

FEATURES

Timeline of a controversy

September 10, 2004	•A lecturer at the Niebuhr Institute at the University of Copenhagen is attacked for reading the Koran to non-Muslims.
Sept. 17, 2005	•Danish newspaper <i>Politiken</i> runs article "Profound fear of criticism of Islam" describing an author's troubles in finding an illustrator for his children's book about Muhammad. The artists declined in fear of reprisal.
Sept. 30, 2005	•The <i>Jyllands-Posten</i> publishes an article entitled "The Face of Muhammad" featuring the 12 controversial cartoons.
Oct. 17, 2005	•The Egyptian newspaper <i>El Fagr</i> becomes the first newspaper to reprint several of the cartoons with no public reaction.
Oct. 27, 2005	•Several Muslim organizations file charges against the <i>Jyllands-Posten</i> stating that the cartoons had violated Danish law. These charges were dismissed on Jan 6, citing Freedom of Speech, and paper's right to print issues of public interest.
December, 2005	•A group of Danish Imams begin visiting various leaders throughout Europe and the Middle East.
Oct. 21, 2005 - Nov. 11, 2005	•The cartoons are reprinted, in part and in full, 7 times throughout Europe, including the Netherlands, Bosnia, Germany and Romania.
Nov. 12, 2005 - March 7, 2006	•Two of the cartoons are reprinted by the Valley Mirror in Sacramento, CA. Eventually the cartoons will appear in 29 US papers.
Nov. 12, 2005 - Feb. 2, 2006	•The cartoons appear in 36 European Newspapers before appearing again in the US, this time by the New York Sun, who printed two cartoons.
Feb. 9	•The Daily Illini, a student newspaper at the University of Illinois-Champaign runs the cartoons. The decision was made by two editors without the consent of the others. As a result, the two editors lost their jobs.
Feb. 13	•The Northern Star, a publication from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb runs all 12 cartoons, with little reaction.
Feb. 24	•A Point-Counterpoint highlighting the printing of the cartoons is published in the Courier.
April 27	•The Courier Editorial Board meets to discuss the Scott Nychay event titled, "Drawing Fire: A Discussion of the Art of Visual Satire and the Muslim Cartoon Controversy," and after several hours, decide to run the cartoons as a means to cover the event and the issue. •Later, e-mails and phone calls are sent and made to the advisers of the Muslim Student Association, Baha'i Student Association, and International Students Organization.
April 28	•E-mails are exchanged between Editor Kevin Klipp and President of the Muslim Student Association, Adeel Kamal.
May 1	•A phone conversation takes place between Klipp, and Kamal, Adeel agrees to e-mail a statement on behalf of the MSA to be printed in an uncensored form along with the images. •Later, Nychay, an editorial cartoonist, comes to the college to speak on the issue.
May 2	•Another phone conversation takes place between Klipp and Kamal. •Also, Editors Klipp and Robert Bykowski meet with Zinta Konrad, the organizer of the Scott Nychay event, and the coordinator for the International Education Office.
May 3	•A message is left on an editor's voicemail indirectly threatening the paper. •Several students, including Kamal, come to the Courier office to discuss the cartoons.
May 4	•Sunil Chand, president of the college, calls the Courier adviser Cathy Stablein to discuss the issue. •The final decision is made, and the Courier issue is sent to the printer. •The Courier Editorial Board meets to discuss the May 12 edition, including what follow-up to the controversy will be in the issue.
May 5	•Papers are distributed throughout the campus. •Within minutes, protestors steal all of the newspapers off of the stands, including several leftover older issues. •At 10 a.m. an e-mail is sent from the Courier office to all Faculty, Administrators and Staff explaining that the issues had been taken. •Throughout the day, issues are placed on stands, and are stolen. •Signs advertising the newspaper usually placed on newsstands are replaced with new ones giving readers the URL for the Courier web site, offering an online version of the paper. These signs will later be stolen along with the papers. •Several students also come to the Courier office to talk with editors and Stablein. •Due to lack of newspapers on the stands, e-mails requesting copies of the paper are sent to the editors, and issues are given out at the office. •A new sign is placed on newsstands stating COD board policy 5715 on removing public materials. This was done to inform possible thieves of repercussions for stealing the newspapers and advertisements. •Hafiz Ali gives a presentation entitled "Why Muslims love the Prophet Muhammad So Much." The event was sponsored by the Muslim Student Association, and was covered by the Courier.



Branislav Rosul, coordinator for InET sits in the Delorean Mac Mini project by Ryan Brandys, which Brandys hails as "The best multimedia experience on wheels you can have."

