

Sustainability Forum questions corporate responsibilities

By Brock Auerbach-Lynn & Elizabeth Mauban

TECHNEWS WRITERS

The monthly Sustainability Forum, hosted by the Office of Campus Energy and Sustainability, kicked off the semester last Friday with a discussion on whether government policies or consumer choices are more effective in driving businesses to be environmentally and socially responsible.

Joseph Clair, Director of the Office of Campus Energy and Sustainability, started things off with an update of all sustainability projects on campus. He focused attention on several competitions which IIT will be participating in this semester. The first is Recyclemania, an eight-week contest wherein IIT will compete against universities across the country to see which can recycle the most. Last year, IIT placed second in Illinois. Recyclemania starts February 5.

The second competition will be Campus Conservation Nationals. This threeweek contest, from late March thru early April, will encourage certain buildings across IIT to reduce energy and water usage, compared to a baseline measure. IIT will be competing against universities nationwide for the Campus Conservation Nationals crown, as well as some great prizes.

Clair then passed the stage to the moderator, Brock Auerbach-Lynn, the project implementation coordinator for the OCES, as well as an MBA and MS Environmental Management & Sustainability student at IIT's Stuart School of Business. Auerbach-Lynn outlined the opportunities that both consumer spending and government policy have to drive environmental and social change by businesses. He also mentioned some of the difficulties and problems associated with each, including inefficient outcomes with government and uncoordinated efforts among consumers. Having laid a sufficient background, Auerbach-Lynn introduced Ashley Craig to speak on the government policy side.

Ashley Craig is the environmental business specialist at the Chicago-based Environmental Law & Policy Center. She detailed how government policy is a crucial roadmap for businesses, citing the rise and wane of alternative energy investment with state energy policies. Craig also mentioned that waste poli-

cies requiring electronics producers to recycle a large portion of e-waste have triggered a huge market where once there was none. While government is not always benign and certainly not perfect, Craig put forth a strong argument that sound government policy can make a difference in driving environmentally and socially responsible business behavior.

Kath Duffy, the founder and director at the Dill Pickle Food Co-op in Logan Square, followed Craig to the podium to speak on the power of consumer spending. The co-op model, which she built the Dill Pickle around, is completely customer-owned, with the customers dictating policies on everything from the fair trade chocolate to the farming methods of its vegetable producers. Members of the community wanted an organic and local food option that would cater to their specific and slightly "off the beaten path" needs. Duffy remarked that Dill Pickle Food has no debt and has already achieved over a million dollars in sales each of the last two years. "Certainly a testament to consumer power," cited Duffy. The shareholders of the store also shop there, and they are diligent in making sure everything in the store is something they are proud to buy and sell, to educate casual shoppers on why certain items are or are not offered, as well as explain any price differences between their store and conventional grocers.

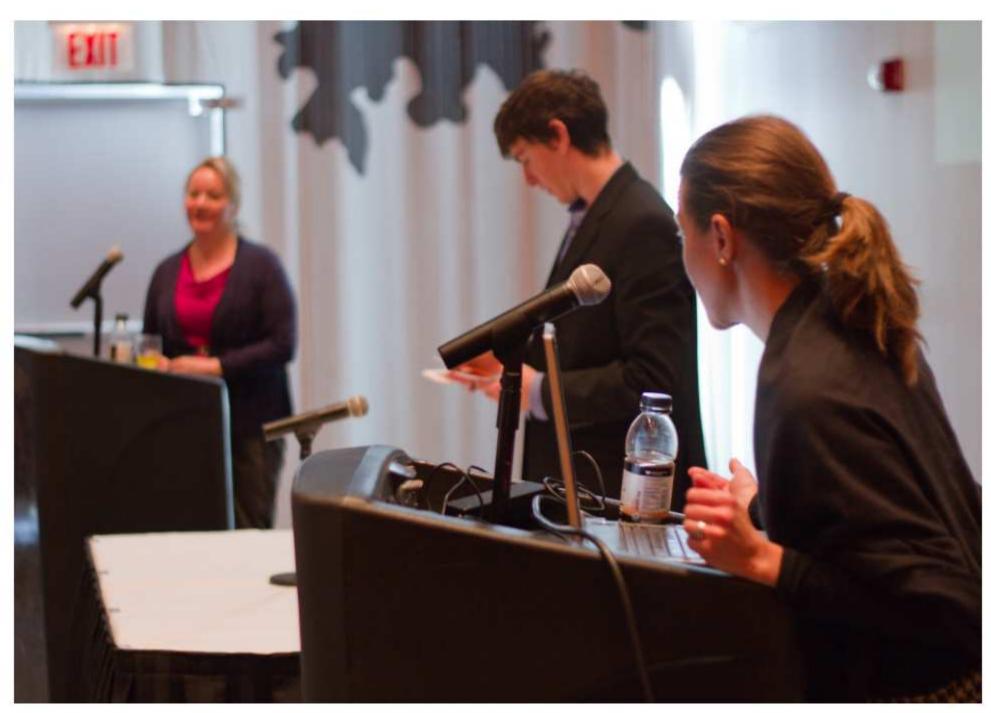
Audience members were then given a chance to direct questions to the speakers. Questions ranged from how this recent recession impacted efforts to influence businesses to become more sustainable to how universities can play a role in influencing consumer behavior and purchases, as well as government policy. In response to questions about corporate lobbying and dealing with counterproductive legislation, both Craig and Duffy encouraged the audience to get involved in the process, both as consumers and as responsible citizens engaged with the political process.

The forum elucidated the power of both consumer purchasing and government policy on their own, but it was clear by the end that, when used in conjunction, they are an even more formidable force in driving business to create social and environmental change.

The next Sustainability Forum will be at noon on Friday February 24, in the MTCC Ballroom. Further details can be found by emailing campussustainability@iit.edu.







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Balancing responsibilities, freedoms nutures success

By Mike Purdy

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Work Hard. Play Hard.

You've heard it a thousand times before, but in many cases the latter is difficult to achieve for students attending a technical university such as IIT. With a rigorous course schedule, demanding professors, and consistent late-night study sessions, a student at Illinois Tech is conditioned to hard work and considerable mental stress. Sure, frantic studying and anxiety over every diminutive assignment may pay off with a solid, visually appealing transcript, but I can guarantee you that this is not what you will remember most upon gazing back at your college experience many years from now as you look out of your office window, wondering where the time went or why your cholesterol levels are so high after years of inactivity. Alright, perhaps that was a bit extreme, but nevertheless, I believe that being a well-rounded student is vital to one's present and future success, especially at an institution as educationally laborious as ours. And the key to it all is balance. Achieving a fundamental balance - that is mental, physical, and emotional wellness, is a core element to any student's triumph throughout his or her college years, and here are some necessary steps you can take to ensure a proper balance as a full-time student.

Hit the Gym:

A recent New York Times article covering a study from researchers at Saginaw Valley State University reported that students who participated in regular vigorous physical activity appeared to have better GPA's than those students who remained physically inactive. This study can be applied to every institution of higher education around the country, as there is an obvious correlation between student success, contentment, and regular exercise. What do I mean by regular exercise? At least an hour a day is ideal; and whether this is primarily cardiovascular (walking, running, etc.), athletic, or anaerobic (weightlifting), getting up and producing a sweat is one of the best things you can do for your overall health. So next time, instead of attempting to grind out those last few pages of your lab report, head over to Keating or take a jog down the lakeshore and return to your work later with a fresh perspective; it works every time. Along with a sufficient amount of sleep, physical activity will help anyone reverse their sedentary ways.

