

First Sustainability Week offers activities for everyone

By Brock Auerbach-Lynn TECHNEWS WRITER

From October 17 to 21, IIT celebrated its first Sustainability Week with a broad range of activities for students, staff and faculty that showcased our commitment to environmental sustainability.

Events got underway a little early on Friday, October 14, when a group of 20 or so students got together to clean up the 31st Street beach, as part of the Engineering Themes: Water event. Several large bags' worth of trash was collected as the students were able to substantially improve this family-oriented Bronzeville destination with only a few hours of hard work.

Sustainability Week was officially kicked off on Monday, October 17, by a farmers market greeting students on their approach to the MTCC.

The student organization Engineers for a Sustainable World (formerly known as ganGreen) organized a collection of vendors, including local farmers, bakers and drink makers to provide locally grown or made food and drink options for IIT and the surrounding community.

Some fierce wind added an unusual challenge to the typically docile activity of food shopping, but the large showing proved the market was a hit with nearly everyone. B-True Bakery, with their awesome \$1 muffins and cookies, was a particularly big hit.

On Thursday, October 20, Hermann Hall was the place to be, as Engineers for a Sustainable World and Net Impact hosted the first ever IIT Green Resource Opportunity Fair. This event brought local green-oriented companies, clubs and organizations together so that students could browse and talk with green employers and find out what's going on in the sustainability field in Chicago.

There was an impressive array of participants including Zipcar, PNC Bank, Active Transport Alliance, Blue Star Energy, the Green Chicago Restaurant Co-op and many

others. The Fair included several talks on sustainability including a notable talk on alternative energy by IIT Prof. Hamid Arastoopour, Director of WISER.

However, the spotlight was stolen by the Working Bike Cooperative, whose ingenious bike-powered appliances allowed the Fair attendees to generate the power to play a record machine and test their strength to light up a series of ever more difficult light bulbs. Both participating organizations and students got a lot out of the fair, so chances are high for a second edition next year.

Sustainability Week was rounded out with a salute to alternative forms of transportation (and its riders) on Friday morning in Hermann Hall. Those that take alternative transportation to get to IIT (it's kind of hard not to with all the El, Metra, bus, bike, carpool and walking options available) were treated to a great breakfast and the opportunity to mingle with their fellow "environmental do-gooders."

A solid 25 people showed on this cold, early morning to get their well-deserved gold star for being sustainable in their daily commute, but the Sustainability Week festivities didn't end there!

Thursday, October 27, saw the Office of Campus Energy & Sustainability hold an Electronic Waste Recycling Day. In conjunction with local e-waste collector Recycle Tech Solutions, Elizabeth Mauban from OCES braved the early cold and rain to collect over 4 car-loads of electronic waste.

This included students' cell phones, laptops, cameras, printer cartridges and some old behemoth computers, printers and monitors from various offices on campus. All this electronic waste will be recycled in an environmentally responsible manner with none of it going to landfills. Due to the success and popularity of the event, Director of Sustainability Joseph Clair has decided to repeat this event on a regular basis.

A fitting conclusion to IIT's extended Sustainability Week activities was the



Photo by Christina Noonan

second Sustainability Forum of the year last Friday, October 28. The topic of this month's forum, hosted by the Office of Campus Energy & Sustainability, was on how to balance historic building preservation with the need for energy efficiency. While the topic was geared a bit more toward architects, it is certainly widely applicable, especially in this land of Mies.

After a wonderful organic lunch, (with tasty coconut macaroons for dessert) the forum got underway with William Paschal introducing the two speakers; Ellen Stoner & Sachin Anan. Ms. Stoner is a Founding Principal at Altus Works, Inc., with a focus on continuing and expanding the use of existing/historic buildings. Mr. Anan is a Principal at dbHMS and an adjunct professor in the College of Architecture with an uncompromising approach to quality and a talent for merging efficiency and design.

Each speaker presented for 10-15 minutes, bringing the audience along as they outlined their work and strategies for dealing

> with existing and particularly historic buildings.

> Ms. Stoner explained how sustainability and preservation are really two sides of the same coin with existing buildings often being built for longer life spans and their preservation allowing for resource conservation as well as cultural and historic value.

She mentioned the opportunities to restore old buildings to their original grandeur and achieve efficiency while leaving their defining features intact. Several LEED programs can be applied for such buildings.

Mr. Anan detailed how old buildings can be maintained with new techniques for sustainable structures. He further delved

ergy of a building (all the energy that goes into the construction and transport of material and people used to build a structure) which generally equals about one year's worth of operating energy.

He matched this idea with financial sustainability - that the costs will determine whether it makes more sense for buildings to be preserved and retrofitted or simply rebuilt completely.

After both presentations, the audience was free to ask questions of both speakers. One question dealt with how an architect would approach a situation like IIT's, which is striving for sustainability but partly constrained by historic Mies buildings - or the "Mies Police," as the question's author put it.

The answer that came out was that the architect should meet early with the preservation committee to work out their differences and reach a compromise. After all, some buildings no longer serve their intended purpose, regardless of their historical importance.

Another question pertained to how to manage or change older office buildings in any major metro area dealing with low occupancy. The consensus was that adaptive reuse, such as changing the purpose to mixed-use residential, may be a preferable strategy.

The high point, though, was over a question about how to integrate building energy code into historic buildings.

Ms. Stoner passionately supported maintaining the historic structures as is, noting that building codes make exceptions for historic structures.

