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Campus Safety: Bears and You

Timothy Ayodele
 YA' BOY AT TECHNEWS

Here at IIT, we pride ourselves on campus safety. With a first class public safety team, and citizens of Bronzeville devoted to not mugging you and stealing your bike, IIT has benefited from years of peace and safety. Recently however, campus has suffered from a severe spike in the number of city bears (yes, bears) that have been terrorizing students. So here at TechNews, we made it our personal responsibility to make a guide to help you if you ever come into contact with a city bear.

1. Don't be a jerk

Scientists have recently discovered that city bears are 78% more likely to maul someone who acts like Justin Bieber. Actions that are correlated with Bieberistic behavior includes, but is not limited to, cutting in line, lying on a survey, stealing from children, and setting off the fire alarm in MSV. Though it may seem elementary to some, walking around like you own the place can be the difference between a city bear stealing your wallet, and getting your intestines ripped out.

2. Walk fast

If there's one thing city bears hate the most, it's a cluster of people walking slowly down the sidewalk. To counter this hatred, they often partake in their favorite hobby, tearing through public mobs with their bare hands. Be an informed student; not a statistic.

3. Take a Shower

City bears can smell fear. You know what else they can smell? Fish, which is exactly what you probably smelled like last Friday in class. Here at TechNews, we recommend Dove

soap or Old Spice body spray, but before we can give a recommendation, one has to truly appreciate the benefits of taking a bath. Not only you no longer anger your classmates by



not smelling like week old Chinese food, but as a bonus you get to keep your liver.

4. Know what you want at 7-Eleven

City bears in particular are very active species, because of this, they become in-

creasingly frustrated if they wait any more than five minutes. This week alone, multiple reports told of at least six separate instances of city bear genocide resulting from 3:00 a.m. drunk

people in 7-Eleven. This isn't even necessarily the bears' fault, as all those attacks could have been easily prevented if people had just walked into 7-Eleven for a reason. Seriously, if you don't want coffee, a drink or a snack, you prob-

ably don't need to be in 7-Eleven at all. Oh, and speaking of drunk people...

5. Getting Drunk at the Bog

Yes, we know the Bog serves alcohol, but it's also possible to drink without getting hammered. This is especially important to remember this when at our school hangout, The Bog, because not only is being drunk at the Bog distasteful, it makes you the perfect pre-crushed bowling ball for city bears.

6. Park like you know how to drive.

Don't lie, anyone on campus with a car can confess to at least one instance where they parked like a total jerk. Whether you have used two spaces or parked sideways, parking incompetently has been observed to increasingly aggravate passing city bears. In fact, ever since the mayor banned bear-football, city bears have developed a new hobby of ripping people out of their terribly parked cars and throwing them into the sun. These are very strong bears.

7. Have an original idea

Believe it or not, city bears are just as social as they are violent. Nothing a city bear loves more than a good conversation. Beware though, though having a city bear as a friend can be an exhilarating experience, nobody likes a guy who steals someone's joke or doesn't cite an opinion, and city bears have a strict "no arms rule" for copycats.

Follow these simple guidelines, and you can reduce your chances of a city bear attack by at least 60%. If you follow these rules and still get your kidneys eaten, it was probably the top ramen. I heard it makes you delicious.

Photo by Martin Abegglen

The Sodexo Institute of Sodexology?

Reno Wasabi
 HARBINGER OF NEWS

After months of heated negotiations between IIT and their primary food provider Sodexo, finally, both parties have come to an agreement over a set of new terms indicative of their professional relationship. This includes, most notably, that Sodexo will take full legal control over Illinois Institute of Technology. "They drove a hard bargain and we eventually reached a point that we really had no other option but to settle," says a representative of the school's contract negotiating team. "I mean, I'm not saying that the quality of their food is mediocre at best and not worth the cost; I would never say that, but they have a really good negotiating team that, if that were the case, not saying that it is, but if it were, would make it difficult for many of the students on campus to deal with that fact."

You might be asking yourself, What does this mean for me as a student? Don't I have any say whatsoever in the management of my education? Well no, of course you don't, but you will be happy to learn that you will notice very little change of everyday operations—at least for now. In fact, IIT is only one of a few dozen universities worldwide that Paris-based food services and facility management corporation Sodexo has acquired in recent years. The reason you might not have heard of all of this is that there is nothing to talk about. Business as usual, as they say.

As the director of the Sodexo's Edu-

cation Division, Marigold Tailumina said in a brief statement about the 'merger,' as she calls it, "The school will still be called the Illinois Institute of Technology, operations will still be running as usual, maybe even a little more efficiently, and the only noticeable changes at all will be a few of our representatives sitting on and ultimately having the final decisions at most of the important board meetings. As with all of our mergers, we are not looking to replace any of the fine executives, faculty, and staff that have made this school what it is today. All the teachers are going to be kept... Well, most of the teachers are going to be kept."

As current Sodexo CEO, Michel Landel explains in an article entitled "Sodexo's CEO on Smart Diversification" in The Harvard Business Review, "Usually when we take on a new contract, the client already has employees performing the functions involved, so we take those employees on as our own and retrain them. They require training because their attitude is a major component of our competitive advantage." Tailumina furthers this point, "We will do the best we can to make sure that the students are getting the education they deserve, and if that means we have to set a few bad apples straight, then so be it. If any of the school's students...or should I say OUR students, are concerned with changes in the quality of their education, let me just assure them that we will give the same commitment to molding sharp, young intellects as we

do to the preparation and sales of our food."

You also might be wondering what benefits this new partnership might have for the students at the school. Well, you'll be thrilled to hear that, in fact, there are many benefits that Sodexo's corporate position is able to provide. For one, for the students disappointed at the availability of internships to them under the current administration, Sodexo has laid out an initiative to help with that by providing students the opportunity to enter paid (in bonus points) internships with Sodexo. Tailumina again said, "As I'm sure you can tell, we are really expanding our reach from the company we once were, and with every new frontier comes a need for bright young pilgrims to help us ravage the native populations. We will even offer perks to students who are willing to work for them like reduced tuition and job security at whatever division you choose to work in, whether it be in food preparation, healthcare, nuclear development; any of the areas we are expanding into. Of course it wouldn't be mandatory like our meal plans, but I just don't see why every one of our students wouldn't want to take full advantage of the opportunities we are offering; I really, really don't."

In addition to that, Sodexo is a multinational corporation with roots in different markets in different countries all around the world. This fact makes it much easier for study abroad programs to be initiated and for worldwide connections to be made. Tailumina

says, "We've got schools in Germany, Pakistan, Zimbabwe, Taiwan, etc; we are even planning on building one in the heart of the Bermuda Triangle, you know, underwater. At Sodexo, we believe in globalization and all the good stuff that comes along with it. You could be working on projects with students halfway around the world of whom you don't even know the names. As our core mission statements go, we work to promote and enhance healthy and productive environments everywhere we embed our talons...get it, Talons?"

