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Career Fair: Stunning or Bumming?

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Walking into the Career Fair on Tuesday, September 9, it was amazing to see some empty tables even though such a large number of students filled Hermann Hall. With 149 total companies participating, 45 percent of which were accepting international students, it seemed like students had a plethora of work opportunities. So many professionally dressed students were present that 25 were on the waitlist. Shirlean Williams, from the Career Management Center (CMC), was the head of organizing this career fair, and even she was impressed with the students' dress. The events hosted by the CMC leading up to the career fair, she says, definitely helped the students perform better at the event. Williams was able to secure several new companies for this fair, including Target, Structural Group, and Marathon Petroleum, among others. She was also extremely excited to know that there were over 4,000 jobs available at the career fair.

However, from the students' perspectives, this career fair did not offer as many opportunities as were advertised. While speaking with Jong Massaquoi, he mentioned that as he walked to each company he was interested in, not many of them had representatives at their tables. This concerned him; did he come late? But he came at 1:00 p.m. and it ended at four in the afternoon. Sankesh Jain, a second

year Masters of Electrical Engineering student, says that the CMC's pre-career fair events were very helpful when he attended them last year. However, he was unimpressed with the jobselection for international students present at this career fair. There are many challenges for international students, with the visas, and their sponsors. The process for businesses to be able to accept internationals requires a lot of work for the companies. Unfortunately for Jain, that meant that he was only able to visit two companies who would even consider hiring an international student in his field of study. Another international student of electrical engineering, Ming Chen, found interest in more companies than Jain. With a minor in artificial intelligence and the experience of learning Java in one of his classes at IIT, Chen was able to talk with more companies, even with the challenges that come with being international and wanting to work in the United States. He mentioned that most of the companies present were interested in IT and computer science majors, offering many jobs related to software. As a fourth year undergraduate, Chen did a lot of research on the companies he was interested in, which helped him during the fair, and he plans to follow up with the companies this

Taking the student concerns back to the top of the chain, Shirlean Williams very willingly offered to clear the air. In regards to the international challenges, she says that many people are attracted to the large corporations with well-known names. However, she stresses that the smaller consulting firms also present at the fair are usually much more willing to go through the process of sponsoring visas. Most people do not know that these firms have contracts with the big brand-name corporations, and Williams shares that oftentimes people working for the consulting firms are eventually able to find an "in" (and a job) with these corporations.

In addition to people basically forming mobs around the big names, including Motorola and Goldman Sachs, many students abandoned the lesser-known companies, leaving those representatives looking quite bored behind their tables. Shirlean Williams conveys that so many students are attracted to this "branding," including both domestic and international students. She says that most people do not know that some of the companies at the career fair actually work together or are competitors. Both eClinical and Epic are competitors, with their employees doing the same jobs, yet the line for Epic is always much longer than the line (if there even is one) for eClinical, Williams observes. That is why she has always stressed the importance for students to conduct research on the companies attending the career fair.

Shirlean Williams expressed her deep passion for helping students secure working positions to enhance their careers. She

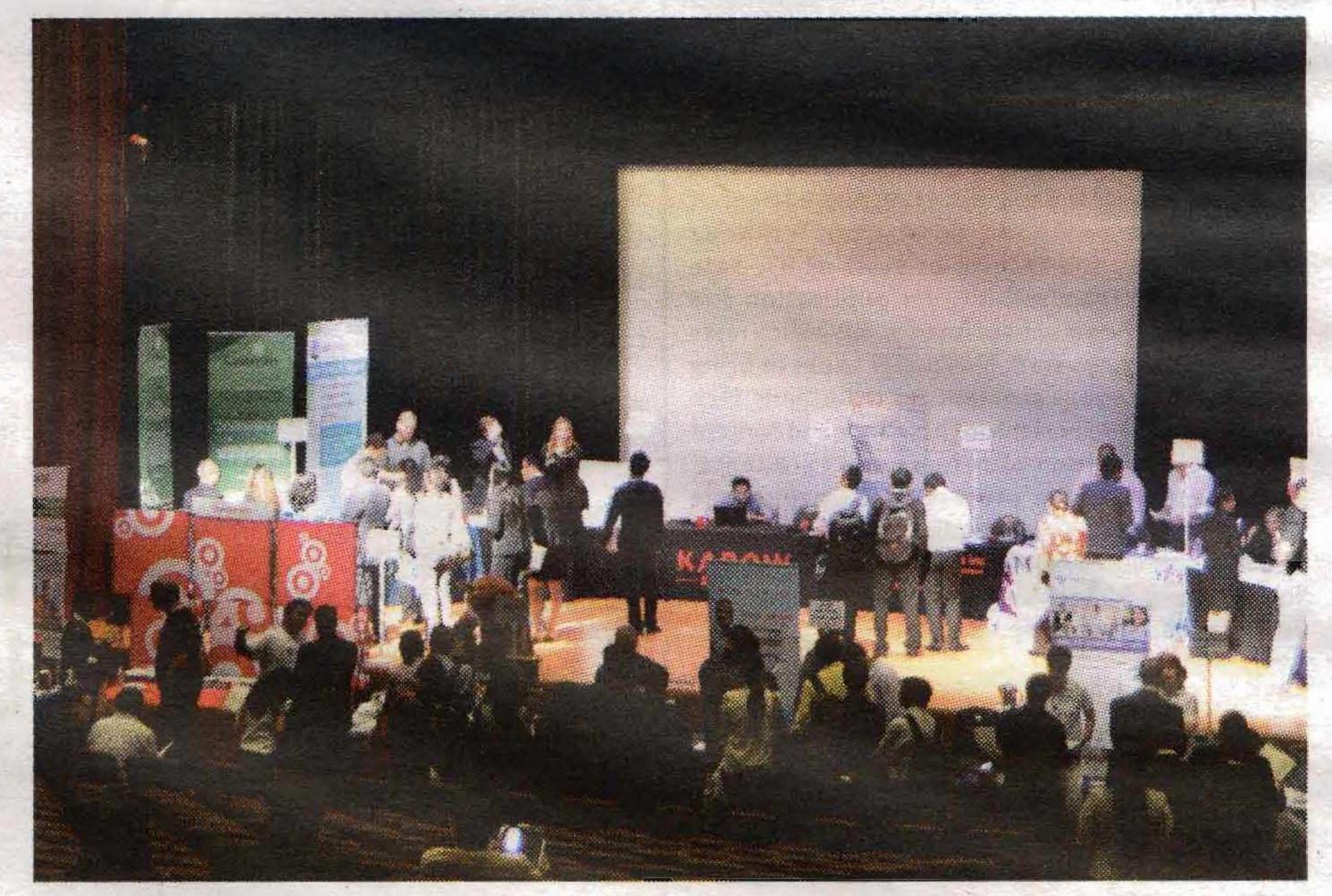
is always working to get more companies to come to IIT's career fairs, and she even helps organize smaller events where students can come to see just one company at times sprinkled throughout the year. For example, Google has agreed to conduct an information session separate from the career fair, which will be held on Thursday, September 18 at 12:45 p.m. in the MTCC Ballroom. If a specific company is not at IIT, either at the career fairs or at smaller events, then Williams says they should be available online through Jobs4Hawks.