Technology students show off cars big and small

By Kevin Klipp
Features Editor

Students from the Integrated Engineering Technology department were given the opportunity to show off their projects Monday night.

Two projects, including a remote-controlled Hummer and a Delorean-turned home theater were displayed.

The curriculum creates a number of projects, with feedback offered by instructors of other programs.

According to Branislav Rosul, the Coordinator for InET, "We help teach them all aspects of the industry."

This ranges from bringing in an English teacher to help students with technical language to speech teachers helping students to present their projects, to a math teacher coming to help teach the fundamentals of mathematics which are necessary for some calculations students need to make.

One of the highlights of the night was the presentation of the Delorean Mac Mini by Ryan Brandys.

The car, which was fully operational, offered a complete computer as an integrated system within the car.

Starting with a hood that could be raised and lowered by remote, the car had a number of features.

With the hood up, a projector was turned on, and reflected back into the inside of the hood, giving a 37 inch screen for the computer, also residing in the hood.

Keyboard and mouse controls were inside of the car.

The computer featured a wireless Airport, and ethernet hub, allowing the car parked in front of the SRC to pick up the school's WiFi signal and use its internet connection.

The computer also worked with the car's existing stereo to allow a movie, or music to be projected onto the screen, with sound coming from the speakers.

When asked why he chose this as a project, Brandys said, "I grew up with Deloreans in the garage, and I just wanted a way to make Deloreans my own."

He continued, "Most computers have a 7 inch screen,

this one has a 37 inch screen for the same price."

Rosul enjoyed the presentation, saying, "He did a good job."

Other projects undertaken throughout the semester include programming robots to carry out tasks.

For more information about InET contact Rosul at rosul@cdnet.cod.edu, or 942-3390, or visit www.cod.edu/InET



Bill Cooper and Bob Dunn, students in the InET program, work on the remote controlled Hummer.

MSA helps to educate community

By Kevin Klipp
Features Editor

In response to the May 5 printing of the controversial Muhammad cartoons, and to better educate the community on Islam, the Muslim Student Association hosted an event titled "Why Muslims Love the Prophet Muhammad So Much."

Hafiz Ali of the Institute of Islamic Education came to speak about Muhammad and various tenets of the Islamic faith.

Ali humbly began by apol-

ogizing for his inadequacy to truly cover the issue, comparing his efforts to "drops in the ocean."

He gave a brief history of the Muslim faith as well as Muhammad, including the use of oral tradition in the Muslim culture, and also explained several phrases used during prayer and conversation.

Ali commented that Muslims believe Muhammad was a merciful and kind individual, and was often referred to as Al-Amin which means "honest one."

According to Ali, the Koran states, "None of you will truly believe until I (Muhammad) become dearer to you than your father, and your mother, and all of mankind."

After his presentation, Ali took several questions from the audience, regarding a number of issues, including one on the cartoon controversy.

After the presentation, Ali asked that pictures taken of him not be shown in the Courier for personal and religious purposes.



Photo by Robert Bykowski

Panel members Dominick Travis, Rashmi Chugh, Daniel Hryhorczuk, Jill Morgenthaler and Colleen O'Keefe during the Avian Influenza lecture.

Avian Influenza, not just for the birds?

The Chicago Council of Foreign Relations presented a panel discussion entitled, "Avian Influenza: Pandemic or Flight of Fancy?" last Tuesday night.

Foremost among the concerns is whether the Avian Influenza virus, which is potentially lethal, can mutate to become more easily transmissible.

According to the Center for Disease

Control, as of now, there have not been any cases of human to human transmission of the virus, instead all human cases of the disease have resulted from contact with infected poultry.

Symptoms include traditional flu-like symptoms, such as fever, aches and coughing to pneumonia, upper respiratory distress and even an eye infection.

They have the skills for success

Twenty-one qualified candidates are now being recruited by the college for a "Skills for Success" bridge program that will prepare the candidates for entry into certificate programs and ultimately to jobs in manufacturing and electronics-related industries. These sectors are now experiencing critical shortages of workers.

The college's eight-week bridge program will provide students with technical English as a Second Language, math, reading and other soft skills, which will enable them to then enroll in the certificate programs.

Clients who are unemployed and Workforce Investment Act eligible will have their tuition covered.

According to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, there is a seri-

ous shortage of qualified workers in seven manufacturing and electronics-related occupations in northeastern Illinois: welder, electric-electronic engineering technician, machinist, CNC, industrial machinery mechanic, lathe turning/machine tool setter and maintenance worker.

However, some candidates who would like to pursue training in these target fields might not be ready to enter a certificate program.

