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Ethiopian Expedition:

Desert days, rocky nights

By Sebastian Morales Prado
TECHNEWS WRITER

He was right when he said that by the end of this trip everything would seem just like a dream; you are eating lunch at the cafeteria, and the next thing you know you are chilling, breathing peacefully, sitting on the surface of the moon watching the sun slowly disappear. Then, everything suddenly turns really cold, and the only source of light is an immense ring of fire and the millions of stars - you just experienced a real lunar eclipse. Everything somehow makes sense until you realize it doesn't, and no matter how hard you try, everything ends up falling apart; once again you find yourself lying down inside your cozy bed, staring at the ceiling. Dreams. Well, (not that I want this to end) I'm still waiting for this to fall apart.

I find myself comfortably sitting down next to a huge bottle of water, surrounded by attentive waiters, each patiently waiting for me to raise my hand and fulfill my nonexistent wishes.

My ears are calmed by the relaxing sound of water splashing against more water in the multiple fountains around me. In the mean time, my eyes are hypnotized by the never-ending waves in Lake Awasa. To think that not even two days ago water was a fairy tale the Afar people would tell themselves while they walked infinitely long hours under the unforgiving sun makes me wonder if all of this really happened, or if I am about to wake up somewhere.

The Afar desert in two words is simply: Dirt (and) sky. And believe me when I tell you that there is more dirt than sky. The landscape is sandpaper observed through a microscope, but a little rougher. My dear Mexican friends: I have found the perfect place to never take a nap. The only vegetation consists of small bushes with

lots of thorns, and rocks of every size are strewn about. Once in a while you see a lost gazelle jumping around or a camel spitting out the thorns he had for breakfast. To think that most of this place used to be covered by lakes just adds to my confusion. But it was then, millions of years ago, that our primitive ancestors walked these same lands of Afar and today, millions of years later, I find myself observing archeologists uncover what could be the lost link we all (being believers in evolution) have been waiting for.

Tired of their patience, tired of complacently observing history unfold in front of my own hands, I decided to get them dirty (something extremely easy to do here) and get myself into the history books as the lucky locator of the missing link. Motivated, and with a heart full of hope, I embarked on a journey searching for that fossilized bone which would lead us to the discovery of the *Sebastralopithecus*.

But first, sunscreen, and lots of it. Once protected from the sun and armed with my sharpest vision, the one I used to use while finding Waldo as a kid, I decided to go north, or was it south? Well, I decided to go and that's all that mattered. To my surprise, it didn't take me long to make my first discovery; archeologists must really love their job.

An hour passed, but I wouldn't argue if someone told me it was only ten minutes, and all I had found was admiration for the passion and patience of the archeologists. Disappointed and with my head down (down because I was still looking), I turned around and started my walk back towards the rest of the group.

Far behind the hills, songs would rise into the winds, and once in a while you would see the silhouette of an Afar shepherd looking after his few goats. The sun was slowly setting, which meant that we would soon go

back to the camp, have delicious food, lots of water, and relax for the rest of the night. This also meant that there was one last shot of adrenaline which we would use to race in our Land Cruisers against the sun and make it back to the camp before he settled completely; time when the nonexistent roads merged into the uniform irregularity of the landscape.

And there it was! Right in front of my left foot; between those two (million) rocks, the molar of the *Sebastralopithecus* I had been looking for!

Hiding my excitement, I delicately placed a marking flag at the spot where my ancestor's tooth had landed so I knew where to come back. I stood up so fast that my blood didn't get the message, and I had to fight against an earthquake not to fall toward that sandpaper ground.

Finally, when my blood got to my brain I hid my hurry and walked towards an experienced archeologist (I forgot his name) who was also searching the area. I placed the molar in his hand while mine was invisibly shaking.

He stared at it for no longer than two seconds, looked into my eyes and with a deep smile he said, almost in a secret voice, "It's just a beautiful rock" and he laughed while letting it fall back into the ground.

My dreams of the *Sebastralopithecus* are all gone, at least for the next couple million years. However, two teeth were found, and the archeologists believe that they belong to the same jaw of an early primate; who knows, maybe I did partake in the discovery of something amazing without even knowing it, but isn't this what happens with all discoveries?

This is the second of three installments covering Sebastian's summer trip to Ethiopia. Do you have something similar to share or an opinion to declare? Email opinion@technewsiit.com for more information.



Photo by Sebastian Morales Prado

Hookahs on campus considered 'drug paraphernalia'

By Chris Schaffer
TECHNEWS WRITER

It was recently brought to my attention that the 2011-2012 Illinois Institute of Technology Student Handbook has a rather concise list of what it considers "drug paraphernalia". This list, along with various other drug-related topics, can be found under section six of the Code of Conduct. This section clearly states that illicit drugs and many drug-related possessions are simply not allowed on the university's property. In my opinion, most of this is understandable. The university, like any other organization, wants none of the notoriety surrounding drugged-out college kids. Unfortunately, one item did happen to make the short list of drug paraphernalia which is completely unacceptable: the hookah.

For many, the hookah is a cultural icon. It is, more or less, a harmless device used to relax and socialize with close friends and family. As a quick history lesson for those of you who may not know, the hookah has been in use since the mid-1500s. As the popularity of tobacco in the Middle East grew, so too did the awareness of its impact on an individual's

health. As a result, the hookah was created as a way to help cool and purify the smoke inhaled. It quickly became one of the most preferable apparatuses for smoking tobacco.

The hookah was developed strictly as a means through which one could smoke tobacco - a perfectly legal substance here in the United States. Calling it "drug paraphernalia" implies that it is used as a device for delivering illegal substances to the body. And while it may be true that marijuana can be smoked with the use of a hookah, there is no limit to the ingenuity of man when it comes to smoking apparatuses. For example, one can just as easily smoke weed out of an apple, which is one of the items the school happens to permit students to take from the MTCC Commons. Does this now make apples drug paraphernalia? If so, then it seems that IIT is willingly distributing apparatuses with which to smoke illegal substances to its students! Now we all know this is not the case, nor is it the intent of the university, but at the same time, why is the hookah any worse than the apple?

In addition to this bit of hypocrisy, calling the hookah "drug paraphernalia" is culturally insensitive. As stated previously, hookahs are

deeply rooted in many Middle Eastern cultures. To make the issue more frustrating, the provost of IIT even admits that this is insensitive, yet refuses to do anything about it unless someone of Middle Eastern descent is offended by this:

"For anyone born outside of the Middle East, this is not culturally insensitive," said Alan Cramb, Provost of the Illinois Institute of Technology

By this logic, it appears we can be as ignorant of others' cultures as we like...so long as they aren't the ones speaking up. Given the diversity of IIT, I think this is potentially one of the worst viewpoints to be upheld.

In summary, the hookah is perfectly legal in this country, state, and city. Why is this also not the case at IIT? It is a piece of culture and a great way to safely enjoy the company of others. There is no reason that the school should include the hookah, of all devices, as a piece of drug paraphernalia.

If you have an issue with the way IIT abuses its drug policy, all I ask is that you, the students of IIT, demand a change in policy from the provost and the dean of students! Feel free to e-mail them with your opinions at cramb@iit.edu and murphy@iit.edu.

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1(00)% Campaign strives to strengthen IIT community

We are the
100%

1% of the students are
having 99% of the fun

Join us.

CampaignFor100.Weebly.com

By Ryan Kamphuis
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"There's nothing to do on campus," is something that almost every student at IIT has heard or said at some point during their time here.

It's said so much that it seems to almost be considered public knowledge by students: many talk of IIT's stellar academics, but every time they do they also mention how IIT seems dead and that the quality of life is low. Still to this day, many quote an out of date article which rated IIT as one of the most depressing campuses in America.

The irony of all this is that even though many students swear by these statements, these statements and ideas couldn't be further from the truth. Almost every day a different student organization is hosting an event, and almost every night people are hanging out and having a great time on campus.

Right now, 1% of the students at IIT are having 99% of the fun, and it's time to change that. It's time for every single IIT student to have fun. It's time to turn the 1% into the 100%.

As you read this article, a multitude of student organizations are coming together and kicking off the 1(00)% Campaign.

The idea of this campaign is to show the IIT student body the plethora of activities for them to take advantage of, and drive home the fact that no matter your hobby and no matter what you are interested in, there is an organization that you can become a part of.

Campaignfor100.weebly.com is serving as the website that brings together all the events and activities that are part of the 1(00)% Campaign. The website will also have descriptions and contact info for the many organizations at IIT. The 1(00)% Campaign will culminate with a massive lock-in that is being held in The BOG on March 30.

The fact of the matter is that IIT is a vibrant community and a place where everyone can have a lot of fun. All we need to do is break the stigma of being a boring school by getting out and having a good time. We all contribute to the Student Activities Fund that funds all of these activities, so getting involved insures return on investment for the dollars that you put forth.

We can all have an awesome time at IIT, so let's seize the day, get out, have a good time, and stop making people think that we are a ton of boring class zombies.

Let's turn the 1% into the 100%!

SGA Banquet honors members, organization accomplishments

By Ryan Kamphuis
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With the Student Government Associations' spring elections rapidly approaching and a passing of the torch imminent, the current members of SGA have begun to take a moment to look back on their accomplishments of the past year. SGA held a banquet the evening of Thursday, March 1 in the Hermann Hall Expo to celebrate their accomplishments and thank those that made said accomplishments possible.

The banquet began with a cocktail session where the many attendees of the banquet were able to mingle. The event was attended by many members of the IIT administration, including President John Anderson and Provost Alan Cramb. The event was also attended by all the

members of SGA's Executive Board, Judicial Board, Finance Board, and Student Senate. Also in attendance were the student leaders of organizations that frequently work with SGA.

The cocktail hour allowed for informal brainstorming between these many different organizations and individuals and served as a bridge into dinner.

After dinner was served, the presentation for the evening began. All of the members of SGA's Executive Board spoke, highlighting the members of their committees and what each committee accomplished over the past year.

First to speak was Vice President of Academic Affairs, Eyoel Asfaw. Asfaw spoke of his recent appointment to the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs, and his efforts to improve the amount of academic support available to IIT students.

Following Asfaw was Vice President of Student Life Gokul Butail. Butail spoke of his recent efforts, which included organizing a foosball table for the MTCC, organizing a school spirit day, and helping spread the word about the recent CMC career fair, which was one of the largest in IIT history.

As Butail delivered his closing remarks, he welcomed Kelly Lohr, SGA's Vice President of Communication to the podium. Lohr began her speech by congratulating SGA Senator Dor Karter, who was in charge of the widely-received SGA VoteBox project. Lohr also highlighted the increasing readership of SGA's website and social media pages.

After several other speeches, the outgoing President of the Student Government Association, Elnaz Moshfeghian, took to the podium to present her thoughts on her

time as President. Moshfeghian touched on the many different initiatives that SGA worked on this past year. The majority of her speech, however, focused on the connections and people who made her time as president successful. She profusely thanked her fellow SGA Senators and Executive Board members, and held back tears as she thanked all those who helped her in her endeavors.

The banquet quickly ended as Moshfeghian concluded her speech. Pictures were taken of the SGA members, comments of thanks and congratulations were exchanged between faculty members and students, and people began to leave Hermann Hall.

With the end of the banquet, the next major event for SGA will be the upcoming spring elections, and the transition to new leadership which will occur afterwards.



From the Pacific Ocean to IIT: the octopus has arrived

By Miriam Schmid
TECHNEWS WRITER

For most students at IIT, Wednesday, February 15, 2012 was just another ordinary day of class, work, and meetings.