Let Loose on the Weekends and Enjoy

Chicago:

Let's face it; the weekend is a time

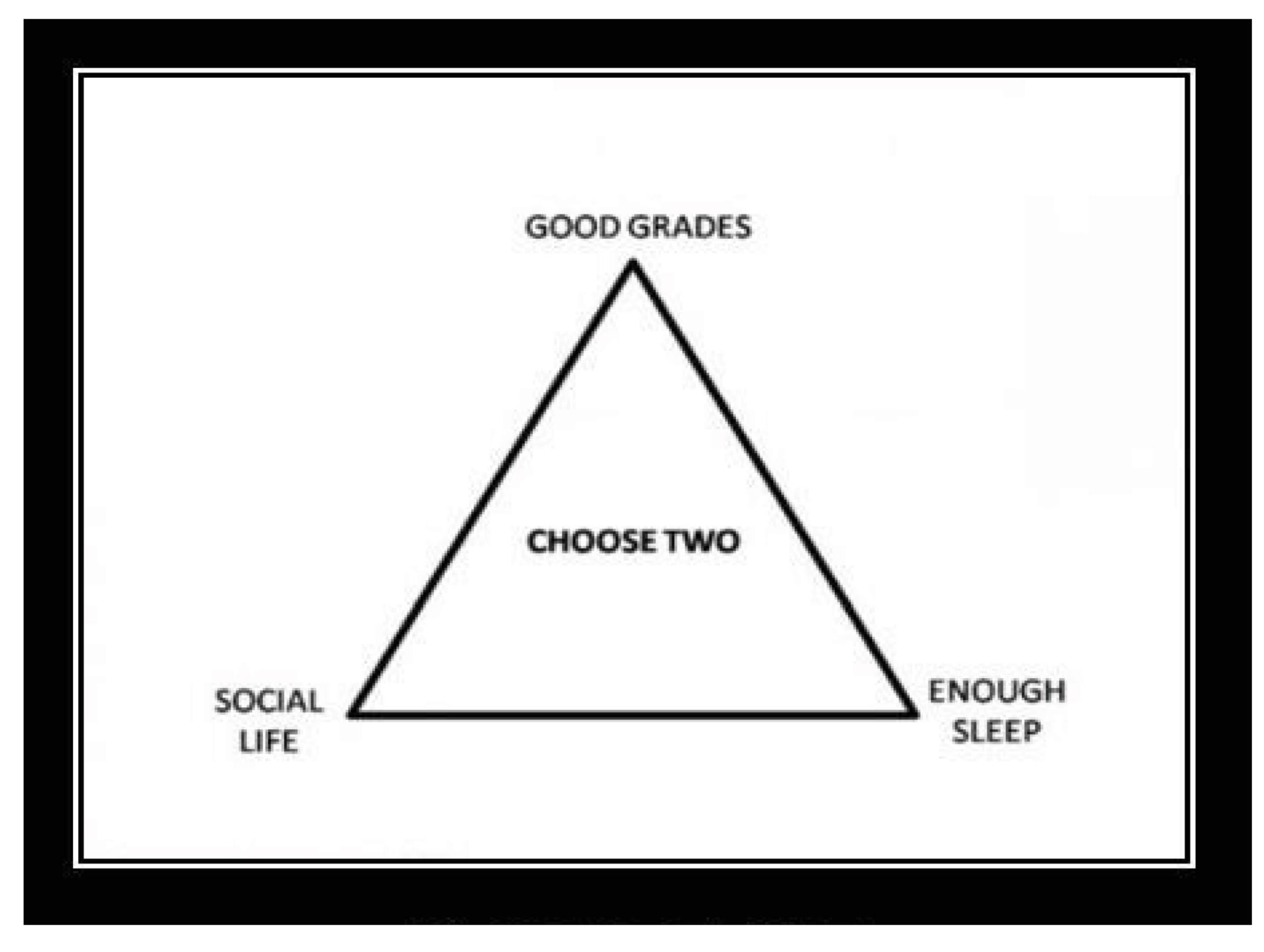


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for relaxation and personal pursuits (except for Sunday night of course...). Without having some fun during the weekends, school here can become a bit suffocating. From personal experience, some of my fondest memories of Chicago and IIT have come from spontaneous adventures over the weekends. Use this two or three day period as a time to unwind, prepare yourself for the coming week, and take advantage of opportunities to explore the city and engage in new experiences outside of your daily routine. The U-Pass is an awesome tool that is in our possession as IIT students, so use it! It is easy to become entrenched in academics and commitments and not have the time to hop on the CTA, and it is even easier to take this great city we live in and all of its vast cultural, social, and educational activities for granted. Chicago is the hub of the Midwest, so get out there and enjoy it.

Get Involved on Campus:

Becoming involved in any sort of extracurricular, professional, or athletic organization while in college is absolutely critical to one's personal development and balanced lifestyle. From my observations, IIT students are for the most part very involved on campus, but there are still many among us who will simply float through this experience without much of a connection to the IIT community we are all a part of. Being committed to a club or organization will not only allow you

to manage your time better and expand your horizons through networking and leadership opportunities, but will also endow you with a great sense of reciprocity; the inclination to give back in the same way you have received. IIT is currently host to over 100 different student organizations, and is especially unique in that it gives students the ability to create their own official clubs and groups in no time at all. Greek life presents an amazing opportunity to enhance your experiences while at Illinois Tech, and should definitely not be overlooked on your pursuit of a balanced and rewarding collegiate career.

The philosopher John Locke once stated, "A sound mind in a sound body is a short but full description of a happy state in this world." This simple yet significant quote has resonated throughout the world for centuries, finding true meaning in the minds and hearts of those who have dedicated their lives to achieving a wholesome, well-rounded, and balanced existence. At this point in our young adult lives, attaining this balance is essential to the roles we play, especially as students at a tech school who work hard in the classroom and often times neglect our physical and emotional well-being in the interest of good grades.

The moral of the story: make the conscious effort to play just as hard as you work, and make the most of this experience which you will not have the luxury of repeating.

American justice system pros, cons

By Ryan Hynes

A&E EDITOR

The American brand of justice is something that all citizens ought be proud of. We established our own tripartite system of government that has served as a model for countless other nations. The source from which this power is distilled, The Constitution, is exceptionally thorough in mapping out the executive and legislative branches of government, but leaves the judicial question rather open-ended.

All that the Constitution provides for in fact, is a Supreme Court. The subsequent federal courts were created through acts of Congress. The current judiciary however, is a far cry from what the founders originally intended, and has led to what many would argue is an imperfect, and unjust system.

America is the most litigious country in the world. There are approximately 1.1 million lawyers in the United States, working out to around one lawyer for every 250 Americans. As a people, we are often criticized by our propensity to sue, especially for matters deemed frivolous or unreasonable. This may in part be attributable to the number of attorneys currently practicing, but a more likely culprit is the punitive damages awarded in many civil suits.

Punitive damages, or exemplary damages, are monetary awards granted to the plaintiff as punishment of the defendant. Opposed to compensatory damages, which are intended to compensate the plaintiff for their loss, punitive damages are meant to further admonish the defendant and deter them from further violations. Most cases that deal with these types of damages are referred to as torts.

Now this all may seem very convoluted, but tort law is one of the most profitable fields for practicing attorneys, ranging from "ambulance chasers" to big time tobacco lawyers. The settlements and decisions from tort cases are also very large, and can in some cases constitute an unbearable economic burden.

Many Americans are familiar with the details of Libeck v. McDonald's Restaurants, in which the plaintiff received damages of \$3 million for spilling coffee on herself. What many people fail to realize however, is that the defendants in cases like this are more often than not individuals and small business, not corporate America.

A settlement of \$3 million is a drop in a very large bucket for McDonald's, but could close a smaller business, and drive an individual into financial ruin. This is the hidden cost of our justice system, the destruction of wealth and productivity, all due to a narcissistic sense of entitlement and a complete lack of personal culpability.

Our judiciary has some very serious flaws; there can be no denying that. But it is important to remember the success and

Letter to the Editor: Sodexo's service

I'd like to publicly thank Sodexo for their amazing work and spread of food presented at the OCES Sustainability Forum on January 27.

They really stepped up their game for this event, providing healthy food that incorporated vegan and gluten free needs without taking away from quality and taste. Needing to follow a strict gluten free diet myself, I was beside myself when I found that

I was able to eat an entire meal, including desert at this event. Too often, dietary needs are often forgotten by event programmers around campus; I hope that this quality of food and focus on dietary need can serve as a model for other organizations as they plan future events through Sodexo.

