Pakistan Student Association returns

Shireen Gul

COPY EDITOR

Pakistan Student Association (PSA) is finally back with a bang. It has been quite a while since they were active on campus but this semester, they are planning to have some interesting events for the Hawks so that students can get to know them and learn about their country and culture.

The association's description says, "There is no other organization at IIT that specifically promotes cultural and humanitarian awareness of Pakistan. With this organization, the student body of IIT will be enriched with the knowledge of a country that significantly impacts the world community. This organization will help students learn about our diverse culture and traditions, which we brought with us."

The elections for the new academic year were held last Saturday, September 20, and the results are as follows:

President - Shireen Gul Secretary - Kapeel Daryani Marketing Chair - Irshad Hussain Treasurer - Samreen Kalani

Digital Media Content Manager -Karanjeet Singh

Event Planner - Niveta Chandrasek-

The new team is enthusiastic about their newly born organization and they plan on hosting very interesting events in the future. They had their first executive board meeting on Tuesday, September 23, where they announced the official results of the elections.

Kapeel Daryani, Secretary of PSA said, "We are really happy to bring this association back to life and are hopeful that we will be able to leave a good impact on campus." When asked about their upcoming events, Irshad Hussain, Marketing Chair said, "Since many of our friends are insisting to arrange a cricket match, it would be our first priority. Apart from that we are also planning to have a kickoff party pretty soon."

PSA plans to organize more cultural events on campus because Pakistan is very culturally rich and this is a great opportunity to make everyone aware of it. They also plan on conducting a singing competition in which all the participants will sing folk songs from their countries, and a fashion show. The fashion show will be themed 'World Traditional Fashion Show', in which students wear their traditional clothes. If any other organizations are interested in this event, they can send an email to psa@iit.edu.

Finally, don't forget to join them on HawkLink and like them on Facebook under the name of 'IIT Pakistan Student Association'. They will also be on the MTCC Bridge every Monday during lunch (12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.) Stop by to ask any questions or grab some free goodies.