For six undergraduate chemistry, biology, and psychology students, this was no ordinary day, but the start of an adventure in marine research.

Early that morning they received a text message: "He's here!" Our giant pacific octopus (*Enteroctopus dofleini*) had finally arrived at Illinois Tech via overnight FedEx from Canada and was ready to settle down into his new home in the CRAB Lab.

In order to see the newest resident of Illinois Tech, you can access a live streaming Octo and Lab Cam on the CRAB Lab website found below. The octopus is most active during his daylight hours from 2 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Now that the octopus has settled into his new home at the Illinois Institute of Technology, it needs to be named.

All members of the IIT community are invited to cast their vote for their favorite at <http://is.gd/crablab>.

Currently, the front-runners include Poseidon (Greek God of the Sea), Manotas (big hands), Doug Octopicka, and Ollie.

Name suggestions will be reviewed, and a final voting round of top candidates will determine the name.

Despite not having a name, the octopus has created a whirlwind of activity in the CRAB Lab, from the chemical ecology study using octopus water to begin collecting results and the Psychology department's project tracking his behavior.

In addition to conducting experiments in the lab, the undergraduate researchers in the CRAB Lab presented their hypotheses and preliminary data at the Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium on



Saturday, March 3.

Representing the chemical ecology project were Ciaran Shaughnessy, Mariah Kuitse, and Miriam Schmid. On behalf of the cognitive science group Ruth Jimenez, David Burchell, and Tim Carsel presented their poster.

Through their presentations, they were able to share the initiatives of the CRAB Lab with the greater Chicago community.



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SGA UCal Updates

By Matt Otten
SGA SENATOR

When you are looking for something to do on campus, where do you go to get information, especially if you need it instantly?

The best place is the new University Calendar. The University Calendar has been updated to a Google Calendar, allowing easy updating and integration with the new IIT Google Apps account.

Departments, offices, and student organizations can easily add their events to the calendar by simply adding calendar@iit.edu as a guest.

Adding an entire calendar is simple as well: just share the calendar with calendar@iit.edu.

For full instructions for adding events to the calendar, see the IIT Today article at <http://www.iit.edu/news/iittoday/?p=1055>. For an interested student looking for something to do,

the University Calendar offers several ways to view the events on campus.

The calendar is available for viewing at <http://www.iit.edu/about/calendar.shtml>. On this site, you can add the calendar to your personal Google calendar, which will automatically be updated with all of the events on campus.

Events shared with the University Calendar will also appear on IIT Today on the day that they are occurring.

For example, there were a lot of events on Tuesday. The IIT Today for Tuesday, February 28, lists all of the events for that day, as well as their time and place.

This information is taken directly from the University Calendar.

This tool is an easy and effective way to find something to do on campus, and will be invaluable to any students who find themselves looking for ways to get involved.

Ecosystem management, river conservation

By Utsav Gandhi
CAMPUS EDITOR

As part of a joint lecture presented by the IIT Armour College and the CAE department, Dr. Venkatesh Dutta, Fulbright Scholar and assistant professor of Environmental Sciences and Management at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar University in India, presented a heartfelt and passionate talk about his intended and ongoing efforts to clean up the Gomti, a tributary of the mighty Indian river Ganga.

Over 40 drains discharge untreated waste from the metro city of Lucknow directly into the river; the urban sprawl on the banks of the river has increased five folds over the last 100 years.

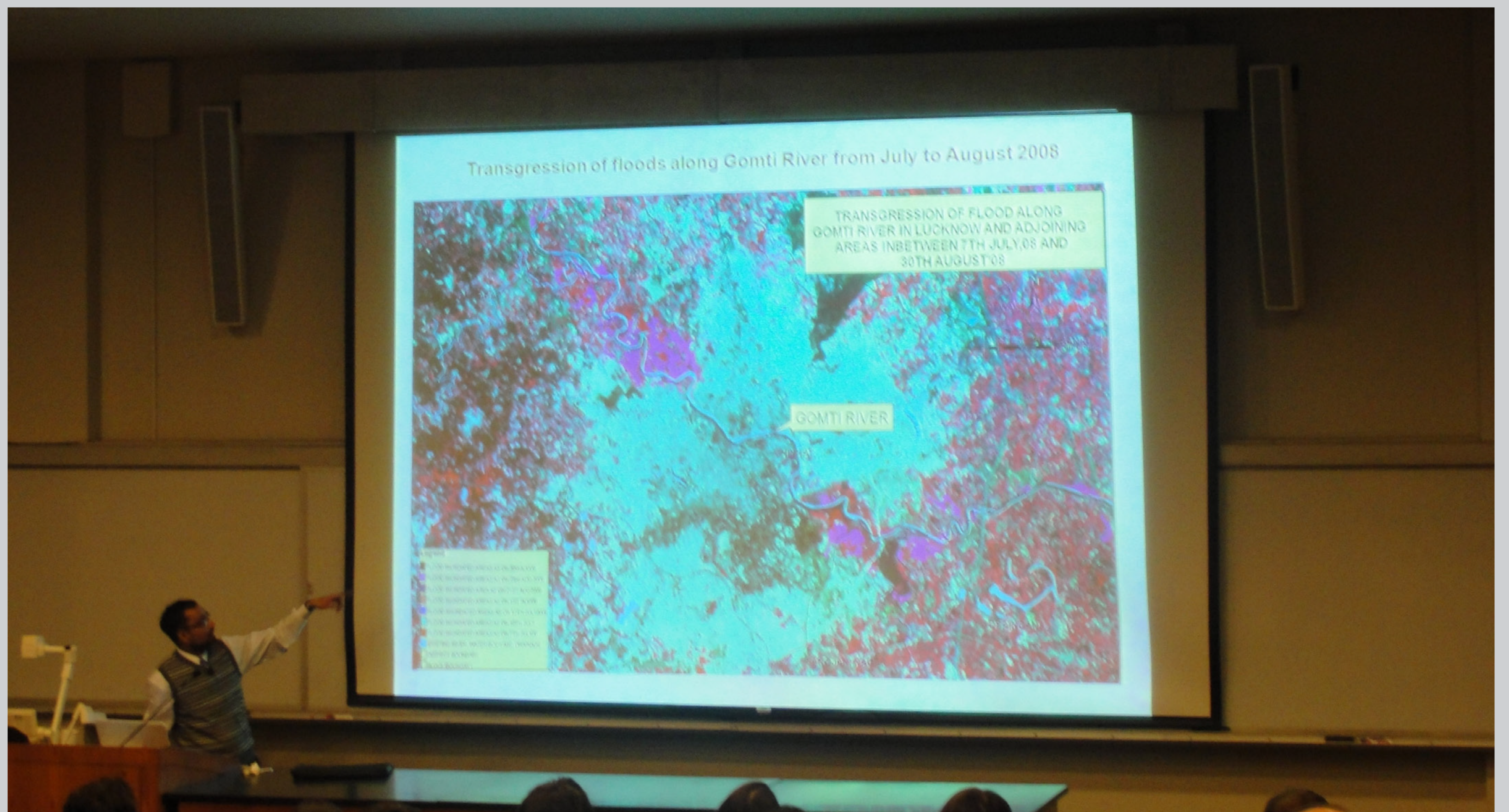
Due to the misallocation/mismanagement in the sharing of water resources among the 400 million people residing along its catchment area, there is tremendous pressure on the demand for water.

This leads to the logical question of how much developmental impact is acceptable. For what purposes can a river be used and should this be regulated? What is the final tradeoff between economic development and environmental impact?

Dr. Dutta is slowly but surely charting a small success story based on the pillars of an organized appeal to the local authorities—but even then, a lot of work needs to be done. To us budding engineers, scientists and even public policymakers, he provided an excellent example of where the skills and lessons we pick up in our classes today can be applied to bring about real change affecting world communities.

The river Ganga is considered a mother goddess in Indian cultural mythology, and Dr. Dutta introduced the audience to the spiritual significance of the river, appealing for its declaration as a World Heritage Site.

He compared the current exploitation of its ground water resources to the inconsiderate cash withdrawal from a bank account owned



by multiple users. He said that the forest cover thriving near its origin is slowly dwindling, and its fish are dying due to asphyxiation from the organochlorine agricultural pesticide waste accumulation.

While this has led to significant concern from the local/national media and authorities alike, the results, if any, are barely visible. He says that better scientific information, political will and efficient government machinery will likely serve as a starting point in reversing the problem.

He then spoke extensively about an interestingly coined “social engineering” expedition he recently undertook to the river along with another scientist, some journalists, monks, a few social activists and retired

engineers—emphasizing that a problem of this scale and magnitude can only be tackled with the interdisciplinary co-operation extended by various interest groups.

A spiritual movement was initiated, 5,000 youths were made to sign a pledge undertaking a promise to stop polluting the river, a press report was sent out each night—and slowly the group managed to gauge more complete information about the river—like the actual number of its tributaries and its real, meandering length.

Such statistics, previously recorded inaccurately, were essential if the government was to scale the true scope and measure of the work to be done. The “River Conservation

Committee” became a political manifesto—and now the elected officials are answerable to the public regarding the reversal of the river degradation.

Dr. Dutta remains hopeful that the river will flow back in its prime sometime in the future—he has declared his personal goal to see so in his lifetime.

His future goals include appealing to national and international interest groups such as the EPA, UNESCO, the Stockholm Environment Institute and the National Science Foundation for additional funding, and strengthening the movement he has initialized in the Indian heartland where the river Gomti flows.

Photo by Swasti Khuntia

College of Architecture sponsors guest lecturer

By Swasti Khuntia
LAYOUT EDITOR

IIT's College of Architecture organized a guest lecture on Merritt Bucholz's current work. Merritt Bucholz is an American architect who has set up a practice in Ireland with his partner Karen McEvoy. He's also the Dean and Professor of Architecture at the University of Limerick, Ireland. He delivered an interesting presentation on his recent work. The presentation was accompanied by amazing pictures of his projects. Some of his notable works were Elm Park Green Urban Quarter, Westmeath County Council, and Limerick County Council Headquarters.

Dr. Bucholz started the presentation with one of his finest creations: the high design and energy-efficient scheme at Elm Park. The landmark building designed by Bucholz McEvoy at Elm Park has created a new skyline for south Dublin. But the most important characteristic of this building is that it's energy efficient. He said “Letting nature do the work, Elm Park's buildings use natural ventilation and day lighting to radically reduce energy use even as they reinvent the suburbs with new ideas about density.” The building's innovative environmental features place it among the more advanced green developments in Europe. The buildings merge form and function, making beautiful use of the site's microclimate for ventilation. In Dublin, according to Bucholz, prevailing winds drive design more than sunlight. As a result, the long, narrow buildings are oriented on a north-south axis to take advantage of the westerly winds. On top of this structure, seven acres of green space tie the site and its buildings together. Far from flat, constructed slopes provide visual interest and drainage, directing runoff to large pine, maple, oak, walnut, birch, and ash trees. Stretches of grass are broken up by large shrubs and native grasses, as well as rain shelters that mimic the large supports on the buildings. Bucholz calls the landscape a “giant sponge” that

absorbs rainwater, keeping it from entering an overburdened stream that collects runoff from a bordering golf course.

He then talked about another landmark, the Siopa at Leinster House, a staff shop that exists between tree roots with pile caps supporting its fully waterproofed structural steel base. The outer shell is of glass and the roof beams support a glass canopy to one side. Both the inner finishes and the external decking are made of timber and the complete structure is built around existing, well-established trees.

