Students Speak survey expands into new departments

By Mike Purdy

DISTRIBUTION MANAGER

With the midpoint of the fall 2011 semester upon us, it is once again time to evaluate student satisfaction and university departmental effectiveness through the implementation of the annual Students Speak survey. Administration of this survey began on October 21 and will continue until Friday, November 4. All students, both undergraduate and graduate, are encouraged to participate in the Students Speak, as it is perhaps the most respected and consistent conduit for change and improvement on campus.

Students can take the survey at any point over the next two weeks - it is easy to navigate and takes anywhere from 5-15 minutes to complete depending on how many departments one decides to evaluate. A link to the survey is available through the "student life" tab on the myIIT portal, and laptop kiosks will be on hand each day on the MTCC Bridge to provide ease of access for those passing through.

The Students Speak survey has proven itself to be a powerful tool in the assessment and modification of many aspects of IIT over the past few years, and this year should be no different. Along with the general evaluation of main campus departments, such as Financial Aid, Bursar, Registrar, and Housing & Residential Services, the survey also addresses Public Safety, Student Health Services, and the

Student Center for Diversity and Inclusion.

Each departmental evaluation includes traditionally-formatted survey questions, as well as an area for students to provide specific feedback and concerns. New to the survey this year is a large section concerning student life, as well as a specific portion for the evaluation of Student Government. These two dimensions of the survey hope to gauge the student outlook on such topics as on-campus events, the Student Activities Fund, Student Government functions, and even neighborhood improvements.

Bruce Fisher, director for the Center of Research and Service, and IIT's Leadership Academy, is once again heading the Students Speak project, and has been working alongside other campus leaders since mid-September to ensure a quality survey. Following a successful year in 2010, the Students Speak committee is hoping for an even better student participation rate this time around.

As an incentive, those students who complete the survey will be automatically entered into a drawing for numerous gift cards including Global Grounds, the campus bookstore, bowling parties at The BOG, and AMC movie tickets. Data analysis of the survey results will take place from November 5-11, followed by a publication in TechNews and a presentation to the President and Provost in late November. A detailed report of the survey and its effectiveness will be presented at the Students Speak Summit in January.



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Complete the survey and you can win movie tickets, bowling parties and gift cards

Prizes sponsored by IIT Dining Services, IIT Bookstore & the BOG

Great Lakes symposium on new energy economy

By Swasti Khuntia

TECHNEWS WRITER

On October 18 and 19, leaders from around the globe gathered at the Illinois Institute of Technology's Herman Hall to discuss best practices, new technologies, and the ideas that are making the smart grid a reality. The interactive agenda showcased smart grid best practices from around the country along with innovative technologies and ideas that are spurring innovation, growing state economies, reducing emissions and empowering consumers to conserve and save.

Participants had the opportunity to engage leaders on key policy questions, identify investment and job creation opportunities, and learn about projects already underway. Participants also had the opportunity to tour S&C Electric's Chicago campus and visit their new Smart Grid Solutions Demonstration Center for a live demonstration of technologies that can be used to improve power reliability and performance. The highlights of the symposium included:

Path to Perfect Power track, showcasing microgrid and other consumercentric approaches that are improving reliability and environmental
performance. Speakers included Eric
Dresselhuys, Chief Marketing Officer,
Silver Spring Networks; John Kelly,
Executive Director, Galvin Electricity
Initiative; and Mark Hura, Commercial Leader for Smart Grid, GE Digital
Energy

- Midwest Policy Summit, addressing key environmental and economic opportunities available through smart grid; speakers included Doug Scott, Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission; David Kolata, Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board; Matthew Summy, President, Illinois Science and Technology Coalition; and Miriam Horn, Director, Smart Grid Initiative, Environmental Defense Fund
- Innovation Marketplace, a smart grid start-up investor "elevator pitch" event

 Midwest Smart Crid Innovation
- Midwest Smart Grid Innovation
 Awards
- Lunch Plenary Session with executive panel featuring Jim Buckman, Owner, James E. Buckman & Associates; Michael Niggli, President and CEO, San Diego Gas & Electric; Anne Pramaggiore, President and COO, ComEd; and Teri Ivaniszyn, Senior Director of Corporate Excellence, Florida Power & Light
- A chance to contribute to the Smart Grid Regional Roadmap currently being developed by the Illinois Smart Grid Regional Innovation Cluster

Starting the forum off, Dr. Mohammad Shahidehpour, Director of the Robert W. Galvin Center for Electricity Innovation at IIT, paid tribute to the late Robert W. Galvin, chairman and CEO of Motorola and a major benefactor to IIT. Shahidehpour then

flagged off the ceremony by welcoming all the attendees to one-of-a-kind event that broke new ground in smart grid design and development. The welcome speech was delivered by Hon. Rahm Emanuel, mayor of Chicago.

Emanuel said Chicago and the nation should focus more on an energy source that he called low-hanging fruit: conservation. He committed Chicago to doubling its already record number of energy-efficient public buildings. Emanuel said the city promotes technologies such as energy-efficient homes and water meters, and more efficient mass transit.

"I want everybody in your field to see Chicago as a center for new companies, new technology, collaboration between the public and private sector," said Emanuel. "So we continue to lead the effort in new companies that are looking at energy conservation—not just alternative energy—but energy conservation as the next fifth energy source."

The non-conservation energy sources being nuclear, coal, gas, and alternatives, such as wind and solar. The welcome speech was followed by a splendid keynote on "Smart Grid and the New Energy Economy" by Ellen Alberding, President, Joyce Foundation; Scott Lang, President and CEO, Silver Spring Networks; and Luke Clemente, General Manager of Metering and Sensing Systems, GE Energy's Digital energy Services. Elaborating the concept of smart grid to the gathering, they discussed the usefulness of this important discovery. It concluded with a coffee break.

The morning session continued at the expo center as well as in the auditorium.

