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## Homecoming Carnival 2014 celebrates Illinois Tech

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COPY EDITOR

A massive crowd of students had already gathered at the MTCC south lawn by 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 20. Students were greeted by the smells of fresh hot-dogs, churros, popcorn, snow cones, and cotton candy. Illinois Institute of Technology is well known for keeping up its tradition of Homecoming in a different way than other universities.

Homecoming at IIT is more a celebration of the school, where the success of the alumni is celebrated by bringing them back to campus and sharing their stories with students so that they too can work hard and one day, come back with the same pride of being a Hawk alumnus.

It was an opportunity to meet and greet with alumni and make connections. The alumni get a chance to revisit their alma mater, a place they may not have been to in a while. They really want to feel the difference, to know what life is like at the school now and how things have changed.

Unfortunately, not everything was as wonderful. Rainfall played spoilsport, as most of the games were outdoors. People still managed to enjoy their time; the kids were busy in their playing castle, the parents were enjoying their time in beer gardens, and students were busy taking pictures in the photo booth.

The longest lines were for face painting and caricatures because everyone wanted to get something interesting done on their faces and take home a beautiful memory of this event in the form of a caricature that they can keep with them forever.

The artists present there were so perfect that it was taking them hardly five minutes to finish each painting.

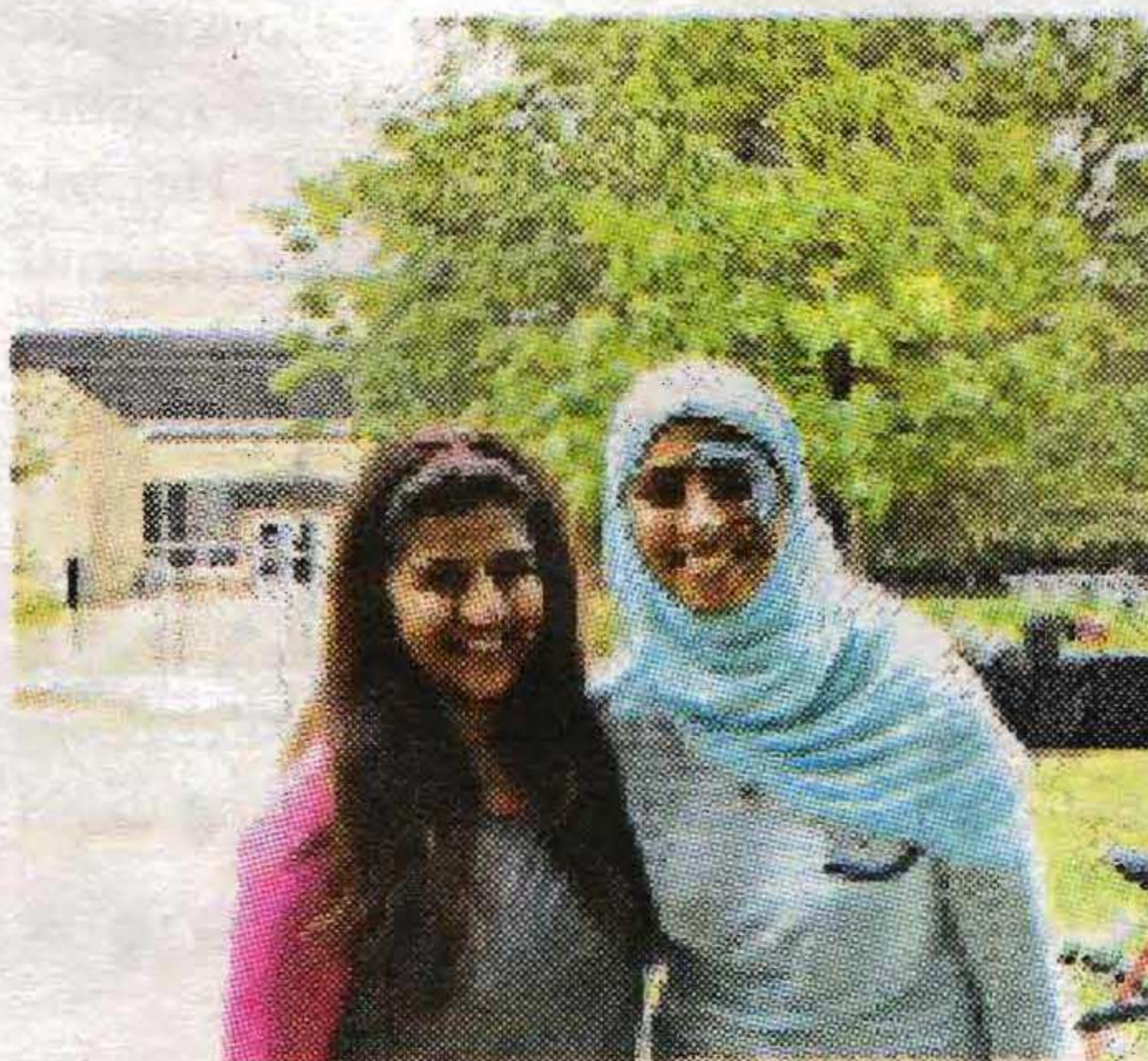
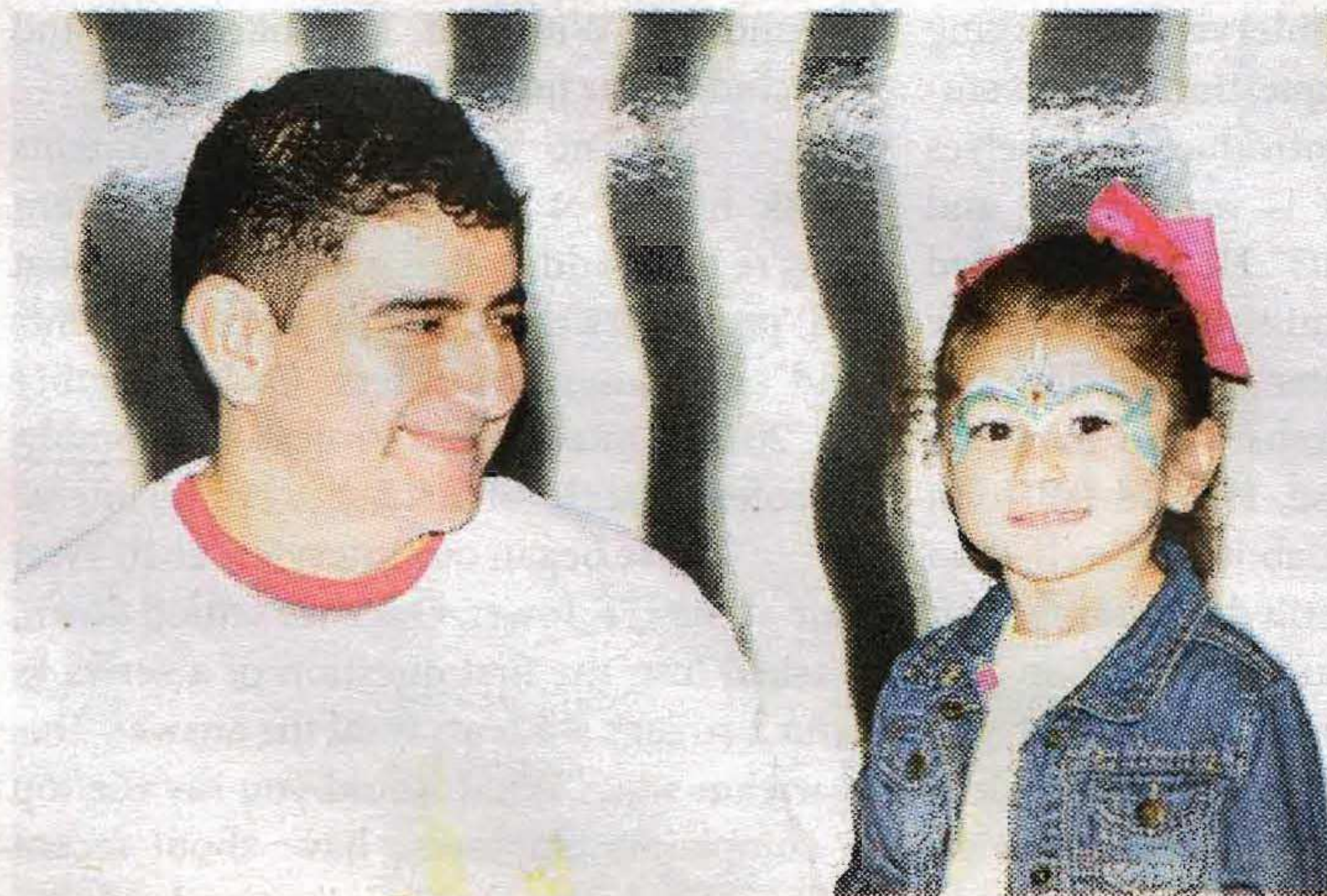
The music would have been enjoyed a lot more had it been a brighter day. The outdoor games were the most popular among students. Although not many alumni were taking part in the games, it was visible on their faces that they were thoroughly enjoying watching young kids enjoying their time.