For students who may be still skeptical of the changes that will be enacted in the upcoming years, let your mind at ease with the knowledge that at least one small change for the better was included in the new contracts. "We did have one small victory in that we did get them to agree to bring back the Create-Your Own meal plan option in the future, so there's that," says the negotiations representative from before. "The only way this would be possible though was to alter conversion rates slightly in the opposite direction as might be hoped; three points per Commons meal to be exact. I'm telling you, those attorneys, they're like sharks; sharks with law degrees and Freddy Krueger knife-hands."

As Landel says in the article referenced before, "It's conceivable that Sodexo could one day provide quality-of-life services to an individual from birth to post-retirement." Well, I guess Sodexo is on the right track with that.

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It's 2015, but are we really over it?

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Racism is still a problem. Yeah, I hate saying it too. Just hearing the word racism is like a fire alarm for every social justice warrior in the vicinity to start loading their opinion AK's. But it's not their opinion that's the problem with racism; it's our attitude that is.

A couple weeks ago, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) chapter in Oklahoma University was shut down due to a video of members chanting a racist hymn about not letting black people into their fraternity. What made it really racist was that they didn't say 'black people,' if know what I mean. Now, the school and national fraternity did handle the situation correctly and quickly, but the incident brings up an important point about post-modern racism. Looking at the reaction, it seems like we are finally putting racism behind us, but is that what's really happening? From a social lens, what were the students really guilty of, racism or public racism?

We live in a society where it's one thing to be racist, and another to show it. Over 50 years since the civil rights movement, our society has grown passive and tired of the race debate. Rather than form an individual culture of race neutrality that was intended, our society has tricked itself into thinking that dismissive behavior is the same thing. One can argue that the only reason why the reaction to SAE was so strong was because someone put that

video of the bus on the Internet. Without the video, the people of Oklahoma and the students of the university would be completely oblivious. Would anyone choose to target fraternity racism if had not been publicized in such an isolated incident?

In truth it doesn't take a YouTube video to see racism, you just have to open your eyes. Every day black, Hispanic, and Asian people face micro-aggressions and small disadvantages that are wholly a result of race. These disadvantages are nothing close to what they used to be, but that doesn't make them any less real. No matter how much we try to deny, white people still benefit from a good amount of advantages based mostly on the fact that they're white. Even racism as an ideology is still around. Racist undertones exist in every race in America today. Black people are in most ways just as racist as white people, the only difference is which side of the fence they're on.

The truth is dismissiveness does not work. Simply ignoring racism does not make it go away, like how forgetting the milk in the refrigerator isn't going to make it magically drink itself. An ideology like racism is a result of social change combined with time to set into the subconscious of our society, so to deal with racism we have to do more than just pretend like it's not there. Yet so far that's all we've been doing, giving archaic racist cultures a chance to survive in setting like fraternities and more dangerously, our power elite.

What can we do to change? After identifying the problem with our post-modern attitude on racism, it is apparent that we can't keep on this track, but what else then? Is there any way to more efficiently snub race as an impacting factor in our society? The hard truth is no. Racism has historically made such a huge impact on our society that it's too late to pretend that it didn't happen. The truth is, we have to embrace race to stop racism.

Take IIT for example, we are arguably one of the places in Chicago, so how do we face the challenges of racism? The answer lies in race itself. Rather than shun the subject of race, we embrace it. Praising our diversity and seeing it as an advantage to progress is the way to go, rather than trying to accommodate it for progress. Why try to be color-blind, when we are all so many beautiful colors?

So here's the solution. If you're black, blast hip-hop in the streets and shout stories of black civil rights heroes. If you're white, tell tales of the amazing feats the Americans have accomplished and if you're Hispanic, share your delicious food and beautiful music with the world. It's time we stopped trying to hide our race and instead, praise modern diversity. It's time to make race a positive mark in our society, so years from now when our kids are in school and notice they're different from the other kids, they'll celebrate, anxious to go back to school and share their culture with classmates. Being united doesn't mean we have to pretend we are the same.

ASB: A bond like no other

Khaleela Zaman
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Yet another successful year for Alternative Spring Break! Of course, the team never would have made it to North Carolina without the support from all the wonderful people at IIT. With this support, the ASB 2015 team of 24 awesome and inspiring students and staff were given the opportunity to journey to a suburb of Charlotte, North Carolina and join forces with the Habitat for Humanity of Cabarrus County for an entire week. How humbling it was for them to help build a home (not just a house) for an unbelievably welcoming, excited, hardworking woman, alongside other future homeowners. A few "weekday warriors" also worked with the team on the site. These older and extremely wise men provided advice not just about the construction, but also about life (like female empowerment through

a few lessons in self-defense). The best kind of fun was definitely the type experienced during that week: the fun had while working with an amazing group of diverse people on one common goal—providing a safe and welcoming home for those without.

But, just what does this kind of fun actually entail? Only those on the ASB 2015 team will truly know the extent of this fun. Over the past two semesters, and especially over the week of Spring Break, the team this year has bonded in extraordinary ways. From the first leg of the two-day ride to North [insert the face of ASB president, Caroline Johnson], two individuals were already "shipped," against the wishes of one of them of course. There was so much shipping occurring that "aggressively, accidentally bumping" into any equipment on the site meant that you were effectively married to that piece of equipment. By the end of the trip, nearly everyone on the team had been

shipped with another team member, usually against their wishes. Oh, and let's not forget about the puns, all the lame puns, so many that, unfortunately, they will never all be fully recalled. Subarno Saha contributed greatly to this plague of puns that eventually spread throughout the entire team, until everyone was spewing out pun after pun while working on the site, and still now after returning to Chicago.

Despite the team coming down with the pun plague, the three staff members on the trip drove us all back to Chicago safely in the three vans, each van with its own unique character. Although this year's trip has been completed, the bond created during Spring Break 2015 was held together so tightly for that week that the glue might stretch, but it will never break. Moving on will be difficult, but the memories will live on, and next year's trip will soon be here. Next year, here we come!

SGA Executive Election Endorsements

TechNews Staff

Prior to the annual Student Government Association (SGA) Executive Elections, TechNews has an annual tradition of selecting and endorsing the candidates that we feel will best represent the interests and needs of the student body. This year, TechNews will not be endorsing any candidates for the SGA Executive Election.

This decision was reached during a roundtable discussion among various members of TechNews staff. With three uncon-

tested positions and very few candidates running in for the positions that are contested, informed endorsements made by our staff hold little meaning; the student body will not have the opportunity to make many choices regarding the representation we will have in the coming academic year during the SGA Executive Election which is being held on April 7, 2015. Whether the sparse number of candidates be due to inadequate publicity of the election or lack of general interest in student government, we regret being unable to endorse candidates for the SGA executive positions.