The expo center witnessed "Midwest Policy Summit," the topic being "How can Smart grid technologies increse the efficiency between transmission and distribution?" The committee then turned over to the attendees and their questions. At the same time, the auditorium witnessed the Consumer track: Path to Perfect Power, the topic being "Leading Practices for Ensuring Consumer Empowerment." The lunch session, "The Pursuit of Quality and Innovation," was held in the Herman Hall ball-room. The afternoon session had three informative discussion sessions.

The second day started with an inspiring delivery by Michael Brune, Executive Director, Sierra Club. The morning session included Midwest Policy Summit: Developing good smart grid policy and Developing great midwest Smart Grid Strategies; a Consumer track: Path to Perfect Power, Leading practices for Interpreting clean and efficient power; and Innovation and Economic Opppurtunity track: Growing the Smart grid regional innovation cluster workshop. It followed by the "Midwest energy leadership Awards" and a tour of the Perfect Power Microgrid at IIT.

Followed by the symposium, Underwriters Laboratories, the Galvin Electricity Initiative and S&C Electric Company organized the first-ever Perfect Power Seal of Approval Academy (PPSoA). The Academy was an interactive opportunity for grid professionals from across the country to learn performance measures and design criteria that would help

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Withdrawal of troops reflects political changes

By Ryan Hynes

OPINION EDITOR

This week, President Obama announced a full military withdrawal from Iraq, to be completed by the end of 2011. The news of this has been met with everything from praise to condemnation, and is being labeled by many as a political move.

Indeed, this has the look of a political gambit. It comes at a time when the Republican Party is finally starting to hone in on a few promising candidates, all of whom will prove a substantial challenge to President Obama. In the midst of a strengthening opposition and a

still-sluggish economy, this could very well be intended as a way to boost President Obama's approval rating and rankings in the polls.

Whether you question the President's political aspirations or not, the fact remains that a war that has lasted the better part of nine years is coming to a close. This war holds special significance for each of us, and has touched us all in a different way. Whether it was a personal connection, a friend or relative who served, or the daily updates on the news, this war has been a large part of our lives.

The Iraq war has certainly had its fair share of controversy; It has evolved from a search for weapons of mass destruction, to a

mission to remove a dictator, to a war to liberate a people and install a democratic republic in a place where there is no such concept. We can second guess intentions all we like, but after nearly nine years of fighting, what do we have to show for it?

What does the Iraq war mean to you? How has it influenced you, shaped you, made you question your beliefs? What do you think we should take away from this? Because although the war may be drawing to a close, its impact is something that each of us will carry for a lifetime.

Please send your thoughts and reflections to opinion@technewsiit.com

Diwali promotes community involvement

By Utsav Gandhi

CAMPUS EDITOR

The children waited for the school bus to depart, holding the colorful diyas they had prepared in art class that day, smiling as joyfully at one another as only eight year olds can.

It was the last day of school before their week-long Diwali holiday, and so nothing stopped them from an exciting time of firecrackers, sweets, new clothes, gifts, rangoli (colorful designs with colored powder) or catching up with cousins at family dinners.

It didn't matter if they were financially well off or not, whether they lived in a high rise or a shanty, whether they roamed about in chauffeur driven cars or public transport, and most importantly, whether they were Hindu,

Muslim, Sikh, Christian, Parsi, Jain – anything.

Diwali is one of those few occasions in the year, apart from India-Pakistan cricket matches or Shah Rukh Khan Bollywood movie releases, when the entire country, the length and breadth from the valleys of Kashmir to the rice fields of Kerala, from the megacities of Kolkata and Chennai to the rural innards of the Great Indian Desert, comes together to celebrate as one, forgetting all the apparent differences we ourselves create.

The festival starts with Dhanteras on which most Indian business communities begin their financial year.

Amavasya, the third day of Deepawali, marks the worship of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth in her most benevolent mood, fulfilling the wishes of her devotees.

The fifth day is referred to as Bhai Dooj, and on this day sisters invite their brothers to their homes.

Diwali may hold special significance for the Hindus and smaller factions such as the Jains, but really the true beauty of the festival lies in the fact that no matter where you go, at every street corner you'll see children playing with the same fireworks, women designing the same door decorations, shops selling the same popular sweets, and the same pleasantries being exchanged for the new year among neighbors, acquaintances and business partners, who are again, of various backgrounds.

It's the most joyous and most auspicious occasion of the year for a seventh of the world's population - and definitely, my favorite "utsav" (Hindi for 'festival') out of all.



Photo courtesy of Karthik Kumar

TechNews Corrections

In our previous issue, the campus article "Intramural basketball program scores slot on campus" had a title that was both factually incorrect and misleading. The arrival of basketball on campus as a club sport was the point of the article, and not as an intramural. Though TechNews edits headlines submitted by writers to better conform with AP style guidelines, in this case the result was an incorrect assertion. We apologize to the author of the piece and to our readers.



Student Health & Wellness Center offering new services

By Utsav Gandhi

CAMPUS EDITOR

Early this September, over in the IIT Tower, a major restructuring in a key student service was initiated with the merging of what was formerly Student Health Services and Student Counseling Services into the new Student Health and Wellness Center.

TechNews featured the Counseling Center in an article last semester (http://www. technewsiit.com/story/interview-studentcounseling-services) in which Dr. Jean Tzou, Assistant Director of the new Center, discussed upcoming changes for the Center.

Dr. Tzou stressed on the fact that the new approach of the Center is to keep in line with the university's mission to increase student retention, participate in student networking and support services, and focus on holistic well-being while serving as an integral member of the student support network within the Division of Student Affairs.

They encourage students to more actively take responsibility of their own physical and mental health; and educate them to follow the idiom "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Their goal is to make the new Center more student friendly and increase their visibility so that students find them more approachable.