Thanks again! Christina Noonan, 4th year architecture major

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triumphs of the courts. And perhaps the fault lies not with the courts but with the deviation of our own society from the mores to which we once subscribed. Whichever it may be, it is important that we make note of the current trend, as well as its social and economic costs.

Students Speak promotes dialogue among university leaders

By Mike Purdy

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Blustery winter winds gained momentum and snow began to accumulate steadily while members of the Students Speak committee hosted the 2012 Students Speak Summit inside the MTCC auditorium.

These committee members presented the results of the campus-wide Students Speak survey, which was conducted in November, to a large host of campus administration.

Despite the frigid conditions outside, inside the auditorium on the night of Friday, January 20, the atmosphere was warm and welcoming; faculty leaders appeared receptive and intent on hearing the outcome of a survey that is known for being a catalyst of change on campus.

To kickoff the presentation, university president John Anderson opened with a few preliminary remarks before handing it off to Bruce Fisher, director of the Center for Research and Service, and the Leadership Academy at IIT, who welcomed those in attendance with much enthusiasm and introduced the team of student presenters.

The presentation team included Paola Arce, a third year Architecture undergrad; Jacqueline Roche, fourth year psychology; Mike Purdy, second year Journalism of Technology, Science, and Business; Karl Rybaltowski, a second year Stuart School of Business student; Jeremy Thompson, project manager for the Center of Research and Service; and Elnaz Moshfeghian, a fourth year computer science major and the current student body president.

The formal presentation itself was brief, outlining the survey results and providing the statistics and recommendations to those departments in need of improvement being its core objectives. Purdy began the presentation with an introduction to the Students Speak survey, along with a response summary and some of the main headlines to be covered.

Perhaps the most significant of these headlines is the fact that overall student satisfaction has improved at IIT, which continues a trend from previous years and shows promising evidence not only that the survey has been achieving its aim, but that university faculty and staff have been putting forth a solid effort toward making students happy.

Indicated by the survey, students feel respected by staff, generally feel safe on campus, and most (70%) would recommend a friend to IIT based on their overall experience. Presenting the survey's core items across various departments was Karl Rybaltowski, who is a veteran of the Students Speak committee.

These core items included such topics as departmental timeliness, quality of services, respect to students, and provision of accurate information. Among the most favorably rated departments were the Office of Financial Aid, the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, and the Registrar. Those least favorably rated by students in terms of core items were Housing, the CMC, and Public Safety, which were the three departments in need of the most improvement according to this year's survey.

Speaking with much experience, Elnaz Moshfeghian followed Rybaltowski with her presentation on the comment analysis portion of the survey, along with the new "capital priorities" item, in which students selected the area that they would prefer the university make



Image courtesy of IIT Student Speak

capital investments.

According to the results, most students would prefer improved classrooms and labs, followed by a new or improved athletic and recreational facility. This section proved to be a subject of much debate and dialogue throughout the summit, and appeared to be a hot item in the minds of the university leaders in attendance.

To finish out the presentation, Jeremy Watson, Jacqui Roche, and Paola Arce each provided the audience with recommendations and feedback regarding those departments rated least favorably.

Watson indicated that the Students Speak Summit was the initial step in generating positive change on campus, but much more must be done; student advisory groups should be created to assist Housing, the CMC, and Public Safety, and departments will be asked to provide updates on implemented plans and changes in coming TechNews issues.

Roche and Arce presented the specific recommendations for these three departments—for Housing, facilities and maintenance proved to be in most need of improvement, especially concerned with response time and transparent communication between students and department faculty.

Although the CMC has shown signs of improvement, Arce pointed out that more collaboration with student organizations along with increased professional opportunities and services for international students would result in improved student satisfaction with this department.

Upon completion of the survey presentation, Provost Alan Cramb facilitated the question/answer portion of the Summit. This forum allowed a platform for rolling questions and comments, and provided for open and honest dialogue between the Students Speak committee and university administration.

The most prevalent discussion topics were capital priorities, campus life, diversity and cultural awareness on campus, and student involvement. The discussion went smoothly, and the presenters, along with other significant student contributors including Rhani Shah and Megan Christenson, were able to generate ample and knowledgeable responses to any concerns the faculty appeared to have.

Altogether, the 2012 Students Speak Summit achieved its goal in producing open dialogue amongst university leaders, departmental staff, and invested students. The mood seemed jolly as attendees filed out of the auditorium to face the snowstorm building outside; with increased awareness and inspired insight, the leaders of IIT appear ready to make positive and lasting change.

Financial Aid Office: Submit your 2012-2013 FAFSA

By IIT Office of Financial Aid

The Office of Financial Aid would like to encourage students to begin preparing for the 2012-13 academic year. To begin, fill out your FAFSA! This application (accessible at fafsa.ed.gov) for federal student aid is available to citizens and permanent residents.

The Office of Financial Aid will begin preparing student award packages for the 2012-13 year in March. Some forms of federal and state aid are limited so the earlier you submit your FAFSA, the better! The Department of Education has indicated some changes to federal aid requirements for the 2012-13 academic year. We want to inform students of these changes early on so students have time to prepare and our office has time to properly adjust accounts.

For students selected for verification, tax returns will no longer be accepted. All students selected for verification must submit tax transcripts directly from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The time it takes to request a transcript will be approximately two

weeks, which means a delay in how quickly we can finish your verification.

If you know you are selected after filling out your FAFSA, request your transcript immediately after filing your tax return to expedite the process. Additionally, for students receiving food stamps, additional documentation will be required so the Office of Financial Aid can confirm your benefits.

Watch your portal account for specific details on what is required!

Finally, we encourage students to look for outside scholarships for the 2012-13

year. IIT tuition tends to increase each year and outside scholarships are a great way to help with the increased costs.

Please visit the Financial Aid website (http://www.iit.edu/financial_aid/resources/index.shtml) to search for opportunities.

You can also stop by our office and look through our scholarship books during business hours, Monday through Friday 8:30a.m. to 5p.m.

If you have any questions about the upcoming year, please feel free to contact us at finaid@iit.edu or 312-567-7219.

CRAB Lab opens on campus

By Ciaran Shaughnessy & Mariah Kuitse

TECHNEWS WRITERS

"I've got crabs!" is not something that you might hear an undergraduate saying too often, but for a growing number of IIT undergraduate researchers, this phrase is meant quite literally.

The CRAB Lab (Creative Research in Animal Behavior), which opened last Fall, is a student-directed laboratory specifically created for unfunded undergraduates to research in a range of fields relating to the marine environment.

The 25 by 11 foot lab in Life Sciences Building is outfitted with two recirculating seawater aquariums and an experimental linear-flow tank system—all totaling over 1,100 liters.

The lab is home to 65 live European shore (aka "green") crabs (Carcinus maenas) and expects to receive a giant Pacific (Northwest) octopus (Enteroctopus dofleini) in the coming weeks.

The lab was founded within IIT's chemistry department to identify a chemical compound from an octopus that could help counteract the invasion of the non-native species of green crab in marine ecosystems of the Pacific Northwest.

But, since its initiation with one chemistry undergraduate, the project has grown

to include two more students from biology.

Since then, the CRAB Lab has begun collaborating with a number of other academic departments to perform additional related studies in the lab, including the Institute of Psychology (with three students), microbiology (possibly two future students), and an IPRO (specifically, three students).

If you are interested in learning more about the CRAB Lab, you can follow the crabs, the octopus, and the researchers on Twitter (@ IIT_Crabs, @IIT_Octopus, @IIT_CRABLab), view live-streaming video (including the crab and, soon, the octopus), read the lab's blog, and find out more about the research projects at the CRAB Lab website: is.gd/crablab.





Photos by Ciaran Shaughnessy & Mariah Kuitse

IIT reacts to National Nuclear Science Week

By Utsav Gandhi

CAMPUS EDITOR

Walking by nonchalantly after grabbing the usual Center Court lunch, many were surprised to see something strikingly extraordinary near the MTCC Auditorium—an IndyCar!