The TechNews staff does hope to see the current candidates further elaborate on their ideas and platforms in the week leading to the election. In general, student representatives that promise increased transparency regarding administration and SGA events, improved communication with the student body, and accurate representation of students' opinions, good and bad, are students that we support in the upcoming election.

The TechNews staff wishes the best of luck to all candidates.

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2015-2016 meal plans reduce choices, value

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Long story short, the Create Your Own meal plan no longer exists.

You can always count on the Illinois Institute of Technology to hear the concerns of the students, then act in their best interests. In the past, one of the issues students have been facing on campus is the required meal plans for those who wish to live on campus. There have been calls for a myriad of changes including reduced pricing, better and healthier options, longer hours, and more. Residence and Greek life has recently released the updated Room and Board Rates for the 2015-2016 school year and with them come the changes to the meal plans none of the students wanted.

As I like to do every semester, let's review the math. Students are still required to

purchase a meal plan, the cheapest of which for the majority of students will be the all new HAWK 175. Replacing the Create Your Own, the HAWK 175 feels very familiar. The plan costs \$4,994 dollars, \$146 or 3% more than last year, and provides you with 175 meals and 175 bonus points. However, students are no longer able to convert the meals to Bonus points. A disagreement in years past has been that the meal that costs over \$13 and gets you access to an all you can eat buffet only converted to 7 bonus points, not nearly enough to afford a full meal at Center Court. This is alleviated by the fact you are allowed up to 30 exchanges. An exchange is a meal at Center Court, Talon's, or the Bog which can be traded for a meal at The Commons. This means that if you were interested in the Create Your Own, you will now have to eat the Commons at least 145 times in a semester.

The reason many students choose the Create Your Own was for the option and freedom to eat where you want. You could completely avoid going to the Commons if you so choose. You are an adult and you can spend the bonus you have to feed yourself in the best way you know how. You no longer have this choice; it's clear the university is trying to force you into the Commons. The Hawk 14 is only \$339 more for the whole year and provides you with 14 guaranteed meals per week with 175 bonus points.

Since there isn't anything more interesting about the math beyond the average meal cost being over \$13, let's explore the ramifications of this new plan. Students should expect shorter hours in the coming year. The majority of purchases at Center Court come from Bonus Point holders. Even if there is a large flux of purchases from administrators and teach-

ers who pay with cash, these purchases will be concentrated during normal business hours. It's hard to imagine that Late Nite at Center Court will continue to be viable without bonus point holders dumping cash there. Another ramification is to consider the margins on the meals that Sodexo sells. The move is clearly a business one; the new plans are not an improvement for the students and the old plans were not a detriment, but for some reason a change was made. The 7 Bonus Point meal, which is heavily marked up, at Center Court must have smaller margins than the "food" at the Commons in order for the move to make sense.

For 6 bucks shy for \$5,000 you would hope there would be more of a value proposition. One thing we can be certain of is those chicken nuggets in the Commons are going to become a scarce and precious commodity.

SGA Finance Board Chair Candidacy Announcement

Anoopa Sundararajan
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Deciding to run for Finance Board Chair has been a process, about a year in the making. After thorough consideration of the several factors that contribute to a decision like this one, I officially accepted my nomination to run for Finance Board Chair in early March.

So why am I running for this position and why should you vote for me? Before I outline the top three things I intend to accomplish as Finance Board Chair, let me first briefly describe what the Finance Board Chair does. The primary roles of the Finance Board Chair are to serve as the liaison between Finance Board and the student body, and to work closely with the Office of Campus Life (OCL) to facilitate the disbursement of the Student Activities Fund (SAF). In addition, the Finance Board Chair presides over every hearing and ensures that decisions are made in a fair and timely manner.

My top priority as Finance Board Chair will be to improve transparency between Finance Board and students/student organizations. There are several modes of communication through which I plan to accomplish this. First and foremost, updates in TechNews, IIT Today and on HawkLink after each hearing to detail how much money was allocated and a summary of how it was allocated would be a staple. This would be followed by updates on social media. We will also have office hours,

similar to those we currently have before each hearing, after each hearing, to give student organizations the opportunity to come in and discuss any concerns with us in person. In this way, we will work to build a solid, efficient relationship between Finance Board and the student body, making us one united force working towards a more vibrant IIT community.

The second important issue that I plan to take on is making student input a vital factor in determining SAF spending. This process will be implemented as early as this semester. Before the end of the semester, a survey will go out to all students and student organizations with questions about where we would most like to see our SAF money spent. It is, after all, OUR money. Every student pays into it and every student deserves a say in where they would like to see it spent. In addition, we could also have regular forums to discuss students' ideas and how, if feasible, they could be made a reality.

The third issue that I consider to be of utmost importance is to ensure that Finance Board and the Senate work together to enable student organizations to get the best out of the SAF. The Senate approves new student organizations, and working with Finance Board from early on could help eliminate funding crises that may arise later. The Senate recently instated a program where every senator was assigned a number of student organizations that they would represent. This program was created as a way for the student government

to stay in touch with the student organizations on campus, and to ensure that newly approved organizations were remaining active post approval. As the president of an organization myself, I can say that this program did not take effect beyond one initial email. This innovative idea needs to be reinstated so that everyone plays their part in making SGA and the SAF as effective as possible.

In the past semester, I have worked closely with most of the new members who have been appointed to Finance Board. Their enthusiasm, combined with my experience and the IIT student body's innovative ideas are, no doubt, going to make for an exciting year for Finance Board and for IIT. I am extremely excited to have the opportunity to present my ideas and thoughts to all the students who will have the chance to vote. I hope that every voter will make an informed decision and vote for the candidate they consider the most capable to carry out this role successfully. I would also like to wish my fellow candidates the best of luck in this election and look forward to working with them in the upcoming academic year.

For more information about my candidacy, be on the lookout for the candidate bios on the SGA website and in this issue of TechNews. In addition, feel free to email me at asundar2@hawk.iit.edu if you have any questions, concerns, or simply want to share your thoughts.