Aparna Singh, a fourth year student of biomedical engineering said, "For the homecoming weekend, I had an opportunity to play laser tag. I had a really good time with my friends as this was a great stress-buster after a long day." She added excitedly, "After that day, the preparation of homecoming week looked pretty great."

Shreeyeh Rajan, a fourth-year business major said, "Global Alumni Gathering was just a cherry on the cake as it attracted more audience." She paused for a while and further added, "This only helped in bringing back old friends from across the globe which made me sad and happy at the same time. Happy because old friends got to meet each other and sad because I will soon be saying goodbye to my really good friends."

Despite the fact that the weather was not in our favor, the Homecoming Carnival managed to keep a lot of people, which shows that the event was a success and everyone enjoyed the free food.

These moments can never be relived but the memories will be cherished throughout our lives. IIT will always be a home for all of us. No matter where we go and what we are, we will always be welcomed by IIT with the same passion and love.



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# The Game of Job Hunting: The First Investigation

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At some point, we ask ourselves that inevitable question, "What will I do with my life after graduation?" Although we are college students, and although the answer to this question may seem rather obvious, this question remains unanswered by the majority of students attending a college or university today. It is a universal misconception amongst all college students that once he/she crosses the podium with a fresh diploma in his/her hand, there will be an employer waiting on the other side. According to an article posted on the New York Post website, this is true for only 17% of the graduates in 2014, and was true for 20% of the college graduates in 2013 (notice the downward trend.)

It's not a mystery what employers are looking for. Actually, quite often, employers blatantly express what they are looking for in potential candidates. According to the article, the top 10 skills employers look for in candidates revolve around communication skills, technology skills, team skills, and ethics skills.

It's not always about your Grade Point Average (GPA). Students typically think that their ability to obtain a job after graduation is dependent on one sole factor: GPA. According to employers, GPA helps when applying for a job, but what truly distinguishes interviewees to interviewers is experience. Employers are interested in seeing that a candidate is experienced in his/her field with internships and work experience throughout college. Regardless of your industry, employers across the board regard internships as an essential trait a candidate must hold.

John Ramirez, third year business administration major, is an average IIT student, gives us insight into a real IIT student's mindset. On Wednesday, September 17, 2014, I conducted an interview with John discussing his current view of IIT and his goals for the future.

I began our interview by asking him the most popular question college students use in order to introduce themselves to one another, "What is your major and why are you pursuing it?" He easily replied saying, "Business Administration/Finance because I tried computer engineering and hated it, but I love numbers and handling money." By his response, I could tell John knew quite a bit more about himself than most students who are still discovering their callings. I continued our conversation and asked, "Have you thought about what you want to do after graduation?" His confident stare dwindled away, and he responded with, "Not really. Not too sure what job I want to pursue in my field yet." I found his response interesting, but not surprising.

This is the same response that most college students would give for this question. We continued our interview, and I asked him a lengthier set of questions in an attempt to collect more insight from him, "How long do you think it will take you to find a job after graduation? What do you think employers are looking for?" Returning to his confident state he answered saying, "It

won't take me very long, if at all, to find a job after college because of all the opportunities IIT gives us to get one. Employers are looking employees that know their stuff, and need little training or reprimanding. They want those who are self-sufficient." I suppose my lengthy question sparked a lengthy answer.

Intrigued by John's response, I followed up with a question that every student wants to know the answer for, but is too scared to ask. In the spirit of unveiling the truth, I asked, "If you were an employer, what percentage of your peers would you hire?" Not at all intimidated by my question, he responded with, "If I had to hire my peers, I would likely only hire about 50% or less. While they may be proficient in what they do, they may lack in other areas." In hopes of gathering more feedback, I followed up with, "Where do you think your peers are lacking?" Again, John politely and honestly replied with, "Depends, some of them lack the knowledge of material and others in being able to work and communicate their ideas to everyone." Ready to ask the grand finale question, I digested John's response and reflected on the facts. The facts, along with John's commentary, led me to the conclusion that students often believe that graduation is a one way ticket to comfortable employment. Although students who graduate from a university are much more likely to receive a higher paying job after graduation, compared to individuals who don't pursue a degree, the ability to live comfortably depends on one prime factor, the individual. The individual is a reoccurring theme in the game of job hunting. Willingness to work hard, thrive in all aspects, and own your education and employment is essential to finding that dream job that makes you happy after graduation. After all, at the end of the day, employers are giving us the answers of what they want. It's up to us to show them that we are what they need. On that reflection, I finally asked John, "What number do you think the IIT undergraduate business school is ranked?" He replied to his final question with a sincere breath, "out of 100 I would say around 30." With that, I thanked him and concluded our interview.

It's no secret that IIT students think highly of the academic curriculum they're in. In addition, it is also no secret that IIT professors think highly of the students and curriculum IIT offers. On September 18, 2014, I interviewed Professor Twombly, a professor at the Stuart School of Business.