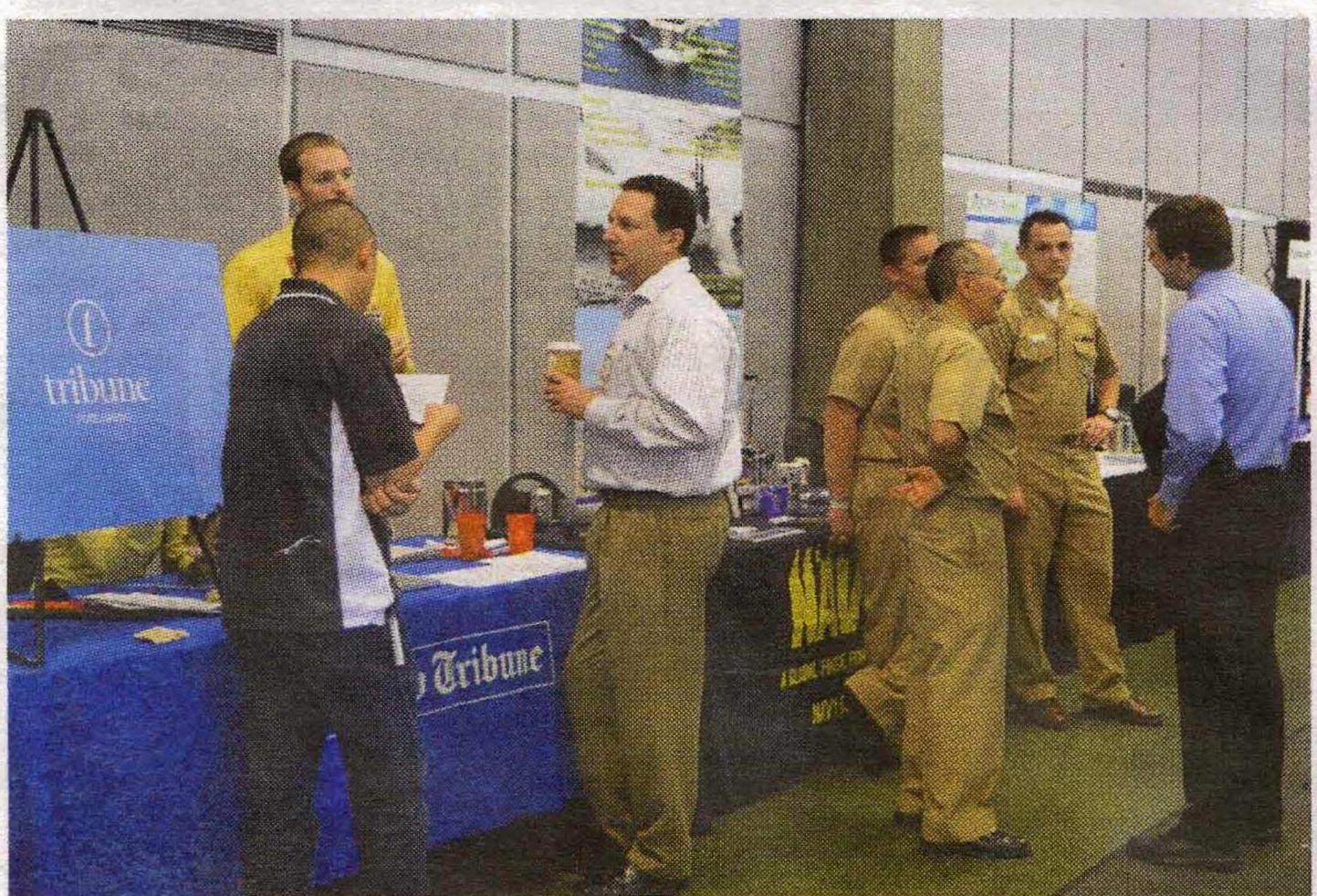
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When asked to give advice to IIT students regarding the career fair, Williams extremely passionately says that she just needs students to come out for the events, prepared and with plenty of research done.

She said, "I'm going to keep pushing [to get more career opportunities], I just need students to help me. We are on their side." Williams adds that she keeps trying to get larger corporations to represent themselves at IIT. However, many big-name companies, including Amazon, have come and very few, if any, students have met with them. "If students do not come, it hurts us," she said. Shirlean Williams and the CMC are devoted to helping students with their careers and are always working to expand the career fair opportunities for students in all majors; they just need students to take advantage!









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Career Fair disappoints international students

Shireen Gul

COPY EDITOR

Life is not easy for an international student and when I say this, trust me, I really do mean it. First of all, we are the people who leave our home country and family and travel so far to come here and pursue good education. Once we are here, we have a lot of things in mind to start off with in pursuit of a good career. We are the ones who pay more than domestic students, and what makes it worse is that we have to pay in dollars and not in our currency. Coming to a place which is totally different from our place in every way possible is not an easy task. Still, we manage to stay here, study and look out for good jobs.