Manufacturers require well-rounded technologists, capable of possessing technical competency and literacy in electronics, mechanics, math, English and soft skills. The college offers certificate programs that include higher-order logic and reasoning, mechanical or technical skills and

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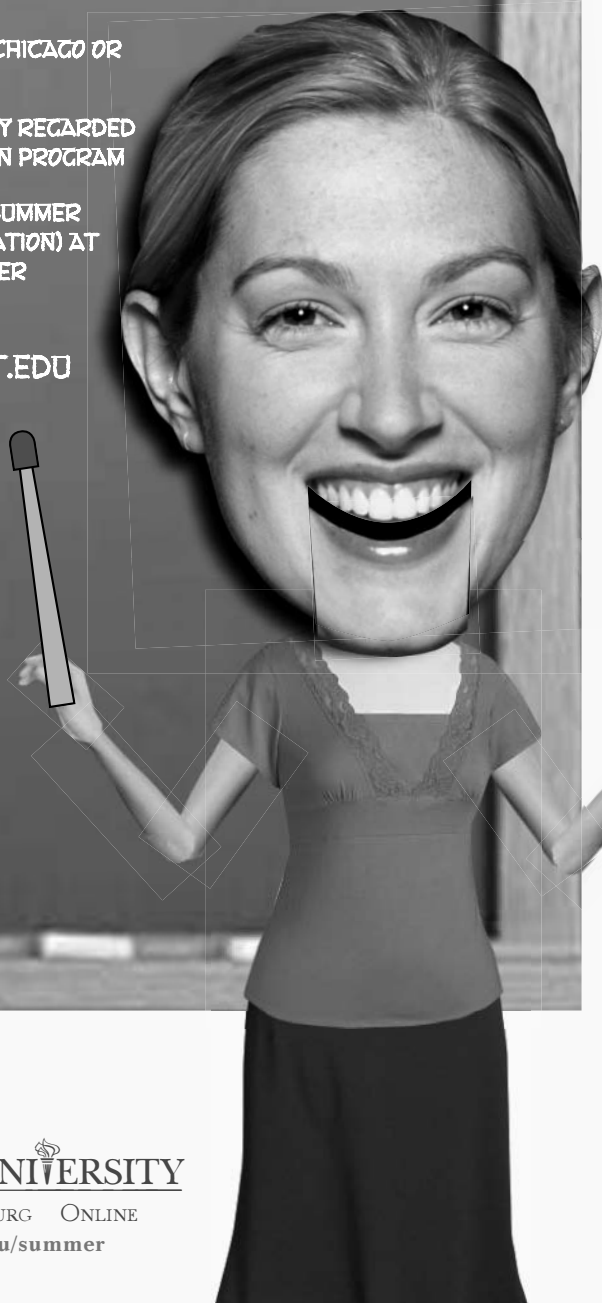
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The hours at the Westmont facility are 5 until 8 p.m. on Monday and Thursday and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

The hours at Naperville are noon until 3 p.m. Wednesday and 5 to 8 p.m. and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Plants Plus

The Student Plant Shop is now open. Hours of operation are from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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at the shop with faculty and staff discounts available on select purchases.

Mumps Outbreak

As of April 13, a total of 57 cases of mumps have been reported to the Illinois Department of Health, including 6 cases at Northern Illinois University.

Those who may be suffering from fever, swelling of the salivary glands, headache and muscle ache should see their physician to be sure.

To prevent spreading the infection, follow these steps:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and throw the tissue away afterwards.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, or an alcohol based hand cleaner.
- Do not share eating or drinking utensils.
- Avoid contact with anyone who

may be experiencing any symptoms.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Anyone who may possibly be suffering from mumps should be quarantined for nine days.

If you have any questions, or to report a case of mumps, please contact Communicable Disease Services at 682-7979 ext. 7553.

Campus Blood Drive

There will be a summer blood drive on campus from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 11 in SRC 1450.

In order to donate blood, several criteria must be met:

- Must have photo identification.
- Cannot be suffering from cold or flu symptoms, and must be feeling "well."
- Cannot have had Hepatitis after age 11, or had a positive Hepatitis B or C test.
- Are at risk of the AIDS virus.

Nurses Week and Posters

Graduating seniors in the Nursing program will be presenting posters outside the campus bookstore. The purpose of the posters is to offer health education to the community.

There will also be an opportunity to meet with the students from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 15 to ask questions and congratulate the graduating seniors.

Dining Services Summer Hours

The Dining Services will operate under Summer hours from May 22 until August 22.