They will be offering access to many online self-help resources in addition to the Student Assistance Program (SAP), provided by Aetna Student Health Insurance available to all IIT students, whether or not they have the Aetna insurance plan.

Starting Monday, October 24, the Center will offer a new, exciting and fun student resource completely free to any IIT student: a Stress Clinic, every Monday and Thursday, from 1-3 p.m., in the MTCC Blue Room. Students will be provided a relaxing environment, complete with game chairs, aromatic

atmosphere, candles, dim lights, soft natural sounds/music, and the option of checking out soothing relaxation exercise instruction CDs.

There will be a permanent room set up similarly at the Center in the IIT Tower. They also plan to install a biofeedback device wherein students can see for themselves the positive results achieved by practicing stress management exercises. Light therapy lamps will be made available to help those students suffering from winter blues (seasonal affective disorder).

Apart from this new initiative, the Center will continue to offer its regular services: health maintenance, treating infections and injuries, monitoring chronic diseases, medical exams, allergy injections, prescribing medications, lab work, and counseling services such as individual and group counseling addressing problems of sleep pattern, alcohol abuse, anxiety, attention deficit disorder, college survival, eating problems, depression, relationship distress, adjustment, homesickness, procrastination, sexual assault, and study skills.

They plan to partner with the ARC, Dining Services, Keating, Resident's Advisors, the SGA Student Life Committee, and Public Safety in an effort to make a more holistic and well-rounded approach towards students' well-being. With new direction, new energy and an open approach to communication, the Center plans to make a more positive impact on student lives at IIT.

To learn more about Student Health and Wellness Center, visit their new website (currently under construction) at http://www. iit.edu/shwc/. To schedule your first appointment call 312-567-7550 during work hours on Mondays through Fridays.

For emergencies that occur during weekends or evenings call the Aetna Student Assistance Program 24 hour support line at 877-351-7889, or 800-442-HOPE, IIT Public Safety at 312-808-6363, or 911 if needed.

MSA hosts interfaith panel on science, religion

By Tanim Taher

TECHNEWS WRITER

These days, quite often we hear about never-ending debates surrounding topics like "Evolution versus Intelligent Design," "Religion vs Science," etc, etc.

One can walk away from such debates with a sense that religion and science cannot coexist, or that religion is a big barrier to science.

Indeed, if we look back at history, scientists like Galileo Galilei were imprisoned and barred from espousing sound scientific theories that contradicted widely-held religious suppositions.

Medical sciences during the dark ages of Europe were suppressed in favor of exorcism and spiritual remedies—practices based on superstitions, yet devoid of any logic or factual understandings.

Even today, there are self-proclaimed religious defenders who erect barriers to the education of women or vaccination against diseases in less developed parts of the world.

But, does anybody know that religious institutions and religious bodies have historically also served in the contradictory role as the biggest supporters of scientific discovery?

If we look at some of the most prestigious universities, hospitals and medical research centers today, we see that many of them were setup and are still financed by religious institutions and bodies.

Some famous scientists like

Gregor Mendel, the father of genetics; Ibn Sina, the famous scientist whose books of scientific medicine were the preeminent medical references used by doctors for over five centuries; and Copernicus, the father of modern astronomy, were also religious theologians or ordained clergymen.

If we look at this set of examples, one may get the impression that the title of a discussion on such a topic should be "Science And Religion" rather than "Science Versus Religion."

In a tech university like IIT, it is important to start a discussion on the topic of "Science and/vs Religion."

To this end, the Muslim Students' Association, (MSA) in partnership with IIT's Office of Spiritual Life and Service Learning and IIT Hillel, will be hosting the first in a series of interfaith panels on "Science ____ Religion."

The first interfaith panel will be held on Monday, October 31, in the MTCC Auditorium from 12:45-1:40 pm. Panelists scientists and professors—from various faith backgrounds will be part of an interfaith discussion.

The "Science ____ Religion" interfaith panel discussion will be the first lecture of "Science and Religion Week" (Oct. 31-Nov. 4), being organized by the MSA.

The MSA will also provide lunch, sponsored by the SAF.

More details are available at http://msa.iit.edu.

Urban Worm Girl digs up dirt on vermiculture

By Harshita Iyer

TECHNEWS WRITER

Have you ever thought about how awesome worms are? Even if you are so terrified of them that you have had nightmares about them crawling all over you (speaking from personal experience)?

They move around in the soil and loosen it up with their little worm bodies and poop all over the soil, which is an excellent source of nitrogen, carbon and everything that the soil needs to be fertile. They also eat up all your organic trash and convert it into top grade

manure. Sounds like a perfect system, doesn't it? Well, it is! And that is what Amber (aka The Urban Worm Girl) wanted to talk to IIT about last Thursday.

As part of one of the speaker sessions of Sustainability Week, organized by Engineers for a Sustainable World (aka ganGreen), the Urban Worm Girl delivered a presentation detailing everything one would need to know to practice vermiculture, the art of growing worms and using them as a source of natural fertilizer for the soil.

Urban Worm Girl is the name of the organization that Amber is part of, which makes and sells "worm kits" that come with worms and instructions on how to go about it yourself.

She talked about how all one has to do is put everyday organic waste in a little box with the worms in it (avoid dairy or anything smelly like onions and pineapples, among other things), and they will do the rest! They even eat paper, as long it is not the glossy type. The best part was that she actually brought worms!

During her presentation, she talked about how when people are about to start a vineyard, they start with the assumption of losing 15 percent of their output. Well, once they started maintaining 20-30 percent of the manure created by the worms in their soil, the loss went down to 0.03 percent! That is how effective something as useless as worm poop can be!

However, this is not something that you should just do without guidance. It would be a very bad idea to go out, catch a couple hundred worms, and stick them in a box. You need very specific worms, called "red wigglers," and if you get the wrong ones, they could either have no effect or even escape out of the box and go all over your room.

