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TEDxIIT inspires students to 'gain momentum'



By Utsav Gandhi
CAMPUS EDITOR

Victor Hugo once said “There is one thing more powerful than all the armies in the world. It’s an idea whose time has come.” That’s what TED conferences are about: ideas that stretch the dimensions of the human mind. Each TED speaker has about 20 minutes to present an ‘idea worth spreading’. Speakers on the TED website have ranged 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.

A group of passionate IIT undergraduates are organizing a TEDx

conference at IIT’s Downtown Campus in March. TEDx events are independently organized TED events – students have the license from TED to use their logo and access their organizational material, and TEDx events are structured in a similar way to actual TED conferences - except, of course, for their independent organization. Putting together a successful TEDx event is a deeply fulfilling experience, simply because of the exposure received to some phenomenal brains and the larger-than-life feeling that always accompanies a TED conference.

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 was organized around the theme “Break Through,” and building up on that, organizers are looking to revolve the next conference around the theme of “Gaining Momentum.” Speakers at last year’s events included Michael Hettwer, photographer with National Geographic and Leonard Reiffel, a widely recognized scientist, educator, and inventor/entrepreneur.

Preparations for TEDxIIT 2012 are currently underway! March may seem far away, but an event of this scale needs a lot of work behind it. If you are interested in helping out, the TEDx team is looking for committee members. Weekly meetings will occur every Friday between 2 and 3 p.m. in the MTCC. So,

regardless of how much or however little you feel you can contribute, feel free to take part in this endeavor. You will not be obligated to attend every meeting. The organizers just want you to help out in your own ways with whatever time you feel you can commit to the event.

Becoming a member on the TED.com website is free, and gives access to hundreds of complete TED Talks. Mobile Apps are also available.

To view last year’s TEDxIIT videos, search for the “TEDxIIT” playlist on Youtube.

For more information on TED and TEDx, visit www.ted.com and www.ted.com/tedx respectively. To get more involved with TEDxIIT 2012, email texiit@gmail.com.

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SGA's biggest week of the year

By Kelly Lohr

SGA VP OF COMMUNICATIONS

It's less than a week until the beginning of SGA Week, and campus is abuzz about Senate elections and Finance Board selections. Student Government Association gets pretty active around this time of year because it's time to raise awareness of the reach of student government and get new members and fresh ideas for the coming academic year. SGA Week starts next Monday, September 26 with a lunch out on Perlstein Park. It's a lunch where everyone is welcome to get some free pizza and chat with members of SGA about what we do and what

they think we should be doing to improve the school.

On Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., election stations will be in the MTCC Welcome Center, the MTCC South Lawn, in front of Crown Hall, and in Front of Stewart Building. Make sure to stop by and cast your vote for which of the representatives from your college should be in Senate. There should be some tough competition this year, so check out each candidate's bio before voting. You are welcome to volunteer to help at one of the polling stations by visiting bit.ly/sgapolls. At 9:15 that night, the results of the election will be announced during

Senate in Stuart Building room 113.

Wednesday will have another lunch with SGA in Perlstein Park, but this time, you'll get the chance to meet your new Senators voted in the night before.

Thursday will include a Student Discount Fair on the bridge. Vendors from around the city of Chicago who currently offer discounts with our Student Discount Cards will be offering samples to students. And to tie up the week, join SGA in the BOG at 9pm on Thursday for Trivia Night and see how your knowledge stacks up to the competition. You might be surprised what you'll learn.

CMC hosts career fair in HUB

By Ryan Hynes

TECHNEWS WRITER

This Thursday, the Career Management Center will be hosting its annual Fall Career Fair from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the HUB (Herman Hall). This year's fair will be one of the bigger ones in recent years, with over 160 different employers participating, and over 3600 jobs up for grabs. Despite the prolonged recession plaguing the economy, the CMC has brought out multiple firms recruiting for all of IIT's 57 different majors.

This fair isn't just about jobs, though.

There are a number of firms looking to hire interns for the fall, spring, and summer; so underclassmen should come out and participate as well. Internships are invaluable experiences for future work in any industry, and always stand out among other achievements in your resume. Last year, only about 1200 students participated, so the odds are in your favor!

To be an effective competitive participant in this year's fair, look over your resume and be sure it is up to date and professional, and bring several copies to leave with potential employers as you network with

all the different firms. The most important thing you can do to set yourself apart is to dress professional. Remember, this isn't simply a casual way to meet with potential employers - in many cases, this is a formal interview, so dress accordingly.

This year should prove to be the best ever for the fair. With 3600 jobs available from over 160 different firms, there will be plenty of opportunity to get your big break in this otherwise dismal job market. Come and see for yourself this Thursday from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the HUB!

