

Food Advisory Board re-established to shape the future of on-campus dining

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In recent years, a body composed of students, Illinois Tech Dining Services staff, and university administration have met twice a month to discuss major decisions involving Sodexo's dining facilities on campus. Including official representatives of the Student Government Association (SGA), Residence Hall Association (RHA), Office of Campus Life (OCL), and Residence and Greek Life (RGL), Illinois Tech's Food Advisory Board (FAB) has been responsible for many of the changes to dining in its lifetime. The

introduction of the popular meal exchange program, expansion of vegetarian and vegan options, and establishment of an ice cream bar in the Commons have all stemmed from conversations in Food Advisory Board, and it continues to be one of the most direct ways for students to offer regular input to Dining Services.

Last year, FAB was primarily headed by Ricky Stevenson, who stepped down from those duties after obtaining an timeconsuming internship opportunity. The group was briefly taken over by Jay Morris, the SGA senator representing RHA, in an attempt to bring the group under the purview of both organizations, but stagnated for a month or so following Morris's death in spring. At the end of the 2015-2016 academic year, the group was headed by John Munoz, a member of SGA's Student Life Committee.

Since then, FAB has been largely stagnant as SGA and RHA worked to determine which of the two organizations had the power to re-form it. Various university administrators had spoken about committing to contradictory doctrines of responsibility for the group, and with John Munoz leaving his position as a senator, it wasn't clear when FAB would begin to meet once again. Finally, though, it has been conjured into existence once again under SGA, and led by Munoz just as at the end of the last semester. Its first

meeting in scheduled for Friday, October 28 at 4 p.m. in the Pritzker Club.

While SGA, RHA, OCL, and RGL maintain official membership in FAB, all students are technically welcome at the group's meetings. Last year, a few active student leaders made regular appearances, most consistent among them being Adrian Dueñas, Jr., who was a volunteer in two of SGA's committees at the time. Those participants have an equal seat at the table of discussion, and their concerns and input help form policies, options, and programs enacted by Illinois Tech Dining Services.

2016 Students Speak survey now open, covering new departments

The Center for Research and Service

With the approval of the President and Provost, your fellow Illinois Tech students are once again looking for your input in discovering how we can improve the quality of student's experiences with various service areas and departments here at Illinois Tech. The Students Speak program aligns with the President's and Provost's commitment to advancing student satisfaction and the quality of services provided to students.

The project is headed by a committee of students, who are tasked with identifying how the university's services can make your lives as Illinois Tech students better. Their focus is on you – their fellow students and they want to understand what your needs, concerns, and ideas are surrounding the university. The committee is made up of a diverse team of individuals that come from many different backgrounds, ranging from SGA, the Leadership Academy, the Chicago-Kent College of Law, Camras Scholars, the Greek community, graduate student organizations, and more. They are committed to helping the administration establish benchmarks of

performance for student services, identify priorities for improvement, create action plans for change, map progress, and instill accountability for those changes.

Having identified areas within the university services that are important to students and have not been surveyed in at least two years, the survey has been developed to focus on each of those key areas and the committee asks that students provide feedback so that they can gauge what the university is doing right, what needs improvement, etc. The committee will present the results from the Students Speak survey to the President and Provost in January and will also give feedback to the departments and service areas included on the survey. Student committee members also submit specific recommendations on how administrators can make the necessary changes needed to increase student satisfaction with their offices' services. These recommendations will stem from the survey findings collected and from additional input from members of various student organizations.

The Students Speak committee is supported by Dr. George Langlois, the Executive Director for the Center of Research and Service (part of the Lewis College of Human Sciences)

and the Illinois Tech Leadership Academy. For those that do not know him, Dr. Langlois is an Industrial / Organizational psychologist whose office also conducts the annual faculty survey and provides consultation to numerous high profile clients outside of Illinois Tech. His knowledge and expertise in survey design and analysis serves as a valuable asset to the committee. The Students Speak project is especially important to Dr. Langlois, as he received his PhD here at Illinois Tech and the project allows him and his office to give back to the university by helping to make students' experiences here the best that it can be.

