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RHA participates in Illinois-wide conference

By Utsav Gandhi
CAMPUS EDITOR

Aiming to get residents more involved in creating a positive living environment, the Residence Hall Association (RHA) attended the third Illinois RHA (IRHA) Conference at DePaul University in Chicago, and came back enlightened, entertained and transformed. More importantly, they came back after spending some unforgettable time with other campus contingents, and are now raring to go apply the skills and values learnt at theconference to try and create a fun residential experience. Utsav Gandhi interviews two RHA Exec Members, Russel Houser and Madhushree Ghosh.

1. The theme last year was 'students by day, leaders by night'. What was the theme this year? How was it profiled and marketed across the conference? How did the IIT delegation respond to the theme while preparing for the conference?

This year, the theme was 'Rock n Roll.' The conference did a pretty good job in promoting this theme by providing cool booklets detailing the conference scheduling and bringing out Rock Band games for anyone to play, but I think the theme was more influenced by the various RHA chapters themselves! It seemed like the IRHA exec board this year had a more hands-off approach to promoting their theme as to allow other colleges to show off their IRHA spirit through displays, banners, and roll call performances. One particularly unique feature of this year's conference was the opportunity for delegates to keep posting on Twitter about their IRHA experience as part of a competition!

2. What are your thoughts about the host's campus and their RHA as a visitor?

I must say that I was extremely impressed with the way the Residence Hall Council at DePaul had managed the IRHA conference. There were a couple of hosts whom I actually had first met at the IRHA 2011 conference, where I found out that their RHC is quite involved on campus. DePaul University is located closer on the North side of Chicago, and the campus size is much larger than that of IIT. Also, even though I haven't encountered a college with as diverse of a student population as IIT, it seemed like the university still had a strong ethic with promoting diversity on campus. I could tell that the RHC of DePaul was very passionate about the work that they do through their own university values, and I respect them for hosting IRHA over the weekend!

3. What are your thoughts about other school contingents? Were they different or similar in any way to IIT's contingent? Anything you especially wish to highlight about the IIT contingent?

As a returning participant of IRHA, I've noticed that once you participate in IRHA, virtually anyone can start getting excited about their school and be filled with school spirit. I've seen some impressive displays of school spirit from all of the colleges that participated, including our own!

About 10 schools had participated in the conference. Some universities like Eastern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, and DePaul University have been long-time veterans of IRHA and have even competed on the regional and national levels! Other schools such as Millikin College and St. Xavier University are newer on the IRHA scene and are participating more for the fun of it...even though that's what everyone is also there for. I'd say that IIT lies somewhere in the middle in terms of experience. Our chapter has been involved for several years now, and we've brought home awards each year. This year, both of our programs were placed in the Top 10 Programs!

If there is anything that particularly highlights our own group from the others, I believe it's our incredible creativity. Not to mention that fact that we are an incredibly diverse group! Throughout the conference, I think we had easily adjusted to the IRHA scene and started making up our own displays of school spirit on the spot!

4. What did you do at IRHA? What workshops did you attend and how does the delegation aim to enrich the IIT residential community with this new knowledge?

Basically, we first arrived at DePaul University with our banner, display, and some extra materials we used for item donations. After checking our group in and submitting the banner and display, we soon joined other schools for some general IRHA group cheers. Afterwards, we received a welcome speech from the IRHA Executive Board and advisors, and then competed against other schools with the roll call that we came up with!

On the CC side of things, the roll call is the only delegation activity that happens. Soon after, the boardroom gets set up and serious business pertaining to residence halls' activities, bids, awards and plans for the next conference is undertaken. The entire two days is spent in the boardroom discussing, facilitating the agenda for a successful conference every year. There were a couple of other meetings before the actual conference for the CC, namely the semi-annual business meeting and the winter business meeting where preparatory discussions and decisions are made for the conference. A goal of the conference is to facilitate community spirit and love for your own residence halls and after the conference, getting IIT more involved and bringing about positive changes are our new found goals.

5. Were there any costs associated with the trip? How were they met? Did you do any fundrasiers? How did the delegation bond before the trip?

Yes, registration for each delegate had cost approximately $100-150. We had fundraisers last year, but that was meant for purchasing supplies as a part of competing in the Philanthropy section of IRHA. RHA had provided funding for the actual costs of registration. This year, we had established a book drive, where an empty box was placed on each residence hall front desk on campus. Students could place any books inside the boxes, and we ended up collecting over 100 books in the end.

Most of our delegation had already known each other, since we were a part of the RHA executive board. For the new additions, it was the group activities including the roll call, programs, and all the preparations that helped us bond better. Here we would like to mention that our advisors helped a great deal in keeping us together throughout the process, ensuring we get everything done and continue to work as a group. Not to mention that it was only a matter of time that teamwork and excitement for the conference took over! Also for most of the delegation, it was their first time going to IRHA, but we all had quickly joined in the fun once we all knew what was going on.

6. Is there a National conference? When/where/will IIT send a delegation and who can apply to go?

Right now, there is an annual national RHA conference which is open to colleges and universities across the nation and is programmed in a similar fashion to IRHA. This conference is known as NACURH (National Association of College and University Resi

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Maybe it's just me...

