and O'Toole advanced to second, and then Bednarz singled, and O'Toole scored on the hit. Junior Reid Matsumoto walked after being hit by the pitch, advancing both Bednarz and Celestino a base. Senior Miguel Gallegos walked as well, and Celestino scored the fourth run of the inning. The Hawks' advance went unanswered by the Waves, and in the next inning the Hawks increased their lead by three runs.

Wise and Bouck both singled, and then Wise scored on a single by O'Toole. Celestino hit a single RBI bringing Bouck in for the second run. Bednarz grounded out, and O'Toole scored, bringing the score to 9-2. Calumet answered with one run in the seventh, bringing the final score to 9-3 for the Hawks first win of the day.

In the second game, Calumet again start-

ed things off with a run in the first. O'Toole walked, then Bednarz singled, advancing to second on an error, and then to third, and O'Toole scored. The Waves scored another run in the third, which was answered by the Hawks with four runs. O'Toole singled, Celestino walked, and Bednarz hit a single RBI that O'Toole scored on. Matsumoto doubled, a double RBI that brought both Bednarz and Celestino in. Kevin Glennon walked, Gallegos singled and advanced to second, and Matsumoto scored. The Hawks then scored again once more in the fifth, when Kevin Glennon and Gallegos hit back to back doubles, and Glennon scored, ending the game with a second win for the Hawks, 6-2.

On Saturday, the Hawks played the Roosevelt University Lakers, with the team picking up their third win of the week. The game was a tight encounter, with a close score all the way to the end of the ninth inning. The Hawks picked up a quick lead in the second when Bednarz scored on an RBI by Wish, followed by Brian Glennon scoring on a single RBI by Bouck.

Roosevelt picked up the game in the third by scoring three runs for a one point lead on the Hawks, which they held for four innings. In the top of the seventh, the Lakers scored again, but the Hawks quickly rallied to take over the lead. Kevin Glennon singled and advanced to second on a wild pitch, and then Celestino doubled.

Bednarz flied out to center field, but brought Glennon home for the Hawks first run of the inning. Matsumoto and Gallegos hit back to back doubles, bringing Celestino home followed by Matsumoto to put the Hawks back in the lead, 5-4. Roosevelt answered in the ninth with one run to tie the score. With the Hawks at bat, Roosevelt loaded the bases, intentionally walking Brian Glennon and Bouck to try and set up a force out, only to have O'Toole hit by a pitch, and Matsumoto score the winning run for the Hawks.

With their current streak, the Hawks now stand at a 5-11 overall record, and a 3-7 conference record. Their next two home games will be Saturday at 1 pm against Olivet Nazarene University.



Photos by Melanie Koto



Athletics appoints new men's head soccer coach

By Graeme Port
SPORTS EDITOR

The search for a new head Men's Soccer coach finally came to an end last week when the university appointed the former Southwest Community College head coach, David Strother, to the position.

"I would like to thank President Anderson, the administration, and the Athletics Department at IIT for giving me the opportunity to be elected as the new Head Coach to the Men's Soccer program," stated Strother. "IIT soccer has become recognized as a consistent contender in both the CCAC and the NAIA over the past few years. I look forward to working with the great group of student-athletes already in place, contributing my time and efforts whilst helping to continue the growth that is expected with this program."

During his four years at Southwest in Summit MS - a two year NJCAA community college - Strother turned the program into a Region 23 contender. Strother coached and mentored eight MACJC All State Award Winners, two Region 23 All-Region recipients, three NJCAA Academic All-Americans, one NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-American, and was the recipient of the prestigious 2009-10 Halbrook award for most improvement in GPAs for NJCAA student athletes.

Strother, a native of Pensacola (FL), moved with his family to Franklin County (MS) while he was in his teens. He graduated from Franklin County High School with honors. He also played soccer and received numerous state and national awards whilst attending the school. After high school, Strother attended Copiah-Lincoln Community College, where he received an A.A. degree in 2001 graduating with

honors. Strother was a two year captain of the soccer team and played in central midfield.