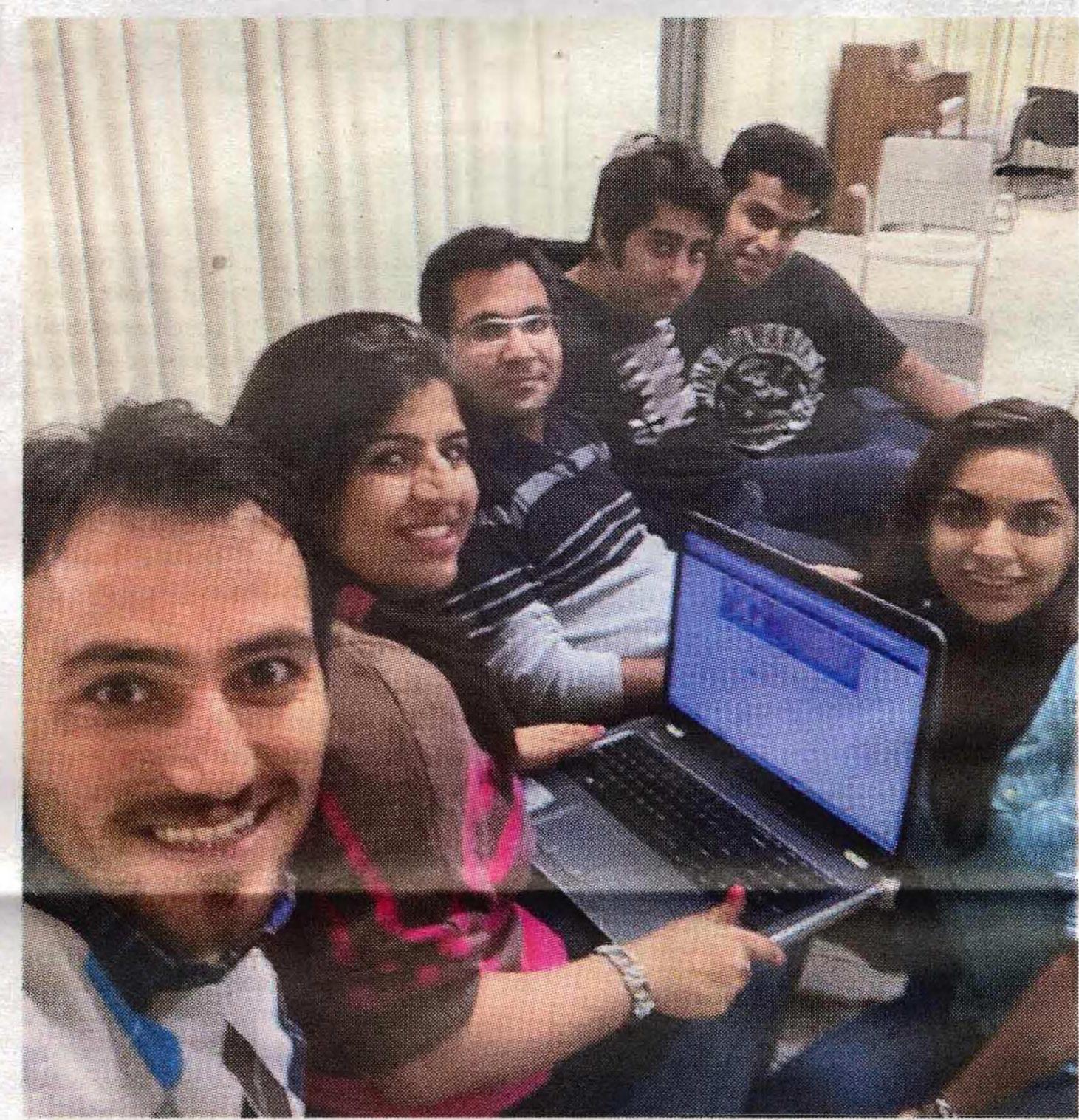


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The game of job hunting: The second investigation

Zaira Ortiz

TECHNEWS WRITER

The last episode, "The Game of Job Hunting: The First Investigation" spoke about employment, students, and what students and professors think about IIT. We ended the article with the question, "Why isn't the undergraduate Stuart School of Business ranked?" This week I have the answers for you.

I interviewed Helen Ezenwa, a director at the Stuart Career Management Center and Kayla Portillo, a senior director in Stuart Marketing and Communications, on the morning of Friday, September 26.

The interview took place on the 18th floor of the IIT Tower in the Dean's suite. In an office overlooking the world, there was no better place to discuss how students can one day have a similar office as well. Our interview began with a simple yet insightful question, "What is the job placement for students who graduate from Stuart?" Ezenwa answered this question by saying, "So, the job placement rate, which we are looking at from last year, because this year's hasn't been published yet, is 69%." Very close to 70%, and this in an exceptional number for students attending Stuart. Clarifying the percentage, Kayla jumped in and said, "And that is for all programs, at the undergraduate level the job placement is 79%."

Many students reading this article are undergraduate business students. What does it mean to you to be enrolled in a program that has a 79%, almost 80%, job place-

ment rate for undergraduates after graduation?

The interview continued with the question that readers were left with last week, "What is the Stuart School of Business undergraduate ranking?" Acknowledging that there are multiple types of rankings a business school could have, Portillo asked, "I'm curious about what you mean ranked; ranked in what way?" That was a great question, hopefully one that readers have too, and I answered her question with, "National ranking; a ranking that compares us to other schools. A general ranking that compares us to other business programs." At this, Ezenwa responded, "Okay. There are a lot of different rankings a business program can have and currently Stuart is not ranked, but it is because we have not participated in the ranking." She continued, "The main criteria that most of those rankings look at are placement numbers. Historically we haven't had that data to submit. Now that we have it, we're applying to new rankings for the next couple years."

This is why the Stuart School of Business undergraduate program hasn't been ranked. The data hasn't been there in the past to apply for ranking, but now we have it. At this point in the interview, Portillo added, "If you look at U.S. News or Bloomberg we're probably not going to be listed there. Where we are ranked, and where the university has some interesting numbers on this, is the return on investment for your degree. Payscale.com does a survey of undergraduate alumni essentially to see

how well they're doing in their careers after they graduate. And IIT, I believe, is the top ranked school." After our interview, Portillo sent me the payscale.com link, and yes, it is true. IIT is number one on return on investment in Illinois. Check out payscale.com for

Although this article is focusing on undergraduate rankings for the Stuart School of Business, it is impossible to not acknowledge the achievements of the Masters of Finance program at IIT. The graduate level Finance program at IIT is ranked third in the nation. So, for all you Finance majors thinking of going to graduate school, stay exactly where you are at IIT. Portillo mentioned in our interview, "Even though the ranking is a graduate ranking, Stuart undergraduate students are still taking classes from these expert faculty who are teaching in this very well-recognized program."