Vermiculture is something that quite a few restaurants and cafes are starting to follow, using the freshly-grown vegetables from their own vermiculture farm. This is also something that, with some discipline, anybody can do on a smaller scale. So, go ahead and try it out, but make sure you don't set worms loose on your roommate's bed!

Don't forget your FAFSA documentation

By Office of Financial Aid

Believe it or not, spring registration will quickly be upon us! The fall semester is still in full swing, but we must begin to prepare for next term as well. At this time, the Office of Financial Aid would like to remind students of several important pieces of information.

If you still have outstanding documentation preventing your aid from disbursing to your bill, now is the time to take care of any pending forms. Federal Aid cannot disburse until we review certain documentation, depending on your FAFSA information. We have a team of Financial Aid Counselors ready to help you with any questions or concerns you may have. Stop by our office today to see what needs to be completed. We are located in the Main Building, Room 104.

For those students who have taken care of their federal aid or do not receive federal aid but still have a pending bill, arrange

for payment with the Bursar's Office immediately. If your bill is not paid in full, you will not be able to register for spring classes. If you are graduating and have an unaddressed bill with the university, you will not receive your diploma. No matter how large the bill, it is important to start a conversation about your situation with a Bursar Specialist. The Bursar's Office is located in the Main Building, Room 207.

We encourage all students to be proactive with their Financial Aid forms and their Bursar bill. Additionally, if you have any pending academic issues, please contact your advisor or stop by Undergraduate or Graduate Academic Affairs. It is better to address uncertainty now than wait and have a larger problem later in the term.

If you have questions about your aid or how to proceed with your situation, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at finaid@ iit.edu or 312-567-6917.

Great Lakes symposium

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them develop microgrids and smart grids that benefit consumers and stakeholders alike.

This interactive workshop delved into the origin and mechanics of the PPSoA performance rating program and demonstrate how to eliminate waste to pay for investments and ensure electricity systems are more consumer responsive, cost-effective, reliable, environmentally sustainable and energy-efficient. It was attended by electricity suppliers, architects, engineers, utility companies, consumer advocates and technology providers. Some of the workshop topics included:

The PPSoA process and Perfect

Power architecture

- Six Sigma, failure mode and effects analysis and other quality tools
- Smart microgrid design elements
- Safety, reliability and power quality
- The PPSoA metric categories Reliability, Cost, Efficiency and Environment, and Consumer Empowerment
- Independent System Operator price signals
- Cost/Benefit/ROI

The symposium concluded with the "Midwest energy leadership Awards" and a tour of the Perfect Power Microgrid at IIT. The awards were categorized into three categories: Research, Development & Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Industry-Market Driver.

University Calendar



What's up on campus?

Tuesday

10/25

Job Search Letters

Career Management Center

12:50 p.m. - 1:50 p.m., MTCC Ballroom

Workshop by the CMC.

Wednesday

10/26

CS 40th Anniversary Celebration Computer Science Department

8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., MTCC

The computer science department welcomes everyone to attend what is sure to be a wonderful event. Listen to talks about cutting-edge topics in research and industry. Meet new and old members of the IIT community. Alumni: Visit your favorite faculty members, share memories with former classmates, and see how campus has changed since your time at IIT!

Open Access Week discussion Galvin Library

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m., Galvin Library

In honor of Open Access Week, Galvin Library will be hosting a brown bag lunch discussion on author intellectual rights. The session will encourage lively discussion about open access, a growing trend in scholarly publishing and communication that challenges the traditional publication cycle by making research literature freely available to all readers without unnecessary licensing restrictions. This event is also an opportunity for faculty and students to ask questions and gain a clearer understanding of intellectual rights. Participants should bring your own lunch, and coffee, tea, and dessert will be provided.

Register at: http://tinyurl.com/5vahxhv

Thursday

10/27

ARC SI Session: Math 148 Academic Resource Center

4:00 p.m., Wishnick 119

The Supplemental Instruction (SI) program is led by qualified ARC scholars who provide peer-facilitated study sessions for traditionally difficult courses. This meeting, conducted by Nathan, is for Math 148, and it gives students the opportunity to ask questions, compare notes, discuss readings, and work through example problems.

Friday

10/28

The Poetry of Sound Shimer College

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., MTCC Ballroom

Introduction to Sound Poetry: lecture by Dirk Huelstrunk, Poet & Writer. He has been published in various magazines and anthologies, creates art and poetry events, and teaches and performs at schools and universities. For more information about the series or a specific program: www.shimer.edu/lectureseries

Monday

10/31

Last day to withdraw from classes

Beginner Arabic Classes Muslim Students Association

12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., Siegel Hall 202

The MSA will be offering Beginners Arabic classes on a weekly bases for any IIT student, faculty, or staff who are interested.



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12:50pm-1:40pm Hall Ballroom

When: October 31 Where: Hermann

Lunch will be provided



Contact:

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NBA Jam: On Fire Edition a slam-dunk

By Erik Johnson STAFF WRITER

I don't understand sports at all. If you were to ask me what a Zamboni is. Pd guess it is a name for the guy that plays shortstop in a foosball game. In high school, I did everything I could to get out of gym class (I even faked menstruating once - didn't work out). Essentially, anything involving knocking balls about in a large open space makes me sweaty and nervous.

That's why it's all the more miraculous that I love NBA Jam: On Fire Edition, See, I don't know anything about basketball beyond that guys wearing expensive shoes knock into each other and try to chuck a lumpy orange ballinto a dangling basket. The last time I was aware of what was going on in the NBA was when The Bulls were doing so well that if one were to walk through an urban area wearing a Bulls jacket, you were likely to get jumped and have your sweet Bulls apparel stolen.