The IIT College of Science and Letters proudly hosted the National Nuclear Science Day, a part of National Nuclear Science Week, on January 25. This one-day signature event showcased ways to "Get to Know Nuclear," with presentations webcast to hundreds of classrooms around the country, an interactive art experience, and a visit by Simona de Silvestro, driver of the Nuclear Clean Energy IZOD IndyCar #78 and IndyCar Rookie of the Year.

Master's and doctoral-level students were also on hand to explain and discuss research projects during lunch to physics, chemistry and science students from Chicago schools.

"This week is an opportunity for

educators, industry and citizens across our country to speak out about the critical value of nuclear science and technology to our future energy security and economic competiveness," said Secretary of Energy Steven Chu, in a statement. "As a platform for a nationwide discussion on the need to recruit the next generation of students to science, technology, engineering and mathematics, National Nuclear Science Week plays an important role."

Nuclear power has been a controversial topic, especially in the aftermath of the Fukushima nuclear disaster in Japan last year. Some people are concerned about how nuclear waste is stored and the possibility of radioactive waste ending up in water supplies. This week is organized with the intention to answer some genuine questions that people may have, and to remove misconceptions in the field.

"With the nation's spotlight on energy generation and a greener environment, it makes sense to recognize the contributions of nuclear power. Other technologies, such as nuclear medicine with its diagnostic and treatment opportunities, are also hugely important to all Americans," stated Director of the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History, Jim

Walther, "The future career needs in science and energy are significant as well. This week provides all of us with more information on these vital topics."

Entergy sponsors Indy car racer Simona De Silvestro, who also was at IIT on Wednesday to meet with students. In her native Switzerland, she says, 40 percent of all energy comes from nuclear power, with most of the remaining 60 percent coming from renewables.

Although nuclear energy doesn't power her fuel-burning car, she said she stands behind her sponsorship so "everyday people know that nuclear energy can make electricity clean and affordable."

"I'm soaking up so much information, learning about different types of energy, fossil fuels. It's all so interesting," said Jasmine Scholefield, a senior at Homewood-Flossmoor, who was also impressed with the IIT campus, especially the MTCC and Main Building.

"I'm learning about different sciences and all kinds of jobs that it can lead to," said sophomore Nathalie Kauz, of Munster High School.

Webinar presentations addressed a wide variety of topics on nuclear science and

research. These included "Green Power for the Digital World," presented by Marv Fertel, CEO of the Nuclear Energy Institute, and Natalie Woods, engineer at River Bend Nuclear Power Station in Louisiana.

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

It also had "What's Cool About Nuclear Science and Why Our Country Needs Nuclear Electricity," presented by Mark Peters, Deputy Director for Programs at Argonne National Laboratory, and Justin Thomas, a nuclear engineer at Argonne National Laboratory.

"Why Nuclear Medicine is Important to Me," was presented by Nicholas C. Friedman, MD, chairman of Nuclear Medicine at the Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital, also from the Society of Nuclear Medicine.

Finally, "Shaping the Nuclear Future," was presented by Jeff Terry, chairman of the Advanced Test Reactor Users Organization, and Director of the Health Physics Program and an Associate Professor of Physics at IIT. The objective was to impress upon the students the vast job opportunities available for physicists, chemists, engineers and even accountants in the nuclear science industry.

Fall semester SGA forum questions finally answered

By Kelly Lohr

SGA VP OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Student Government Association holds an annual forum with the president and provost of the university.

At this forum, students are invited to ask any questions they may have about the operations and administration planning of their school.

Last fall, the forum was so wellattended that all of the questions aimed at the president and provost could not be answered in the allotted time.

It has been a while, but the president and provost promised they would get back to students on some of the more pressing questions.

Here are the answers to three of the most provocative questions left unanswered at the forum.

1. Is it possible to get more scholarships available based on merit and not on need?

Scholarship funds come from three sources:

1) gifts from alumni and corporations

2) federal/state grants

3) a reduction in the tuition charged We are constantly working to obtain more scholarship funds from alumni contributions and more federal/state grants. We offer two types of scholarships:

1) need-based

2) merit-based

As a private university founded on the principle of educating students from all economic backgrounds, it is essential that we balance our financial aid to ensure that students with the most financial need are availed an opportunity to get an education at IIT. The balance between need-based and merit scholarships is made to produce a student environment consistent with our values and mission.

2. What improvements are planned for IIT in the next few years?

Our plans for the campus include the following major projects:

• During the summer of 2012, the Stuart School of Business will move its faculty and staff to the main campus and occupy space in the IIT Tower, on 35th Street. The part-time program of SSB will remain at the downtown campus. The presence of SSB on the main campus will make it easier for students to get to classes and will facilitate more interactions with faculty. The new location will also allow the SSB faculty and students to interact with the other areas of the university. The spaces in the Tower to be occupied by SSB require extensive renovation, which is being carried out now.

• We will re-locate and consolidate student services offices in the HUB and MTCC.



increase in tuition:

· to invest in the physical infrastructure of the university, as noted under question 2, above;

Image courtesy of SGA

· to invest in new programs of education, hire new faculty, and develop outof-class opportunities for students;

• to invest in the faculty and staff of the university.

• We plan to put artificial turf on Stuart field where our varsity soccer teams play. This improvement will allow us to use the field for more activities, e.g., the Commencement ceremony, intramural sports and other recreational activities, and ROTC programs.

• We will continue to maintain the landscape of the campus and the integrity of

the buildings, including their operations. Each year, we must provide important maintenance including the repair of roofs, replacement of heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, and general surface protection of the interior and exterior of our buildings.

3. Why will tuition increase next

There are three reasons for the

year?

Coming attraction: Lights, Camera, Action! enters scene

By Laura Casas Gurri TECHNEWS WRITER

One of the most common social interests is to go to the movies. With friends, family or even sometimes (when the need be) alone, everybody enjoys "the seventh art." HT could not continue enhancing campus life without an association dedicated specially to

This semester a brand new organization has officially started at HT. A group

of people who have something in common: the love for movies.

This group, called 'Lights, Camera, Action!" after the cliched exclaimation uttered by many Hollywood directors, offers students the opportunity to enjoy great movies right here on campus. Furthermore, this new student organization offers IIT the great opportunity of socializing and discussing interesting cinema

This semester started off with the last two Harry Potter ("Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows Parts 1 & 2") movies on January 21 and "How to Train Your Dragon" on January 27. About 30 students enjoyed the last part of the well-known saga and a funny story about

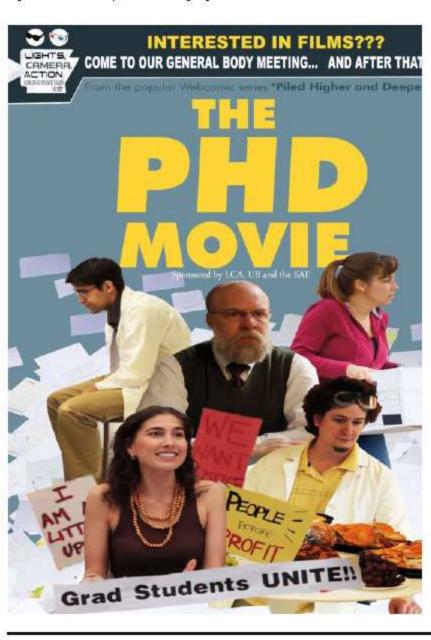
the friendship between a dragon and a boy.
In the next few weeks LCA! will project "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" and "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" in a marathon that will take place on February 10 and 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Perlstein Hall Auditorium. Tarantino's fans should not miss it!

For those of you who are involved in research, and are followers of PhD Comics, you

don't want to miss the opportunity of watching "Piled Higher & Deeper (PHD)." This major motion picture is an adaptation of the popular online comic strip by Jorge Cham and has had a successful reception in many colleges all around the United States. Remember this event, on February 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the MTCC Auditorium

LCA! is open to any suggestions. If you or your friends want to see a movie, just contact them, preferably before the next Finance Board hearing by e-mailing movie solitedu.