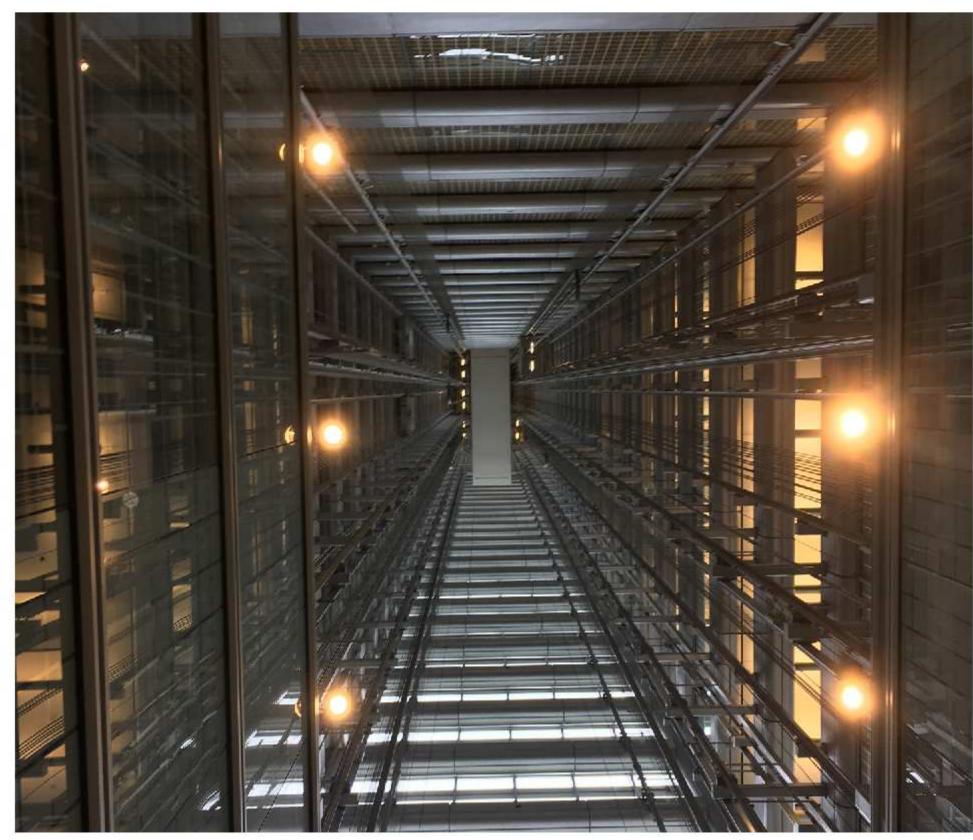
The committee has the manpower, the determination, and the contacts, but they need one more crucial piece in order for this survey to make a difference – YOU! They need as many students as possible to provide feedback on the various student services in order for to really gauge what has been working well for students and what needs improvement. Traditionally, the number of student responses has been close to half the total student body and the goal this year is to get an even larger proportion of students to participate. A couple minutes of your time is all it takes to help drive positive change by ensuring that your voice

