

WIIT offers \$105 Amazon wish list in logo design contest

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Entrepreneurial creativity is something the members and executives of WIIT have a strong drive in encouraging. This is a motive in line with their social status as a community of autonomous and dedicated members and DJs. They put a great deal of themselves and their time and energy into their shows and what they give to this station, almost solely for the purposes of promoting their own unique vision of what the station should be.

This drive is the central motivating force behind the WIIT Logo Design Contest. WIIT has decided that it would be in the organization's creative interest and more

aligned with the central virtues of the station to solicit student submissions for a reimagining of the station logo and offer a lucrative prize for their appreciation. Because Finance Board forbids the handing-out of monetary prizes in contests like these, WIIT is offering the next best thing: the buying of the contents of a \$105 Amazon wish list if they win from the Student Activity Fund.

The organization is looking for designs they can use on recruitment banners, stickers, and prizes for the upcoming Spring 2016 Semester. WIIT doesn't necessarily want a new logo altogether, considering the prominence of the current one, but they do want a new way of conveyance in an eye catching and creative way with some of their

pertinent information: portals through which someone can listen to the station's content (tune-in app, other radio apps, website), where the station is located, the studio phone number, email addresses, social media connections, etc.

The two novel sticker designs the station had this past semester really showed a face of the station that they wish to present more in the future, and in their commitment to artistic excellence in an audio format, this offers an extra extension to encourage such excellence in a visual context as well.

An addition benefit of this contest is that it will also allow WIIT to show off the talents and ingenuity of students so that their works are given due praise. For that reason, they also hope to keep a catalogue

of these submissions for use in the future. All submissions will be rightfully attributed to the original artists, and the station and its community (DJs/affiliates) will hold the right to use these designs in as far as they are being conveyed in a way respectful to the art and artist who made them.

If interested, students can find a collection of useful logos and past sticker designs as well as the full set rules and instructions at bit.ly/designwiit. The deadline for this initiative is Saturday, December 5, at midnight. Between then and Monday, December 7, station officials will be choosing the winner that will assist in making this campus a more interesting place.

Circle K announces toy drive, ice skating event

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With the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays coming up, Circle K has been busy planning social events where every student is welcome to take part. These social events were discussed at the sixth general body meeting that took place on Thursday, November 19, and it was hosted in Wishnick Hall room 115.

The meeting began as the Circle K President Paul Nagtalon called the meeting to

order, then the members stood up and together they recited the Circle K Pledge that reminds them to help the community through service, leadership, and fellowship. A video was then played that was titled "What is community service?" This video informed the students about the impact that they could make in the life of someone else by helping them. It reminded them that community service could be done in many different ways and something simple as making someone smile could go a really long way.

After the video ended, the upcoming

fundraising and social events were discussed. A fundraiser event that everyone can participate in is the Holiday Toy Drive. The purpose of this fundraiser is so that gifts can be bought for children who are not able to receive a gift for Christmas because of financial issues. This event will take place on the MTCC Bridge on November 24, during lunchtime. A social event that will take place during Thanksgiving Break is the Zoo Lights and Ice Skating event. This event is hosted by Lincoln Park Zoo every year where the upcoming holidays are celebrated by turning the park into a colorful scene

though the use of bright Christmas lights and decorations. During the same day, Circle K will also go ice skating and students are welcome even if they have not ice skated before because a one-hour lesson will be provided. There will be a \$10 fee for admission and skate rental. This event will take place on Friday, November 27.

To learn about all the upcoming events or other information, students may sign up for the Circle K emailing list at illinoistech.cki@gmail.com

QED: The Ethical Debaters send team to regional Ethics Bowl

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Ethics Bowl is an ethical discussion and debate competition for undergraduates that is organized yearly by the Association of Practical and Professional Ethics. It officially begins early in September when the association releases the case packet of 15 cases, outlining controversial and thought-provoking topics, which are many times based on current events and news stories. The bowl then proceeds until the winning teams from the regional bowls from around the nation meet for the National Ethics Bowl to determine which institution and which team is more intellectually rigorous and capable of both forming and justifying their ethical conclusions.

