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## Steven Holl presents College of Architecture lecture

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Every architect starts with a single dream of designing their own building, a building that will bear their name for decades. Like Crown Hall has the mark of Mies Van De Rohe, every aspiring architect wishes for the same. Many architects have been successful in this path, including architects like Frank Lloyd Wright, Mies Van De Rohe, Amanda Williams and many more. Amongst these successful architects, Steven Holl is one of them. He is known for his work at Princeton University, Iowa State University and many other projects in the USA.

On the November 5, Steven Holl was invited to sign his new novel and give a speech on his new ideas and relation of art

with architecture. At 5 p.m., he arrived at IIT's College of Architecture and all of his books were being sold at discounted prices. Most architects got their books signed by Steven Holl and the author Robert Mccarter. He signed the books wishing luck to all aspiring architects.

At around 6 p.m., the Center Core of Crown Hall was set up and soon filled with students of architecture ranging from freshman all the way to graduate students. There was no breathing space, but there was definitely a spark of excitement that filled the air of the hall. Initially, there was a welcome speech by the Dean of Architecture, followed by the introduction speech by Holl's dear friend and the author of his latest book, Mccarter. After the introduction, Holl began by talking about the relation between dance and

architecture. He said, "The immeasurable form of architecture is an expression, expression of an art form." Then, he went on to show the different dimensions of architecture in terms of time. During this, he showed all students new projects he was working on that was to be opened in the near future. All his work seemed to inspire the students and most of them were busy sketching ideas in their notebooks.

After the inspiring PowerPoint on his works, he talked about the joys of being an architect, convincing all the students the hard work was worth it. It was ended by the thank you speech and photo opportunity students took photos with Holl. In a nutshell, it was an inspiring break for all architecture students who gained not only inspiration and knowledge but also an insight into future successful careers.

## Commuter Student Association discusses Rave Guardian app, Student Gift at general body meeting

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Exciting news and ideas were discussed by the members of the Commuter Student Association (CSA) at their third general body meeting. The success of their past events such as the Dia De Los Muertos dance party were recapped and new events were announced. Representatives from the Student Government Association and Student Gift also attended to share news and opportunities for students.

The Commuter Student Association held their second general body meeting on Tuesday, November 4. The meeting was hosted at Hermann Hall room 010 this time due to maintenance repairs in The Bog. This caused some confusion since the members were not aware of this, but the CSA executive board

was able to handle the situation and direct members to the new location. The meeting was led by the CSA President, Kevin Tapia, as he welcomed current and new members to the meeting. The CSA executive board aims to serve commuter students as best as they can and so as students came in they were handed a survey to fill out to give their feedback on how CSA can be improved.

The members were also provided with Mediterranean food that they were able to enjoy during the meeting. The floor was then handed over to Rahul V. Wadhvani, who is the current president of the Student Government Association (SGA). He talked about the Rave Guardian application that SGA is petitioning to bring on campus. He mentioned that the app would help create a safer environment for every student at IIT. The members of SGA will

be on the MTCC Bridge for the next few weeks to collect signatures from students to show their support for the Rave Guardian app.

William Gordon, who is a student working with the Student Gift Campaign, was then introduced. He discussed the ideas that the Student Gift Campaign has come up with for students to choose. The four ideas that are available to choose from are an emergency textbook fund, charging stations and charging lockers, solar-powered crosswalk signs, and solar-powered picnic tables. William Gordon encouraged them to participate and vote for their favorite idea through a link that was sent by email to all IIT students. The meeting ended as students turned in their survey responses and thanked the CSA executive board for the information and free food.



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