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Growing together

By Mike Purdy

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Students walking through the Greek quad this summer may have noticed something peculiar taking shape. Upon further observation, they soon see that a huge chunk of the southeast corner has become an enclosed garden space, complete with an abundance of leafy greens, quirky fencing, and raised beds prepared for harvesting and planting. Behind this creative urban agricultural project is IPRO 314: "U Farm IIT", a student-led initiative aimed at growing the community around fresh, local produce and actively working toward a more sustainable future.

With the rapid rise of urban agriculture in major cities throughout the United States, the IIT U Farm project has materialized on campus at a pivotal moment in Chicago's new era of sustainable endeavors. Originally the brainchild of Rodger Cooley, Adjunct Professor of Landscape Architecture and faculty advisor for IPRO 314, and the organization Engineers for a Sustainable World (ESW), the current garden plot is now more than an idea, it is a tangible, edible reality. "It just keeps growing and growing", Cooley said.

Once the space for the future garden had been secured on the quad (at the site of the former APE house), last year's freshman architecture students designed creative fencing units to form its boundary.

Although some of these fences have been removed or repaired since the U Farm's inception, they still remain the most unique and visually appealing aspects of the area, drawing the gaze of many a passer-by.

The summer IPRO 314 team gathered in a circle on the quad's grassy field for the first time on June 4, many of its members inexperienced with urban agriculture but eager to learn and get their hands dirty. Few class sessions were held indoors as this was certain to be a "hands-on" experience (not to mention other veggies are now being plucked from the the beautiful Chicago weather). The IPRO split into three major teams, each concerned with a distinct aspect of the urban farming process - construction/maintenance, community engagement, and communications. The construction group quickly went to work on the development of multiple raised vegetable beds, which were subsequently filled with soil and compost and then planted. This team primarily spent its time in the workshop cutting, drilling, filing, and painting, ultimately laying down the physical foundation of the U Farm.

Involvement with the community is an essential element of many urban farming projects, and IIT's U Farm is no exception. Throughout the summer, IPRO 314 worked closely with Growing Power, a non-profit urban agricultural organization out of Milwaukee whose Chicago branch at Iron Street farm is only a short distance from IIT, across the river on the near Southside. Erika Allen, daughter of urban farming pioneer Will Allen, runs the plot at Iron Street and was (and still remains) a major contributor to the project here on campus. Providing horticultural education, community outreach opportunities, and generous donations of plants and compost, Erika and Growing Power are to thank for much of the U Farm's success thus far.

Over the summer, members of IPRO 314 were able to make a positive impact in the external Chicago community through volun-

teer work and mentorship at other local gardens. Some of these places include SEED at Dunn Tech Elementary, the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, The Princeton Veggie Box, Lake Parc, and Wentworth community garden.

Ripe cherry tomatoes, beets, and IIT garden site as daily harvests reveal a plentiful inaugural growing season for the U Farm project. Watermelon, corn, beans, carrots, Swiss chard; a variety of local, organic produce is being grown right in our backyard, and it's only going to get better from here.

As the fall IPRO picks up where the summer team left off, many new facets of the urban farm will be explored. According to Cooley, woodchips are soon to be laid down, followed by the construction of a hoop house for an extended growing season, an on-site compost bin, and perhaps an aquaponics pursuit depending on whether or not IIT facilities can find a proper space. A business plan is also in the works, outlining a potential farmer's market, vegetable sales to fraternity and sorority chefs, and a partnership with Sodexo. "We are starting to get noticed more," Cooley states, "and this in turn has engaged more departments and developed many connections."

As the IIT U Farm continues to generate interest and expand, it should be no surprise to students when more garden spaces begin popping up around campus; whether on rooftops or vacant parking lots, the more green space the merrier. The IPRO 314 initiative has provided a big step forward in terms of sustainability at IIT, but more importantly, it has served to unite communities through positive, holistic, and innovative urban farming practice.

restraints: 'No cause for concern'

By Ryan Kamphuis EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Last semester our campus recorded an increase in activities which made student life more exciting. This rise in activities however, shrank our Student Activities Fund (SAF) resources, most specifically our 'buffer,' which had been maintained for quite some time. Finance Board resorted to asking student organizations to cut back on their budgets. Thus far organizations have given back significantly and as a result we are sure of having enough funds to sustain events this semester. We have realized that it is time to regulate more the flow of SAF funds until it is stable. To ensure there is not a repeat of this situation ever again, much emphasis will be placed on our guidelines, and we will be a little more stringent on budget allocations henceforth. This situation is not one that should draw too much concern since most of the semester's budgets were already allocated last semester. In light of this, Finance Board is however, still committed to funding in the interest of student organizations and campus life. Thank you.

Emmanuel Klu Chair, Finance Board

For the last two weeks, students all over campus have been talking about the Student Activity Fund, and the rumors that after increased spending last semester, the Fund had run dry.

As can be seen in Finance Board Chair Emmanuel Klu's statement above, more money had been spent by student organizations last semester than was expected, leading to the SAF being overspent and its buffer being cut into.

However, Finance Board has taken action to ensure that there is enough money in the fund for student organizations to propose for and be awarded funds this semester - these actions are highlighted above.

How does this all affect the average student, though? In truth, it really doesn't. Due to the efforts of the Finance Board when it became clear that IIT's student organizations were going to use more of the SAF than was anticipated, there is still a fairly sizeable SAF to be allocated this semester, even if it isn't as big as it has been in the past.

While a smaller SAF could lead to organizations having less money to work with and fewer events happening on campus, Student Government Association President Kelly Lohr is able to say that she, "doesn't believe there will be a noticeable difference in the amount of programming that happens this semester." Lohr believes that, "they [Finance Board] are doing their best to assure that campus life is still as vibrant this year, as ever before."







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By Sneha Saraf

STAFF WRITER

Who am I, really? Why do bad things happen to good people? I want to be happy, but it always seems out of my reach. Why? These were some of the questions discussed at the Vedic Vision Society's first seminar of the semester, titled "Intro to Vedic World View."

Speaker Nityananda Pran first defined 'Veda' as "knowledge." Proper knowledge means knowing something as it is. The Vedas discuss topics like how and why things happen in this world (karma), whether God exists, what our purpose in life is, etc. To properly understand the Vedas, we need to keep an open mind, ask questions, and practically apply what we are learning.

After establishing the main idea of the Vedas, he moved on to the next question: what is 'happiness'? Is it satisfaction from gratifying our senses or fulfilling our desires? Is it simply a biological response which is shortlived? Nityananda Pran explained that happiness depends upon our knowledge of "Who I am." If the understanding of 'I' becomes clear, happiness automatically follows. But what is our identity? We define ourselves in many ways: as a human, man, woman, student, American, etc. But these are simply descriptions that fail to explain "Who am I?"

Nityananda Pran went on to ask the audience about the definition of "problem." Many responses came up, but what arose from the discussion were some criteria to define a problem. A problem is something 1) which is common to all, 2) which no one wants, and 3) from which no one can escape. From the Vedic perspective, there are four such problems: death, disease, aging, and birth. But why is birth considered a problem? It was explained that from birth, all other problems manifest.

