Hawks beat nationally ranked team

By Melanie Koto STAFF WRITER

Last Wednesday, the Hawks went one for one again against the Fighting Saints of the University of St. Francis. St. Francis took the first game, but the Hawks held their own against the nationally ranked team in the second. In the first game, the Hawks took the lead in the second inning, but St. Francis tied up the score in the fourth, and the game held at a tie through the seventh, forcing the game into extra innings. St. Francis scored in the eighth, a

run unanswered by the Hawks for a win for the Fighting Saints. Junior Luis Montoya pitched a complete game, and only gave up 4 hits.

In the second game of the afternoon, the Fighting Saints took an early lead in the second with 2 runs. In the bottom of the third, the Hawks answered with 3 runs. The score remained the same until the sixth inning, when the Hawks scored 4 additional runs to increase their lead to 7-2. Senior Mat Bednarz pitched the complete game, also only giving up 4 hits.

Due to rain, the Hawks games on Saturday were postponed. Their next home game is Fri-

day at noon against Cardinal Stritch University. They will also play at home on Wednesday, April 27, at 1 p.m. against Holy Cross College, and on Saturday, April 30, at 1 p.m. against Robert Morris College. And of course, don't forget about the Southside classic, the annual game against U of C, this year held at none other than US Cellular Field, home of the Chicago White Sox. The game will start at 1 p.m. on Sunday May 8. No tickets are required for IIT students and guests, and gates open at 11:30 a.m.

(Photos by Melanie Koto)









Baseball team meets Sox pitching coach Don Cooper

By Graeme Port SPORTS EDITOR



(Photos courtesy illinoistechathletics.com)

Last Tuesday afternoon, the Scarlet Hawks Baseball team met with Chicago White Sox pitching coach Don Cooper. Cooper, a New York city native, is a graduate from New York City Institute of Technology. In his MLB professional playing career Cooper played for the Minnesota Twins (1981-82), Toronto Blue Jays (1983), and the New York Yankees (1985).

The White Sox coach stopped by to meet with the team and give them some of his coaching expertise. The Hawks head coach, Stephen Born, stated, "This is a great opportunity for our guys to meet with an extremely high caliber coach. It's a unique experience that I feel the team really will take a lot from." Coach Cooper was able to take about an hour out of his day to talk baseball mentality and strategy to the team.

Don Cooper has been in the White Sox organization since 1988. He is currently in his ninth full season as the White Sox pitching coach. He was named pitching coach in July of 2002 after serving as the organization's minor-league pitching coordinator from 1997-2002. The White Sox have gone 721-638 since his appointment and have led the Major Leagues with 704 quality starts since 2003.

Scuba class with Bob Huff

By Ashlie Ingold

STAFF WRITER

Have you ever been interested in Scuba Diving? Well here's your chance to learn how!

April 19-21, 6 p.m.-10 p.m.

(the signup cutoff is Sunday April 17). Everyone needs to complete the online course prior to class and have their own masks and snorkel. \$150 total (\$120 - PADI, \$30 - Bob Huff)

Mike Zhang says he loves scuba because, "Scuba diving is the next closest thing to walking in space! If you can't afford a space craft, don't miss out on scuba." and "The earth is 70% water, so it is meant for scuba divers! I've dove in some cool places in Florida and played with sting rays the length of my body."

Scott Mochinski would like to say that, "There was a great turnout for the two Discover Scuba days held in the Keating pool. Not only were all 20 spots filled, the great people from Sea Lions Dive Shop accommodated extra people so that everyone who showed up could experience scuba diving."

The Discover Scuba events seem to show that there is enough on-campus interest to form a scuba diving student organization. Forming a student organization would allow for the purchase of school/club owned equipment and would allow for student organization funding to cover some, or maybe all, of the costs of lessons and scuba outings. The costs

of scuba equipment and lessons are two of the main reasons people do not pursue scuba diving more rigorously.

What we need are students interested in running and being members of the student org. Being a student org officer is a great way to get valuable leadership experience and it looks great on a resume or grad school application. Anyone interested in being either a scuba student org leader or member should contact Scott Mochinski at: smochins@iit.edu

To sign up go to: www.padi.com/scubaconnect and enter the promo code: *R-19411*

Bob's PADI store is LEARN SCUBA CHI-CAGO. You will need to pay \$120 for the online component directly through the PADI website.

The pool component will cost \$30. You can bring check or cash to the instructor on Tues-

Once you have completed the online portion and the pool dives, you will be ready to go out and do your open water dives. You can do this with any PADI instructor, anywhere in the world, including Capt. Bob Huff; there are several others in the Chicagoland area.





The Illinois Tech Scarlet Hawks Baseball team will be playing the University of Chicago Maroons at US Cellular Field, Home of the Chicago White Sox. The game will be played on Sunday May 8th at 1:00 pm. Admission is free!