Now, when I have mentioned about jobs, how will it be possible to get a good job for people like us who are new to this place and don't know anybody? The only groups of people we know are our university friends, staff, or faculty. Hence, they are always the one who come up in our mind when we think of searching for a job. Thanks to IIT for arranging career fairs for us so we can go there and apply for as many jobs as we can. But wait a minute; did I tell you that most of the career fairs are only targeted to two majors and one nationality?

Yes, you guessed it right. Once again, the career fair for this semester was really disappointing for me, my friends, and many other people. Why is that so? It's because most of the companies were looking for students with a computer science major or engineering. Even if we fall in these categories, then guess what? We are not a US citizen or permanent resident which makes things worse for us.

The question is, why are we being treated like this in a place that we consider to be our home away from home? According to the demographics on the myIIT portal, IIT has 46 percent international students. This means almost half of the population here is international. Then, why can't we have companies who are ready to accept us (international students)? Have you realized how frustrating it is when you are a perfect match

for a job, and you are rejected in the end just because you are not a US citizen? No, nobody can ever realize it, because we are the ones who are going through this. Moreover, if someone one is ready to accept you on an F1 visa, then guess what? You are not a computer science major or engineer.

I have a very humble request from the new management of CMC. There should be a career fair for the international students with all majors and not just computer science or engineering.

Since we all are equally working hard and pay the same amount of tuition, then why do I always feel discriminated against when I tell someone that my major is communications and not engineering, computer science or architecture? Why do I have to face rejection when I know I am worth it? Why do I have to compete harder than other majors to make my place in this nest? In the end, all I want to say is that I am writing this article on behalf of everyone, not just myself, and I hope this will be taken positively and we can see a change soon.

Students Share Career Fair Opinions

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TECHNEWS WRITER

There is no hungrier pack than the group of students who gather every semester at the Career Fair looking for job opportunities. These students spend weeks in preparation for hunting season. They find the professional attire that best portrays them, work on their resumes, research the companies, and practice their pitches. They do this all in wait for that special day when they can finally take home the prize which could be a full time job, a co-op, or an internship. This semester, that special day was Tuesday, September 9, 12:00 p.m. to 04:00 p.m. IIT students gathered in Herman Hall to meet possible future employers. Resumes exchanged hands; contact information was traded; pitches were sold out. But just like every pack, at the end of the season, every member has a different experience or opinion about how the season went. I met with a couple IIT students to hear their opinions about the just-concluded career fair.

One student says that he found the career fair to be very beneficial. He said the fair was beneficial to him because: he is a US Citizen, he has prior experience in his field

of study which makes him more attractive to employers, and there were a lot of companies looking for students from the Electrical and Computer Engineering field.

He explained that he usually leaves the career fair successfully. Last year, he got his summer internship from the fair, and this year he's gotten a lot of callbacks from employers. He loves the career fair, but wishes it would be set at a different time since the time clashes with some of his classes, and work.

Maria Gonzalez unfortunately did not have such luck at past career fairs and so decided to opt out of attending this fair. She stated that the amount of companies looking to hire students in the social sciences or science field were very few. She also stated that many of the companies that are usually present at IIT's Career Fair do not show great interest in hiring students with the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) work authorization, or are clueless as to what DACA actually is. She suggests that the Career Management Center (CMC) have smaller career fairs targeted to different fields of study rather than the large one they usually have. She also suggested that CMC research about DACA and make sure the companies invited to the career

fairs are knowledgeable about DACA.

"I think it's a very good opportunity for students to go out there and sell themselves, but I wish that more opportunities would be available for international science students," said Jeanette Roberts, a 4th-year biology student from Grenada. She advises the CMC to look for more companies geared towards the science field, and also encourages science students to attend the fair even if there are not a lot of opportunities present for them there.

Jeanette and Maria aren't the only ones who wish that there were more majordiversified companies at the career fair. I, myself, as an international chemical engineering student, did not find a lot of companies that were looking to hire Chemical Engineering students that were non U.S Citizens.

The Career Management Center has done a great job so far in providing IIT students with opportunities, but there are several ways in which the career fair can be improved.

I hope by next career fair some of the changes suggested by students will be implemented, and there will be more students satisfied with the fair than there currently are.

Illinois Tech welcomes 35 new Presidential Scholars this semester

Shireen Gul

COPY EDITOR

It seems like yesterday that I stepped into Illinois Tech as a Presidential Scholar to pursue my dad's dream, and I can't believe that today almost a year has passed already. I came here as a girl who was known by none, but today I stand here as the President of the Transfer Student Organization (TSO), Editor of the Presidential Scholars' Blog, a copy editor at TechNews, Teaching Assistant for the Computer Science Department, a lacrosse team player, Student Ambassador for Student Center for Diversity and Inclusion, an intern in an investment company, a mentor for many, and source of joy for my friends. This is what I expect from my new and old fellow scholars.

Life in Illinois Tech will be of full of challenges as well as opportunities, but I want you to look for the opportunities in all the challenges because that's what life is all about. This place is a nest for thousands of hawks, who left their nests so they can fly and be the reason for betterment in today's world. This is the place where you will be taught to never say

"The sky is the limit," because there are people who have stepped on moon, and they want us to be one of them.

Illinois Institute of Technology is a home for many international students. They leave their homes and families, come this far to embark on the journey of knowledge for a better future. Thanks to IIT, which makes us feel at home. Have we ever thought that there might be many students who want to come here, to attain good education, but due to financial strains they can't make it?

Well, we didn't, but someone else thought about it and made this dream come true for almost 200 transfer students, by providing them with the Presidential Scholarship. Inspired by a series of conversations with Chancellor Cheryl Hyman (IIT, CS 1996) of the City Colleges of Chicago and the presidents of the City Colleges of Chicago, in 2010, Illinois Institute of Technology announced a major new scholarship and educational outreach initiative — the Presidential Scholarship. Through this initiative, IIT is determined to substantially redefine pipeline initiatives in the science, engineering, architecture, technology, business and human science fields.