We began our interview at 10 West café at the IIT Tower. Once we settled down, I asked him the first question of a series to which college students want the answer. This question was, "What would you say the top 5 complaints employers have about recent college graduates are?" He responded with, "I know that what employers are looking for is for people who are punctual and reasonably dressed, presentably dressed." He continued with, "I hear complaints that students don't write that well, and I see that myself when everyone is sending text messages and form a few coherent paragraphs." Finally, he added, "Those are the complaints, they're not punctual, they don't write well, they're not serious, not prepared for interviews, and don't ask 'how much am I going to get

paid' as a question during an interview." After hearing Professor Twombly's response to my first question, I thought for a moment about the ways IIT students can differentiate themselves to employers by making these top 5 complaints their top 5 strengths. The answers for getting a job after graduation are in his response. IIT students can be the exception by being punctual, by sharpening their writing skills at the Writing Center on campus, by dressing up for interviews, and by taking employers and the professional world seriously. I continued our interview asking, "Do you think IIT students are ready for the workplace after graduation?" Professor Twombly replied with, "IIT students are some of the best students I've ever seen, and IIT isn't the only school I've taught at. The top students here are as good as the top students anywhere; very well prepared. Someone once said, 'IIT attracts good students, our job is not to mess them up.'" Immediately after his response, I reflected on the atmosphere of IIT, the commitment to academics, and how students have built that atmosphere. I continued our interview with this question, "What percentage of the students you've encountered at IIT would you hire if you were an employer?" He responded with, "I'd hire most of them, the ones who come to class, and the ones who distinguish themselves. I don't expect people to get As and Bs necessarily. I've had students who come to class and do the work, and get Cs because what I teach can be more left brain than right brain, but they were good at everything else and were serious about it." Finally, I asked him, "What is IIT Stuart School of business undergraduate ranking?" He responded with, "I don't know our ranking, but I know we're too well to be kept a secret. I ran into a High School boy when crossing the street to work and he said, 'I didn't know IIT had a business school.' I told him we do. I later looked him up on Google and he was president of the senior class and won countless awards. These are the kinds of students who need to be able to find us."

So, to all you IIT students reading this, whether you're in the Stuart School of Business or not, remember that employers want college graduates who differentiate themselves. Go get an internship, be involved in school (there are so many opportunities!), take your education seriously, take interviews serious, and most importantly, suit up!

On that note, it is clear that professors think highly of IIT and it is also clear that students think highly of IIT. Professor Twombly and John Martinez, a professor and a student in IIT's Stuart School of Business, both consider the education, quality of students, and employer demand for IIT students to be high up there. But, why don't people know about us? I personally looked up the IIT Stuart School of Business undergraduate ranking and there isn't one. The thing about rankings is that in order to be ranked, you need to participate in rankings. So why aren't we participating? We're a great school with a great business program that isn't ranked! Find the answer next week under, "The Game of Job Hunting: The Second Investigation."

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# Journalists close Quetta press club to mourn killing of colleagues

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I have been working as a journalist for the past seven years, and every year, I hear about the death of my fellow journalists in Pakistan. It really pinches me thinking about the fact that I am here, all safe doing whatever I wish to, but my people are not safe.

I'm tired of this violence, I'm tired of the pain I feel and still can't help it. I'm tired of being on the road, lonely as a robin in the rain. I want to run away from all this, but will it bring a change in my society? I'm tired of people being ugly to each other. It aches like pieces of glass in my body; it feels like scars on the soul of humanity. I'm tired of all the times I've wanted to help and couldn't. I want to do something at least that would bring a little hope to people who lost their families, their friends, their whole lives and have been torn apart in just a second. I'm tired of being in the dark of this ruthless war of injustice. Mostly it's

all about the pain. There's too much that words can't explain. If I could end it, I would have, but there is no hope for humanity. I wonder what can relieve these people, what can change their fate.

On August 28, gunmen barged into the office of the Online News Agency and killed its Bureau Chief Irshad Mastoi, Reporter Abdul Rasool and Accountant Muhammad Younas. Since then the Press Clubs across Baluchistan, like elsewhere in Pakistan, remained closed to protest against what journalists describe as the inability of law enforcing agencies to trace the murderers of senior journalist Irshad Mastoi and his two colleagues who were gunned down inside their office.

The strike was called by Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ) and Pakistan Press Clubs Council. It is the first ever extreme step taken by journalists to shut down the Press Clubs in Pakistan. The protesting journalists hoisted black flags on top of their press clubs. Journalists pitched strike camps outside the Press Clubs.

The police and law enforcing agencies have so far failed to find any clue regarding the killings. Baluchistan Union of Journalists (BUJ) demanded the government announce compensation for the grieving families of the journalists who were brutally murdered in Baluchistan. Again, my question is, will this thing stop the killers from killing the innocent people, or will it bring their loved ones back to life? No, it will do nothing. Instead of giving them money, why don't they have a better law and order system, which will stop people from killing others. Why don't they pass such laws which will stop the terrorists from spreading violence in my country? Why can't we live in peace like other countries?

The President of BUJ, Irfan Saeed, says that journalists will observe a hunger strike, if there is no progress in investigation. "This is a serious issue and we will not give up until the culprits are arrested," Saeed said.

President of Quetta Press Club, Raza Ur Rehman said the recent killings have sent a shockwave among the journalists who are

now working under immense fear. "This culture of impunity should end now. Law enforcers should expedite investigation and trace the culprits. We will not further tolerate any negligence on the part of law enforcing agencies," he said. Senior Journalist Shahzada Zulfiqar quoted that journalists are on protest for the unending targeted killings of their colleagues. This is the first time when I have seen such unity in them. I wish they would have learned this lesson the easier way, but I guess sometimes, it better to learn it the other way around.

BUJ announced that in the next phase, the journalists will observe hunger strike to put pressure on law enforcers to fulfill their responsibility and this statement was given last week. Until now, there has been no progress, so I am afraid they will definitely start their hunger strike. I just hope and wish that the government will take notice of this and will help them out. My country bleeds again and I mourn, I mourn for its fate, its destiny, and its people.

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## IEEE @ IIT first Fall 2014 general body meeting

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The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) at IIT held their first general body meeting of the semester on Thursday, September 17, in the Stuart Building auditorium.

The newly elected president, Rohit Agarwal, final year Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) student, introduced the newly elected board members to all the attendees of the meeting. He also mentioned that there was an open board position and encouraged students to apply for the it and the committees headed by various board members.

Agarwal also shared information

about the upcoming events that are scheduled for this semester and asked the students who were interested to register for those events, some of them being: the 4th IEEE Great Lakes Symposium and the IEEE Xtreme Competition. The IEEE Xtreme is a 24 hour programming competition where there are up to three members in a team. Only registered IEEE student are allowed to participate and the event, which is to be held on October 18, has a lot of prizes to be given to the winners. Interested students can register for the event at [www.ieee.org/xtreme](http://www.ieee.org/xtreme).

He then spoke about the IEEE membership as a whole and how to become a member of the organization. He also gave detailed insight into the benefits one gets by registering

as an IEEE national member.

