

2016 Student Gift survey goes live

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For the past six years, IIT's Student Gift Campaign has raised money from the student body to help purchase a variety of campus improvements as a gift from the student body to the university. Previous student gifts have included bike racks for campus, new furniture for Galvin Library, improved water fountains, and this year's gift, renovations to the Keating Sports Center weight room. The tradition of the annual Student Gift Campaign aims to allow students to give back to the IIT

community.

IIT's Student Gift Campaign has a committee that includes a number of students. The committee selected a variety of options for the 2016 student gift, and is now surveying the IIT community to see which gift option they'd like to see make a difference on campus. The survey went live last week and was also announced in an email to students from Provost Frances Bronet on the morning of November 2.

After following the link in the email to the survey, students can choose the project that they'd most like to see brought

to campus. Four options are offered in the survey. One option, an emergency textbook fund, is a fund of money that would help students experiencing financial hardship purchase textbooks. Another option, charging stations and lockers, would bring locking phone charging stations to The Bog, MTCC, and academic buildings on campus. A third option is the implementation of solar-powered crosswalk signs that have flashing LED lights to alert traffic of pedestrians crossing the street in an endeavor to increase safety when walking through campus. The final option included on the survey is solar-powered picnic tables

that would have power outlets for student electronics.

The survey also offers the option for students to share ideas for future Student Gift Campaign projects and allows students to sign up to be involved in the campaign. Last year's campaign raised over 25 thousand dollars including donations from 781 undergraduate students. After selection of the next student gift, students can look forward to the opportunity to donate toward a project to improve the university.

RHA creates spooky Halloween festivities

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Screams of terror and fright could be heard resounding from South Hall this past Friday night. South hall's first and second floors were turned into a terrifying haunted hall, creating a freaky frightening feel to MSV. However, it wasn't all fright in the dorms, as in the courtyard there was apple bobbing and other activities. There was also a scavenger hunt that traversed the entirety of the dorm, causing students to explore areas they might not have been before, while trying figure out

the clues.

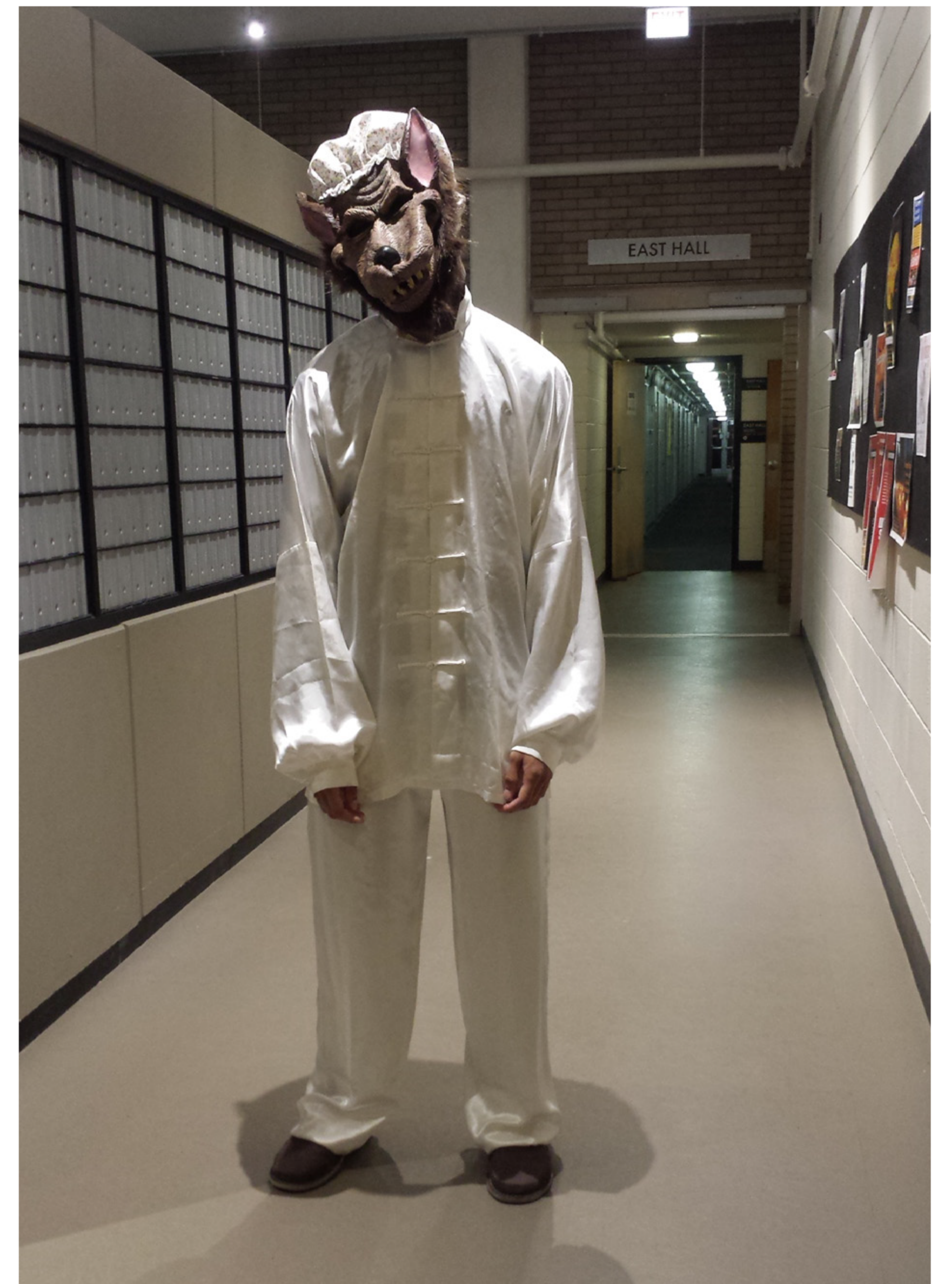
The haunted hall was definitely a fan favorite. The decorations and preparations began at 7 p.m., and the hall opened at 8 p.m. Students were made to go through a black curtain covering the entrance, and into the first floor, and that's where it all began. Residents of that floor were also in good spirits, helping add to the fear: by quickly opening doors as people passed by, jumping out of their rooms wearing creepy masks, and screaming to make people jump. The first floor had ghosts flying across the hall on powered wires, and creepy

