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Illinois Tech Robotics volunteers at FIRST Robotics world championship

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Illinois Tech Robotics (ITR) is a student organization where members can learn new things and build exciting projects, as well as help others and make an impact by inspiring children to pursue an interest in science and technology fields. Each year, ITR members take part in a variety of outreach opportunities.

Over the past year, ITR students hosted a youth robotics competition, volunteered at 8 youth competitions, coordinated a season kickoff event for high school robotics students, and participated in a variety of public outreach events. Students in ITR have donated hundreds of hours of their time this year to help thousands of younger students learn about futures in science and technology. The vast majority of ITR's outreach and volunteer opportunities work closely with a youth robotics organization known as FIRST.

For Inspiration and Recognition of

Science and Technology (FIRST) was founded in 1989 by inventor Dean Kamen with the mission of showing students that science, technology, and problem-solving are not only fun and rewarding, but are proven paths to successful careers and a bright future for society. The organization achieves this mission by offering robotics competitions for students in elementary school through high school. The competitions value not only gaining engineering skills and creating useful machines, but also things such as good sportsmanship, cooperation, teamwork, and something FIRST calls "gracious professionalism," a way of doing things where students learn and compete like crazy, but treat one another with respect and kindness in the process.

This past weekend, ITR volunteered at the final event of the FIRST Robotics season, the FIRST World Championship held in St. Louis, Missouri. The event took place in several locations throughout the city, with different age groups competing at different venues. More than 15 thousand students attended the

event, as did thousands of additional parents, mentors, supporters, and volunteers.

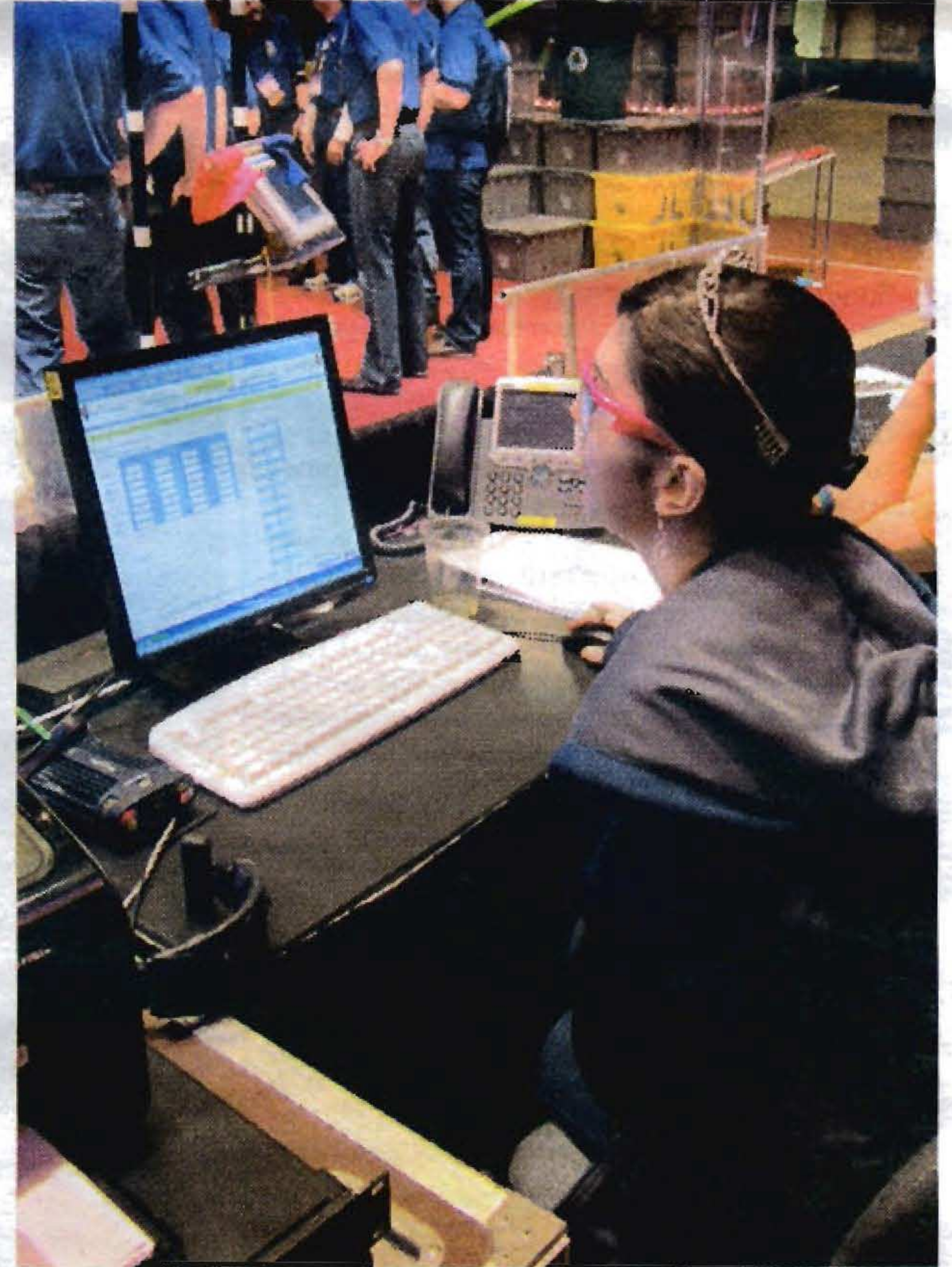
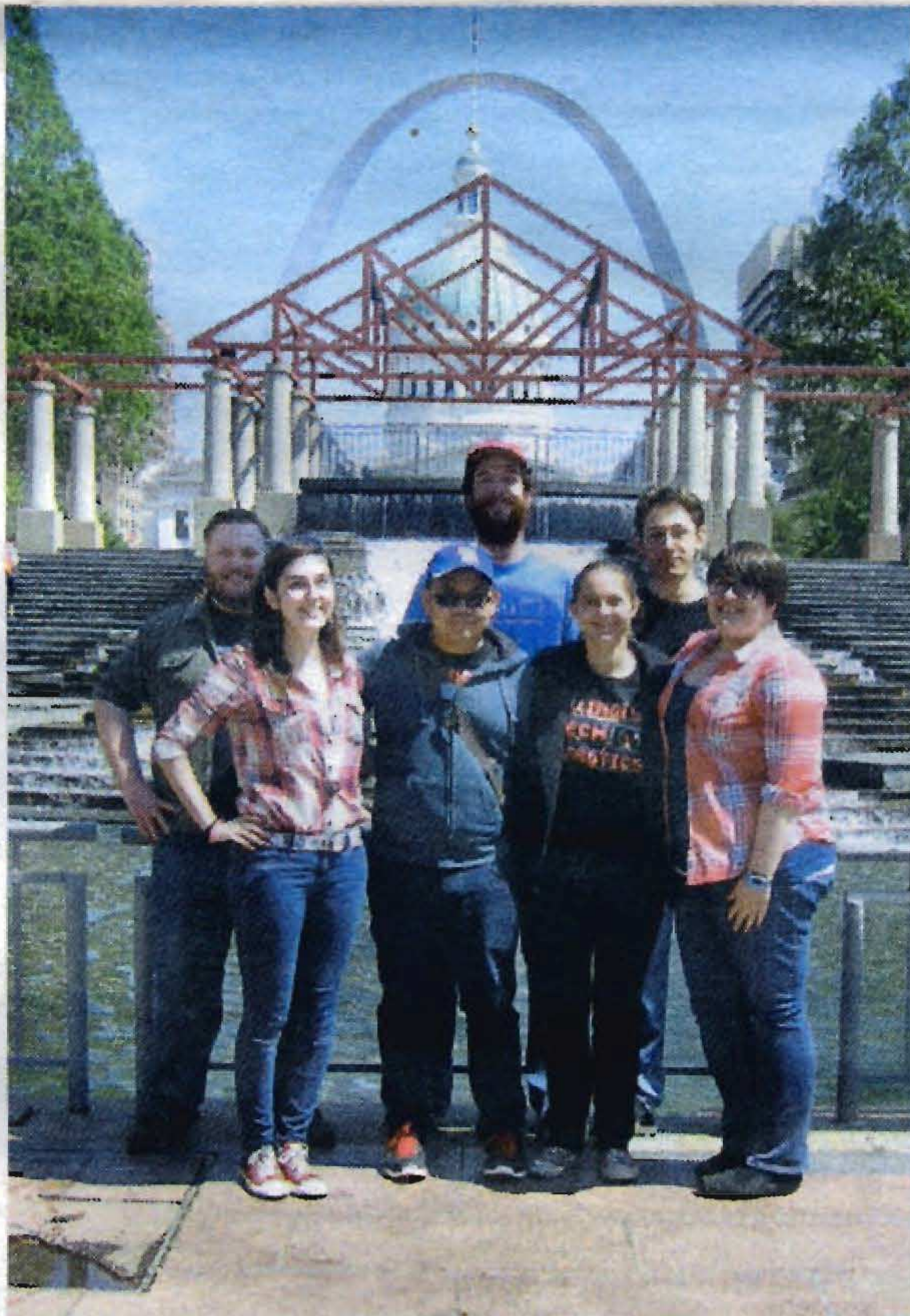
Illinois Tech Robotics sent a delegation of 7 members to St. Louis to volunteer at the event, which ran from Wednesday, April 22 through Saturday, April 25. Members volunteered in a wide variety of ways that helped further the program and allowed them to interact with hundreds of young STEM enthusiasts over the course of the weekend. ITR's volunteers primarily worked with the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) championship, the highest-level competition FIRST has available for high school students. In FRC, a game challenge is announced at the beginning of the year, and at competitions, teams of three robots compete against three other robots in a round-robin competition followed by a playoff competition where teams choose their teammates based on their ranking.