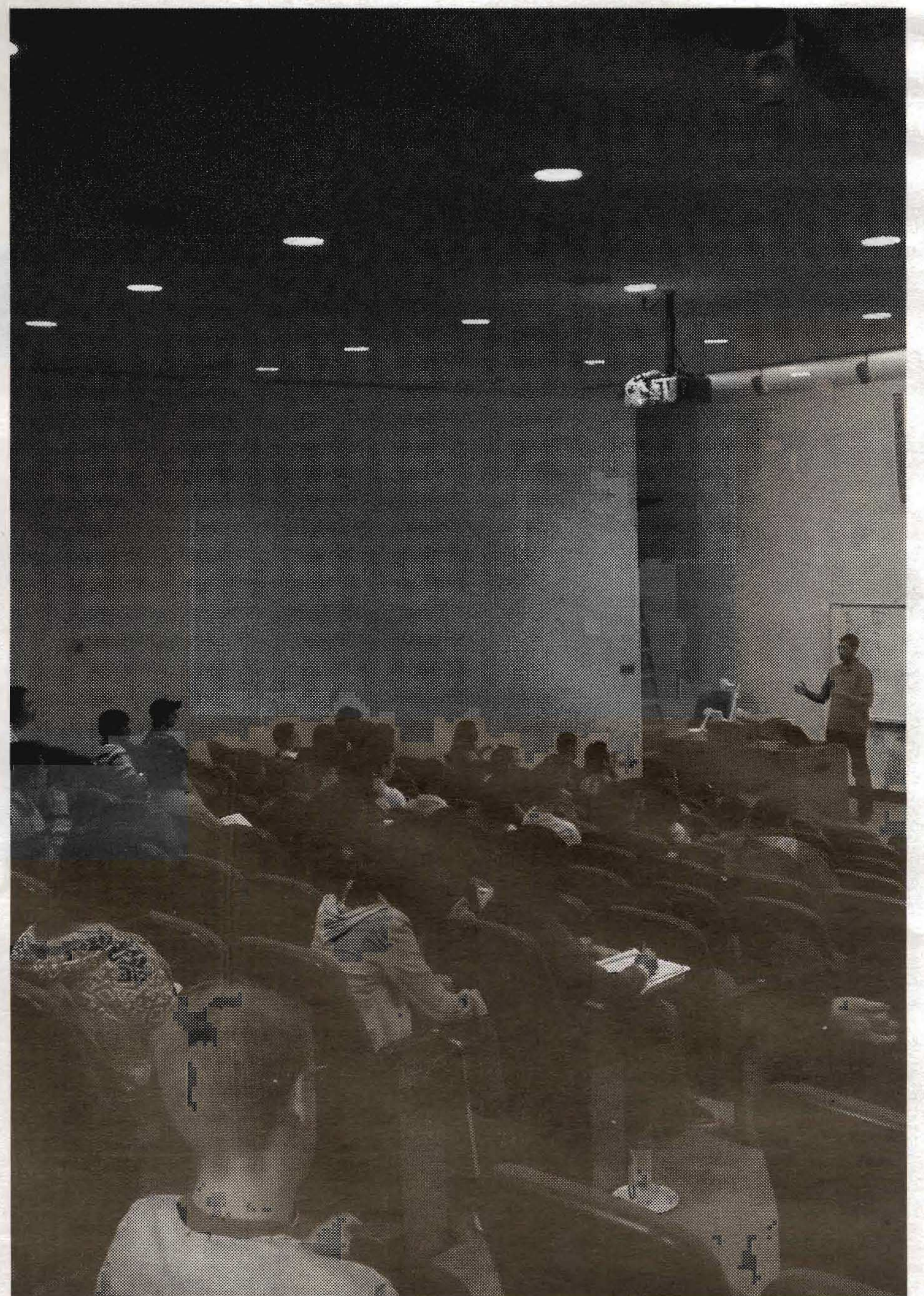
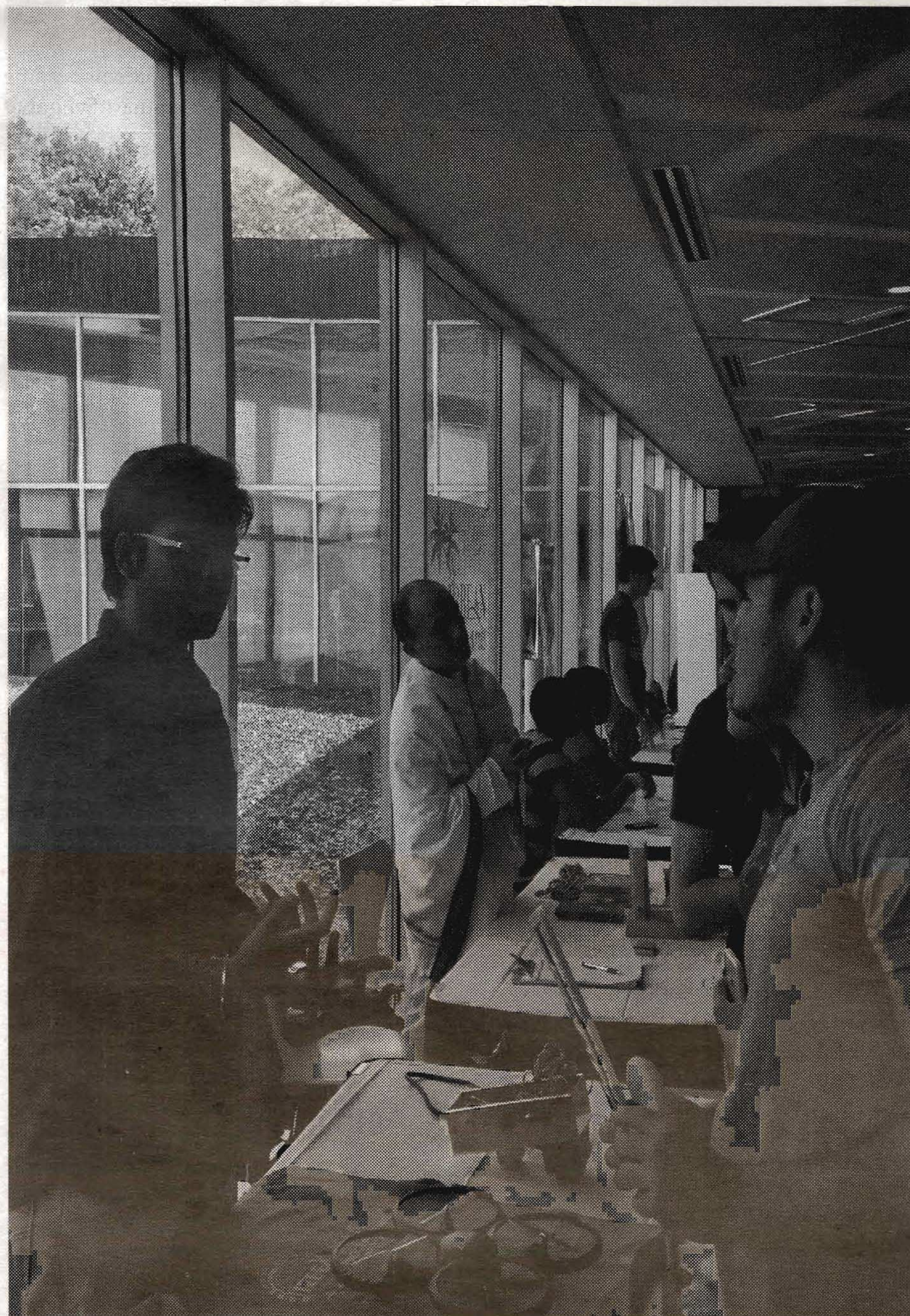
The Great Lakes Symposium will be hosted by the Galvin center at Hermann Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for budding electrical engineers, especially in the field of grid technology, and an excellent platform to show their knowledge about it. Registration is free for IEEE members. More information about the event is available at <http://greatlakessymposium.net/>.