Engineers work to redesign plastic bottles

By Utsav Gandhi

CAMPUS EDITOR

IIT's Armour College of Engineering kicked off the Armour Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series on Tuesday, September 13, when they welcomed Gautam Mahajan (MS MEC '70), an expert in strategy, general management, and globalization, who presented the lecture "Back to Engineering Basics: The plastic soft drink bottle."

A long time ago, probably around the time our parents went to college, IBM had computers where you had to punch holes in 7x4 cards with digital information in holes with predefined positions. Now an obsolete recording medium, they were widely used earlier for input, data processing and storage. Those who developed them may not even have imagined the progress that has been made today.

What do we learn from this? That things now considered simple were complex once upon a time. To render them simple we had to resort to the fundamentals periodically. Mr. Mahajan frequently touched upon some secrets of his success - it's important to be imaginative, it's important to have a vision, and to take risks. Business will always have a say in engineering, and entrepreneurial changes will always be rejected initially if they aren't exactly sticking to the formula of raking in the profits.

In his presentation, Mahajan discussed how returning to engineering basics helped to develop a new petaloid base, which is found on the bottom of today's soft drink bottles. He also discussed the business component of developing new products, including the introduction of the half-liter PET bottle (since the challenge was to replace the 2 liter bottle that expanded and exploded after prolonged exposure to sunlight). Later challenges included ensuring

the bottle would hold pressure, not lose gas, not contribute to the taste/flavor of the liquid inside, not expand/shrink, not be carcinogenic, wouldn't contribute to leaching in the soil, be economical and recyclable.

Mahajan currently serves as president of Inter-Link Services Pvt. Ltd., an international consulting firm that helps companies become established in Asia and India, specifically regarding entry strategy, technology transfer, marketing, business development, and operations. For 17 years Mahajan ran the plastics businesses of Continental Group, which was the world's largest packaging company. In addition to his master's degree in mechanics and Ph.D. coursework at IIT, Mahajan received an MBA from Suffolk University as well as fellowships from Harvard Business School and IIT. He was the recipient of the 2000 IIT Distinguished Alumni Award. He holds 18 US patents.

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Taqueria San Jose: authentic Mexican cuisine

By **Ryan Kamphuis**
A&E EDITOR

It's well known that for every good Mexican restaurant, there are dozens of bad ones. Luckily one of the good ones, Taqueria San Jose, is mere minutes away from IIT. Located just north of the intersection of 33rd and Halsted at 3253 S Halsted, Taqueria San Jose is easily reached by taking the 35 bus west to Halsted, then walking north to the restaurant. The restaurant is open from 11 AM to 11 PM on weekdays and until 2 AM on weekends.

Taqueria San Jose serves up authentic Mexican affair that is both delicious and affordable. One of the best parts of the restaurant is that, unlike many late-night Mexican places,

Taqueria San Jose's food is not very greasy. The menu is quite extensive, offering standard Mexican such as burritos and nachos, and more unique dishes like steak torta, tostadas, and cebollitas. I would like to personally recommend the queso with chorizo and the carne asada suizo burrito. The cheese used in the queso pairs really well with the spicy chorizo, and the carne asada steak in the burrito is seasoned really well.

Before you order the restaurant gives you chips and salsa and some tubs of pickled vegetables to much on. Make sure to try the pickled vegetables – they are to die for! Also ask if you could have some guacamole with the chips. They make their guacamole fresh every day, and it is excellent. As good as all this food is, it's surprisingly affordable. You'll find it difficult



to have to pay more than \$10 for your meal.

The physical restaurant itself is an interesting experience. The restaurant is clean, but always has an interesting crowd in it. Usually a mix of Mexicans from around the area, college students, and sports fans coming rolling in from White Sox games; the restaurant is a great place to people watch. One thing to note about the restaurant, though, is that there is a \$15 minimum to be able to use a credit card.

Overall, Taqueria San Jose is a great choice when it comes to Mexican food. Whether you're looking for a good dinner, a quick lunch, or a late night burrito run, this restaurant is perfect. The restaurant is available for dine in and take out, and can be reached at (312)225-7386.

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St. Vincent's genre-eclectic album stirs surprise sounds

By **Karl Rybaltowski**
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Strange Mercy is the latest effort by St. Vincent, an artist known for her combination of dark themes and lyrical matter, arrangements that swing between wildly eclectic and pleasantly poppy, and her captivating live performances. More than any of her previous efforts, it's deeply personal, incorporates a variety of sounds, and delves into very dark territory. Fortunately for listeners, these factors combine to form a deeply engrossing album that does not lose its luster after even several play-throughs.

St. Vincent is the brainchild of Annie Clark, who first gained notoriety as a member of

the Polyphonic Spree and as one of the backing performers for Sufjan Stevens on his tours.