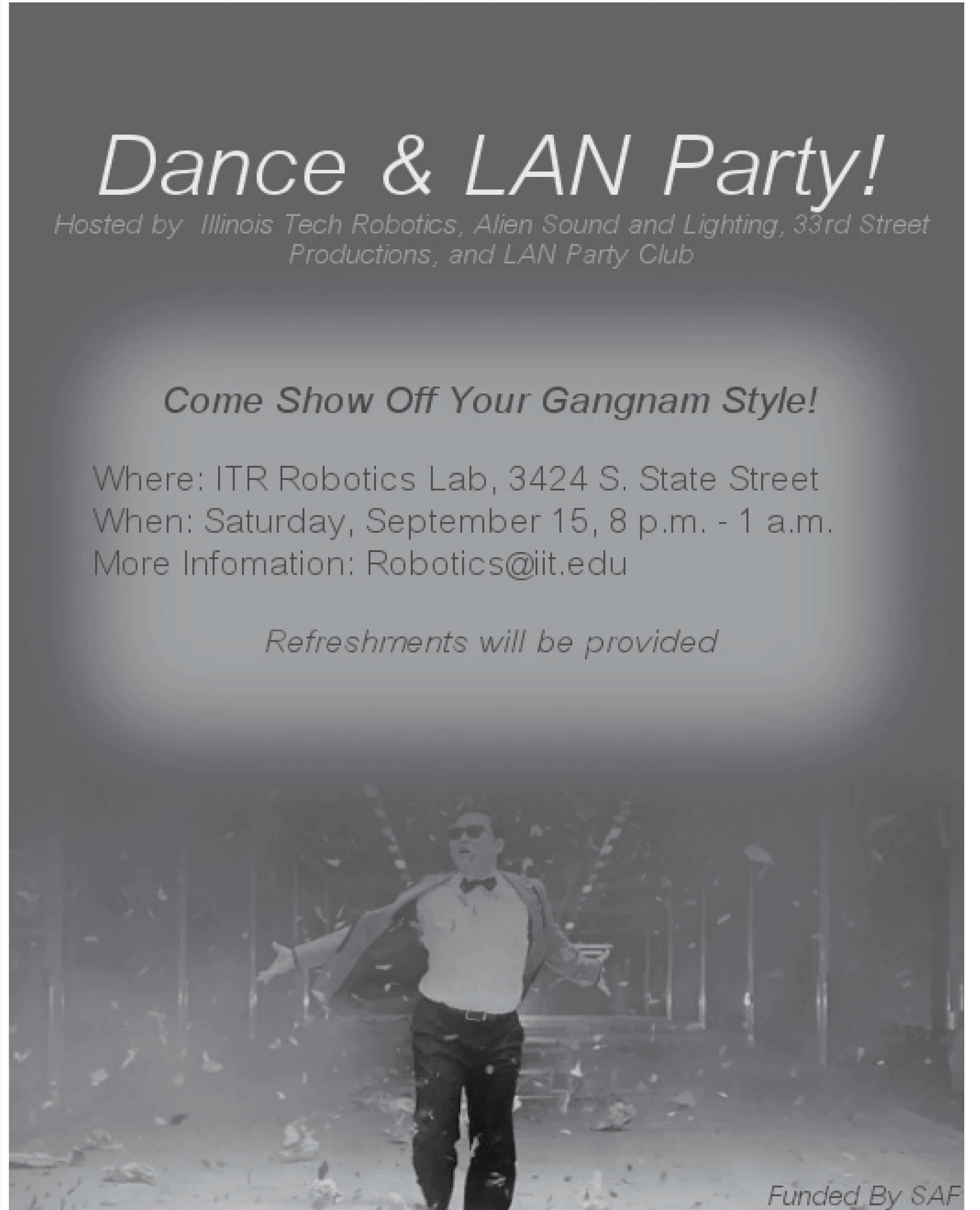
Coming back to the question of happiness, the speaker explained that the Vedas describe two characteristics of 'material happiness': 1) it is temporary, and 2) it is always one elusive step ahead of us. Such 'happiness' is derived only from the future promise- "One day I will get a job, with a high-paying salary, and then I will be happy." Once achieved, the promise of happiness moves on to the next goal, leaving us hankering for it as before. Life passes on thus.

All living beings have four propensities: 1) eating, 2) sleeping, 3) defending, and 4) procreating. Most of our activities are driven by or are extensions of these propensities. But the Vedas propose that there is more to human life than this.

We have the spirit of inquiry, and the Vedas implore us to use this gift to inquire about the purpose of life. A person who questions life and is open to gaining knowledge uses this inquisitive spirit to understand the true nature of self. This brings permanent happiness from a platform of knowledge.

The discussion concluded with a free (and tasty!!) lunch feast, which we were told would happen every Friday.

Next Friday the discussion will continue on answering the question, "Who am I?" in the absolute sense. To learn more, visit vedicvis.com or email vedicvis@iit.edu. The spirit of inquiry starts now.



IIT Rock Climbing Club goes to Barn Bluff Minnesota

By Dan Zweig
TECHNEWS WRITER

Over Labor Day weekend, the IIT Rock Climbing Club was planning on driving down to Jackson Falls in Southern Illinois, to rock climb for the weekend on famous sandstone cliffs. However, when a tropical storm started blowing through the region, tornado and flooding warnings began to make the weekend look bleak. For the safety of the club, the group went northwest instead

After a seven-hour drive after classes on Friday the group arrived at a campsite just outside of Red Wing to snatch up the last remaining campsites.

to Red Wing Minnesota to climb Barn Bluff.

Early next morning they headed to the cliffs to climb routes from a-5.7 to a-5.11d. The routes were all a reasonable hiking distance from parking, and nearly 100 bolted routes were within a few minutes walking distance from each other. Some climbers were very experienced, climbing even a 5.12a or two, and some less experienced were leading, setting, climbing, and cleaning mostly 5.9s and 5.10s. The day ended early with a group of exhausted climbers back at camp roasting hot dogs by 6pm.

The following day the group was at the wall again by 10 am; however, the Labor Day crowd showed up that morning and there were hardly any open spots. The group managed to get an area where they quickly set 5 ropes: 5.8, 5.9, 5.10a, 5.10c, and 5.11a. They spent a good amount of time fine-tuning their climbing skills, getting better at leading and perfecting certain moves and techniques.

The morning was a commotion of more experienced climbers showing or teaching younger members how to do certain moves and routes. The rest of the day, the group bounced around to different walls. Rob Fleming, David Nieto, and Irena Lukicheva climbed several 5.11s, and Danielle Kreie and Dan Zweig climbed mostly 5.9s and 5.10s.

Most of the crowd dispersed after lunch and the team had the entire area to themselves, climbing until the sun had completely set.

Overall everyone agreed that the weekend worked out great and that everyone was lucky to enjoy climbing without a drop of rain until Monday morning. If the club had traveled to Jackson Falls, they certainly would have been drenched the entire weekend.

Everyone was able to climb new routes in a new place, and developed their skills on more difficult and complicated climbs. This entire weekend would never have been possible without OCL to make sure the groups were in the right place at the right time, and SAF which got them to where they were going and

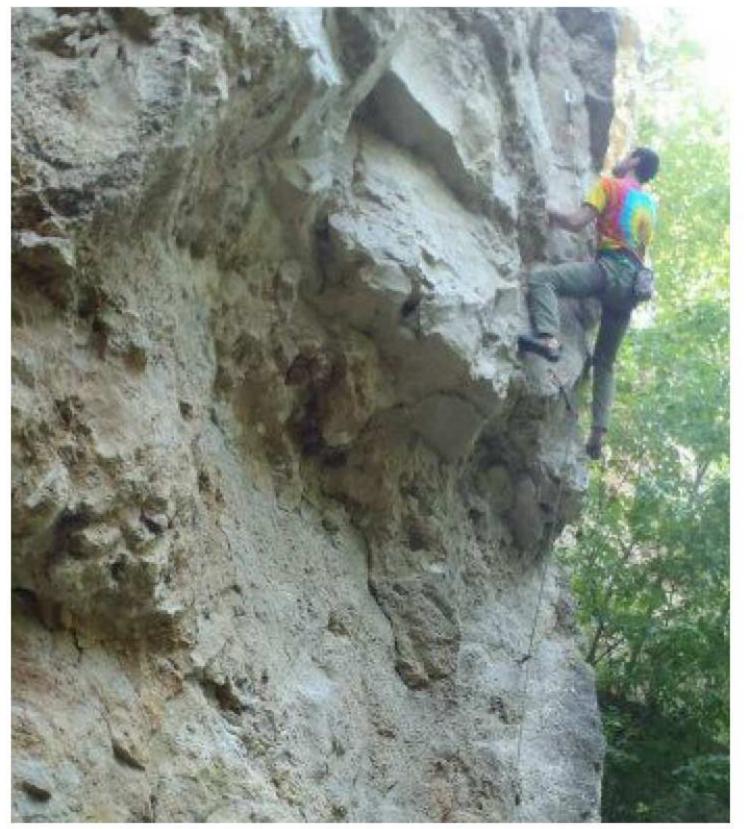
kept them well fed.

