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C²ST, WISER present 'Sustainable Energy' lecture on new, attainable resources

By Swasti Khuntia
LAYOUT EDITOR

The Chicago Council on Science and Technology (C²ST) in association with Wanger Institute for Sustainable Energy Research (WISER) at IIT hosted a mind-boggling lecture on "Sustainable Energy: Fact or Fiction".

Researchers, technologists, and students gathered at the Illinois Institute of Technology's McCloska Auditorium in the MTCC to discuss best practices, new technologies, and ideas that are making "Sustainable Energy" a reality.

The lecture was presented by George W. Crabtree, Senior Scientist and Distinguished Fellow in the Materials Science Division at Argonne National Laboratory, and Distinguished Professor of Physics, Electrical, and Mechanical Engineering at University of Illinois at Chicago.

The lecture started with current challenges to sustainable energy, i.e., oil, economy, and carbon dioxide. Explaining the real meaning of sustainability; various alternatives and roadblocks of sustainable energy formed the epicenter of lecture. The dependence on oil and other fossil fuels for over 80% of our energy and the continued emission of carbon dioxide threatening our stable climate are captured in a single term: sustainability.

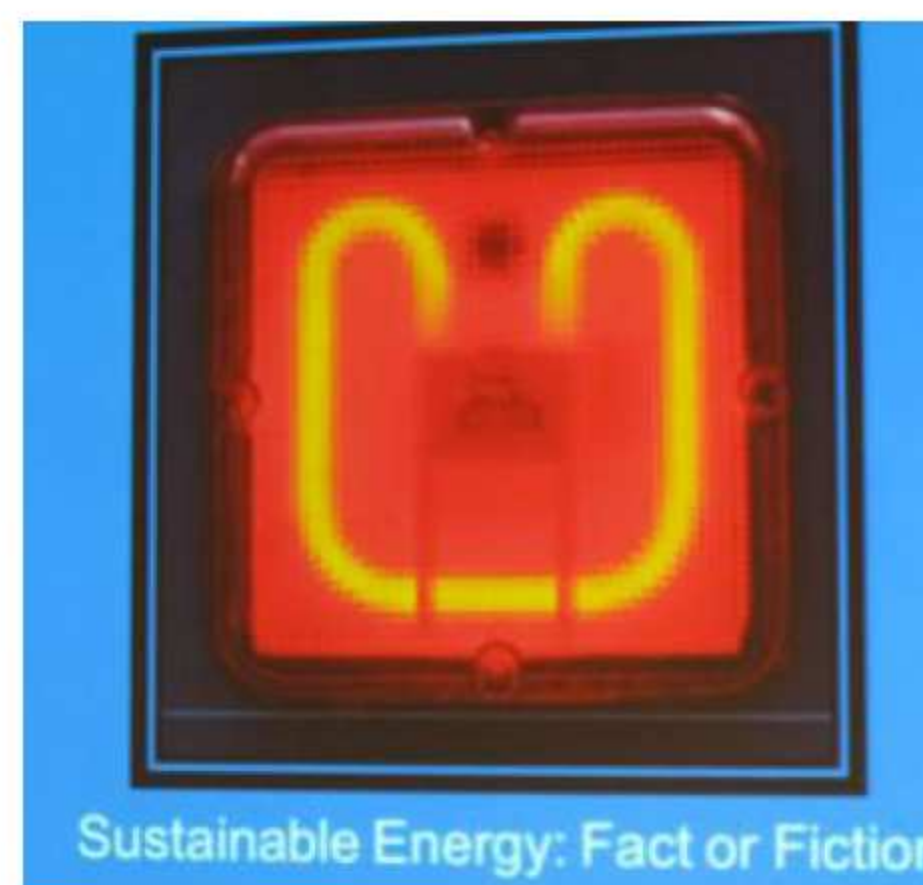
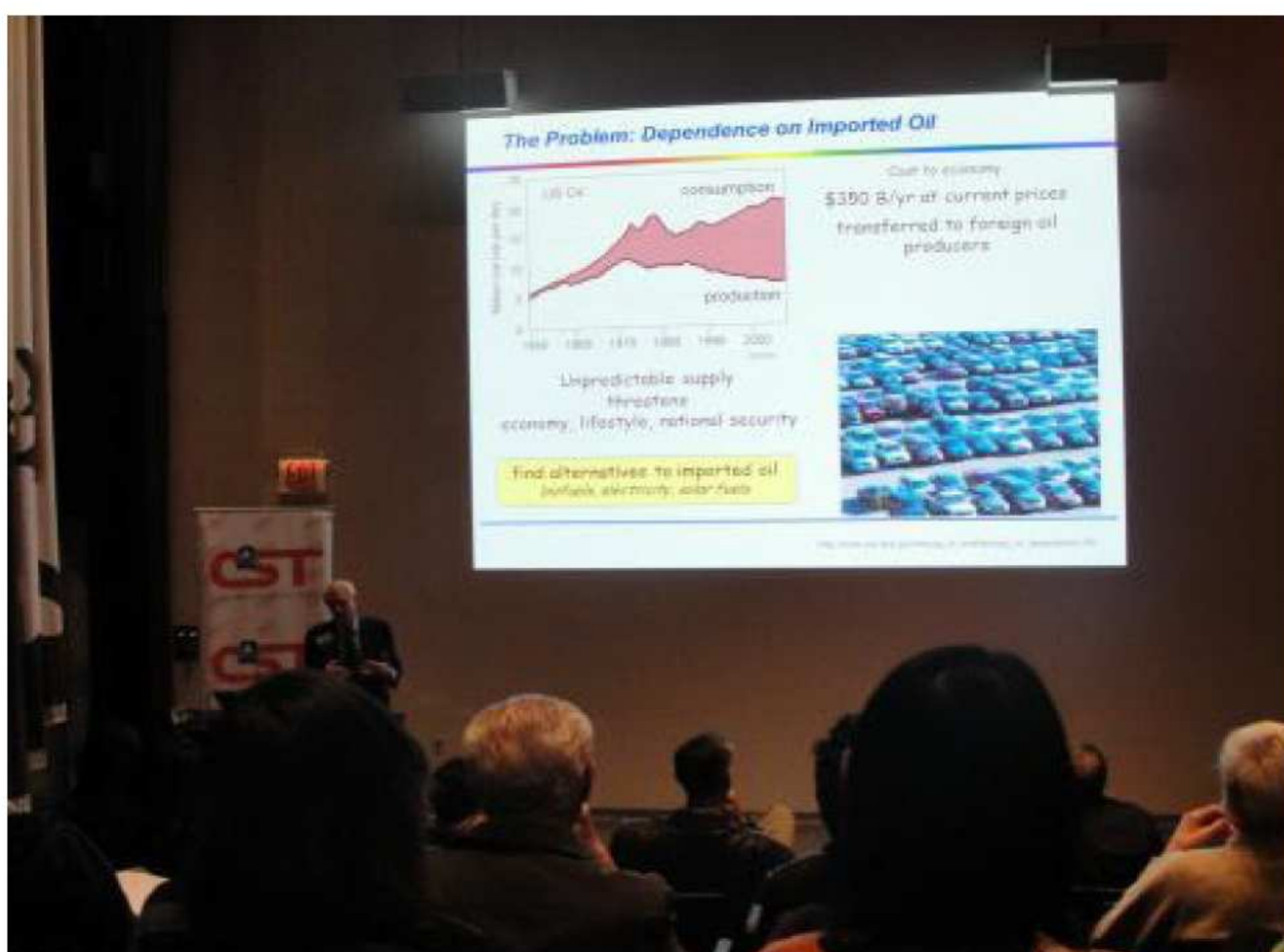
Although we generally agree that sustainability is valuable, there is less agreement on how much sustainability is necessary or desirable. In this talk, three criteria describing increasingly strict features of sustainability were presented and applied to evaluate the alternatives to oil and carbon dioxide emission.