Mr. Anan, though, responded smartly by saying that the technology exists to upgrade historic buildings without damaging their features, and that historic buildings should not be allowed to take this easy out when a more sustainable option now exists.

The forum proved interesting and informative from start to finish, with everyone leaving with a more informed perspective on the debate between historic preservation and energy efficiency. The next Sustainability Forum will be Friday November 18, 2011.

Overall, IIT's Sustainability Week had a little something for everyone, from the avid beach cleaner and farmer's market shopper to the green entrepreneur and sustainability-minded architect. But even though the festivities may be over for now, the work of creating a more sustainable world will go on.



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IIT remembers Robert A. Pritzker

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By Ryan Hynes

OPINION EDITOR

Robert Alan Pritzker June 30, 1926 – October 27, 2011 It is with a heavy heart that TechNews acknowledges the passing of Robert A. Pritzker this past Thursday, October 27. The IIT community has lost a great alumnus, benefactor, and true friend.

Mr. Pritzker graduated from IIT with a degree in industrial engineering in 1946. He was 19 at the time. He went on to co-found the immensely successful Marmon Group with



brothers Jay and Donald in 1953, and served as president of the company until selling it to Warren Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. in 2001.

Robert Pritzker's business savvy was rivaled only by his philanthropy. Pritzker established the Pritzker Prize in Architecture, the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago, the Pritzker Family Children's Zoo in Lincoln Park, and the Frank Gehry-designed Pritzker Pavilion in Millenium Park.

Pritzker was a Chicago native and resident all his life, and believed strongly in giving back to the Chicago community. It is

> hard to be a Chicagoan and not notice the impact that Bob Pritzker and his family have had on this town and, if anything, his commitment to and impact upon IIT were even stronger.

Despite his demanding schedule and corporate responsibilities, Bob Pritzker still found time to give back to IIT. He taught night classes, joined and eventually chaired the Board of Trustees, received an honorary doctorate and Alumni Medal, was inducted into the University Hall of Fame in 2002, and, in 2005, Pritzker was elected to the Board of Regents.

Even more impressive than that, however, was the \$60 million pledge Pritzker Photo courtesy of IIT made during the \$250

million IIT Challenge Campaign that led to the renovation of IIT, the construction of SSV and the MTCC, the creation of the Camras Scholars Program, and, a personal favorite of Mr. Pritzker's, the IPRO Program. Pritzker also endowed the IIT Pritzker Institute of Biomedical Science and Engineering.

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

That Board of Regents has lost two members in as many weeks. Both Robert Galvin and Robert Pritzker were pioneers and champions of IIT. Both men were extremely successful in the corporate sphere, but they did not allow their prosperity or financial gains to define them. Instead, they chose to speak through their actions, through their philanthropy, and through their love for and dedication to IIT.

As a community, we have lost two great pioneers, two men who dedicated a lifetime to IIT, two visionaries who helped to transform this campus into what Forbes Magazine recently called "One of the most beautiful college campuses." We have lost much these past few weeks, and we must grieve and mourn these tremendous men, but we must also take up their challenge.

Who among us will be the next great visionary? Which of us students shares Galvin and Pritzker's passion for IIT? Who is willing to step up to the plate?

We cannot hope to replace Galvin and Pritzker, nor should we, for they are a permanent fixture of this university, whose names will forever be enshrined with the likes of Gunsaulus, Armour, Camras, and Collens. No, the best we can do is to take up the torch that they so inspirationally lit and carry it with the same passion and dedication, so that the future these men envisioned for IIT burns even brighter than they could have ever imagined.

Internship Abroad: Science & Engineering in Germany Hallo, Deutschland!

By Shefali Umrania

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It has been two days since I arrived here and a lot has happened already. The first thing being, I'm already facing the second phase of culture shock—disliking any and every difference between my home country(s) and the new country. I wish ice-cream could cure that, but hey, I have a cold, so that won't save me either. Let's go back to the time when I started off from Chicago. Ah, Chicago...

I was showing my parents the photos I have taken so far and my mom noticed my face light up when I showed her the aerial view of "my city," taken from the airplane. Of course, it is my city! It is A CITY! But, more on that topic later. So, I started off on my journey to London, and then Deutschland, with a clogged nose and a much more clogged, and rather heavy, suitcase. Excited? Of course!

think I was more excited about travelling in and around Europe than actually working in Germany. At this point, let me advise you strongly to not fly American Airlines at any cost. How was I to know that if I book from the British Airways website then they would put me on a codeshare flight? The leg room is just not enough, even for a five-footer like me. The seating is just hell for your back and the food lacks any concept of flavor. Although, they did end up serving deep dish cheese pizza once, which earned them some brownie points (but, not quite enough).

It would also be helpful to note that British Airways ain't any good either! They (the two evil airline partners) make you stop at London Heathrow during its closing hours. There is no stable accommodation anywhere around the terminal. They make you get a transit visa when you know going out into the city is out of bounds at 11 p.m. All you can do is curl up on a wooden bench (yes, bench) at your terminal without any food till the airport opens again, at 5 a.m. Well, that's life, I guess.

I did meet an interesting lady named Marion in the middle of one of my naps. She loved criticizing anything and everything related to Heathrow. Marion was a German native working in London for the past seven years. She was very amusing when she compared Germany to Britain and then, of course, out of courtesy to me, America and India. We ended up talking mostly about how capitalism in America has been shaping the psyche of the common American consumer. She gave me her email to contact her in case I needed something while I'm in Germany.