The Rock Climbing Club is already in the works of putting on a trip to Devil's Lake, Wisconsin in October and hopefully a trip to Red River Gorge, Kentucky if more funding is secured from SAF.

They want more trips locally, to

gyms and weekends to gorges and bluffs, and these in the works for this semester and next; feel free to email iitclimbing@gmail. com with any questions or check out climbing photos and posts on the Rock Climbing Club's Facebook page.





Photos by Dan Zweig

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2nd Annual Student Leadership Summit provides students with confidence, real-world advice

By Katie PetersLAYOUT EDITOR

"It's a misconception that you need to be super involved before you can be considered a leader. No one can validate you as a leader but you." These are the first few words I heard from Maria Pascucci, founder of Campus Calm, the keynote speaker at this week's Second Annual Student Leadership Summit on Saturday. These words are appropriate especially for this event, because students tend to think that only leaders of student organizations can attend, which is not the case at all. Alex Garrett, Coordinator in the Office of Campus Life and the driving force behind the Leadership Summit, encourages all students to RSVP for the event. Leadership is more than just involvement; it is the desire to be a change in the world, or even just in the school. This year's Leadership Summit will feature workshops such as Representing Leadership on Your Resume and in Interviews, From Disney to Dunder Mifflin: Leadership Lessons from Pop Culture, and Ditch Your Inner Perfectionist and Lead. Pascucci will be the featured speaker at the event, and I was given the chance to interview her in advance. She has years of experience working with college students, and gave the following advice on balance and making a difference:

Katie Peters: Do you believe that you need to be super involved before you can be considered a leader?

Maria Pascucci: It's a misconception that you need to be super involved before you can be considered a leader. No one can validate you as a leader but you. If you lead by example to affect positive change in yourself and others, then you are a leader.

It is a practice in personal leadership development to recognize that you're human and begin to take steps to prioritize, knowing that you will serve better when you're not overextended. I advise students to show yourself some kindness by saying "no" more to life's responsibilities that you feel you "should" partake in to free up some time to give more fully of yourself to the people and projects you really believe in. Your leadership integrity will grow because you're able to keep your promises by serving others at your full capacity.

If you'd like to build your leadership



Image courtesy of www.campuscalm.com

platform on campus, consider the following small steps to build confidence:

· Commit to speaking up more in your favorite class. Take a chance on your voice!

· Consider writing an article for your campus newspaper.

· If you aren't involved in campus, what is one organization that sounds exciting to you that you could join?

· If you are already involved in a campus

organization, what is one thing you can do to help out more?

· If there's an issue on campus that you feel needs to be addressed but no one is taking steps to address it, can you lead the way?

KP: What piece of advice do you wish you had in college?

MP: If you view your college experience as a way to build your unique skills and find

out what makes you feel a sense of purpose in life, and not just as a way to build your success portfolio, a grade becomes exactly what it's supposed to be: a measure of your knowledge in a particular subject –not a way to gauge your self-worth.

KP: What would you consider your most vital message for college students?

MP: You are more than the measure of your GPA or GRE scores, amount in your bank account, title on your business card, or the size of your jeans. You are enough. Try your best in college and be proud of every accomplishment along the way.

KP: What inspired your passion to speak to young leaders?

MP: Did you know that stress, sleep difficulties and anxiety are the top life issues that American college students say affects their studies?

I should know! Eleven years ago, I graduated summa cum laude from Canisius College in Buffalo, NY with a 3.92 GPA – the first woman in my family to earn a degree. I completed a double major in English and history, a writing minor, a concentration in women's studies while working two part-time jobs on the side. My resume was perfect but I was a wreck. I graduated with stress and anxiety induced health problems. I survived.

As a recovering college perfectionist turned author, speaker, leader, and change-maker before my 30th birthday, I'm now on a mission: to spread a dose of "campus calm" to student leaders nationwide so they won't have to suffer needlessly as I did. I want to help students let go of perfectionism so they can lead with resilience.

In the past eleven years since I graduated, I learned that if I wanted to step into greatness and lead the world toward positive change, I had to start by learning how to be the leader of my own life first.

The Student Leadership Summit is on Saturday in Hermann Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and lunch will be provided. If you are interested in still signing up, the link is open until Friday at tinyurl.com/leader2012.

iitAIAS volunteers in Edgar Martinez project

By Ryan Gann & Tran Nguyen
TECHNEWS WRITERS

One step at a time...

Edgar Martinez was a teacher working in the Chicago area. After being truthful and reporting a student for dealing drugs, he was targeted by the student and shot several times. Not only was he paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair, but he was left to function in a world not designed for those with disabilities. Even though I barely knew anything about Edgar, there was one thing I was sure of, he needed help and I wanted to be there to help him. This was my motivation.

The Edgar Martinez project was the first volunteer opportunity for our Freedom by Design chapter. Freedom by Design is the AIAS community service program utilizing the talents of architecture students to radically impact the lives of people in their community through modest design and construction solutions.

Build Day: Bring on the Labor!

Early Sunday morning on July 15th, thirteen volunteers (from SAIC, UIC, and IIT) eagerly got on the bus headed down Wabash and onto the Dan Ryan Expressway bound for Indiana. The day was going to be sunny and hot, in the upper nineties, but we were well prepared with a cooler full of refreshments. When we arrived at Edgar's, house I was surprised to see

that some contractors and construction workers were busily working on fixing the side of his house. We quickly began work on his ramp, first removing the lattice panels that wrap around on the bottom, then a long session of sanding every wood panel, railings, and benches, then finished up by sweeping away the dust. After that we applied the first coat of sealant, a shade of medium gray.

Thank you... for the hundredth time...

At the end of the day, we were all covered in sweat, wood dust, huge blotches of paint, and some of us even in dirt. When we were packing up and making sure that we weren't leaving a huge mess behind, I saw Edgar slowly approaching us. His face wore a huge smile that was clearly shown in his eyes, as if he was the happiest guy in the world and it didn't matter that he was in a wheelchair. He didn't want sympathy, what was done was done, and there was no turning back time. He shook my hands a few times and kept thanking us. It was at that moment that I told him, "Thank you for giving us this opportunity," but what I really wanted to say was "Thank you for letting us be a small part of your life, for showing us what bravery really means. Thank you for being a teacher and standing up when others wouldn't, for being a voice to those who really need it. Thank you for your honest smile, because it was all worth it.'