Collaborating institutions and organizations are committed to serve as a catalyst to support students toward their goals to conduct undergraduate research and earn advanced professional and academic degrees. Scholars in turn are asked to significantly engage with their K-12 and community college communities to encourage and empower others towards educational success. This semester, 40 students were awarded presidential scholarships, out of which 35 joined IIT, including 12 international students. As an international student, I am always happy to see new international students because we sail in the same boat. I know the struggle is real, but remember you are never alone, you have us and many others who are always ready to help you out.

So get ready to spread your wings and fly as high as you can because you have embarked on the journey of success, learning and innovation, which shall never end.

As the president of TSO, I officially welcome all my fellow beings. Don't forget to join TSO on HawkLink and Facebook, you will also find my email and cell phone number there, so please don't hesitate to contact me for any kind of help.

Illinois TECHnicolor Homecoming debuts on campus this week

Shreya Jha

TECHNEWS WRITER

Guess what's happening at Illinois Tech from September 15 to September 20? It has been predicted that Scarlet Fever will hit every single person on IIT grounds this week, because Homecoming Week is back to take the center stage at Illinois Tech. The programmers for the event, Maria Warren and Merridith Tedsten engaged in a discussion with Tech-News to provide their takes on the event.

The current theme for the Homecoming Week, Illinois TECHnicolor, was chosen in deliberation. Each day of this week will be "based on a theme with multiple ideas which provide for an entertaining backdrop," said Merridith Tedsten. The interests of all sections were taken into consideration while deciding on a theme; the week focuses not only on the current students at the university, but also on the alumni of the institution. The reputation of Illinois Institute of Technology as a university must also be kept in mind while planning an event which will be attended by non-IIT members and potential students as well. A week around potatoes (the most-commonly suggested Homecoming theme according to a poll on social media) would have been

questionable from the perspective of the current graduates of Illinois Tech, who on returning to their alma mater would find it covered in potatoes. "The theme of IITPotato would not have been approved by the Student Activity Fund (SAF) for funding," said Merridith Tedsten. It was therefore not viable to create an entire week around potatoes. "We appreciate feedback and look forward to getting multiple viewpoints, but we required a more pragmatic theme," said Merridith Tedsten.

So why TECHnicolor, you ask again? For the reasons given below. The Talon Challenge is an interactive way to get students involved with Homecoming Week. Not only will people have fun promoting the event, but also an opportunity to walk away with prizes. Students are competing in groups to earn points while promoting the Homecoming Week and Carnival. Inspired by 'The Amazing Race,' the competition has been given a positive response by the students.

Students also get a chance to engage in an epic battle of laser tag with their mortal enemies this Monday. Registration before the event is not required. Therefore, those interested have been advised to make a run for the MTCC South Lawn at 9:00 p.m. on Monday night. Soccer under the Lights is an event where students, including those not on an athletic team, get a chance to play soccer on Stuart Field under the lights. Students do have to sign up beforehand, but this will be an enjoyable experience even for those who will be playing for the first time. "IIT is not a very athletic school, so we want to get more people involved in Homecoming," said Merridith Tedsten. It's also because everyone has dreamt of soccer under the lights. So you basically get to act like a superstar on the soccer field. The games begin on September 17 at 9:00 P.M. and end on September 18 at 10:00 P.M.

The committee is also holding a student-alumni mixer on Friday at 5:30 P.M. after IIT Explore. It will give the alumni a chance to realize the extent to which both academic and extracurricular programs have developed and how their successors have been doing at IIT. It also provides students with an opportunity to interact with experienced professionals. "Homecoming Week will unite IIT alumni and current faculty, staff, and students for a full week of events including reunion socials, athletic games, a speaker series and an alumni reception," said Maria Warren. Friday also calls for the Raju Speaker Series where esteemed

Professor Fred Oswald will speak on 'Using Big Data in Personnel Selection.' Students will be required to register before the event for the lecture series.

Our Soccer Scarlet Hawks also plan to beat the other teams this Friday, while the annual Homecoming Alumni Baseball Game will be held the following day at the Ed Glancy Field.

Illinois Tech will also see the return of its old Scarlet Hawks for the Athletics reception on Friday and Saturday. Additional "affinity events" will also be held on Sunday. Although Illinois Tech does not follow the traditional definition of Homecoming with a football game and a semi-formal dance, there will be a Homecoming Dance where everyone will be expected to move to the music and show off their school spirit along with their unparalleled dance moves. The week will be rounded off with the Homecoming Carnival at the end, which will be the highlight as usual with its obstacle courses, a rock-climbing wall, photo booths and whatnot. Other things worth mentioning are Human Foosball, free Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream, and a Petting Zoo. Can there be any more reasons to not miss the Homecoming Week this year?

Goldman Sachs visits campus

Vijai Baskar

COPY EDITOR

Goldman Sachs Technology, the leading global investment banking, securities, and investment management firm, was on campus last week for the Career fair which happened on Tuesday, September 9. They were present at the career fair, with many other companies talking to students about the opportunities at their company and how to apply to be selected as an employee.

They held a Tech Talk hosted by IEEE IIT in the MTCC auditorium the following evening, which saw a lot of aspiring students attend and get to know what it takes and what it means,

to be a part of Goldman Sachs.

The human resource manager spoke about the Technology division of his company at a glance, giving the numbers of their applications, engineers, servers, and other vital pieces that form Goldman Sachs as a whole. He also spoke about the various tools that engineers at their firm use to develop applications and also the number of lines of code that each application contains.

Goldman Sachs has a number of industry partnerships in the financial sector, R & D Initiatives and commercial sector, which makes them a huge name in the industry. He also mentioned the company's strategic areas of focus, a

few being mobile strategy, big data, operational excellence, and efficiency and application platforms.