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Union Board committee exec applications now open

By William Syvongsa UNION BOARD UP OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Union Board, affectionately called UB by HT students, is the largest student programming organization on HT's campus. y are the organization behind events such as Homecoming, Spring Formal, MTCC Late Niite, Skydiving, BOG entertainment, Scarlet Fever spirit at sporting events, as well as many others. These events have set the benchmark and the pressure is always on to deliver great events. Our programmers have answered the

call but we are always looking for more.
Union Board has a flock of strong programmers, but what a lot of outsiders sometimes miss is the executive board behind. the programmers. UB exec is a dedicated group of individuals who help their programmers and committees grow and perform strongly within the ranks of UB. The main programming committees within UB are iMPACT, BOG events, and Scarlet Fever

iMPACT is what UB calls their general

events committee. This committee is over seen by two exec board members, the Vice Presidents of iMPACT. Their role is to ensure their programmers are actively searching for events to have on and off campus. They encourage their programmers to look for new event ideas and assist their programmers in event planning Their role requires balancing of multiple events and multiple collaborators.

The BOG events committee oversees entertainment in the BOG. One exec board memberoversees this process, the Vice President of BOG Events. Their role is to delegate the task of seeking comedians, musical acts, and other entertainers to bring to the intimate atmosphere of the BOG. They also act as a liaison with other student organizations who are looking to program in the BOG with their specialized events, such as bowling tournaments, dance parties, and competitions.

Scarlet Fever is the committee most associated with school spirit. They are the fans cheering at sporting events, they are the participants of intramural sports, and they house our lovely mascot, Talon the Hawk. Their exec board member, the Vice President of Scarlet Fever, embodies school spirit. They encourage members to go to sporting events and participate in athletics.

Union Board exec also consists of positions that run the student organization internally. Our Vice President of Marketing leads a strong team of designers and promoters who dish out fliers, Facebook events, and TechNews advertisements with the goal of getting people to come to UB events. They provide an atmosphere for creative individuals to grow by working in areas of design, marketing, and advertisement.
Our Vice President of External Affairs

collaborates with other student organizations, works with campus partners, and works to encourage UB members to promote our events within other student organizations.

Our Vice President of Internal Affairs ourage s a relation ship between all member s of UB by organizing social events and retreats for Union Board. They also keep everyone within UB informed of upcoming events and opportunities within UB. Their role is to keep Union Board happy and together.

Our Vice President of Finance is in charge of budgeting for the committees, acts as liaison between UB and Finance Board, and leads the budget proposal process. These internal exec members keep UB structurally sound.

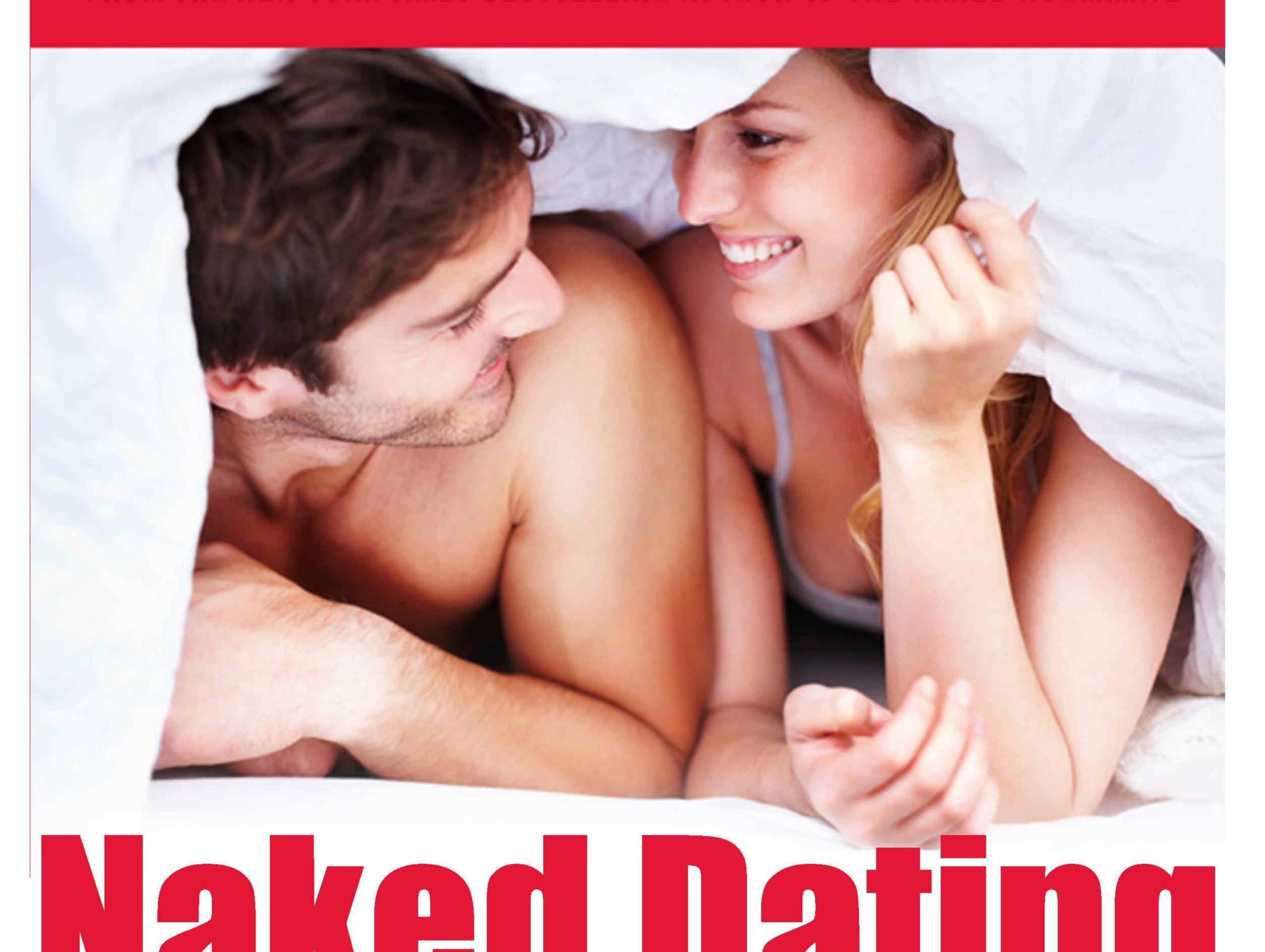
The last role within UB exec is the president. The president keeps the executive board together and working hard. This role requires a strong presence encouraging all members of UB to excel in their positions while still maintaining a fun atmosphere.

They are the figurehead of UB, meeting with campus administration and delegating tasks among exec board members. There is more to this position that cannot be described in the few words that I have left but this is an important and influential position.

If you have any interest in applying for these positions, apply at https://sites.google.com/site/applyubexec2012/.

If you have any questions or want further information, you can attend an info session on February 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the MTCC Auditorium

FROM THE *New York times* bestselling author of *the naked roommate*



Five steps to finding the love of your life

(While fully clothed and totally sober)

Who: New York Times Bestselling Author Harlan Cohen

Contact: Campus.Life@iit.edu

When: Tuesday, February 7, 7pm

Where: MTCC Auditorium

Tech[nology]News:

Smartpen sharpens focus on digital academic aids

By Michael Erie **TECHNEWS WRITER**

The Livescribe Echo smartpen is a product that records audio as well as written notes that you can sync up with any computer which has a basic program available from the company's website. I learned about the Echo about half a year ago, and the idea of being able to connect my notes from classes with the actual lecture was so appealing that I quickly purchased the 2GB pen online for \$99.95. Two other models of the echo are available with the most expensive being the 8 GB model selling for \$199.95.

The physical construction of the pen is fairly solid - mine took and survived quite a beating, including being stepped on, on more than one occasion. One problem with the construction is after a few small impacts the case where the micro-USB port and audio jack are located becomes loose. Also, the case of the pen is bulky, coming in around half of an inch in width at the thinnest and six inches long, making handling the pen far more awkward than a simple ballpoint pen. The pen tips are standard ballpoint tips that are easily replaced when the ink runs out. The pen has an OLED screen which displays the time and allows the user to navigate through menus and applications. Under the pen tip is a high-speed infrared camera that utilizes Livescribe's unique paper to record what is being written, and the pen has a mono recording microphone which allows the recording of audio. The paper is provided in many sizes and forms and can be ordered with the pen or by itself.