Naked lies, philosophy

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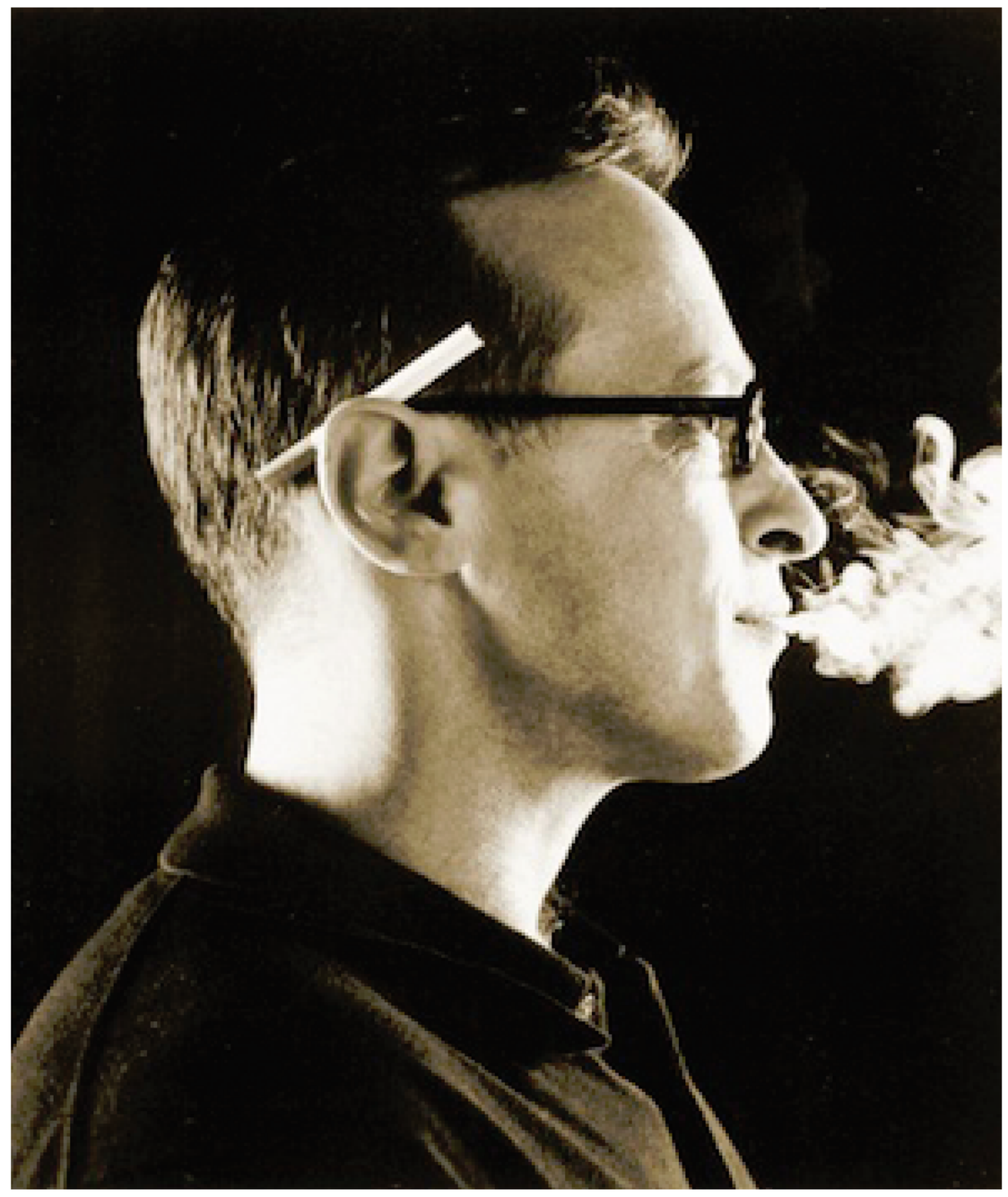


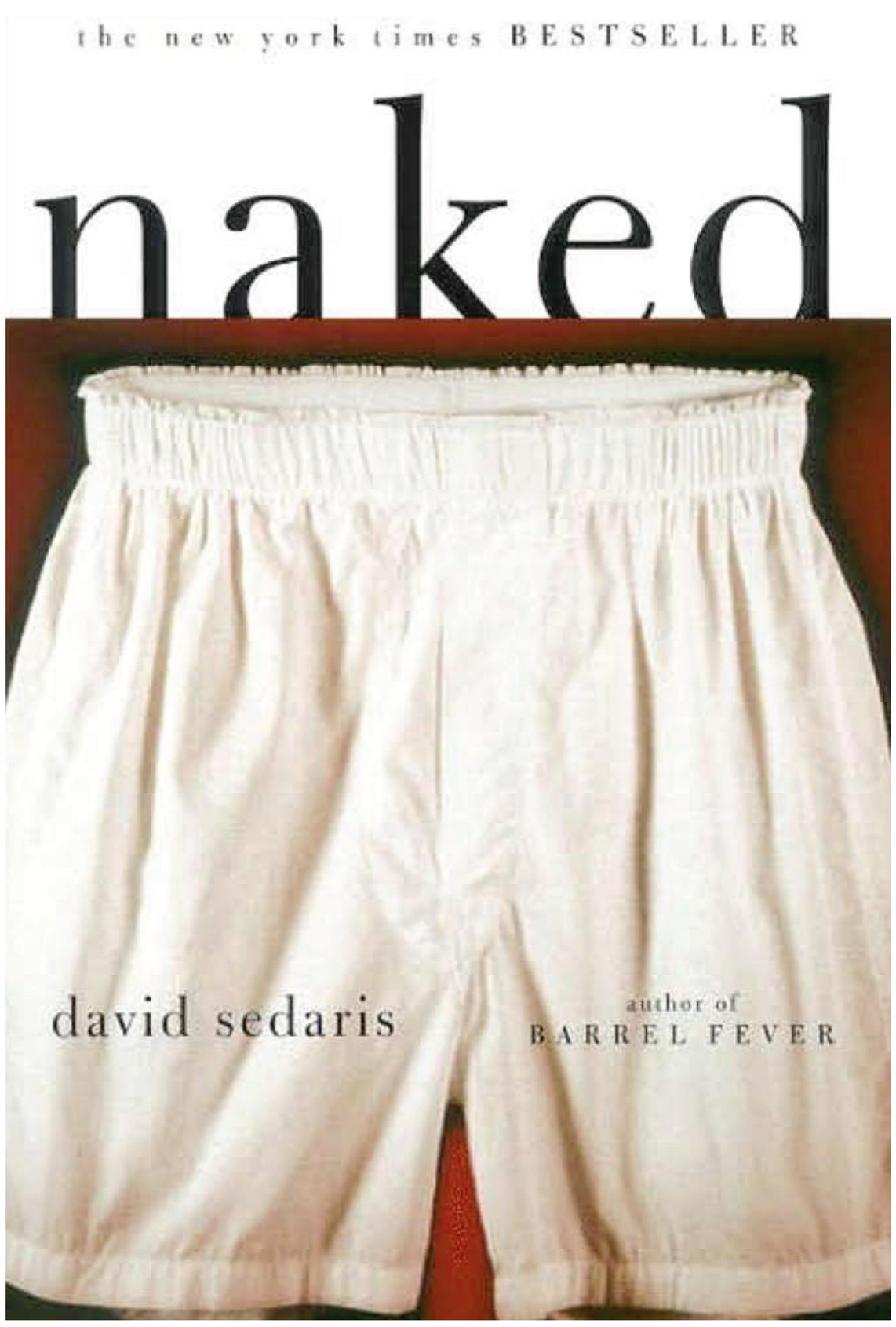
I had an argument with a (non-IIT) philosophy instructor last week.