Continuing our interview, I asked a question sparked from my own curiosity, "What do you think IIT Stuart's competitive advantage is compared to other business schools?" Portillo replied, "What we hear from our students is that the business market is becoming increasingly tech-driven, and so studying business at a technology focused university like Illinois Tech gives them a legup when they're looking for career opportunities. You're taking classes with engineers, scientists, and programmers, and you're working on IPROs and other collaborative projects with people. Also, when you enter the job market, you have those team-based skills, and you have the knowledge of how

other professionals work and that will make you more competitive in the job market."

To my fellow students, this is your advantage over other undergraduates from different universities. This is exactly how you differentiate yourself to interviewers as talented, skilled, and prepared interviewees. When applying for jobs after graduation, don't forget your advantage.

The next question asked was, "What are the five key differences between students who are able to find a job after graduation compared to those who aren't?" Ezenwa, our CMC expert, said, "The top three, I would say, that come to mind would be those that focused a lot of energy on networking during their education, we offer a number of opportunities for individuals who want to participate in industry-focused events. We bring individuals onto campus from a number of organizations like IBM, or some of the other financial institutions in the Chicagoland area. We are constantly encouraging students to attend and participate, network, use their 30-second sell, so that they're able to learn more about the organization and themselves. I think networking is key.

The other thing that I noticed is that for some students that are having a harder time finding a position is that they're waiting too late." Whether you're a first year or you're a sixth year undergraduate, it's never too early to start looking for employment. I overheard someone say, "The best time to look for a job is when you have a

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job." We're always looking for opportunities to better ourselves, and our quality of life. What better way to do that than by being comfortable in your career and making your dream job a reality? That is the value that the CMC provides students. The value is being able to take your education and differentiate yourself, have a personal competitive advantage over others, and be the first in candidate in line when an employer is hiring for your dream job.

AUSTIN GONZALEZ

Stuart students even have their own CMC creating value for students in business. "During my year I noticed that there are individuals who are coming to see us their last semester or after graduation, as

opposed to spending time with the Career Management Center and with other individuals who are assisting them in preparing for opportunities after graduation earlier. So, during our orientation we've asked individuals to start now, don't wait." Ezenwa also added, "Making sure the communication you use with employers is appropriate. Thirdly, it's how people present themselves."

On that note, there are a lot of recurring themes in the game of job hunting, themes such as communication, networking, and self-presentation.

This week, what readers should think about are these ideas and questions: Why is a ranking important to you (business

major or not)?, what is your dream job and what is your strategy to obtain it?, and finally, what does your education mean to you?

Next week, I'll continue discussing the interview I had with Ezenwa and Portillo, and some of the themes we dug into in our conversation.

Next week in, "The Game of Job Hunting: The International Edition" job hunting is going to be taken up a notch. I'm going to continue discussing my interview from this week, and also bring some international students into the mix, and we're going to see how this influences IIT's brand, image, and success as a university.

Ending a relationship successfully

Shireen Gul

COPY EDITOR

If a man were stuck in a dust storm, would he be helped to inhale pure oxygen? When thick clouds of pungent smoke hover around, will there be any safer haven available to breathe fresh air? The answer to this is definitely no. What if the same thing is happening with your live-in relationship? Will you be able to survive it? Probably not, because to cope with such a relationship is the worst thing that can happen to anyone. Once you start living with your partner, it is not easy to end it as quickly, but it is not impossible either. So, by taking just a few nice and decent steps, you can get rid of the unwanted relationship that is making your life chaotic.

The first and most important step is to not make decisions on your own or in anger. Dating is a two-way communication system, so you need to make every decision with mutual understanding. If you're having an argument, and you feel like you are going to lose it, leave the room. Go out for a walk, calm yourself down, ask yourself if you are ready for the break up, or if you are just over-thinking things. Go to your trusted friends, tell them what you are going through. Parents are usually the best help at such a time, but never make a decision in anger. You will probably regret it for the rest of your life.

The next thing that you should think about is the appropriate time and place to dump your partner. Make sure it allows you the time and privacy to do it properly as it is a personal matter. Don't advertise it; you won't get paid. I believe weekends at your home are

your partner the weekend to overcome it. If you can't wait until the weekend, tell them that you need to visit a friend and will come back during the weekend with a huge surprise for them.