The program that transfers your

"Livescribe Connect." The interface of this program differs based on operating system but the basic navigation is the same. There are three tabs to utilize: pages, audio, and applications. Through these tabs audio can be played back from the pen, or saved on the computer with the document so that the audio can be played via highlighting words in the corresponding document. By archiving documents and audio on the computer, they can be deleted from the pen, freeing up space. Livescribe has created a forum in which these files, called Pencasts, can be uploaded and shared. Other programs, like Evernote, can also utilize Pencasts and are easy to set up.

The pen operates wonderfully in most cases. When writing commands, then pen can have some issues with understanding the words written which is compounded by my poorer hand-writing. Audio recordings from lectures in small class rooms around campus are easy to listen to, even if I am sitting in the back of the room. The ability to play audio starting from a point in a document is a great feature for cutting down time searching through the IITOnline video for that section in the class. However, there is a problem which comes with recording audio in large rooms. After attending the first President/Provost open forum last semester, I noticed that the recording sounded thin, which I can only attribute to the size of the room.

There are many useful applications for the pen, like a unit converter or table maker. However, these applications come at an extra cost. These applications do have some flaws, though, and can be difficult to work with. Basic applications, like Connect, allow users to output files to a different location than just the Livescribe Connect Program. It also allows notes and documents to the computer is called pages to be clumped together in PDF booklets



Image courtesy of chipchick.com

so copies of homework can be readily available for review, or thoughts that jump between pages of class work can be bundled together.

Livescribe support is absolutely awesome. There are many videos and guides on how to use the many functions on the Livescribe website, livescribe.com. There is also a large troubleshooting section due to the many issues which have arisen with the pen, and if the troubleshooters are not enough to fix any problems, the friendly customer service and willingness to replace a malfunctioning pen is astounding. When my first pen broke after

dropping my messenger bag filled with books and a laptop on it, the pen was replaced free of charge.

Over all, the Echo smartpen pen is great for people who like to listen to lectures while reviewing their notes, or cannot write fast enough to keep up with presenters. It shines with people who like to think aloud while working, and has a large potential of use for professors in lectures when used with the Elmo projection systems for lecturing. If you are interested in any of the functionality this pen brings I highly suggest investing in one.

Tech[nology]News: Shocking!: Electric tattoos

By Pranava Teja Surukuchi **TECHNEWS WRITER**

Tattoos are awesome, until they aren't. Wait until Electronic skin is available commercially though, this new technology is a stretchable ultra-thin device that clings to the skin. The device includes sensors for temperature, strain, and electric signals from the body. This is a new kind of wearable technology prototyped by John A. Rogers, a Materials Scientist and his team at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

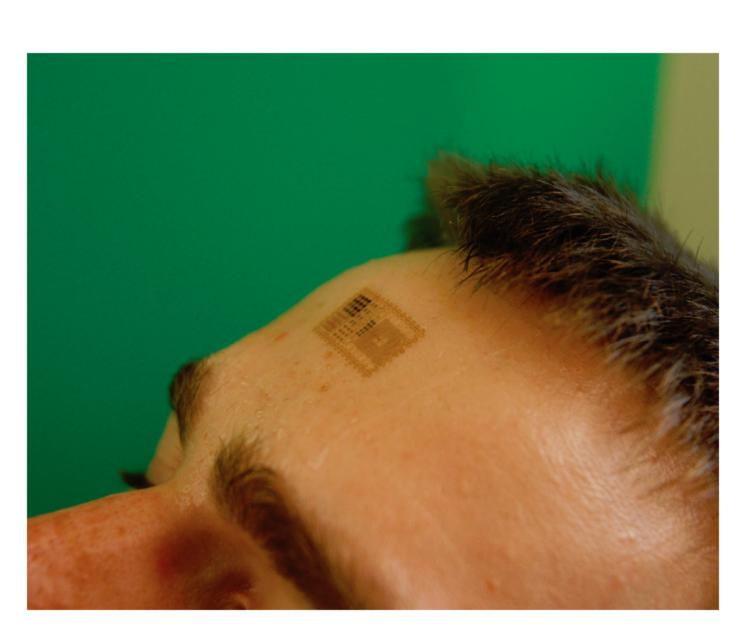
Depending upon the functional requirement of the device, it can be placed at several locations on the skin. One the wrist, it can measure blood flow and muscle movement. On the forehead, it can record brainwaves, and when placed on the throat, it can function as a secret phone to record the signals by simply deciphering movements of the voice box.

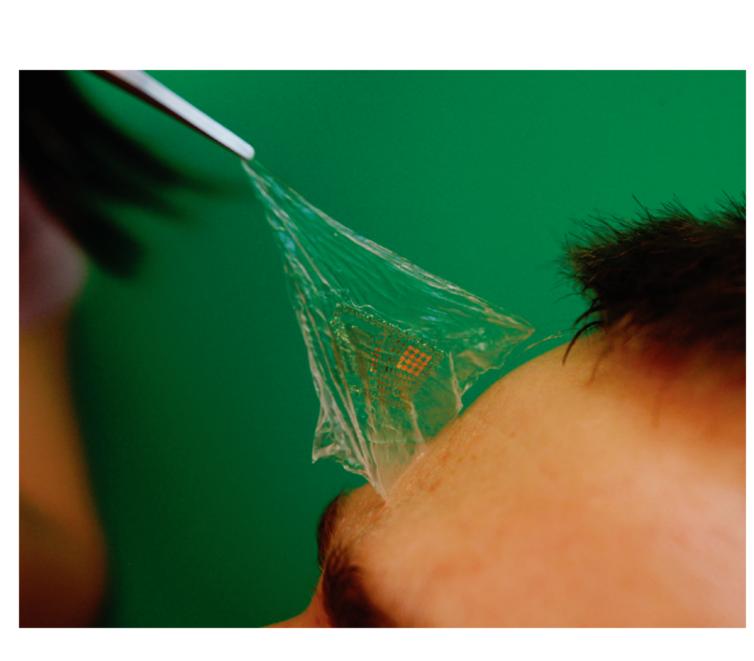
The device was mounted on a person's throat and the electrical measurements are used to control the cursor on the screen, demonstrating the device's potential as a Human-Computer interface.

Electronic skin was designed to be flexible and stretchable, so that it can cling on to the skin and still be able to function normally. To achieve this, Rogers made use of high performance materials like silicon and fabricated them into thin "serpent like shapes" which helps it to flex and stretch as much as human skin.

There are several potential uses of the electronic tattoos. It can be used as a non-invasive diagnosis for patients with health conditions like sleep apnea or heart arrhythmia. It can also be used for monitoring the heart activity of premature babies. Rogers believes that the immediate use of the device is in bio-integrated technology and adds that the ultimate goal is to create tiny devices that may even be able to operate independently within the body, improving, for example, the health of the human heart.

The possibilities of such a device are. From monitoring the heart rate of premature babies to using it as a console in gaming industry to transmitting data by secret agents, it can completely revolutionize the world around us.it can completely revolutionize the world around us.







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Jack's Mannequin visits the House of Blues

By Amy Czarkowski

TECHNEWS WRITER

The tickets at the House of Blues downtown were sold out as excited fans packed tightly inside to see Jack's Mannequin and their hand-picked opening bands: Allen Stone and Jukebox the Ghost. The venue is right next to the Chicago River and Marina City, making the walk there from the train station on the evening of January 25th a very enjoyable one. The interior of the House of Blues is heavily decorated, with walls lined with a variety of things ranging from examples of their merchandise to band posters. There are stairs that you have to walk up to get to the main floor of the stage where there is a bar and standing room. Balcony seats are also an option, some of which offer a view from the extreme right of left of the stage so you can see behind the stage.

As soon as the first opener Allen Stone and his band walked onstage, there was an instant vibe radiating from them. It was clear that they were all happy to be there, and this was accentuated by the enormous smiles on their faces while playing. They played their soul music with an enormous amount of passion, and Allen Stone's voice fit the genre extremely well. They covered a song by Bob Marley near the end of their set, and ended their short set with one of their own songs, all filing off the stage to heavy applause as they cleared out their equipment to get ready for the next band.