Project Chair, Ming Chen, mentioned the current projects under "IEEE @ IIT" namely, Multi Touch Surface, Guitar Amplifier, Quadcopter, and Ardupilot (Arduino Pilot.)

There were also a couple of new projects added this semester, one using Microsoft

Kinect to build apps and another in cooperation with the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) which involves building a UAV and using it as a counter-poaching method in wildlife areas. Interested students can sign up for these projects at [iee.iit.edu](http://iee.iit.edu).

IEEE was also present at the IIT Explore on Friday, September 19, showcasing the projects at their stall and explaining them to people who stopped by. Most of those who stopped by, expressed a lot of interest in these projects and signed up for them. It was a great initiative on behalf of the IEEE board to reach out to students who could not turn up for the general body meeting a couple days back.





# SGA Senate Meeting Announces Election Results

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Within the Student Government Association (SGA), each academic college on IIT's campus has a number of representatives called "Senators" who serve in the Student Senate of SGA. Senators serve a one-year team on the SGA Senate, where they represent concerns related to their respective colleges, vote on new student organizations, and serve on the three SGA subcommittees: Academic Affairs, Student Life, and Communication.

Each Senator is nominated by a fellow student or themselves, and then is voted in by

members of their own college during the first few weeks of the academic year. Each college has a finite and predetermined number of seats available, which is proportional to the number of students enrolled in each college. This year's election took place on Tuesday, September 16. Students had the opportunity to vote online via HawkLink.

The results of the SGA Senate election were announced at the Student Senate Meeting held that evening at 9:15 p.m. in the MTCC Auditorium. Before announcing the results, several members of the SGA Executive Board had some opening remarks for the candidates as well as updates regarding the committees within SGA. They then moved on to the results of the

Senate election.

For the Armour College of Engineering, there were eight seats open for Senators, and eight candidates who ran. The new Senators serving for the Armour College of Engineering are Viraj Shah, Brandon Simons, Efthimios Atsaloglou, Elvin Moy, Jeremy Becker, Abenezer Ayele, Hamza Sukkar, and San Dinh.

For the College of Science, students had one candidate for four seats open on the Senate. The new Senator for the IIT College of Science is Cosmin Lungu.

IIT's College of Architecture had two seats open on the Senate and four candidates running. The Senators elected are Mario Serrano and Shreya Jha.

For the School of Applied Technology, there were three students running for two Senate seats. The students elected to the Senate are Saket Mohan Kintali and Likitha Lokesh.

One Senate seat was open for student representatives from the Lewis College of Human Sciences. The one student who ran and won the seat is Gabriel Conners.

For the remaining colleges at IIT, no students accepted nominations for any seats for the college.

These 14 students were sworn in at the Tuesday evening Senate meeting and are now beginning their terms serving the student body on the SGA Student Senate.

# ARC tutor spotlight: Rohit Agarwal

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The next time you come to IIT's Academic Resource Center (ARC), make sure you stop by the Computer Science (CS) table to say "Hi" to Rohit Agarwal. He is a proud undergraduate student majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE). Even though he tutors at the CS table, Agarwal can also help with ECE and math questions, as he is the top guy in charge of all the math tutors. Additionally, happens to be a super-senior, who will be completing his fifth year at IIT and graduating in May 2015.

But hang on a second... Just what is the ARC? According to Agarwal, it is an

awesome resource and a place where students can come and get more help than just with homework. The atmosphere is friendly, welcoming, and informal, one where you are among your peers. The tutors are also students who can give you candid explanations about homework, professors, and what classes to take next. The tutors have survived the classes you are currently taking and understand why you need help, and many times all you need is for someone other than your professor to explain it to you in a different way. Agarwal also recommends using the ARC for more than just tutoring—you are welcome to come in to just sit and do your work even if you do not need help. The ARC has the textbooks that you need available, as well as computers, which makes it a great place to work.

When Agarwal was asked why he likes to work at the ARC, he had many responses. He says the overarching reason is because he likes helping students and truly enjoys making that difference: "Literally, because of me [their grades improved]." Agarwal added that it is always nice to meet new people, especially to get in touch with students younger than him at IIT. This has allowed him to develop a "sprinkling of friends" from different years, which he said is "so nice." His bosses at the ARC are very friendly, and he enjoys the familial feel of the workplace, where he has become friends with many of his fellow tutors.

So, why should you say "Hi" to Rohit Agarwal? Well, because he is a cool person with really cool dreams and aspirations. Agarwal's current dream job is to be a Supreme Court

judge. He also wants to revolutionize computer technology, while rooting for Manchester United's soccer team. You might not know that Agarwal was born in the United States but lived in India from when he was three until he came to IIT almost five years ago. He is also proud to say that his favorite color is "green for greenery," and he takes this as far as to even avoid walking on the grass in order to preserve its beauty.

If he could, Agarwal says he would "go back and beat up [his] younger self." Unlike what he ended up doing in his first two years of college at IIT, he recommends that all students get involved with student organizations, study anything they want while they can, and get acquainted with faculty and staff. A word of advice from Agarwal to all students is, above all, "to see IIT as an opportunity."



Photo by Khaleela Zaman

# Doctor Who at IIT Announces Upcoming Events

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Doctor Who at IIT (DWIIT) is a student organization on campus about Doctor Who. "That's it, right?" you think. "I mean, that's just a show about a really old guy who travels through time and space in a weird police box from the British 60s. He travels with gorgeous, brave women, and sometimes strong-willed, flirty men as shenanigans occur across the galaxy. Cool, but kind of straightforward," you might reply to the deputy prime minister on staff when she sends you those crazy e-mails.

Well, then we'd explain the message of Doctor Who. How it started as a kid's show and now promotes believing in yourself, that everyone is amazing, that we are all equal, no matter how short, tall, large, small, lizard-shaped, potato-headed, face-in-a-jar, straight, gay, bisexual, asexual, white, black or made of quantum-locked stone, that everyone can be a great person who does amazing things, even if they got a liberal arts degree, sell clothing or are just a temp. We'd say that we were inspired by this show to do great things, like to donate books and help people in need. As the Prime Minister of the organization, Tabitha, said, "Everyone who participates seems to be accepting and

motivated!" Not only do we get together and scream loudly when Tom Baker shows up unexpectedly, we also host tea time discussions, and there is a very important discussion coming up soon.

DWIIT is partnering with another student organization, Gays, Lesbians, Allies and More (GLAM) to host LGBTa Time, a discussion about sexuality, gender, and Doctor Who. This event will be large, catered and fun. It will also be a Safe Space. This means you should have no fear if you do not fit into stereotypical roles, because we will not tolerate harassment. If you're a "Whovian", come for the club and discussion of various episodes. If you're LGBT

or an ally, come for the discussion and stories. Lastly, if you're just curious about anything because you haven't seen the show, or you want to get involved with the club, please come to the events and meet other members.

DWIIT general meetings are every other Wednesday starting at 5 p.m. (place announced via e-mail/social account), the next occurring on October 1, while the LGBTa Time will be on October 17 starting at 12 p.m. in Siegel Hall, Room 202. The organization email is doctorwhoiit@gmail.com, their Facebook page is named Whovian Friend, their Twitter is DoctorWhoIIT and their associated Facebook group is Doctor Who (at IIT and Beyond!).