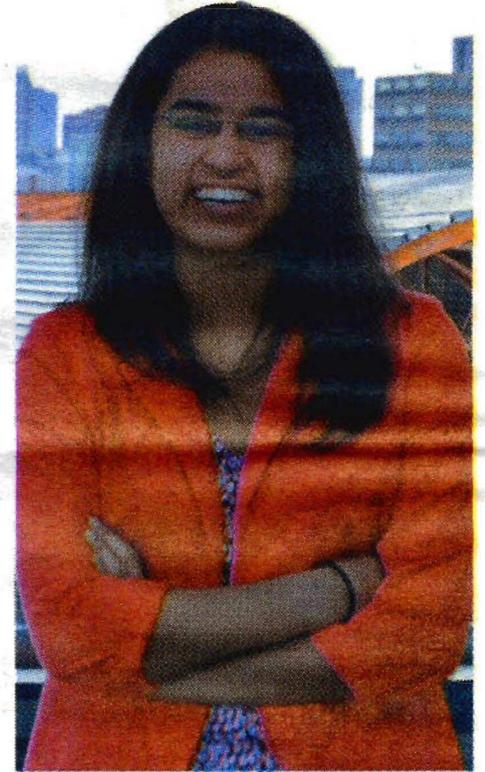


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The emergance of an inverse gender gap

Jerry Sha
TECHNEWS WRITER

Stendhal, a French philosopher, once wrote in the 1800s that "All geniuses who were born women were lost to the public good." Today, thanks to nearly a century of tumultuous social reforms, that statement thankfully no longer holds true, but the opposite of that statement is worryingly close to becoming a reality. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), a think tank focused on the growth and advancement of rich, developed countries, has found that more than half of new college and technical school graduates are now girls. Traditionally male dominated fields such as law and medicine have seen a drastic reversal in their gender makeup, and numerous universities in America are suspected of lowering their standards for boys in order to maintain a more even gender ratio. In addition to education, the "glass-ceiling-index", or the social tendency for women to be employed in lower paying and in less skilled jobs has dropped drastically over every region surveyed by the OECD except sub-Saharan Africa. Starting from primary education and extending far beyond, women in developed countries are outperforming men across the board. For students of a technical school dominated by males, this trend definitely holds some interesting implications.

In primary education, the OECD deems literacy and language skills to be the most important skill, as reading is fundamental to the acquisition of any other skill. Stan-

dardized test results on reading, taken across 64 OECD affiliated countries, unanimously show that girls are consistently outperforming boys in reading skill, and the difference in scores suggest that girls are ahead of their male classmates by an astounding average of an entire year's worth of schooling in reading. Boys, however, do manage to retain a small average lead in math, equivalent to about three months of schooling. On average, the OECD finds that teenage boys are 50% more likely to drop out of school than girls. Specifically for America, the OECS categorizes 10% of girls as "consistent under-performers in all academic categories," while the same label is applied to 16% of boys.

The fault does not entirely lie in the academic ability of the boys themselves. For an insight into mentality and stereotype, boys are twice as likely as girls to report that school is a "waste of time." Once outside of the classroom, the average 15-year-old girl devotes five-and-a-half hours a week to homework, an hour more than the average boy. Three-quarters of girls read for pleasure, compared with little more than half of boys. These behavioral patterns can be attested to a problem of stereotype, as reading a book or studious devotion to homework is perceived as feminine, and thus strongly avoided by maturing boys out to prove their masculinity. Mr. Ivan Yip, principal of the Bronx Leadership Academy in New York, has stated that "Unfortunately there's a tendency where [boys] try to live up to certain expectations in terms of [bad] behavior."

Beyond primary education, female enrollment rates in institutions of higher edu-

cation have increased at a rate twice as fast as the rate for men, and the average gender ratio of women in higher education has exceeded parity in nearly all countries surveyed. In 1985, the percentage of females stood at 48%, today it is 56% and is projected to rise to 58% by 2025. Moreover, women in colleges are more likely than their male classmates to graduate. While women are still more likely to choose certain fields such as education, medicine, law, and the humanities, their performance in math and hard sciences are steadily rising towards parity, and their performance in the fields they are likely to choose have already surpassed men. The only fields in which men retain a statistically significant lead are the fields of computing, engineering, and physics.

Social dynamics are shifting dramatically today for the two genders. Reputable employers practically require all candidates to finish college and exceed in academics, and yet males are still mired in the stereotype of masculinity from before the 80s, when jobs for uneducated men were plenty and competition from educated women was scarce. For women, rising divorce rates, the advent of the Pill, and decades of policy aimed at promoting female independence has had the opposite effect, driving women to study and prepare themselves for skilled, high pay and high demand jobs which until recently were practically closed to them. As a result, policymakers in developed countries who, just two generations ago and even today worried about the lack of women in STEM fields and in high ranking professional positions, now find themselves faced with

the equally daunting issue of a growing pool of undereducated men, unattractive to many employers. Hanna Rosin's book, "The End of Men and the Rise of Women", published in 2012, summarizes the direction of the current gender divide, it speaks about how women are pulling ahead academically, socially, and professionally. This trend should be worrying for women as well, for previously, women have married men within or above their own social group. Soon, the diminishing proportion of uneducated men will make that trend a near impossibility, and women will be forced to marry down or not at all.

As a male in a male dominated engineering school, your correspondent initially found it hard to believe the findings of the OECD study. However, as more and more research pointed to the same socio-demographic trend, a most happy notion presented itself; if there is soon to be a lack of educated men in the professional workforce, driven by the 58% ratio of females in higher education and rising standards of entry for professional employment, then the current course of study of myself and my classmates will soon place us into a scarce and desirable demographic, while the demographic of well-educated women that we seek will be expanding. And so to all male IIT readers, who have attained the level of reading interest and skill to have suffered through this article, welcome to the club! The going may be hard presently with the oppressive local gender ratio of the school, but there looks to be good times on the horizon, so press on!

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The most important issue that I would attack is desegregating this student population and try to create a campus life which embraces and respects the different diversities that are established upon this magnificent campus. The way that I would go about doing this is to be more involved with every club and organization as well as by reaching out, putting boots to the pavement & speaking to every student on this campus & informing them of their powerful voice upon this campus & by letting them know that I care about them & will be willing if able to help that their voice be heard by the correct administrative official.

SAN DINH
2nd Year Chemical Engineering Major



My top priority as Student Body President will be improving SGA efficiency. For Senator projects, I believe deadlines will increase productivity. Additionally, the process of each senator project will be published weekly on the SGA website. For every member of SGA, I would like to introduce a 24-hour email rule. Every email sent to SGA must be replied within the next 24 hours. I also want to increase the professionalism of the SGA. Being a member of SGA is a lot of work, responsibilities, and commitments. If any member of SGA finds it hard to fulfill their duty, I would like to see that person take a step back and let others take the position.

Executive Vice President

TREVOR WASSERZIEHER
3rd Year Biomedical Engineering Major



I would like to see positive changes in the areas of accountability and transparency within SGA. It is very important to ensure the responsibilities of the respective positions are upheld. One way to follow through with this is to require all senators to hold open office hours at some point during the week to give students or even faculty the opportunity to personally speak to senators about specific issues they feel deserves just respect. Every senator should make a list of goals at the beginning of the term and prove at the end of their term that progress was made. Midterm checks can be carried out to note progress during the term. If every senator is held accountable, SGA is more successful.

