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Letter from the Editor:

Welcome to TechNews!

Hello and thanks for picking up the first fall semester issue of TechNews! On behalf of the staff of TechNews, welcome to the 2015 Fall Semester; we hope your classes have gotten off to a good start over the past week. We also hope that your semester will be full of excitement, learning, and challenges for you to overcome. Illinois Institute of Technology has the advantage of being a small school in a big city, and our student body is as unique as our campus. Our students have the opportunity to learn so much from each other.

Student organizations are an important facet of the college experience, and this is especially true at IIT. The organizations that students join enrich their experience, allowing them to meet new people, develop their leadership abilities, and expand their knowledge and skills to applications outside of the classroom.

TechNews is just one of many organizations on campus; our organization is all about supporting the IIT community and giving students an opportunity to have their voice heard. TechNews, the student newspaper of Illinois Institute of Technology

since 1928, serves to promote student discussion by providing a newspaper and professional public forum that is highly accessible and represents views from all segments of the IIT community. Anyone at IIT is always welcome to submit their work for inclusion in TechNews.

Our writers cover a variety of topics each semester; our Opinion section regularly includes takes on university policy as well as students' views on politics. The Campus section provides coverage of any campus event, from a small general body meeting to Homecoming to administrative meetings; the university community wants to hear about the things that are happening on campus, and writers are welcome to share any part of it. The Arts and Entertainment section features writers' experiences in the city, including reviews of restaurants, movies, and music. Students are also welcome to submit comics, riddles, and puzzles for our Slipstick section. Lastly, the Sports section includes recaps of athletics on a university, local, national, or international scale.

However, TechNews isn't only about writing; several students contribute

by submitting photos and working on our copy editing, layout, or management staff. Students who contribute to TechNews regularly are also eligible to be paid for their work.

A strong campus newspaper is part of a strong campus community, and we'd love to have the opportunity to share your work and passions with others at IIT. To learn more about TechNews, please drop by a weekly Writer's Meeting, held every Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. in our office, located in MTCC room 221. TechNews will not be publishing next week due to Labor Day, so our next meeting will take place on Sunday, September 13.

If you'd like to submit any content for the paper or ask any questions, feel free to send me an email at editor@technewsiit.com.

Sincerely,
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iitAIAS offers opportunities for architecture students

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iitAIAS is the IIT chapter of the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), a national organization. It is an independent, nonprofit, student-run organization dedicated to providing programs, information, and resources on issues critical to an architectural education. The organization works in tandem with the College of Architecture (CoA) faculty and staff to foster communication, skill-building, networking, studio culture, and an overall better, more enriched experience for students, which can carry them from their academic life to their professional career. Besides traveling state-to-state for our legendary FORUM and Midwest Quad conferences, iitAIAS hosts lectures by CoA faculty and practicing architects, firm crawls with local and internationally renowned Chicago architects, workshops, and so much more. One of the first events of the academic year is the organization's general body meeting, where students can get to know the executive board, upcoming events, and the overall benefits of joining AIAS. The organization even has a free raffle for students enrolled in AIAS. On top of that, they hosted a lot of events during Welcome Week, including

a welcome BBQ, tours of downtown Chicago, a firm crawl, and a design charrette.

Later in the year, amidst the organization's lectures, workshops, and socials, comes along the annual FORUM conference. Every year in a different city, spanning the last few days of December through the first of January, iitAIAS meets other architecture students in the US from other colleges and universities; last year students traveled to Nashville, Tennessee and watched Lady Antebellum perform for free just before the New Year's ball dropped. The year before that, iitAIAS hosted FORUM here in Chicago. Besides the festivities, iitAIAS also takes part in lectures, workshops, and socials—but with other schools, and on nationwide scale. Here students develop relationships and networks that otherwise wouldn't be possible without first meeting and spending time with other chapters. Keynote speeches given by architects, workshops with other students, and the famed Beaux Arts Ball are just a few of the great events at FORUM. This year, members of iitAIAS look forward to seeing the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco at FORUM 2015.

As the spring semester rolls around, students have another conference to look forward to: the Midwest Spring Quad Conference, which, like FORUM, takes place in

a different city every year. But this conference is unique to just AIAS chapters in the Midwest, so students can get to know their neighbors and understand what other architecture students experience in their own programs, including their craft, skills, and a great Beaux Arts Ball of their own. In previous years, iitAIAS has been to Milwaukee, Minneapolis, and Lexington. The next Spring Quad Conference will be held in Detroit, Michigan.

Among and in-between these huge events are local events hosted by iitAIAS, unique to the College of Architecture. Last year, iitAIAS began a lecture series featuring architecture professors and practicing architects including Andrew Tinucci, Donna Robertson, and Peter Exley. iitAIAS also hosted various workshops, led by studio professors as well as digital design professors. One of the most exciting discussions included student and faculty roundtables, including a revision of studio culture, and portfolio revisions with alumni and professors, all of which foster improved experiences as well as communication within the CoA. If you're still unconvinced, or have any questions for iitAIAS, feel free to email the organization at aias@iit.edu.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to promote student discussion and bolster the IIT community by providing a newspaper that is highly accessible, a stalwart of journalistic integrity, and a student forum. TechNews is a dedicated to the belief that a strong campus newspaper is essential to a strong campus community.

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