I think my journey was more like a prelude to what I should expect later on in terms of food. I read somewhere that the staple diet of Germans is meat, potatoes and beer—only one out of which I am comfortable consuming, being an underage vegetarian. I had definitely prepared my stomach for a rough summer, but didn't know it would start right from the airplane! Both of my flights offered egg dishes as the only vegetarian options and I had to eat them, although I don't eat egg. This was kind of a big deal, considering how picky I am about food.

The first frightening moment was the twenty minutes after I landed in Stuttgart, which seemed like three hours. I couldn't find my PhD supervisors, Philipp and Chris, and I obviously was smart enough to not have taken down their numbers to contact them. I saw no one holding a placard with my name and the lady at the Stuttgart airport cafe refused to let me use their Internet access. I did know that my internship town, Tübingen, was a university town about an hour away from Stuttgart International Airport. Hence, I had no idea how I would reach Tübingen from Stuttgart or about what I would do in case the two never turned up. I also had thoughts about whether all this DAAD RISE thing was a mistake and/or a prank that I'd fallen for and that no one was ever going to turn up, but I guess I'm just crazy like that. There was absolutely nothing that I could do there but

wait, and that's what I did... until the two finally arrived.

Yes, I drove to my institute in a BMW coup on a freeway without a speed limit, which means we were averaging about 130 mph. "Willkommen in Deutschland" is what Chris said when I took a picture of his car speedometer. How cool was that? The public transport buses and taxi cabs in Tübingen are made by Mercedes Benz. The Mercedes factory is about 30 km from this town and is now on my visit list.

The countryside is beautiful. I remember telling my family that it feels just like vacationing on a hill station. The only difference is that I'm here to work. There is a calm river flowing through the center of the town with Venice-like boats where people can barbecue/party/read/study nature/do whatever they please. People row, swim, canoe, kayak and the like. There is a garden in the middle of the river, with trees on either side, which has become more like a jogger's park now.

For lunch, I had what looked and tasted like mac & cheese topped with sauteed onions which was named Käsespätzle. Apparently, it was an exotic dish! Neat, eh? Oh, and Chris had orange lemonade mixed with Coca-Cola. I should try that sometime. I think I was just starting to discover what Germany is. They had a beer garden in the back of this restaurant where people went to just enjoy their beer among the trees.

The people have been really nice. The guy from O2, where I got my SIM card; the man from the bank who helped me open my bank account; the random people who helped me get a bus from the city to my dorm; and the computer store guy who gave me a free cable for the laptop charger have all been real forgiving that I don't know their native language. All I need to do is learn their language. Philipp and Chris have also been really helpful and I hope I am what they expect me to be.

Till next time, thanks for reading!

SGA implementing new programs to further student involvement

By Kelly Lohr

SGA VP OF COMMUNICATIONS

The IIT Student Government Association (SGA) does a lot for this university. Past successes include opening the Galvin Library 24 hours, five days a week; switching the school's e-mail service to Google Apps for Education; and the in-progress Foreign Language Program. Here are some of the projects that SGA's three committees are currently working on and the students involved in them.

Student Life

Improve the IIT school spirit.

Implemented by Senator Rani Shah, Senator Alexander Bogoevski, RHA Representative Raksha Rajagopalan, Merlyn Abraham, Sumeet and Priyamvada Pandit

Add more dining options near IIT, headed by Senator Megan Christenson, Senator Lama Abu-Amara, Darius Piscikas, Daniel Garcia and Ricardo Erazo.

Partner with Public Safety to identify ways to improve student safety on campus, by Senator Akarsh Jain, Senator Russel Houser, Greek Council Representative Alex, and Joseph Carnot.

Academic Affairs

Implement a foreign language program that allows students to work towards a minor by studying a language, as well its associated culture and history. Headed by Senator Sarah Lim.

Allow students to evaluate their Teaching Assistants and provide constructive feedback. Headed by Senator Eyoel Asfaw.

Provide students with access to course syllabi during course registration. Headed by Senator Raghav Girijala.

Host an advising mixer to connect students with advisors in a less formal setting and improve the student-faculty relationship, headed by Senator Raghav Girijala and Andy

Peer Academic Link is a forum where upperclassmen can give their perspectives on their experiences at IIT, such as favorite courses/professors and internship opportunities. One of the goals is to help freshmen and students with undecided majors, by Senator Soonen Ahua.

Virtual Tutorial Classes: Providing peer group tutoring to students by holding tutorial sessions where some students are live and some could opt in from remote locations, by Senator Soonen Ahua, Moyosore Orekoya.

MSDN for all majors is a resource that allows students to download software for free, this is currently only open to CS majors, headed by Jherome Dias.

Communications Committee

Thoughts on the Bridge: Senators

will be making an appearance on the MTCC Bridge once every other week to collect students' thoughts about IIT to be presented during SGA Senate meetings, by Senator Utsav Gandhi and Senator Lucius Doxerie.

Votebox is an application where students can suggest and vote for projects they would like to see SGA work on. Votes are made on the website sga.uservoice.com; headed by Senator Dor Karter.

"I want this to be" cards is a virtual suggestion box in which students submit snapshots of a card next to whatever the student would like to see changed or improved, headed by Senator Matthew Otten, Committee Member Nathan Wicker.

Digital Media Updates

Updates about what SGA does will be updated on the SGA Facebook page (facebook.com/iitsga), twitter (twitter.com/iitsga), and other media, by Senator Ameena Payne.



