

Students celebrate Day of the Dead by dancing the night away

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As Halloween was right around the corner, many student organizations have been hosting Halloween-themed events. On the night of Thursday, October 30, students had the opportunity to experience another fun night with dancing and laughing. The Day of the Dead Dance party was hosted at The Bog with the combined efforts of Latinos Involved in Further Education (LIFE), Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement (HACE), and the Commuter Student Association (CSA).

The members of these three student organizations met before the event to decorate The Bog with Halloween-themed items. They brought in long and colorful paper decorations that were hung on a string across The Bog. The tables were decorated with paper of different colors and bags with the Day of the Dead drawings on them. These bags also included a light that changed to different colors inside, which helped brighten up the room and the bags with the different colors. Also, to give the

tables a spookier look, the members placed little skulls that are traditionally used during

decorations, the DJ team for the dance party arrived and prepared their equipment to

their costumes to begin the party. Shortly after 9 p.m., everything was ready and students began to arrive and walk into The Bog. It took some time for the students to loosen up and enter the dance floor since there were not too many students in the beginning. After about 20 minutes, a larger crowd began to gather and some students started to move to the beat of the music.

As the dance party moved later into the night, many students began to gather at the dance floor and enjoy each other's company. Some of the song genres that were played were Cumbia, Merengue, Bachata, and Hip-hop. A song that really helped break the ice for students, to enter the dance floor was Cha-Cha Slide.

The event was considered successful by the members who hosted the event, because the students could be seen having fun and dancing the night away.



Photo by Ricardo Torres

the Day of the Dead celebrations.

After they had finished with the

provide fun music for the students to dance to. The members then began to change into

SGA 'Hearing Of Horror' meeting recap

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The biweekly senate meeting of the Student Government Association was held last Tuesday in the regular room, the MTCC Auditorium. What was not so regular about this meeting, however, was the Halloween theme that presided over this "Hearing of Horror". Senate members and meeting attendees were encouraged to come in costume, creating a fun atmosphere for all involved.

The meeting started with President Rahul Wadhvani presenting his points while remaining in character the whole time. Wadhvani, donning a white mask that hid his face, presented his points under the guise that he was not, in fact, Rahul, but instead was Ron Weasley, there to present for him. This was a fun, light-hearted way to start the meeting.

The President's report covered such topics as the meeting of the board of trustees. The two main points covered at this meeting were the plan to improve student housing by talking to students who have moved off

campus to find out what motivated them to move and how the dorms can be improved to encourage students to live on campus. Also, the topic of meal plan changes was discussed because many students are dissatisfied with the inflexibility of the meal plans available and the school is looking for ways to improve the meal plan to suit everyone's needs as best as possible. The President also discussed Student Speak, the online survey that allows various organizations and departments on campus to learn what students know and think about what is happening on campus. All students should fill out this survey to get their voice heard about campus matters.

The Vice President of Student Life presented project updates about a few of the projects that SGA wants to happen around campus. First, SGA is trying to get a second entrance put into MSV. There are, however, some complications surrounding this, such as the entrance needing to be staffed full time, causing this project to become a long-term project that SGA will continue to work on. There is also a project happening to add more

bottle filling water fountains in other halls in MSV and buildings on campus. Also discussed was the project to install a calisthenics park on campus, to have a printer installed in Carmen Hall, improvements to IIT Today, and improvements to the crosswalks and lighting around campus. All of the projects are going well and progress is being made on each.

Finance board had a hearing last Saturday where funds were distributed to the various organizations that sent in budgets and requested funds. There will be two forums, hosted by finance board, where anyone is welcome to attend to ask questions and learn more about the funds that were distributed. These two forums will be held Tuesday November 3 and Thursday November 5 at lunch time in Perlstein Hall 109.

Two new organizations presented at this meeting and received approval to become official clubs on campus. The IIT Maker Society is a group looking to encourage entrepreneur types who have ideas for projects they want to build, but don't know how to go about building them. The society wants

to provide students with a single place to go when looking for information on how to use campus resources like the IdeaShop as well as encouraging students to create and market their project ideas.

The second organization that received approval was the Veteran's Club. Illinois state schools are required to have a Veteran's club on campus; however, IIT is a private school and therefore is not required to have one. This club would be a great way to support veteran students on campus and bring together veteran students, veteran faculty, and possibly even ROTC students to create a friendly support group for those involved with the armed forces.

The various costumes worn by senate members brought a spooky theme to the meeting that everyone appeared to enjoy. Senate meetings are held every two weeks in MTCC and all students are encouraged to attend to learn about happenings on campus and let their voice be heard concerning matters that pertain to students at IIT.



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