These included tapping unused energy flows in sunlight and wind, producing electricity without carbon emissions from clean coal and high efficiency nuclear power plants, and replacing oil with bio-fuel or electricity.

The implementation of these sustainable alternatives will require new cost effective nanoscale materials. The successful development of such materials will have a marked impact on the production of energy in a sustainable and environmentally benign fashion.

Dr. Crabtree emphasized educating the next generation for energy literacy. This includes scientists and engineers, regulators, government officials, businessmen, urban planners and finally, private citizens, who are the ultimate decision makers. Extensive research is required for the development of more sustainable technologies in the form of materials of greater complexity and functionality.

There should be a unified view which incorporates renewable energy, fossil fuels, nuclear science, electricity, transportation, economics, sociology, policy and urban planning. Finally, the lecture concluded with exchange of ideas between Dr. Crabtree and researchers.



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The Bog

Campus bar extends hours to create new commuter student lounge

By Elnaz Moshfeghian
SGA PRESIDENT

Starting Thursday February 9th, The Bog will open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Thursday as a commuter lounge in addition to its regular Thursday to Friday 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. schedule.

Commuter student needs were the primary motivation for this initiative but all students are welcome and encouraged to take advantage of these new hours.

The idea to use The Bog as a lounge originated from an SGA VoteBox post and is one of ten completed VoteBox projects since the site launched last semester.

Undergraduate student, Piyush Sinha was the author of the post that sparked this idea.

"There aren't too many places on campus where you can relax until your next class," said Sinha. "Why not turn The Bog into a lounge for students during the week days? It has everything you would need."

Campus and Conference Centers (CCC) Director Kelly Schaefer noticed the post on VoteBox and responded enthusiastically to the suggestion.

Director Schaefer outlined the next steps and reached out to the Student Government Association (SGA) to gauge the broader student interest and begin implementation with the help of the rest of the CCC team.

The Bog is now set to begin its lounge hours on February 9 with a grand opening celebration scheduled on Monday February 23. Amenities of the lounge will include a refrigerator and microwave for public use, in addition to lockers available for rent. Furthermore, student organizations can use the Bog Programming Fund to host events during these new hours. Student organizations can contact Vince Poczekaj, Union Board's Vice President of The Bog, at ubBOGvp@gmail.com for more information.

As with the current Bog hours, pool, ping-pong, video games, and other items available at the recreation desk are free. The exception is that during the 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Thursday "lounge hours," the bar and kitchen area, as well as the bowling lanes, will be unavailable.



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New MTCC hours threaten student productivity

By Hannah Larson
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I never spend my Friday nights in the MTCC, or on campus for that matter.

Though there have been those few rare occasions where I've had to stay late on the beginning of my weekend to complete an important assignment or tie up loose ends regarding various student organizations, the most recent being Finance Board's budget deadline this last Friday, I've always taken the MTCC for granted.

Effective last Monday, January 30, the MTCC will now be open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays, and 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Sundays. Before this drastic change, the MTCC was open from 7 a.m. to 12 a.m. all week long.

As a conciliation, the Campus and Conference Center has made the recreation equipment at their Welcome Desk, including pool balls, sticks, ping pong balls and paddles, free for everyone. Though I do not use the recreation equipment, this seems a nice gesture of goodwill due to the diminished hours.

When I first heard that the MTCC would be changing their hours, it seemed the proper thing to do. Why waste time and resources keeping the student center open on

days when few students actually use it for its intended purpose? And who really spends all of their weekend in the MTCC?

As a commuter student, I do spend a fair amount of my time in the MTCC during the weekdays, whether attending meetings in one of the colored rooms, grabbing a quick bite to eat from Center Court or 7 Eleven, and just taking a break in between classes. I don't feel the new hours will impede on my class schedule, and the time I spend in the MTCC because of academics, though it might affect when I come to campus to start homework.

My study schedule is a little unorthodox: I like to wake up at 5 a.m. and head to campus to work on homework before my classes that start at 10 a.m. I've found studying in the MTCC to be convenient and closer to my classes during the week. The main draw to the MTCC however, is an early morning coffee from Global Grounds.

They too have changed their schedule to reflect the updated hours. Global Grounds will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Fridays, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays, and 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays.

Center Court Late Night will also be closing 15 minutes earlier to adhere to the MTCC's new hours. Center Court will be open 7 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. Sunday to Wednesday.

Although these new MTCC hours won't interfere with any academic engagements, extracurricular activities might suffer.