Engineering Themes promotes sustainability in curriculum



By Nicole Glick
TECHNEWS WRITER

The Armour College of Engineering is making vast steps towards educating students about sustainability-related topics both in and out of the classroom. Inside the classroom, there is a multidisciplinary specialization for undergraduate and graduate students, E3, which stands for Energy, Environment, and Economics. Students can choose from a variety of courses which all focus on a different aspect of the ever changing needs of the energy industry. Outside of the classroom, they have developed this innovative undergraduate initiative to be comprised of four main themes: Water, Health, Energy, and Security, which will emphasize the necessity of being involved outside of the classroom.

With the pressure for young adults to be ready for the real world as soon as possible, the IIT Engineering Themes will present students with an online portfolio. This portfolio

"Themed" events they have participated in with notes and photos; therefore, when potential employers inquire as to their experience, students can offer this portfolio as evidence of their familiarity. This initiative is all about empowering students to take control of their futures. The Armour College of Engineering wants to ensure that their graduates are not only citizens, but also world citizens who are a driving force in sustainability due to their comprehensive preparation in academics and real world experience.

For further information regarding what is happening at the Armour College of Engineering, please visit the website (www. iit.edu/engineering) or contact the office (engineering@iit.edu, 312-567-3009)

For further information regarding this article, please contact Nicole Glick at the Office of Campus Energy and Sustainability (nglick@hawk.iit.edu).

Image courtesy of Engineering Themes

Student Government Senate nominations closing soon

By Dorian Karter SGA VP OF COMMUNICATIONS

Want to make a long-term po sitive impact on the HT community? Are you looking to improve your leadership skills? Do you want to get involved and represent your fellow students? Nominate yourself and others for the Student Government Association Senate today! With projects like Galvin 24/5, TA Evaluations, Burritos at Center Court, Commuter Lounge in the BOG, Foreign Language Program, Indoor Soccer, and many more, Student Government Association (SGÁ) is a major driver of change on the IIT campus, both in Academics and

Being a part of the Student Senate allows you to make impact on many levels, and can be a very memorable and empowering experience.

Senators meet once a week at either their committee meetings, or senate assembly. They work to complete projects they are passionate about and resolve issues submitted by fellow

Nominations are currently open for senators of each college and will close September 18th. The amount of seats for each student needs to be proportional for each college. Elections will take place September 25th followed by the first meeting of the new senate later that night.

To nominate yourself, or others you wish to represent you, just send us a full name, email, and student ID Axxxxxxxx number (if you know it) to iitnominations@gmail.com. Onceit has been confirmed that your nominees

are eligible to run (GPA min: 2.5, 12 credit hours completed), they will receive an email confirming the nomination and letting them know the times of candidate orientations. After that they will be free to campaign for their seat in senate.

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Read more about SGA on our website at http://sga.iit.edu

Submit and voteon ideas you want SGA to work on at: http://sga.uservoice.com

Emailany question s you may have to sga@



Office of Spiritual Life, Service Learning commemorates 9/11

By Lynne Meyer DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL LIFE & SERVICE LEARNING

On September 11th, a National Day of Service, the Office of Spiritual Life and Service Learning is hosting an "I will" campaign on Tuesday, September 11th. The 'I will' statements will serve a san informal commitment to service

and remembrance in honor of 9/11.

The Office of Spiritual Life and Service Learning will be making a paper chain of "I will" statements filled out by students, faculty, and staff. Join them on the MTOC Bridge to add your "I will" statement to the chain. If you are unable to join them on the Bridge, you can also fill out your "I will" statement at 91 Iday.org.

9/11 Day is the international non-profit

movement to observe September 11th every year as aday full of charitable service and doing good deeds. This observance was created soon after 9/11 to provide a positive way to forever remember and pay tribute to the 9/11 victims. honor those that rose in service in response to the attacks, and remind people of the importance of working more closely together in peace to improve our world. Today, millions

participate annually by taking time out on 9/11 to help others in need, in their own way

For more information about the 9/11 Day and the national "I will" campaign, go to the 9/11 Day website http://www.911day.org/

Where: MTCC Bridge

When: Tuesday, September 11th, 9am-7pm. Stop by whenever you can!

SGA starts year with first senate meeting of semester

By Utsav Gandhi

The Illinois Tech Student Government Association kicked off the new academic year with the first Senate meeting of semester; members of the exec board and college Senators were in attendance.

Held every second Tuesday night, the SGA conducts its formal business at Senate, with the executive members providing reports of what projects their committees are working on and where the Senate as a whole decides on approval of new student organizations.

Student Government is up to is encouraged and

President Kelly Lohr started off by announcing some exciting summer developments on the HT campus - the Innovation Center by Tech Park, the IIT One Stop to serve as the go-to place for student services by the MTCC Bridge, a joint radio show by Union Board/SGA (Thursday evening s 6pm on WitT Radio!) and the first Foreign Language Program offered at IIT.

Finance Board Chair, Emmanuel Klu, mentioned that the Board is looking to cut back on spending this year.

They are enforcing stricter policies as

Anyone interested in knowing what the student orgs are preparing to turn in the first momentum! - check out sga.uservoice.com). budgets of the semester. VP of Student Life, ome exciting plans un year, starting with bringing more focus to the US Presidential Elections later this year on campus.

VP of Academic Affairs, Soonen Ahua, mentioned some of the projects his committee continues to work on, like the Summer U-Pass and a Reading Week (aka no-homework-due) before finals.

Finally, VP of Communications, Dor Karter, mentioned the installation of Suggestion Boxes all around campus for students to drop their suggestions, along with its online version called VoteBox (where a proposal to make HT a smoke-free campus is currently gathering

He also announced that one of the projects a ticket system for most IIT Offices (like the OTS) to make offices more responsive to student

An interesting development at the end of the Senate meeting was a student coming up with a petition to get signatures to approve HT nameplates for vehicles.

He has been getting a lot of signatures already, but you might see the petition around campus. These group efforts take last year's School Spirit effort to an altogether new and awesome level!





Engineering Themes Month kicks off with Water Week

By Utsav Gandhi CAMPUS EDITOR

The Armour College of Engineering's distinctive education initiative, the IIT Engineering Themes kicked off the Engineering Themes Month last week by hosting a multitude of events dedicated to the Water Theme.

With a beach cleanup partnered with Engineers for a Sustainable World, a career panel with distinguished professionals in fieldsof water-related engineering, an alumni panel with recently graduated IIT students offering some insightful advice about waterrelated careers and an educational field trip to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago in Hodgkins, IL; the week was packed with something in it for everyone, regardless of class years or field of (Engineering) study.

The College also launched its undergraduate engineering portfolio application. As students take part in Themes events, their online engineering portfolio will track their progress and create an entry for each item.

Every undergraduate engineering student is automatically approved to begin an engineering portfolio and will have online access to their entries via the IIT Engineering

The online portfolio can be a tremendous boost to curricular activities as it is proof for

employers looking for out-of-class exposure. The college is also looking at partnering with other student orgs: the IPRO Program and the various departmental Research Offices to accredit their activities and opportunities as contributors to the portfolio.

More than 30 HT students, faculty, and staff teamed up with the IIT Engineering Themes Student Council, Engineers for a Sustainable World, and the Alliance for the Great Lakes to clean the 31st Street Beach in Chicago, combing the beach for litter and testing the Lake Michigan water for contaminants.

A representative from the alderman's office, who spread awareness about the importance of this valuable, local ecosystem, also joined the group. On Wednesday, students had a chance to interact with eminent professionals working in urban wastewater management and asked them questions about careers and contemporary issues in the field.

Thursday evening had a very productive session with recent alumni who offered some advice related to their HT education, and focused on the importance of a graduate degree and Professional Examinations.

Finally, students had a rare chance to visitthe Water Reclamation District on Friday, learning about storm water management, the District's award-winning Tunnel and Reservoir Plan, and their successful Elevated

Water Aeration Project, among other things.