It is probably very easy to think about a break up, but much harder to act on it. However, when you have made the decision, just go for it. It's not a television show with background music or multiple zoom-in shots, just go for it. Be rational and make your move. If you feel like you can't do it face to face or are afraid that their tears might stop you from doing it, the phone is your next best option. It will not only prevent you from any further sufferance, but also spare them from the embarrassment of having you watch their anguish.

Be prepared for the worst. You are going through a bad phase of your life, but there is still a lot to come. Your dumpee might react with anger or sadness, but remember all the bad things that led you to your situation. Ignore your emotions, as they will make you weak. If your partner is angry, try to remain calm and make them calm too. If you get enraged too, that will make things worse. Tell them that you have made your decision, and you won't change your mind. If they remain calm, you might give it a chance later. If they call you later, don't pick up. That phone call is for your voicemail, not you. Remember you don't owe your ex the courtesy of anything; there is no law that requires you to pick up.

One of the biggest mistakes made in ending relationships is letting the death throes go on and on. Please don't do this; you have made enough of a mess out of your life. Make your life better instead of worse. Be straightforward. Don't be extra courteous towards them as this might give them the feeling that you still love them and will be back sooner or later. You probably don't want this anymore, as it has been making your life miserable. Just be yourself and speak boldly as after all, this is your life, not theirs.

Finally, it's time to break the ice. Tell them what you have been going through. When you tell them about your decision, it will be hard for the both of you. After all, you both have shared a life together and have sweet memories to cherish. But don't forget what they have been doing in the last few months. You are no longer lovebirds, you are the venom lark now. Once you tell them about the break up, they will definitely say, "Can we still be friends?" No, no, no. Don't make this mistake. Just tell them in clear words that you were friends previously, and that brought you up to the point you're at currently; it was your past and you don't think it's a good idea to step back when you already know there is nothing worthy in it. You both need to move ahead and overcome it. You have to form new relationships and give each other proper space. In the future, if you meet again, then you might be able to put your anger aside and meet in a friendlier manner. Make the break up final with no further contact. You are free now.

This may sound very rude and devilish, but these steps really work. Just follow these steps and soon you will realize that there are always ways to make things better. The problem is that when you are in trouble, you can't see any way out, especially when it comes to love. But there is always a guardian angel waiting to hold your hand and show you the path. All you have to do is search for it with patience.



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Snowpiercer film stale, disappointing

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OPINION EDITOR

Director Joon-ho Bong's most recent film, Snowpiercer, crashed onto the big screen accompanied by cheers of critical acclaim. When it comes to rotten tomatoes, the movie attained a 95%, "certified fresh", rating; the consensus was that Snowpiercer offers a spectacle the likes of which have been sorely missed by movie-goers, particularly those "numb to effects-driven blockbusters." The cast is filled with well-liked actors including Tilda Swinton and Chris Evens. Snowpiercer unfortunately is one of the worst movies in recent years. The plot is contrived, stale, and is another example of poor taste on the part of everyone involved.

In the future, an attempt to fix climate change has gone horribly wrong, ushering in a new ice age. All life is destroyed on the desolate earth except for those lucky few who managed to board the Snowpiercer.

This globe-trotting, miles-long train comes complete with an oppressed lower class and ignorant rich people living in opulence. The maintenance of the track and train as it treks through the frozen wasteland is merely meant to be assumed by the audience. A train from Chicago to the suburbs needs repair every few months and has accidents on the track more often than that. But a train that encircles the globe, through glaciers and mountains of snow and ice, for 18 years built on the whim of a fabulously rich man preparing for a doomsday runs without a hitch in either the track or the train; that's just logic. "The engine runs forever." It's the future, a future where an ice age was caused by global warming.

A lower class of several hundred people are kept sequestered in the back few cars, kept alive by being fed jellied bricks reminiscent of Soylent. They are beaten and abused by a militaristic order or guards, with the classic intelligence of a door stop.

A religion of sorts keeps the cult of the train alive. The idea of a preordained class system comes into play as the reason for the separation of the rich and the poor. We find out later that the rich bought tickets on the train, while the poor merely climbed in the back few cars which were open. Then they were sealed in for many months without food or water. The population on this train, the last bastion of humanity, must be kept in check and of course that means killing poor people from time to time.