Vice President of Communications

SUBARNO SAHA
3rd Year Electrical Engineering Major



One of the biggest issues that needs to be tackled now is that students are not up to speed with the news about the goings on in the IIT community. I would like to work with all the offices in IIT, TechNews and IIT Today to help resolve this issue.

Vice President of Academic Affairs

VIRAJ SHAH
1st Year Mechanical Engineering Major



I want to make life better for students; I want to make their problems easier. There are things on campus that could make it easier for students to study. I want to help make education better. One of my current projects is to get HDMI cables in all classrooms because some classrooms have the port but no cable and it would make it easier for professors.

Vice President of Student Life

GINA QUALTER
3rd Year Biology Major



A number of concerns from students were brought to light at the President & Provost Forum. I believe the biggest challenge is providing the IIT student body with greater transparency. While the point was made that we are a private university and this is not required, I plan to reach out to the student body. I will get in contact with diverse groups of students to see what each student would like and need. Next, I would set up a meeting with the President or Provost and seek out a middle ground between what the students want and what the administration wants. I would present some examples of how we could tackle this issue based on other private universities.

HAMZE SUKKAR
3rd Year Computer Engineering Major



Student life includes the college experience apart from academics and involves a very broad range of activities and issues to be tackled. We have a large student body and pointing at one thing might not speak for everybody, and that is not what I want. Students interact with the different university facilities numerous times on a daily basis and with every interaction comes a "notice" which I want to make positive. I want to promote an environment where every student's voice is heard, knowing that it will be well received by people who care to take it seriously. Sharing those positive notes we experience every day is as important if not even more essential to develop such a fruitful and healthy environment.

Finance Board Chair

JERMIRON MORRIS
4th Year Industrial Technology & Management Major



I want all student organizations to be aware of the opportunities and resources available. I want to ensure that each organization understands the process and guidelines of the Finance Board. I want to eliminate any feelings of disenfranchisement that any student organization may be feeling. I would like to bolster the relationship between the Finance Board and IIT's student bodies as well as reinforce the integrity of the financing process. My first step in achieving these goals would be to make myself available to each organization.

ANOOPA SUNDARARAJAN
2nd Year Applied Math Major



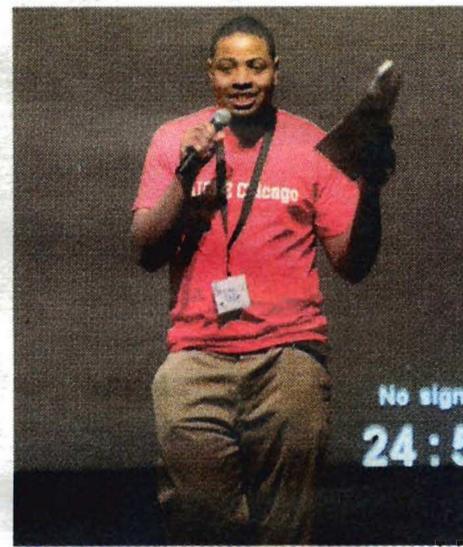
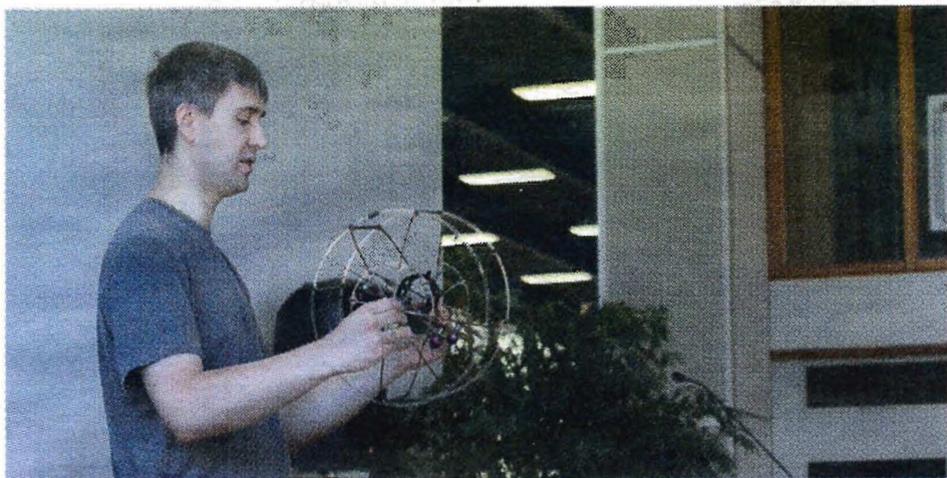
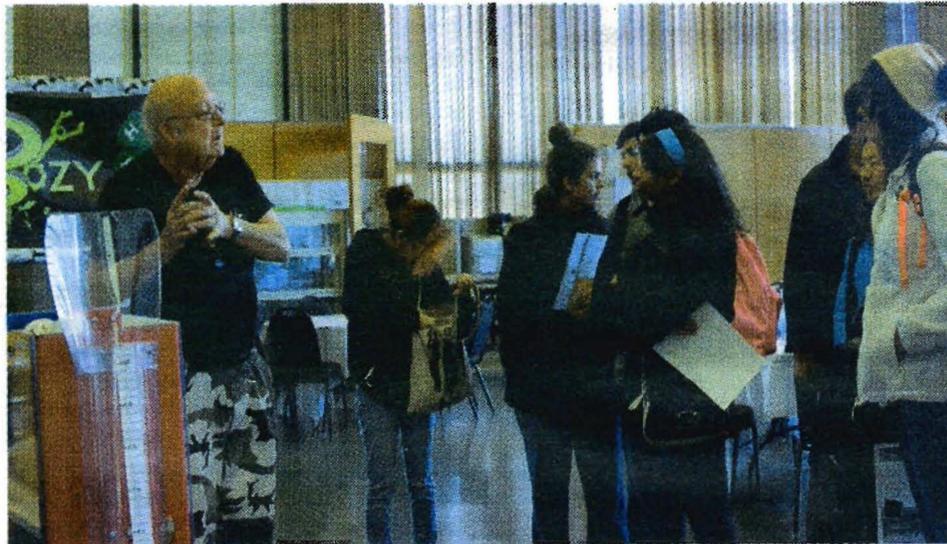
I believe it is important that every student who pays into the SAF has the option to understand how that money is allocated. There is a communication gap between SGA and the student body and I will create a more cohesive atmosphere, especially in regards to where students would like most to see SAF money spent. The first step would be to reach out to students and organizations to infer where priorities lie in terms of SAF spending. Organizations could sit in on the funding process as well as have the chance to meet with advisors after the hearing to discuss questions or concerns they may have. A big part of creating a cohesive atmosphere will be using different media forms (TechNews, IIT Today, Facebook) to involve the student body in the workings of Finance Board.