This new NBA Jam is an Xbox Live Arcade title that released recently and is available for only fifteen of your hard-earned smackers. It focuses on the classic NBA Jam twoon-two gameplay, which, for those unfamiliar with the series, is a fast-paced arcade take on

basketball. There's no such thing as a foul and teams punch, dunk, and alley-oop their way to victory. It has an old-school magic with newschool graphics-heck, the game has big head mode unlocked from the start.

Despite being a zany arcade title, its still an engaging game with lots of content to enjoy. There is an array of unlockable players and teams that includes classic basketball players, video game characters and celebrities. There are also large amounts of less exciting unlockables including visual filters, icons, backgrounds, and more. These unlockables are sed by leveling up and gaining an in-game currency which is used to purchase them. This extends game play quite a bit and some of the wackier unlockable teams are pretty awesome. Beastie Boys? Politicians? They're all there.

NBA Jam can be played single player, either in an instant action mode or a campaign mode. Really, those modes are only worth playing if one is grinding to unlock items. Things can get repetitive and the AI opponents seem to cheat a bit. That doesn't matter too much though, because this is definitely a game that's meant to be enjoyed with friends. There is online play over Xbox Live, but I recommend playing with pals on the couch. It harkens back to the good of days of split screen classic play, when



Image courtesy of videogamewriters.com

instead of just cursing out opponents, they were also within punching distance.

NBA Jam: On Fire Edition is definitely worth the price of admission. Boomshakala!

Apple, Android go head-to-head over operating systems

By Lakshamanan Raman TECHNEWS WRITER

Google unveiled the latest iteration of their popular Android OS, named "Ice Cream Sandwich" in Hong Korg on October 18. Google chose Samsung Mobile as their hardware partner for Android 4.0 and displayed

the new "Galaxy Nexus" smartphone running Ice Cream Sandwich. The OS looks crisp and beautiful, with a native resolution of 1280x720 (HD quality) and no physical buttons! Wes, all of the buttons required are in the software. The newOS has a ple thora of features starting with a new typeface (Roboto), offline search in Gmail, improved multitasking, an advanced browser, a new facial unlock feature and NFC radio. This is a significant upgrade to the Android platform

and will compete against Apple's new iOSS.

Prior to the ICS event, Apple had already sold 4 million iPhone 48 handsets. Apple's latest iteration of iOS contains 200 new features, including a ground-up redesign of the notifications system, a new iOS-toiOS messaging service called iMessage, the integration of iCloud (a cloud computing and storage service for iOS). Twitter integration and wireless sync. iOSS will be available for the

iPhone 4S, iPhone 4, iPhone 3GS, both versions of the iPad, and the fourth and third generations of iPod Touch.

The smartphone market is highly competitive and a fiercely fought one. Google's Android and Apple's iOS are the major players with Microsoft and Research in Motion both trying hard to gain a foothold. For now, the battle is between Ice Cream Sandwich and iOS 5. Who will be crowned the victor?

Bertrand Goldberg exhibit glorifies local architecture

By Ryan Kamphuis A&E EDITOR

When it comes to Chicago architecture, one of the more well-known names is that of Bertrand Goldberg - the architect who popularized the urban model of 'a city within a city' and designed many iconic Chicago buildings, most notably Marina City (which is more commonly called "those corncob buildings along the river in the Loop').

Recently, the Art Institute has opened an exhibition of Goldberg's work entitled "Bertrand Goldberg: Architecture of Invention." The exhibition brings together many of Goldberg's architectural drawings, photographs and models into one place, and allows the viewer to see into Goldberg's mind. witnessing how his ideas and styles have changed as his care er progressed. The exhibition also showcases several photos and drawings depicting Goldberg's furniture designs.

The exhibition is a fascinating one, allowing the viewer to see the creative process in each project that Goldberg worked on, and

how his priorities changed as he go tolder. While his early work is mainly composed of houses and other simple things, as he became more popular and America started looking for ways to spur urban development, his projects began getting increasingly lofty, with each larger than the last. The exhibition is almost a testament to America's view towards urban development in the 90s, 60s, and 70s. Initially, all of Goldberg's massive urban projects are built, but as suburbs became prevalent in the 60s and 70s and deurbanization became a trend, you start to see Goldberg's grand initial plans being stripped down before being built or never built at all.

The exhibition promises a good time for anyone who is interested in witnessing the creative process and seeing how landmark Chicago buildings were born - you don't need

to be an architect to enjoy this. The "Bertrand Goldberg: Architecture of Invention' exhibit is running at the Art Institute of Chicago until January 15, 2012. More details about the exhibit can be found online at http://www.artic.edu/aic/collections/ exhibitions/Goldberg/overview.



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Blue Man Group wows audience with visual effects

By Karthik Chalasani

The Blue Man Group might not be a typical theater show that depicts high glamour content. Instead, it is a collaborative form of fine art which combines comedy, music and multimedia theatrics to enthrall the audience with their antics. From the organization of the group in 1987 by Matt Goldman, Phil Stanton and Chris Wink, the Blue Man Group has

entertained around seventeen million people, extending their base to all parts of the world.

One of the defining aspects of the show is that the group evinces a unique type of interaction with the audience throughout the one hour and forty five minute long show. whether it be through the pre-show cellphone message drill to tune-up the audience to the group's rhythmor with the sudden appearance of the trio of bald, black-clothed, blue skinned performers on the stage along with the equally magical band backstage. The show is never short of excitement. It is not just the facial gestures that keep the audience spell bound but the coordination and ease with which the group performed their tricks with the support of the band. Their facial antic sare backed up by innovative tricks such as Gi-pads, which give insight into modern day relationships after the advent of smartphones.

The show also comprises the rare art of delivering music through pipes in unison in a symphonic tone which captivate the mind and body. Apart from this, the show also

promises many "live" tricks that involve the audience, where a particular person is called up to participate. These acts include the human paint brush, the dining act or the so called hilarious dining act. The show usually ends with a glittering light show or the hot air balloon act creating a party atmosphere marking the end of a truly energizing performance by the three mæstros.