GS Connect is Goldman Sachs' proprietary social networking platform with a business context, it lets global staff across 44 offices and 19,000 live users connect with over two million messages per week producing 35,000 pieces of content on the network.

Anita Nandakumar, Vice President of Information Security at Goldman Sachs—is an alumni of IIT. Anita started off at Goldman Sachs as a summer intern. She was then offered a permanent job at the company after college. She spoke about the technology risks the com-

pany may face and the importance of having to take care of these risks to maintain the industry. She then gave a brief overview of life and work at Goldman Sachs, and the benefits one gets from being a GS employee.

Tushar Nair, former student of Computer Engineering at IIT, now an employee of Goldman Sachs Technology spoke about the projects that interns within the company work on and the things a summer intern can learn through the program. He also asserted that the best way to get a full time offer at the company was to join them as an intern and then continue to work at their firm after finishing your degree.

Krishna Lunch cancellation sparks confusion

Kori Bowns

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Krishna Lunch is a meal that many students have seen on campus. In the recent past, there was a hot vegetarian meal served for \$5 from the lobbies of both Stuart Building and Seigel Hall each day; the meal was hosted by Vedic Vision Society, a student organization on campus. Recently, however, this meal has disappeared from campus, leaving many students confused and concerned.

Early on the morning of Thursday, September 11, members of the Vedic Vision Society's email list received an email stating that Krishna Lunch had been discontinued at the discretion of the IIT Provost. The email expressed that the organization apologized for the short notice and inconvenience and also expressed that the organization itself was still exploring reasons why their daily event was cancelled.

After reaching out to discover more about the situation, Avelo Roy, a student representative of the organization, provided some background regarding Krishna Lunch. "One of the objectives of Vedic Vision Society is to expand awareness about Karma-free living, and Krishna Lunch is one of the means to our goal. Krishna Lunch started in the fall of 2012," said Roy.

Roy added that the president of Vedic Vision Society had received a call from the IIT Office of Student Affairs late afternoon on Wednesday saying that Krishna Lunch was to be stopped immediately with little explanation.

Provost Alan Cramb responded to the situation after being contacted for comment. He states that he did not cancel their activity but did inquire as to what the vendors of Krishna Lunch were doing when he saw them serving food in a building on campus. He adds that university and city guidelines have regulations on food being sold on campus.

He says that the information he learned after speaking to Krishna Lunch representatives led to an understanding that the sale of Krishna Lunch was not fully approved according to these guidelines. He also states that he was not directly involved with how Vedic Vision Society was informed of the cancellation of Krishna Lunch.

Roy later added that Vedic Vision Society met with Katherine Stetz. IIT's Dean of Students. Roy said, "Stetz mentioned that it was her decision to stop Krishna Lunch on campus as IIT has a non-competition agreement with Sodexo and she thinks that Krishna Lunch is competition."

The statements given by other administrators on campus add more to the story that hasn't been provided by representatives of Vedic Vision Society. Both Ryan Miller, Associate Vice Provost for Campus Life, and Jeanne Hartig, Vice President of Marketing and Communications, have other information to add.

Miller says that there were also city health code concerns brought up regarding Krishna Lunch. He mentioned that Chicago health regulations for food service are very strict, and some may not be met by the current setup to serve Krishna Lunch.

Jeanne Hartig reiterated this in response to student unrest expressed on social media. "City health guidelines, as well as university guidelines, do not allow groups that are not approved by the city and who are not approved food vendors for IIT to sell food on university property."

After providing references to Chicago health code requirements, she added, "organizations cannot just 'set up shop' anywhere in Chicago and sell food on a regular basis." Representatives from Vedic Vision Society provided a copy of a food license that the vendors of Krishna Lunch possess to operate a retail food establishment, but it has not yet been seen whether this document meets all of the regulations that have been cited, nor does it show established permission for Krishna Lunch to operate on campus.

The story is still evolving with new information this week as students sign petitions asking to bring back Krishna Lunch and members of Vedic Vision Society meet with staff and administrators on campus. Vedic Vision Society also hosted a public meeting on Monday night for supporters of Krishna Lunch and those interested in helping bring it back to campus.

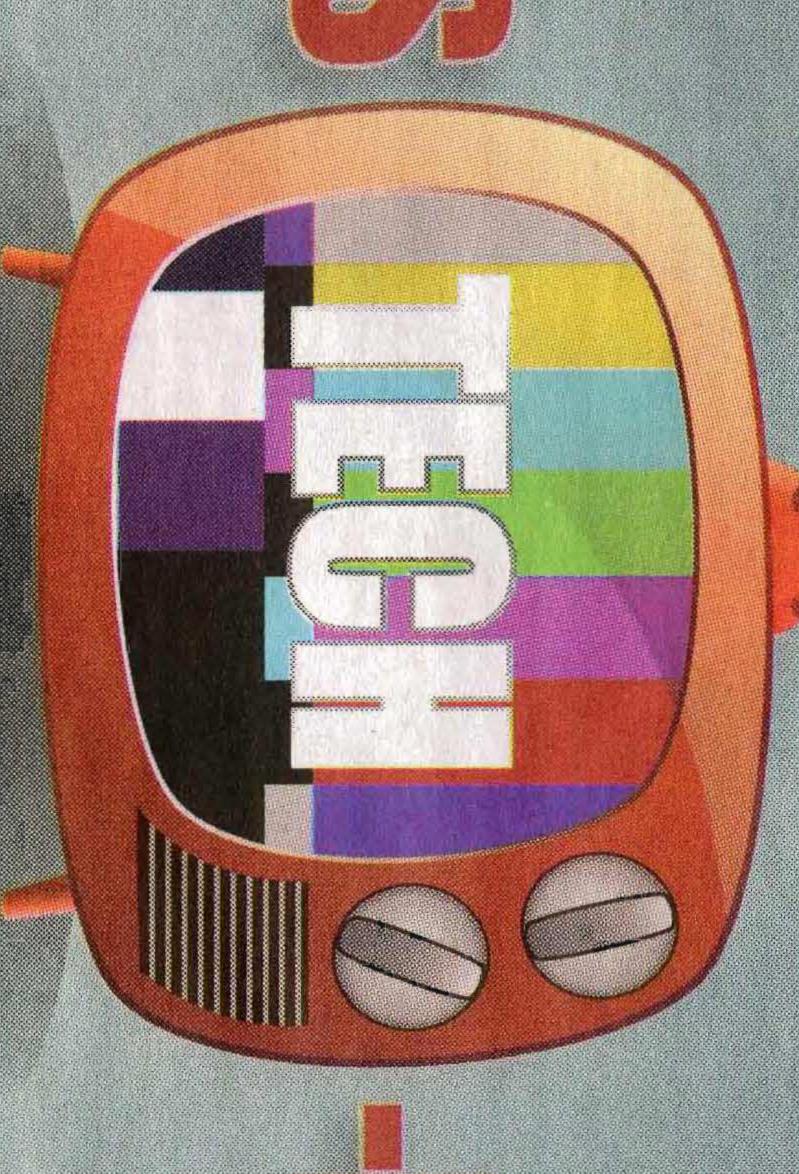
Roy has some closing remarks regarding the situation. "We have mixed feelings," said Roy. "We are disappointed to have to pause Krishna Lunch but we are extremely grateful to the more than 250 supporters who have filled out the petition to bring back Krishna Lunch. This pushes us to do our best to somehow provide Krishna Lunch to the IIT community while meeting the requirements set by the university."