ITR volunteers included referees for the competition, field reset and repair crew, scoring system software operators, awards

assistants, and play-by-play announcers for competition matches.

As always, ITR members enjoyed volunteering their time to FIRST, and had a great time working with the increased energy and competition that comes with the world championship event. Many of the ITR students in attendance are alumni of the FIRST Robotics program, which allows students to give back to an organization that inspired them to pursue science or engineering at IIT. ITR students also get to meet high school students who might be interested in attending IIT and participating in ITR in the future.

Illinois Tech Robotics is a strong and vital force in helping give students all over the world opportunities to explore innovative and exciting futures in the science and technology fields. For more information about Illinois Tech Robotics, visit their website at illinoistechrobotics.org or join their organization on HawkLink.



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IEEE @ IIT Holds Final General Body Meeting

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The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) at IIT held their last general body meeting for the semester on Wednesday, April 22 at the Siegel Hall Auditorium. Rohit Agarwal, President of IEEE @ IIT, also a final year Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) student, took proceedings of the meeting and spoke about the transition of members within the executive board as the academic year approaches its end.

Elections were held for the open positions on the executive board earlier last week and the poll received ample responses. Agarwal announced the election results. The board will have new members filling in for the following positions – President, Vice President, Programs Chair, Projects Chair, Membership Chair, and Internal Secretary. There were still a couple of open positions left which were not filled up after the elections, namely, Treasurer, and External Secretary.

Being part of the executive board

is not the only way students can contribute to the organization. Most of these positions have committees under them. This is an excellent opportunity for students to get administratively involved and also be a part of the team. Committee members can learn skills in managing events, financial expenses, and projects. They can also gain experience on the work carried out by executive board members which will make them a strong contender in the next elections. Students can sign up for committees at ieee.iit.edu.

IEEE @ IIT will also be holding their traditional barbecue event on Friday, May 1, during the lunch hour on the Siegel field. This will be hosted in collaboration with the Material Advantage Professional Society. This social event will aim at students coming together and getting a chance to network with their peers and faculty.

The Kinect project team also showcased their work at the meeting. The members of the project team explained what they had achieved so far and what they hope to do, to enhance their design and realize their

final objective. The audience was later given a chance to play with the developed application and gain some hands-on experience.

The guest speaker for the event was Mr. Patrick Murphy from Tech Global Solutions who spoke about the various technologies developed by their company in the field of touch screens. Murphy demonstrated two kinds of multi-touch surfaces, spectrum and evolution, which help overcome many disadvantages of the current types of touch screens available. This product would also work while working latex gloves, which would make it practical for medical applications. Also, these screens don't need any drivers or calibration, which makes it easy to install anywhere and also move it from place to place, device to device. The attendees of the meeting were also allowed to use these touch screen devices and get a feel as to how they actually work.