The argument began as a discussion about the work of writer and humorist David Sedaris, whose most recent work, "Naked," has been shown to contain many deliberate exaggerations and factual inaccuracies (or lies, as they used to be called) despite the fact that "Naked" was being marketed as autobiographical. Whole situations were fabricated; real people were given false quotes so as to more effectively convey points Sedaris wished to make, adding a greater emotional punch to a "true" story than an audience might otherwise have taken from outright fiction.

The discussion focused on whether Sedaris was justified in packaging falsehoods as facts (or rather truth... we will get to that later) in order to more effectively engage readers on an emotional level. As you may guess by my wording and tone, I am decidedly against Sedaris on this topic.

However, the discussion swiftly changed course when a college philosophy instructor took issue with my claim that things do not cease being what they are because of how one feels toward them. For example: loving Watchmen will not make it a documentary; disliking organic chemistry classes will not change the properties of 1,2-dichloroethane.

This instructor had a differing view. He claimed that things are ever only what humans feel about them. I tried to counter by pointing to physical realities which remain indifferent to the ever-shifting emotions of humans, to which he boldly replied, "objectivity IS a myth."



For a moment, I was stunned. Given the academic credentials of my opponent, I was expecting an epic duel in which I would be deftly disarmed and run through by superior knowledge and logic. Instead, I found myself feeling rather like Napoleon trying to invade Russia: vast emptiness as far as the eye can see, with no sign of any real opposition or enemy strategy in sight. The primary source of his argument was a video of two people discussion human consciousness, while apparently trying to see which of them could agree with the other the most times, a complete intellectual echo chamber.

It was brought to my attention that my opponent was likely relying upon solipsism: the notion that nothing can be adequately demonstrated to exist outside of any given human's subjective perspective. In other words, physical reality does not objectively exist. It was then that I realized that we were not two people having an intellectual battle at the same location. We were in completely different dimensions of thought, each wondering how the other could possibly believe what they were saying was true.

This confusing tangent succeeded in doing two things.

First, it demonstrated that, despite the diversity of education that my major, science journalism, requires, there is always new material to take into consideration.

Second, it showed that not all new material is useful. Not only is solipsism antimatter to what I do, talk about physical reality, but I suspect that on some level my opponent does not believe all of the implications of it himself. That is unless, instead of using his hands to type messages on physical computer hardware to be transmitted to me via an objectively-existent electrical network, he was using some sort of upgraded Care Bear Stare to convey his feelings directly to me.

Then again, maybe it's just me...

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URJiit to display student research in spring abstracts issue

By Mike Purdy
OPINION EDITOR

In its debut year, the Undergraduate Research Journal (URJiit) is preparing to launch its spring abstracts issue to showcase student research endeavors at Illinois Tech. The URJiit team hopes to have this issue finalized and printed between late March and early April in anticipation of the first full edition of the journal, which will be arriving in fall 2012.

The Undergraduate Research Journal is an official student organization devoted to encouraging and rewarding undergraduate-level research across all academic disciplines. With a vision set on promoting a distinct and enriching educational community, URJiit provides undergraduate researchers with a prime opportunity to augment awareness of their work through publication. URJiit began as an Interprofessional Project in 2010, which allowed for a well-developed organizational infrastructure along with professional standards for submission, peer-reviewing, and editing. With such a solid foundation already in place, the current executive team has been making positive strides toward gaining a stronger foothold on campus following a brief period of dormancy.

The spring abstracts issue, which is currently in its editing phase, will be an eight-page exhibition of undergrad research summaries from various departments throughout campus. URJiit has been soliciting for research abstracts with much fervor since the semester's beginning, and has received about 10 abstracts thus far. These research previews include such topics as biomaterials, cancer cells, computer-assisted graphing, the Menger Spore, and an invasive species of crab. The deadline to submit an abstract for the spring edition was March 9, but an abstract is not necessary to achieve publication in the full issue this fall. With this edition looming in the distance, there will surely be more research submissions rolling in throughout spring and summer. Eventually, URJiit would like it to become mandatory for summer undergraduate researchers to submit and publish their findings for the rest of the university to enjoy. The website, urjiit.wordpress.com, provides clear guidelines and instructions for submission, making it easy for any student to submit work for review.

Pending a Finance Board decision, URJiit will have the funds necessary to print 500 copies of the spring abstracts issue, which will be distributed campus-wide within the next month. The design and editing boards at URJiit have been working hard to ensure that this issue is a success, and although preliminary, will build momentum for the organization as it continues to learn and grow. In its long term plan, URJiit hopes to become a top name amongst undergraduate research journals across the nation, joining the ranks of THURJ (Harvard) and CURJ (Cal-Tech), both of which are award-winning journals.

In an effort to obtain such a lofty goal, URJiit is always looking for diligent students who may be interested in becoming involved, whether it is through submission, design, editing, or another area of expertise; any help is welcomed! In the near future, URJiit would like to hold a competition for a creative logo design, with the winner taking home a prize and having his or her name mentioned in the fall issue. If you are interested in URJiit, or have any questions, be sure to e-mail urjiit@gmail.com.

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6. Is there a National conference? When/where/ will IIT send a delegation and who can apply to go?

Right now, there is an annual national RHA conference which is open to colleges and universities across the nation and is programmed in a similar fashion to IRHA. This conference is known as NACURH (National Association of College and University Residence Halls). Like IRHA, NACURH offers a unique theme every year (Last year, it was camping) and allows RHA's to compete in roll call, display, banner, philanthropy, and showing off school spirit. There are also regional conferences that various RHA chapters can attend.

IIT falls under the GLACURH (Great Lakes Association of College and University Residence Halls) region, and we're planning on bringing a few delegates there shortly!

7. What was the best experience you all had at the conference?

I'd say that the best part of the conference was simply the fact that everyone is having so much fun! It's a place where you don't have to be embarrassed about getting excited and showing off your school spirit, and you may even discover more about your capabilities as a leader along the way. It was through first attending IRHA that I had developed my confidence in public speaking, and I am very grateful that I was given the opportunity to attend. Whether it's through working on the banner as a team, attending programs hosted by other schools, or just making some new friends along the way, you certainly emerge out of the program feeling like you have learned something new. I

n the boardroom, it's like discovering new aspects about residence halls, service, new and different possibilities and opportunities in the residence halls; being open to learning about other schools, their work, remarkable people and their contribution to residence halls; evaluating and debating on the pros and cons of different bids, applications and decisions.