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Fraudulent scholarships threaten students

By Office of Financial Aid

Last week, a student approached our office to inquire about a recent scholarship notification received from a private organization, USA Scholarship Services. In this notification, the student was selected to receive an offer to apply for the 2011/2012 scholarship program, and may receive up to \$7,500 in scholarships. The student needed to send a check for \$27 to pay for processing fees and if the student failed to qualify for a scholarship for at least \$1,000, then the \$27 is refunded. Sounds great, right? WRONG!

After researching this company, USA Scholarship Services essentially uses the \$27 processing fee to mail recipients applications for various scholarship consideration with different organizations. The company is allowed to keep the \$27 processing fee because the student has to NOT qualify for a scholarship opportunity and submit denial letters to be refunded. Now only does USA Scholarship Service have several complaints submitted to the Federal Trade Commission about them, they are also under review by Better Business Bureau related to their business practices. After identifying the various issues with USA Scholarship Services, the Office of Financial Aid immediately reported them to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Hopefully, the FTC will investigate this organization and stop them from scamming other families.

Unfortunately, many students and parents fall victim to scholarship scams like this one due to lack of knowledge about private scholarship resources. As the price for education consistently rises between 5-7% nationwide annually (more than doubling the annual cost of inflation), families are finding it hard to afford the continuous college expenses and are looking for the best ways to finance educational expenses using private resources. Below are tips you can use to protect yourself from falling victim to a scholarship scam.

Protect yourself!

Investigate: If you have an opportunity for a scholarship in the future, please make sure you complete due diligence and investigate the company contacting you before submitting any information to them.

Contact Financial Aid: Talk to a financial aid advisor to seek assistance in identifying if the organization is legitimate. We are happy to look into these organizations for you!

Utilize on campus resources first: The Office of Financial Aid and Galvin Library have several scholarship opportunities available for students to use to identify actual scholarship opportunities. Stop by both areas and use our resources in our office and on our websites.

GLAM presents 2nd Annual Lady GaGa Dance Party

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By Hannah Larson

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Free food. Fun dancing. Little monsters, unite!

Gays, Lesbians, Allies & More (GLAM), IIT's on-campus LGBTQIA group, is excited to present their second annual Lady GaGa Dance Party on Friday November 4, at 7 p.m. in the MTCC ballroom.

Lady GaGa is a prominent figure within the LGBTQ community as a powerful advocate, also known as an ally, to those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, queer, or questioning. For this reason, GLAM has chosen to once again theme their second dance party after Lady GaGa, as a tribute to "Mother Monster," as she is called by her fans, who are in turn referred to as her "little monsters."

Last year's Lady GaGa Dance Party was a raging success, much to the surprise of GLAM members. Approximately 150 people showed up, danced, ate free food, and competed in a costume contest.

UTSAV GANDHI

This year, GLAM is expecting around 300 people and will have a Lady GaGa-centric playlist ready for the dance floor, as well as gift card prizes for the top three costumes at the dance party.

GLAM has invested in a disco ball and strobe lights to liken the experience to a Lady GaGa concert.

GLAM encourages students, staff, and faculty alike to stop by on Friday to experience some post-Halloween fun, and get in touch with your inner little monster.

Tradition has dictated a Lady GaGathemed outfit, but this is a great opportunity to recycle that Halloween costume and put it to good use.

For more information like GLAM IIT on Facebook or visit the 2nd Annual Lady GaGa Dance Party event page.



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MSA reconciles science, religion in week-long presentations

By Tanim Taher

TECHNEWS WRITER

Can there be a middle ground between religion and science?

Can a religious person believe in God's hand in these events while using science to explain the mechanisms of how God accomplishes these things? Conversely, can a firm believer in science use science to explain everything while leaving open the possibility that a higher hand could have some input in the process? So the most important question is: can we use Science and Religion to synergistically explain the world around us?

The Muslim Students' Association (MSA) in partnership with IIT's Office of Spiritual Life and Service Learning and IIT Hillel is holding the "Science and Religion Week, IIT" this week between October 31 to November 4. The week's first event was held Monday, October 31—it was an Interfaith panel of scientists who discussed whether religion is a barrier or a supporter of scientific research. Today, November 1, at the MTCC ballroom, from 12:50-1:40 p.m., there is a lecture on "Quran and Science" that will discuss how the Quranic religious scripture supports scientific discoveries.

On Wednesday, November 2, MSA is proud to welcome Northwestern University

Feinberg School of Medicine's Les Turner ALS Foundation/Herbert C. Wenske Foundation Professor Teepu Siddique. The internationally recognized researcher has received numerous awards for his work in neuromuscular disorders, especially amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) or Lou Gehrig's disease. Dr Siddique will deliver a lecture entitled "Science and Religion: Aspects of Human Experience." This will be held at the E1 auditorium from 12:45-1:40 p.m.

Thursday's lecture is by Professor Catherine Bronson, from IIT's humanities department. This will be held during the lunch hour in the Perlstein Hall auditorium and is entitled "Scientific progress and Islamic Civilization."

The final two events of the week will be held on Friday, November 4. Dr Ahmed Mirza, an IIT alum and instructor at Rush Medical will deliver a lecture on the very fascinating topic of evolution and religion. This is a hot topic of discussion right now, so don't miss it! The title is "Theory of Evolution & Religion" and the location is MTCC auditorium, 12-1 p.m. Following this, Dr Mirza will deliver a lecture at Farr Hall between 1-1:40 p.m.