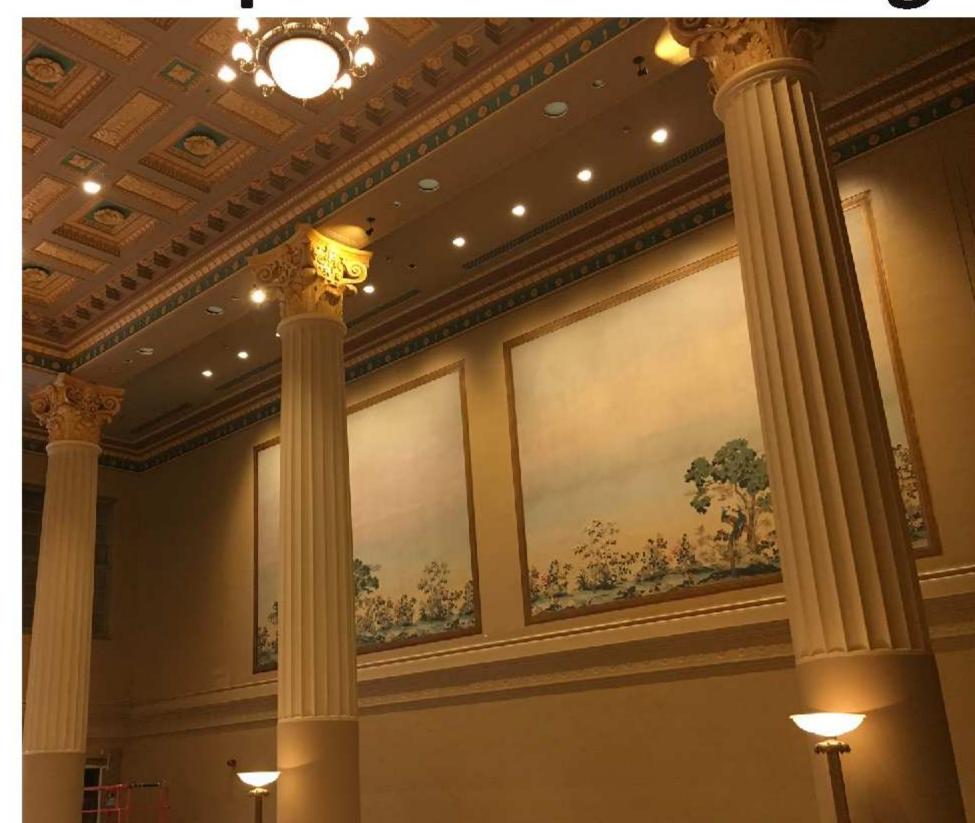
is heard when the committee presents their findings to the President and Provost.

As an added incentive for participating in the survey, there will also be a raffle drawing that any participating students will be entered in, where they will have the chance to win one of several assortment of prizes including: \$20 gift cards, Illinois Tech apparel, and Illinois Tech coffee mugs and thermos cups! This is your chance to influence positive change for all Illinois Tech students and to have your opinions heard by the university's leadership and senior administrators. Again, the Students Speak Survey is focused on you, the student and this is your chance to help make a positive, lasting impact for current and future Illinois Tech students!

The survey goes live October 24th and continues through November 7th. All students will be sent an email with a link to the survey, but in case you miss it, you can simply go to (http://www.iit.edu/students_speak) and complete the survey there once it goes live, or stop by the kiosk that will be set up on the bridge in MTCC during lunch hour. Take the survey and let your voice be heard – it only takes a few minutes of your time to make a difference at Illinois Tech!

An inside look: a weekend at Open House Chicago





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The presidential debates wrapped up on Wednesday, October 19, with a debate at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas, Nevada. The debate featured Democratic nominee Secretary Hillary Clinton and Republican nominee Donald Trump. It featured Chris Wallace, a Fox News anchor, as the moderator. Clinton, according to Politico, won the first two debates. Going into the third debate, opinions were divided as to who would win.

The Office of Campus Life hosted a viewing of the debate in Center Court. People went in and out throughout the event, with attendance floating around 50 people. The crowd featured people from virtually all social groups and a representative racial and gender makeup. Among the crowd was a Jill Stein canvasser who passed out flyers advertising the Green party candidate's positions.

The crowd in Center Court was respectful and quiet for most of the debate, at times seeming disengaged. There were exceptions to that, though. At a few moments throughout the debate, the crowd erupted into cheers, boos, and most of all laughter. The lines that spurred these reactions were almost all personal jabs at the candidates.