As an executive member of several student organizations, I've had a handful of events held in the MTCC on Friday or Saturday nights, which always seem to have a healthy turnout, but with the new hours in effect they would restrict weekend events, and could affect the planning of future events.

These new hours could even affect our beloved TechNews. Many of our readers may not be aware of how late we work, the issue you're holding at this moment contains many man-hours of writing, copy-editing, and layout time. I couldn't tell you how many times I've been in the MTCC on Sunday until midnight putting the finishing touches on the latest issue of TechNews, and once or twice even coming in on Monday for some last minute changes, so the possibility that TechNews and myself will have to edit our internal procedures to make a new deadline is a very real issue.

Though the diminished hours in the MTCC may slightly change how student organizations operate, and how some students study, spend their recreation time, and eat, it will encourage students to get off campus during the weekends, and enjoy other amenities Chicago has to offer, as well as save time and resources dedicated to operating the MTCC.

MTCC Building Hours and Recreation Changes

Building Hours

Monday–Thursday	7:00am – 11:00pm
Friday	7:00am – 7:00pm
Saturday	10:30am – 7:00pm
Sunday	10:30am – 11:00pm

Recreation

Equipment will be located at the Welcome Desk
It is FREE!



Image courtesy of Campus and Conference Centers

Dr. Bruce Fisher's last Leadership Academy seminar

By Mike Purdy
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"Develop courage, develop confidence," said Dr. Bruce Fisher in his last hoorah as Director of IIT's Leadership Academy. This last address was a leadership seminar titled "Understand Yourself, Lead Others" and was presented by Fisher to an audience of roughly 80-90 undergraduate students at the Armour Dining Hall last Saturday. Each was eager to gain some of Fisher's prodigious wisdom before he bids farewell to the IIT community later this week. The seminar took place a day after applications for the Leadership Academy Scholarship were due, of which there are 13 available this semester, making the atmosphere inside of the dining hall calmly laid-back, yet focused and intense. Dr. Fisher's familiar humor and compassionate insight made for an enjoyable experience, leaving many budding leaders motivated and inspired to make positive, lasting changes both in their own lives and the lives of others through leadership.

This interactive seminar was unique

in that it provided an in-depth personality evaluation through completion of the Myer's-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI). First published in 1962, the MBTI is a preference-based questionnaire made up of 93 subjective questions used to determine one's personality type. With the objectives of the seminar being self-insight, understanding, and the awareness of individual differences, the MBTI proved to be a stellar measure of personal style and leadership approach. Once the test had been administered, students were able to score themselves and find out their personality type, of which there are 16 in total. These personality types are deduced by the participant's scores between four bi-polar scales of attributes, including: extroversion vs. introversion, sensing vs. intuition, thinking vs. feeling, and judging vs. perception.

As the seminar progressed, Fisher aided the students in understanding the fundamental differences between personality types and how to go about becoming psychologically patriotic while developing flexibility and versatility. In an analogy to basketball, Fisher stated, "You've got to learn

how to go left!" – meaning that always playing to your strong suit and seldom balancing your approach to problems will result in an inability to lead effectively; developing a versatile personality is essential to working with others and making a positive impact. Fisher also explained how to give people constructive feedback, another critical element of an effective leader. Many group exercises were facilitated throughout the seminar to heighten the awareness of our individual differences, examine the themes that exist amongst those with similar personalities, and instill within us that the best teams have diversity of leadership style, especially at a place like IIT.

At the seminar's close, a standing ovation erupted for Dr. Fisher, providing a fitting end to his selfless career which began at IIT many years ago and has helped pave a successful path for countless students and the university alike. There will be many more leadership seminars in the future, but Bruce's charismatic presence, charming wit, and professional insight will surely be missed. We salute you, Dr. Fisher!

TEDxIIT gaining momentum

By Harshita Iyer

TECHNEWS WRITER

Many of you have probably heard of TED - Technology, Entertainment and Design. For those of you who have not, TED is an international organization with speakers from all over the world who speak on various topics. The goal of TED is talking about "ideas worth spreading"; TED speakers talk about topics ranging from science, to engineering, design, leadership and a variety of other things. The first TED event at IIT was organized last spring at the Kent Auditorium with the apt theme of "Breaking Through" by TEDxIIT, the IIT student organization with a special license from TED. This spring, the theme, building upon last year's, is going to be "Gaining Momentum".

At the first TEDxIIT meeting on last Friday, and as expected, there was a lot of excitement. Amy Lee Segami an IIT alumna and former TEDxPeachtree speaker was present for the meeting. Students participated in a number of brainstorming activities, one of which was to write down words representing the vision for the next TEDxIIT event.

Among the most resounding were inspiring, global, huge and connecting. Judging by the kind of vision that was seen at the meeting, it is safe to say that the TEDxIIT event is going to be a huge success when it happens

on April 14th, 2012.

The event is planned to last all day at the IIT Tower, with seating for 100 people, according to TED regulations. Entry will be free of cost to IIT students, but those interested in attending will have to submit why they want to attend the talk.

Only those with solid reasons will get to gain entry, since this is organized to be a high profile event with eminent speakers flying in for the day. The event will also be streamed live globally, so everyone can still watch the magic on their laptops. This may not be as cool as actually being there, but it certainly is not a bad bargain!

A few weeks prior to the talks, there will be small events at the Bog to get the student body excited for the full event, so if you are interested, watch out for those! Everyone should apply to go, because not only will this be a fantastic learning experience, but it is also going to be a great networking event with important people from IIT as well as the community attending. So watch out for the application when it opens, and maybe you will get to go! If you want to get more involved with the organization aspect of TEDxIIT, watch out for timing announcements on IIT Today, and on Facebook.

It is an honor to have a TED event here on campus, and a fantastic chance to watch some of the best speakers around in action!



Photos by Harshita Iyer

State of the Union Board Address

By Harshita Iyer

TECHNEWS WRITER

As the group of people attending the Union Board General Body meeting walked down the stairs to the MTCC Auditorium that relatively warm Tuesday afternoon, one could feel it in the air that something was different. Everything seemed the same, there was great food, but then Union Board always has great food and the presentation was set and ready to go, as always. But this was different. This was, in fact, the meeting where the President, Miriam Schmid, was to deliver the very special "State of the Union Board Address".