More details are available at http://msa.iit.edu or Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/groups/msa.iit/). The MSA will also provide lunch sponsored by SAF during the lectures.

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8pm UB Film Festival (MTCC Auditorium) – The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (Switzerland)

Monday:

12:50pm-1:40pm RISE Internships in Germany Info Session (WH 113)

8pm UB Film Festival – Saawariya (India)

Tuesday:

12:50-1:50pm Talk Time - Religion

8pm UB Film Festival – The Chorus (France)

Wednesday:

11:30am-2:30pm - 'Noodles Around the World' and a Study Abroad info table in the Commons

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Wednesday (continued):

8pm UB Film Festival – [Rec*] (Spain)

Thursday:

12:50pm-1:40pm Free Language Classes – French (WH 115) – Mandarin (WH 116)

6pm Polish Folk Dance Lessons (MTCC Ballroom)

8pm UB Film Festival
- Hero (China)

Friday:

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Saturday:

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Indian Grand Prix adds new dimension to motor sports

By Karthik Chalasani
TECHNEWS WRITER

It may sound surprising, but yes, the cricket-crazy nation of India is finally all set to witness its maiden Formula One race. Designed by the renowned architect Hermann Tike, the Buddh International Circuit is located to the south of New Dehli in the suburb of Noida.

The circuit stretches to 5.125-kilometers and is expected to seat up 150,000 spectators. The track also has two sizable straights and an interesting mix of

corners, which should guarantee a track full of challenges for drivers and engineers alike.

The Circuit will be a part of the prestigious "Jaypee Greens Sports City Home" project, which also includes a 100,000 seat cricket stadium, a 18-hole golf course, and a 25,000 seat hockey stadium, all being built by the Indian-based construction company Jaiprakash Associates.

Build up to the mega sporting spectacle has been quite awe-inspiring, right from September 1, 2011 when the track was officially certified there has been an expected buzz from the media all around the world, especially after the Commonwealth Games

Fiasco.

But, as they say, we all learn from our mistakes. There has been a near flawless attempt from the organizers to showcase India's capabilities to the world with this Grand Prix.

To spice up the event Metallica is set to perform at "F1 Rocks in India," which will be their maiden concert in the country, adding to the on-circuit tussle from the world famous racing giants. With both the Formula One Driver and Constructors championships already wrapped up by Sebastian Vettel and his Red Bull-Renault team, it will be interesting to see the strategy of the other teams.

Although many consider India's F1

team Force India to be a "British-based Force India" with no Indian drivers or mechanics, the team is still expecting some local support especially after full-page advertisements in local media were run and a website calling on fans to 'Raise the Flag' under the slogan, "One nation. One soul. One Indian Team," was set up.

Indian cricket great Sachin Tendulkar is set to wave the checkered flag on race day, while Bollywood's leading personalities are sure to be jostling for a share of the limelight before the start.

All in all, it will turn out to be an exciting weekend for race enthusiasts in India given the magnitude of the event.

'Mylo Xyloto': Coldplay continues to change sounds

By Ryan KamphuisA&E EDITOR

This past Tuesday marked the release date of 'Mylo Xyloto,' British band Coldplay's fifth studio album. All year, hype has been building surrounding this release, much of it due to the fact that many thought this album would never happen.

Early in their career, Coldplay's frontman Chris Martin proclaimed that he didn't think "bands should keep going past the age of 33." After the band's last album, the artistic tour de force 'Viva la Vida,' Martin hit that age.

Despite his earlier statement, the band returned to the studio after extensive touring to support 'Viva la Vida,' but with a new philosophy. Coldplay could make albums when they were over 33, but they just had to look at what they were working on as their last album.

For this new album, Coldplay brought

back Brian Eno as their producer. Eno, the famous producer/musician who has worked with famous bands and acts such as Talking Heads, U2 and David Bowie, had worked with Coldplay on Viva la Vida, and was responsible for many of the changes that the band began to make in their style with that album.

When you being listening to Mylo Xyloto it is clear that the changes Coldplay began to make with Viva la Vida have come to fruition, with a lot of the ideas they experimented with in that album becoming more developed in Mylo Xyloto.

No longer does Coldplay sound like Radiohead and U2, as many critics claimed with Viva la Vida. Coldplay's sound is now uniquely Coldplay, and few comparisons can be drawn between them and other bands.

Whether or not this new sound is welcome is up for the listener to decide. There's no doubt when listening to Mylo that it is a Coldplay album, but it sounds like no Coldplay

album before it. Songs like 'Paradise' and 'Hurts Like Heaven' have hard electronic riffs to them that have never really been present before on Coldplay releases.

'Princess of China,' a collaboration between Coldplay and Rihanna, sounds more like Rihanna than Coldplay. But despite all these changes, tracks like 'U.F.O.' and 'Us Against The World' still have throwbacks to Coldplay's early days, sounding like developed versions of the songs you heard on Coldplay's first album 'Parachutes.'

Ultimately, I find it difficult to say whether or not I like Mylo Xyloto. If one was to simply give me the CD and not tell me that it was by Coldplay, I'd love it. But knowing that it's Coldplay, I find it difficult to enjoy.

I love the band, but this album is too much of a change for me. Instead of heartfelt songs like 'The Scientist' and driving songs like 'Talk,' Mylo is filled with electric songs that don't have the emotion of their earlier work.