The debate had an ostentatious start since both candidates continued their psychological manipulation. Trump invited the mother of a victim of the Benghazi embassy attacks and the Kenyan born half-brother of Barack Obama. Clinton invited two billionaire critics of her opponent.

Students watched presidential debate with mounting fear for democracy

Another constant from the last debate were the interruptions. According to Time, Trump interrupted Clinton 48 times, with Clinton only interrupting nine times. These interruptions mostly consisted of fleeting comments such as the now infamous "Wrong!" comments from Trump. There were some substantive interruptions—though only from Trump. These interruptions focused mostly Clinton's emails and her character. Clinton responded to these claims with calm denials and accusations of her own regarding Trump's history with women.

This debate also brought up two specific points that are significant within the presidential campaign—and the history of democracy—as a whole. The first moment was when Trump was asked by Wallace directly "Do you make the same commitment that you'll absolutely accept the result of the election?" Trump immediately responded by saying "I will look at it at the time. I'm not looking at anything now, I'll look at it at the time." This reasonably scared a large portion of the media

and the electorate, since America has enjoyed over 200 years of peaceful transitions of power between presidents, with losing candidates respecting the outcome of the election.

The other highly talked about moment within the debate came at the end when Trump interrupted Clinton, saying simply "Such a nasty woman." This statement made many deeply uncomfortable, some saying that it had deeply misogynistic tones. Some media sources such as Vox and the New York Times published pieces that made it clear this was an unprofessional and unnecessary thing to say, going as far as to use it as further proof that Trump mistreats women. Others leaned into it and used it, particularly in conjunction with Janet Jackson's 1986 hit "Nasty," as evidence that the system of politics is biased against women and that Clinton is doing all she can to break through the proverbial glass ceiling.

This debate was marred with insults, interruptions, and an air of tension that has been unseen in recent election cycles. That said, Clinton, a symbol of the political machine's workings in Washington D.C., has demonstrably beaten Trump, for a third debate in a row, as shown in scientific polls such as the CNN/ORC poll.

International Students Feature: Africa

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Africa is a big continent, and therefore readers might see "Africa" as the bold headline of this article and feel irritated or confused: don't frown and move on just yet. Yes, there are a lot of viewpoints to cover when considering a continent like Africa--and it should be noted that because the interview process was volunteer-based, TechNews did not even come close to interviewing all of these voices--however, when four of the six interviewed students were interviewed as a group, Irewole Akande, Wofai Ewa, Joris Ekpangbo, and Marc Sednaoui remarked upon many of the same things and tended to nod their heads and murmur agreements when one another spoke. For this reason, this article is not separated into individual segments by country, but rather under a large, continental umbrella.

Four of the international students interviewed for this article came from Nigeria: Akande, a fourth year student studying engineering management, Ewa, a first year student studying mechanical engineering, Raji, a first year student studying mechanical engineering, and Ayantoye, a fourth year student studying biochemistry and biophysics. Ekpangbo, a second year graduate student studying data management, is from Benin, and Sednaoui, a fourth year student studying mechanical engineering is from Egypt

mechanical engineering, is from Egypt. Firstly, these six international students mentioned that the weather here was very different from where they were from. According to Raji, "it gets a little colder [in Nigeria], but it doesn't compare to Chicago." Ekpangbo mentioned how unfamiliar he was with needing to wear sweatshirts and scarves. Akande agreed with Ekpangbo, relaying a vivid memory of his arrival in the United States in the winter of 2013. "I came in January and I'd never seen snow before. I remember it like it was yesterday. I got to Chicago, and in the airport the A/C [was on] so it's cold; I had on a sweatshirt. And then I walked out of the door, and the next thing I did was [say], 'What's going on?' I just like rushed back,... I go to a pay phone, I call my uncle and I'm like, 'I'm not walking out of this place." However, while these particular students may be unused to Illinois' snow, the rain in Nigeria is apparently a force to be reckoned with. According to Ayantoye, in Nigeria, it can rain for a whole week straight during the rainy season. Because of this, he says, "I'm not bothered by rain. I don't freak out by the rain, only when it snows."