Jukebox the Ghost was the second band to go on. A three member band consisting of guitarist Tommy Siegel, drummer Jesse Kristin, and keyboardist Ben Thornewill, Jukebox the Ghost produced a full sound that was very upbeat and original. They played a set of alluring, exciting songs including two songs



off of their upcoming album that will be out later this year, and even traded out their usual cover of "I Love You (Always Forever)" by Donna Lewis for a cover of The Beatles' song "Golden Slumbers." They set up and set down quickly and efficiently, making the most of their time on stage. Both Jukebox the Ghost and Allen Stone and his band were at their merchandise booths after the show, meeting and greeting their old, and new, fans.

Jack's Mannequin was the third and final band to go on. They decorated their stage

with lamps and an old, well worn, brown baby grand piano. It gave the stage a very personal feel to it, as if the audience were standing in their living room with them. They played songs evenly from all three of their albums, a few of which were acoustic versions.

The lead singer/pianist of the band, Andy McMahon, was still full of energy even from two nights in a row onstage in the same venue, and stood on top of the piano a few times, playing notes by stomping on the keys and showing his appreciation for the people

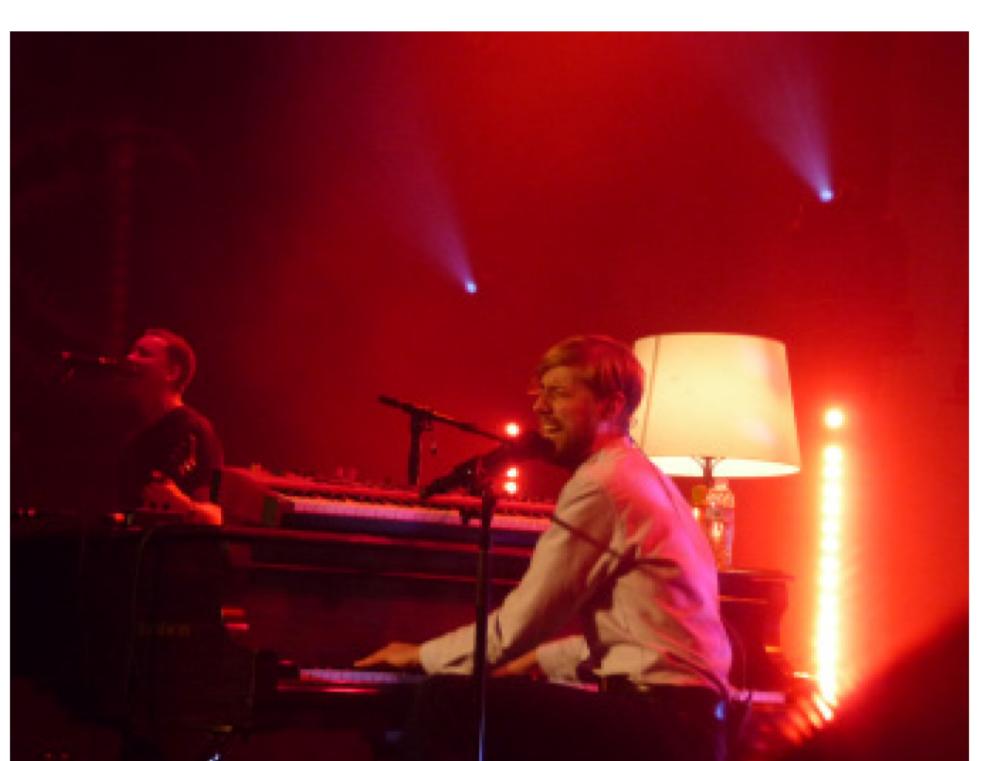
who came out to see them. At one point the band walked off the stage, leaving everyone yelling for more music, only to come back on while announcing that, "we planned to come back, don't worry!" They ended the concert with their most popular song "Dark Blue," and shot confetti into the audience.

The concert ended around 10 pm, leaving the large audience of students enough time to get back to their homes or dorm rooms to work on their homework, probably while listening to one, two, or all three of the bands.









Photos by Ryan Kamphuis

Zoom, Zoom

By Myles Mellor

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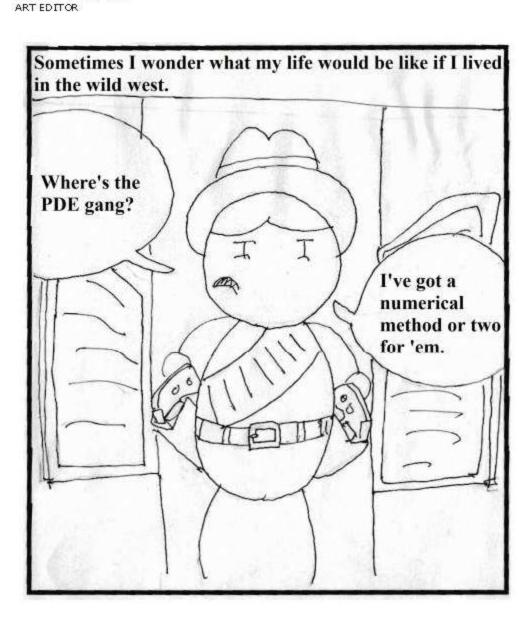
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The First Day of the Rest of My Life

By Adin Goings



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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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More school records for Indoor Track and Field

By Erin Vincent

TECHNEWS WRITER

The Scarlet Hawks competed in the University of Chicago Duals this Saturday and continued to shatter school records. The women's team beat 7 of 10 teams, while the men's team beat 5 of 10.

The women's Field team was once again led by freshman Whitney Thiesen, tying for 1st among college athletes in the High Jump (1.53m) and setting a personal and school record in the Triple Jump with a distance of 9.93

Juniors Natalie Mitrovic and Jacqui Roche jumped well in the Long Jump with distances of 4.04 and 3.70 meters, respectively.

Mitrovic also led the Lady Hawks in the shot put (9.72m) followed by senior Emily Tilton with a PR (8.98m) and junior Alex Songer (6.04m).

Songer ran the 200m dash as well, setting a personal record with a time of 32.22 seconds. Junior Veronica Hannink had an excellent day, running a personal record 55m - record while placing 4th in a time of 4:34.24 dash in 8.37s and placing 3rd in the 55m Hurdles (9.88s).

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The 800m run saw many of the Hawks turning in good times, with freshman Abby Jahn running a school record 2:24.25 that was good enough for 2nd place, sophomore Jordan Kelch placing 4th with a time of 2:30.37, and seniors Erin Vincent (2:41.90) and Emily Kraemer (2:42.91) placing well in their heat. Junior Claudia Garcia ran a tough Mile race, finishing in 5:57.09.

The 3000m race found freshman Courtney Rouse setting a new school record with a 4th place time of 10:49.91, and senior Maddy Jensen and freshman Anne Crotteau running solid races with times of 11:23.62 and 11:35.79 (a personal record), respectively.

The women's relays also did very well for the team. The Distance Medley Relay ran a 4th place, school record time of 13:50.74 with Kelch in the 1200m, Kraemer in the 400m, Garcia in the 800m, and Vincent in the 1600m.

The 4x400m 'A' team set a new school

(Keldh, Kraemer, Hannink, Jahn)and the 'B' team (Jensen, Crotteau, Garcia, Vincent) also ran a decent time of 4:43.75, surprising a number of people.

For the men, sophomore Phil Cano set an impressive school and personal record in the 800m run, winning among collegiate runners in a time of 1:59.48. Teammates Wes Villalobos (senior) and junior Kenny Murphy weren't far behind, with times of 2:02.98 and 2:03.28 respectively. Freshman Kraig Van Wieringen (2:14.45) and junior Brian Lyles (2:15.55) also ran the 800m.

In the Mile, senior Phil Theisen made a major breakthrough, setting a personal and school record with a time of 4:32.47, trailed by sophomore Andrew Montague with a 4:41.94, recently coming off of an injury.