The Westmeath County Council and Limerick County Council headquarters are more energy-efficient buildings designed by Bucholz. The Westmeath site is an open and transparent public service building and is carefully woven into the historical archaeological context, creating an ensemble of new and old buildings, which together bring new meaning and civic values to this site. It is created primarily with glass, timber, and concrete. The entirely naturally ventilated building maximizes passive design principles and creates an environment in balance with nature. The design of a structure in its construction and operation consumes less of the environment's natural non-renewable resources. A double facade combined with an atrium lung serve to impact all of the ventilation in the office building.

Similarly, the Limerick building is fully naturally ventilated with a bespoke structural timber brise soleil, combining environmental control and structural stability to the southwest facade. The cross ventilation of the office spaces is driven by the thermal buoyancy of the atrium behind. The exposed concrete frame of the office spaces acts as a thermal sink to keep temperatures constant, and the envelope of the building was the first to be tested for air tightness in Ireland, achieving twice the standard of new building regulations.

At the end, Bucholz answered a lot of students' questions. Overall, it was an interactive and interesting lecture which was enjoyed by the audience.

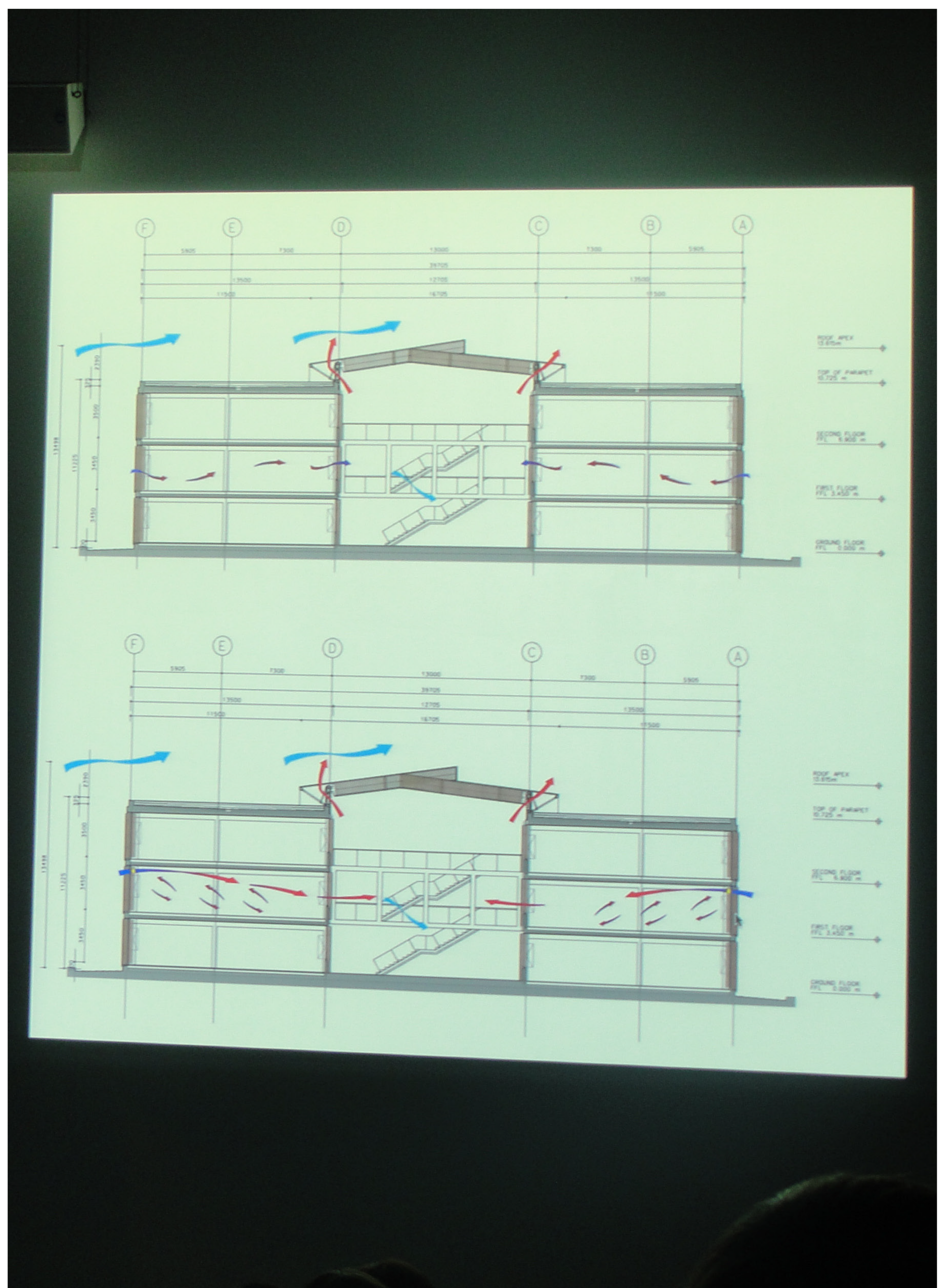


Photo by Swasti Khuntia

Academic, educational colloquia series continues at IIT

By Swasti Khuntia
LAYOUT EDITOR

The Applied Math Department at IIT hosted two colloquia last week. The first colloquium was organized on Monday on "A Joint Statistical Model for Social Network and Behavior" by Dr. Liping Tong, assistant professor at Loyola University, Chicago.

She talked about how an individual's behavior may be influenced by the behaviors of friends, such as hours spent watching television, playing sports, and unhealthy eating habits. Citing an example, she said two children who enjoy playing the same sport are more likely to become friends.

Dr. Tong talked about actor-based Stochastic modeling (ABSM) methods for the coevolution process, which turns out to be useful when dealing with longitudinal social network and behavior data when behavior variables are discrete and have limited number of possible values. Unfortunately, since the evolution function for behavior variable is in exponential format, the ABSM can generate unrealistic results when the behavior variable is continuous or has a large range. To counter the ABSM's disadvantage,

Dr. Tong has proposed a coevolution process so that the network evolution is based

on an exponential random graph model and the behavior evolution is based on a linear model.

The second colloquium was organized on Wednesday, the topic being "Numerical Approach to Solve Tumor Growth Model with a Free Boundary." The lecture was delivered by Wenrui Hao, PhD candidate at University of Notre Dame.

He talked about the recent progress on a tumor model with PDE, the stability of the solutions, the bifurcation diagram extensions beyond the bifurcation point and the intersection of bifurcation diagram for different bifurcation branch, and possible other types of steady state solutions. Hao also explained his new numerical approach, which is based on Numerical Algebraic Geometry, to explore free boundary problems arising from tumor growth models.

The Chemistry Department at IIT continued their colloquium this week on the topic "Lithium-ion Batteries: Current State and Beyond." The talk was delivered by Dr. Ilias Belharouak, materials scientist and battery specialist, Chemical Science and Engineering Division at Argonne National Laboratory.

Starting the talk, he spoke about the journey for materials design and how discovery was unveiled in the light of the most recent developments in lithium-ion batteries. He also discussed on the implementation of the very challenging lithium-sulfur and lithium-air batteries.

The high cost of cobalt and relatively low specific capacity of LiCoO₂ have been major obstacles against the application of these batteries in transportation where the battery energy density should significantly increase to meet the goals for plug-in hybrid vehicles (PHEVs), and essentially for electric vehicles (EVs). Dr. Belharouak explained how research groups have been under the challenge of inventing and developing new advanced positive electrode materials whose main characteristics is to store more and more electricity per mass and volume.

The Biology Department organized a colloquium on "Interplay between HIV and Wnt/Beta-Catenin Signaling: A Tug of War between Protection and Pathogenesis in the CNS." The talk was delivered by Dr. Lena Al-Harhi, professor, Department of Immunology-Microbiology, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago. Prof. Al-Harhi's research over the past 15 years has focused on HIV/host interactions, with a special emphasis on bridging basic and clinical science in the HIV/AIDS field.

Because of her experience in HIV molecular biology, immunology, and, for the past 5 years, in NeuroAIDS, she has been able to probe mechanistic questions that are clinically relevant to HIV/AIDS. Recently, her group has identified the β -catenin signaling pathway as an important regulator of HIV replication in multiple compartments,

including the central nervous system.

Through multiple NIH funded studies, she is investigating the molecular pathway by which β -catenin inhibits HIV replication, its impacts on HIV neuropathogenesis, and the role of host and viral factors in modulating β -catenin interaction with HIV.

On Thursday, the Physics Department organized an interesting colloquium on "A New Approach to Intro Physics at the University of Illinois." The talk was delivered by Mats Selen, professor, Department of Physics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Starting the talk with how all have faced the problem that students come to class unprepared to learn; assigned readings from the text are usually ignored and most students are seeing the material for the first time as you present it in lecture.

The Physics Education Research Group at the University of Illinois has developed a suite of online prelecture activities to address this problem, including animated Multimedia Learning Modules to present students with the required concepts, and checkpoint questions to provide pre-lecture feedback to both students and professor. Several published studies of this approach show a significant improvement of student knowledge and a striking improvement in their attitude toward our calculus based intro physics classes.

OCL Leadership Summit encourages student involvement

By William Syvongsa
TECHNEWS WRITER

There is a stigma with being an IIT student. "IIT students never leave their rooms." "IIT students don't know how to have fun." "There is never anything to do on campus." This mentality has been passed down from class to class, slowly spreading this belief that IIT is not a good university and you will be unhappy your entire time here. In my two and half years at IIT, I realized how untrue these statements are. I decided to go to events that IIT and student organizations of IIT would sponsor. Some events and programs hit the mark while others miss it, but the point is that there was always something to do. I never had an issue occupying my time once I started looking. Between RA programs, student organization events, and exploring Chicago with your friends, IIT is a gemstone of a university. The Student Activities

Fund is used to subsidize and sponsor so many events that other universities can only dream of. Skydiving? Ski trips? Tickets to sporting events, movies, and Broadway in Chicago? We even have traditional university events, such as Homecoming, sporting events, Spring Formal. The student body expects the university to hand them events. News flash: the events are being handed out. You need to know where to look.

The strange thing is that students don't understand that the events and programs that happen are planned by students just like them. That's right, most events that are planned on campus are planned by someone who could be sitting in your class right now, or eating lunch across from you in Center Court, or walking past you in the residence halls. They're hoping that their event goes well, that the decision they made to get involved in their student organization instead of research will pay off in the end. And why shouldn't it? Being involved with a student organization teaches you a lot, in terms of

working on a team, working with professional staff members, and great interpersonal skills. Yes, you are in college to learn, but who says you can have fun at the same time?

If you are a student leader on IIT's campus and agree with everything I wrote, have you heard about the Student Leader Summit? The Summit is planned for Saturday, March

10, from 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is aimed at bringing together student leaders on campus to learn from workshops and facilitate discussion with each other about how to better improve campus life. The summit isn't just open to student leaders though. If you have an interest in getting involved or want to meet the students that are involved, this is the venue to do so.

IPRO 372: Global Construct Collaborative

By Hannah Rosenthal
TECHNEWS WRITER

First question: do you like music? If the answer is yes, at 9:00 p.m., this Thursday, March 8, come on over to the IIT Tower Auditorium and join IIT A Capella as well as IPRO 372 Global Construct Collaborative for Raise Your Voice: a benefit concert that will help spread education to impoverished communities around the world.

