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IIT Student Gift needs you

Nathan McMahon
SPORTS EDITOR

The students have spoken and the 2015 Student Gift will be renovations to the Keating Sports Center! Now it is up to us, the students, to make this idea a reality. The Student Gift needs donations from the students in order to bring big changes to Keating. These changes will include repainting the walls of

the weight room, adding more mirrors to the weight room, and improving the existing equipment.

As a graduating senior and final year student-athlete I understand as well as anyone the struggle that it is to try to work out at Keating. Nobody will disagree that it is an eyesore and an impractical space for what it's used for, but with these improvements, we, the students and main users of Keating, will be able to fi-

nally make the changes we have wanted to see for years now.

This gift may appear to only benefit the small fraction of students who are student-athletes, but in reality this will benefit every single person who ever goes to Keating. Please visit the IIT Student Gift 2015 Facebook page to find out how you can contribute!

The smell of free: WIIT ticket giveaways

Timothy Ayodele
TECHNEWS WRITER

A couple of weeks ago, I got the opportunity to go to a concert at the Concord Theatre to see Earl Sweatshirt perform. It was exciting, sweaty, dope, lame, and exhilarating all at the same time. Yet, out of all the things I loved about the concert, the fact that it was free made it all the better.

Through the students at WIIT, our local school radio station, I was able to win free tickets via a Facebook contest. The contest

was as simple and easy as naming my favorite Sweatshirt song, but the challenge didn't make the tickets any less real. At first I was surprised, even dumbfounded, that I was able to get these tickets, but the fantasy soon became my reality that Sunday afternoon.

My friend and I geared up and hit the train to the Concord Theatre. Showing up just on time, we were able to catch an amazing performance by Vince Staples and Earl Sweatshirt. The music had the crowd going wild, as I quickly found myself lost in a sea of cell phone selfies.

Despite that, I had a front row seat so good that I couldn't have done better if I tried. Concerts are amazing, but a free concert is a different beast altogether. To be able to get such an experience without paying a dime is a gift that only WIIT could get me. Under new management, WIIT has been able to start doing some amazing things for the school, to create great opportunities for guys like me, and I can only hope they continue this trend in the future.

Writer awaits SGA Election Review

Austin Gonzalez
OPINION EDITOR

Student Government Association (SGA) elections are over, and the results are in. Let's see how we did, from the position of a student outside of SGA.

The basic numbers show a total of 508 people voted; 504 were from IIT, 4 from VanderCook, and 0 from Shimer. Of the 11 people running, six candidates were present at the debates. Of the six positions available, three were uncontested. Our new President-Elect, Rahul Wadhvani, had his campaign and candidacy confirmed just six days before the election, well after candidate bios were published and debates took place.

Some problems were apparent at the polls. The polling volunteers did not appear to have complete knowledge of the elections. There are reports that Shimer students were told they were unable to vote, which may explain their complete lack of representation. Some poll stations were also incorrectly reporting that there was no option to abstain from voting. There was a general agreement among the persons I've had the opportunity to discuss the situation with that the elections and nominations were poorly done. I hear you: "Austin, you often appear disgruntled in your

articles, constantly pointing out fails in the systems we have." Whether it was OCL Staff, students, or even SGA Senators, I have yet to hear someone proclaim that these elections were the best they could be, or even adequate.

The nomination process was poorly advertised. The only reason I personally heard of nominations was because a good friend told me she was running for a position. It should come as no surprise that current SGA Senators were the immediate (and for a while only) candidates who were aware there was a race to announce candidacy for. On the day of elections, I mentioned this problem to the then-Finance Board Chair hopeful, Jacob Aynessazian, and his response was to the tune that an email was sent to every student on campus, and it is SGA's responsibility to make sure everyone sees it.

Yes, Jacob, yes it is.

There are clearly problems and concerns that students have. Every day, my social media is inundated with one problem or another. How is it that we can accept the results of an election where the number of voters is less than the number of people who would have to evacuate MSV in the case of a fire alarm? It should be SGA's passion to hunt down the problems plaguing the students, SGA's constituency, and destroy those problems with unending joy. It is SGA's duty to publicize SGA's

goings-ons. Every permitted voter should know; it shouldn't take friends on the inside to know that nominations are open. It is surprising considering these very same problems existed during the SGA Senate elections, and none of them were addressed over the course of an entire year.

I have a hard time understanding how the Executive Elections Committee was unable to pull together a more organized election since their appointment in February. Perhaps SGA can take lessons from the clubs that it presides over that are able to put on successful events.

I gladly await the review the Executive Committee prepares at the end of this month. Hopefully, it will be published to the student body as well, not only the Executive board as per their bylaws. The immediate action of those elected should be to revise the bylaws and procedures of SGA, specifically those regarding elections. At the end of the day, I'd like to quote one part of SGA's bylaws that we should take to heart:

"Representing the interests of the student population of IIT requires high standards of behavior. In order to effectively serve students, and function in general, there must be a culture of trust within SGA."

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