Saturday, November 14, Illinois Tech's team, made up of Reno Waswil, Alice Amell, and Todor Markov, and their coaches Kelly Laas (IIT's Ethics Center Librarian) and Asia Ferin (Sawyer Fellow Philosophy Professor and past Ethics Bowl contestant), made the hour journey to NIU to put their two and a half months of relentless ingenuity and arguing to use at the Midwestern Regional Ethics Bowl competition. The team is made up of members from the organization QED: The Ethical Debaters, who, among other things that encourage philosophical discussion and ethical inquiry on campus, train endlessly for this. Though the maximum team count for this event is five students plus one alternate, it was not out of the ordinary to see teams of three

and four competing, and even dominating at the meet. Despite this, Illinois Tech's team of three, sadly, did not make the cut, losing all four of the rounds that day.

Each round saw two teams sitting opposite one another with their coaches and judges on the sidelines offering them moral support and criticism. At the beginning of each round, the moderator would introduce themselves and would then allow the judges and teams to speak on their backgrounds and qualifications as well. Each round would consist of two cases from the packet, one per team. All the regionals across the nation use the same case packet, but the Midwest was only responsible for the first 12 cases.

Though all the teams would know and would have practiced all the necessary cases the past couple of months, no team would know exactly which case they would receive at any given time, or what the exact question they would have to answer would be. This is the aggregating factor of this procedure, because sometimes the questions would be only vaguely related to the case itself. Take the case "Anti-Vax Tax," which proposed a tax on those who refused to give their children Measles, Mumps, and Rubella vaccines, where the question asked to what extent the government could force families to undergo medical treatments, despite the fact that vaccines would not be considered treatments, and so would only loosely pertain to the case. Representatives of each region will write the

questions for one other region, so team Illinois Tech used the questions that Laas, one of said representatives, helped write for another region as practice.

The moderator would flip a coin, one of the teams would call it in the air, and the winning team of the coin flip would choose which school would present first. The moderator would reveal the case, ask the question, and give each team and the judges a copy of both. The first team would have three minutes to discuss their argument amongst themselves with only the additional benefit of scratch paper handy, and seven minutes to answer the question. The second team will have one minute to formulate a response and three minutes to offer it, then the presenting team will then have a one minute council and a three minute rebuttal. Judges will then have a period to ask questions, and because of the plethora of backgrounds of these judges, some of the questions were more charitable than others.

Cases that IIT was responsible for discussing "Holding Heritage Hostage," "The Indian Child Welfare Act," "Police Officers' Bill of Rights," and "Cartoon of Free-Speech." The judges would give points to each team based off their performance and the winning team would be the one that the majority of the judges gave more points to, with additional rules in place for dealing with ties and for choosing the teams that would be moving to the national championship.

Each of the three judges would distribute points on initial presentation (30)—broken up into clarity (10), comprehension of central moral dimensions of the case (10), and consideration of opposing positions (10)—response to opposing team's commentary (10), response to judges' questions (10), and commentary on the other team's initial presentation (10).

Though there was a scrimmage earlier that year to prepare teams, especially first-year participants, to the process, only one of the official Illinois Tech team, Amell, was able to commute to Loyola University to attend it. Perhaps next year they will have more luck in organizing appropriate times that work with all the teammates' schedules.

Now that the competition is over and QED members don't have to worry about preparing for nationals in Washington DC in the spring, they can focus on their movie screening of the classic "Dr. Strangelove or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb," on Thursday, December 3, at 7 p.m. in Wishnick Hall Auditorium with Carbon Mexican Grill catering.

Come out and see them, and learn how to be a part of the team. Next semester, they will be working on the cases for the Bioethics Bowl, and organizing ethics and philosophy talks, and if possible, another "Speed Debating" mock Ethics Bowl as they had at the beginning of this semester.



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