This week is Energy Week! Following are the events, expos, field trips and panels planned for this upcoming week:

EnergyWeek: September 10-15

Electric Car Display - Tuesday, September 11 - 10am-2pm & 4pm-7pm MTCC Welcome Center.

Here is a chance to check out the electric racecar created by IIT students. Representatives from the group will answer questions about the vehicle and how to join the team.

Energy Research Expo - Tuesday, September 11 - 12pm-2pm - MTCC Welcome Center.

Come see Armour College faculty members showcase their cutting-edge research. This expo will center on engineering and how it relates to the innovative generation, supply, and use of energy.

Alumni Career Panel - Tuesday September 11 - Spm-6:30pm - MTCC

Network with young alumniand see how their unique IIT education prepared them for careers in energy-related engineering fields. A complimentary dinner will be served. RSVP at blogsiit.edu/armour

Energy Panel Discussion - Wednesday, September 12 - 12:50pm-1:50pm - MTCC Auditorium.

Enjoy a complimentary lunch while interacting with a panel of prominent experts as they discuss the future of nuclear, renewable and alternative energy. RSVP now at blogs.iit.edu/armour

Smart Grid Tour - Thursday, September 13; starts at 5:30pm or Friday, September 14; starting at 1pm – Meet at IIT Tower (Sixteenth Floor).

Armour College of Engineering is rtnering with the Robert W. Galvin Center for Electricity Innovation to host a tour of IIT's first-of-its-kind smart grid infrastructure. A reception and Q&A session will follow the formal tour. Please note: You will need your HT ID to gain access to the IIT Tower. RSVP now at blogs iit edu/armour

Electric Car Demo - Saturday Sept. 15-10am-2pm - Man On The Bench Park.

Ergoy a complimentary barbecue while you watch an HT student-built electric racecar in action. The team that maintains the car will be available to answer any questions you may have about the vehicle's specs and its creation. Lunch will be served at 12 pm.

This is quite an impressive list of professionally enriching events for anyone who is interested in the Energy field, regardless of major or current interest level. Students are highly encouraged to take advantage of these free events, which are only going to add to their educational experience at IIT.