IIT welcomes Nobel Laureate Anthony Leggett

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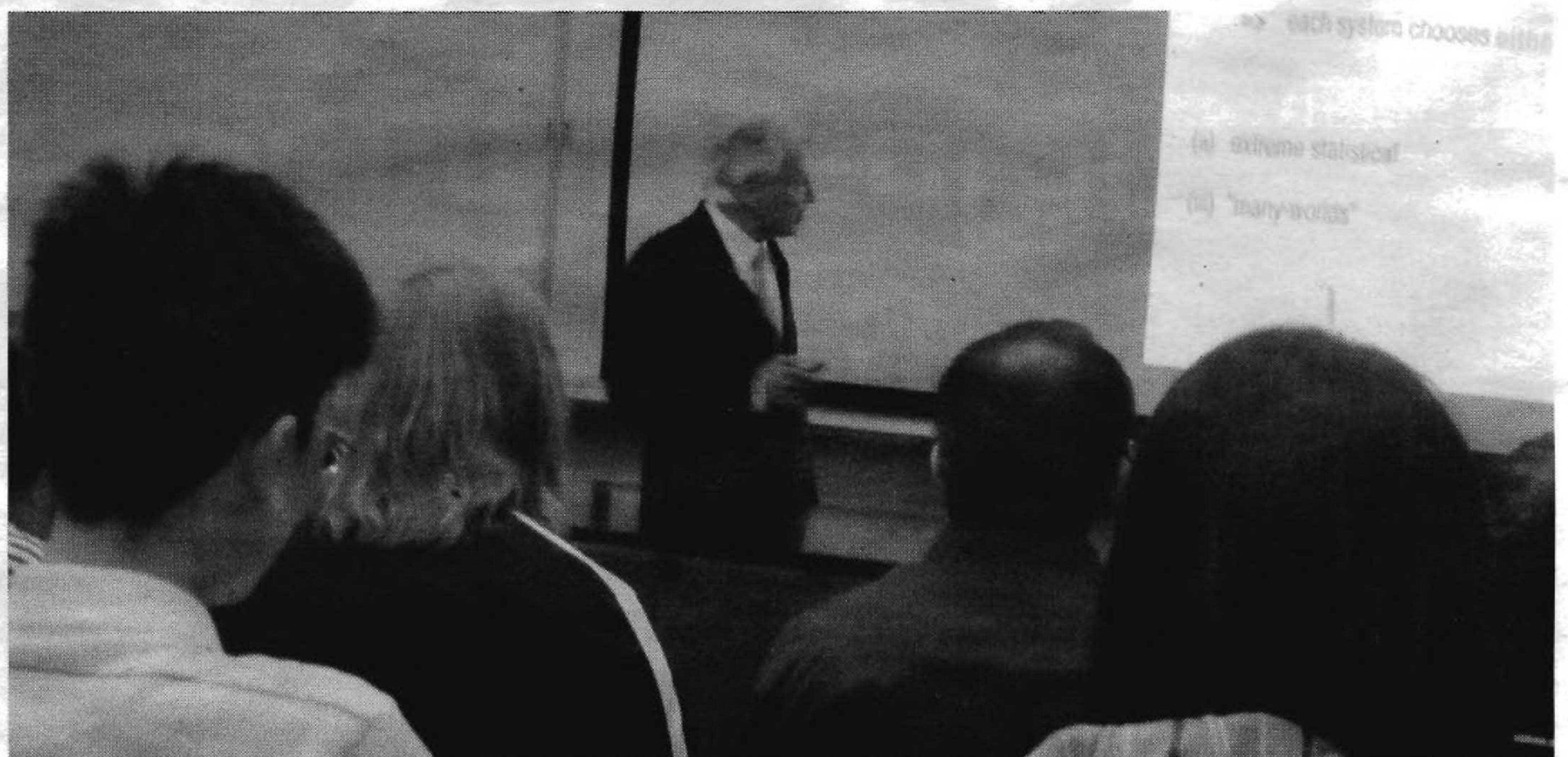
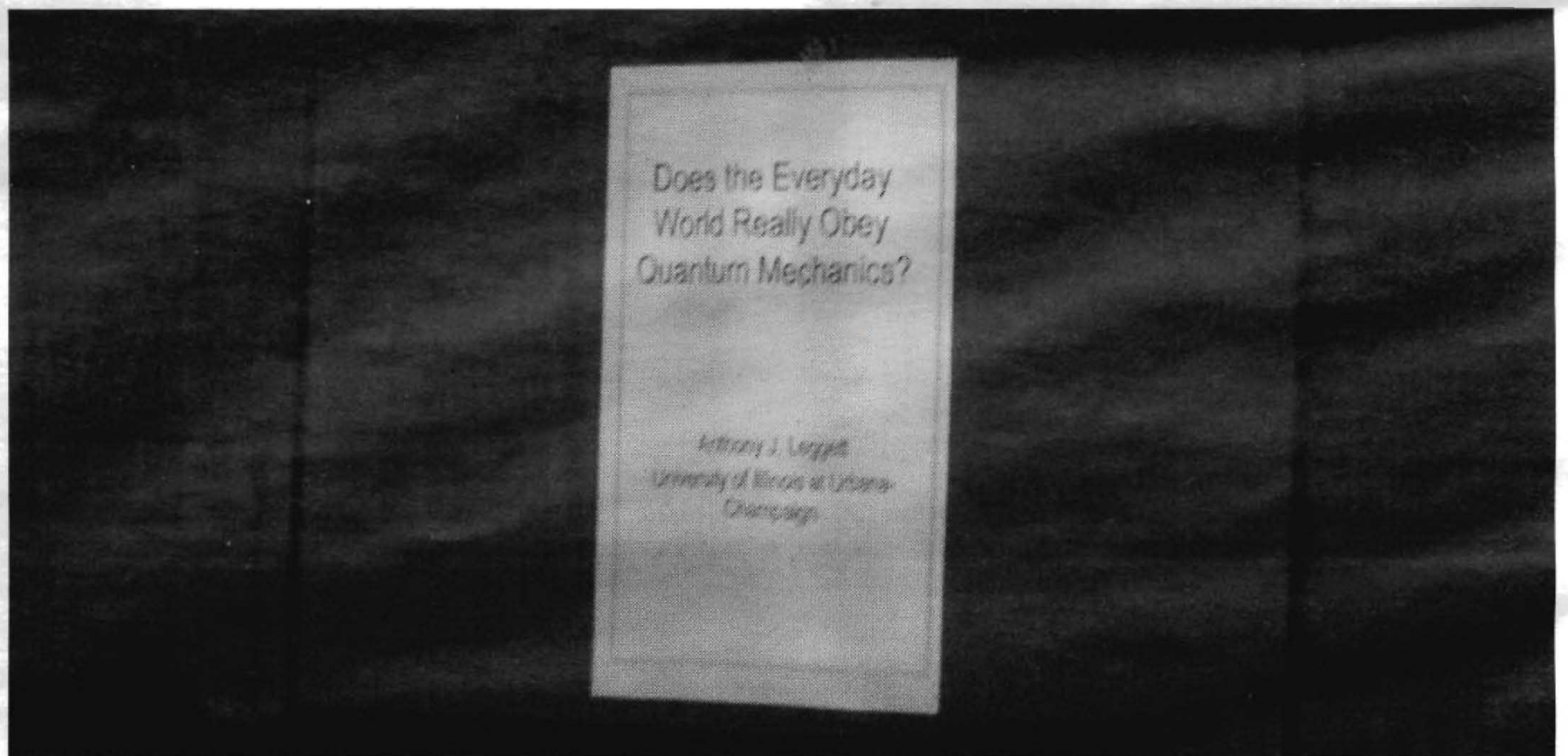
Sir Anthony Leggett received the 2003 Nobel Prize in Physics for his work on superfluidity. Since then, he has been a physics professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His other titles and achievements include being a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of the Arts and Sciences, and the American Physical Society. He was also knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2004 as a result his progress and services to the field of physics. Leggett was welcomed to IIT last week

to present a lecture on campus.

The 2015 IIT Physics Lederman Lecture was titled, "Does the Everyday World Really Obey Quantum Mechanics" and was delivered by Leggett at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, April 20, in the Perlstein Hall Auditorium.

Prior to the lecture, a discussion and question and answer session was held for physics students in Siegel Hall. As the discussion began, topics ranged from technical questions regarding Leggett's research to more conceptual questions. His thoughts on the place of philosophy of science in a physics education as well as the future of groundbreaking physics discoveries were discussed as well.

After the question and answer session, a reasonable crowd of students representing a variety of majors and backgrounds gathered in Perlstein Hall for Leggett's lecture. College of Science Dean Russell Betts introduced the speaker. Leggett's lecture included thorough descriptions of several thought experiments from the realm of quantum mechanics as well as the problems that arise when principles of quantum mechanics are applied to real life situations as well as some resolutions and ideas for the future of the field. A reception followed after the lecture.



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End-of-semester Finance Board update

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Finance Board finished out the semester with our last hearing on Saturday, April 18. Advising was held the week prior to the hearing, from Monday, April 13 at 12 p.m., until Thursday, April 16, at 6 p.m. Over 56 organizations submitted proposals that were considered for funding. We'd like to share with you some statistics from the hearing and others that help us look ahead through the end of the semester.

Amount requested - \$806,474.21
Amount allocated - \$365,549.09

Programming 76.5%
Conference/Competitions 16.2%
Capital 5.7%
Operations 1.6%
Total remaining for Fall 2015 events- \$225,000 (approximately)

Looking at the statistics for the upcoming semester, Finance Board was able to follow its mission almost entirely, by funding programs to impact student life and student involvement at IIT. Like before, we have continued to fund conferences and competitions for organizations looking to benefit their membership through real world experiences, with the hope that they will bring

what they have learned back to IIT. In the near future, Student Government Association (SGA) is looking to work with the Career Management Center (CMC) about the greatest impact of events that do not directly benefit the IIT student community, events such as conference and competitions, major specific career fairs and other events.

Look forward to sharing your thoughts and ideas about what the Student Activities Fund (SAF) should and should not fund, through a survey that will be available throughout the summer, into the beginning of the Fall 2015 semester. The results of this survey will be used as a tool while drafting the

new mission of the SAF. We highly encourage you to voice your opinions to ensure you get the most out of your IIT experience.

Finally, if you know of anyone who you think would be a great addition to SGA's Finance Board please send a recommendation to IITSGAFinanceBoardChair@gmail.com. Being a finance board advisor is a large time commitment but can allow you to make a large impact at IIT and give back to all students and student organizations. Interested parties should be familiar with the proposal process, be capable of acting without a bias and be prepared for a small interview that will replicate the proposal process.

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A&E

Netflix and Nachos top 16 summertime collection

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Here at TechNews, we respect those who, over the summer, utilize their resources in order to get internships, advance their education, or get a good job and make that green. We also understand when that need to just be a lazy slob kicks in, and all you want to do is eat ramen noodles and watch Netflix, so I put together a list of the top 16 movies to watch to burn the day away. Keep in mind these are the opinions of ya boy at N&N, and everyone is entitled to their own.

16: "Charlie Bartlett"

Now this is a gem that you don't come by often. Directed by Jon Poll, this movie follows the days of a young Charlie Bartlett as he struggles to find himself in public school. A lot of crazy adventures (like selling prescription drugs to students) ensue, and the whole thing is simply a blast to watch.

15: "Bronson"

Does British hyper violence sound appealing at all? Well "Bronson" throws you right in the middle of a London bloodbath. This biopic by Nicolas Refn depicts the various debacles of London's most notorious prisoner. Enough said.