Considering the entertainment they provide, it is indeed a privilege to witness the Blue Man Group.

Zoom, Zoom by Myles Mellor

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46. Enduring forever, old way

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53. "La Scala di ____" (Rossini

opera)

55. Anonymous guy in court

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6. "The Bourne Supremacy" opening locale

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26. Religious book

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30. Geo-political org. 32. Dead to the world

33. Island greeting

34. Church assembly

37. Borders 40. Naturally formed methane

41. Different

42. Hunting dog

47. Diamond complement

48. Ultimate object

52. Put an edge on

54. Expression of disgust

55. "Light My Fire" singer, Feliciano

56. Father of Balder

57. Tropical plant

59. Heredity carrier 60. Geologists' studies

61. Vermin 62. "Waterloo Bridge: Gray ___"

by Monet

64. Santa ___ winds

63. Criminal's nemesis

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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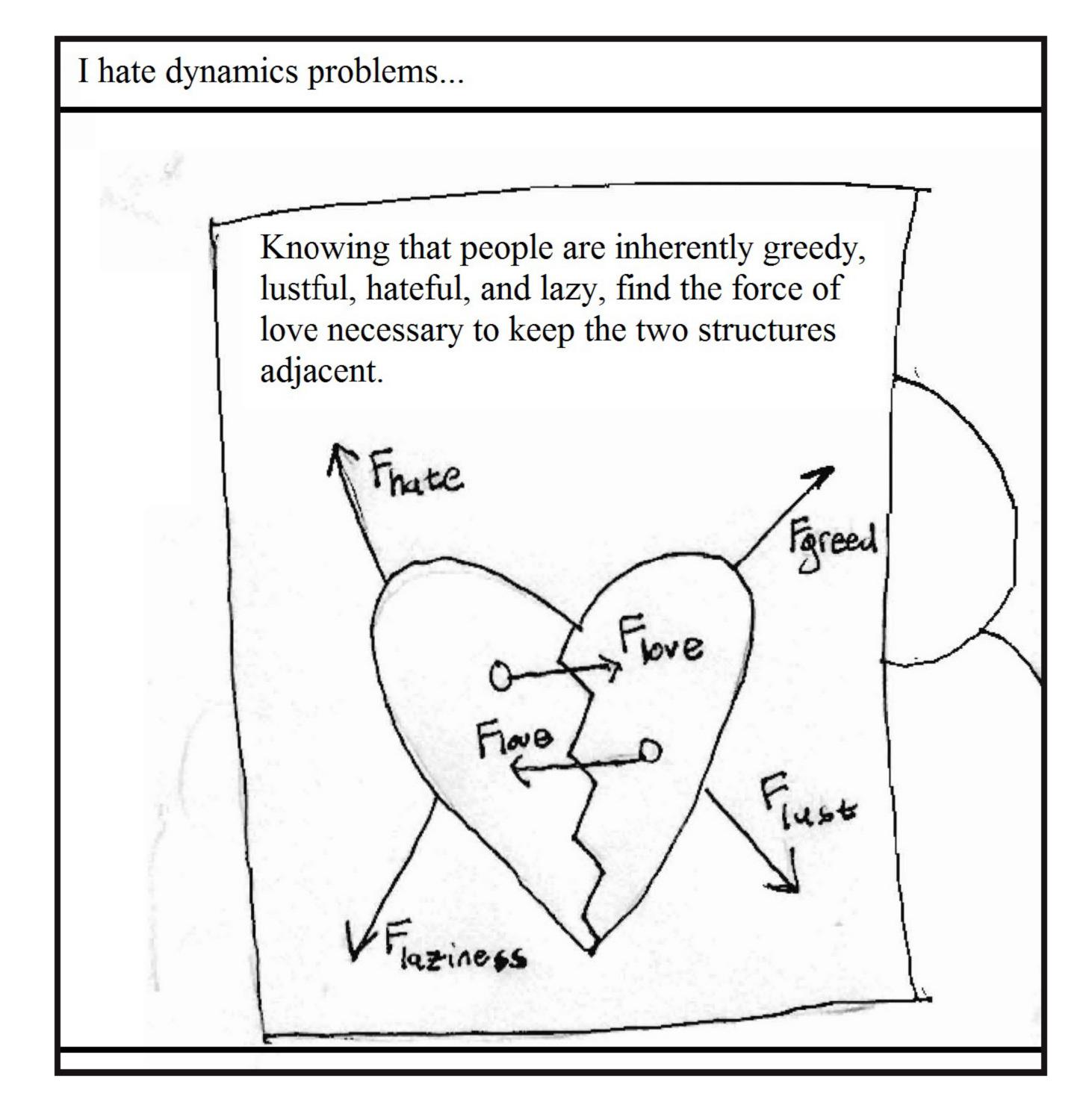
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The First Day of the Rest of My Life

By Adin Goings

ART EDITOR



Women's soccer season flying high

GRAEME PORT

By Heather Bickerton STAFF WRITER

After a successful week, in which the team beat nationally ranked Robert Morris and Saint Xavier for the first time, the Illinois Tech Women's soccer team entered the past week full of confidence. Last Wednesday, the team travelled to face the Trinity International Trojans, another team who the girls have never managed to get any points from.

The game was hyped up to be a pretty intense affair, with both teams having nothing to lose and fighting for the same spot in the league table. However, the game wasn't pretty, the weather was horrendous, with gale force winds and torrential rain and it severely dashed the prospect of a good game. Both teams couldn't hold onto pos-

session throughout the game and a lot of fouls were committed. After a lax effort, and lack of communication by the Hawks defense, the Trinity International striker found herself one on one with junior goalkeeper Amy Arnhart and managed to slide the ball into the bottom corner to open the scoring.