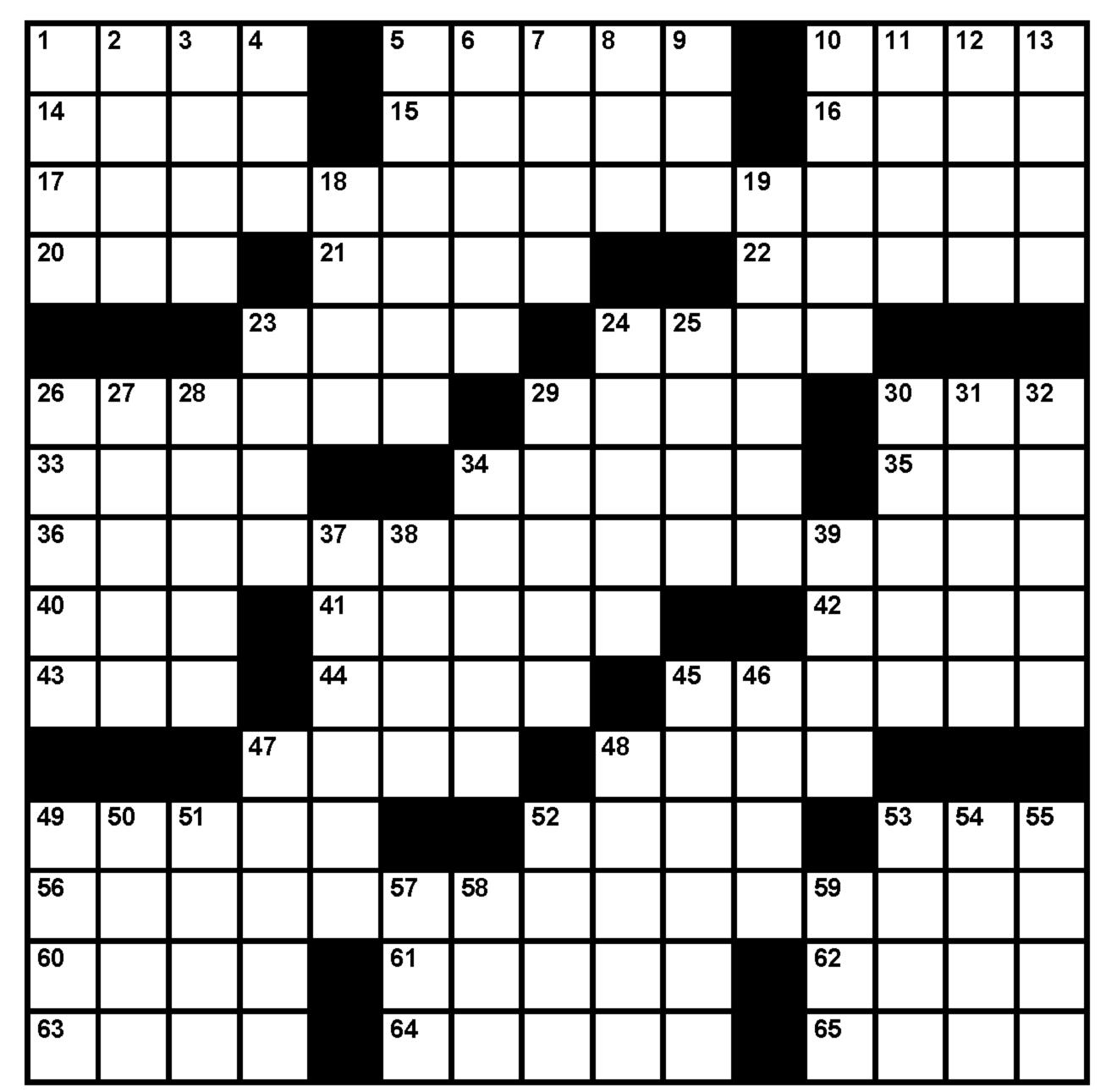






Escaped Cons

By Myles Mellor and Sally York



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- 16. Radial, e.g.
- 17. Con escapes from the
- "City of Festivals"?
- 20. Demagogue, for short 21. Plays mind games
- 22. Exigencies
- 23. Aces, sometimes
- 24. ___ lox
- 26. Some are secret
- 29. Diminish
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- home of ESPN?
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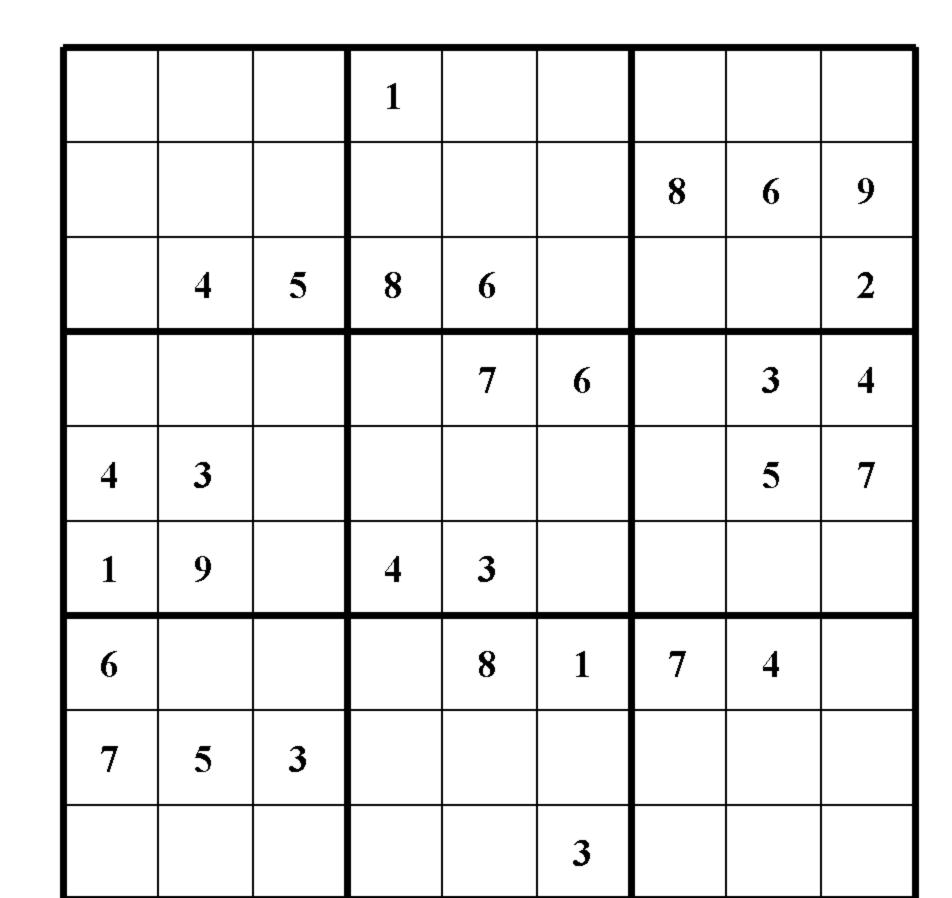
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- 61. Tyrone ____, American
- boxer
- 62. American record label
- 63. Snoop Dogg song
- 64. Sock fabric
- 65. Kid brother, e.g.

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- 2. Medley
- 3. Common contraction
- 4. Down and dirty
- 5. Works
- 6. Libertines
- 7. Chafes
- 8. Squeeze out
- 9. Police, with "the"
- 10. Addled 11. Owlish?
- 12. Bone-dry
- 13. Cravings
- 18. Bee, to Opie
- 19. Flip
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- 24. "___ Lunch"

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- 26. Safely distant
- 27. Deep valley 28. "The Hippopotamus"
- poet
- 29. Marriage announce-
- ment
- 30. English race place
- 31. ___ draft
- 32. Student getting one-
- on-one help
- 34. Kin
- 37. Dig
- 38. Powerful cartel
- 39. Romantic interlude (var.)
- 45. Shiny fabric 46. Attack with nails
- 47. Dickey
- 48. Bananas
- 49. Dole's running mate,
- 1996
- 50. Shag rugs
- 51. Bribes
- 52. Murti
- 53. Corn _ 54. Song and dance, e.g.
- 55. "Laugh-In" segment
- 57. ____ system (re: blood)
- 58. Neither's partner
- 59. Western Pacific island





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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The First Day of the Rest of My Life

By Adin Goings

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Kindle Fire HD's superb features challenges Apple products

By Rohit Vandanapu LAYOUT EDITOR

Seems like Amazon is going headto-head with Apple in the tablet wars, by releasing new versions of the Kindle Fire HD, in a direct challenge to the iPad line of devices.

Amazon officially released three versions of Kindle Fire HDs; the Fire HD with the 7-inch screen for \$199, an 8.8mm thick Fire HD with an 8.9-inch screen starting at \$299 for 16GB and \$369 for 32GB, and also an extrafancy Fire HD with AT&T's 4G LTE support priced at \$499 for 32GB, and \$599 for 64GB.

Let's break it all down. Starting from the screen of the Kindle Fire HD, I'll look down into all the specs of it.

Screen:

This time glad to see a richer, sharper screen on the Kindle Fire HD. It has 1,920 by 1,200-pixel HD resolution (254ppi) compared to the 1,280 by 800-pixel resolution on the 7-inch Kindle. The display features the Advanced True polarizing filter and a fused (laminated) touch sensor which will reduce glare by 25 percent while maintaining rich color and contrast from the gamut of viewing angles as said by Amazon. Also, there has been an enhancement on the interface by adding faster navigation, smoother animations and more customization apps.

Hardware Specs:

The 8.9-inch model of the Kindle Fire HD family will run on Texas Instruments OMAP 4470 processor that Amazon claims is much faster than Nvidia's Tegra 3 quad-core chipset.

Camera:

A cooler thing to have on this Kindle is a brand-new front-facing HD camera.

Speakers:

The Kindle Fire HD has another first for a tablet: the next generation Dolby Digital Plus audio platform. Also, included is Dolby's audio suite for Kindle Fire HD, which is used to automatically adjust volume.

Wi-Fi & 4G LTE:

The tablets feature a better Wi-Fi than before with dual antennas and dualband 2.4Ghz and 5GHz band support and MIMO (Multiple In/Multiple Out) offers higher bandwidth and longer range which would give Fire HD 40 percent faster Wi-Fi downloads and streaming than the iPad.

Along with this, the tablet also supports Bluetooth. It supports two ports i.e. HDMI for connectivity and USB 2.0 port to connect to a computer which lacks in iPad.

Battery:

Amazon says the smallest of the Kindle Fire HDs has rated 11 hours of battery life, but still there sounds a small surprise to the customers.

Storage:

The Kindle Fire HD with LTE comes in 16GB, 32GB, 64GB versions and 20GB of remote storage. Amazon also offers unlimited cloud storage of content purchased through its store.

Whispersync:

Whispersync for Voice will allow users to keep their place in audiobooks across

devices and Whispersync for games will store the accumulated points in the cloud. Also, on changing the devices, there won't be any loss of previous accomplishments.

Software extras:

Amazon did not announce the number of apps available for Kindle Fire HD, which runs a customized version of Google's Android Operating System. But, this tablet kicks off with one new feature: a new e-mail app emphasizing corporate e-mail, and a custom Facebook app for social connections.

Weight:

The Kindle Fire HD is 9.5 inches by 6.5 inches which weighs 1.25 pounds and few ounces lighter than the iPad collection.

Reviews & Thoughts:

Amazon has upgraded the technology across the board and kept prices low. The latest features like Whispersync for games and for voice enhance an already an impressive package. Kindle Fire HD does not offer pure Android experience like Nexus 7, but for Kindle users, and low price for media consumption, the Fire HD is the best choice.

Amazon Kindle Fire HD family is great hardware, packaged and put together a very competitive price. The introduction of these tablets will be very disruptive in Android system and also a very competitive rival to the iPad family.

Image courtesy of www.amazon.com



Archery vs. Apocalypse

Weapon choice important to survive zombie attacks

By Katie Peters

LAYOUT EDITOR

Probably the first thing on everyone's minds this coming December will be if the world is actually going to end. The second thing will be how; I'm banking on zombie apocalypse.

Most people I've met on campus already have their survival plan in mind: where to hide and how to fight. I've known for a while where to hide (a Chase bank) and after this summer I finally found my inspiration for how to fight: archery. Yes, it might seem outdated and mundane, but after watching so many archers on the big screen the past few months, I think it's something I could handle. Katniss (The Hunger Games), Merida (Brave), and Hawkeye (The Avengers) know what's up.

They aim at their enemies while running through the woods, or riding or

a horse or giant space alien robot slug. They continuously intimidate their enemies with their precise aim, and zombies will probably be easily distracted by the arrows.

You can make a bow and arrow very easily, they fly where you want them to go, and no electricity is needed. If there is an apocalypse, what's to say that there will be an unlimited supply of guns and ammo or even electricity? In the new TV series Revolution they have none of the latter; so a bow and arrows it is. Plus, there's something about archery that automatically makes you a true warrior. The strength required in archery is far superior to other weaponry, and that self-assuredness is a good value to have when running from or chasing down zombies.