The actual storyline is just as ridiculous and inane as the back history. The only problem with the story is that the discussions it leads to don't come from the movie itself. People afterwards will be filled with righteous anger against the upper class which oppresses them. In Snowpiercer, the worst the rich can be accused of is gross ignorance and being high all the time. All the time! There is a mastermind who controls the story, the train, and the people. This is a reasonable allegory to the way those who have the power to abuse it, and those who have comfort become short sighted. It's a shame that all that people garner from this is that rich people are evil.

Featuring tasteless trope after trope, it's with great luck that the movie-goers who are numb to effects-driven films are not yet numb to class warfare stories. With any luck, Hunger Games, Divergent, Maze Runner, Snowpiercer, etc. will become the standard so we can watch these future dystopias get torn down over and over again. I suppose one note of merit is that this time we've managed to escape the teenage protagonist and love story.

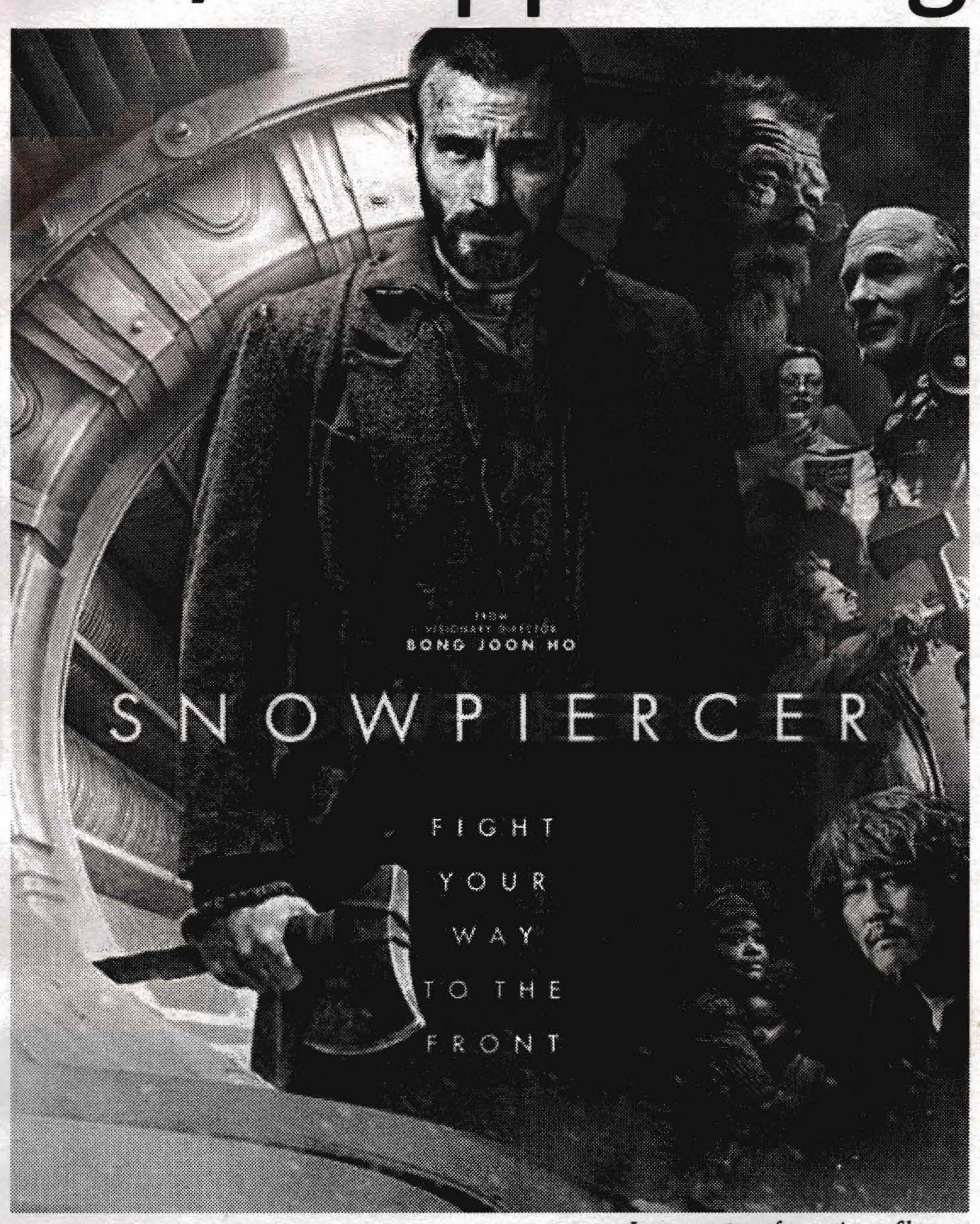


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Apple customers bent out of snape

Austin Gonzalez OPINION EDITOR

The 8th generation iPhone is now available for sale. Officially called iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus, the current generation offers a wide range of improvements over the last iPhone.