In the process you discover a new you! IRHA has given me, the Conference Coordinator, lessons of life. It has left me feeling better not only about being a part of RHA and IIT, but also about the fact that I can bring about a change and make things happen! It has given me the zeal to make a difference in the community; it has fostered leadership skills in me and I feel more capable and complete when I look at myself after the IRHA weekend. Thank you IRHA!!

8. How do such conferences get you more excited about your overall college experience?

Basically, I see conferences like IRHA not just as a cool opportunity to network with students from other RHA chapters but also as a great chance to basically have fun and show off some school spirit! You get to explore more about life in other colleges, and you can check out other projects and programs that students have been working on.

You also become a better leader, more confident with new dreams for yourself and return with enrichment ideas for the residence halls and the community.

9. Do you see IIT hosting a conference of this sort? Does the IIT RHA have any specific ideas in mind if that was to become a reality?

Although our RHA would be really excited for hosting an upcoming IRHA conference, I think we're more concerned about integrating our chapter further with the RHA conference scene before considering to host a conference. Hosting an IRHA conference would take a great deal of work and would also require the hosts to have a great deal of experience in coordinating large programs. We would have to further our own understanding of how to coordinate the whole program like it has been in previous conferences, and there would also be safety considerations given the fact that we are in the city.

However, we really look forward to being able to host business meetings (a part of the IRHA conference, especially in the preparations stage for all the conference coordinators of the schools attending the conference) sometime in the future. So far, RHA hasn't really considered how they would go about hosting a conference, but we'll keep you guys posted when we do.

10. Was there a group chant or spirit song?

Definitely! We actually used our cheer from last year again and quite a few more cheers during this year's IRHA conference. Some of the cheers we used were specialty IIT cheers, while a few others were general IRHA cheers that everyone could chant to. We would like to share a couple of cheers which had particularly embraced our school spirit:

SGA updates: 1(00)% Campaign, Keating, hookahs

By Utsav Gandhi
CAMPUS EDITOR

The Illinois Tech Student Government Association (SGA) greatly appreciates the tremendous feedback and buzz generated with the launch of the 1(00)% Campaign, as highlighted in last week's edition of TechNews. The website for the campaign is up and running at Campaignfor100.weebly.com and every Illinois Tech student is encouraged to frequently check the website for updates.

One of the other major campus-wide initiatives launched by the SGA this past year also made its presence felt in last week's Opinion section, when a highly popular VoteBox suggestion (sga.uservoice.com, an online suggestion box which allows students to submit votes regarding popular proposals and is watched keenly by university administration) was highlighted by TechNews writer Chris Schaffer, objecting to the inclusion of hookahs on the list of drug paraphernalia as decided by university policy. The rapid growth of this issue caught the attention of the SGA Executive Board, and they have followed up accordingly.

Labeling the issue as "Under Review," this is what the Executive Board has to say:

"We've met with Erin Gray, the director of Student Conduct, to talk about this issue. The origin of this mandate comes from many instances of finding illegal substances used in conjunction with hookahs. As a preventative measure, it was deemed that the school would not allow the possession of a hookah on campus grounds. That is why you've found it listed as drug paraphernalia in the Code of Conduct. However, [Grey] was receptive of the stigmatizing effect of this rule. The policy is now under review and we'll make sure to update everyone as soon as we know more."

Keep reading TechNews for more updates after spring break, as this matter is definitely not a closed book yet. Of course, any responses to the above comment are welcome and can be emailed to sga@iit.edu.

Another hugely popular suggestion, shared anonymously a few days before Thanksgiving last year, has garnered about 175 votes. The suggestion was to bring indoor soccer back to Keating.

Labeling the suggestion as "Completed," this is what the Executive Board had to say: "We have received our final say from Athletics about all the options proposed to keep indoor soccer going at Illinois Tech. As a suggestion from SGA, we believe your best bet in implementing a solution, other than foam balls, would be to form an official student organization.

This way, you can propose for the more expensive curtain solutions through the SAF (as Athletics cannot budget for that option at this time; see explanation below), but continue conversations with Athletics through that very student organization. We will be closing this topic as completed, as we want to give you all your votes back and it's now up to everyone involved with indoor soccer to follow through with the next steps of forming a student organization, continuing conversations with Athletics, and proposing for more desirable solutions."

Athletics said, "Indoor soccer has indeed returned to Keating Sports Center. What many don't know is the decision was reached in early December after several options were researched and explored. The areas we looked at were expanding our current curtain/netting system, wall padding, and the soccer ball type. The curtain/netting system represented the best, but also the most expensive, option available. We quoted for additional curtains/netting last May. However, the cost exceeded our budgetary means, and we were unable to purchase them. We also researched wall padding to help minimize future damage to Keating. These pads were not high enough to protect all the windows in the playing area. Also, the padding would greatly reduce the natural lighting the building provides and thus was not considered viable. We also researched several different types of both indoor and outdoor soccer balls. It was decided that a lighter indoor training ball would be used to minimize damage to Keating. This ball has been used by our varsity soccer programs and should be acceptable for recreational use. Our top concerns are to protect our facilities such as Keating and to limit potential damage to the building. This allows us to maintain Keating and provide a safe environment for students to come and engage in recreational pursuits. We have been as proactive and fair as possible to allow indoor soccer to be played again in Keating, and we understand not everyone can be satisfied by our decision. We ask that you work with us and our staff to be proactive to ensure no further damage occurs to Keating and the rules are strictly followed so indoor soccer can continue. Thank you for your time and understanding. Work Hard! Study Hard! Play Hard! Go Hawks!"

Finally, the SGA suggests students show some more support to the following suggestion as it definitely looks promising enough to enhance the overall student experience at IIT. Michelle Athena Olmedo shared an idea on February 24, 2012, to "...have an area for recreational use that promotes student creativity." She explains further: "Let's have some place on campus where students can do some type of artwork, music, photography and other things of that nature. The school is always trying to promote creativity, but i don't believe there is anywhere where students to do this. Students aren't really allowed to go to VanderCook unless they are taking classes there; I know of a darkroom on campus for those who like photography, but only architecture students can use it. My idea is that it'll be an area for students to have all sorts of things to just express creative freedom. Also, I think this would be a great way for student to "decorate" the school and be more spirited."