IIT A Capella has generously donated their time and talent to help Global Construct Collaborative take off. Launched from the IPRO 2.0 program last fall, this team of thirteen IIT students has organized to train and inspire leaders in impoverished communities to self-sufficiently conceive and construct safe, sustainable shelter. The team is currently collaborating with partners in Mexico to design, build, and implement a trade school across the border from Pharr, Texas this May. Before this school becomes a reality, the team needs to raise \$10,000. Help them make a difference by bringing a \$5 donation this Thursday as you enjoy listening to the IIT A Capella groups and select student musicians!

... And if you don't like music? You

can still help—if you're up for the challenge!

Second question: how would you survive if you could only spend \$2 USD per day?

You could find out! From April 9 to 13, Global Construct Collaborative is hosting the Two Dollar Challenge and is inviting you to spend up to five days and four nights living on \$2/day or less. Nearly half the world lives every day on less than \$2 USD. This challenge is designed to increase student empathy and awareness of what it's like to eat, sleep, and bathe within such a limited budget.

Participants in the challenge will enter in teams similar to a marathon and collect sponsors to donate a dollar amount per day that they complete the challenge. All of the raised funds will support Global Construct Collaborative and the school we're currently designing in Mexico. The team that raises the most money before the last day of the challenge will win free admission to a pasta dinner at the end of the week!

If you're interested in learning more about Global Construct Collaborative, the Two Dollar Challenge, or if you'd like to join, or lead a team, please e-mail collaborate@globalconstruct.info. You can also check out our website for more information: globalconstruct.info.



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Inspirational alumni reflect on successes after IIT

By Ryan Hynes
A&E EDITOR

Alumnus John Calamos (ECON '63, MBA '70) recently hosted an alumni reception at the headquarters of his firm, Calamos Investments. The event gave alumni in the Chicago area a chance to connect and share their IIT alumni experience.

The event was also a forum on financial markets, with presentations by Calamos, a pioneer in convertible securities and author of two books on the subject, and Dr. John Bilson, Professor of Finance at the Stuart School of Business. Both men had great insights into our current markets. "America's greatest export is the middle class," remarked Calamos, "We could recapture our once mighty manufacturing base by being the best."

Professor Bilson spoke on Chicago and its irreplaceable role in our financial system. He envisioned the Stuart School of Business producing students who are well versed in the "Chicago School" of finance.

The Stuart School of Business graduate programs will be moving to the IIT Tower next year. This will bring approximately 1000 additional students to the area, and will have a dramatic impact on Main Campus and the surrounding Bridgeport and Bronzeville neighborhoods. Professor Bilson referred to the influx of students as a capital injection for the community, and he is eager to see the transformative impact on the community.

Even more transformative for IIT is Mr. Calamos' gift of 10 million dollars, which will endow a Dean's Chair for the Stuart School, as well as a Philosophy Chair. Calamos recalled that, of all the classes he took at IIT, philosophy was his favorite because it taught him how to think rationally. He stressed the importance of sound logic and reasoning, and said that while a person may have tremendous technical knowledge, without the ability to think, they would never achieve their full potential. Mr. Calamos is a true practitioner, and is able to describe the complexities of financial instrument and markets with remarkable

clarity. Mr. Calamos has achieved fantastic success in both his personal and professional endeavors, and his accomplishments and stewardship as an alumnus make him an ideal role model for current IIT students.

Another admirable alumnus, Bud Wendorf (ME '71), also shared his thoughts on IIT and the opportunities it afforded him. Wendorf remembers growing up in the midst of the Cold War, and being inspired by the spirit of industry and achievement that galvanized the American people during that time.

That spirit inspired Bud to become an engineer, and attend IIT. Wendorf has many fond memories of his years at IIT, and as a member of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. A year after graduating, Wendorf began working at Sargent Lundy, and put his IIT degree to good use. Wendorf is now Chairman and CEO of Sargent Lundy, serves on the IIT Board of Trustees, and is a member of the Armour Society, which recognizes alumni who have given over 1 million dollars to IIT. Wendorf is another IIT success story, and continues to give back to IIT.

The evening was, in one word, inspirational. Generations of IIT Alumni gathered to learn from one another and recall their time at IIT. The commitment of our alumni is what truly makes IIT such a fantastic institution, and the stewardship and generosity of John Calamos, Bud Wendorf, and other like-minded alumni will ensure that IIT continues to be a leader in education, far into the future.



Photos courtesy of Michael Goss Photography

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I didn't have any inspiration for this photo really, I just happened to be walking down that sidewalk hoping to take photos of the sunset and when walking past crown hall I saw the reflection of the colorful sky in the glass which showed up even more prominent on camera. But personally, this photograph means a lot more than that after switching my major from Architecture to Photography. The colors that are being reflected in the full pane windows give meaning to the building, the students inside, and even myself.

AUDREY SIMPER
Photography

-Audrey Simper

Congratulations to the February Student Organization of the Month: **American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS)!**

MTCC Late Night is on March 7!

Games!

Prizes!

Movies!

Performers!



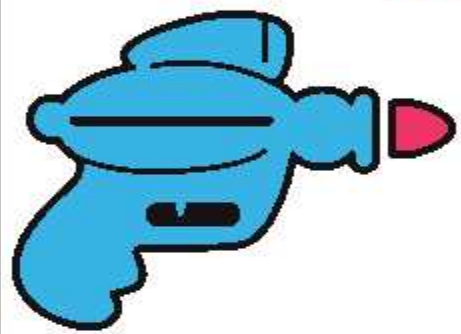
March is Women's History Month!

Check out these great programs:

March 7 - 2:00 - 6:00 pm in the MTCC Ballroom
Join **Feminist's United** as they play condom Bingo. Compete for prizes and learn about healthy sexual practices.

March 8 - 12:00 - 3:00 pm on the MTCC Bridge
Join the **Student Health and Wellness Center** during Eating Disorder Awareness Week for information about Eating Disorders.

Be on the lookout for a complete calendar at the events!



March 14—Laser tag on the Quad! Get a team together and register at tinyurl.com/lasertag2012

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Student Information Session: Co-op Experience

Thursday March 8th 1:00pm-1:45pm
Perlstein Hall Auditorium
Room 131



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Join NASA Co-op student Elena Buhay to learn about what opportunities you can apply for at NASA **and what it's like to do a Co-op!**

Not an aerospace engineer? Don't worry; there are lots of opportunities!!

