

RHA Boat Cruise sets sail

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Three school buses took off from the McCormick Tribune Campus Center with 350 excited students and staff aboard late on the evening of Friday, October 10. All of these people were heading toward the Odyssey, a multi-level boat docked at Navy Pier, which was decorated in a Tropical Hawaiian Luau theme for the Residence Hall Association's annual Boat Cruise.

Once everyone was equipped with their flower leis, they walked back out into the chilly air to board the boat at about 1 a.m. As each person boarded the boat, everyone who

desired was professionally photographed in front of the Odyssey buoy with their friends and received a free print of the photograph upon departure. Once everyone was finally on the boat, it slowly left the dock to cruise around Lake Michigan.

When the door to the first level of the boat was opened, as soon as they boarded the boat, an immediate rush of anticipation was felt, even worse than the anticipation while waiting in line to board. First enveloped by darkness in the entryway, and then led into a dim red-orange glow, everyone made his or her way towards the first dance floor.

Upstairs, there was another DJ and an additional dance floor, adjacent to which

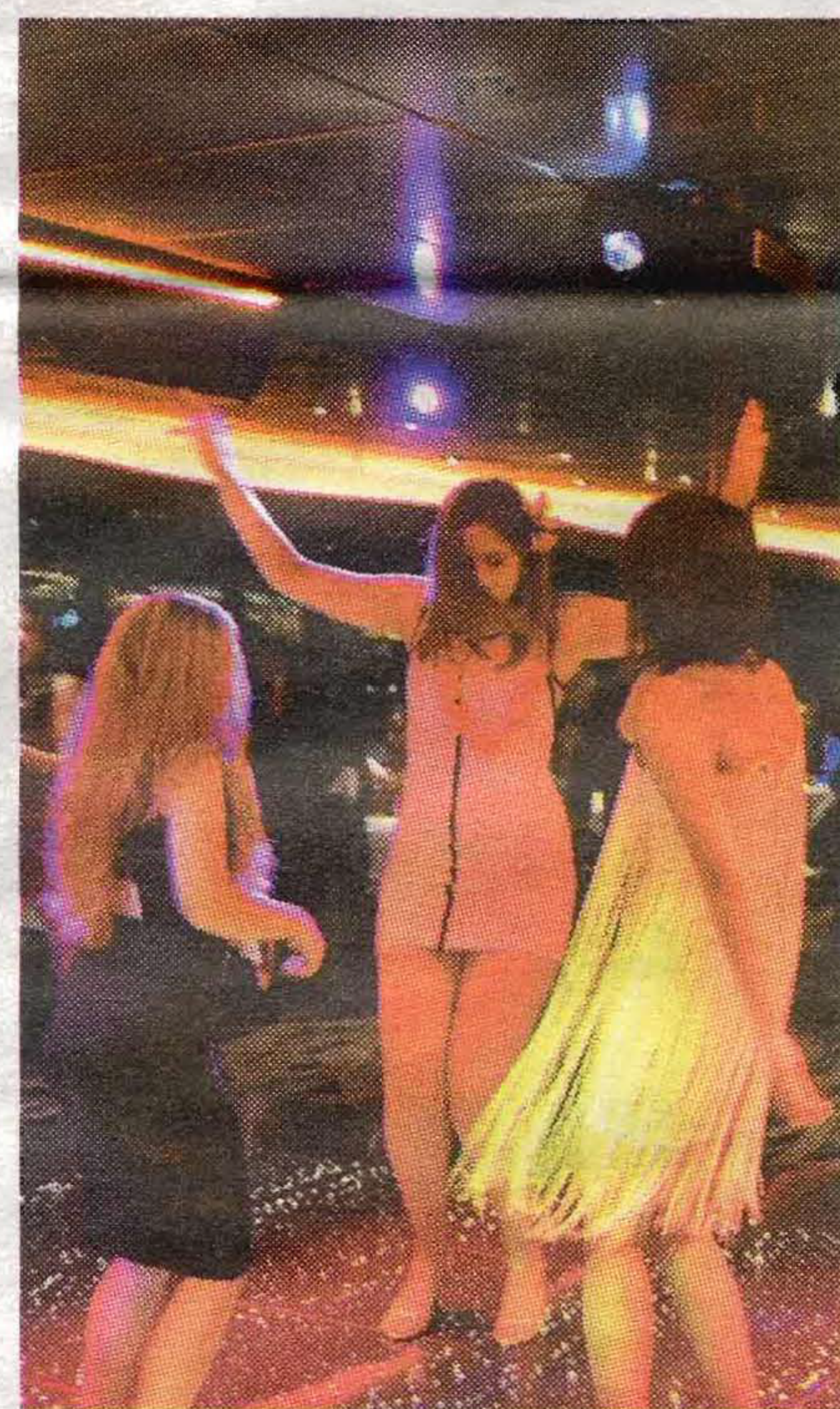
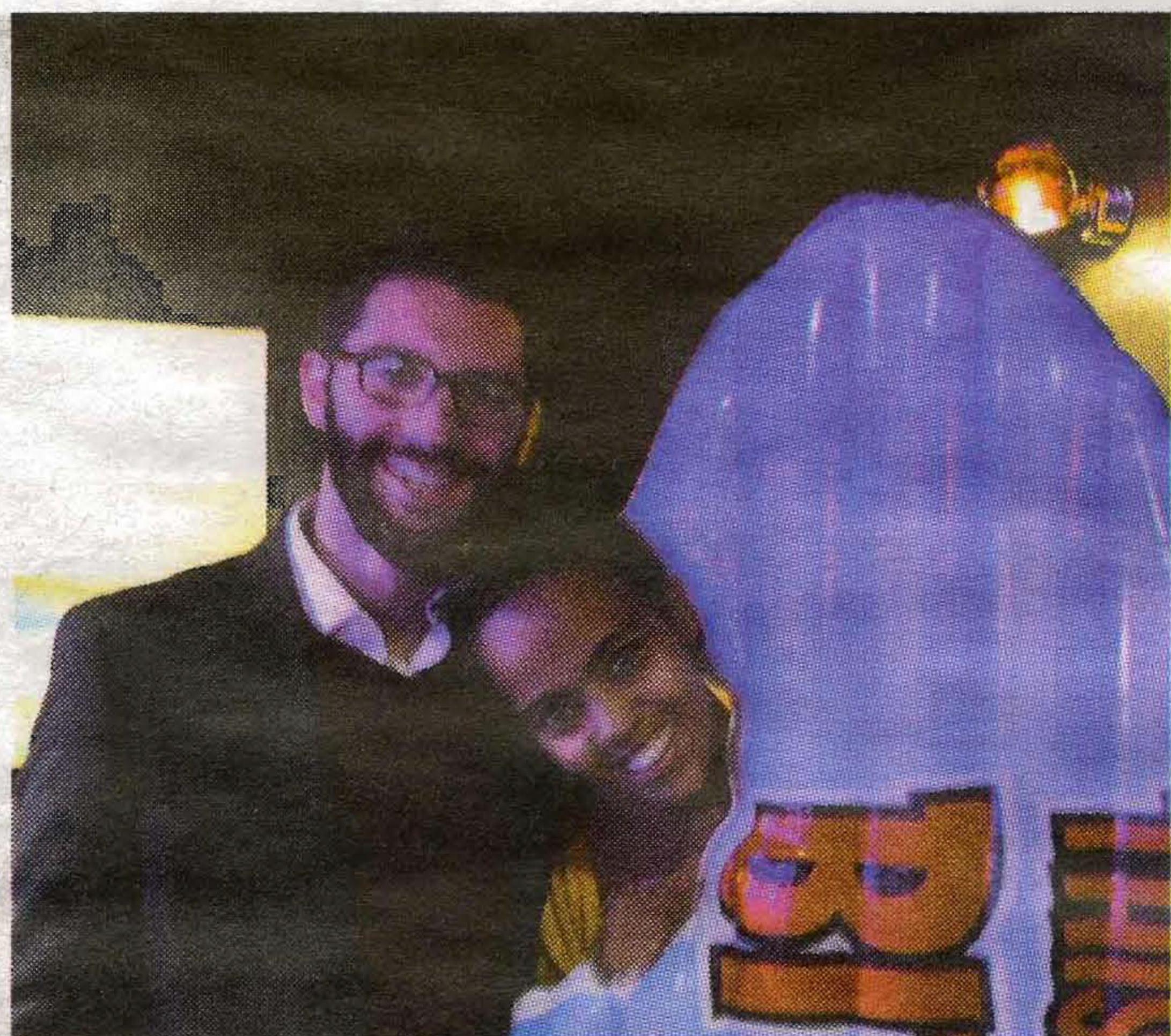
was a hidden staircase up to the open-air top deck of the boat. Besides enjoying the fresh, cool air of the early Saturday morning, the view of the Chicago skyline under the lights was quite stunning. Descending all the way to the lowest level of the boat, this level was completely occupied with casino games. Some students were even allowed to be dealers for the game blackjack.