During this latter endeavor, Clark released her first EP as St. Vincent, titled Paris is Burning. From this came her first album, Marry Me, which received critical success; following this was her sophomore effort, Actor, which gave her some commercial success, as well. After these releases, there followed a very dark period in Clark's life, details of which are scarce. Still, she set about writing music furiously as a form of therapy or catharsis, and the product of this was Strange Mercy - a very personal effort with sometimes jarring lyrics and instrumentation.

The album is full of contrasts and sharp turns. From the sunny pop (but dark lyrics) of the first single, Cruel, the material

immediately shifts to grungy, wall-of-sound elements in Cheerleader. The last note of that track morphs into the opening sound of Surgeon, with its mix of bombastic, sweeping orchestral sounds and funk-influenced guitar work, which then jumps into the seemingly indie-rock Northern Lights - which sheds any semblance of pop sensibility in its big, noise-laden finish. Yeah, that happens in four tracks.

Lyricaly, the album offers glimpses into Clark's personal battles of the past year. One needs only to listen to the title track's bridge, "If I ever meet that / dirty policeman / who roughed you up / No, I... I don't know what," all sung with cool conviction, to see just how much the album draws from Clark's own experiences.

My own first experience of St. Vincent was when she toured with the Arcade Fire; compared to the huge ensemble that band played with, the sight of Annie Clark on stage, alone, with an assortment of instruments and effects and loop-back pedals, was a strange but exciting one. Since that moment, years ago, I have been continually pleasantly surprised by St. Vincent, and Strange Mercy is no exception. With all these varied influences, and the rapidity with which they change, Strange Mercy can be a challenging listen. Fortunately, it's also a rewarding one, at once aloof and personal, mysterious and relatable, and intriguing to listen to throughout. For an artist whose sound has been compared to David Bowie and Kate Bush, it's a fantastic effort and well worth a listen.

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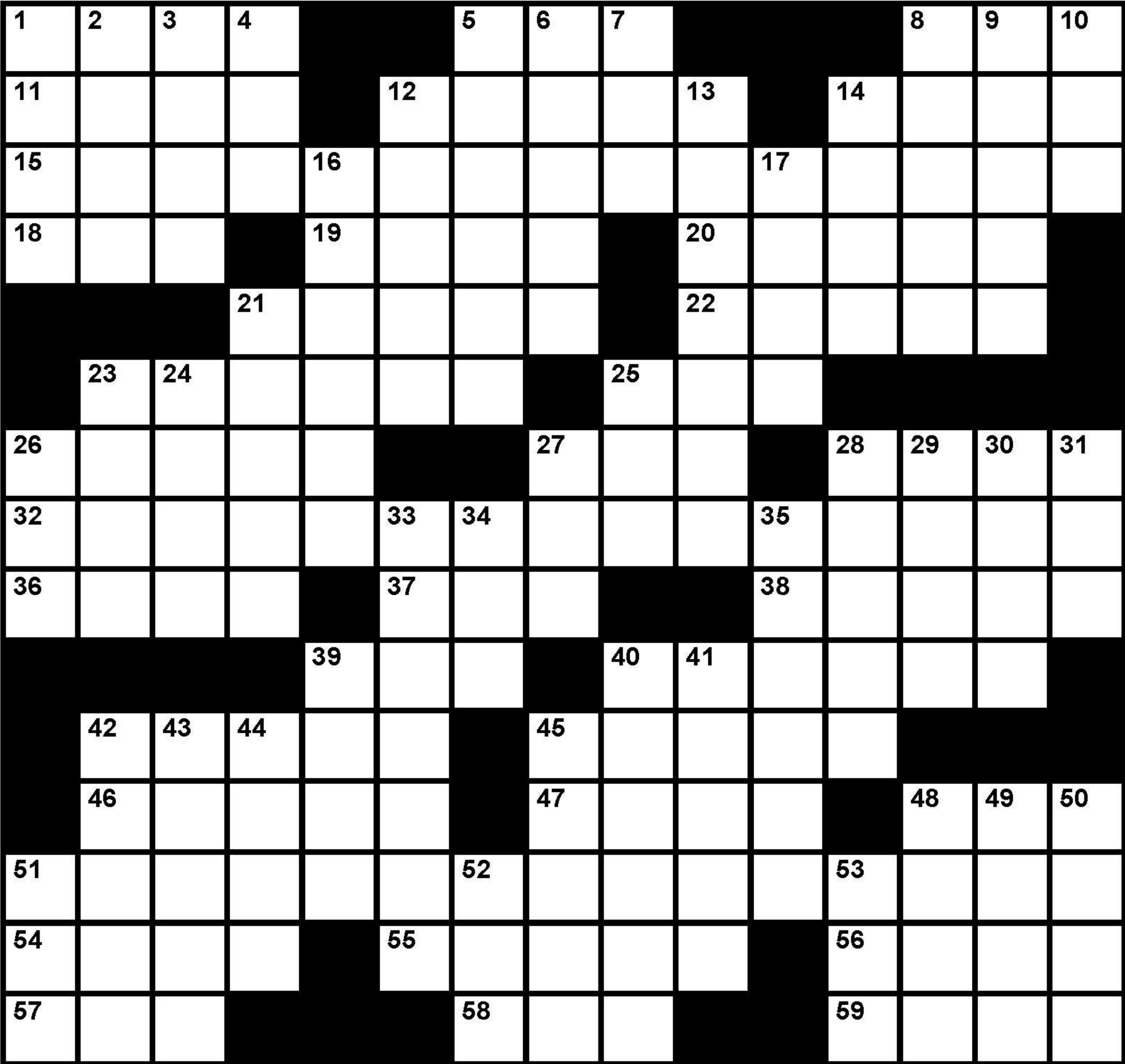
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By Myles Mellor and Sally York