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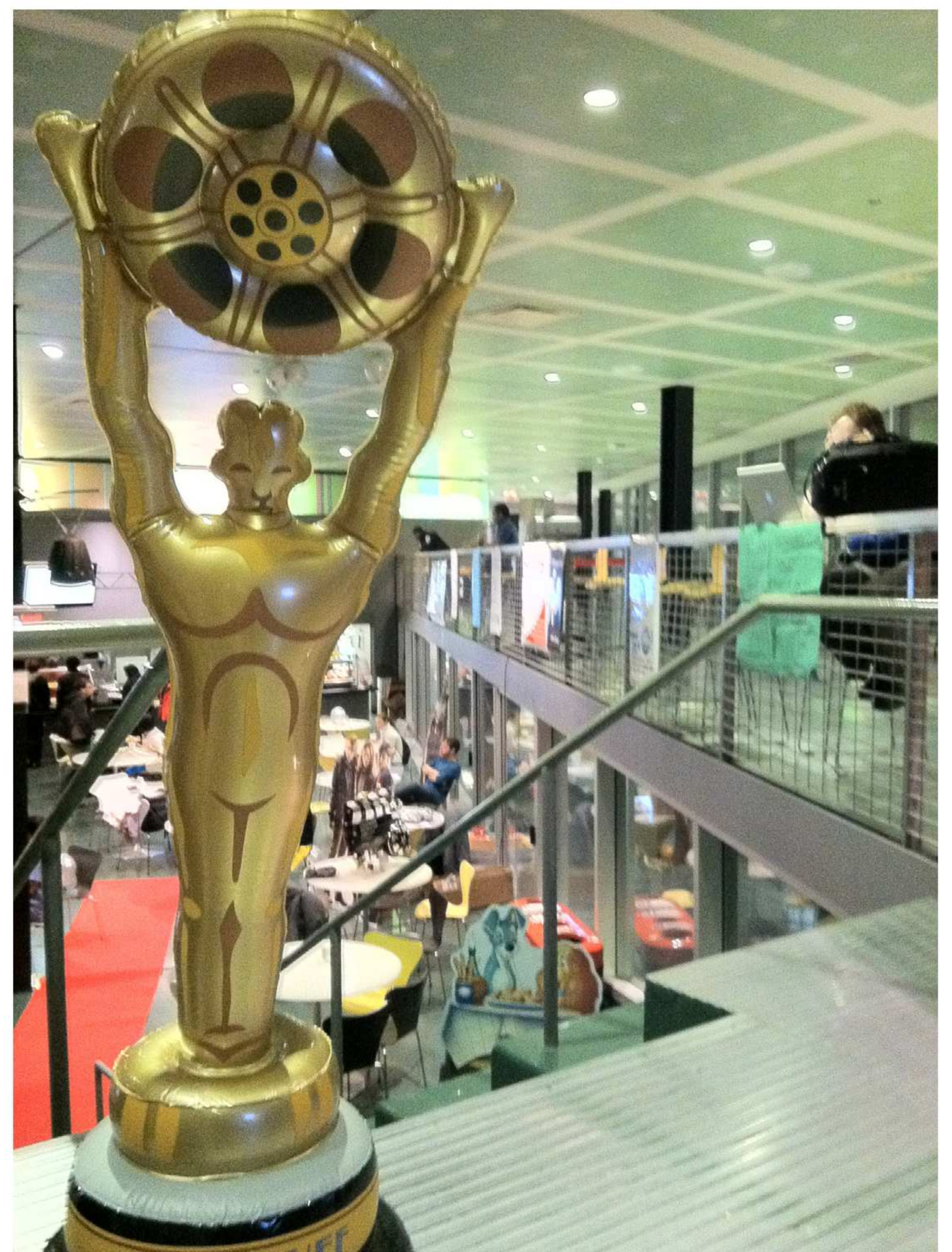
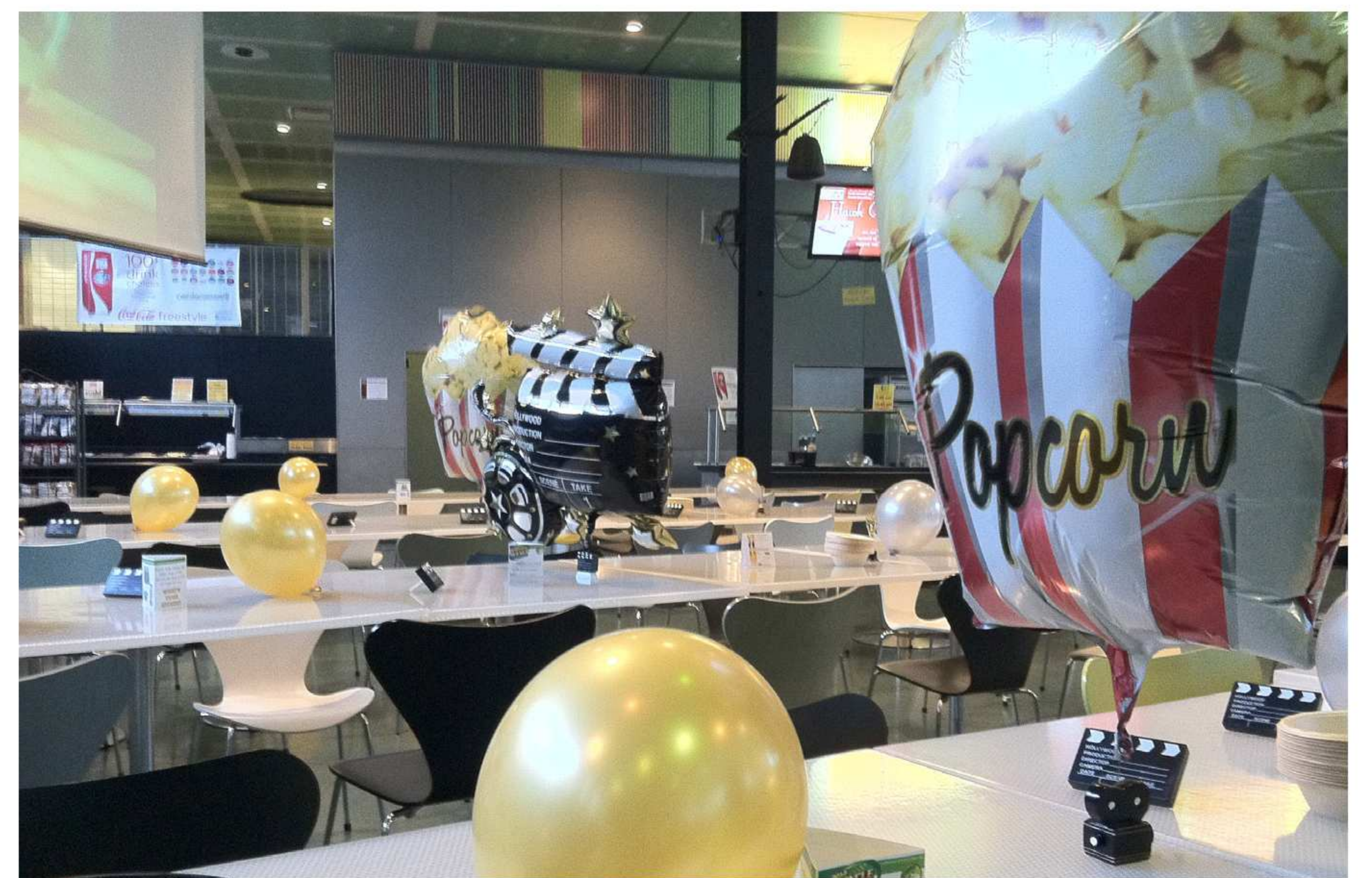
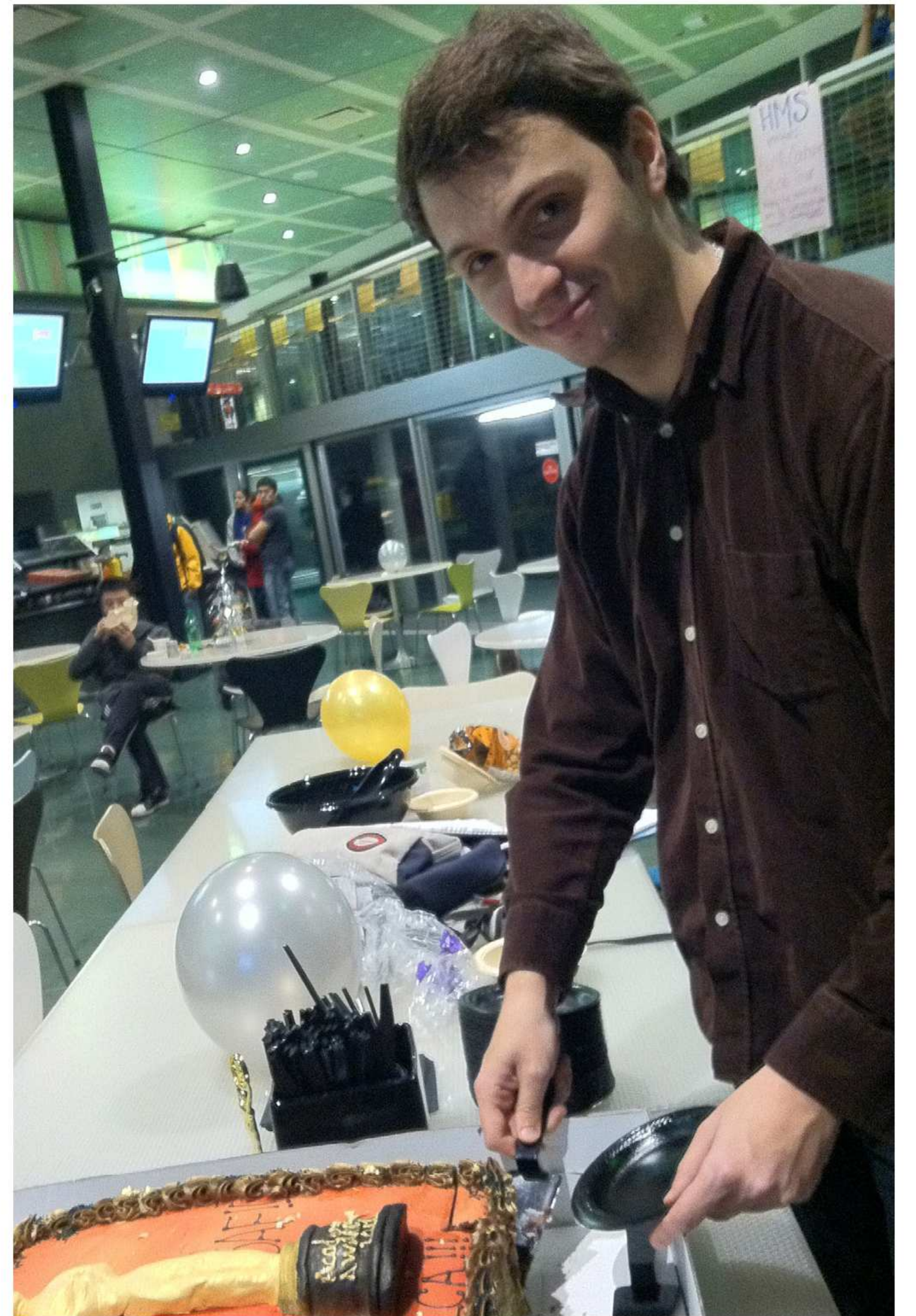
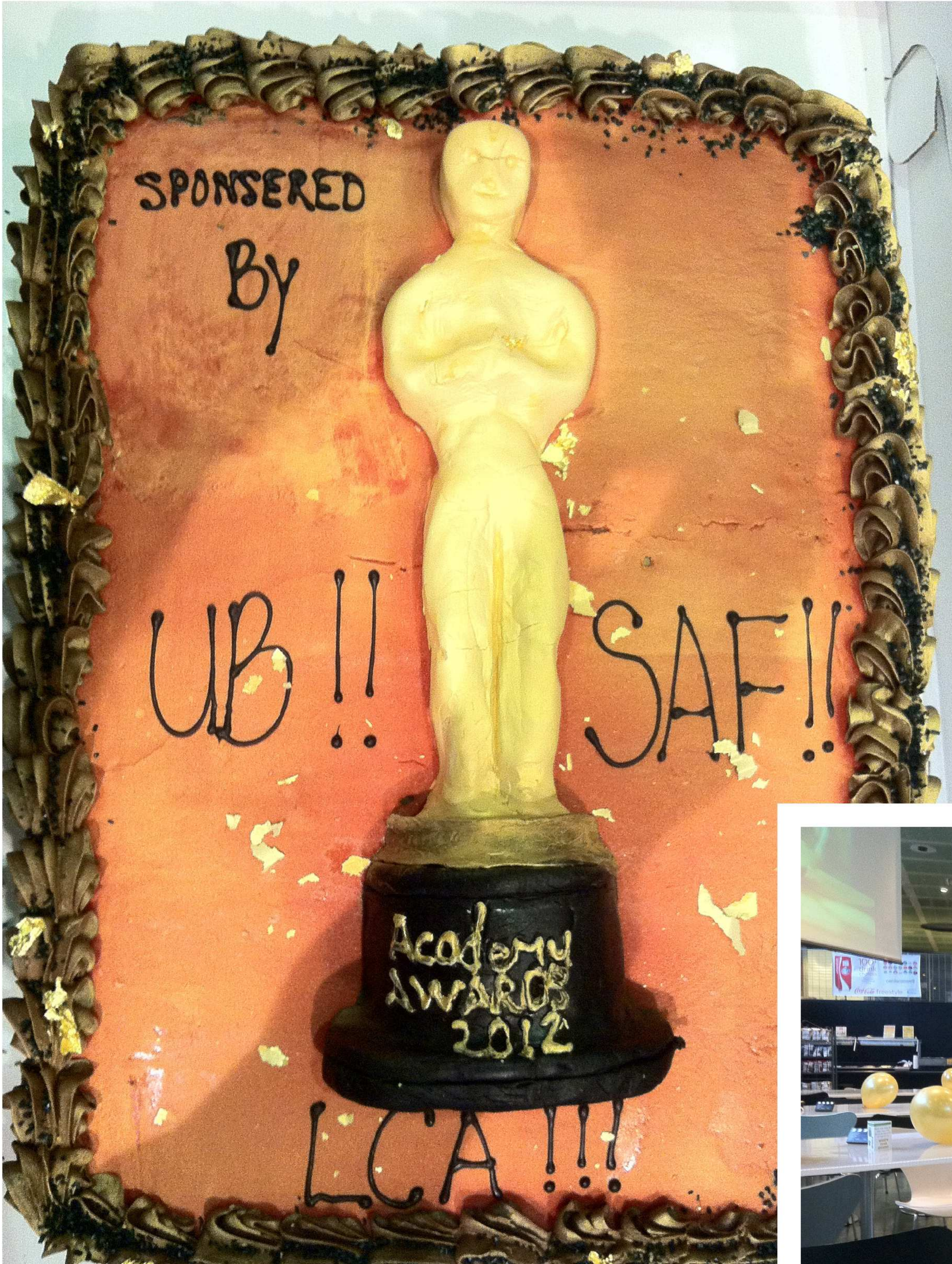
Business Majors: Bus. Admin, Mgmt, Finance, Communications

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The Bog opens as commuter lounge



Lights, Camera, Action! & Union Board's Red Carpet Oscar Party takes over MTCC



New experiences in the Windy City: A week in review

By Mike Purdy

OPINION EDITOR & DISTRIBUTION MANAGER

I find that it is often times necessary in life to change things up a bit. Whether that involves creating a new routine, going somewhere you have never been, or experiencing life from a different angle; spontaneity is key, and Chicago provides a near-perfect backdrop for such endeavors.

Life moves at a fast pace in the "Windy City", where a multitude of interesting people and unique experiences await those who seek them. This reality can appear seemingly distant to a student at IIT, who may find it easy to fall into the doldrums of an eat-sleep-study sort of routine. Whenever I find myself in this funk, I have discovered that the best medicine is a jaunt (or many jaunts for that matter) into the heart of the city in hopes of a rejuvenated outlook and a taste of the real world. Last week presented many opportunities for me to hit the town, so I decided to do just that, and, although my studies were neglected just a tad, it was ultimately well worth it.

Here is a brief review of my week of experiences, many of them new, in the arts and entertainment arena of Chicago:

After a brutal Monday, my ventures began Tuesday afternoon at the Field Museum of natural history. General admission was free, which definitely aided my decision, but I had always been drawn to this museum due to its sheer immensity, abundance of rare artifacts, and its highly professional and informative

displays. I was only able to stay at the museum for about two hours, which gave me just enough time to walk through the "Ancient Americas" exhibit; a permanent section of the museum devoted to charting evolutionary and societal change and progress throughout North and South America. I felt like a kid again amongst the grand showcases of ancient civilizations; from simple hunter-gatherer villages to the towering Aztec empire, it was truly an awesome exhibit. I could have easily spent the whole day at the Field Museum, and I will surely be back soon to wander through more exhibits and gain a greater appreciation for history. I recommend this experience to anyone!

