

Shimer College presents "The Bald Soprano"

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Perhaps this has happened to you: You're enjoying a quiet evening with your insignificant other, as he or she rambles on about the price of olive oil or the virtues of the English navy, when your irritating maid (with fine, hairy legs) blithely lets in an estranged, married couple who have come over for no reason other than to sit awkwardly on your couch and retell the fantastically mundane observances from their day. Then of course the Fire Chief arrives looking for fires to extinguish and upon finding none, offers to tell poignant, true stories based upon his first-hand experiences with

farmhouse animals and old women with head colds. If this has happened to you, then you know how tragically the evening ends (hint: the bald soprano), but if this has never happened to you, then you should definitely buy a colt.

In its ongoing mission to work out its students' existential angst through theatrical performances, Shimer College will be putting up a production of Eugene Ionesco's *The Bald Soprano* this week. Although often labeled an absurdist play, *The Bald Soprano* is actually a scathing critique of bourgeois luxury, speciesism, and canine-privilege—three core issues often raised in Shimer's curriculum. Like any astute reader or theatregoer, to understand

the connection of these themes with the plot of the play, all you need to do is read them into it. Otherwise, yes, it's just absurd.

Shimer Theatre Presents *The Bald Soprano* by Eugene Ionesco
Directed by Erica Barnes
Asst. Director Arlo Johnson
Sound Design by Mark Surya

Featuring...
John Arnold as Mr. Smith
Jabu Mickle-Molefe as Mrs. Smith
Mey Lee as Mr. Martin
Katya Schexnaydre as Mr. Martin's wife
Sherlock Holmes as Mary the Maid as Arlo

Johnson
And The Fire Chief as himself

The Bald Soprano will be showcased on Thursday, November 13, Friday, November 14, and Saturday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the address below:

3424 S. State Street
2nd floor, Cinderella Lounge

All performances are free and open to the public. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to show time to be admitted.

#FillTheseShoes: Student Life Leader application process begins

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"You cannot fill these shoes, there's so much to lose." Sorry Eminem, but we can fill these shoes, and there is a whole lot to gain.

Every year, the Office of Campus Life and Residence and Greek Life team up to select student leaders to fill various positions in their respective offices. They go through an intensive selection process to pick the team of leaders that will be instrumental to the growth of Illinois Tech for the coming year. This year, the chosen theme for the selection process is #FillTheseShoes. According to Hilda Rojas-Duarte, from Residence and Greek Life, #Fill-TheseShoes is a call to action.

Success can be achieved when people dare to take a journey that leads to a better place and they are calling to students to walk a journey to help make Illinois Tech a better place. These student life leader positions offer opportunities for growth, improve leadership and communication skills, and establish lifelong connections within the Illinois Tech community.

The process begins with information sessions which students are required to attend to find out more about what each available po-

sition entails. After attending the information sessions, students are urged to apply via HawkLink. The applications are then reviewed and certain applicants are invited to the group process stage. Students who perform exceptionally well at the group process stage are then invited for individual interviews, after which Student Life Leaders are selected.

The first information session was Friday, November 7, at 1:00 p.m. in the MTCC Auditorium, and it was chaired by Katie Stango from the Office of Campus Life. Current and past student leaders were also present and shared their experiences with prospective students. Stango explained that the Office of Campus Life and Residence and Greek Life are looking for diverse student leaders. "We understand that there are different leadership styles and are happy to embrace this difference so we encourage all students to apply," says Katie.

Are you interested in becoming a student life leader, or just not sure? Either way, attend an information session and find out more. More information about this process is available on HawkLink and questions can also be sent to sll@iit.edu. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!



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