Much like the actual State of the Union Address, this is the meeting where the President delivers a speech about everything that Union Board has achieved so far. At the meeting, the current Executive Board was introduced and their roles explained for the benefit of anyone who might want to apply for a position, since applications are open. The various programmers were introduced as well, and given cool tees that said UB in the front and "Programmer" in the back.

This semester, most of the Union Board general body meetings will be held on the Bridge in the MTCC, so if you have class around lunch time on Tuesdays, you should check them out! They even have the Scarlet Fever department doing some crazy stunts for your enjoyment! Some of the big Uni on Board events this semester include Spring Formal, musicals almost every Thursday evening, a game of assassins on campus, and a pillow fight among many others. So you should look out for these and mark your calendar!

If you are interested in finding out about events by Union Board on campus, just look at the UB calendar at their website, at ub.iit.edu. If you want to get more involved or just do not want to go on the website, just stop by a general body meeting Tuesdays at lunchtime on the bridge at MTCC and find out how you can help or apply for an Executive Board



Image courtesy of Union Board

Recyclemania returns to IIT, aims for 1st place

By Brock Auerbach-Lynn

TECHNEWS WRITER

February has arrived and with it, the usual freezing cold, snow and grey skies ... wait, it's 50 degrees outside and there's no snow in sight! However, there is at least one thing we can count on with the start of February; Recyclemania.

For those new to IIT, Recyclemania is an 8 week international contest among universities to see who can recycle the most (per capita and total volume). Recyclemania starts Sunday February 05 and runs through Saturday March 31. Each week, IIT's waste and recycling hauler Waste Management will measure the overall weight of trash and recyclables collected to give a total recycling percentage. IIT's ranking among universities will be determined by our recycling percentage averaged across these 8 weeks.

IIT has been a very strong competitor in Recyclemania in years passed. 2 years ago, IIT was placed first in the state of Illinois while last year, we were second to UIUC.

Every IIT student, staff and faculty member can play a role in helping us achieve success in Recyclemania. Recycling is quick and easy, requiring only a moment of attention when you go to dispose of anything. Red and Black hawk bins with both recycling and trash compartments are located in every building on every floor across the university. Regardless of where you are, there are likely 2 recycling bins within 40 feet of you!

Recyclable material includes all papers, newspapers, magazines, cardboard, glass, plastic bottles and containers, metals and aluminum cans. Around 70% of the items disposed of on campus are recyclable - yet IIT's recycling rate continually hovers around 30%. Our goal is to achieve 45-50% recycling which would put IIT as one of the best schools in the nation! And while electronics cannot be recycled in the normal school bins, we will be having several electronic-waste collection days in March.

Recyclemania efforts are being spearheaded by student groups Engineers for a Sustainable World, Net Impact and US Green Building Council with support from the Office

of Campus Energy & Sustainability. Keep an eye out each week as they update you on how we are performing in Recyclemania as well as providing tips on items that are recyclable as well as those that aren't.

Recyclemania is a chance for IIT to prove we are a leading, progressive and environmentally conscious university and the best part is that recycling can have a massive impact. For instance, recycle911.com, a recycling-focused website shows that we use 80 billion aluminum soda cans each year, but that making cans from recycled aluminum uses 1/20th the energy compared with virgin material. Furthermore, recycling one ton of mixed paper saves the energy equivalent to using 185 gallons of gas, which is about 4 months' worth for an average American.

No matter your motivation or level of environmental consciousness, recycling makes a huge impact. So help IIT regain the Recycling Crown and make a positive environmental impact by doing your fair share. For more info on Recyclemania, check out www.recyclemania.org.

Students dance without music at Bog disco

By Will Syvongsa

TECHNEWS WRITER

Some IIT students have a Friday night routine. They don't want to leave campus but feel like adventuring out of their rooms so they decide to visit the Bog. For those of you that are unaware, the Bog is a bar and recreation area, equipped with pool tables, ping pong tables, and a bowling alley, as well as a bar and kitchen, conveniently located in the basement of Hermann Hall. The Bog typically has events Thursday and Friday each week from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. These events range from comedians, to musicians, to hypnotists and magicians, as well as dance parties. The Bog is something that is unique to IIT and is unheard of at other college campuses.

But I digress, back to my story. The students' Bog routine may consist of corralling friends to head down to the Bog where they will walk past the luxuries the Bog has and head to the bar area to order food or a round of drinks, where they will sit and ignore whoever is on stage and quietly complain that IIT doesn't have anything to do. Their normal routine is interrupted though. They are given a set of headphones before entering the bar area and when they enter, something is different. Students are dancing. But there is no music playing. And everyone appears to be dancing to a different beat. The Bog is having

a Headphone Disco.

Headphone Disco is described as the silent dance party. There are two DJs, two different styles of music playing at the same time without any of the loud-speaker noise. Dancers are equipped with two-channel headphones that tune into one of two DJs who are spinning tracks side by side. Two friends could be dancing to two entirely different songs and still be having a great time. This trend has been popular overseas in Europe and is slowly sweeping our nation (The DJs that night were brought from overseas).

IIT students were skeptical. The night started out slow with only ten dancers at most on the dance floor at the beginning of the night (The event started at 9:00P.M.). The strange thing was, everyone was wearing headphones, listening to the music. Even when the dance floor started to get crowded around 10:00P.M., individuals were still sitting down listening to the music and dancing in their seats. Those brave enough to get on the dance floor had an experience like no other.

The DJs alternated between modern music and the classics, ranging from the Party Rock Anthem to the YMCA. And if someone wasn't feeling a song, all they had to do was switch and their friends didn't have to know. Group dances, like the Wobble or the Cupid Shuffle, were popular among the crowd but for those that didn't feel like synchronized dancing

could still keep dancing to a different song. The silent dance party isn't just for the dancers either. A spectator commented that they liked the idea of a silent dance party because the dancers could enjoy themselves while he was still able to have a conversation with their friends at the bar. Spectators were also able to laugh or join in when the dancers decided to sing a song out loud (To a spectator, it appears as if the dancers are just a really out of tune choir). The party was a great way to spend a Friday night in the Bog.