Tuesday night culminated with a trip to my first Bulls game, which was a long-overdue item on my Chicago to-do list. Aside from the pattering rain and biting winds, the trip to the United Center went smoothly. The high-energy atmosphere within the arena was engulfing, but that was to be expected from the nearly 21,000 fans who had come to see the home team put a thrashing to the visiting New Orleans Hornets. Although most of us in attendance thought a blowout was imminent, the Hornets kept it close throughout, and it proved to be quite a contest.

There didn't seem to be a bad seat in the house, and it was awesome to feel so close to the action of an NBA game, which usually appear to be much slower-paced when viewed on television. With the score deadlocked at 95 with under a minute to go, Derrick Rose hit a fade-away jumper as the shot clock expired, clinching the victory for the Bulls and sending the crowd into euphoria. It was a great experience, and

one that I will be repeating in the near future.

On Friday night, I had the sudden opportunity to attend the Zeds Dead concert at Congress Theatre. I immediately jumped on this offer, because all of my past experiences at Congress, including Rusko and MSTKRFT, had been a blast. For those of you who have yet to attend an electronic music concert in Chicago, I would definitely recommend it; the music is intense, the crowd is wild, and you can dance to your heart's desire.

The lineup for this particular concert was a steal for the low ticket price of only \$20; with Midnight Conspiracy, a well-known Chicago dubstep duo to start things off, followed by electronic artist Dillon Francis, and finally capped off with Zeds Dead, a talented electro group touring out of Toronto. The theatre was filled to the brim, mostly comprised of college-aged fanatics of dubstep, a music genre which has absolutely boomed in Chicago over the past few years. I emerged from the concert with my ears ringing, shirt drenched in sweat, and carefree as could be in the face of a chilly Chicago night; that is the power of live music at Congress Theatre.

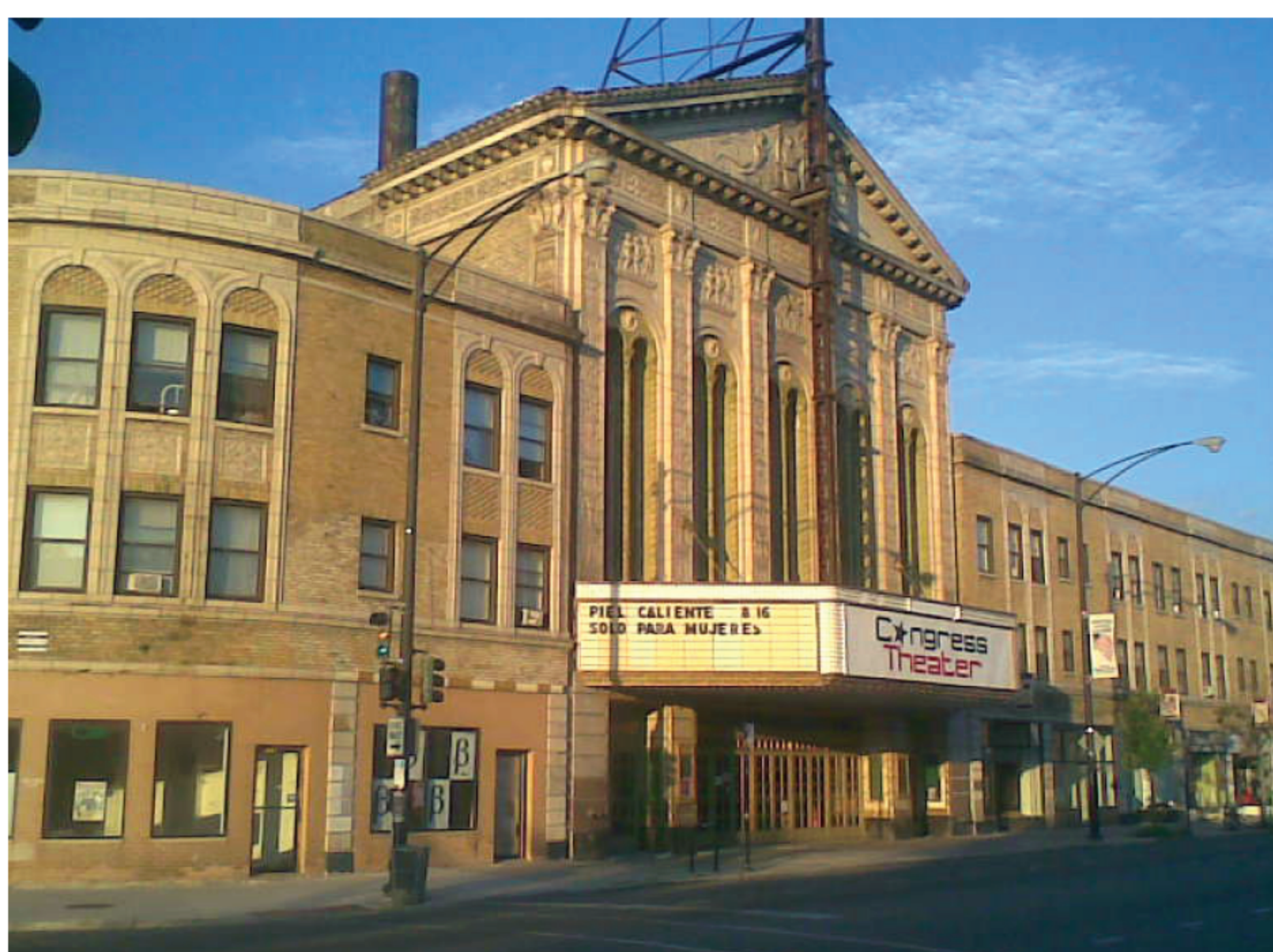
With the arrival of Saturday evening came a new window of opportunity in the realm of music. Completely opposite my previous experience from the night before, I was now dressed in formal attire, sitting in the main theater at 220 S. Michigan Avenue, awaiting the start of my first Chicago Symphony Orchestra experience. As a brotherhood development event, my fraternity had purchased a number of tickets to the CSO, so I figured I would

tag along for a bit of classical immersion. Contrary to the 19-20 year old crowd at Zeds Dead, the average age of a CSO audience member was probably around 65, but that is to be expected. Performing at this particular orchestra outing were conductor Jonathon Nott, pianist Pierre-Laurent Aimard, vocalists Michelle DeYoung and Stuart Skelton, and of course the accompanying orchestra ensemble.

The concert proved to be much more powerful than I had anticipated, and gave new meaning to the term perfection; there was true beauty emanating from the chorus of strings, horns, and voices. I felt as though I had gone from poor college student to a member of high-society in that one hour period, and the music led me down some lines of thought I had previously left unimagined. It was a good test of patience, and an even better outlet for relaxation – I would certainly attend another of these performances if given the chance.

As my time in college quickly rolls by, I have made it a priority to engage in as many new, exciting, and educational experiences as I can, and so should you. When else will we get the chance to roam freely throughout a world-class city any day of the week and enjoy all that it has to offer? Of course, school comes first, but with the proper time-management skills, any student can turn a dull week into something which far exceeds the limitations previously established.

There are still so many things I hope to do while here in Chicago, especially once the warm weather rolls around. Until then, it's back to the grind, always with an eye out for those spontaneous opportunities.



Images courtesy of timesonline.com, fieldmuseum.org, & buckoclownd.blogspot.com

Tech[nology]News: iPad 3 leaks, rumors suggest March unveiling

By Swasti Khuntia

LAYOUT EDITOR

Apple's iPad is one of the best-selling tablets in the world, and the iPad 3 is one of the most anticipated devices from the company this year. The upcoming iPad 3 has been a main topic for discussion recently after learning that Apple is set to present it at an event during the first week of March. While the rumor mill has been working overtime, a few reporters were able to get hands-on time with some actual iPad

3 parts, confirming recent speculation about higher resolution and an upgraded chip system.

This article explains some of the new features that are to be included in the iPad 3. In a nutshell, the Apple iPad 3 is expected to look very similar to the iPad 2, with the same 9.7-inch screen and shape. However, the iPad 3's higher resolution seems to be the hot topic related to the new device, setting it apart from its predecessor. Apart from that, the iPad 3 will have a lighter battery, reducing the weight of the tablet. However, the battery is reported to cost 20 to 30 percent more than the current iPad's battery, and will also have a longer battery life.

It is also expected that the iPad 3 will have a wireless charging technology, which will be able to charge the battery and transfer data wirelessly.

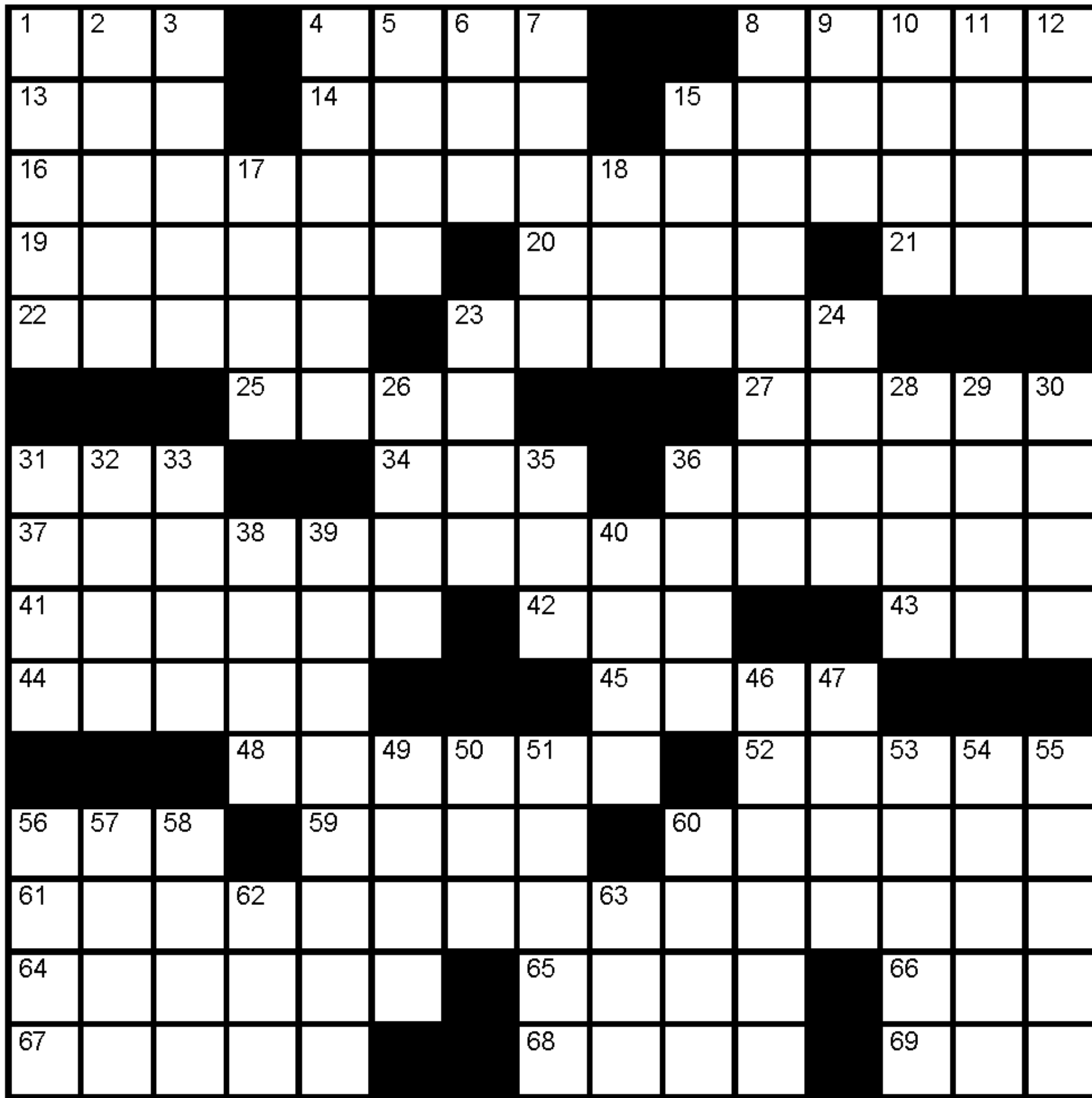
There isn't any official word from Apple on when the iPad 3 will be released; however, rumors indicate that it will be announced sometime in March. One of the major reasons why the launch of the device has been delayed is due to the Retina Display technology. It is also said that it could be delayed because of legal issues with one of Apple's main suppliers, Samsung.