Along with the revelation of the new phone came the long awaited Apple watch. In the days after the release, many problems and bugs have been found, including the now infamous #BendGate, referring to instances where the new iPhone 6 Plus allegedly bent while in owners' pockets.

The new iPhones are thinner than ever, measuring 6.9mm and 7.1mm wide

for the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus respectively. The iPhone 6 still lacks a full HD display, but includes an improved polarizer, higher contrast, and wider viewing angles.

The new iPhone promises to be more powerful while using less energy than the iPhone 5s. The iPhone 6 is 100 MHz faster than its predecessor, featuring a 1.4 GHz dual core processor. Apple stuck with 1 GB of RAM, which it promises will deliver the smooth experience its users expect.

A favorite feature of the iPhone crowd is its camera. While not able to shoot in 4k yet, the camera now has continuous auto focusing and a time lapse mode. Other new features bring the iPhone up to speed with Google's Nexus 4 (a smartphone from

2012) including an NFC chip, Swipe-style keyboards, and a proper battery notification.

Some users have expressed dismay at Apples decision to move from 4" handsets to 4.7" and 5.5".

All in all, these improvements may not count for much. For a price range of \$649 to \$849, the handset is clearly priced into its own league.

The One Plus One, a competing Android phone, features 3 times the RAM, SD card expansion, a better screen, a faster Quad core processor, 4K capable camera, and still manages all day battery life for a price range of \$299 to \$349.

The Moto G costs a mere \$179 unlocked; for the average phone user, it will surpass expectations.

Despite better options and problems from bending chassis to iOS 8 bugs, iPhone 6 is expected to be on backlog until October, even for those who pre-ordered.

It's clear that some people simply prefer an integrated system. iPhone will work remarkably well with your Macbook Air and your new Apple Watch. Support and warranties from Apple are extensive and care is provided to its customers.

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Hawks Flying High

Nathan McMahon

SPORTS EDITOR

It was a real team effort by the Illinois Tech men's soccer team, as ten different players scored in a 10-0 rout of Eureka College. The first segment of the opening half was a frustrating one for the Scarlet Hawks as it took them 12 shots in 19 minutes before the scoring was finally opened by Brahadon Ramirez, assisted by Hugo Hernandez. The Hawks then went on to score three goals in a minute and a final tally of four in the first half for a 4-0 lead at the intermission. The scorers in order were Brahadon Ramirez, Bart Grabowski, Hugo Hernandez, and Nathan McMahon.

The Hawks got off to a flying start after the halftime break, scoring three goals in three minutes, each by Noah Griffith, Rogelio Salcedo, and Sam Smith, in that order. Three

more goals were scored within the 64th minute by Tommy Gasienica, Gustavo Gonzalez, and Gustavo Alvarez-Suchini. The last 25 minutes of the game was a passing clinic put on by the Illinois Tech, preventing Eureka from getting any touches on the ball.

These goals were assisted by Hugo Hernandez, Nori Honda, Noah Griffith, Irewole Akande, Emmanuel Zambrano, Gustavo Alvarez-Suchini (2), and Gustavo Gonzalez, in order.

The Scarlet Hawks at 5-1-1, have the 9th best record in the country, but are ranked only 14th in the latest, very debatable power rankings. The Hawks will look to rise up both rankings and earn a top ten position in both to guarantee a trip to the National Tournament in November. Their next home match is this Saturday, October 4 at 1 p.m. against Rockford College. Come out to Stuart Field and support your Scarlet Hawks!

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IIT Movie Night - Stonewall Uprising

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

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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. This 90minute documentary draws upon eyewitness accounts and rare archival material to bring this pivotal event to life. Snacks will be provided.

TransGeneration Episode Screening I

October 6, 12:45 p.m., The Bog

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Told with compassion and insight, the fascinating eight-episode documentary TransGeneration focuses on the lives of four college students struggling to fit into a society that doesn't understand why they are the way they are--that is, transgendered young adults trapped in bodies that oppose their true selves.

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.