# Star Citizen releases promising additions

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In the golden child of crowd funding, a space simulator called Star Citizen has hit a major milestone in its development. Just a few weeks ago, Arena Commander version .9 was released. While merely being an alpha stage exclusive peek of a single module, Arena Commander shows the potential of Star Citizen and the greatness Chris Roberts is leading it towards. This newest update includes more game modes (including racing), cooperative play, and critical back-end components that will lead towards the persistent universe (all change to the universe are permanent) of Star Citizen.

Arena Commander was the first module of Star Citizen to be released to early backers of the project. Arena Commander represents an arcade cabinet to hone your skills and test your metal against other players. While being a mere toy in terms of the persistent ever changing universe that visionary Chris Roberts intends to make, this module was the beginning of stress testing the servers and estimating player count. By giving access to players so early, critical balancing of the space flight system with six degrees of freedom and ship customization is being fixed before the regular public sees the game in late 2015.

This most recent update includes flashy goodies for the alpha testers and behind the scenes infrastructure. First up, the hangars are all new and have been redesigned. Whether you're an established citizen who enjoys the luxury of "Revel & York" or a priva-

teer on the fringes of space in your "Industrial" home, the new look with enhanced Physical Based Rendering (PBR) is a site to behold. Next we have the coveted racing modes. What started as a fanfiction about the first races in space has become one of the most looked forward to elements in the Star Citizen universe. The "Murray Cup" will be the premier league for pilots who can master the complicated intricacies of having six degrees of freedom in flight.

Cooperative play has just been introduced; your friends can now jump into any active game with open slots to lend you a hand or make the fight more interesting. Last, but certainly not least, the 7GB patch now includes leaderboards. Leaderboards seem like a trivial addition, considering the huge amount of progress made in terms of play, but this is probably the most exciting addition. Leaderboards represent the beginning of server side persistence. Up to this point, everything has been local data and single serving bouts. With this new update we are inching towards a universe which can be changed and molded by the player base.

All of these additions are gorgeous, and I for one am glad to be a part of the community to help make this the game to envy. Being in Alpha, there are major improvements to be made.

Many point to Star Citizen's over \$53 million in crowd funding and say there's little to show for after nearly two years of development. There are some who are wary of the size of Star Citizen, but for those participating in the alpha, it's clear this game will reach Chris Robert's vision of being one of the best space simulators ever made.

# Essential Listen: Nick Drake's Pink Moon

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To begin, Drake was a folk singer-songwriter from England who, during his career in the late 1960s and early 1970s, officially recorded three beautiful albums, although he did not gain a substantial fan base in his lifetime. He died from an overdose of antidepressants at age twenty-six and this album is the last in his discography. The album is absolutely enthralling in its minimalism, it is more than the sum of its parts; it transcends simply being good music in its simplicity.

"Pink Moon," in all its quaintness, shuns the mere idea of the orchestral, wall-of-sound style as a piano concerto does, but his voice, so apathetic and quiet like the ramblings of an old man, yet so powerfully emotional and sincere, makes it more than wonderful; it is depressing despite of itself. From the beginning to the end, there exists a subtle sadness, but it is more of an unconventional sadness. As I listen, a rush of some unknown emotions from the beauty overcomes me.

Each of the eleven songs seem to be the same, as if they are all one song emanating from the same neural key Drake has so brilliantly discovered, but each one is so uniquely conceived, all conveying their different melodies of stunning humanity, and what is so truly amazing is the softness of his lyrics. These are not songs that came from a musical genius with an amazing power to look at the qualities of each instrument and the spectrum of sound and craft a projection of their mind into music. What makes him brilliant is his ability and comfort with what he is saying and his closeness with what he is. He has a profound gift to

do so much with so little, and this album is so much with so little. The minimalism of the folk guitar music allows him to play and, somehow without explanation, even the most insignificant of words and notes show the signs of not only creativity, as if Drake himself has custom made them for each song, but with beauty that only rivals the nature for which he pulls so much of his inspiration. It is not even that he is trying to convey his feelings to an audience, it is as if he plays to ease his mind, he sings to his life, and the microphones merely catch the aural presence that he radiates, a quiet fire he isolates within himself and lets show throughout the course of the album.

Experiencing the music is like listening to a musical representation of a Shakespearean soliloquy, but that doesn't do it justice. Behind all Drake's words reflects his own shy pity, and he sings as if he knows of its existence, but refuses to let it overtake him, because it might truly kill him. Though he may have wanted to pursue methods of producing his music that would have been more in line with the industry, which is just a lengthy way of saying, in a sense, selling-out, the indefinable, unconventional, personal manifestations of peace and despair of his works, and this album in particular, was all he could bear doing. And his tone; no more perfect voice could be chosen to sing his words.

By the end, one understands what folk music is and could be: a mind transitioning in and out of a reflection of self and an observance of nature. The idealist 60s respect bordering on worship of nature is a theme that intertwines with Drake's expression of his own soul, and as he fades away to with his ending song "From the Morning," he leaves as if allowing us to exit from that soul.

# Adler After Dark features robot exhibits

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Chicago is an excellent city for museum fans. With several world-class institutions just a short train ride away, many Chicagoans are very familiar with the exhibits that the city's museums have to offer. Adler Planetarium is America's first planetarium and part of Chicago's Museum Campus near other favorites such as the Shedd Aquarium and the Field Museum of Natural History.

"Adler After Dark," a monthly event held at the Adler, is a unique way to interact with one of Chicago's great museums. According to Adler Planetarium's website, Adler After Dark is an evening event that is held exclusively for adult patrons over the age of 21. The

event offers access to the museum as well as shows and entertainment that coordinate with a theme that changes every month.

Tickets for Adler After Dark are available for advance purchase for \$15 for planetarium members and \$10 for non-members. Tickets are also sold at the door for \$15 for Adler members and \$20 for non-members.

The event is held on the third Thursday of every month from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m., and September's Adler After Dark event, held on Thursday, September 18, was themed "Hops n' Bots." The event sold out early, and for good reason—Hops n' Bots offered an exciting evening of entertainment for all that attended.

Upon entry to the event, all attendees received 8 tickets for 8 free beer samples from several Midwest craft breweries in atten-