14: "Underworld"

Though I have not seen this movie

in quite some time, "Underworld" still holds a special place in my heart for being that one OG vampire movie. The battle of vampires and Lycans (werewolves) has never been this visceral in this Len Wiseman film.

13 "Django Unchained"

Personal gripes aside, Django isn't awful. It has all the wit and action of a good Tarantino movie with a star studded cast to boot; however, it lacks the depth of a true Quentin classic, along with the slight overuse of some pretty distasteful humor. Overall, this is a good watch, but the Quentin movie coming up is even better.

12: "Robocop" (OG)

You know that new Robocop Hollywood force-fed us a couple years ago? Throw that into a fire, 'cause it's got nothing on the Paul Verhoeven OG Robo-badass.

11: "The Longest Yard"

A moment of silence for our dear friend Adam Sandler. Oh Adam, it's seemed like after '06, you just lost the child-like humor and delivery that made me love you in the first place. Now all I'm left with is this eulogy to you by Peter Segal that marks one of the last movies of yours that I legitimately laughed at.

10: "Crank"

Jason Statham hyperviolence. Must watch.

9: "Kill Bill" (vol.1 & 2)

Now THIS is Quentin Tarantino action done right. My God, the epic of The Bride on her path to revenge is a sight to behold. Glorious swordplay.

8: "Don Jon"

This movie is going to be real for a lot of people, and nasty for a lot more. If you want the hard truth with a dash of romance, this Joseph Gordon Levitt movie is a classic, but be warned: you will be uncomfortable.

7: "The Wolf of Wall Street"

This movie is the sole reason that this is a top 16 list and not a top 15. So good I had to put it somewhere. This Martin Scorsese movie on the glamour and hype of the Wall Street life is sexy, smart, clever, and soon to be another Scorsese classic.

6: "Gladiator"

You've seen the rest, now watch the best. There have been many, many gladiator movies, but none have quite done it like this one. A Ridley Scott flick that perfects a movie archetype tried and failed by so many before.

5: "American Psycho"

Like Christian Bale? Like thrillers? This movie is both, with the added bonus of being hilarious. A Mary Hamon must watch.

4: "House of Cards"

You thought this whole list was going to be movies, huh? In most cases, it probably would be, but no list of Netflix greats

is complete without House of Cards. This political fiction is aggressive, riveting, and about as exciting as Sunday night football, but has the setting of C-SPAN. Yes.

3: "Bad Boys II"

Will Smith and Martin Lawrence are the perfect combination of ball-busting cops. Once you watch the Michael Bay classic, that sentence needs no explaining.