Boy Genius Report claimed a source had an iPad 3 prototype, and sent the tech site various development images that reveal

more information about the device and its components. Meanwhile, Amazon added two iPad 3 books to its European site — iPad 3 pour les nuls, or iPad 3 for Dummies in French, and Auf die Schnelle iPad 3, which is German for iPad 3 on the Fly, according to a report from GameZone.com. iPad 3 for Dummies is scheduled to be published on March 29. However, Bloomberg recently reported that the next-generation iPad will be faster – running on a quad-core chip – feature a high-definition screen and be compatible with long-term evolution (LTE), a wireless network that gives users access to data more quickly.

Looks Like a Thousand Bucks

By Myles Mellor and Sally York



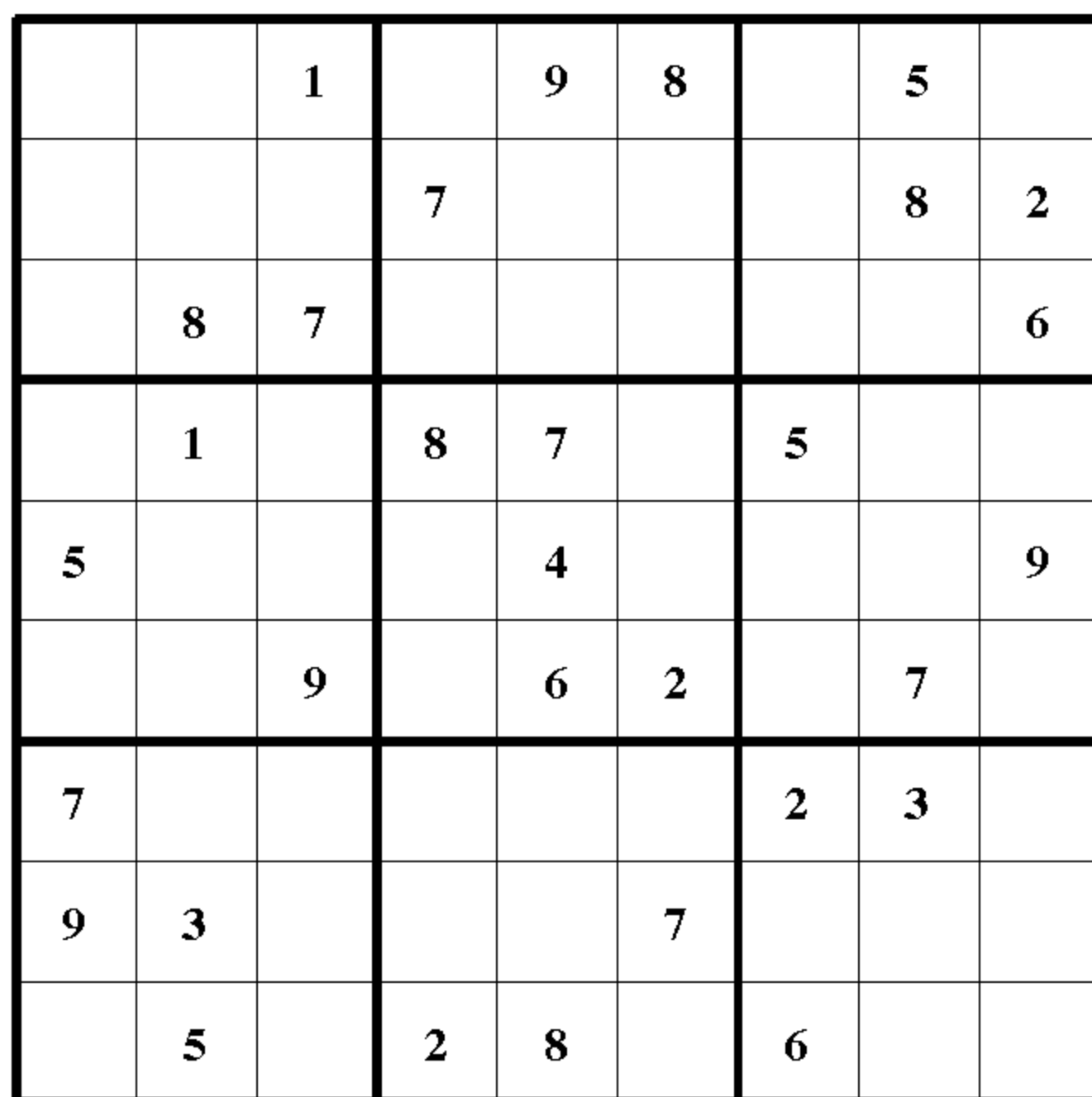
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- 19. Out
- 20. Cousin of a canvas-back
- 21. Big bang producer
- 22. Appropriate
- 23. Computer instructions
- 25. Web page
- 27. Money transferring systems
- 31. Uneven
- 34. Stumblebum
- 36. Most immense
- 37. In a pompous style
- 41. Pull back
- 42. Heater
- 43. Kind of skin
- 44. Some painted vessels
- 45. New couple
- 48. Frilly hat of long ago
- 52. Itinerant, British var.

- 56. Fox competitor
- 59. Expression of pride?
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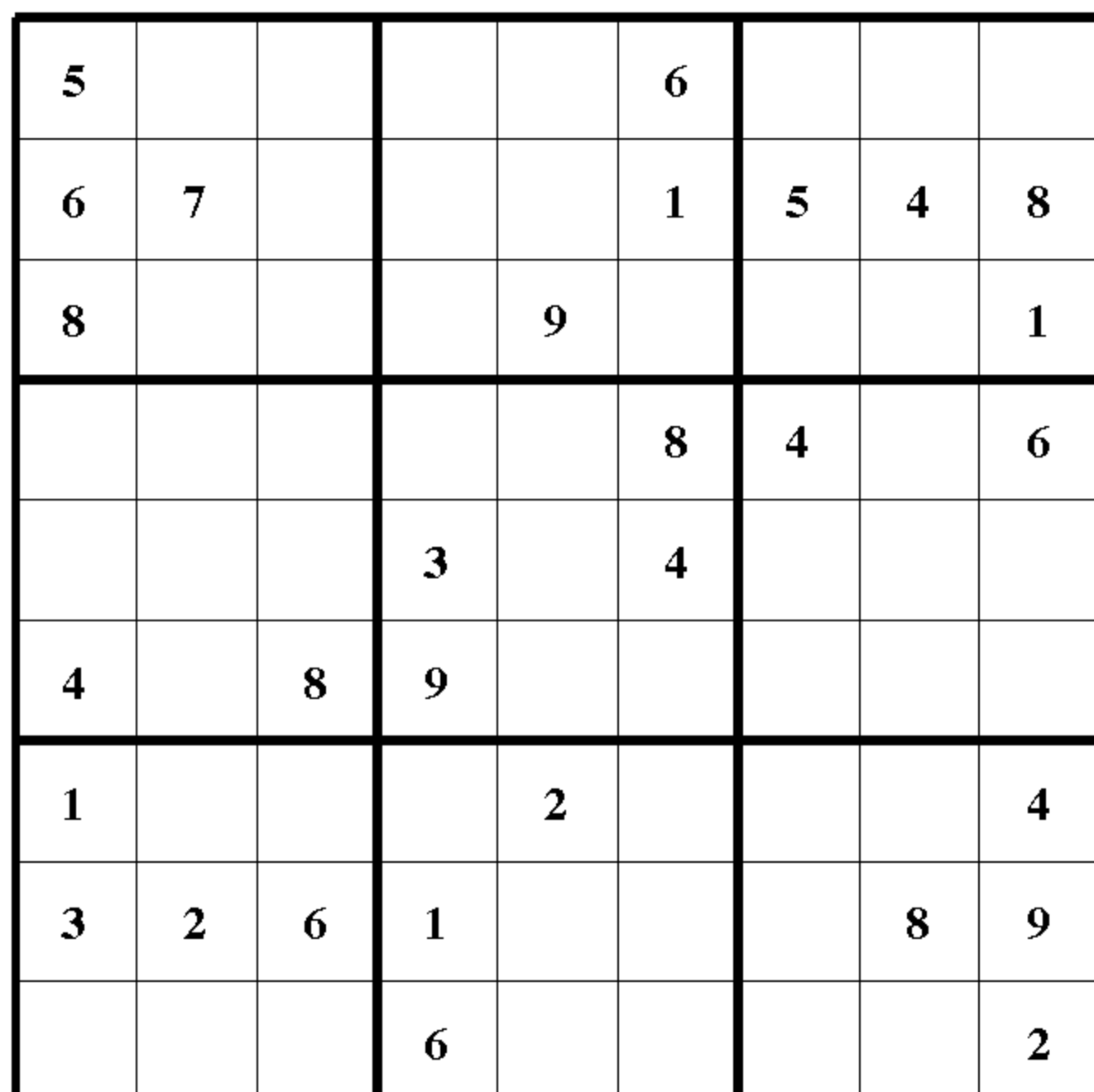
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- 8. Afterword
- 9. C.S.A. state
- 10. TV control
- 11. Desktop feature
- 12. Birth place
- 15. Debate (with)
- 17. "Sure"
- 18. Datebook abbr.
- 23. Kind of ticket
- 24. Omen
- 26. Drudge
- 28. No longer working: Abbr.
- 29. Cold capital
- 30. Eye problem
- 31. Brute
- 32. Didn't stand pat
- 33. Freshwater fish
- 35. Radiohead tune
- 36. Stalk
- 38. Cliff's pal on "Cheers"
- 39. Chaos
- 40. Bon mot
- 46. Means of escape
- 47. Like some vases
- 49. Big cheese
- 50. Dude
- 51. Pointer
- 53. Bangladesh dough
- 54. Charger
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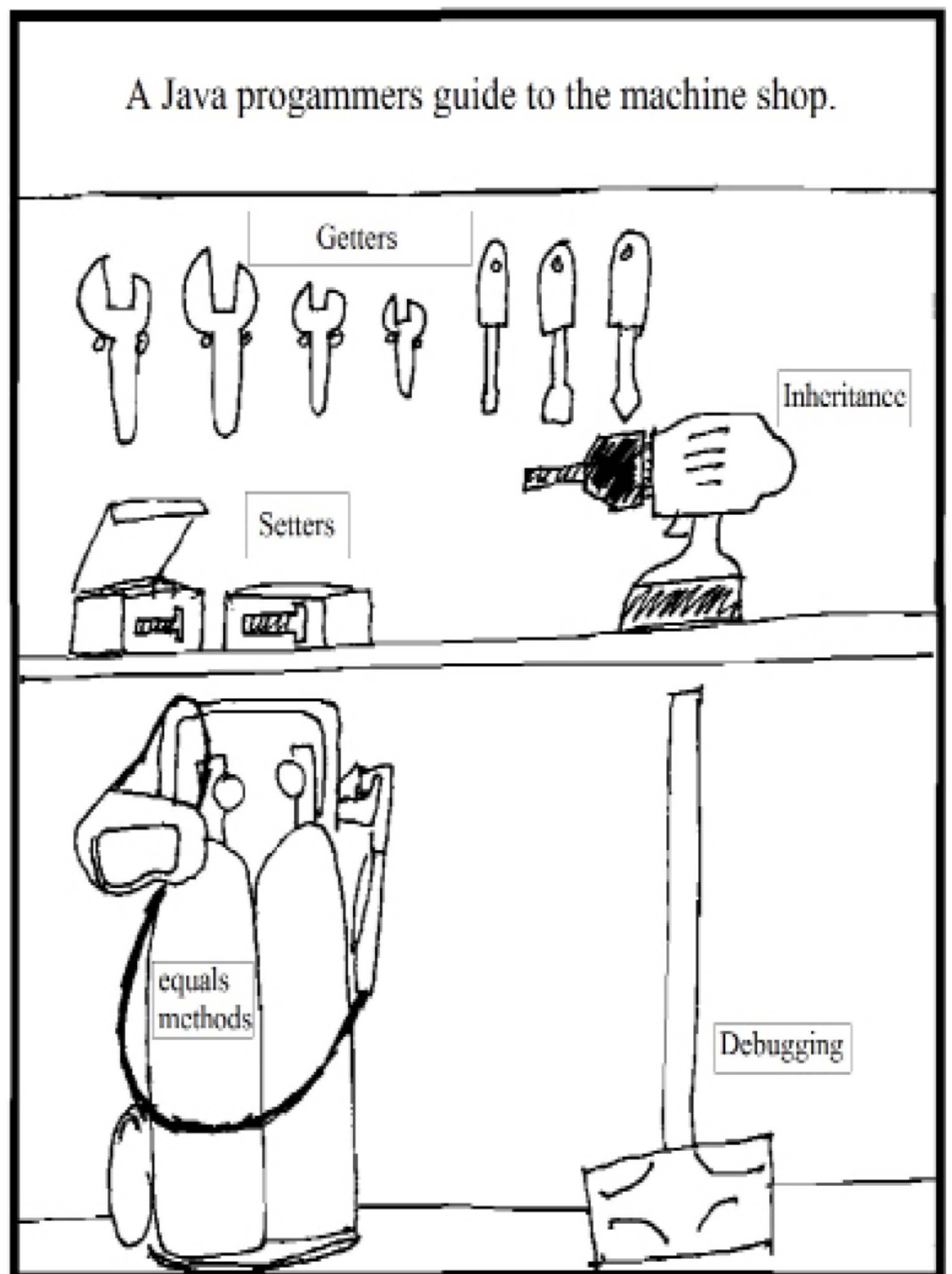
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The word Sudoku, above, is actually the abbreviation of Suuji wa dokushin ni kagiru, meaning "the digits must be single" or "the digits are limited to one occurrence."
Source: Wikipedia



