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When has social networking gone too far? My little brother, who takes WAY too many Instagram #selfies, weighs in.

CAMPUS

IIT students discover two previously unknown schools on campus: Shimer College & Vandercook College.

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Bridgeport art galleries going off the grid, literally. Artists forget the way to own studios.

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New Illinois Tech mascot coming soon

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For years IIT has had the mascot the Scarlet Hawk, sometimes spelled wrong, sometimes spelled right, but also closely resembling at least 29 other mascots, including Illinois State University's.

After much discussion, the Board of Trustees has decided to change the name of our esteemed mascot, and make it a little geekier to fit our school. Since we are the ten millionth red-colored hawk, the Board de-

cided to change it up and further our values of science and technology and rename it the Cadmium-Red Peregrines.

The name could be a little misleading because the element in solid form looks light blue, but in crystalline form is known for its dark red color. The color, while still resembling the current mascot and allowing for marketing to stay the same, could help copyright the color for IIT and put us on the map as having the nerdiest mascot.

Any comments or concerns can be sent to Talon, the Hawk, soon to be renamed Talon the Peregrine.



Due to the peregrine's obvious natural grace, Illinois Tech will be renaming their mascot. Much to the dismay of this peregrine pictured. Zie had no comment.

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New source claims ice cream is nutritionally harmless

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KOPY EDITER

A new source indicates a piece of information that should improve the quality of human life as we know it. This new study shows that you cannot get fat from eating ice cream!

There has always been controversy regarding whether or not legitimate ice cream eating should be a health-crime. Many dissenters say things such as "ice cream is only empty calories, containing no nutrients and making you fat", but as it turns out, ice cream cannot possibly make you fat. A scientist, only referred to as Number 10, reported recently, "The human body just has ways to shut that whole thing down."

As it turns out, people—usually female—eat ice cream primarily when stressed. When the body is stressed, it goes into a sort of overdrive mode that prevents it from properly retaining fat and calories.

What this means, is that the action of eating ice cream, while bad, cannot cause weight gain, especially not in the stomach region. This new information has been quite controversial, with people who claim that ice cream made them fat saying these scientist are "blaming the victim"; rebuttal appears to consist mostly of claims from supporters saying, "You must have been doing something wrong if you gained weight. You need to admit you cheated on your diet; that's the first step."

More on this important topic as information is gleaned.

Animation studio begins using gladiator fights

Katie Peters

STILL NO RELATION

Bring to mind all of the many animated movies you have seen over the years. Movies about cars, planes, bears, cats, dogs, toasters, dinosaurs and more. Unfortunately, as the years go on, animation studios are running out of animals and inanimate objects to write about.

To solve this problem, the animation studios have signed contracts to participate in a fight to the death, the prize being whatever categories are left.

Studios will pit their best animated characters against each other, and fight

to the ultimate victory. Future prizes for the competitions include featuring the supplies in a medicine cabinet, in which the aspirin bottle saves the life of the baby (who of course resembles Boo) with the help of his medicinal friends.

Another edgy option targeted at college students is the fight to the finish during finals week by the textbooks, calculators, and writing utensils. The bad guy features your typical college professor who is out to flunk the class with his impossible Mechanical Systems exam.

Keep your eyes peeled for the upcoming battle in June, featuring Wreck-It Ralph, the Brave Little Toaster, Mater the Truck and Shrek!

What ASB really did over Spring Break

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Of course we weren't going to go to Georgia again. I mean there isn't much to do after you've already spent an entire week there within the last one year.

Add to that we had our most successful fundraising season ever...though only the team members know just how "successful" we really were. Cancun, Mexico (2011) and Miami, Florida (2012) were just the icing on the cake. Albany, GA? As one of our team members would put it, "Ain't nobody got time for that!"

No, this time our sights were focused on something much more distant. A couple of IPRs (Building communities through coffee in Uganda, IIT Empowering Haiti) as well as a few Engineers without Borders projects (Haiti, Nicaragua) had taken students abroad for service learning experiences.

With the kind of exposure and visibility ASB was getting on campus, expectations from applicants had remained sky-high

throughout the application and team building session. And for the trip we literally hit the ball out of the park. 18-hour road trip? More like an 18-hour flight. We landed in the bustling metropolis of Mumbai, India the second day of spring break, ready for our one-week tropical extravaganza.

Called in as extras for a Bollywood movie shoot? Check. Team members suffering bouts of food poisoning from street delicacies (almost a prerequisite for any tourist experience in India)? Check. A visit to the royal palaces of Rajasthan and exploring the Great Indian Desert on camelback? Check. The backwaters of Kerala and the rain forests of the Nilgiri mountains on an elephant? Check. A memorable night at India's party capital of Goa? Check.

A fourteen hour train ride, complete with crying babies, early morning chai-wallahs, and bonding over train bunk beds? Check. Trekking through the Himalayas and finding solace in the peaceful surroundings of Tibetan monasteries of Tibet? Check. Bussling metropolises and the essential rural experience both in the same week? Check.

The team didn't even realize the



ASB utilized their funds and planned a trip to Mumbai, India. The most popular opinion of the trip: better food than the Commons. Many students said this while their eye welled up with tears from the spicy local delicacies. Photo courtesy of diaryofsanjeev.blogspot.com.

whirlwind tour was over when it was time to get back to reality.

Now India is an impossible place to completely explore in one week. It is almost sacrilege to even attempt to do so.

Which is why we will be going back next spring break! Here's hoping you keep supporting our fundraising efforts to help the second leg possible and as successfully memorable as the first.