SGA VP of Communication Kelly Lohr said, "I think it would be great to have something like the Idea Shop, but totally for recreational use, with all the materials needed to be creative, like a dark room, computers fully loaded with software for creative work, paints, anything that's open to students to get inspired. I've talked with at least one alumnus who has a similar vision. I'll ask around, and see what some next steps would be to making a place like this happen. If you'd like to help, contact me at lohrkm@gmail.com."

Definitely a great idea to promote student creativity, which really can have huge impact on student productivity.

High school math competition visits IIT

By Pranava Teja Surukuchi
LAYOUT EDITOR

The IIT Math Club successfully hosted its first annual High School Mathematics Competition at Wishnick Hall on IIT's main campus this past Saturday, March 17.

Students from high schools all over Chicago took part in the competition.

The High School Mathematics Competition was conceived of and organized by four fall 2011 Presidential Scholars who all matriculated from Miami Dade College in Miami, Florida: Luis Larco, Carlos Sosa, Ian Sequeira, and Nicolas Crivelli. Larco and Crivelli had previously organized a successful competition at Miami Dade as students, and they wanted to replicate their past success at IIT.

Students took part in an individual test in the morning and a team test in the afternoon. They were given 44 questions in the individual test and 10 questions in the team test, which were designed by the Math Club at IIT with help from Associate Professor of Applied Mathematics Dr. Robert Ellis.

Teachers also accompanied students to the university. While the students were taking the test, the teachers were given answers to the questions with due explanation of the solutions.

Students were stimulated by the test and were motivated more than ever to explore the beauty of mathematics further. A teacher said, "my students felt the test was tough, but that inspired them all the more to learn mathematics and be more prepared for any more exams that they might be taking in future."

In the presentation ceremony conducted in the Wishnick Hall Auditorium, Dr. Robert Ellis said, "we are thrilled to be hosting the first annual High School Mathematics Competition. Mathematics being the center of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields, I ask teachers to make their students understand the prospect of taking mathematics as their field of study." He added, "we hope when Chicago-area students consider getting a degree in the mathematical sciences, they think about IIT."

Winners, first runner-ups, and second runner-ups in the competition were given trophies and all the participants were generously given gift vouchers which included licenses to Mathematica, sponsored by Wolfram Research.

The IIT Math Club and Department of Applied Mathematics hope to continue and grow the competition each year, with the team planning to eventually create a statewide math competition for two-year colleges.

UB announces 2012-2013 executive board

By Miriam Schmid
TECHNEWS WRITER

As of the Union Board General Body meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, a new executive board will officially take control of the organization, though this group of dedicated individuals has already been working for nearly a month to prepare for the upcoming year. This nine member executive board is William Syvongsa as President, William Fox as VP of Internal Affairs, Harshita Iyer as VP of External Affairs, Fernando Mier and Sharbacha Edward as VPs of Impact Events, Romit Girdhar as VP of BOG Events, Stephen Pepper as VP of Scarlet Fever, Lorraine Dalusong as VP of Marketing, and Sirgi Theophilus as VP of Finance.

In the past year, Union Board has seen many changes including a new website, a fall concert featuring We the Kings, and new general body meetings. UB's new executive board is passionate about making Union Board, and the entire Illinois Tech campus life, better and more effective. Incoming President Will Syvongsa states, "I feel that the stigma that there is nothing to do at IIT is disappearing, and in the next year I am looking forward to seeing bigger, better events on campus. Watch out for UB!" Under the leadership of the 2012-2013 executive board, Union Board will see many new events and initiatives in the upcoming year.

As UB's mission states: "We, the members of Union Board, value respect, teamwork, dedication and diversity. We believe that these values form a foundation to grow and develop into an accountable, beneficial and enjoyable organization. With these goals, we strive to create a more cohesive IIT community and to develop a stronger sense of school spirit. We will achieve these ends through unique programming that provides personal and memorable experiences for all that participate. We'll make our peers aware of the programs, which will be inclusive, impact-ful, and entertaining." With this mission, UB looks to work with all students and organizations who would like to make IIT a more exciting place to be through programming. Contact ub@iit.edu for how to get involved and suggestions for events!

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By IIT Office of Financial Aid

It feels like summer is here already! While spring classes are still underway, now is a great time to consider taking courses at IIT for the summer term. Registration for summer classes will open in April, so you have time to consider the benefits of summer classes now.

A few things to consider when making your summer plans:

Summer classes are a great way to take care of required courses and advance yourself towards your degree! This will put you closer to graduation and your career.

Several summer sessions are available. This allows you to have some flexibility with your schedule, leaving time for family vacations, jobs and fun!

Living on campus provides you with a chance to spend time with friends, meet new people and gives you close access to downtown Chicago and nearby neighborhood summer time activities!

Summer scholarships are available to most undergraduate students. Federal aid for the summer is limited but may apply. Financial Aid will award students with their eligible aid after summer enrollment begins.

To view available summer courses, visit: https://my102.iit.edu/banr/bwckschd.p_disp_dyn_sched.

Additionally, check the DegreeWorks channel in the portal to see which courses are required for you to graduate and remember to check with your advisor for any academic concerns you may have. Don't miss the opportunity for a great summer at IIT!

If you have financial aid questions, please contact us at finaid@iit.edu or 312-567-7219.

Greek Week fosters community philanthropy, competition among fraternity, sorority chapters

By Stacy Economy
TECHNEWS WRITER

Come spring, students on campus hear loud cheers of "The Final Countdown" coming from the Quad. You may wonder, "What is happening over there?" It's Greek Week, of course! Greek Week is a celebration within the Greek community.

The 10 chapters, consisting of seven fraternities and three sororities, show their pride and spirit by competing in various events throughout the week, including a week-long philanthropy event. Events take place during the lunch hour, at night on the Quad and at various places on campus. They challenge both the body and the mind while fostering community, philanthropy, and competition among the chapters.

The week starts off with skits and the revealing of each chapter's banner. The themes are kept secret until they are introduced on the first night. The banners are kept hung visibly by the Quad.

Other favorite events are tug of war, quiz bowl, and dance-off. Tug of war, commonly referred to as tug, has teams from each fraternity and sorority tug against each other in a double elimination competition. The event this year takes place on Tuesday at 9:30 p.m. on the Quad.