The First Day of the Rest of My Life

By Adin Goings
ART EDITOR



Hawks compete for first time at indoor track Nationals

By Erin Vincent
STAFF WRITER

Six members of the Indoor Track and Field team traveled to SPIRE Institute in Geneva, Ohio for the Indoor National meet. The women's Distance Medley Relay qualified, as well as one individual each in the men's and women's 1000 Meter Race, all of whom competed strongly this past weekend.

The first day of competition saw an evening preliminary race for the Lady Hawks' DMR, ranked 21st of 30 teams going into the event. Freshman Abby Jahn led off in the 1200m leg, followed by junior Veronica Hannink in the 400m, sophomore Jordan Kelch in the 800m, and freshman Courtney Rouse in the 1600m leg. Hannink ran a personal record split of 62 seconds, and Rouse was able to overtake a couple of teams to land the relay in 26th place.

On the second day of competition, Jahn competed in the preliminaries of the 1000m race. Competition was tough and the race ran tactically, leaving Jahn in 16th place and not able to qualify for the finals. However, the race was a good learning experience for the freshman.

Sophomore Phil Cano also competed in the 1000m race later in the afternoon. Cano held on to the pack for as long as he could, but finished 11th overall, shy of qualifying for finals as well. For his first time in a national race, the sophomore competed very well and learned a great deal.

The weekend ended sooner than the team would have liked, but was reasonable for the first time competing at Indoor Nationals. The team also got to meet two-time Olympic medalist Bryan Clay, a Decathlete and alumnus of Azusa Pacific. Competing at such a level with other high-caliber athletes taught the team new lessons about running in high-pressure situations and will benefit them in the Outdoor season.

The next race will be the first outdoor meet of the season, the Ted Haydon Invitational, at the University of Chicago on March 31 at 11 a.m.



Photos by Erin Vincent

Indoor soccer tournament registration closes tomorrow

By Jennifer Agosto
STAFF WRITER

Intramurals and Recreation's next event will be an Indoor Soccer Tournament. The event will take place Thursday, March 8 and 9 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. It will be a 5 on 5 person match-up with a maximum of 6 people per team. This event is open to the first 20 teams to register. The registration deadline is this

Wednesday, March 7 at 6 p.m. Registration can be done online at www.willinoistechathletics.com in the Intramurals and Recreation section. This event is open to all IIT, Shimer and Vandercook students, as all Intramurals and Recreation events will be.

Unfortunately we're still having a classification issue involving our fitness instructors and must continue suspension of our fitness class offerings until this is resolved. We're working on this issue to ensure classes are resumed as soon as possible!

We do apologize for the inconvenience.

For updates on when classes will begin please check out the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/IITIntramuralsandRec. Keating Sport Center's complete schedule can also be found online at <http://www.willinoistechathletics.com/>.

Please note that this semester Keating will be closed during spring break. It will be closed starting March 18 and will resume normal hours on March 26.

April:

Basketball Tournament :
Thursday and Friday, April 5 and 6

Raquetball Tournament :
Thursday, April 19

Dodgeball Tournament :
Thursday, April 26

McNair wins National Championship for men's swimming and diving

By Melanie Koto
SPORTS EDITOR

A long and grueling week the Scarlet Hawks swimmers and divers had at the NAA National Championship meet in Oklahoma City, but despite the challenges, the Hawks came home with more than just a handful of accomplishments. Over the weekend, the Hawks gained a National Champion, three new school records, a multitude of personal best times, and all around outstanding swims by all the athletes representing IIT at the meet.

Junior Ian McNair had an impressive meet, finishing 2nd on the men's 3 meter board and leaving with his second National Championship title on the 1 meter board. McNair scored 281.00 points on 3 meter on Wednesday, the first day of the meet, and on day two bested senior Christopher Salgado (Concordia University) on the 1 meter board to finish 1st with a score of 326.85.

Senior Jeff Reilly also competed on both boards as a first time National competitor, finishing 6th on 1 meter (214.70) and 7th on 3 meter (209.90).

When asked what his strategy was for winning, McNair simply said "I just did what I've always done and I guess this time it was enough to win. It was more fun just being a part of a competition where if you missed just one dive, that was it." Ever the humble athlete, McNair says he didn't feel any different than anyone else at the meet, giving props to all the athletes and commenting that "everyone was at such a high level that day (Thursday on 1 meter) it was so exciting. It really felt like everyone walked away from that competition with some type of accomplishment—mine just happened to come with a plaque."

Overall, the men's team finished 5th of 15 teams, and the women's team finished 12th of 17. Throughout the three days of swimming competition, the Scarlet Hawks really showed their determination, giving every swim their all despite any odds working against them. The ladies placed top 16 in all five relays they competed in.

The 200 Medley Relay (seniors Andrea Zuniga, Julia Duarte, Morgan Curran and Melanie Koto) and the 400 Medley Relay (Zuniga, Curran, junior Aimee Dewante

and Koto) both placed 12th with final times of 1:55.33 and 4:12.19 respectively, their 800 yard Freestyle Relay (Koto, sophomore Abby Maze, Curran and Dewante, 8:19.37) and 400 yard freestyle (Dewante, Curran, Zuniga, Koto, 3:45.25) relays both placed 11th, and the 200 yard Freestyle Relay came in 14th (Dewante, Zuniga, Curran and Koto, 1:45.92).

Individually, Curran placed 10th in the 400 yard Individual Medley (4:43.33) while Dewante took 15th in the event (4:50.65), and Duarte placed 14th in the 100 yard Breaststroke with a 1:10.28.

The men's team also had all five relays place top 16, and a handful of amazing individual swims, three of which resulted in new team records. The 200 yard Medley Relay took 4th overall with a time of 1:34.43. The relay consisted of senior Carlos Tejero, junior Eric Grunden, and sophomores Michael Bodzay and Yoni Pruzansky.

The 200 yard Freestyle Relay (Grunden, Tejero, junior Matthew Rosenfeld and Pruzansky) finished 9th overall (1:25.42), as did the 400 yard Medley Relay (Tejero, Grunden, Bodzay, and Pruzansky, 3:28.33), while the 400 yard Freestyle Relay finished 8th (Grunden, Tejero, Bodzay and Pruzansky, 3:09.47).

Individually, Pruzansky swam a personal record in the 500 yard Freestyle, finishing 16th with a 4:42.18. Grunden finished 8th in the 200 yard Individual Medley (1:57.10), while Bodzay finished 15th in the event (1:56.72) and 9th in the 400 yard Individual Medley with a 4:03.97, setting a new team record. In the 200 yard Freestyle, Pruzansky finished 7th (1:40.95), while Grunden finished 14th in the 100 yard Breaststroke (58.17) and Tejero finished 10th in the 100 yard Backstroke (51.59, a new team record).

On the final day of the meet, Tejero finished 11th in the 200 yard backstroke (1:54.21). Grunden achieved a new team record in the 200 yard Breaststroke (2:07.73) and finished 14th in the event, and Bodzay finished 9th in the 200 yard Butterfly.

All in all, the team finished out a very difficult season on a high note. The team graduates nine seniors, all of whom have been on the National team at some point, and six of whom competed on the National team this year.



Photos by Melanie Koto

Athlete Spotlight : Kira Vincent



Name: Kira Vincent

Year: 3rd year

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Sport: Track and Field

Event: 3k, 5k, and 10k

Favorite thing about your sport: That anyone can be good if they are willing to put in the effort.

Pre-race ritual: I don't really have one, I'm usually just watching other people's races.

Favorite thing you've done on Campus since you came to IIT: Puddle jumping with my floor freshman year, nothing is more fun than playing in the mud with friends.

Best tip for anyone who wants to be great at your sport: Work hard. If you're willing to show up every morning and run your butt off you can do great things.



events calendar

Monday, March 5

ASA Green Carnation Sales
11am at MTCC Bridge

Thursday, March 8

Raise Your Voice: Benefit Concert
9pm at the IIT Tower Auditorium

Friday, March 9

Caribbean Spring Break
8pm at the BOG

Saturday, March 10

Student Leader Summit
10am

Join our

General Body Meeting

Tuesday 3/13

MTCC Auditorium

1pm

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