So what would I add as my own personal Zombieland rule? Survival Rule #13: Never leave home without your bow and arrows.



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Women's soccer still searching for first win

By Heather Bickerton

STAFF WRITER

The start of the 2012 season has been rather frustrating for the Scarlet Hawks. Along with niggling injuries, a small roster of girls has led to the team defending during all the games with no real attacking threat.

The transition to NCAA Division III was always going to cause a hard blow to the current team's style and intent. Despite a few good signings with newcomers Adrianna Maron - a forward from Elmwood Park, IL, Kristen Barrett - a midfielder from Orland Park, IL and Ana Salgado - a midfield transfer from Morton College, the team has failed to make their mark and get a win on the record.

The first game of the season was on the road at Grace College. The Scarlet Hawks controlled the possession but could not capitalize on their limited opportunities. Grace tallied a goal off a corner kick and converted a controversial penalty kick in the first half to make it 2-0, and then later added another two goals before Veronica Torres (So.) found the back of the net to make the final score 4-1.

For their home opener, Illinois Tech faced the Indiana Institute of Technology. Despite battling back from an early 1-0 deficit, the Hawks conceded a goal with only 50 seconds remaining on the clock. Once again, Veronica Torres contributed a great solo effort in the 75th minute to tie the game, but a lax effort in the defence allowed Indiana Tech to

clinch a late winner. Despite the 2-1 loss to the Warriors, the score could have been much different if senior Amy Arnhart hadn't made some spectacular stops in the Hawks net.

On September 2nd, the women's soccer team held visitors St. Mary's college to a 0-0 tie after 110 minutes. Unfortunately for the vocal crowds that turned out to watch the match in the pouring rain, it was not a very enthralling encounter. Each team struggled to create notable chances and possession was lost easily on numerous occasions.

Next on the schedule was a trip to Phoenix, AZ where the girls were delighted after a full day of rain permitted the weather to cool down slightly. The Hawks kicked off their trip against Arizona Christian and despite strong intentions, the effort was not there as poor concentration caused the Hawks to continually concede possession.

The team then headed on the road to Prescott, Arizona where they would face Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. This happened to be a good game for the Hawks, with better communication and better shape. Unfortunately, the ladies conceded once again on set plays and the game finished as a 3-0 loss. The IIT side finally had a decent amount of chances on goal, so in time, a win will come.

The Lady Hawks next home games are on Wednesday, the 19th of September vs. Taylor College and then Holy Cross on September 22nd for Homecoming/Senior day, and their first conference game. Come out and support the girls!

Volleyball pushes through pre-season, prepares for post-tournament season

By Ciaran Kohli-Lynch

SPORTS EDITOR

After a busy pre-season which saw the introduction of three freshmen to the squad, the women's volleyball team started playing once again on the 23rd of August. Defensive specialists Chelsea Badiola and Adriane

Walther have joined the roster from Glenbrook and North College Preparatory High School respectively, while outside hitter Elizabeth Woltman has joined from Green Bay Southwest

Coach Jacqui Gatt, along with her newly appointed assistant, and ex-Scarlet Hawk, Kayla Heller will be looking to make a genuine impact in the CCAC post-season tournament this year with a strong roster full of experienced players.

The team currently has a .429 record, after a few recent difficult away matches against nationally ranked programs. The season commenced with a disappointing 3-0 loss to Davenport University on August 23rd. This was followed directly by an impressive display at the Illinois Tech Kickoff tournament, where the team won 3 of their 4 matches against tricky opposition.

A run of losses followed, but 2 recent

victories against the University of Windsor and Rochester University at the Julie Martin Invitational in Michigan have built some momentum around the team going into a long run of conference matches.

The girls next play Cardinal Stritch at home on the 13th of September, starting at 7 p.m. Be sure to come down and support the team as they battle to compete in this year's CCAC Tournament.



Barclay's Premier League: Chelsea winning, Manchester defending title

By Nathan McMahon

TECHNEWS WRITER

After the first three weeks of games, Chelsea sits atop of the Barclay's Premier League with nine points and looks like a force to be reckoned with after signing Belgian prodigy Eden Hazard from Lille over the summer.

Title defenders, Manchester City, are placed in second with seven points. After going AWOL last season, Argentinean forward Carlos Tevez has come back strongly with three goals and an assist. Mario Balotelli, with his ever-changing Mohawk, has also been performing well for City after performing for Italy over the summer in the European Championships. City has had some dramatic

finishes already in a 3-2 comeback win in Week One over Premier League newcomers, Southampton.

Last year's newbies, Swansea City, have made a strong start this season, thanks in part to the goal-scoring of Spaniard Michu who has four goals in three games. However, The Swans lost a key defender in Neil Taylor who broke his ankle in their 2-2 draw with Sunderland in Week Three and has been declared out-of-action for the season.

Southampton is the only team with no points through the first three weeks, although they have come agonizingly close in matches against Manchester United and Manchester City. Joining them in the relegation zone are Queens Park Rangers and Liverpool, each with one point from nine. Liverpool fans

everywhere are in agony over their poor performances at the start of this season. One of the few bright spots for the struggling side has been the play of the 17 year-old Raheem Sterling. Also, after a highly criticized campaign last year for Liverpool, Andy Carroll has signed a full season loan to West Ham United, performing well so far.

Tottenham Hotspur is another club struggling under new management. Andres Villas-Boas has taken the reins at White Hart Lane, and is looking for redemption after being sacked by Chelsea late last year. He will be looking to inject creativity into his midfield following the transfer of Luca Modric to last year's La Liga champions, Real Madrid. Unfortunately, he was not able to sign American attacking midfielder Clint Dempsey on the last day of the transfer window

The biggest transfer story of the summer was undoubtedly Robert van Persie's controversial move from Arsenal to Manchester United. Having spent the best part of his career at the Gunners, the Dutch forward has set about attempting to justify his \$38M move to United. Initial impressions would suggest he is able to do just that, with four goals in three matches for last year's runners up.

Following an international break last weekend, The Premier League will be back in action next Saturday with Southampton looking to earn their first points against Arsenal and Chelsea facing up against a struggling Queens Park Rangers.

Men's soccer starts season with 2-2 record

TECHNEWS WRITER

The IIT men's soccer team began preparations for their upcoming season at the start of August with an intense two week fitness camp run by head coach Marc Colwell and his newly appointed assistants, Dan Cross and ex-Goalkeeper Jared Svaldi. New additions to this year's roster include freshman Bart Grabowski, junior Jose Neto, and goalkeepers Casey Krapfl and Edson Zagal.

After completing pre-season conditioning, the team went into their first competitive fixture at home with Concordia University, a game that saw many changes to the HT lineup as players looked to regain their sharpness and match fitness. The match ended 3-0 in favor of the Scarlett Hawks with goals from seniors John Connor and Liam Barnett on either side of a wonder strike from Philippine international Robert Rixer.

The Hawks would then go on to face nationally ranked Rio Grande, once again played out at the Hawk's Nest. IIT started the game slowly and Rio looked to capitalize on this by taking a 2-0 lead into the interval However, IIT responded well and came out much stronger in the second half, grabbing a goal back through senior Liam Barrett. Barrett was well-assisted by Grabowski who beat his man to the touchline before firing a menacing ball across the box.

IIT looked to be gaining momenturn as the second half progressed although the elusive second goal never came and in the dying moments, Rio added a third goal to end the game 3-1 in favor of the impressive visitors.

