

# SHIMER This Week 3.23.7

## Public Lecture on "Invention as Art"

### Tonight...

...at 6 p.m. **Francisco Ruiz**, IIT Professor of Engineering and an inventor, will talk about bridging the gap between the left-brain world of engineering and the right-brain life of invention in a lecture titled "Eureka! Invention as Art" in the Cinderella Lounge at Shimer. The talk is part of Shimer's Spring 2007 Public Lecture Series, hosted by faculty member Albert Fernandez.

## NOW YOU KNOW IT- NICK SCHMITT'S OUR (TOP) POET



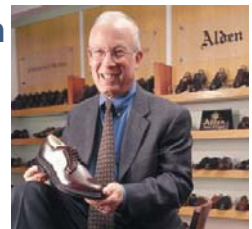
Four students were recognized this week for their submissions to Shimer's annual poetry contest.

**Dean Barbara Stone** presented a \$100 check to first prize winner **Nick Schmitt**. Other winners included 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize winner **Abigail Lilly** and honorable mentions **Raya Carr** and **Zia Deal**. The competition is through The Academy of American Poets and

**Dear Shimerian-** The quicker tempo of life at Shimer matches that of the new Spring. The weekend begins Friday night with the second of three scheduled public lectures for this semester. Later that evening, the once-in-a-while student version of the Gong Show - Orange Horse - will take place. If you look on eBay right now you can see board member Dan Shiner's auction of a rare edition of Lewis and Clark's travels. Dan's hoping to raise a bunch of money for Shimer with the sale. Saturday morning, over 20 prospective students from around the country will participate in the first ever Michel de Montaigne Scholarship essay competition. The prizes include two full year scholarships and two half scholarships to Shimer for 2007-8 term. And just to reinforce the point about things picking up - Shimer commencement is set for May 6!

## Shimer Alum's store loses its Michigan Avenue location

Last Saturday's Chicago Tribune carried a page one article about Shimer alum and former board member **Peter Hanig's** (71) so far unsuccessful attempts to keep his well-known shoe store on the city's Mag Mile.



The story lamented the upcoming closing of Hanig's Footware, "the last local independent name on the street."

Once Hanig is gone there will be no more local shopkeepers on the street, according to the Greater North Michigan Avenue Association, The Tribune said.

Peter Hanig, who brought the popular "Cows on Parade" exhibit to Chicago, told the paper he is considering moving off of Michigan Avenue, to Bucktown or possibly the suburbs. He already operates shoe stores in Lincoln Park, Lakeview, Evanston, and Wilmette.



## Sumi-e Demonstration

### When and where

Shimer College Open Space, March 27, 3-4:30 pm

Sumi-e, Japanese ink brush painting, is one of the traditional arts of Japan and, like so many, one which has strong affinity with zen meditation practice. **Lidia Rozmus**, a graduate of the School of the Art Institute in Chicago, has established an international reputation for her original sumi-e. She has mounted numerous exhibitions in Chicago, Japan, and in her

the prize is provided through a gift from Shimer alum Peter Cooley.

Spring 2007 poetry prize  
1<sup>st</sup> prize

**@Indiana and 35<sup>th</sup>**

Young black samurai sparring  
in

McDonald's parking lot chops  
at demons in black plastic  
bag, ignoring

Bright-eyed ones roaring  
agony

Two oldies their mouths full  
of jack-o-lantern teeth  
spewing

Pungent, flavored smoke,  
speak

Tongues alight with Spirit —or  
Devil

Big Mama holds the whole  
world

in her belly tells me Jesus will  
save

and hands me a pamphlet  
printed  
on cellophane demise

Hell is filled by carcasses with  
cold homes and burned out  
libraries

native Poland and published several small books of her haiku and sumi-e (together = haiga).

This is a wonderful opportunity to see at close range a uniquely Japanese art form and discuss techniques and theories with an acknowledged professional.

### Assembly Elects Lance Dyke to IIT Senate

The Shimer Assembly met this past Tuesday to elect its first representative to IIT student government. The winner, Lance Dyke, is shown above, center, between Branden Lloyd (left) and Avelo Roy, both of IIT's Student Government Association. The Shimer Assembly is attempting to recast its role in the life of Shimer now that the campus has moved to the IIT south side campus. One issue has been finding a convenient meeting time that allows participation by both Weekday and Weekend students.



Shimer Assembly, trying to adapt to its new environment, met this week on Tuesday. This photo is from its last weekend meeting.

### eBAY SALE TO BENEFIT SHIMER

Shimer is anxiously awaiting the outcome of an E-Bay sale of one of the rarest books in American history-- the first publication of Lewis and Clark's 1803 expedition.

The book has been listed on eBay by bookseller and board member Dan Shiner ( ' 77) for the benefit of Shimer. The book is titled "Travels to the Pacifick Ocean," and is attributed to Meriwether Lewis. It was printed in 1809, five years before publication of the official version.

Shimer President William Craig Rice said that if the sale goes for \$50,000 or more he will personally deliver the book anywhere in the continental United States. Results of the auction will be known next week.