Later on in the week is the Quiz Bowl, which challenges members from each chapter through trivia questions.

The dance-off takes place in Herman Hall Auditorium at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 1, and is the last event for Greek Week. Each chapter performs some sort of choreographed dance to music according to their theme. It is a great way to come together and wrap up the week by cheering and watching everyone perform.

These traditional events have been a part of the IIT Greek community since the 1950s. Keep an eye out for a full detailed schedule around campus, on Facebook, and on the Quad. Come join us in celebrating one of IIT's longest running traditions!

ISA presents Cultural Night

By Raksha Rajagopalan
TECHNEWS WRITER

The IIT Indian Student Association (ISA) presents SanskrIITi—Cultural Night 2012. Are you ready to see some amazing talent? Get ready for some great bhangra (north Indian dance), fusion, vocal talent and mimicry.

The ISA is hosting its biggest show of the semester, SanksrIITi—Cultural Night 2012 and would love you and your friends to come and be a part of the event to celebrate India's glorious culture.

The location will be the McCormick Auditorium, Hermann Hall, on Saturday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m. They will be serving food from 6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for the show. The ticket sales started on March 12 and will continue until March 29. Students can directly pick up tickets up from Office of Campus Life in the MTCC.

The ticket prices are as follows: IIT student or staff: $5.00, Non-IIT guest: $7.00, limit two tickets per valid student ID.

All proceeds from ticket sales are going to charity: the Association for India's Development (AID), www.aidindia.org! There will also be an after party celebration at Rocky's Sports Restaurant. To see a promo video of the event, go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85yy8uT4v4s&feature=youtu.be.

Tech[nology]News:

Singing the praises of Samsung Galaxy Note phone

By Ryan Kamphuis
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When unveiling the original iPhone in 2007, Steve Jobs made the bold proclamation: that if a smartphone had either a stylus or a task manager, the manufacturer was doing something wrong. Those words were quickly heard by the mobile industry, as Palm Treos and other smartphones with styluses were collectively thrown out and touch interfaces were widely adopted.

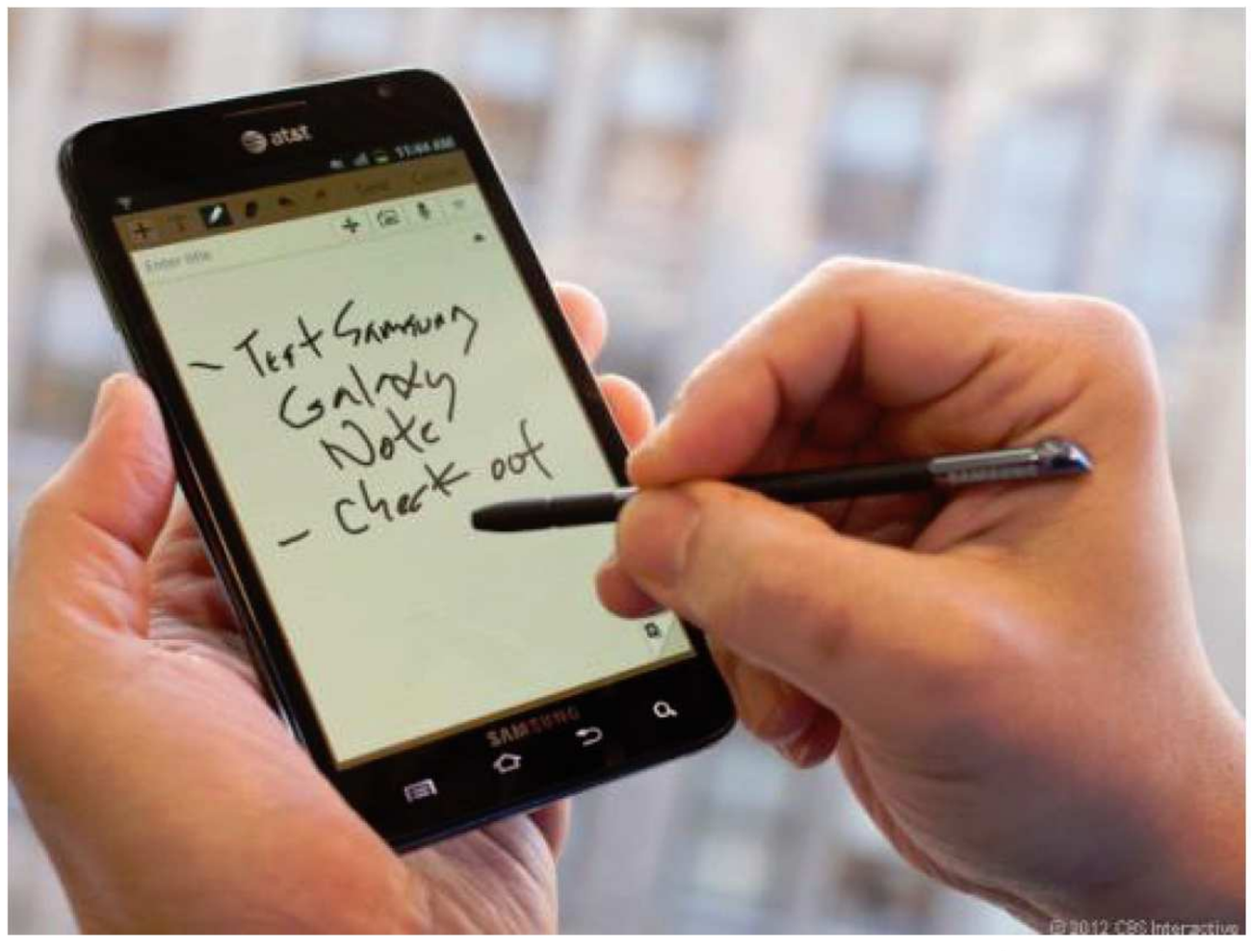
Fast forward to 2012, and the newly released Samsung Galaxy Note is turning heads with design decisions that thoroughly ignore Job's earlier statements. Equipped with a 5.3 inch super AMOLED screen, a stylus, and an easily accessible task manager, the Galaxy Note seems to be the antithesis of Jobs' design mantra and vision for smartphones. But the Galaxy Note is perfect proof that, maybe, Jobs' vision for smartphones isn't the end all, be all.