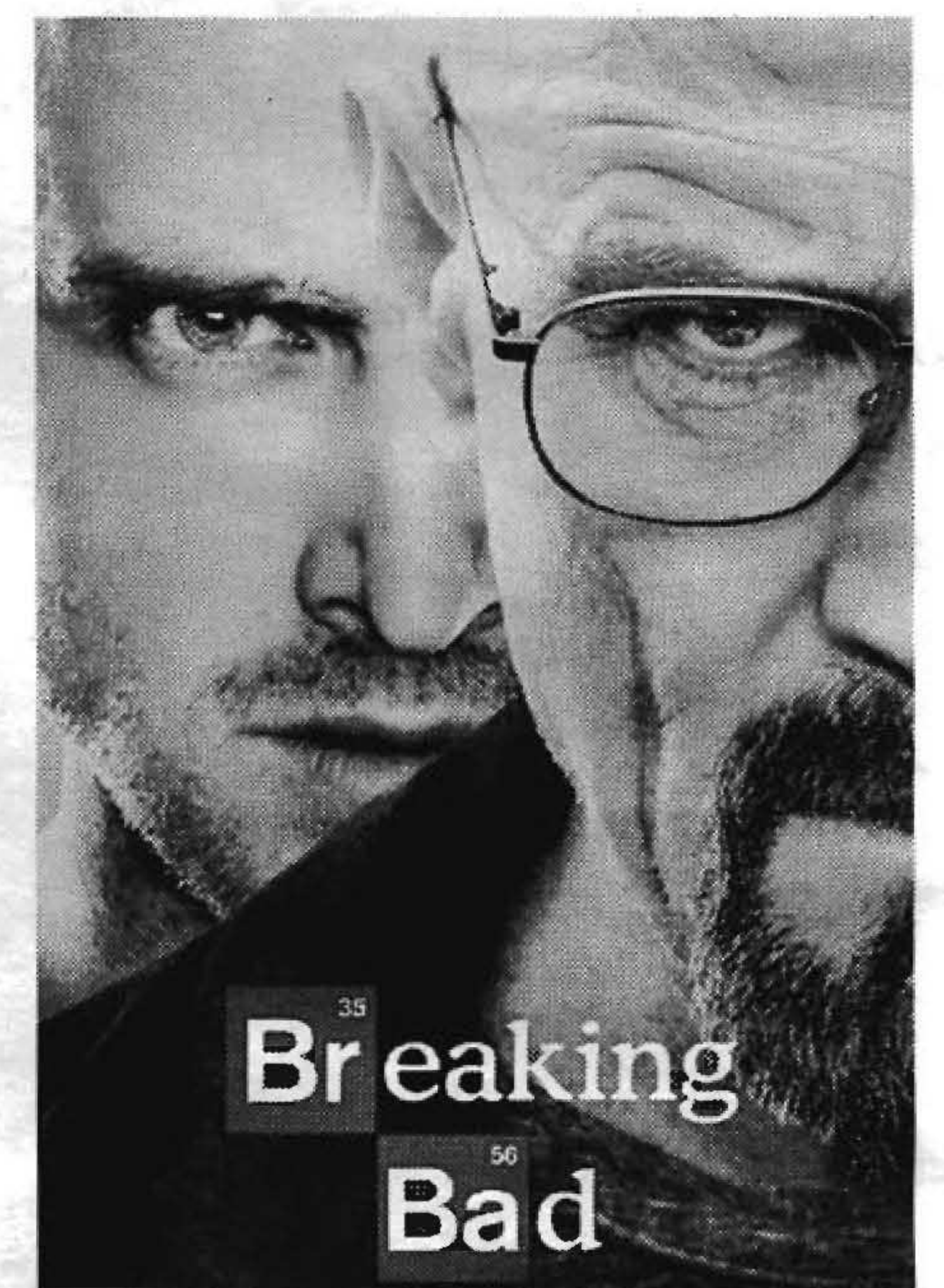
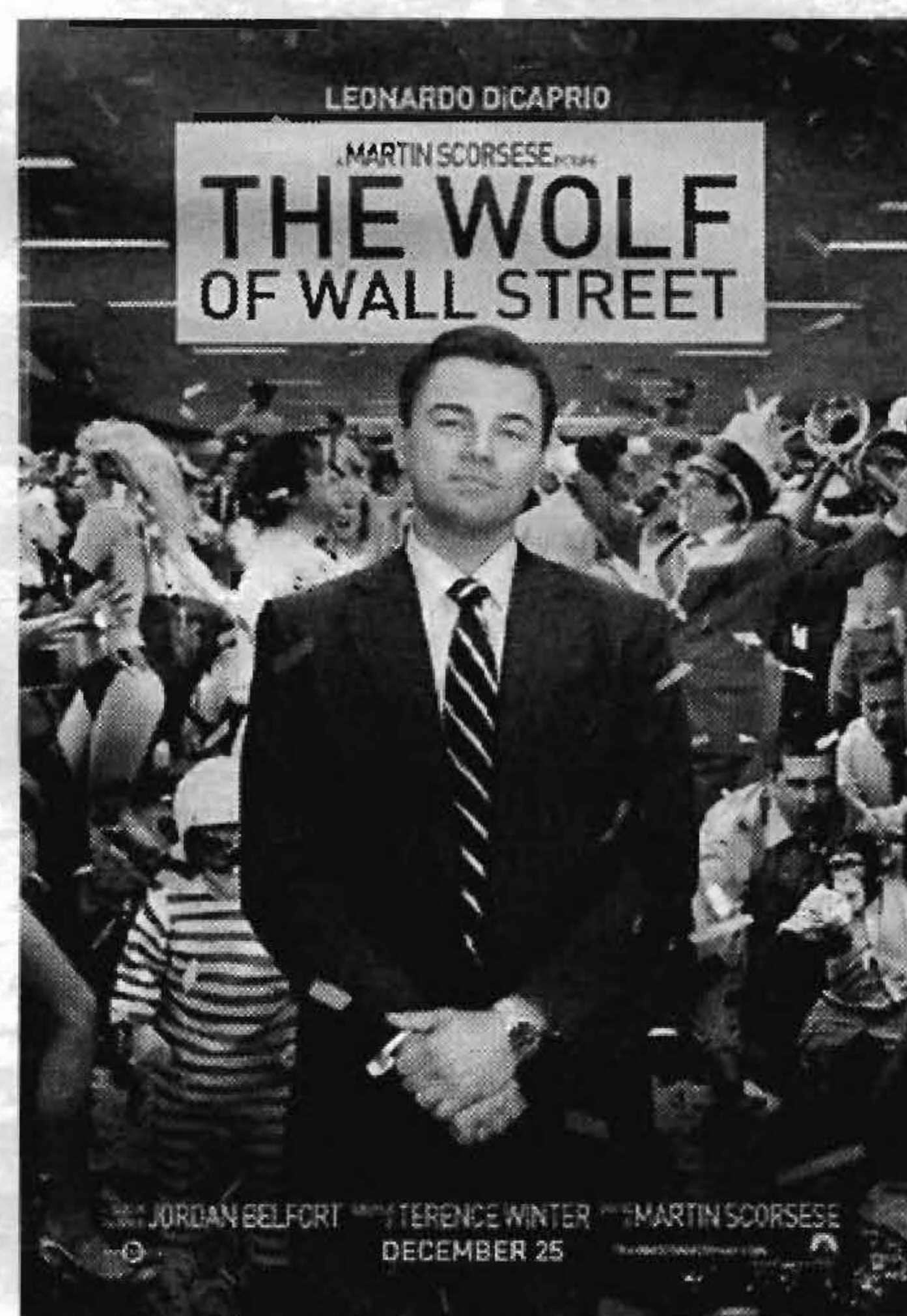
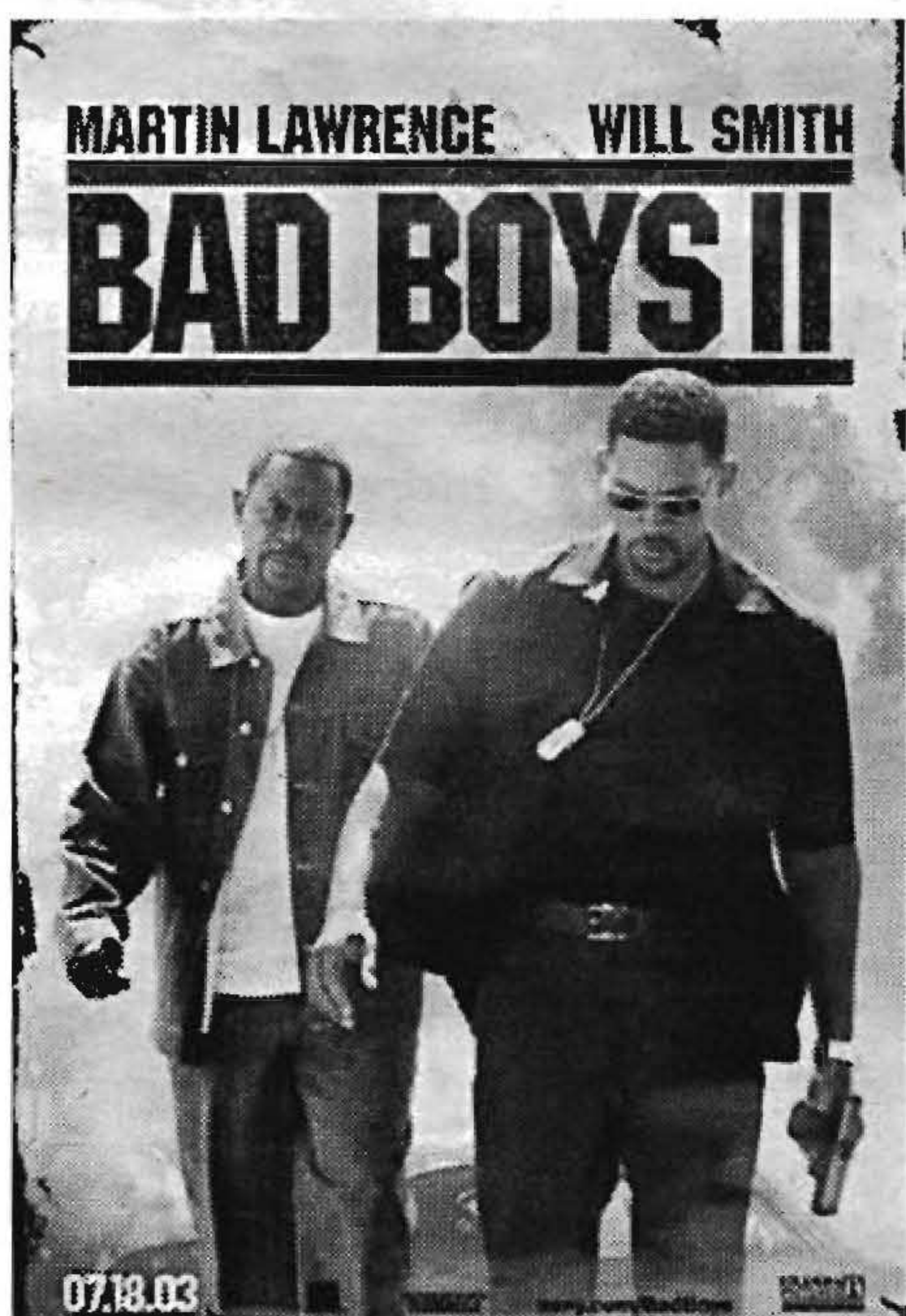
2: "There Will be Blood"

To the untrained eye, this movie seems like just another western. This is a grim mistake. The dynamic of each character is emotionally gripping and the movie constantly has you asking for more. Do not sleep on my boy Paul Thompson Anderson.

1: "Breaking Bad"

There is only one reason why Breaking Bad topples even movies for the number 1 spot on this list; the show is impeccable. Every season delivers and every episode provides insight to the larger story. Few shows have ever been able to pull off five equally amazing seasons, a feat from Vince Gilligan that is not to be ignored.

So there it is, 16 movies that you—maybe even some buddies or that special someone—can enjoy for an entire summer. It was a great ride this semester, and we'll see ya'll next year.