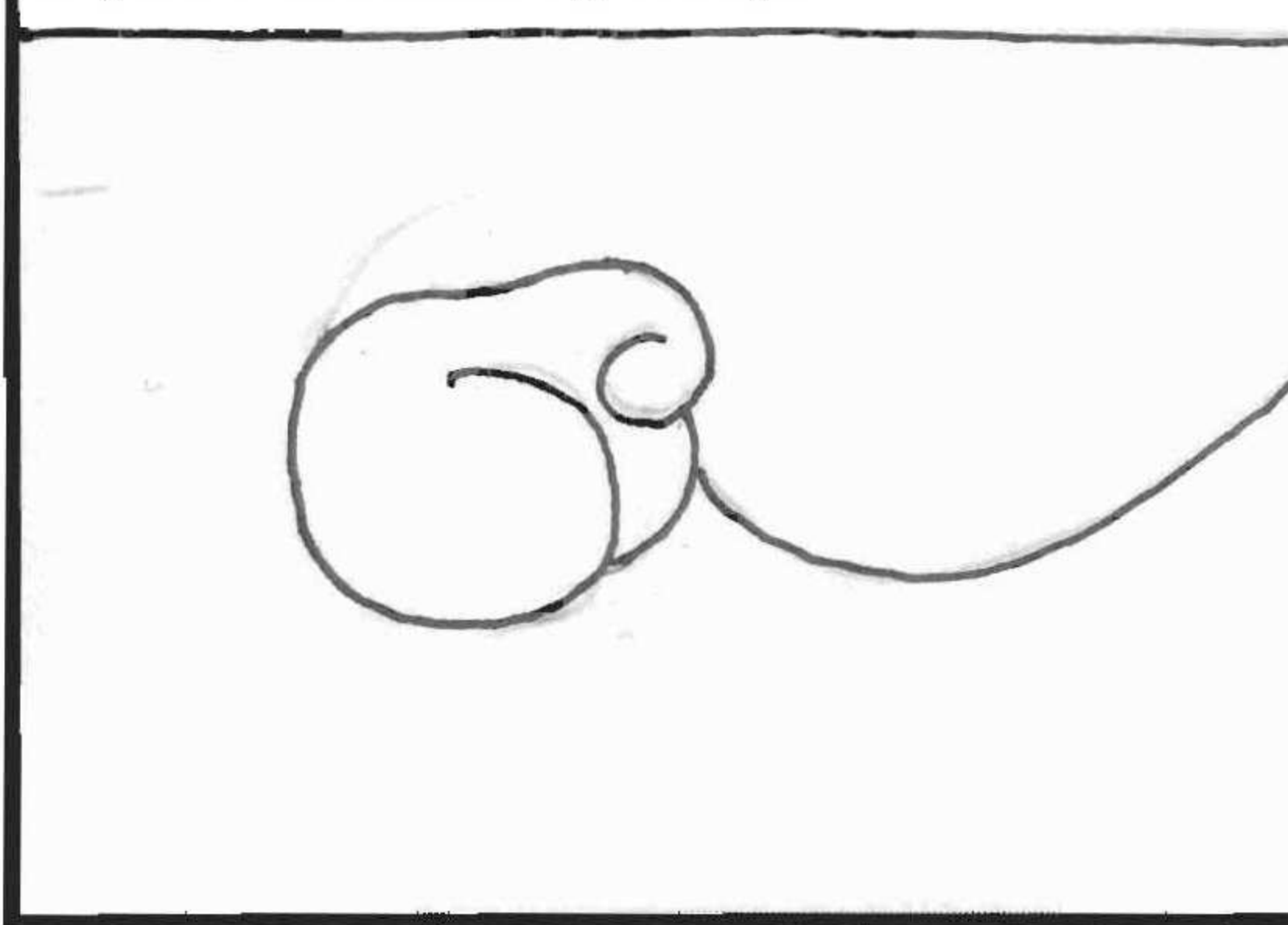


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 - 18. Nigerian language
 - 19. City in Italy
 - 20. Adult insect
 - 21. Big Bertha's birthplace
 - 22. Lhasa's land
 - 23. Raillery
 - 25. Best seller
 - 26. ____-cohere (carriage entrance)
 - 27. Krypton, e.g.
 - 28. Group of poems
 - 32. TV castaway
 - 36. ____ brat
 - 37. College in Ashland (abbr.)
 - 38. ____-made
 - 39. "Come again?"
 - 40. Rears
 - 42. Birthplace of Little Richard