This event was even noticed by students from different schools. Individuals from another Chicago university were spotted dancing and having a great time with IIT students. One student was shocked that our campus had a bowling alley and bar right on campus and said that they should come here more often. If an outsider can see the enjoyable aspects of IIT, why do IIT students have such a difficult time having fun?

The Bog recorded 144 visitors Friday night. Headphone Disco, the company who set-up the silent dance party, had 300 headphones to give away. There were at most 60 people on the dance floor. A lot of individuals were sitting with their headphones in, too afraid to take a chance of looking like a fool. But at least the 60 fools on the dance floor enjoyed their Friday night and won't regret their time at IIT. Where will you be the next time IIT has a big event?



WHAT

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WHEN

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HOW

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- GLASS BOTTLES
- TIN, STEEL, AND ALUMINUM CANS
- POP CANS

Art Institute of Chicago partners with Government of India for exhibit

By Swasti Khuntia
LAYOUT EDITOR

The Art Institute of Chicago became the first U.S. museum to receive a grant from the Government of India. The Art Institute hosted an Indian delegation on Saturday, January 28th, to sign an agreement for the Vivekananda Memorial Program for Museum Excellence. The \$500,000 grant honors Hindu monk Swami Vivekananda, who spoke at the Art Institute during the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition.

The grant from the Government of India is part of a new professional exchange program between the museum and the country. The goal of the four-year program is

to foster a professional partnership between the Art Institute and museums in India, and an agreement with the University of Chicago to establish a Vivekananda Chair for Indian studies. During the four years, the Art Institute will serve as a standard and resource centre for museum professionals in India. In addition, groups of Art Institute staff members will visit India on a regular basis, to conduct workshops and seminars, deliver lectures, and take courses. The Art Institute will also host fellowships in Chicago for Indian museum professionals.

The Ministry of Finance in India had earlier announced that the establishment of the Vivekananda Memorial Program for Museum Excellence is in honor of Swami Vivekananda - an Indian poet, musician, playwright and

philosopher. The program also has particular meaning because on Sept. 11, 1893, Swami Vivekananda gave a landmark lecture on religious freedom, at the first World's Parliament on Religion, at a building which is now the Art Institute.

The grant is in honor of the historic address made by Vivekananda at the World's Parliament of Religions in 1893 through which he introduced Hinduism in the United States. He began his landmark speech with "Sisters and brothers of America" and made a passionate plea for religious tolerance. The famous lecture on September 11, 1893 is a shining moment in India's cultural history. The Art Institute's ceremony also included the unveiling of the Swami Vivekananda Memorial Plaque

along with the inauguration of exhibitions of Rabindranath Tagore Paintings.

"It is a supreme honor to be recognized by the Government of India as a partner in the preservation, exhibition, and promotion of India's cultural heritage," said Douglas Druick, President and Eloise W. Martin Director of the Art Institute. "This rededication of the site of Swami Vivekananda's speech and the Vivekananda Memorial Program for Museum Excellence is both living testaments to the long relationship between the Art Institute and India, going back to the earliest days of the museum's history. Over the years our partnership has flourished, and we are gratified by and excited for what will be a milestone in our collaboration," he further added.

Tech[nology]News: Skyrockets in flight: Galaxy SII Skyrocket is a delight

By Michael Erie
TECHNEWS WRITER

I have never used a smart phone for more than a couple of minutes before I got my hands on this phone. The idea of a smart phone never seemed like a decent investment of my time and money.

The last time I looked at getting a smart phone the cost for the two year contract totaled \$700, something that I was not willing to spend. Since then much has changed. Smart phones have become far more powerful and efficient and the Samsung Galaxy S II Android phone has proven to me the near necessity of smart phones for highly mobile individuals.

The phone is very well put together. I thought it was a solid body until I dropped it and saw the crack of the back panel. The case comes in at just over two inches in width and about five inches in length and about one-third of an inch in thickness. It comes with a bright inch touch

screen that is capable of playing high definition video and it has 4G and Wi-Fi capabilities. There are five buttons on the outside of the phone which help with the touch pad control as well as an audio jack and USB port to plug into power or computes. The phone is equipped with an 8 megapixel camera and flash. The photos it takes are phenomenal. The phone can be purchased with either 16 or 32 gigabytes of memory.

With the Galaxy S II, my life becomes much more organized. The ability to e-mail between my classes without the use of a laptop or computer is so much more convenient and the messaging and social life programs organize all social media messaging into one interface. And the calendar application syncs up with Google's calendar. The phone's 4G is faster than the campus Wi-Fi, making the phone perfect for surfing the internet. However, the web app has no forward button which requires the user to retype the address to jump to a website.

Unfortunately, for all the good of the Galaxy S II there are still many problems it has

to overcome. Samsung's native interface for this android phone has left me wanting. Many of the applications overlap in function and each have a notification sound. This meant that my phone would beep and vibrate multiple times for the same message or email I received. Sometimes one application would receive the message update minutes after I read it. Sometimes this caused my phone to notify me of a received message when there was none.

This is just an example of the overall inefficiencies of the interface. There is an information bar along the top of the screen that the user cannot interact with, but it would be nice to. Instead when click on anything in that bar a drop down menu appears.

Another issue is with the learning curve of the interface. I had the phone for just over a week, and barely had it dialed in to my unique needs.

On the whole, the Galaxy S II delivers as promised, and is a great smartphone for the money.



Image courtesy of fibweb.com

Restaurant Review: Osteria Via Stato Pizzeria

By Kyle Pancham
TECHNEWS WRITER

Last Friday, I took a trip with a couple of my friends up to the Near North Side for some food. One was craving pizza, and not willing to wait for a table at Uno and Due, we finally picked Osteria Via Stato. Headed by Executive Chef David DiGregorio and located at 620 N. State St, it features two venues: Pizzeria Via Stato and Osteria Via Stato. We went to the pizzeria to fulfill my friend's quest for good eats. The candlelight dining room had a great ambiance, and a full house of patrons both young and old, as well as some pretty good music.