The Boat Cruise attendees played the games to earn raffle tickets to increase their chances of winning a digital camera, television, DJ headphones, laptop, or one of sixty small gift bags. While the casino games and dancing were going on, people also had the option of eating some finger foods. Once the games

were done for the night, the dance floors became more populated and lively.

When the boat docked back at Navy Pier by about 3 a.m., the last of the prizes were given away and people started boarding the first school bus at 3:30 a.m. The night had passed by so fast—many agreed that it would have been nice if the boat could have cruised around the lake for a longer period of time.

Soon afterwards, all the decorations were taken down, packed up, and everyone left the boat with a bittersweet emotion amid the cool air. By about 4:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 11, the RHA Boat Cruise was complete, with everyone safely back to campus.



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SGA Senate Election Candidate Bio Correction

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Student Government Association (SGA) held a set of special elections to fill the remaining seats available in Senate for the College of Science and Stuart School of Business, on Tuesday, October 7, 2014. To help promote

the elections, SGA published candidate bios in the 6th issue of TechNews.

Unfortunately, when copying data and then submitting it to TechNews, candidate Christopher "CJ" Urban's information was incorrectly copied and thus incorrectly published in TechNews. SGA apologizes for the incorrect information being printed in Tech-

News and recognizes the following information should have been printed instead:

"If elected as a Senator of the College of Science, I would keep an open door policy of communication with my fellow students and the faculty of the College of Science. My involvement as a senator would include working to be involved with all of the students from

each department within the College of Science. I would seek out advice from our faculty, while addressing all of the needs of our students. I will represent the students with honor, duty, and purpose."