After graduating from Copiah-Lincoln, Strother continued his college career at Belhaven College from 2002-2004. In 2002, he helped the Blazers achieve their best record in three years. During that year they broke into the Top-25 of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) rankings for the first time in four years and advanced to the NAIA Region XIII tournament for the first time in three years. Strother was named an NAIA All-American in 2003 and received a B.S. degree in Sports Administration and Marketing (with a minor in Business) in 2004.

David is married to Nina Fischer and they have one daughter, Sidney McCall.



Photo courtesy of illinoisathletic.com

Women's volleyball KEEN to help community

By Kayla Heller
STAFF WRITER

As part of its continuing efforts to give back to the community, the Illinois Institute of Technology Women's Volleyball team recently spent time interacting and swimming with children who suffer from mental and physical disabilities.

The Scarlet Hawks went to the University of Illinois at Chicago to participate in KEEN (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now). KEEN is a volunteer-run, nonprofit organization catered

to provide free recreational opportunities to children and young adults with disabilities by pairing them with trained volunteers for fun, noncompetitive activities.

Illinois Tech student-athletes swam with kids and played a variety of games with the children. "We wanted to give the girl's an opportunity to help the Chicago Community and to give back to those who need it," commented Head Coach Jacqui Gatt. "I really hope this is just a start of our efforts in reaching out to the community."

"It was amazing to see how much

fun we had with all the kids involved," commented sophomore outside hitter Rebecca Wilson. "Even the simplest thing like splashing around had everyone laughing and smiling. I would do it again in a heartbeat."

"What I liked most was seeing how happy the kids for just from splashing around or shooting squirt guns while playing tag," commented sophomore setter Rebecca Bograd. "It made me feel good just seeing them smiling and having a good time."

For more information on the KEEN program, visit: <http://www.keenchicago.org/>

Student Health sponsoring wellness fair

By Ashlie Ingold
STAFF WRITER

The Student Health Center is offering their first annual IIT Health & Wellness Fair.

There will be tables set up on the MTCC Bridge from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30 to promote awareness to the students on wellness issues and resources within Chicago.

There will be activities throughout the day such as: Tai Chi classes, yoga, blood pressure screening, guest speakers discussing health issues, massages, raffle tickets and prizes.

The Commons also will be having a Health Brunch the day of the event. This is free for all IIT students. Health screenings, activities, and discussions that will be available will include: Public Safety, Self Defense, Smoking Cessation, Cancer Awareness, Dental Care, Exercise Routines, Nutrition, Organ Donation, Physical Therapy, Blood Pressure, Body Mass Index, Healthy Living, Keating Athletics: Pilates, Yoga, Tai Chi, Massage Therapy, and Breast Cancer Awareness.

For more information contact student.health@iit.edu.



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Strength in numbers: IIT's weight lifting competition

By Ashlie Ingold
STAFF WRITER

"IIT's Strongest Man and Woman" will be held on April 30 at Keating Sports Center, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

In an interesting twist, this competition will be unlike other powerlifting contests because it is not based on a one-repetition maximum for each lift. Instead, each participant will perform a 5-rep maximum lift, with three attempts allowed by each competitor in the traditional powerlifting events: the Bench Press, the Squat, and the Deadlift.

The total number of repetitions in each set will be multiplied by the weight lifted for each

exercise. Then the cumulative weight total will then be divided by the participant's body weight for the final score.

While strength performance is the goal for this event, strength alone will not decide who wins. The winners may not necessarily have the single heaviest lift in all three events, or even one. But if they lift the best amount of weight overall, they will have some advantage. They still need to make sure their totals are high when divided by their body weight. In a sense, this means that leaner athletes can win by being the "pound for pound" strongest, but they still need to lift weights heavy enough to be competitive against bigger athletes.

The entry fee is \$5 per participant, and the winners will receive a training session with Sean Armstead from Phenomenal Fitness (more information at <http://www.phenomenalfitness.com>), who is one of America's top kettle weight coaches.

