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Model United Nations holds first General Body Meeting

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The newly-formed Model United Nations club at IIT held their first general body meeting on Friday, October 23, during lunchtime, in the Perlestein Hall auditorium. The turnout was not as high as expected; however, those students who did attend were very enthusiastic about the club and most were willing to jump right in. Even the students who have never been part of a Model United Nations club before were enthusiastic about the club and seemed very willing to learn how the club works.

The purpose of Model United Nations is to serve as a replica of the real United Nations. Students in the club will represent the committees and countries that are part of the real United Nations and make resolutions to solve real world problems. One of the great advantages of joining the Model United Nations club at IIT is that students who are part of the club will get a chance to work on their

public speaking skills. On top of that, students will be keeping up with current events and will be able to look at both sides of things that are happening around the world, giving them the opportunity to better form their own opinions on these subjects.

The future plans for this club include hosting two conferences every semester, a monthly general body meeting, and sending out a weekly email to all members that contains a brief description of current events in order to bring international issues to the attention of the members. The next general body meeting will be held next month and food will be provided for all attendees. During the meeting, exact information will be given concerning the plans for the first conference. There will be a more detailed explanation on what it means to be part of Model United Nations and how the conferences will be organized. There is also the chance that the board will be expanded to include positions beyond the two co-presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer. Anyone interested in becoming a board member for Model Unit-

ed Nations should consider attending the next general body meeting to learn more about the potential openings.

Based on the amount of time left in this semester, the group will probably only hold one conference. However, this conference will be more laid back and instructional with the goal of teaching members the rules and procedures involved in being part of a Model United Nations conference. Each conference will be held on a Saturday or Sunday in one of the classrooms on campus. Conferences will be approximately four hours long and will keep a focus on more recent events.

Anyone interested in learning more about Model United Nations at IIT should attend the next general body meeting, follow them on the "Model United Nations at IIT" Facebook page, or contact co-presidents Mete Morris (mete@hawk.iit.edu) or Adi Parakh (adi@hawk.iit.edu) for more information or to join the mailing list.

Creative writing and art by students at 1000 Words Paint Festival

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Now that midterms are coming to an end, there will be more events and opportunities for students to relax and calm their mind. The Story, Writing, Animation, and Production (SWAP) team has taken the initiative to provide students with a place where they can freely express their feelings through their creative writing and drawings. On Friday, October 23, the SWAP team hosted an event called the 1000 Words Paint Festival located on the MTCC Bridge. The purpose of this event was to give students the opportunity to express themselves by drawing or writing on the windows, and to give everyone else the chance to see their artwork.

The festival began at 12 p.m., when

the members of SWAP brought out the art materials and assembled them on the tables by the MTCC Bridge. The materials included a supply of notecards where students could write one word. The fun part of this activity is that students had to write a word that began with the last letter of the previous word. Another activity was to create a story by giving every student an opportunity to participate. A student could take a note card and write a sentence fragment on their notecard. It would then be taped on the MTCC Bridge windows so that other students could see it. Another student could then continue the story by adding another sentence fragment.

The main activity that many students participated in was the painting activity. This is where students were able to use the many painting colors that were made available

by the SWAP organization, and use them to express themselves by creating a drawing next to the others. The colorful drawings included a painting of the Earth, a saxophone, Man on a Bench, and even a painting of Arthur from the television series. The 1000 Words Paint Festival was successful with many students contributing with their creative writing and drawings. The Story, Writing, Animation, and Production team will be hosting more events in the following weeks where you can join the fun. Some events include the second part of Intro to Animation and Basic Video Editing that will take place on November 5 and Advanced Animation that will take place on November 19. For more information or questions you may contact the SWAP team at swap@iit.edu.



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