JACOB AYNESAZIAN
2nd Year Electrical & Computer Engineering Major



The most important issue I see is redefining the mission of the SAF to reflect the views of IIT students. The mission followed by FB has not been updated for a few years. Properly allocating funds becomes difficult when the mission that FB follows is not one that reflects the needs of IIT's community. I would facilitate the change of the mission through an online survey open to all students and organizations. This would allow students to prioritize what they think the SAF should be spent on. Allowing you to give your input along with every other student insures that your tuition money is spent as close to as you would like as possible.

Engineering Career Day showcases STEM opportunities



Photos by Katy Banks



Human Library on campus this April

Jonathan Hui
TECHNEWS WRITER

A library is powerful. It is powerful not for being a center of authority, but for being a nexus of ideas. Its influence derives from its ability to expose individuals to fresh ideas, unexplored perspectives, and unseen possibilities. A library helps readers not only appreciate the grandeur of the cosmos, but the nuances of their own individual existence as well. Now, all this is possible with only patterns of ink on paper or pixels on a screen. Imagine the possibilities of introducing the human element.

IIT Residence and Greek Life's Diversity and Service Learning Committee, in partnership with Human Library Chicago, is proud to present the first ever Human Library IIT this April. The event will take place on Thursday, April 16 from 11:30 AM to 6:00 PM in the MTCC Black and White Lounge (adjacent to Global Grounds Café and IIT Bookstore.) The Human Library is entirely free and all community members are welcome to take part.

IIT is fortunate to have a very diverse and engaged student body. However, despite the ubiquitous diversity on campus, it is

still often challenging to discuss issues related to this topic. The Human Library is an event that aims to start conversations regarding stigma, prejudice, and discrimination.

While an ordinary library is stocked with printed books and journals, the Human Library features individuals from the community who serve as "books." The books come from all walks of life with unique experiences of stereotypes and prejudice. Human Library IIT will be featuring 15, (selection will vary throughout the day) whose titles include transgender, undocumented, and veteran books. Visitors or "readers" can "borrow" a book for a twenty minute appointment during which they can listen to the book's life story, inquire about the book's experiences, and learn more about that particular identity. Trained volunteers from Human Library Chicago will be on hand to facilitate these experiences as needed and to guide readers through their explorations

Sharing stories can be a powerful way to highlight what individuals have in common and understand the challenges unique to each label and stereotype. The Human Library is a great venue for learning more about the community and to engage individuals in a meaningful, impactful way. Make sure to come by this event to begin your own conversation.

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Illinois Tech Robotics wins 2nd consecutive demolition title

Kori Bowns
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For over 10 years, Illinois Tech Robotics (ITR) has been a student organization on IIT's campus devoted to sharing robotics through outreach events and robotics competitions. On March 13-14, ITR competed in the 27th annual Jerry Sanders Creative Design Competition (JSDC) after months of preparation.

JSDC is a two-day competition held at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign that ITR competes in each year. JSDC is one of the oldest robotics competitions in America and routinely draws competitors from schools across the Midwest. This year, the more than two dozen robots competing represented both the Chicago and Urbana-Champaign campuses of the University of Illinois, College of DuPage, Valparaiso University, Northern Illinois University, Michigan Technological University, and, of course, Illinois Institute of Technology.

The goal of the competition changes slightly each year, but always is based on

rounds where four robots compete head-to-head to score the most points in a limited amount of time. This year's game had robots scoring points by moving a variety of different balls around the playing field. Nerf balls and Wiffle balls were scored by robots collecting them and shooting them into a rotating goal in the center of the field, much like a carnival game of skill. Robots could also score by putting golf balls from their corner of the field onto a scoring zone on a putting green. Lastly, robots scored points simply by navigating some obstacles on the field; large ramps, bumps, and trapdoor tunnels prevented robots from traversing the field easily.

On the first day of competition, ITR participated in a variety of round-robin matches that pitted them against other teams, each competing for a high average score to benefit them in the later playoff rounds. After the playoff rounds began on Saturday morning, all four of the robots that ITR brought to the competition succeeded in scoring or moving on to future matches.

Roslund, ITR's oldest remaining robot, was knocked out after the first round of

playoff matches at the competition after falling just shy of scoring enough points to move on. The same fate befell Goliath, one of ITR's newer robots. ITR's Modulus, the team's newest competing robot, advanced to the quarter-finals of the competition before being defeated.

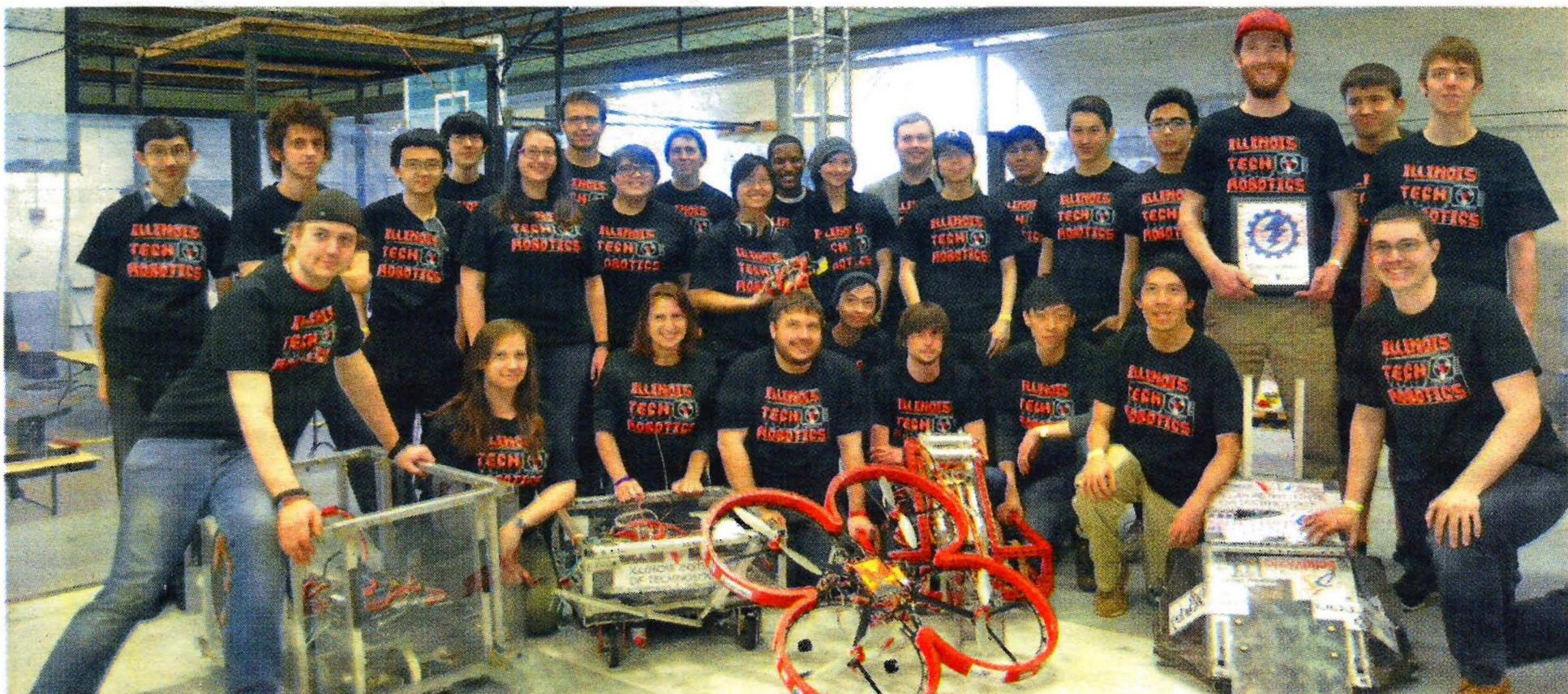
Icarus, ITR's flying quadcopter robot, rose above expectations and advanced to the semifinal matches of the competition after 3 rounds of competitive play against other aerial as well as ground-based robots. After falling a few points shy of moving on to the finals matches, ITR's chance at the main competition championship came to an end.