For most services, the hours of operation are 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with Sub Generation and the Grill opening at 11 a.m.

There will be special outdoor BBQ services offered on Monday and Friday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. locat-

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aptitude.

The "Skills for Success" bridge program, however, will transition the 21 workers into the certificate programs and then on to jobs in the manufacturing sector.

First semester transportation and day care funding is also available for children of the eligible students while they attend classes at the college.

"The 'Skills for Success' program is a wonderful opportunity for Workforce Investment Act-eligible individuals to receive the support and skills necessary to pursue a career in manufacturing and electronics-related fields," said Ann Marie Rosen, associate dean in the Career and Workforce Development department.

"The Skills for Success bridge program could have a very positive impact on peoples' lives," added Jim Vondran, Critical Skill Shortage Initiative Bridge Grant coordinator.

"It is designed to overcome some of the major barriers that might otherwise prevent them from pursuing a rewarding career in an occupation that is critically needed in northern Illinois."

Vondran noted that there are 4,700 manufacturers in DuPage County.

For information about this "Skills for Success" program, call Janet Rand at the Illinois Employment Training Center (IETC) in Lombard, (630) 495-4345, ext. 261.

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Students in Michelle Barton's Kindergarden class decorate flower pots for Mother's Day. The children will be planting flowers inside them to give to their Moms. Students also created Mother's Day cards.

Student ready to graduate for 12th consecutive year

By Kevin Klipp
Features Editor

This spring, Maury Wexler, a student at the college since 1993, will be graduating. The remarkable thing about his graduation is that it will be his 12th consecutive graduation at the college.

Since his first graduation at the graduation in 1995, Wexler has earned seven associates degrees and 30 certificates.

In addition to those, he also has two bachelor's degrees from University of Illinois Circle, and an associates and two more certificates at Triton.

At Triton Wexler is a charter member of Phi Theta Kappa Honors society,

and is a senior member here.

Like a great deal of individuals at the college, Wexler has had troubles transferring credits due to complications between semesters, quarters and back to semesters since the switch, and due to low enrollment in certain classes has had his fair share of problems registering for classes.

Wexler had also been an Honors Student until the change requiring a 3.8 instead of a 3.5 GPA.

Having sat through 11 consecutive graduation ceremonies thus far he commented, "About 20 percent show up."

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Internships offer experience, course credits

By Kevin Klipp
Features Editor

The Career Services Center, who offer full and part time job opportunities and Service Learning opportunities is offering a number of Internships for the Summer and beyond.

One of the beauties of Internships is that, according to Jean Spahr, Manager of the Co-Op and Internship program, is that they, "Combine on the job training and academic learning."

Internships are available to students in good academic standing, and begin with an online application.

From there, students attend a "Finding an Internship" workshop, as the responsibility of getting the internship lies on the student.

Using resources like the College Central Network, students take part in a self-directed search, and upon finding a suitable position, prepare with the Career Services Center for the interview.

Throughout the process students will also have a faculty advisor in the field of the internship to help the

student in various areas.

After goals for the internship are drawn up, some paperwork is filled out and the student is prepared to go to work.

Most internships can earn students between one and four college credits, and depending on the position, can earn the student regular pay as well.

"It's a different way of learning," Spahr said. "Most students really enjoy it."

According to Spahr, a number of internships can also be turned into regular paid positions.

Even if the internship ends when the semester is over, they can still be a valuable source of experience, and according to Marilyn Rodgers, program assistant for the Career Services Center, "97 percent of students really enjoy it."

Spahr would like all students to know that internships can be taken all year round, and are not limited to the same time constraints of semesters.

Also, current jobs can become course credits if the student can demonstrate a further pursuit of knowledge in the field.

Some Internship Possibilities

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"Images" each month highlights the personalities, news and curriculum of the college's campus.

"Images" in May also showcases the college's Field and Experiential Learning program and its planned trip to Yosemite National Park.

The trip will focus on developing hiking and camping skills while studying the work of photographer Ansel Adams, naturalist John Muir

and poet Gary Snyder in the environment that inspired them.

"Images" also showcases a recent visit to the college by Tibetan monks, who shared their sacred and mystical art, including sand painting, music and dance.

"Images" airs at various times on cable television stations in Downers Grove, Wheaton, Addison, Elmhurst, Glen Ellyn, Naperville, Glendale Heights, Bartlett, Lemont, Elk Grove, Darien, Aurora and West Chicago.

Check your local cable listings for the time and channel to view "Images."

For more information on "Images," call Kevin Willman at the college, (630) 942-3352, or visit www.cod.edu/multimedia/images.htm.