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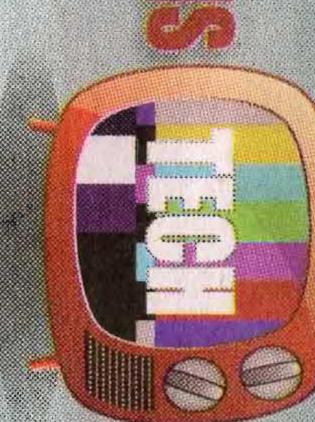
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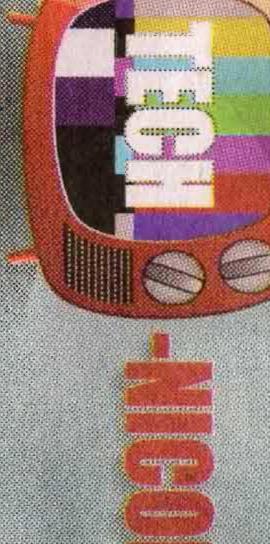
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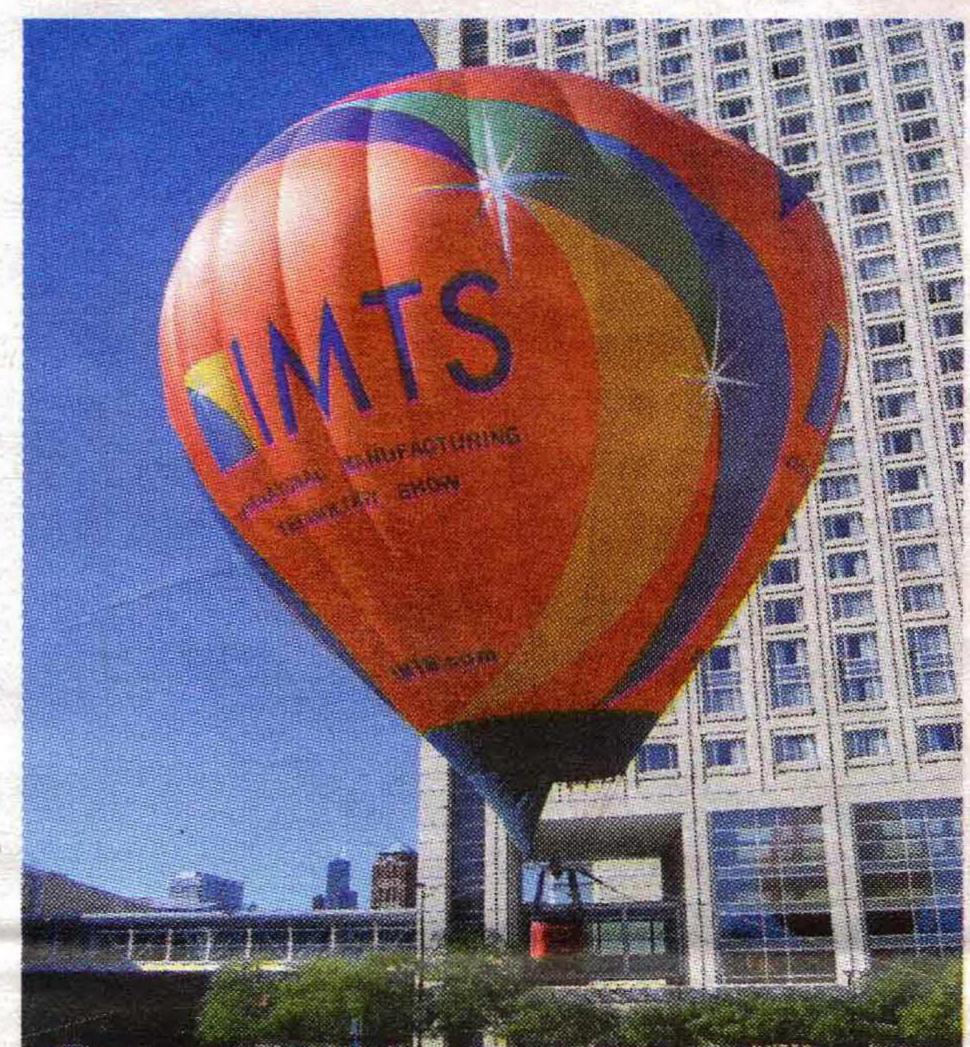