After the competition's final match ended and a team from UIUC took home the gold, the final match of JSDC, known as the demolition round, was set to begin. After a long two days of points-based competition, the traditional last match of JSDC is a round where any robot present at the competition is welcome to enter the arena, and all of the robots compete in a battlebots-style fight where the last robot able to move is declared the winner.

As the demolition round title hold-

ers from the previous JSDC season, the demolition round was ITR's time to shine. Once again, ITR's wedge-shaped Goliath took the field after a few modifications from its drive team, namely, adding a steel plate to the front of the robot and removing its fragile manipulator. Soon after the match began, Goliath disabled a robot from Northern Illinois University as other robots on the field fought each other. The final two robots standing were ILLINIhiliation, a robot from UIUC, and ITR's Goliath. After a few minutes of Goliath chasing ILLINIhiliation and the later robot hiding under tunnels on the field to avoid further damage, ITR's Goliath was declared the winner of the JSDC demolition round for the second consecutive year.

Illinois Tech Robotics has returned from their competition season and is now working on maintaining their robots as well as completing some outreach events to wrap up the school year. More information about the organization can be found on their website, illinoistechrobotics.org or by emailing iit.robotics@gmail.com.



Photos by Kori Bowns

New MacBook makes unprecedented design choices

Austin Gonzalez
OPINION EDITOR

Any time Apple holds a keynote, you can be sure that something fun will happen and this was no different, on March 9, 2015. Apple has reintroduced the MacBook into its laptop line up. The new MacBook is designed to be the thinnest, lightest, and in the words of the lead engineer, "all the components were optimized and designed to fit together."

The new MacBook fits squarely in the MacBook Air line in terms of size with a small 12-inch screen size, which also leads to most of the confusion surrounding the device. Have you ever experienced that moment where you're typing away on your ultra thin MacBook Air and thought to yourself, this computer is just too thick and heavy? Well, neither has anyone else. But Apple is listening to you, dear consumer, and the cries for improvements you

don't want. The new MacBook is 25% thinner than the MacBook Air. It's also significantly lighter, which makes the MacBook airier than the MacBook Air. The MacBook Air is being updated with 5000 series Intel Processors and the all-new "Force Touch" track pad. Unfortunately the new MacBook doesn't even represent the pinnacle of technology. Asus and Lenovo have been quick to point out that they are introducing cheaper, faster, lighter, and thinner notebooks with better displays in the coming months. It's not even the first notebook to take advantage of decreasing power requirements and implement a silent fan-less design.

The new MacBook continues to outshine its older brother, the MacBook. The screen on the MacBook has been improved to have retina whose thinner aperture allows for brighter, yet more efficient displays. The 1600 x 900 TN panel in the MacBook Air is starting

to show its age. The Core M processor inside is a tablet processor. With this and other improvements, the logic board is now 33% smaller, which lets the rest of the chassis be packed with batteries.

Past all of these mind-boggling changes, the new MacBook boasts something truly unique and special. The new MacBook has only 2 ports. One USB type C and one 2.5 mm headphone jack. The same port that provides video output and data in, powers the device. Need to plug in a USB drive? Let's hope you don't need to charge at the same time. To alleviate this, you can buy an \$80 adapter to give your notebook functionality it should have out of the box. Welcome to the world where having ports will no longer be a given, but a feature for new computers. For anyone who bought into the thunderbolt ecosystem, unfortunately your displays will be useless

without an adapter on adapter.

It's clear that Apple has accepted that no one is truly productive with a Mac. The tablet processor in a flagship notebook costing up to \$1600 is a stretch beyond imagination. The singular port is a kick in the gut to the consumer. Apple will do as it does, and you will buy it. During the presentation, it almost sounded as if the lead engineer was trying to convince himself, more than the audience, of the MacBook's "absolutely incredibly, beautiful... most advanced design yet."

At least it comes in 3 colors, so you can match your champagne gold iPhone with your gold laptop, and it ships starting April 10.

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SPORTS

UEFA Champions League heads into Quarter Finals

Karan Jeet Singh
TECHNEWS WRITER

The round of sixteen comes to an end for UEFA Champions League, with an exciting second leg that saw some surprising results.

Cristiano Ronaldo matched the UEFA record by adding his 74th and 75th goals to the all-time UEFA champions league top scorer list, a record previously solely held by Messi. But Ronaldo's celebrations were overshadowed by the valiant, but ineffectual victory of Schalke. Schalke beat the cup holders on the night in their home ground as ex-Madrid player Klaas-Jan Huntelaar brought his team up from the ashes and proved to be the Man of the match as he scored two goals of the four. Even though Schalke won the match, Real Madrid's victory in Germany three weeks ago saw them go through to the top eight of the competition. Real Madrid 3 (5) Schalke 4 (4).

Dramatic to the final penalty kick, Atletico took down Leverkusen in a nail-biting

contest. Atletico went into the match with 1-0 down from the last leg but Mario Suarez's drive was enough to put them back into the competition. With their aggregate score drawn at 1-1, both teams went into penalties and that's where the experience and class of Atletico shined. They won 3 - 2 on penalties and head into the quarterfinals to meet Real Madrid. Atletico Madrid 1 (1) Leverkusen 0 (1).