 - 45. Tracks
 - 46. Caribbean cruise stop
 - 47. Units of work
 - 48. Protestant denom.
 - 51. Place to find pennies?
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 - 8. ____ of Vicksburg
 - 9. Apportion
 - 10. Mil. rank
 - 12. French commune
 - 13. ____ Columbia
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 - 16. Urges onward
 - 17. Give off, as light
 - 21. Admittance
 - 23. 1922 Physics Nobel
 - 24. Jack-in-the-pulpit, e.g.
 - 25. Pilgrim's journey
 - 26. School org.
 - 27. African antelope
 - 28. Decorative jugs
 - 29. Hymn of praise: var.
 - 30. Cutlass, e.g.
 - 31. Arch
 - 33. Salt shaker?
 - 34. Joyful exclamation
 - 35. Threat ender
 - 39. Bindle bearer
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 - 42. Native New Zealander
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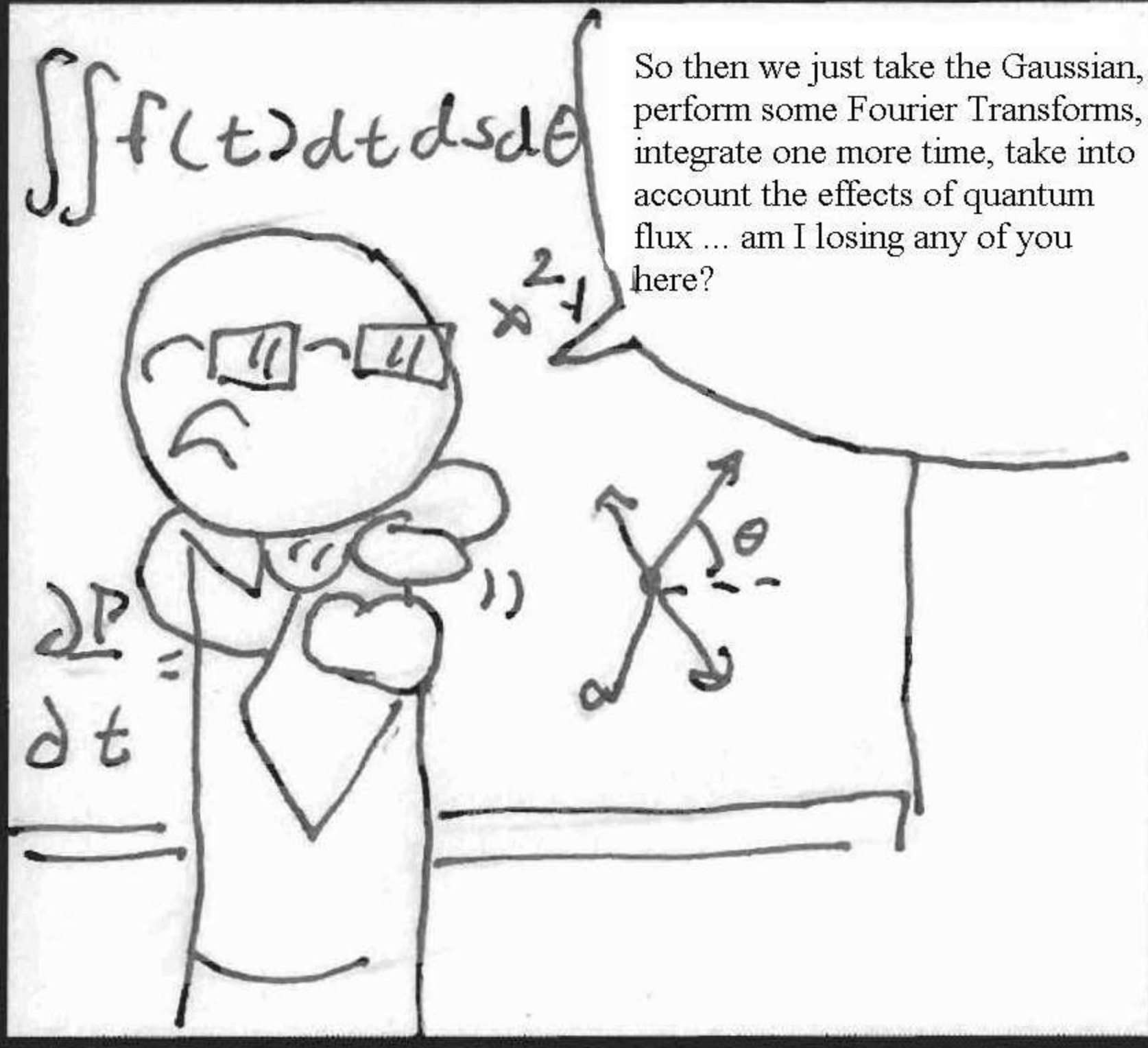
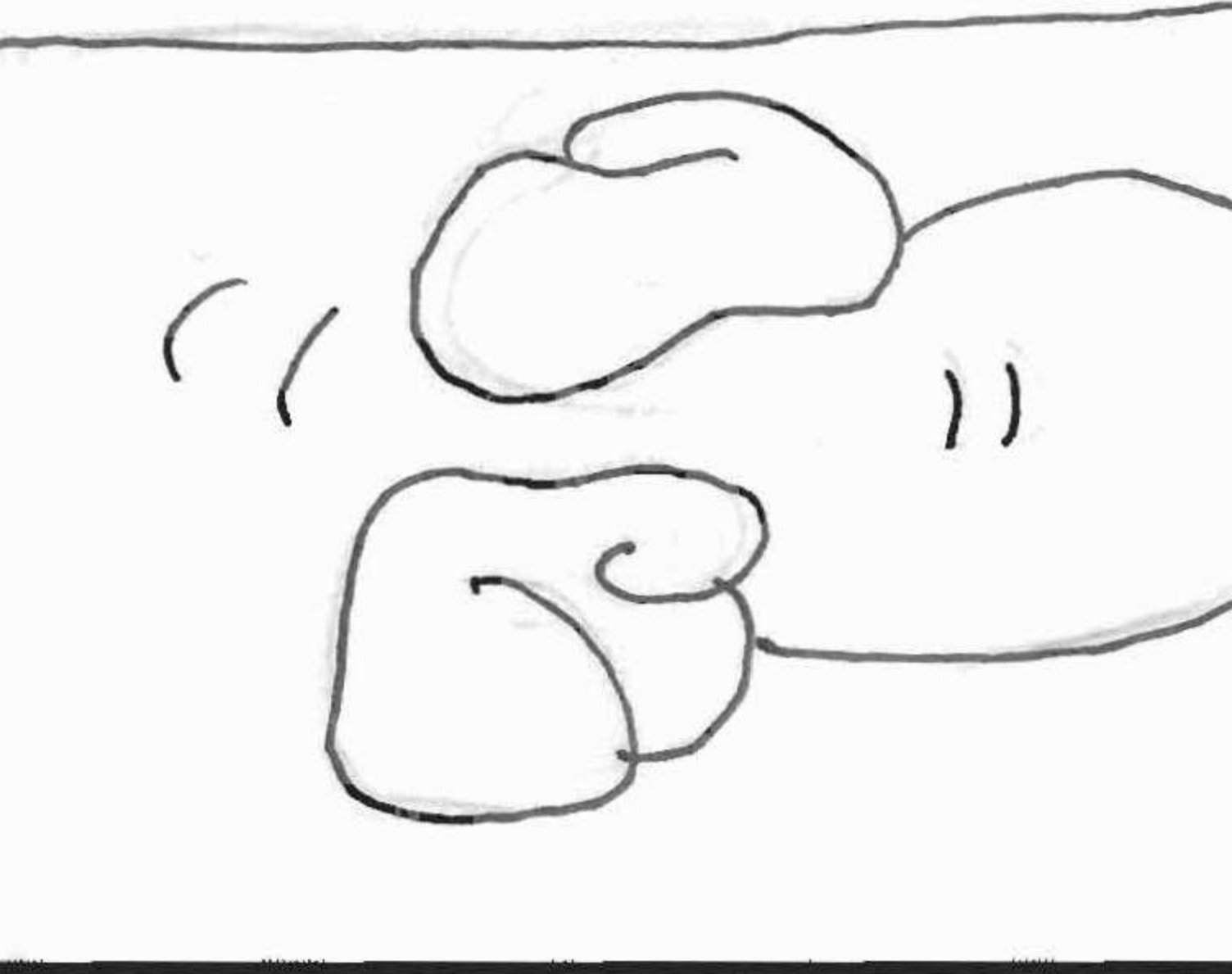
The First Day of the Rest of My Life