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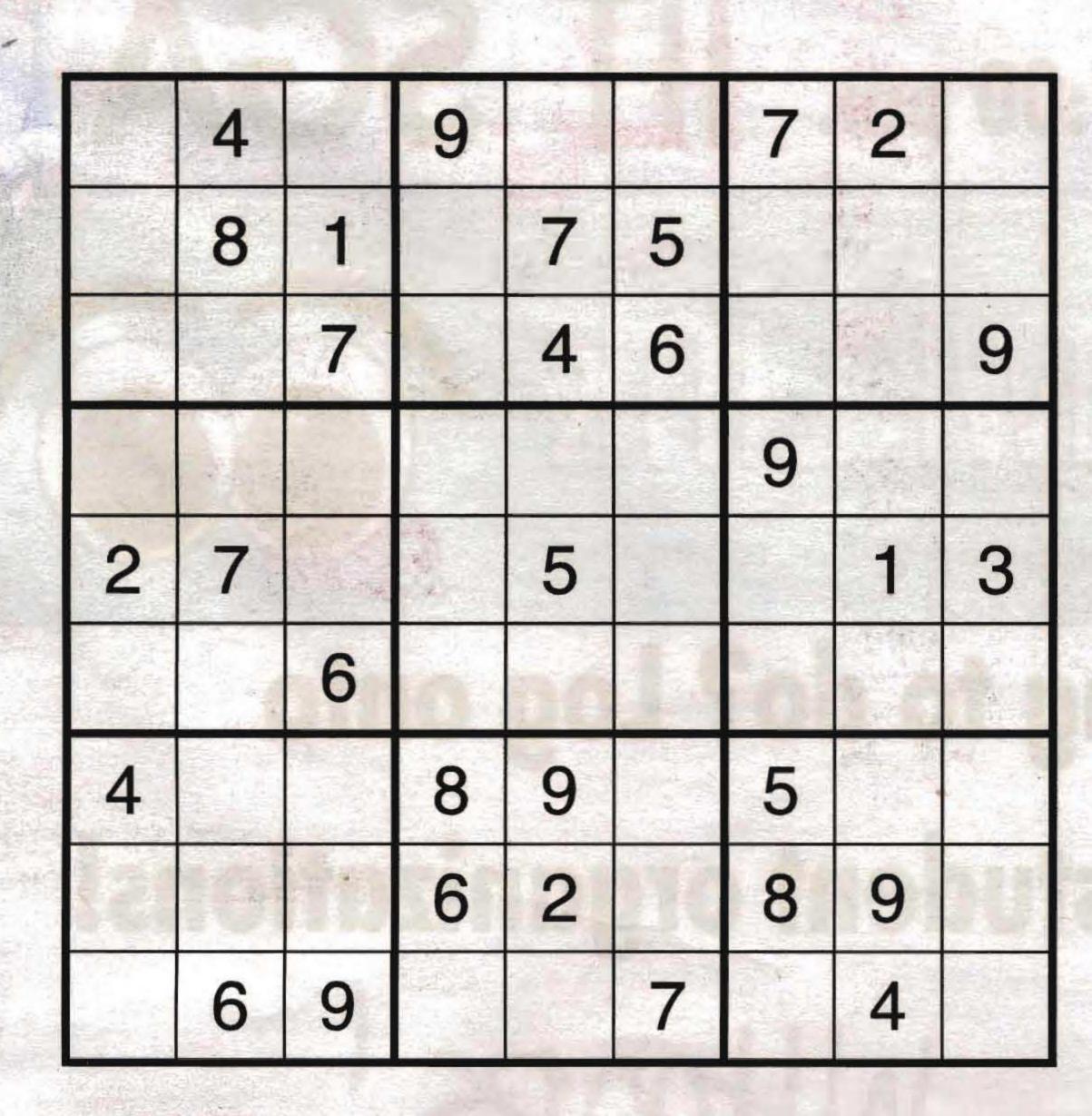














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Hugo leads the Scarlet Hawks

Nathan McMahon

SPORTS EDITOR

The Scarlet Hawks men's soccer team is flying high after this past weekend of absolute domination in two matches. In two games, the Hawks outscored their opposition 19-1. In the first game against Andrews University, eight different players scored for the Hawks in a 10-1 dominant win. The scorers

for the Illinois Tech were Tyler Haag (2 goals), Hugo Hernandez (2 goals), Brahadon Ramirez, Julio "The Artist" Reyes, Bart Grabowski, Irewole Akande, Tommy Gasienica, and Quentin Dreilich. Conducting this scoring spree was Gustavo Alvarez who managed three assists and countless critical passes as the offense fired on all cylinders for the entire 90 minutes. The game ended 10-1 after the Hawks conceded a penalty kick, which was merely a consolation goal for the visitors.

The Scarlet Hawks had another result of similar fashion just two days later over Finlandia University. The game was a near perfection by Illinois Tech as they dominated every phase of the game for 90 minutes in a 9-0 win. Brahadon Ramirez paced IIT with four goals while other goals came from Hugo Hernandez (3 goals), Bart Grabowski, and Tommy Gasienica. After this game, Brahadon Ramirez became the national leader in the USCAA with total points (17) and assists (7) after previously

being national player of the week. Hugo Hernandez was a Spanish scoring sensation after scoring five goals in two games, and for his efforts was named the USCAA national player of the week. This makes it the second consecutive week an Illinois Tech player is earning this title and the Hawks will look to continue this streak. The Scarlet Hawks at press time were 3-0-1 on the season and ranked 12th in the country while sporting the best goal differential in the nation as well (+19.)



Friday, September 19

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@ North Park

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Women's Volleyball @ Kuyper 5:15 p.m.

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11:45 a.m.

Women's Volleyball @ Northland 11:45 a.m. Sunday, September 21

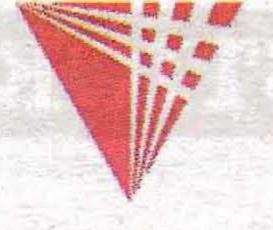
Men's Soccer vs. Eureka 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 23

Women's Volleyball @ Maranatha Baptist 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 24
Women's Soccer

@ Alverno 4 p.m.