Freshman Colin McQuone also had a good race, completing the 400m dash in a time of 55.53 seconds. Junior Kevin Logan set a school record in the 200m dash, finishing strong with a time of 25.7 seconds. Junior Izzy

Radzik competed in the Long Jump, recording a distance of 4.51 meters. In the 3000m race, junior Brock Williams ran a time of 10:00.64, followed by a breakthrough performance from Peter Lau (10:44.50), and personal records for sophomore John Pasowicz (10:58.29) and junior Felipe Prada (10:59.36).

Junior Zach Gates ran a solid 5000m race, finishing 3rd in a time of 16:01.19. The men's Distance Medley Relay competed well, placing 5th in a time of 11:37.93 with junior Ethan Montague in the 1200m, Van Wieringen in the 400m, McQuone in the 800m, and Lyles

The 4x400m relays were exciting to watch; the 'B' team (A. Montague, Thiesen, Van Wieringen, Lyles) posted a solid time of 3:46.73, but their school record was quickly replaced by the 'A' team's stellar performance of 3:39.39, accomplished by Cano, Villalobos, E. Montague, and McQuone.

The Hawks' next meet will be Saturday, February 4th at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside's Track and Field Classic at 10 am.







Photos by Erin Vincent

Illinois Tech Athletic survey: final day is today!

By Mike Vander Heyden

INTRAMURALS DIRECTOR

planning to transiour varsity athletics program

to compete in NCAA Division III. As part of this plan, we are in the process of deciding what additional varsity sports should be added to our athletics program. We want to consider student

complete the varsity sports survey that was longer have the email, please email Mike sent to your student email on January 10th.

We would like to know what sports you would like to see IIT include Vander Heyden at mvanderh@iit.edu to receive a new link to the survey. The survey will close today, Tuesday, January 31!

Swimming and diving: grace NAIA Top 25

By Melanie Koto

SPORTS EDITOR

recent top 25 listing for swimming and diving and many of the Scarlet Hawk swimmers and divers were spotted. Junior Yoni Pruzansky was listed for the 200 free (1:44.28) with an 8th place ranking. Junior Eric Grunden currently holds three top 25 spots, in the 100 breast (17th, 1:01.18), the 200 breast (10th, 2:13.26) and the 200 yard IM (18th, 2:00.75).

Senior Calros Tejero made the listing three times as well with his highest ranking in the 200 yard backstroke (1:53.61) in 3rd place. Tejero's other listings were in the 100 back (6th, 52.48) and the 100 fly (24th, 54.35). Also making top 25 spots in the backstroke events were junior Matthew Rosenfeld (23rd in the 100 back, 55.45) and sophomore Michael Bodzay (14th in the 200 back, 1:58.75).

Bodzay also made top 25 in the 200 yard IM (1:59.50) for the 11th ranking, as well as 7th in the 400 IM (4:15.47). Junior diver Ian McNair is currently ranked 1st for both 1 meter and 3 meter (11 dives), while freshman Dane Christianson is ranked 3rd for 1 meter (11 dives).

The postings are smaller for the women's team, with only two placements on the

top 25, both in the 400 yard IM. Junior Aimee Dewante currently holds 15th (4:51.91) while Last week NAIA posted the most senior Morgan Curran holds 16th (4:52.12).

However, upon further observation, the Hawks' most recent invitational (University of Chicago held January 13th and 14th) were not recorded for use in the top 25 listing.

Had the results been utilized, many of the Hawks previously listed would hold higher rankings, while a handful of others would have made the cut. In addition to the 400 LM, Dewante would have held 23rd for the 200 IM (2:18.61) and 25th in the 200 fly (2:23.75). Senior Julia Duarte would have been tied for 21st in the 100 breaststroke (1:11.96).

Senior Max Ramminger would have made the rankings in three spots, holding 6th in the 50 free (21.35), 10th in the 100 breast (1:00.23), and would have made for a three way tie for 9th in the 100 free (47.37). Bodzay also would have made an additional list in the 100 butterfly holding 22nd with a 54.07.

As the Hawks enter their championship season these rankings favor them to be highly competitive at the National Championship Meet. All of the Hawks' relays (both men and women) also place in the top rankings. The Hawks' final meet of the regular season will be held at home on Friday, February 10th at 4pm.

Athlete Spotlight: Aimee Dewante



Name: Aimee Dewante

Year: Junior

Major: Architecture

Sport: Swimming

400 IM, 200 IM, 200 fly, 200 breast, anything except backstroke or sprints.

Favorite thing about your sport: I love the water.

What you like best about the fans at your

I particularly like it when they show up.

Favorite thing to do on Campus: Eat dinner with close friends

Best tip for anyone who wants to be great at your sport:

Learn to develop an innate rail sleeping pattern...of getting up early

Introducing: Scarlet Hawks Club Basketball





By Jennifer Agusto

TECHNEWS WRITER

The new IIT Scarlet Hawks men's dub basketball season is now in its third week. Although they have gotten off to a rocky start, the team is focusing on the positives of their game play and looking to get their first win against Truman College this upcoming Saturday, February 4th. Head coach and team captain,

Trevor Townsend, took a moment to talk to us about the team and their game play. What made you decide to put to-

gether a club basketball team here at IIT?

We dealded to put the basketball team together so that we can bring the varsity team back. In order to bring varsity basketball back we need a dub team first. I had ankle surgery at the beginning of the semester and that is why I decided to be the coach, since I couldn't play. What are your thoughts

the team to this point? I think we have a good group of guys on the team, though we are lacking in the point guard position. We need to play more under control and play harder; we would win more games if we limited are turnovers and played better basketball. But with that said this team has potential even though

a lot of these players haven't played organized basketball since high school or at all." What are your thoughts the future of the club team?

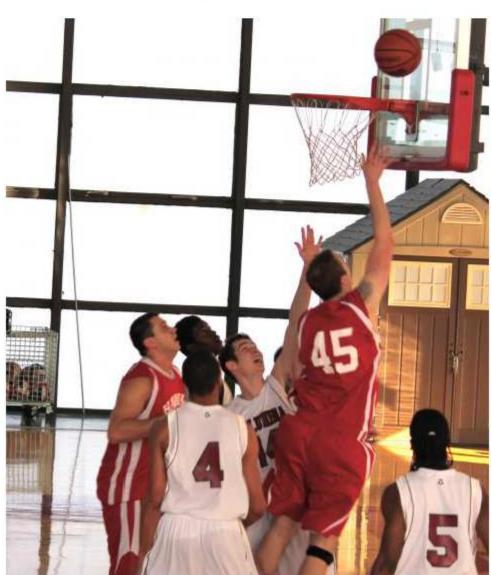
We have the talent to be a decent junior college level team, but it's the little mistakes that hinder our success, and once we over come those I don't think there is a team that could beat us. We have been improving every game; this is a learning process for us and we have to learn fast but with solid leadership we can improve fast. Certain members on the team have stepped up and became leaders like Joshua Buck. If we play hard and work even harder I can see us winning out the rest of the season.

Townsend has also been the Hawks

leading scorer in two of their last three games with 14 points in their game against Northwestern University (56-97) and 16 points in game with Columbia College (55-74). Their point guard, Hristo Kotzev, was their leading scorer in the game against Truman College (77-99).

The Hawks have kept the scores dose for most of the games but have not been able to finish strong. With four more games left on their schedule, they look to change that around by getting some wins.

Come out and supports your Hawks at their next home game, Saturday February 11th at 3pm. All home games are held at Keating Sports Center on the South court.





Photos by Jennifer Agusto

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Tuesday, January 31 State of the Union Board Address 1:00 pm @ General Body Meeting

Thursday, February 2

Michael Kent: Magician, Comedia

9pm@theBOG

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Headphone Dance Party 9pm @ the BOG Leadearship Academy App Due Midnight

'Thats Hot' Photo Shoot Noon @ MTCC Brown Room



ASB Bowling Tournament 3pm@BOG

Snapshot Photo Hunt Meet at Global Grounds @ 1pm

LA Seminar: Understand yourself, Lead others 10am @ HUB Armour Dining Hall

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