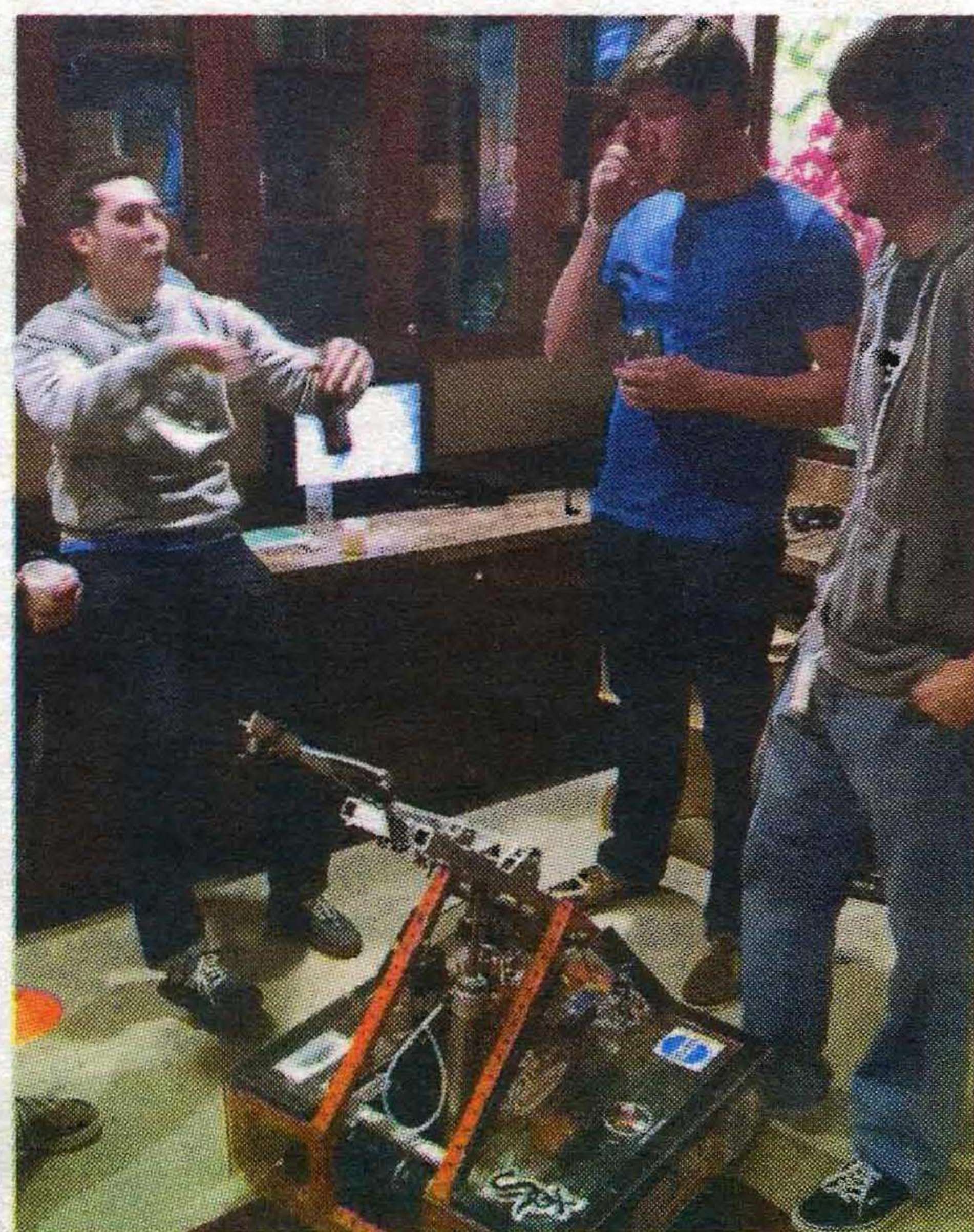
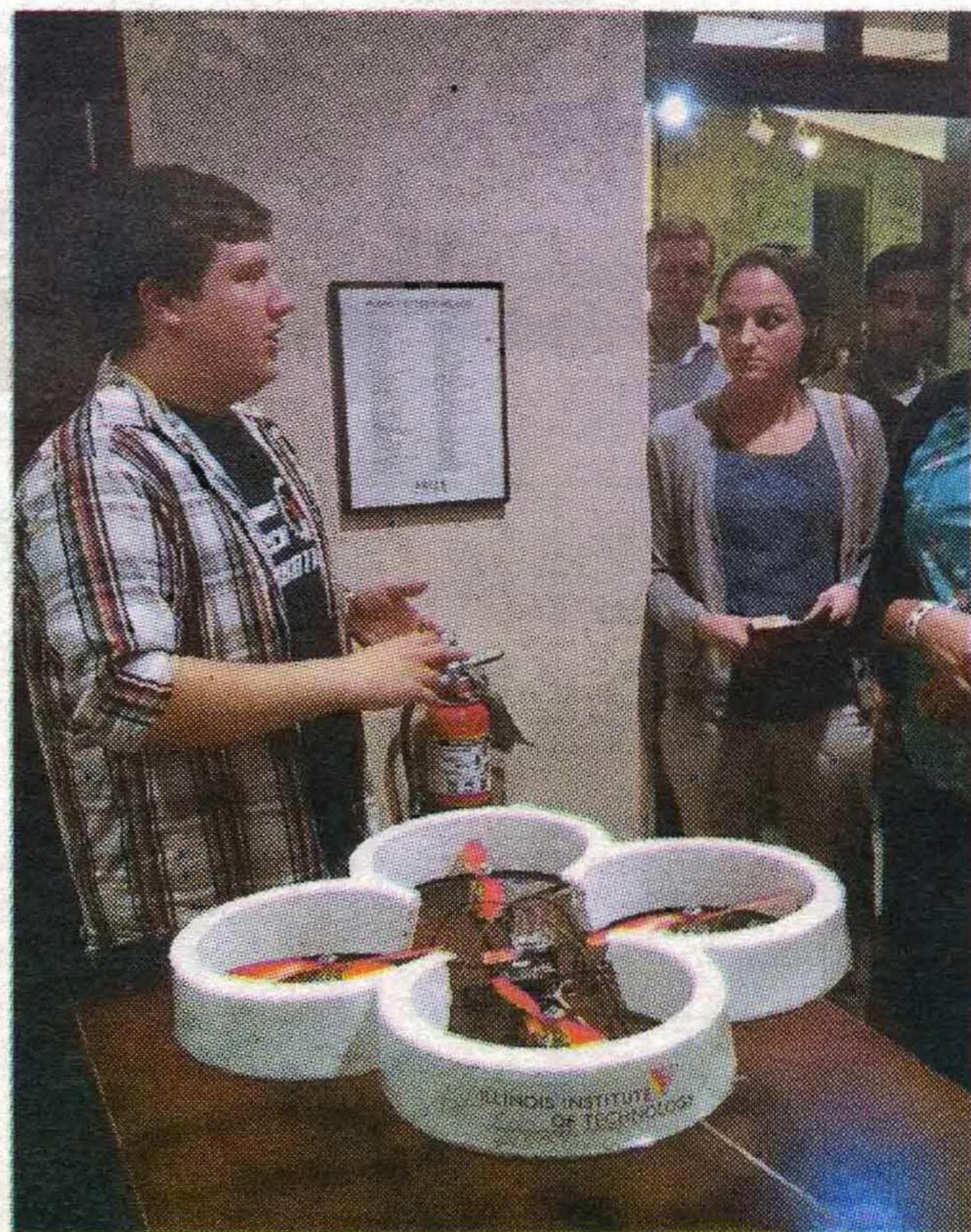
dance, including Solemn Oath Brewery, Lake Effect Brewing Company, Revolution Brewing, and more. In addition to the free samples, the event also offered a reasonably priced cash bar. A complimentary cheese buffet was also offered, courtesy of Cabot Cheese, and food for purchase was available throughout the evening from Adler's Café.

In addition to the refreshments, there were also several robotics organizations present at the event to show off their creations. Exhibitors at the event included representatives from the IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, Chibots, Robot City Workshop, and Illinois Tech Robotics at IIT. Attendees got to take a look at each organization's robots and demonstrations, and several got a chance to drive a robot or two and share their enthusiasm for

robotics and engineering.

As a huge fan of museums, Adler After Dark is worth attending at least once. It gives you a chance to visit the planetarium in a more laid-back and mature way, without any children running around. It makes an excellent date night idea or a fun night out with friends. And, for those who purchase tickets early, it's a great deal; general admission to Adler After Dark costs just three dollars more than everyday general admission, and includes some perks and extras.