With a pretty poor performance by IIT across the park, they still managed to rustle up a goal with 4 minutes left on the clock, when Freshman Veronica Torres found herself free on the left wing and picked out Senior Emily Tilton on the front post, where she volleyed the ball into the bottom corner.

For the remainder of the game, both teams had plenty of opportunities but couldn't convert. After both overtimes, a draw was a reasonable result for both sides and the first point that IIT have ever received from TIU.

On Saturday, the Hawks were host to the Calumet Crimson Wave at Stuart Field.

Despite a terrible first half performance by the Hawks, the team managed to come back from 2-0 down to beat the Crimson Wave 4-2. In the first half, it looked like the Scarlet Hawks were trying too much, attempting to play one touch football but losing out and not making passes to feet. The home side conceded two soft goals in the first half and definitely had to pick up their game for the second. Only a few minutes into the second period, pressure by freshman Marit Tundal found her collecting the ball in the Calumet box and blasting the ball past the keeper into the bottom left corner.

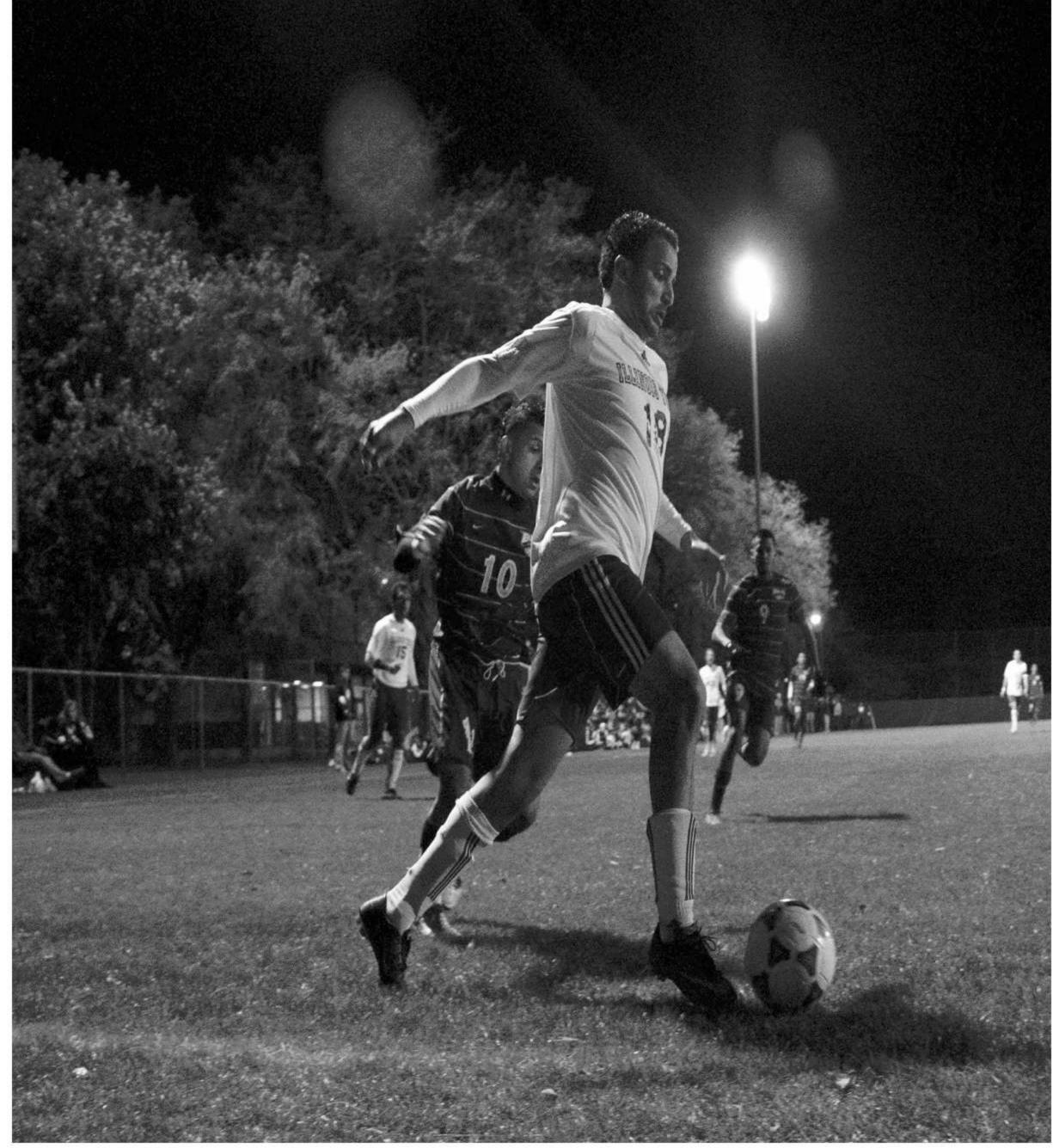
Moments later, Tundal posted her second goal of the game, a header into the top corner of the net from a Diana Otero cross. The Hawks definitely stepped out onto the field in the second half with determination and looked like they wanted to play. Halfway into the second half, Tundal passed the ball to junior Heather Bickerton on the edge of the box.

The striker shifted the ball onto her right foot before she unleashed a thunderbolt from Zeus into the top corner of the net to make the score 3-2.

With fifteen minutes left in the game, a long ball was launched forward with Bickerton nodding the ball on to her strike partner Tundal, who capped the game off with her third goal of the night after placing the ball into the bottom corner to make the final score 4-2. The Hawk's can definitely learn from their mistakes in this game but move forward to their final two conference games against Holy Cross Saints, and the Judson Eagles.

Please show your support for the Women's Soccer team as they take on Judson University this Saturday at 5 p.m. Judson are now 9-0 in conference and I'm sure the match will be an incredibly intense affair, so be sure to bring all your friends to the game to cheer the girls on.