skeletons shrouded in cloaks roamed the floor. The lights were off and there were a few dim lights emanating throughout the floor. Spider webs had been hung from the ceiling, hanging low to make people crouch as they went through.

The second floor was a step up from the first floor; the antics were turned up a notch. The lighting was lower, there were screams resounding from a speaker at the other end of the hall, and there were more frights. Lights were flashing on the second floor, creating shadows that moved and other frights in students' minds. At one end of the hall, the

phone was ringing incessantly, antagonizing someone to answer it. Once it was answered, a creature would climb down the wall in front of the phone, scaring the answerer. After the phone, students were lead out of the house and back downstairs.

The residents were so into these festivities that if one student was particularly terrified, they would begin to follow them out of the hall. Terror could be felt throughout the hall, as even some of its own residents would be too scared to enter the hall. It was the perfect touch of horror that should be present in every Halloween celebration.



Photos by Kayleigh Stevens

Union Board in need of performers for Hawks Coffeehouse

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Union Board's Hawks Coffeehouse, though one of its primary reasons for existence is to give students and others within the IIT community an outlet to perform in a casual and yet professional coffeehouse style venue, has historically had trouble booking these sorts of acts. This semester particularly, they have begun to rely on professional performers more heavily than ever due to a lacking ability to find interested and able student/faculty/staff artists.

Hawks Coffeehouse takes place

every other week, Tuesday nights starting at 7 p.m. and running usually to 8 p.m. or a little longer in the MTCC Welcome Center. There have been five performances so far this semester, and two more are planned to take place throughout the month of November.

For the purpose of ensuring that the gig is made as accommodating as possible to those on campus that are artistically inclined, the very last Coffeehouse this semester on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, will be something of an open mic night, and will feature multiple acts in the time period, who are offered the opportunity to perform sets ranging from under 10 minutes to over 30.

Union Board and WIIT, IIT's student run radio station, ask that all campus affiliates that find this opportunity compelling, whether they be in bands, a solo artist, a spoken word performer, or skilled in any of a plethora of performance based art-forms, join to whatever capacity they feel comfortable. Coffeehouse performances are a great outlet for performers to engage in creative expression in a judgment free environment, which is rare outside of the Greek community. Performers on the bill that night will be provided Union Board swag as a "Thank You" for their addition.

There will be food (sweets, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and possibly others) available

for those that perform and attend. Prior to the event, WIIT will be conducting interviews with the performers interested in participating to help promote it. These "Unknown Talent" interviews are very casual and always a blast.

Seeing that there are so many great and creative artists in the IIT community that truly deserve to be heard but just don't have a suitable outlet, Union Board and WIIT are confident that this event will be a high point of the semester as long as they get the message out in the right venues. Interested individuals are encouraged to write unknowntalentchicago@gmail.com to setup a brief audition, which will involve the performance of one set piece.



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