By Adin Goings
ART EDITOR

How to explain anything in engineering:
First, extend your right hand and hold it as
if you were holding a cup.



Next, take your left hand and hold it over your right
hand as if you were holding a ball. Now proceed to
rotate both hands around a point between them.



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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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Women’s soccer wins again, keeps ball rolling

By Heather Bickerton
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday afternoon, the Illinois Tech Women’s Soccer team faced Bethel College at Stuart field, with the team turning in a commanding performance to win the game 3-0. Going into the game with a 1-4 record, the Scarlet Hawks definitely needed to up their game, and the team didn’t disappoint, as straight from the kick off the Hawks attacked the visiting side. It wasn’t long until a cross found its way to freshman Veronica Torres’ foot, with the winger calmly placing the ball past the visiting keeper. Just seven minutes later the Hawks doubled their lead, when junior Diana Otero received a ball on the edge of the area before she rifled a shot into the bottom right corner of the net. For the remainder of the half the home side continued to create chances, with the team recording a total of 11 shots for the half.

The second period of play started off just as well as the first, with IIT holding onto the ball and using the wings well. Senior Kay Durbin had a fantastic game on the right wing and just three minutes into the second half she slotted the ball through to Diana Otero, who crossed the ball to junior Lauren Capuano, who placed the ball into the near post for the Hawks’ third goal. Despite the team creating a number of other chances the score remained 3-0 at the final whistle.

The Hawks travel to Indiana on Wednesday to face Taylor College, then the team returns to Stuart Field to play their homecoming game (Kick-off at 2 p.m.). The team greatly appreciated the support this past weekend, so on Saturday afternoon, take a break and get down to the game to cheer the Hawks on.

Photos by Melanie Koto & Sebastian Morjales Prado



Upcoming Home Events

Tuesday, September 20
Men’s Soccer (#29 National Rank) vs Ashford University (#22 National Rank)
7pm, Stuart Field
Women’s Volleyball vs Saint Xavier (Receiving National Top 25 Votes)
7pm, Keating Sports Hall
Thursday, September 22
Women’s Volleyball vs Cardinal Stritch University
7pm, Keating Sports Hall
Friday, September 23 (Homecoming)
Men’s Soccer (#29 National Rank) vs Davenport University
7pm, Stuart Field
Women’s Volleyball vs Lawrence Tech
7pm, Keating Sports Hall
Saturday, September 24 (Homecoming)
Women’s Soccer vs Benedictine University
2pm, Stuart Field
Men’s Soccer (#29 National Rank) Record:
Overall 3-2-1 (.583)
Conference (.000)
Saturday 17 Sep
W 3-0 - vs Lawrence Tech
Women’s Soccer Record:
Overall 2-4 (.333)
Conference (.000)
Saturday 17 Sep
W 3-0 - vs Bethel College
Women’s Volleyball Record:
Overall 5-10 (.333)
Conference 1-1 (.500)
Tuesday 13 Sep
L 0-3 - @ Robert Morris College
Wednesday 14 Sep
L 1-3 - @ Davenport University



Athlete Spotlight Abby Jahn



Name: Abby Jahn
Year: Freshman
Major: Architecture
Sport: Cross country running/Indoor track/Track
Position: Mid Distance
Favorite thing about the sport: “The team and the friendships that I’m building.”
Favorite thing to do on campus: “Eat breakfast after practice.”
Favorite Thing about the Fans: “The team out there cheering us on.”
Best tip for anyone who wants to be great at your sport: “Take a lot of naps!”

Cross country finishes first in Kenosha

By Melanie Koto
STAFF WRITER

September 10 was another fun-filled day for the Scarlet Hawks Cross Country Team. The team traveled to Kenosha, WI to compete in the UW Parkside Midwest CC Open. The Men’s team finished in 5th place out of 12 teams with 134 points, while the Women’s team finished 4th out of 15 with 106 points.

On the Men’s side, junior Zach Gates finished first for the Hawks in 18th place with a time of 27.34.3. Also finishing in top spots for the team were senior Kenny Murphey (33rd, 28.10.0), senior Wes Villalobos (35th, 28.20.1), sophomore Andrew Montague (39th 28.27.3), senior Phil Theisen (46th 28.44.1), and freshman Sam Wietlispach (47th 28.46.9).

For the Women’s team, freshman Abby Jahn finished in 6th place, with a time of 19.08.0. Freshman Courtney Rouse finished shortly after her in 14th with a time of 19.56.4. Also finishing in top spots for the team were senior Maddy Jensen (25th, 20.42.4), junior Kira Vincent (31st 20.53.9), and sophomore Jordan Kelch.

Men's soccer wins third straight game



By Graeme Port
SPORTS EDITOR

After two extremely impressive away wins last weekend against Indiana Wesleyan (RV) and Bethel College (#19), the Men's Soccer team (#29) continued their good run of form on Saturday afternoon as they comfortably defeated Lawrence Tech 3-0 at Stuart Field.