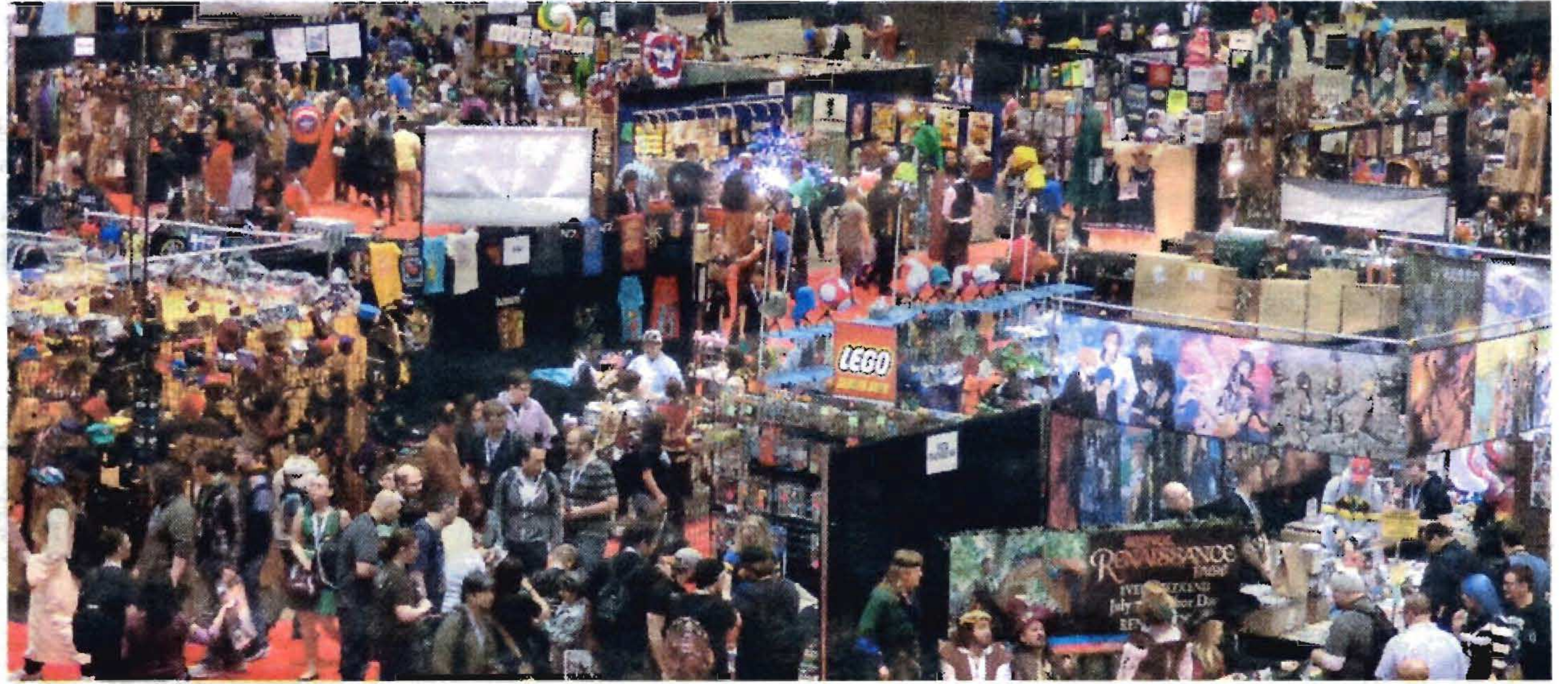


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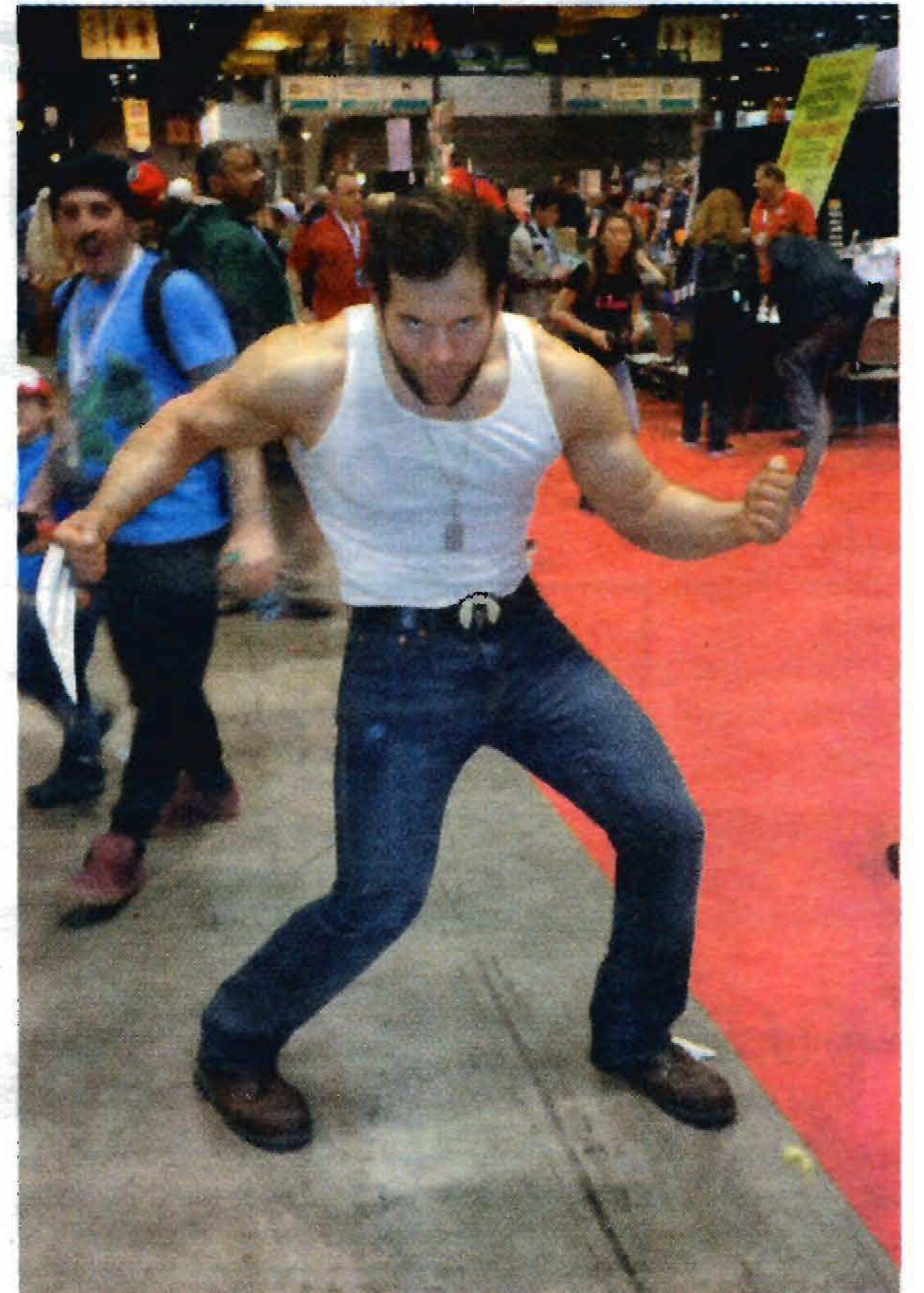
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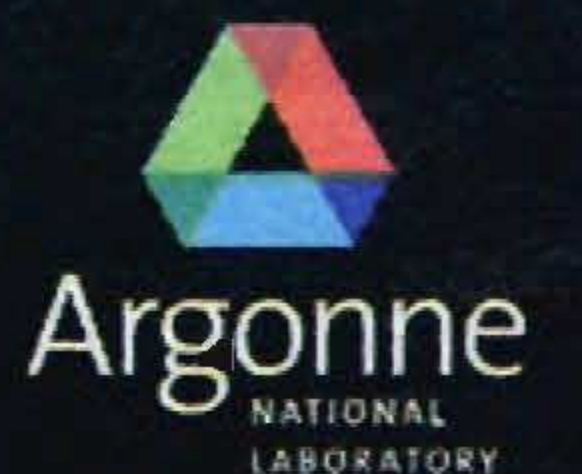


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Barcelona FC strides through Europe

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It was the second leg of the UEFA Champions league quarter finals, with Barcelona cruising through to the semi-finals, and Bayern giving the possibly most surprising second leg comeback ever.

Neymar did a double, as Barcelona head through to the semifinal when they hosted Paris SG at Camp Nou for the last leg of the quarter-final match. With Barcelona already 3-1 up on aggregate, Paris SG was expected to be menacing, but the story was opposite altogether. Barcelona opened the match on a very high note and it was the magical run by Iniesta who made a box to box run through the

pitch, running past defenders before providing a telling assist to Neymar who took it past the keeper and slotted it into the back of the net, which decided the match. A few minutes after that, it was Dani Alves with an assist who got the ball high up the pitch and tracked the ball back before feeding it back into the box and onto the head of Neymar, who once again provided his sublime, touch and Barcelona was two goals up in no time. After that it was game over for Paris SG who now head out of the Champions League for the fourth year running. Barcelona 2(5), Paris SG 0(1).