Photos by Sebastian Morales Prado

Cross Country enters championship season

By Melanie Koto STAFF WRITER

This past Saturday, the Cross Country team competed in the NAIA Great Lakes Challenge in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Men's team finished 13th overall in the 8K race, with top times from junior Zach Gates (26:17.82), sophomore Phil Cano (26:48.07) and freshman Sam Wietlspach (26:53.75).

Also competing for the Hawks sophomore Andrew Montague (27:00.81), senior Wes Villalobos (27:17.18), Phil Theisen (27:40.80), junior Murphy (27:45.60), sophomore Ethan Montague (27:51.92), junior Derek Burge-Beckley (28:55.30), freshman Jeffery Sommerfield (29:24.24), sophomore John Pasowicz (30:56.36), and freshmen Felipe Prada (31:13.08) and Manny Leon-Madrigal (32:01.77).

The Women's team finished 12th overall. The 5K race saw top finishes from freshman Abby Jahn who finished 29th overall with a time of 18:59.40. Also with top finishes were freshman Courtney Rouse (19:10.26), sophomore Jordan Kelch (19:33.24) and senior

Maddy Jensen (20:11.14).

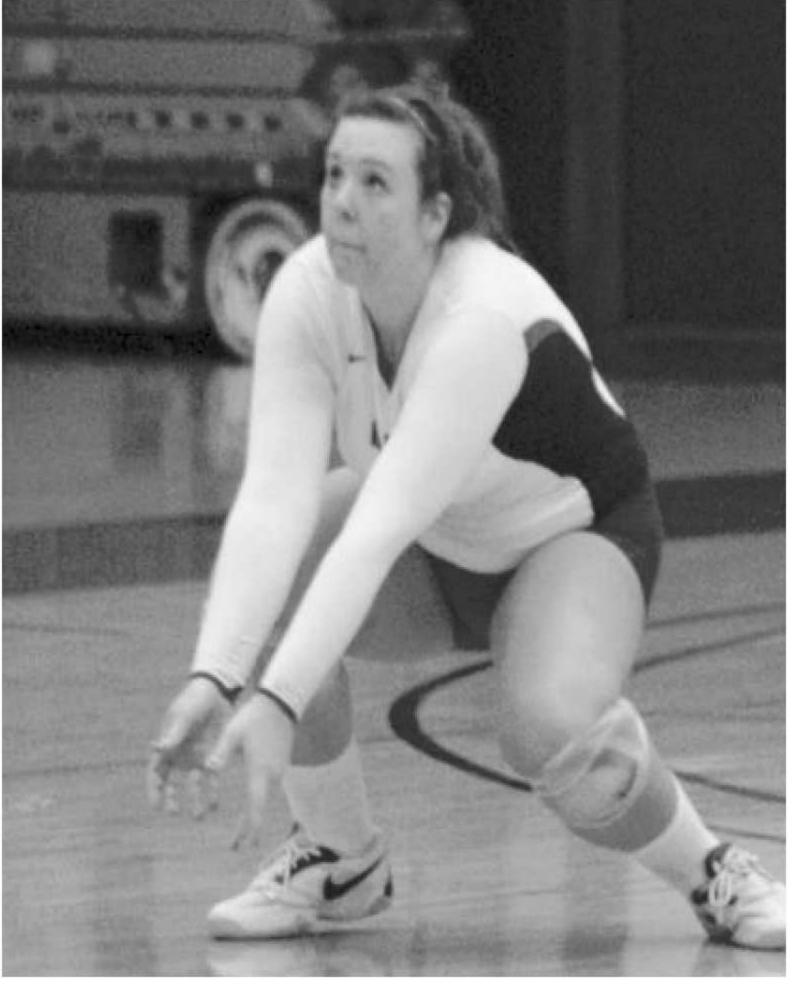
Also running for the Lady Hawks were junior Claudia Garcia (20:28.33), junior Kira Vincent (20:30.90), freshman Ann Crotteau (20:39.43), junior Emily Kraemer (22:01.12), senior Jacquiline Roche (23:20.07), senior Courtney Lamoureux (24:18.03), sophomore Erin Chapman (27:56.90), and senior Annie Hutches (31:59.08).

On October 15th, the team traveled to Oshkosh, Wisconsin to compete in the Brooks Invitational. For the Men's team, Cano finished with a 27:17, followed closely by Gates (27:26), Theisen (27:43) and Montague (27:48). Wietlispach finished with a time of 27:59, Murphy with a 28:03, and Villalobos with a 28:11.

On the Women's side, Rouse finished with a final time of 23:45, followed closely by Jahn with a 23:49. Kelch finished with a time of 24:24, Vincent with a 25:14, followed closely by Jensen (25:27), Garcia (25:35) and Crotteau (26:02).

The Hawks now enter their championship season, with the CCAC Conference meet on November 5th, and the NAIA National Championships, for any who qualify, on the 19th in Vancouver, Washington.

Athlete Spotlight: Kate Kendall



Name: Kate Kendall Year: Sophomore Major: Political Science Sport: Volleyball Position: Outside Hitter (OH)

Favorite thing about your sport?:

The adrenaline rush I have when I get a kill or make an awesome save. You can't help but smile to yourself and it always pumps me up for the next play!

What do you like best about the fans at your games?:

Eventhoughwemaynotshow it, we can hear everything that is yelled said games. I've heard funny some

stuff over the few seasons I've played here! The constant support and witty remarks make our fans awesome and keep me motivated throughout the match. Favorite thing to do on campus?:

really like going to other sporting events to support the other athletes, and I really enjoy hanging out at the apartment i live in of my teammates! There's always something crazy happening! Secret to being great at your sport:

I think a great player truly has a sense of the game and is intense with everything she does. It's important to go at every play with everything you have and never take it easy on the opponent. Go up and hit every attempt like it's a game winning kill. If you miss and whiff, a kills a kill and you still get the point on the stats sheet!



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