When asked about differences in food between Illinois Tech and his home country, Akande answered, "I feel like the food is a sore topic." Apparently, Akande stated that the food in the Commons is "ten times" better

than it was four years ago when he first started to attend school at Illinois Tech. When he first arrived, he claimed that he was very confused about the amount of rice served with a meal. "You serve rice, not rice as a side dish," he claimed. "I was so confused, like, 'what's going on?' How can you give someone just a spoonful of rice? ... That was, like, scarring for me." According to Akande, dishes back home are more wholesome, and rice is served with meat on the side instead of the other way around. According to him, when he first found out that steak could be an entree, he was shocked: he didn't realize that was something people did. "Back home, I didn't eat a lot of meat," Akande noted. "Here, protein is the main dish, while carbohydrates are the side dish." Ewa, Ekpangbo, and Sednaoui all seemed to agree with Akande. "It took me two weeks to find something I liked," Ewa admitted. "I didn't like 90% of [the options]. I tried a new thing every day. Now, I eat about half of the things they serve in the cafeteria." Ayantoye also missed the food back home, saying, "personally, I miss Nigerian food, especially my mom's food. But I like the other options I have here too: Mexican food, Indian food, Chinese food, from other cultures too." Ekpangbo agreed that the variety of cuisine in the United States was something that he liked. "There is this melting pot of people and countries and you can try a lot of tastes," Ekpangbo said. "I don't like pizza that much, but I'll try it sometimes, and I'll try some not-American food like Colombian food, Chinese food, Japanese food... That's what is beautiful about food in America. Back in my country, there's no Colombian food I don't think." Raji also had an opinion on American food. In his words, "the food is okay here. It's just in Nigeria, you get it fresh, but here it's chemically processed and full of all this bad stuff for you. But honestly, other than that, it's good here too. It's way faster." Akande also mentioned that the time that Americans usually took to prepare their food differed substantially from what he was used to. "Eating is not, like, work. Back home, you just take your time. You sit down, you have conversation, you talk with your friends." According to him, eating meals was much social back home than it is here in America, and less rushed. Sednaoui agreed with him, saying, "Egyptian food requires time to make. Here, it's so fast. Eating is a social thing. Even if you're eating in a restaurant, you sit with strangers." There are also many differences

in general culture, according to these six students. Akande mentioned that he thought life back in Nigeria had much more emphasis on community and the group. "I come from a satellite town. Everyone knows each other; you all know your neighbors. You can leave your keys at home and your neighbors will

take care of them. But here, it's like, everyone is just on their own." Additionally, Akande thought that even the process of raising a child was more about the whole community than an independent family, saying that he thought it was strange when someone complained about not being able to stop another person's child from acting up. People don't say, "Oh, someone's child is doing this but I don't stop them.' That's not what it's like where I'm from." According to Ewa, "every adult raises one child." Raji elaborated upon the same topic, saying, "you could go to a neighbor's house and ask them for almost anything." Raji thought that life back in Nigeria was more "family oriented" and "tight-knit." Raji also thought that people were friendlier back in Nigeria. "If you walk up to a stranger in Nigeria," Raji said, "they will say hello, but if you walk up to a stranger here they will be like, 'go away." Ayantoye thought that it was "more individualized here" as a whole.