When first handling the Galaxy Note, the device seems unwieldy. Its 5.3 inch screen makes for an enormous device that seems to be closer to a tablet than a smartphone, and makes one think that it may be too large to fit in a pocket. I certainly spent my first day with the Galaxy Note trying to decide why such a large device could ever be useful as a smartphone. I found, however, that once I started playing with the device, the screen size started feeling more manageable. In fact, with every day I used the Note, the screen size started becoming less of an oddity and more of a killer-feature. Not only is the Note's screen large, it is beautiful. The contrast and the colors of the super AMOLED screen are jaw-dropping. Between the quality and the size of the screen, the Note is unrivaled when it comes to viewing photos, watching videos and movies, and reading E books.

The major feature of the Samsung Galaxy Note is its stylus, dubbed the S Pen. While your finger is still the main controller on this device, when needed, the S Pen can easily be pulled out from the back of the phone and used to draw out notes, control the device, and help navigate web pages with small text. Samsung's implementation of the S Pen is quite good. It is easy to use and very responsive. The apps that come along with the Galaxy Note that use the stylus are all excellent, and the main note taking application works well with other apps and can easily be brought up at any time, making note taking a breeze.

The Samsung Galaxy Note runs Android 2.3.4 with Samsung's TouchWiz overlay applied. The changes to Android that Samsung made to accommodate the Note's large screen are well implemented, and the device runs slickly and smoothly. An update to Android 4.0 Ice Cream Sandwich is going to be made available to the note in the second quarter of 2012, and this update should only boost the performance of the device. Overall, the Note meets the high hardware and software standards that were set by Samsung's Galaxy S II series of devices.

The Samsung Galaxy Note is available on the AT&T network for $299 with the signing of a two-year contract. I found that AT&T's service around IIT and Chicago was excellent. I never dropped a call, and AT&T's 4G LTE network was sufficiently speedy, even though the Speedtest.net application said that the network wasn't as fast as Verizon's 4G LTE that is available on my Samsung Galaxy Nexus.



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Is the Samsung Galaxy Note for you? That depends. The Note is a niche device. While many will find the large screen and S Pen excellent and really enjoy the note taking capabilities of the device, others will never be able to accept the Galaxy Note as their smartphone of choice because of its size. Despite my initial qualms with the device, after only a week of using the Note, I was singing its praises.

The device works great and fit well with my life. When I was in meetings, I found it really easy to use the S Pen to jot down notes; when I wanted to explain a concept to somebody, pulling out the Note and drawing the concept out worked great.

If you're interested in getting a Galaxy Note, your best plan of action is to find a friend with one. Trying one out in the store only leaves you thinking that it is too large. Actually talking to someone about it will show you that once you get used to the size, the Galaxy Note is a top notch device that deserves to be recognized and used.

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Happy birthday to Mies van der Rohe! This **Tuesday, March 27, 2012,** come celebrate with Campus Life! We will have cake starting at 11:00 a.m. and Riddle Mies This trivia in the Campus Life suite.

SGA Finance Board proposals are due by **MIDNIGHT this Saturday, March 31, 2012**. Make sure to attend a workshop, meet with your finance board advisor, and submit your proposal for the Fall of 2012.

Is your organization an exceptional organization on campus? Nominations for **March Student Organization of the Month** are due no later than MARCH 31, 2012. Go to www.tinyurl.com/NominateOrg for more information and to complete a nomination.

Final Women's History Month Events:
March 28—Women Alumni Panel, 1 PM, MTCC Auditorium
March 29—Cultural Exchange, 1 PM, MTCC Welcome Ctr.
March 29—Women Health Seminar, 6 PM, MTCC Ballroom

Tricia Berryhill, Coordinator, Organizations # - G
Ryan Miller, Director, Organizations H - M
Alex Garrett, Coordinator, Organizations N - Z

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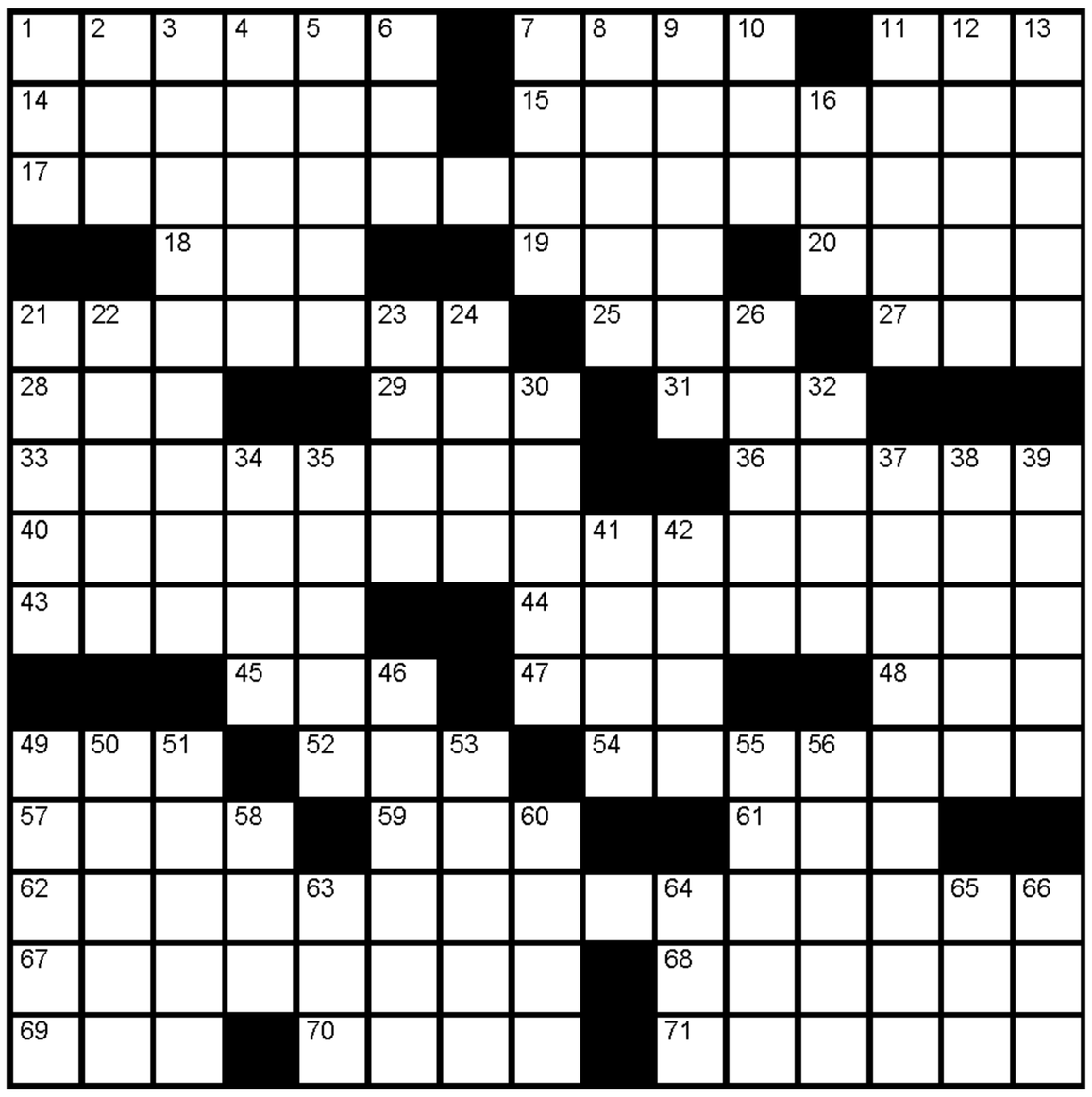
Novel Characters