I think Coldplay went too far with the changes they started to make in Viva la Vida, which makes Mylo Xyloto sound generic.

Despite these qualms, there is no doubt in my mind that the album will be successful.

Tracks like 'Paradise' are perfect for clubs, and many tracks on the album will be heard on pop radio stations for the rest of the year. Songs like 'Every Teardrop is a Waterfall' will be perfect anthems for the sold-out stadium shows that Coldplay will no doubt be playing for the next year.

But to make all this happen, Coldplay has lost a lot of the innocence and sincerity that old fans such as myself loved them for.

It will be interesting to see if Coldplay works on another album after Mylo, and if so, if they continue walking down the road of changes they are currently on, or if they begin to go back to their roots.



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Women's soccer succeeds to quarter finals

GRAEME PORT

By Graeme Port SPORTS WRITER

The women's soccer team concluded their regular league season this past week with a comfortable 3-0 midweek away win over Holy Cross College, before a disappointing 4-1 home defeat on Saturday against the number 16 team in the nation, Judson University.

The Hawks traveled to face Holy Cross on Tuesday, on the back of a four game winning streak, and it was the visitors that started the brighter of the two teams.

In just the 6th minute of play, Norwegian super striker Marit Tundal danced past

the home teams defense before she unleashed an unstoppable drive into the bottom corner of the net to put the Hawks one up.

The visitors doubled their lead in the 12th minute when winger Veronica Torres - who must have been inspired by her fellow countryman, the Fili-austranarian legend that is Robert Rixer - cut inside from the left wing before rocketing a Rixeresque strike past the home keeper to make the score 2-0.

The deadly duo of Torres and Tundal were at it again in the 39th minute, with the fleet-of-foot Torres tearing past several defenders before providing the Norwegian goal machine with a delightful cross, that Tundal smashed into the back of the net to grab her

second, and the Hawks third goal of the game.

The goal proved to be the final tally of the day as the Hawks cruised through the second half of the match to record a comfortable 3-0 win.

On Saturday, the Hawks faced a far tougher task as they welcomed the 16thranked team in the nation, Judson University, to Stuart Field.

goal in the 16th minute, through Jenna Steffensen, and added to their lead just three minutes later, through Angela Bianchi.

The visitors grabbed the game's first

The Hawks' Norwegian talisman, Tundal, got the home team back into the game in the 35th minute, when she sniped a 20 yard bullet just under the crossbar to record her team leading 10th goal of the year.

The Hawks pressed for the equalizing goal in the second half, but it was Judson who grabbed the game's next goal in the 67th minute, through Bianchi, before the Judson striker recorded her hat-trick in the 89th minute, making the final score 4-1 to the visitors. With the win and the loss this past week, the Hawks finish the regular league season in fifth place in the CCAC.

The ladies will play the fourthplaced team - Robert Morris, who the Hawks beat 1-0 during the regular season - away in the quarter-finals of the CCAC Playoffs this coming Saturday.

Men's soccer earn spot in conference

By Ciaran Kohli-Lynch

STAFF WRITER

The men's soccer team's regular conference season drew to a close on Saturday with an impressive victory against local rivals Judson College. The Hawks have been busy lately with a run of four fixtures in two weeks.

First up was Trinity International University. The team battled well throughout the match, securing a 2-1 victory in the 76th minute through a John Connor header after Liam Barrett had equalized the game five minutes earlier by latching on to a Graeme Port free-kick.

Next on the Hawk's schedule was a home match against conference strugglers Calumet. Liam Barrett gave the Hawks an early lead four minutes in, curling an unstoppable drive past the opposition goalkeeper.

Graeme Port, Guilherme Nunes, Robert Rixer, and Barrett again would also add to the Hawk's tally before Calumet clawed back some hope with a goal on the half hour mark.

Rixer's goal was, of course, the pick of the bunch. The Hawk's talismanic winger did superbly well to lose his man in the box

and crash home a thunderous header with the force of a thousand Kawasakis.

The Hawks 5-1 lead gave Coach David Strother the opportunity to give some of his younger players and peripheral figures, like veteran midfielder Ciaran Kohli-Lynch a chance to get some minutes on the park.

Kohli-Lynch went on to score one goal and, if it had not been for some frankly preposterous offside calls by the linesman, would most certainly have scored a hat-trick.

Graeme Port would go on to score one more goal for the Hawks before a late resurgence by Calumet ended the game at 7-4.

Third on the schedule was Holy Cross University. In only the 5th minute, Graeme Port struck home from 10 yards after Robert Rixer.

Fifteen minutes later the scoreline was doubled with Rixer once again involved. The Filipino magician latched onto a Graeme Port through ball before being felled cynically by the Saints' goalkeeper.

Rixer brushed the dirt off his famous body and stepped up to fire home the resulting penalty kick. The Hawk's most famous player managed to score one more goal before half time to give the visitors a 3-0 lead going into the break.

After half-time, Ciaran Kohli-Lynch, recently voted most handsome player in the NAIA in the coaches' poll, added a fourth for the Hawks.

Ten minutes later, Holy Cross were able to score a consolation goal through striker Luis Delgado, before Robert Rixer wrapped up the most famous of hat-tricks in the 78th minute with a low left foot drive.

The game stats allegedly attributed this goal to Robert Ritchie-Smith which was a complete miscarriage of justice.