While the pizzas were a bit pricey (\$10-\$15 for a tavern pizza), they were well worth the

cash. The two pizzas we ordered were a house special of goat sausage and goat cheese and a basic pepperoni pizza. While I wasn't planning on ordering anything, I eventually succumbed and got a sample of both, they were delicious. The goat cheese and sausage blended together marvelously for a delicious taste, coupled with the crispy crust and fresh ingredients. To top it off, the desserts were phenomenal. One dessert, a slice of dark chocolate cake with candied orange peel, forced me to put aside my usual aversion to dark chocolate and embrace the rich, decadent flavor. Coupled with a selection of ice cream that my other friend purchased, it made the trip well worth it.

I'd definitely recommend this pizzeria to anyone looking for good food, an excellent atmosphere, and friendly service.



Image courtesy of Osteria Via Stato

Congratulations to the **January** student organization of the month:

Lights, Camera, Action Movie Club

Make sure to visit them online at www.facebook.com/groups/movieiit
And THIS Friday for Kill Bill Volume 1!
6:30 p.m. in Perlstein Hall

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Congratulations to all of these organizations! To start a new student organization, or nominate your organization for February student organization of the month, contact Ryan, Alex or Tricia in Campus Life.

Office of Campus Life www.iit.edu/campus_life

And congratulations to the **NEW** student organizations from January:

Biological, Chemical & Physical Sciences Graduate Student Association

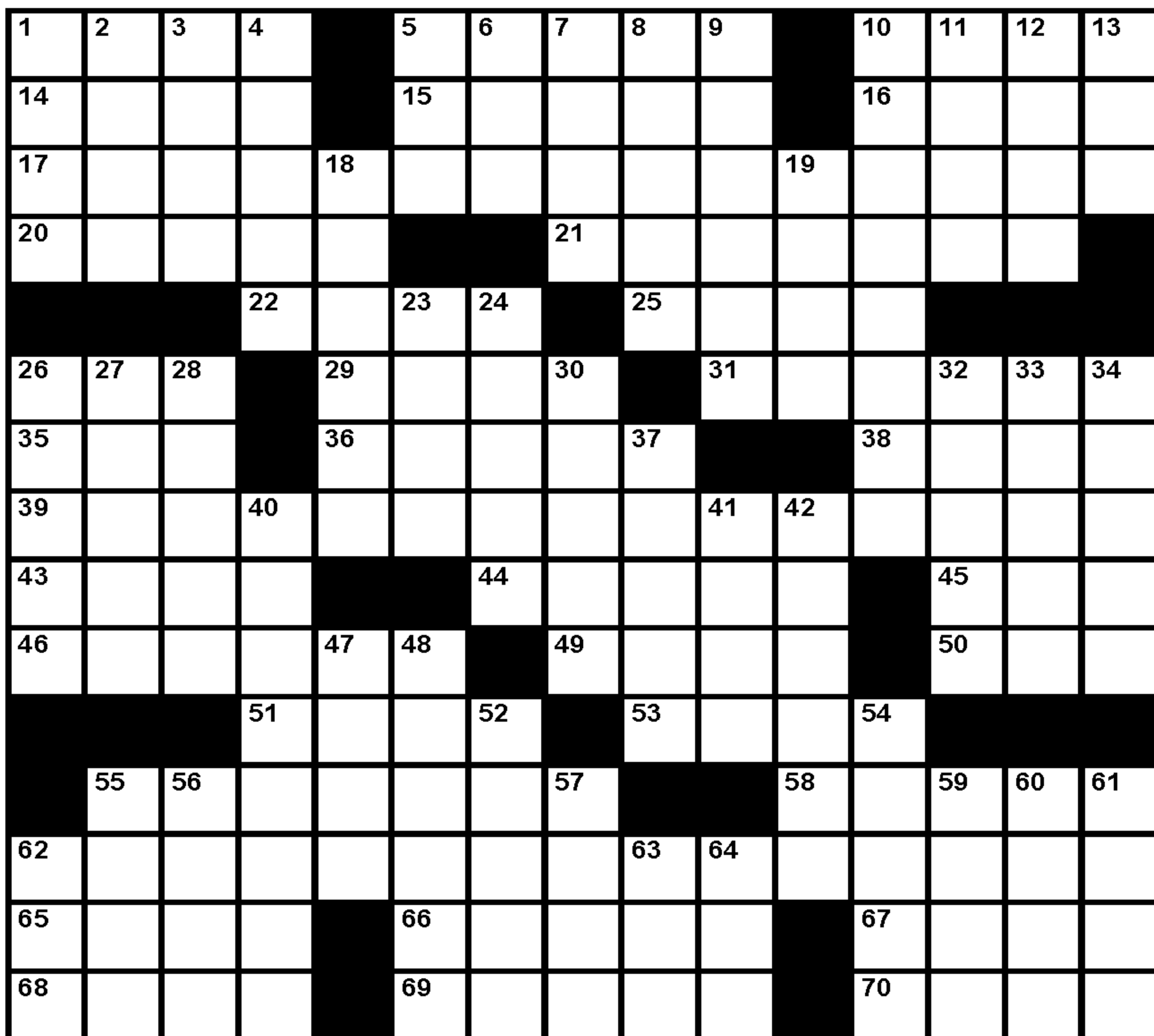
Intuitive Modules in Engineering Education

Malaysian Students Association

WackItBall

Money Makes the World Go Round

By Myles Mellor



Across

1. Besides
5. Sludge-like
10. Glitch
14. Continue
15. Tic or synthesis starters
16. Corn bread
17. Executive's preferred exit
20. Ribbon holder
21. It's used to make chemicals and dyes
22. Palm tree
25. Brand
26. Global finance grp.
29. Small islands
31. Legal claims
35. Content of some barrels
36. Asinine
38. Bright thought
39. Rely on management
43. Bit of physics
44. Red cedar
45. Burro
46. Bubba Gump's forte
49. Enterprise captain
50. ESPN sportscaster
51. Portuguese navigator

53. Notary stamp

55. Small generator
58. Worker's demand
62. Give too much compensation
65. Fall setting
66. Alicia Keys hit
67. This is one
68. Bitter end?
69. Shell out cash for
70. Classic street liners