With two goals down on aggregate, Bayern Munich was looking at exiting the competition at the quarter-final stage for the first time in six years, and with critics breathing

down the neck of Pep Guardiola, it was a managerial masterclass by the German giants. Bayern Munich once again showed their class as they took the two-goal deficit and turned it around into a three-goal lead on aggregate, with the match ending with six goals in Bayern's pocket. The scoring started in the 14th minute when the man who scored the away goal in their last tie scored a wonderful header after a fantastic ball in, begging to be hit. That goal took Bayern's spirit to a whole new level, soon afterwards it was another headed goal by Boateng which teasingly slipped past the goalkeeper's fingers and into the back of the net, and this took Bayern level on aggregate. And within the first half Robert Lewandowski scored a brace and Muller scored a long ranged

seeker, which meant game over for Porto. The second half started with Bayern, hungry for even more—they weren't content with just five goals—but Porto was able to get the shine off their win by scoring a well built up goal bringing down Bayern's lead to two goals. Just as the match was about to end Porto conceded a free kick very close to their box, and it was Xabi Alonso who stepped forth to take it. Scoring his second goal in the last six years, he popped the ball right into the left corner well beyond the goalkeeper's reach. Bayern Munich now head into the semi-finals as they meet Barcelona at Camp Nou next week. Bayern Munich 6(7), FC Porto 1(4).

Real Madrid headed to UEFA final?

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The quarter final stage of the UEFA Champions league comes to an end with two nail-biting matches between Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid, and Monaco and Juventus. With all the teams in top form, it was an exciting week in the European Championship.

Real Madrid hosted their local rivals Atletico and turned it into the most thrilling match of the championship. It was deemed to be the recap of last year's final and it turned out to be so, in some fashion. Both team played really well with Atletico doing what they do best, i.e. defending. The first half belonged to Real Madrid territorially as they kept most of

the possession and took few fairly good shots at the goal, but the Slovenian keeper was at his best once again and was able to keep all of them out. The second half started with Gabi being substituted in and joining the defense force of Atléti. The match turned more and more aggressive as it always does when these two sides meet, and Atletico was determined to not go out without a fight, literally. At 75th minute Arda Turan made a reckless challenge at Sergio Ramos, and Ramos being at his theatric best made sure that the referee got to know about it. Referee showed Arda the red card and the task of going through to the semifinals turned even more difficult for Atléti as they went a man down. Real translated into an opportunity as they increased their work rate, and at the

88th minute, the spell was finally broken. Ronaldo did a wonderful 1-2 with James and found himself looking for a player to pass to inside the box, and at that moment Chicharito presented himself at the perfect location for Ronaldo to pass to, and he shot home. Last year it was the late strike by Sergio Ramos that took Real Madrid into the extra time, and this year it was the late strike by Chicharito, who is on loan from Manchester United, that takes Real Madrid through to the semifinal. Real Madrid 1(1) Atletico Madrid 0(0).

After 12 years Juventus are finally in the Europe's elite as they head into the Semifinal after beating Monaco on aggregate. Monaco hosted their Italian rivals with a high paced football with experienced and seasoned players

like Berbatov kept on the bench and fresh legs of Bernardo Silva given a chance. Monaco played really well coming close to almost breaking Juventus' defense a few times but it was a pie they weren't able to take bite of, Juventus also came close to scoring with Andrea Pirlo's 35-yard screaming free kick hitting the woodwork in the second half. The match ended goalless, but Juventus go ahead in the competition with Vidal's last week's penalty being the decider in two legs of this contest. Monaco 0(0) Juventus 0(1).

Juventus now meets Real Madrid for their semifinal match, and being the form Real Madrid is in right now, it won't be a surprise if they take out Juventus and head into the finals as they defend their title for the tenth time.

Manchester City survives Villa thriller

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Manchester City hosted Aston Villa, looking for their fifth straight win which would have allowed Manchester City to go past Manchester United and Arsenal and onto the second spot in the premier league.

It was a poor clearance by the Aston Villa keeper which was intercepted by Sergio Aguero, who opened the scoring in the fourth minute of the match. Then it was the powerful left footed free kick by Kolarov which doubled City's lead, but it was soon equalized as Aston Villa scored two in succession. Cleverly shot home after a ball from a set piece was not properly cleared out, and then it was Carlos Sanchez who scored his first ever goal in premier league as he equalized the lead set by Manchester City. But the valiant comeback was defied by Fernandinho who scored a winning goal in the penultimate minute of the match. Manchester City ended the match with a win and now sit at second place with 67 points. Manchester City 3 Aston Villa 2.

It was a fantastic game between

Southampton and Tottenham which started the Premier League this week. With both teams just one point apart, it was an important one for both of them. Southampton opened the scoring as the defensive slip by Spurs gave them a clear chance and it was beautifully finished by Pelle. Just as the first half was coming to an end, Tottenham levelled with a strong header by Lamela, scoring his second goal of the league. Pelle scored again in the second half, which was cancelled out by the spurs within five minutes after a brilliant run by Chadli. The match ended in a draw with both teams settling for a point. Southampton 2 Tottenham Hotspurs 2.

Sunderland went into the match with their feet in the relegation zone, so they needed all three points to survive. They took charge early on as the Stoke keeper fumbled the ball and Wickham took the opportunity to put one past the keeper from a very close range. Stoke came responding soon afterwards as the in-form Charlie Adams struck once again which making his third goal in last three matches. The match ended in a draw with Sunderland still in the relegation zone. Stoke City 1 Sunderland 1.

It was the 100th meet between

Leicester and Burnley, and it was crucial for Leicester as a win would have meant coming out of the relegation zone. Although Burnley dictated most of the first half, it was a whole other story in the second half. Burnley missed a penalty kick as Taylor hit the wrong side of the post, and Leicester was quick to respond as they hurried up the field a defensive error which could have very easily been an own goal, saved by the Burnley keeper, but Vardy took the ball off him and scored the only goal of the match. Leicester now stand one point above the relegation zone, and the fate of Burnley lie in their own hands as they now lie at the bottom of the table. Burnley FC 0 Leicester City 1.

Hull City travelled to Crystal Palace who looked to end their win draught since the last six matches. The first half went goalless, but the visitors took lead in the second half. N'Doye tapped in a cross by Brady from a very close range and took the team goal up in the 51st minute. Then it was the same man just before the whistle sounded who scored the second goal of the night, and the second goal for Hull City. Hull City now stand just a point above relegation zone. Crystal Palace 0 Hull City 1.

Newcastle were looking for avoiding their seventh straight defeat, and Swansea were looking for their highest ever points total in the premier league. Even though Newcastle opened the night with a goal, it was cancelled out just before the half ended as poor defending at a set piece gave a clear chance for an equalizer. Swansea struck twice in the second half, both of which could be attributed to poor defending, and they confirmed their win with those. Although Newcastle was able to get one late in the match, it was nothing more than a consolation goal. Newcastle 2 Swansea 3.

QPR took on West Ham with a must-win match for the hosts, starting the match with two points from safety. They came out flying and almost took the lead when they were awarded a penalty for a handball, but a poorly struck shot was well held by the keeper denying them the winner. QPR controlled the whole match and came close to scoring once again in the final minutes of match, where a powerfully struck shot was tipped right over the bar by West Ham goal keeper. The match ended with both teams earning a point and QPR going four points away from safety. QPR 0 West Ham 0.

EPL Top 4 Wrap-Up

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SPORTS EDITOR

The 2014-2015 Barclay's Premier League season is now within shouting distance of being over, with Chelsea looking more and more as the likely champions. Their match up this weekend against Arsenal looked to be a decisive fixture in the race for the title. In the end, it left both sides feeling moderately pleased

as it ended in a 0-0 draw. This put Chelsea 10 points clear of both Manchester City and Arsenal at with the former at 77 points and the latter with 67 points. With just 5 matches left in the season, it is looking more and more like Jose Mourinho's men will claim the title for Chelsea.