This reporter, like many others, feels that this could only possibly be part of a smear some great build up play by Liam Barrett and campaign by the Philippines' most bitter rivals,

> Last up was Judson College. Over the last few years the Hawks have developed a fierce rivalry with the Judson Eagles.

> With the ambition to maintain a good run of form and secure a home tie for the first round of playoffs by finishing third in the regular season league table, the team set about their business from the start.

Robert Ritchie-Smith shook the crossbar with a terrific volley minutes into the match and this was followed moments later by the opening goal of the game.

Liam Barrett was on hand to prod home after the Judson goalkeeper parried a Graeme Port strike.

Judson rallied in the second half and equalized in the 55th minute. Their lead was short-lived however as substitute Ciaran Kohli-Lynch was on hand to score the winner 20 minutes from time, after Liam Barrett had watched his effort bounce back off the woodwork.

These four wins have secured the Hawks' third place in the conference and a place in this season's playoffs.

As senior midfield playmaker Guilherme Nunes remarked after Saturday's victory:

"To beat Judson is so wonderful and magical and I am really happy. I am proud of the effort of my teammates. Everyone out on the pitch is fighting for each other. I feel like we are part of a big family and I love them all. Hopefully this camaraderie will propel us into a successful run in the playoffs."

Olympian Aaron Peirsol visits with Illinois Tech swim team

By Melanie Koto

STAFF WRITER

Last week, the Illinois Tech Swim team had a very special practice with a visit from a US Olympic Swimmer. Aaron Peirsol, a seven-time Olympic medalist and world record-holder took a day to fly to Chicago and visit with the team, helping out at practices to provide technique and race tips and also enjoying a lunch in our very own Pritzker Club with the senior members of the team.

The visit was one of a kind for the members of the team, who started their meet season on Friday. "Having an individual practice with Aaron Peirsol is like a dream for any backstroker," said senior backstroker, Carlos Tejero. "And this experience certainly was for me!"

Freshman freestyler, Nicolette Lewis also enjoyed the experience. "It was one of the coolest things I have ever done," said Lewis. ■ "He had a lot of great advice." The visit was a once in a life time chance for most of the swimmers, as well as a great learning experience for meets. Now in their competitive season, the team had two meets this past weekend. Friday evening was the 3rd annual breast cancer awareness meet against North Central College. On Saturday, the teams traveled to University of Chicago to compete against the Maroons.

The first event of the meet, the 200yard medley relay, saw the Women's team take 5th place overall (seniors Andrea Zuniga, Julia Duarte, junior Aimee Dewante and senior Melanie Koto) with a time of 2:01.65, while the Men's team took 3rd (sophomore Michael Bodzay, junior Eric Grunden, sophomore Felipe Bergh and senior Max Ramminger) with a time of 1:41.61, and the team of junior Matthew Rosenfeld, freshman Billy Bafia, Dan Sommerfeld and Matt O'Rourke took 5th. In the Women's 200-yard freestyle,

Dewante took 5th overall (2:07.52), and on the Men's side sophomore Yoni Pruzansky took 2nd (1:52.33), senior Tomasz Chojnacki took 5th (1:57.71), Bafia took 6th (1:58.75). Koto and Zuniga placed 3rd and 4th in the Women's 50-yard freestyle (27.37 and 28.25), and in the Men's 50-yard freestyle, Ramminger placed 2nd with a 22.08 and senior Dylan Maus took 5th with a 23.47. Senior Morgan Curran placed 4th overall in the Women's 200-yard IM (2:25.69) while Duarte placed 6th with a 2:34.68.

Bodzay and Bergh went one-two for the Hawks in the Men's event, posting times of 2:01.25 and 2:03.75 respectively. In the 100-yard freestyle, Koto took 4th (1:00.26) and freshman Nicolette Lewis finished 5th (1:17.20), while on the Men's side Ramminger took 1st (48.49), Grunden took 5th (50.84) and Maus took 6th (52.35).

Zuniga placed 4th in the Women's 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:07.70, and Bodzay took 1st for the Men's team with a time of 56.25. Rosenfeld placed 4th in the event, finishing with a time of 1:00.57.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Curran took 4th for the Women's team (5:49.96) and sophomore Abby Maze took 5th (5:52.75), while Bergh took 2nd for the Men's team (5:05:19), Pruzansky took 5th (5:16.39) and freshman Igor Gryniv took 6th (5:47.61).

Duarte took 4th in the Women's 100yard breaststroke with a 1:14.55, and Grunden took 2nd in the Men's with a 1:03.94, while Bafia took 4th (1:05.04) and O'Rourke took 5th (1:09.71). The last event of the day, the Men's 200-yard free relay of Gryniv, Maus, Pruzansky and Chojnacki took 3rd with a 1:35.94.

The team has two more meets this weekend, Friday at Lewis University in Romeoville, and Friday at home against Robert Morris for the ladies team, so come out to the pool Saturday to cheer them on!



Photo by Melanie Koto

Volleyball win, lose

By Kayla Heller

STAFF WRITER

The Illinois Tech women's volleyball team played two conference games this past week, resulting in one win and one loss for the conference record.

The ladies played Judson University on Tuesday night, recording a win in a close five games set: 25-12, 25-22, 23-25, 17-25, 15-

Sophomore Kate Kendall led the Hawks with 23 kills and 13 digs, while junior setter Rebecca Bograd dished out 49 set assists. Sophomore Brittany Mead also chipped in 24

digs in the match.

The Hawks then took on St. Francis University on Thursday, in the Hawks' last home game of the season.