By Myles Mellor and Sally York



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18. Dowel
19. Early
20. Come-on
21. Less populated
25. Is in the past?
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29. 16 1/2 feet
31. Coke's partner
33. Volcanic rock
36. Catch, in a way
40. Salinger protagonist
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44. Worked a potter's wheel
45. Wassail alternative
47. Retrovirus, for short
48. Jellied delicacy
49. Matterhorn, e.g.
52. Go on and on
54. Gassy
57. Tropical constrictors
59. O.T. book
61. Orkin target
62. Twain protagonist
67. Voluntary
68. Organism that needs oxygen to live
69. Like some phone nos.
70. The Who's "___ O'Riley"
71. Hypnotic state

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5. Saturn has these
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7. Cold one
8. Extend, in a way
9. Make beloved
10. Female hare
11. Result
12. ___ squash
13. Magritte and Descartes
16. Dot-com's address
21. Persian potentates
22. Burgundy grape
23. One of the Waltons
24. Drilling grp.
26. Drug type
30. End
32. Domestic
34. Biblical plot
35. ___ Rebellion of 1857-59
37. ___ pressure
38. Aerodynamic
39. In a strange way
41. ___ acid
42. Prefix for scoliosis
46. Antique mecca in Illinois
49. Can't stomach
50. Jeweler's glass
51. Agreements
53. Middle Eastern dish
55. Kind of cake
56. Prefix with red
58. Schuss, e.g.
60. A constellation
63. Court ploy
64. Deserter
65. "Today" network
66. Watchman ___, Chinese Christian author

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The word Sudoku, above, is actually the abbreviation of Suuji wa dokushin ni kagiru, meaning "the digits must be single" or "the digits are limited to one occurrence."
Source: Wikipedia

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Catching up with Hawks baseball

By Melanie Koto
SPORTS EDITOR

While the rest of us crammed for midterms and patiently awaited the start of spring break, the Scarlet Hawks Baseball team was traveling around Arizona playing seven games in five days to start off their spring season (and also getting a tan). The trip didn't fare well for the Hawks on multiple accounts, who returned home with a 1-8 overall record. Once everyone else left for their vacations, the team stuck around to play Judson College, Holy Cross College and Olivet Nazarene University over the break. The Hawks were swept by Judson and Olivet, but split against Holy Cross. The Hawks now hold an overall 2-14 record and a 1-6 conference record.

In game two against the Saints on March 20, the Hawks won 13-9, starting the game with a giant lead, scoring 11 runs in the first inning. Sophomore Jordan Obata walked followed up by a single by senior Brian Glennon and a double by freshman Michael Malfeo bringing both Glennon and Obata in for the first two runs of the inning. Freshman Malik Alim (pinch ran for Malfeo) advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on an RBI by junior Jon Celestino.

Freshman Corey Gokan and junior Jack Kosar both walked and scored on a double to center by freshman Bill Cronin. Freshman Ryan Fitzpatrick advanced after being hit by a pitch, and Obata doubled to center, bringing in both Fitzpatrick and Cronin. Glennon walked, and advanced when Malfeo was hit by the pitch. Celestino singled bringing home both Obata and Glennon. Senior Nick Wise singled and brought Malfeo in for run number ten, followed by a single by Gokan brining Celestino home for the 11th run of the inning.

The Saints answered the Hawks 11 runs with seven of their own throughout the first four innings, bringing the score to 11-7. In the 5th, the Hawks scored an additional two runs, bringing their score to 13-7. Glennon and Celestino both singled, and Gokan walked bringing Glennon in for a run. Kosar walked and brought Celestino in for the second run. The Saints scored two more runs in the 6th bringing up the final score to 13-9.

The Hawks' next home game will be on Saturday, March 31 at noon against Cardinal Stritch University.

Athlete Spotlight : Reid Matsumoto

Name: Reid Matsumoto

Year: 4th year

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Sport: Baseball

Position: Catcher/DH

Favorite thing about your sport: You are able to travel all around the United States to play your favorite sport (and also skip school while doing so).

Pre-game ritual: I like to tell some jokes to calm and relax myself before a game.

Favorite thing you've done on Campus since you came to IIT: Probably Homecoming events.

Best tip for anyone who wants to be great at your sport: To be great at Baseball takes hard work and dedication. You have to put a lot of hours in the gym, wake up for 5 a.m. practices, and like a man once said to me, "if you want to succeed as bad as you want to breathe you will be successful at anything you do."

Get Involved in Sustainability!

E-Waste Collection

March 31st (9am-1pm)
Wabash Ave, East of MTCC

Bring your old computer parts and electronic equipment to collection centers to be recycled and eventually turned into new equipment. Donors are responsible for any files or data on devices!

Earth Hour

March 31st (8-9pm)
South Lawn outside of the MTCC

Engineers for a Sustainable World is promoting IIT students to participate in the worldwide shutting off of lights and electronics in their dorm rooms and apartments at 8pm!

There will be s'mores, hot chocolate and hot apple cider. We will be decorating with candles. There's also an open mic night, so bring instruments if you want! Let's enjoy the night without using electricity!

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