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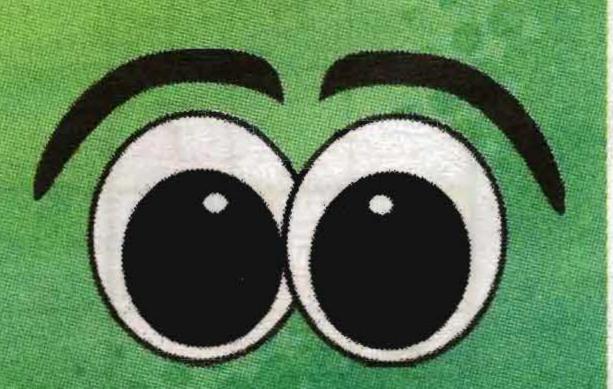
Elections are today!

Log onto Hawklink (hawklink.iit.edu) to vote.



Voting ends at 7:00 pm. TSGA





Still looking for something to do? Log onto HawkLink and check out the student organizations!

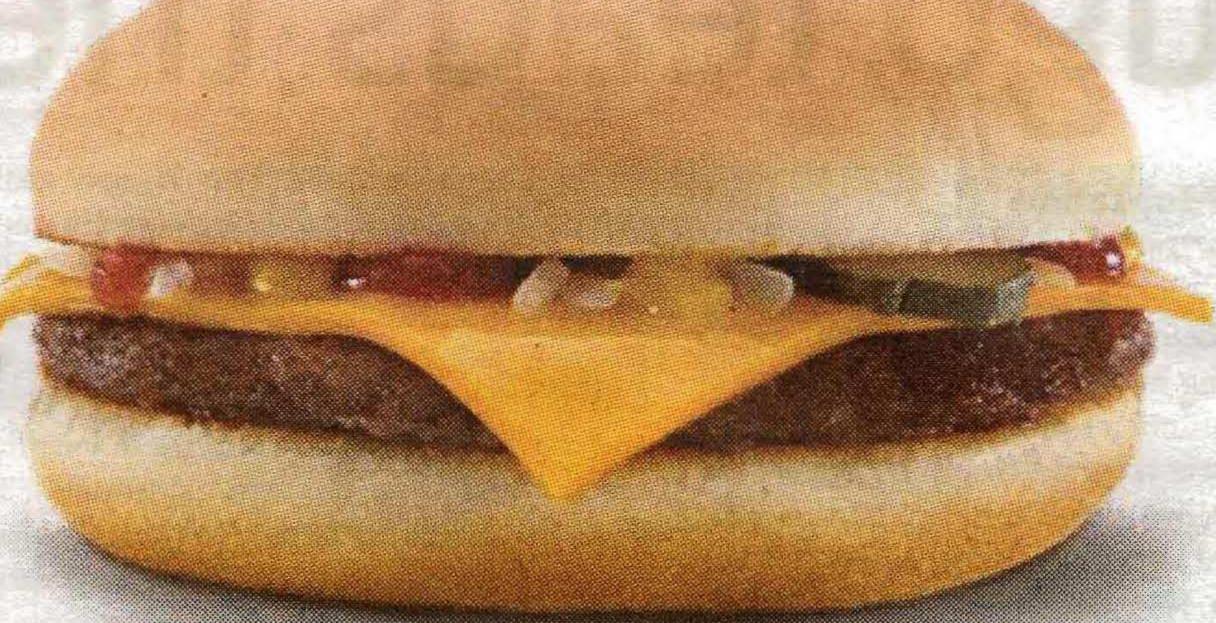


WH0075!

Last week, we ran this picture, but forgot to credit John Kallend, MMAE Professor, for taking it. Our apologies!

DID YOU KNOW?!

Thursday is National Cheeseburger Day. Celebrate with Campus Life starting at 11 am and ending when we run out of cheesy beef.



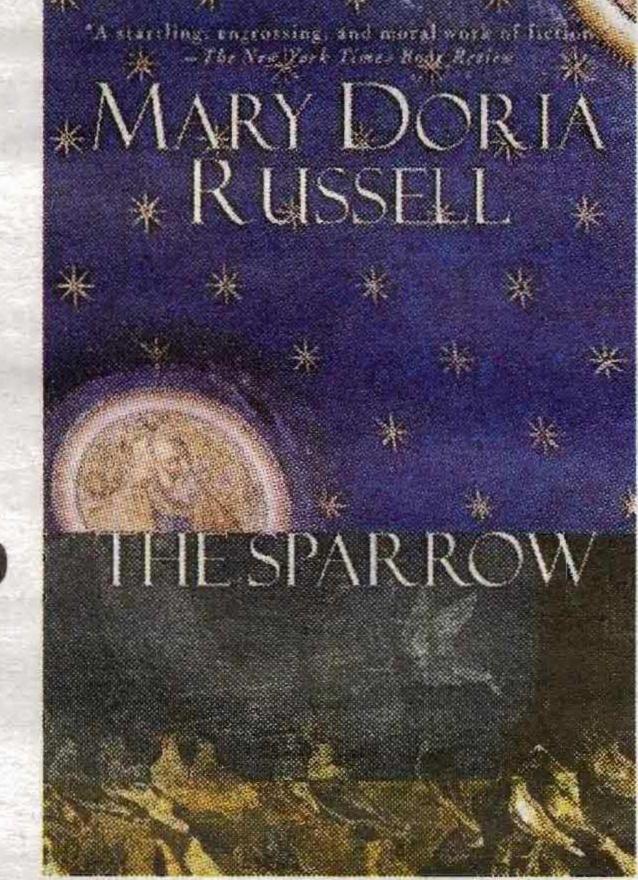
Help cheer on the Scarlet Hawks' Soccer Team!

Friday, September 19:



Women's Game @ 6

Men's Game @ 8



RESCHEDULED NEW DATE ANNOUNCED

Join us for a book club!

First discussion will be help on September 17 in The Bog. Sign up by emailing Lynne Meyer at

lmeyer2@iit.edu