Down

1. Baker's dozen?
2. Historical center of Chicago, with The
3. Chewbacca's buddy
4. Finish at
5. Fashion's Taylor
6. Notebook, with top
7. Seize
8. Lots of land
9. Advanced
10. Football, in shape
11. It may be proper
12. Some chips, maybe
13. "How about that!"
18. Draw out
19. Industry big shot
23. Huff and puff

24. Maids of India

26. Specks
27. Jollity
28. A soft mineral
30. Kind of preview
32. Archetype
33. Brusque
34. Flip, in a way
37. "The King"
40. Little bits
41. Cork's place
42. Turkey city
47. Coquette
48. Poetic syllable arrangements
52. Sharpener
54. Charging weapon
55. Earned
56. Some votes
57. Cousin of a bassoon
59. "___ cost you!"
60. Where Jamal Malik grew up
61. Regards
62. Signature piece?
63. Bed-and-breakfast
64. Guitarist Nugent

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The First Day of the Rest of My Life

By Adin Goings
ART EDITOR

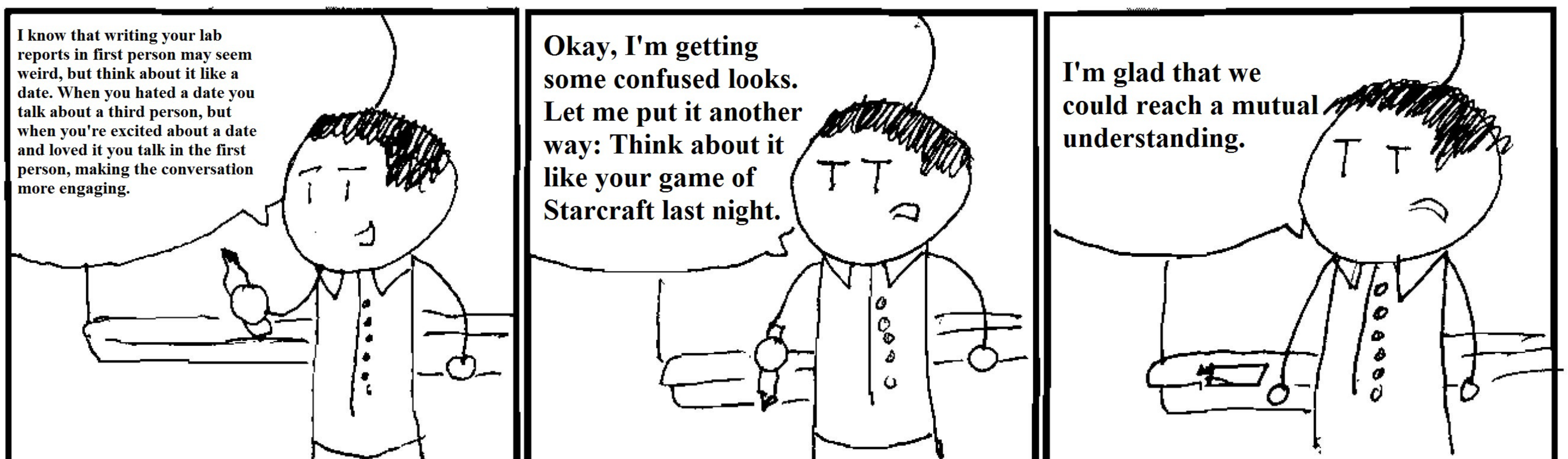




Photo by Jennifer Agosto

Basketball Club earns first win

By **Jennifer Agosto**
TECHNEWS WRITER

The Scarlet Hawks Club Basketball team traveled to Truman College seeking their first win of the season and that is exactly what they got. The two teams faced each other back in January and Truman came out victorious winning by 22 points.

The Hawks have continuously been working on their game play as well as improving their ability to work as a team. As this is the first season of club basketball at IIT, most of the players are just getting to know one another and most haven't played since High school or for any type of team. This is, in part, the reason to the slow start of the season.

Now that the team has gotten to know one another, they have been able to work together on the court. The win this past weekend is a testament to what the team is capable of. The leading scorer was Julio Dominguez with 16 points in the 73-67 win over Truman College. Along with improvement to their

scoring, the Hawks defense was an important factor in the win. They were able to hold the opposing team, who had 99 points in their first meeting, to under 70 points and come out victorious.

After the game, Coach and Player Trevor Townsend commented on the performance of the team: "I think the team played its best ball yet, though it wasn't perfect. We still have to make more of our free throws, limit turnovers and get offensive rebounds. We had the best post position performance thus far with all three of our post players scoring 12pts or more this game. The bench played well as they brought us back in the second half to tie the game. All the players stepped up in the end providing big time rebounds and stops. Over all I was proud of the performance and as long as we keep getting better I don't see us losing too many (more) games." With 3 games left on the schedule, the Hawks hope to break even and end with a .500 season. And if they continue to play games like Saturday's, it is likely that they will do just that.

Indoor Track and Field qualify for Nationals at UW-Parkside

By **Erin Vincent**
TECHNEWS WRITER

In the Scarlet Hawks' fourth Indoor Track and Field meet of the season, a member of both the women's and men's teams hit the 'B' standard for Indoor Nationals. Freshman Abby Jahn and sophomore Phil Cano qualified in the 1000 meter race, and are the first to qualify for the team.

The women's field team competed well, with freshman Whitney Theisen tying for 2nd in the High Jump (1.50m) and taking fourth in the Triple Jump (9.89m).

Junior Natalie Mitrovic also jumped a personal record 4.19 meters in the Long Jump, and recorded a 9.26m mark in the Shot Put. In the sprinting events, junior Veronica Hannink led the way with a 9.92 second 55m Hurdle time, and a personal record time of 29.50s in the 200m dash. Following her in the 200m were freshman Hailey Kunkel (30.59s) and junior Alex Songer (33.09s), both of which also ran the 55m

dash in 8.43s and 8.89s respectively. Senior Emily Kraemer ran a new personal record in the 400m dash with a time of 68.38 seconds.

Three Lady Hawks competed in both the Mile and 800m events, a challenging double to do. Junior Claudia Garcia came out on top for both, with personal records of 5:48.41 in the mile and 2:37.52 in the 800m. Junior Kira Vincent (5:53.01, 2:45.03) and freshman Anne Crotteau (5:54.89 PR, 2:47.35) followed behind, also having strong races.