The Hawks started the better of the two teams and took a deserved lead in the 25th

minute, when Philippine international Robert Rixer rose gloriously in the penalty box to bullet home a famous header from a Graeme Port cross.

The Hawks continued to press for the remainder of the first half, but a combination of good goalkeeping and poor finishing saw the score stay at 1-0 going into the half time break.

The team came out in the second half determined to put the game beyond Lawrence

Tech and in the 56th minute the Hawks added to their lead. Graeme Port picked the ball up on the left wing and after beating the Lawrence Tech defender he crossed the ball across the face of the goal, where Ciaran Kholi-Lynch was on hand to fire into the back of the net for the Hawks second.

The home team still had time to pick up a third goal before the game was done, with Liam Barrett nodding his own rebound off the

cross-bar into the back of the net for his second goal in as many games.

With the 3-0 win the Hawks improve their overall season record to 3-2-1 with just two out-of-conference games left on the team's schedule.

The team will be in action again this Tuesday evening at Stuart Field when they face Ashford University, whose team is ranked 22nd in the nation. Kick-off is at 7 p.m.

Photos by Melanie Koto & Sebastian Morjales Prado

Volleyball drops two games

By Kayla Heller
STAFF WRITER

The Illinois Tech Women's Volleyball team suffered two tough losses last week, bringing them down to a 1-1 conference record and a 5-10 overall record.

The Lady Hawks lost their first conference game last Tuesday, falling to Robert Morris in a three-game match. Illinois Tech was never able to find a rhythm in their play and dropped the games 19-25, 21-25, 22-25. Sophomore Kate Kendall led the Hawks with 12 kills in the game while freshman Shea Manley chipped in 8 kills of her own.

The Hawks turned right around and played their second game the next day against Davenport University. The Hawks took the first game 25-23 and it looked like they had turned

their luck around. Unfortunately, Davenport wasn't ready to give up and they ended up coming back to win the next three games (18-25, 7-25, 18-25), resulting in another loss for the Hawks. Kendall had a double-double for the Hawks, contributing 13 kills and 12 digs. Freshman Taylor Duman and Senior Kayla Heller each added 8 kills while Junior Rebecca Bograd tossed out 31 assists in the match.

The team is looking to turn things around this week as the girls bring their game back home for 3 straight matches. The Volleyball team plays on Tuesday (September 20), Thursday (September 22) and Friday (September 23) against Saint Xavier University, Cardinal Stritch University and Lawrence Tech, respectively. Each game starts at 7 p.m. in Keating Sport Center. Be sure to come out and cheer your Hawks on for three more wins!

Photo by Kayla Heller





UNYVERSITY SOCIAL CALENDAR

STARTS THURSDAY 15 - The BOG at HH
STRIKEFORCE BOWLING LEAGUE

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20 - KEATING SC
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL GAME

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20 - STUART FIELD
MEN'S SOCCER GAME

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23 - MTCC
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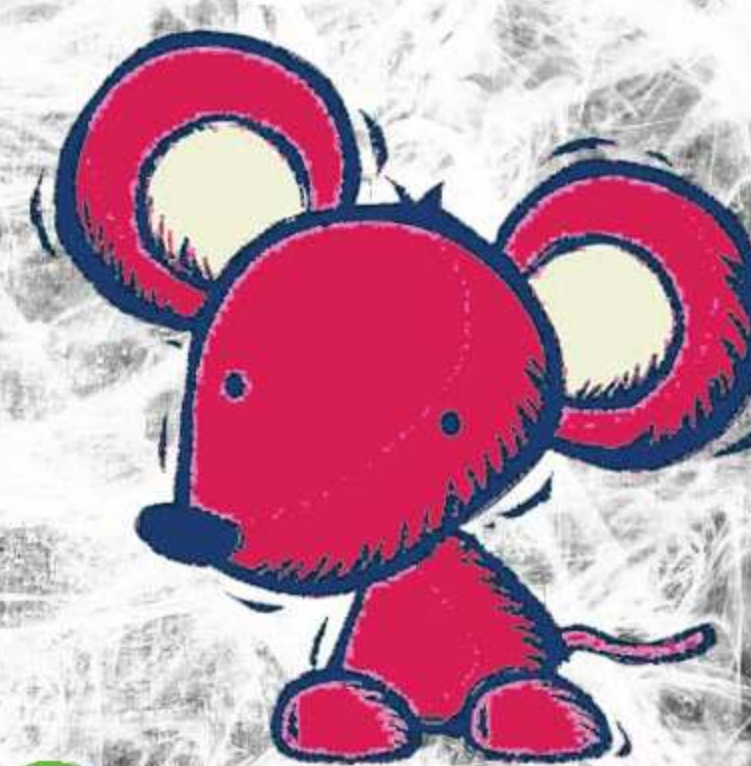
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