After a disappointing loss on the road against Indiana Tech, the Hawks played host to Waldorf College in what would turn out to be an enthrall ing encounter for spectators at Stuart Field.



Photo courtesy of the IIT Athletic Department

Two exquisite finishes from sophomore defender Nordine Amlaiky and a goal from Robert Rixer saw IIT clinch a well deserved 3-2 victory, despite seeing Senior David Wilkinson ejected from the game f or what was deemed a dangerous tackle. Next up for the Scarlett Hawks is a trip to Ashland next Tuesday in what should make for an exciting game against a team that is currently receiving votes nationally.

This will be followed by a home encounter against another fearsome opponent, Madonna University. Come down to the Hawk's Nest on Friday, September 14th, at 7 p.m. to cheer on the guys in what promises to be an exciting game in their last out-of-conference matchup this season.

Letter from the Sports Editor:

Expanding from campus-wide to world-wide sports

Starting September 10th, I will be taking over as the Sports Editor of Tech-News. I have been a regular contributor to the section for over a year now and would like to highlight some of the changes I intend to make to the section in my new position.

More effort will be made to review professional sports in Chicago and around the world. Though the quality of varsity

sports at this university is extremely high, it is understandable that students want to hear news from across the world of sport. I have therefore introduced the Chicago Sports and English Premier League Soccer Reviews.

This will give readers the chance to keep up to date with all of Chicago's sports teams as well as follow one of the most exciting leagues in the world throughout the semester.

For those of you that have a specific interest in teams or leagues that you feel are interesting or underrepresented in the Sports Section, feel free to contact Tech-News with your views. Furthermore, we are always looking for students to share articles.

From the Olympics, to how much the Cubs suck, if you have opinions you would like to share, please submit articles to www.technewsiit.com for consideration, or contact me at sports@technewsiit.com to address any questions you may have.

> Ciaran Kohli-Lynch, Sport Editor, TechNews

Chicago sports: football, basketball, baseball in full-swing

By Gus Alvarez TECHNEWS WRITER

Football season has finally started, and with basketball season and baseball playoffs right around the corner, the everyday Chicago sports fan is feeling that familiar buzz.

By the time this goes to print, the Bears will have taken on the Indiana Colts in their season opener looking to pressure rookie QB Andrew Luck in his first career game with the Colts. The Bears have signed WR Brandon Marshall to gain an offensive threat that is sure to cause problems for opposing defenses. They have also signed running back Matt Forte to a large contract which will surely keep him around for years to come.

The Bulls look like they are in for a year of rebuilding thanks to Derrick Rose's cruciate ligament tear, suffered in Game One of the 2011-2012 season playoffs. With the "Bench Mob" being mostly dissolved over the summer, they have picked up point guard Marquise Teague in the draft and signed Nate Robinson and Kirk Hinrich to boost the position. They have also added swingman Marco Belinelli, forward Vladmir Radmanovic and center Nazz Mohammed The Bulls are optimistic for a successful season and are looking to remain a force to be reckoned with in the eastern conference, but may struggle without their talismanic point guard Rose. In order to remain a threat come the end of the season, players such as Taj Gibson will need to play bigger roles this upcoming season.

In baseball, the Cubs once again are left wondering when their year will come. The White Sox however are sitting atop the American League Central with a 75-63 record and will be expecting to make an impact in the post-season, come October. The Blackhawks have remained

mostly unchanged. With their young, deep,

and elite squad, fans can expect to see another strong season as they attempt to reclaim the Stanley Cup. Their season starts on November 5th against the Pittsburg Penguins.

The Chicago Fire is currently amongst the top four of the eastern conference with a 26-13-8 record. Recently, however, Guatemalan midfielder Marco Pappa has made a departure from the club to join Dutch team SC Heerenveen.

As top goal scorer this sea-son with 6 goals, and second in assists with 5, he will be sorely missed Regardless, the team is confident that they can make a strong playoff run come November.

Intramurals invading Keating

By Claran Kohli-Lynch SPORTS EDITOR

The Athletics Department will be providing an array of intramural activities for students this semester. A variety of fitness classes are available at Keating Sports Center, throughout

the week, for students to attend free of charge. For those who would like dance to hypnotic Latin rhythms, while also participating in a dynamic and exhilarating workout, try Zumba classes every Monday from 5:00 pm.-600 pm. and Wednesdays from 530 p.m. - 630 p.m. Another option is the Gentle

Yoga classes offered on Wednesday afternoons from 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. This class is perfect for those interested in a simple and basic exercise class, which can also compliment a vigorous exercise routine with vital strength and conditioning.

Finally, on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. a Vinyasa Yoga class is offered. This class focusses more heavily on dynamic interchange between more complex poses. Intramuralsports willalso be offered throughout the semester by the Athletics Department. A list of these can be found at www illinoistechathletics.com. Currently scheduled are 7v7 Flag Football starting September 14th, Singles Racquetball starting October 12th, and Kickball starting September 24th. After weeks of renovation, the

swimming pool at Keating is now also open, with a list of pool hours available online. More information on all intramural activities as well as the university sports calendar can be found on the Illinois Tech Athletics website.

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Electric Car Display: MTCC Welcome Center 10:00am-2:00pm and 4:00pm-7:00pm

Energy Research Expo: MTCC Welcome Center 12:00pm-2:00pm

Alumni Career Panel (Energy): MTCC Ballroom 5:00pm-6:30pm

International Center

Study Abroad 101: Peristein Hall Room 108 1:00pm-1:30pm

Gays, Lesbians, Allies, and More (GLAM)

General Body Meeting: MTCC Room 516 7:00pm-8:00pm

Union Board

Scarlet Fever Meeting: UB Office MTCC Room 221 9:30pm

Talk Time - Tea Exchange: MTCC Ballroom 12:30pm-2:00pm

Engineering Themes

Energy Panel Discussion: MTCC Auditorium 12:50pm-1:50pm

Union Board

IMPACT Meeting: UB Office MTCC Room 2211:00pm

IIT College of Architecture Lecture

Mikyoung Kim, "Speculations in High Resolution": MTCC Auditorium 6:00pm-7:00pm

Black Student Union

HURSDAY

Study Session: Galvin Library 7:00pm-9:00pm

Union Board

Homecoming Committee Meeting: UB Office Room 221 1:00pm

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General Body Meeting: Wishnick Hall Auditorium 1:00pm-1:40pm

Engineering Themes

Smart Grid Tour: IIT Tower 16th Floor 5:30pm-7:30pm

Indian Student Association

Bollywood Karaoke Night: The BOG 9:00pm-1:00am

Engineering Themes

Smart Grid Tour: IIT Tower 16th Floor 1:00pm-3:00pm Japanese Film and Animation Society (JFAS) Weekly Meeting: Idea Shop 5:30pm-9:00pm

Pool Club

Qualifying Tournament: The BOG 7:00pm

Phi Kappa Sigma (Skulls) Blacklight and Highlighter Party: The BOG 9:00pm-1:00am

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Student Leadership Summit: Herman Hall 10:00am-6:00pm

Chicago Architecture + Design

College Day: Herman Hall 10:00am-2:00pm

Engineering Themes

Electric Car Demo: Man on the Bench Park 10:00am-2:00pm

Union Board Homecoming

Inflatables and 60's Games Night!: MTCC South Lawn 4:00pm-6:00pm

Union Board

BOG Committee Meeting: MTCC Executive Conference Room 1:00pm

International Center

Study Abroad 101: Peristein Hall Room 108 1:00pm-1:30pm

Applied Math Colloquium

Professor Dexuan Xie of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: Life Sciences Room 152 4:40pm-5:55pm

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Men In Black 3 Movie Night: Farr Field 8:00pm-11:00pm

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