In the 600m dash, a rare event to see, sophomore Jordan Kelch placed 1st with a time of 1:43.91, not far off of the national qualifying time. Freshman Abby Jahn trailed with a time of 1:53.26, but won the 1000m race with a personal record and national qualifying time of 3:02.71.

In the 3000m race, freshman Courtney Rouse took 3rd and narrowly missed qualifying for nationals with a personal record time of 10:36.40. Senior Erin Vincent also ran the 3k, with a time of 12:16.62. The final event for the ladies was the 4x400m relay, run in 4:45.73

by Kraemer, Garcia, Crotteau, and K. Vincent.

The men's team also had a successful night, taking in a few honors. Freshman Tyler Haag started off his season well with a 7.17 second 55m dash and a school record 200m dash of 25.04 seconds.

Junior Kevin Logan was right on his heels, recording a 7.21s in the 55m and a personal record 25.58s in the 200m. Junior Izzy Radzik competed in the Long Jump, recording 4.62 meters, and the Shot Put, with a personal record of 8.01 meters.

In the 3000m event, senior Phil Theisen ran a huge personal and school record in a time of 9:11.58, followed by sophomore Andrew Montague (9:44.02), freshman Sam Wietlispach (9:49.90 PR), junior Peter Lau (10:37.77 PR), sophomore John Pasowicz (10:44.09 PR), freshman Jeff Somerfield (10:54.14 PR), and junior Felipe Prada (10:58.62 PR). In the 1000m race, sophomore Phil Cano finished 2nd with a personal and school record national qualifying time of 2:32.93, followed by junior Ethan Montague in

3rd (2:40.84 PR) and Theisen in 4th (2:41.99).

In the Mile, senior Kenny Murphy led the team in a time of 4:41.33, with junior Zach Gates not far off in 4:52.37, and freshman Kraig Van Wieringen and junior Brian Lyles battling it out with times of 5:04.38 and 5:06.40 respectively.

In the 600m dash, Cano led the pack again, winning the event in a time of 1:25.90. Trailing him were senior Wes Villalobos (1:28.74) and Van Wieringen (1:35.63). Ethan Montague ran a solid 800m race, clocking a 2:03.41, just ahead of Murphy (2:05.16) and followed by freshman Colin McQuone (2:13.86).

The men's 4x400m relay competed well despite some mid-meet adjustments, with Villalobos, E. Montague, Van Wieringen, and Gates running a composite of 3:46.91. The Distance Medley Relay, made up of A. Montague, McQuone, E. Montague, and Wietlispach, ran a 1st place time of 11:16.41, a season record.

The Hawks' next Indoor Track and Field meet will be Friday (women) and Saturday (men) on February 10th and 11th at North Central College in Naperville, IL.

Pool record set by Hawks relay



Photo by Melanie Koto

By **Melanie Koto**
SPORTS EDITOR

With just two weeks left in their regular season, the Scarlet Hawks swimming and diving team headed to Lake Forest, IL to compete against the Foresters of Lake Forest College. Per tradition, the seniors generated the meet lineup, making for some interesting races. Despite the wackiness, both teams still had some awesome performances. Starting off the meet on the right foot the men's 200 meter medley relay (senior Carlos Tejero, junior Eric Grunden, sophomore Michael Bodzay and senior Max Ramminger) won the event with a time of 1:49.24, resetting the pool record. In the 800 meter freestyle, sophomore Abby Maze finished 2nd (11:12.98) and freshman Igor Gryniv finished 3rd (11:14.48) for the men's team. Sophomore Yoni Pruzansky finished 2nd for the Hawks in the 200 meter freestyle (2:02.51) while Ramminger took 5th (2:24.33). In the 50 meter freestyle seniors An-

drea Zuniga and Morgan Curran took 2nd and 3rd (30.65 and 30.70 respectively), while Tejero took 1st for the men's team (24.81) and senior Tomasz Chojnacki took 3rd (26.62) and senior Ryan Tapak took 4th (27.07). Sophomore Felipe Bergh got out touched for 1st in a very close race in the 200 meter IM (2:22.04), while freshman Dan Sommerfeld finished 4th (2:34.13).

Senior Jeff Reilly had an excellent meet on both the 1 meter and 3 meter boards for diving finished 2nd on both boards with scores of 224.50 and 235.10 respectively. Both scores were personal lifetime bests and were just short of National Qualifying scores.

Freshman Dane Christianson came in 3rd on the 1 meter board with a score of 163.10, also a personal best. In the 100 meter butterfly Bodzay finished 2nd for the men's team (59.83) and junior Matthew Rosenfeld finished 5th (1:09.30), while senior Melanie Koto finished 2nd in the women's 100 meter freestyle (1:04.89) and freshman Billy Bafia finished 4th in the men's event (59.72)

Athlete Spotlight :

Wes Villalobos

- **Name:**
- Wes Villalobos
- **Year:**
- Senior
- **Major:**
- Aerospace/Mechanical Engineering
- Double Major
- **Sport:**
- Track and Field
- **Event(s):**
- 400m, 800m, 1500m
- **Favorite thing about your sport:**
- The competition and my team.
- **What you like best about the fans at your meets:**
- We don't get very many fans, but
- when they show up and cheer a lot.
- **Favorite thing to do on Campus:** Hang out with my friends.
- **Best tip for anyone who wants to be great at your sport:**
- Work hard, play hard. Have fun with what you do. (napping and eating a lot help too!)

and senior Dylan Maus finished 5th (59.98). Tejero took another 1st in the 100 meter backstroke finishing with a time of 1:00.01 and Gryniv took 5th in the event (1:20.56).



events calendar

Tuesday, Feb 7

Naked Dating

7pm @ the MTCC Auditorium

Wednesday, Feb 8

Singing Valentine's Sale

Noon @ the MTCC Bridge

Games Night Tournament (Pool & Ping Pong)

9.30 @ MTCC Pool Tables

Friday, Feb 10

Kill Bill Vol 1

6.30pm @ Perlstein Hall Auditorium

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet St

7pm @ the Herman Hall Auditorium

Nerf Wars: Just the Beginning

7pm @ MSV Center Lounge

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