The struggling Borussia Dortmund once again went up against Juventus who were already 2-1 up on aggregate, and Carlos Tevez led the Italian Champions into the second quarter final in three years, scoring two and providing the assist for the third. Juventus didn't waste any time and went a goal ahead in the second minute of the game, after which it was just a matter of picking out the opposition defense. Borussia Dortmund 0 (1) Juventus 3 (5).

Arsenal go out of the Champion's league from the round of sixteen for the fourth year in a row. Although it was an onslaught by the gunners, they couldn't overcome the

debacle that was their last game against Monaco. Monaco goes through to the quarter-finals to meet Juventus. Arsenal 2 (3) Monaco 0 (3).

The Champions league comes to a dramatic close for Chelsea. Although everything seemed to be standing against Paris SG with a sending off of Ibrahimovic and then the controversial circumstances of the penalty kick awarded, but it was the captain, and the ex-Chelsea player David Luiz who brought down his previous club, paving the way to quarter-finals. Paris SG 2 (3) Chelsea 2 (3).

Barcelona once again outplayed Man City with a narrow win which took them 3-1 up on the aggregate. It was a master class of dribbling by Lionel Messi as Joe Hart, although sad about the loss, was all praises for the guy he stopped. Hart provided 10 saves that night, keeping the spirit of Man City alive all through the match, but apparently it was not enough to stop Barcelona who now go through to the quarter final to see Paris SG. Barcelona 1 (3) Manchester City 0 (1).

The unbeaten Portuguese side scored

four goals of the week displaying an exquisite show of long range shooting, two of them coming from direct free kicks as they eased through to the last eight. FC Basel went into the night tied at 1-1 from the last leg but Brahimi's superbly executed free kick dented the hopes early on. Although all the strikes were wonderful, it was the testimony to the quality of Casemiro's free kick that would earn him a comparison to the likes of Juninho. FC Porto 4 (5) FC Basel 0 (1).

With the competition's biggest knockout win, Bayern Munchen soared past Shakhtar with six players getting onto the score sheet. Shakhtar, who played with 10 men for 87 minutes were no match for Bayern as the German giants thwarted them. With Muller getting a brace, Bayern dusted the opposition turning the match into the biggest defeat in the knockout stage since 1893. Bayern Munich will now meet Porto in the quarter-final of Champions league. Bayern 7 (7) Shakhtar Donetsk 0 (0).

El Clásico - Clash of the Superpowers

Karan Jeet Singh
TECHNEWS WRITER

The Catalans went into the clash with a run of 18 wins from their last 19 games and fresh from knocking out Manchester City in the UEFA tie, but with Madrid having a better head-to-head record against Barcelona this season, the clash of the titans was bound to be exciting.

Starting off with the scoring was Mathieu, heading his first league goal and most likely a goal he will never ever forget. Messi dropped in the ball from a set piece to set up Mathieu for a header past Casillas, opening the night with a roar across Camp Nou. Neymar came close to making it 2-0 but a poor finish

led to a quick counter attack, and Benzema and Ronaldo clicked together perfectly with a back heel pass setting up Ronaldo for a wonderful finish making it 1-1 within 30 seconds of the missed chance, bringing his total to 42 goals, just one behind Messi. The goal galvanized Madrid and they went into the second half head-strong, but just when they were having a really good second half, one telling pass, one fabulous run and Suarez brought back the lead with a fabulous touch and a shot into the far corner scoring a goal out of nothing. The goal was enough to push Real back and it assured fans of the win long before final whistle sounded. Barcelona 2 Real Madrid 1.

In other news across La Liga, Paco Alcacer scored his seventh league goal of the season as Valencia cruised to a comfortable

4-0 win over Elche and strengthened their grip on third place in the Primera division. Elche 0 Valencia 4. Atletico Madrid comfortably beat their neighbors with Torres getting on the score sheet just after 3 minutes and Tiago following soon afterwards. Atletico Madrid 2 Getafe 0.

Rayo Vallecano picked up a fourth straight Primera division home win as Gael Kakuta's first-half header proved enough to beat Malaga, who finished the game with 10 men. Rayo Vallecano 1 Malaga 0. A late strike by the substitute gave Celta Vigo their much-deserved win against Levante, as they drown Levante to the relegation zone. Levante 0 Celta Vigo 1.

Athletic Bilbao maintains pressure on the teams above them with a high paced performance and getting the well-deserved win. Athletic Bilbao 2 Almeria 1. Eibar brings

their eight-match long losing streak to an end as they managed a draw against Granada, earning a valuable point against the relegation dogfight. Granada 0 Eibar 0.

Espanyol also held Deportivo at a goalless draw at home, and now they sit one point above the relegation zone. Deportivo La Coruna 0 Espanyol 0. Yellow submarine came out in a determined mood and moved the ball around quickly, making it two wins in a row. Villarreal 0 Sevilla FC 2.

Cordoba picked up 3 red cards and took their losing streak to nine straight matches. With three men down, it was a cakewalk for Real Sociedad maintaining their ninth spot in the league table. Real Sociedad 3 Cordoba 1.



Tuesday, March 31
Women's Lacrosse
@ Dubuque
4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1
Baseball
@ Lakeland
1 p.m.

Baseball
@ Lakeland
3 p.m.

Thursday, April 2
Women's Lacrosse
vs. Carroll College
7 p.m.

Friday, April 3
Baseball
@ Maranatha Baptist
3 p.m.

Baseball
@ Maranatha Baptist
5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7
Baseball
@ Trine
3 p.m.

Baseball
@ Trine
5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8
Women's Lacrosse
@ Elmhurst College
7 p.m.



JOBS4HAWKS

Campus Life is hiring for our student desks for next academic year! Apply on jobs4hawks by Friday!

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Why Have Gender Roles, When You Can Have Pizza Rolls?

Monday, March 30th: 7pm, Engineering 1 Room 119

Sponsored by GLAM

Join GLAM as we close off Women's History Month and kick off Sexual Assault Awareness Month for a meeting and discussion about how we define "typical" gender roles and what they mean in society today. Free snacks and drinks will be provided as well!

Self Defense Classes

Every Wednesday: 6:30-7:30pm, Keating

Sponsored by IIT Intramurals and Recreation

Join IIT's self-defense expert every Wednesday evening in April, from 6:30-7:30pm and learn how defend yourself against grabs, chokes, muggings, gun and knife attacks. This will help students of all genders learn how to protect themselves, but also doubles as a phenomenal workout. *There will be a specific sexual assault awareness-focused session during the self defense class on Wednesday, April 15.*

It's On Us Campaign

Thursday, April 2 & Friday, April 3: 12:30-2pm, MTCC Bridge

Sign the national "It's On Us" campaign's pledge as a personal commitment to help keep individuals safe from sexual assault and reject bystander behavior. Teal ribbons in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month will also be available, as well information about programs throughout the month.

SGA ELECTIONS!



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Vote on HawkLink on Tuesday, April 7th