Coach Neal, our Director of Intramurals & Recreation, will serve as the chief judge for all lifts. As with all programs offered by the Office of Intramurals & Recreation, this competition is open to all students, staff, faculty, and alumni of Illinois Institute of Technology, Shimer, and Vandercook.

Email intramurals@iit.edu for more information.

Beach volleyball tournament coming to MTCC

By Ashlie Ingold
STAFF WRITER

IIT's Intramural and Recreation department is hosting a co-ed beach volleyball tournament on April 17 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on the MTCC South Lawn.

Teams are allowed to have up to 10 participants, but only 6 may be on the court at the same time. Prizes will be awarded to the top team. The tournament will be a straight bracket tournament with Rally scoring up to 25 points, must win by 2 points.

If you do not have a team email ashlie.ingold@gmail.com and you will be placed on a team the day before the tournament. Register by April 15 at: <https://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0AsdbBPGbGC4dGRub3dLS19vSFJ5TEhBNDI1U2NiY2c&hl=en&authkey=CLfM86IOv> or go onto the intramurals Facebook page and click the link posted to the event.

Cricket fever invades IIT

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Anyone who's watched any of the fantastic ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 games this year can only have felt inspired to pick up a bat and play. This brings us to our local cricket events. IIT's Keating Premier League (KPL), which has had overwhelming participation and support from students at the university, is getting more and more intense as it enters the playoff stage next weekend.

The KPL playoffs will witness the finest teams in the competition playing against each other. The Rockers team has become popular with their high-scoring play - they're the only team to have scored over one hundred runs - whilst Devonshire has been the only undefeated team in the competition thus far. Lakeport Loafers and Royal Kings are another two solid potential candidates for the championship title.

Although KPL is just a miniature form of

the actual game, it has brought a lot of excitement to competing players and followers. Cricket fans will be pleased to hear that the club is planning to offer a bigger tournament this summer. Not only will the grounds get bigger, but it will also expand players horizons beyond the boundaries of Chicago, as the tournament includes renowned teams from all over the Midwest. IIT Cricket Club's Scarlet Hawks have been one of the top performers in the league over the past few years. The team seeks cricket playing enthusiasts to power their team to a division championship this year.

Tryouts for the team will take place on April 10 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Keating Athletic Field (North of Ed Glancy field).

For any questions please visit the IIT Cricket Club's website at www.sites.google.com/site/iitcricket. or email us at iitcricketclub@gmail.com



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University Social Calendar

TUESDAY APR 05 - 12:40pm @ Stuart Building Auditorium

FORBIDDEN ARCHEOLOGY

Sponsored by Orientation to Venedic Studies

WEDNESDAY APR 06 - 1:00pm @ UB Website

PAINTBALL TICKET SALE

Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/iitpaintball2011> to get tickets for the event
Event is Sunday April 17th, There are 40 tickets available.

SATURDAY APR 09 - 09:30am @ IIT Neighborhood

THE BIG EVENT!

IIT celebrates its third year sponsoring the Big Event, come and have fun!

SUNDAY APR 10 - 02:00pm @ Keating Sports Center

SCUBA DIVING

Limited Space - Sign Up by emailing smochins@iit.edu ASAP.
Sponsored by INTRAMURALS and UB.

MONDAY APR 11 - 05:00pm @ MTCC South Lawn

AWARENESS BBQ

Come, have fun and enjoy FREE FOOD!!!!

FRIDAY APR 08 until 5:00pm @ Office of Student Life in MTCC

SPRING FORMAL TICKET PICKUP

Don't forget to PICK UP your tickets if you haven't already. You should have received an email telling you to do. You can still sign up to be on the wait list www.tinyurl.com/iitspringfomal2011

Do you want to know more about upcoming events?
Come and hang out at:

UB General Body Meetings

1:00 PM every Tuesday @ MTCC auditorium



For more information, scan the code on the right or visit:

<http://ub.iit.edu> or contact us at ub@iit.edu

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