Possibly an even more exciting race than the title, is the race for a top four spot and a spot in next season's Champion's League tournament. The clubs in danger of losing out

appear to be Manchester United, Liverpool, Tottenham, and Southampton. United sits in 4th at 65 points, which is 7 points of clear of 5th place Liverpool. However, after losing 3-0 to Everton this weekend, they lost out on a chance to distance themselves from the pack. Luckily for United, Liverpool also failed to capitalize as they were abysmal in a 0-0 draw against West Bromwich which seriously injures their Champion's League dreams. Southampton and

Tottenham squared off against each other, but following the trend of this weekend were both left disappointed after a dramatic 2-2 draw. This put Spurs at 58 points and 6th place and Southampton at 57 points and 7th place. Stay tuned as the finish line nears and a champion is named!



Tuesday, April 28
Baseball
@ Dominican
6 p.m.

Friday, May 1
Baseball
vs. Maranatha Baptist
US Cellular Field
7 p.m.

Saturday, May 2
Baseball
@ Chicago
11 a.m.

Baseball
@ Chicago
1:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 3
Baseball
vs. Robert Morris
1 p.m.

Baseball
vs. Robert Morris
3 p.m.

TechNews will return with a summer issue prior to new student orientation.

Email editor@technewsit.com to get involved!

Countdown to Cap & Gown: Senior Week 2015

Ticket sales start April 28 at 9:00 a.m. in the Office of Campus Life, and are first come, first served for students graduating in May or December of 2015. Ticketed events include Hancock Tower 360 Chicago Tilt, Cubs versus NY Mets, and Six Flags tickets. More information about all Countdown to the Cap and Gown events can be found here <http://tinyurl.com/2015iit>



Monday, May 4 - Wednesday, May 6: Stress Free Zone (MTCC Ballroom, all day)
Space to study, free brain food and coffee, and stress relief activities at each table

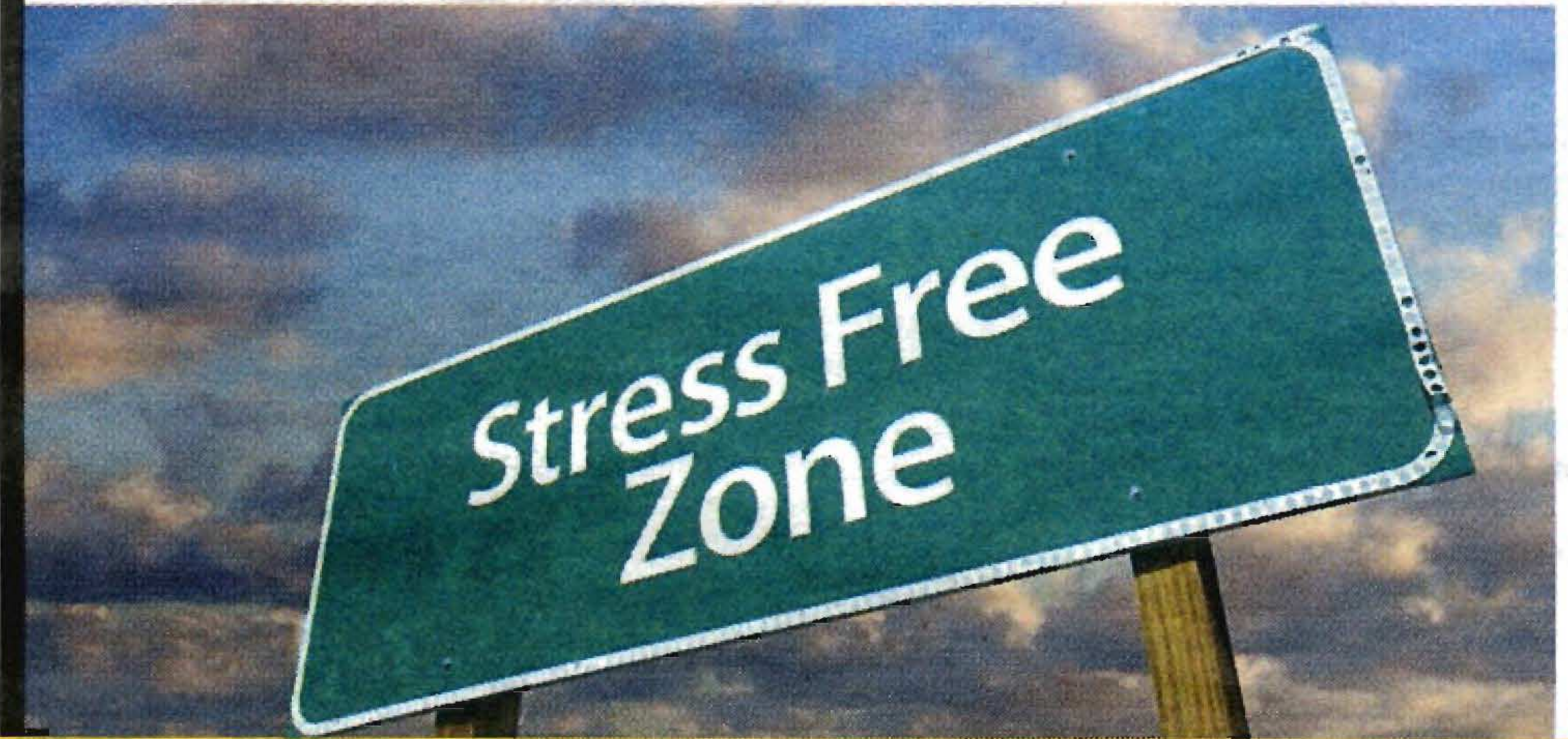
Monday, May 4: 12-2 (location TBD) Toby the Therapy Dog

Tuesday, May 5: Bowling with Campus Life (The BOG, 12 - 2)

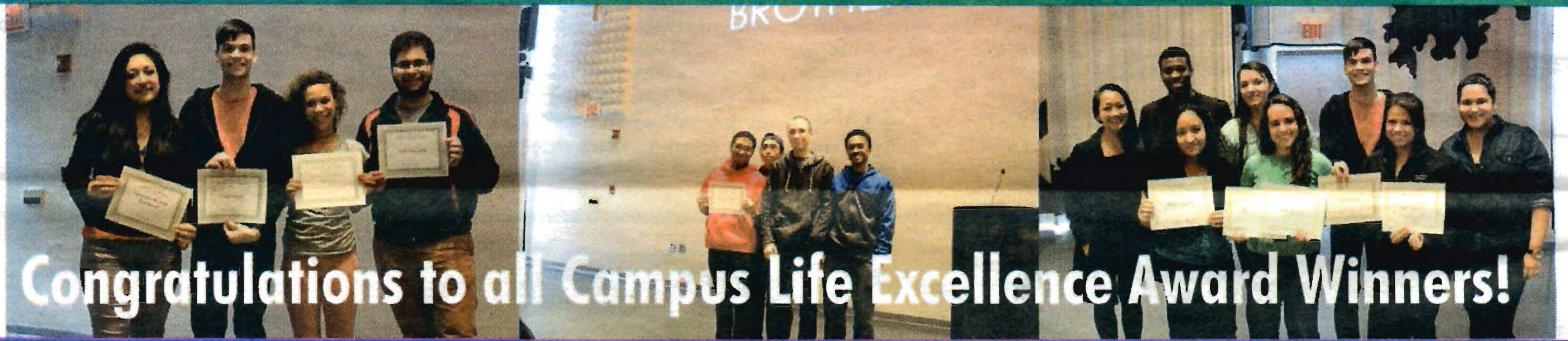
Late Night Breakfast (The Commons, 10 PM) IIT DINING SERVICES

Wednesday, May 6: Relaxation Zone (MTCC Welcome Center, 11-2)

Thursday, May 7: Breakfast with Campus Life (OCL suite, 9:30 AM)



Congratulations to ASCE for their 3rd place win for Steel Bridge Stiffness!



Congratulations to all Campus Life Excellence Award Winners!



Thanks to everyone that participated in The Big Event!

APRIL 29, 2015

Denim Day

Join Gender & Sexuality Services by wearing jeans on Denim Day as a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault.

Learn more here! <http://denimdayusa.org/>

Visit the Office of Campus Life for a Denim Day pin!

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**Congratulations
Greek Week Winners!**

1. Triangle



**2. Phi Kappa Sigma
& Kappa Phi Delta**

3. Alpha Sigma Phi