It was a battle, but the Hawks ended up dropping the game in a four set match: 12-25, 25-19, 22-25, 21-25. Kendall and senior Kayla Heller led the Hawks with 10 kills and two service aces apiece, while Bograd had 32 set assists.

The Hawks will take on Roosevelt University Tuesday, November 1, in their final game of the regular season.



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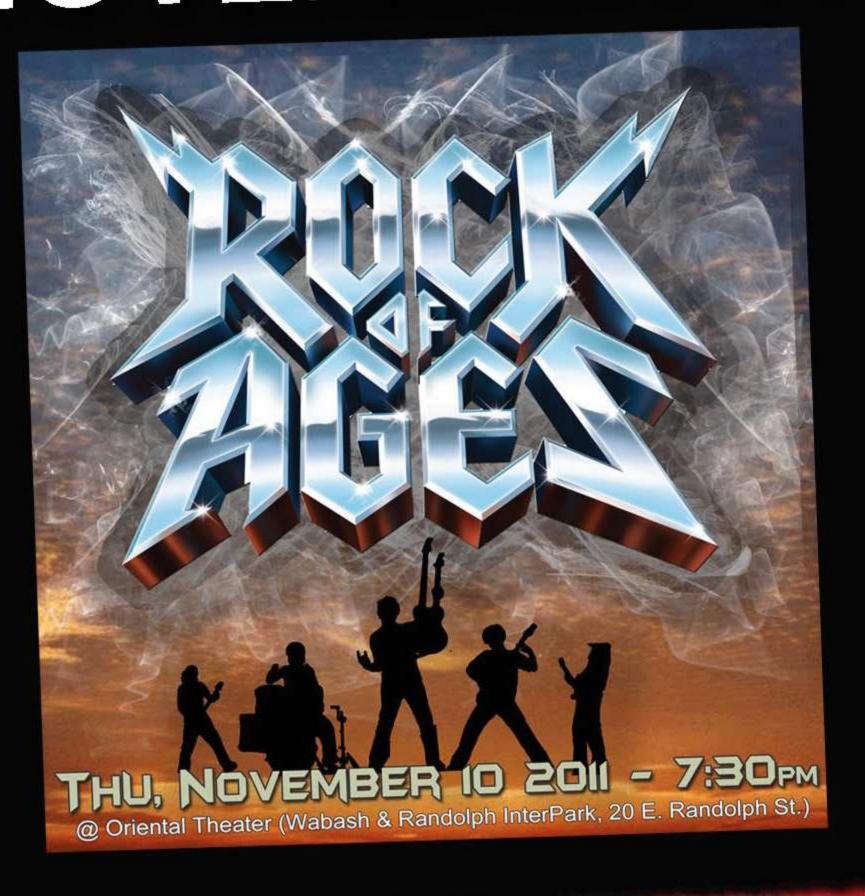
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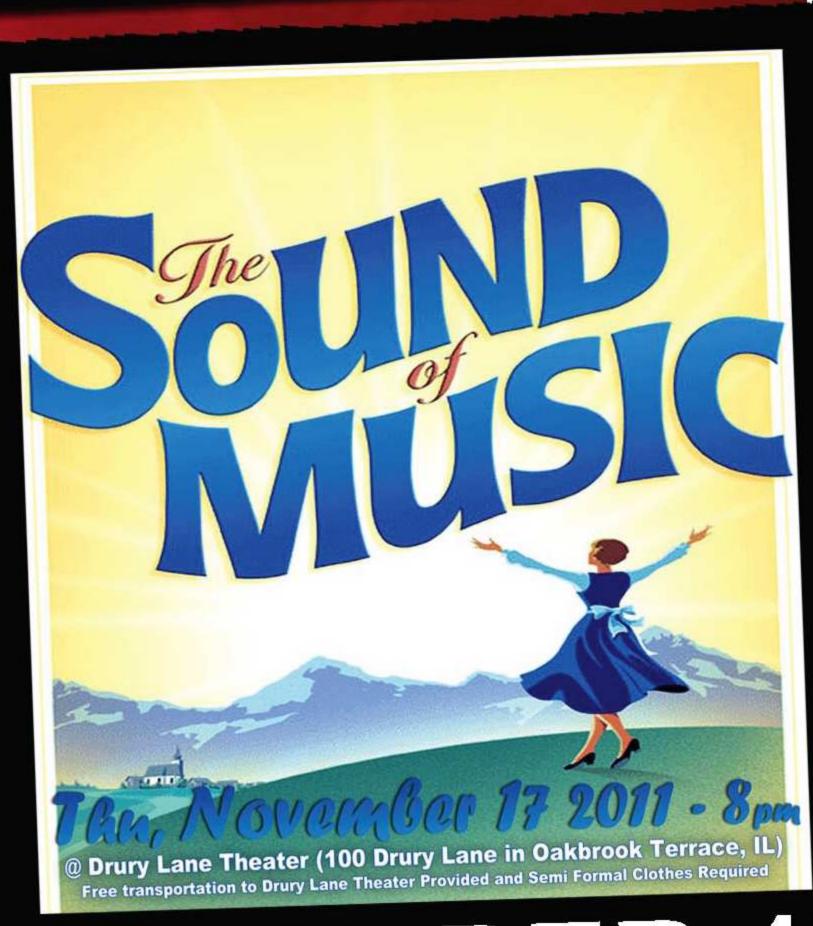


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