There are also a huge variety of themes for every interest and background. The October, November, and December Adler After Dark events are themed "Dead Space," "Galactic Gastronomy," and "Santa Saves Mars," respectively.





# And now...a comic!

Sam Kepp  
ART EDITOR



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# Souza sends Scarlet Hawk soccer on scoring spree

**Nathan McMahon**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's soccer team wrapped up a successful homecoming week in a dominant 3-0 victory over Anderson University. The game was scoreless through the first 45 minutes with the Scarlet Hawks having the majority of the scoring chances. In the 52nd minute, a sublime, measured through-ball by Ana Salgado found Anida Phetchanpheng for a diving header into the side netting. This goal fueled an even more invigorated attack from the Hawks, but it took another 20 minutes until the next Illinois Tech

goal. Driving at the Anderson defense, Lorena Souza was able to punch the ball into the back of the net. This was not the end of the Souza's scoring for the night though, as just two minutes later she slipped another by the keeper. The third goal was assisted by the scorer of the first, Anida Phetchanpheng. Lorena Souza now has 5 goals on the season. The Scarlet Hawks outshot Anderson 21-7 and have moved to 4-3 on the season. The Scarlet Hawks now sit at 12th place in the national standings and look to put together a string of wins as they push towards qualification for the USCAA National Tournament.

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@ Alverno  
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Saturday, September 27  
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vs. Trine  
9 a.m.

**Women's Volleyball**  
vs. Earlham  
1 p.m.

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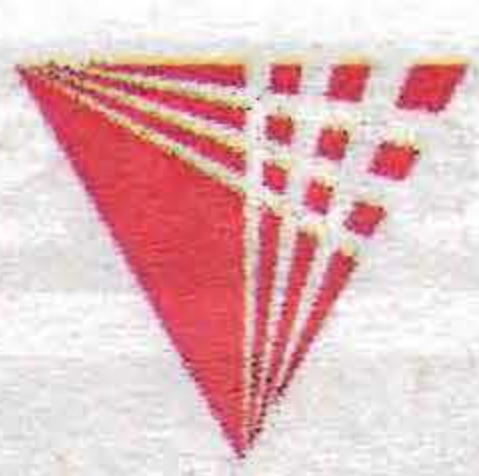
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**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

## LGBT History Month starts in October!

### The Sharing Table

October 2, 12-1:45 p.m., The Commons

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Join us in the Commons during your lunch break to discuss LGBTQ history and current events, share stories and experiences, and connect with fellow students, staff, and faculty.

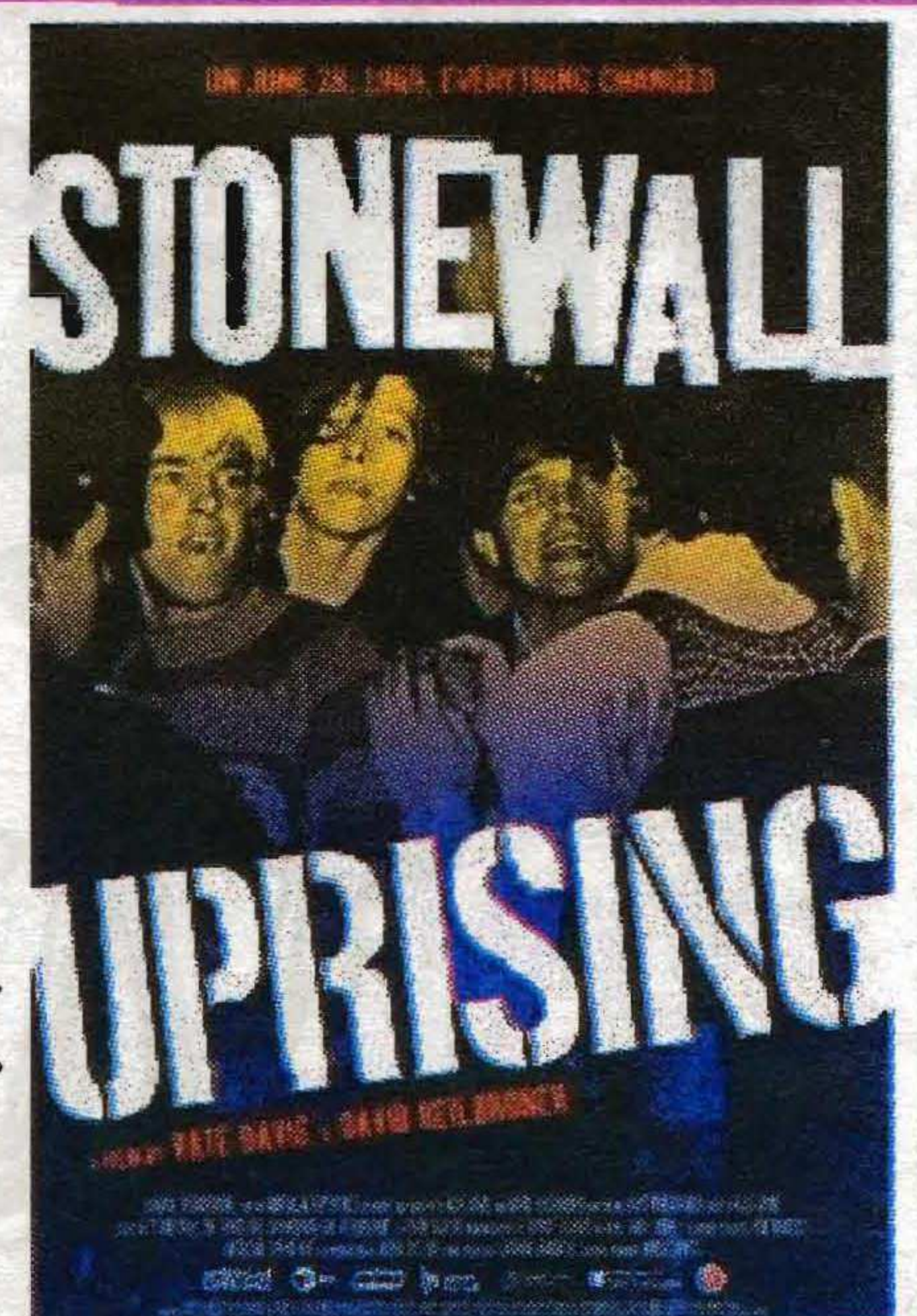
### IIT Movie Night - *Stonewall Uprising*

October 3, 5:15 p.m., LS 232

Sponsors: Department of Psychology and Humanities Department

When police raided the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar in the Greenwich Village section of New York City on June 28, 1969, the street erupted into violent protests that lasted for the next six days. The Stonewall riots, as they came to be known, marked a major turning point in the modern gay civil rights movement in the United States and around the world. This 90-minute documentary draws upon eyewitness accounts and rare archival material to bring this pivotal event to life.

Snacks will be provided.



### Safe on Campus – Student Session: October 7, 6-8 p.m., Siegel 203

Campus Life will be facilitating a two-hour ally training session for interested students. This workshop educates the campus community of the history of LGBTQ persons and helps identify terms and experiences through engaging activities. Sign up in advance here: <http://goo.gl/qX7OoJ>.