Academically, according to Ewa, professors in America are much more willing to assist students. "I think here, the teachers here are more willing to help. [School is] more lenient here, less strict." Others seemed to agree with this. In Ekpangbo's words, "teachers really care about you; they'll talk to you." Back home, Ekpangbo noted, "teachers will look at you, but they don't see you." Additionally, Sednaoui commented that he liked the flexibility of being able to choose your own courses. "In Egypt, everyone is in the same classroom, and everyone is taking the same classes, so you get this connection you grew up with. Instead of switching classes, every core subject [is the same]. You get this connection with people you grew up with for all your years." In Egypt, Sednaoui was used to those in the same major taking many of the same classes, and that was a strange transition. According to Raji, in his opinion "people don't value education as much as they should here." Perhaps this is due to the fact that American students take the resources that are available to them for granted. Ayantoye commented on the fact that he had a lot more resources here than he did in Nigeria. Things such as professors' office hours or even an internet connections are luxuries he didn't have before. "The resources I've received [as a] student to use are way more than in Nigeria. You can easily go online and look up stuff, which I did not have access to when I was in Nigeria. In Nigeria, all I did was sit in class and take notes."

While life for these international students changed drastically in some ways, they also stayed the same in others: we are all still human, after all. In Raji's words, "the people are different, but honestly they are just the same." Next week, look for an international students feature on your peers from Syria!

SGA discusses potential Athletics Senator, Stuart Building renovations, more at latest meeting

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Though much of the day-to-day business of Illinois Tech's Student Government Association (SGA) Senate involves working on self-formulated projects and deciding the status of prospective student organizations, its reach is much broader than the group's most visible facets. Senators are put in a special position of trust by both their constituents and their college, standing as representatives of student opinion in conversations with administrators. Additionally, senators set the tone for the organization's actions during each academic year, and have the power to bring about changes which drastically impact how student advocacy and activity take place on campus. During SGA's most recent Senate meeting on Wednesday, October 19, that side of the organization became the focus of conversation more than once, marking the gathering as the most wide-ranging such meeting of the semester so far.

At the beginning of this most recent gathering, two newly-formulated student orgs presented their pitches for acceptance as officially-recognized bodies on campus. The first, Chainless Challenge, was actually a group that had existed prior, but had never needed money from the Student Activities Fund in past years. Because of this, they had never sought official status as a student organization. The group was formed exclusively to compete with other universities at an annual event focused on the design and construction of a chainless bicycle, and the presenter from the organization brought last year's prototype to show to the Senate. While some senators expressed concerns about Chainless Challenge's financial planning and expectations (the presenter was unable to provide many logistical details when questioned, but expressed eagerness to learn the ropes of student org financing and travel), the concept of the organization was unique and had a history of success. The group was approved by Senate after practically zero private discussion, by a margin of 15 yes votes, 2 no votes, and 1 abstention.

The second organization on the schedule, Handball, was a proposed intermural sport for Illinois Tech. Though intermural teams largely function under the funding of Keating's sports administration once established, they are still considered student organizations and must pass a Senate vote to become active. The presenter for the group interested in establishing a team explained some of the sport's origins, and pointed out that a basketball court could be used in place of a regulation handball court for play. After limited private discussion, the sport was passed by a margin of 16 yes votes and 2 no votes among the present senators.

Moving on to updates from SGA's Executive Board, student body president Leo Sukkar spoke about a recent meeting that he and multiple senators had held with staff members from the Office of Technology Services (OTS), setting priorities for improvements over the next year. The top three focus projects established at that meeting were improvement of campus Wi-Fi, changes to the recently-established Hawki mobile app (including added functionality for directly making reports to Illinois Tech Public Safety), and potential transformations of the oftenaligned MyIIT website. He also spoke of this year's Students Speak survey, which went live on October 24 and will measure student opinion of the performance of 12 different departments on campus.

Student Life Committee Chair Qianran He explained that her committee was prioritizing projects as well, with a focus this year on revitalizing the Student Discount Card program (which offers savings at many local businesses, mostly restaurants), establishing an SGA presence on MyIIT, improving options in on-campus vending machines, and exploring the possibility of reducing automobile speed through campus on State Street. That list of four 4 points came from a brainstormed list of 12 different action items, ranked in importance by members of her committee.

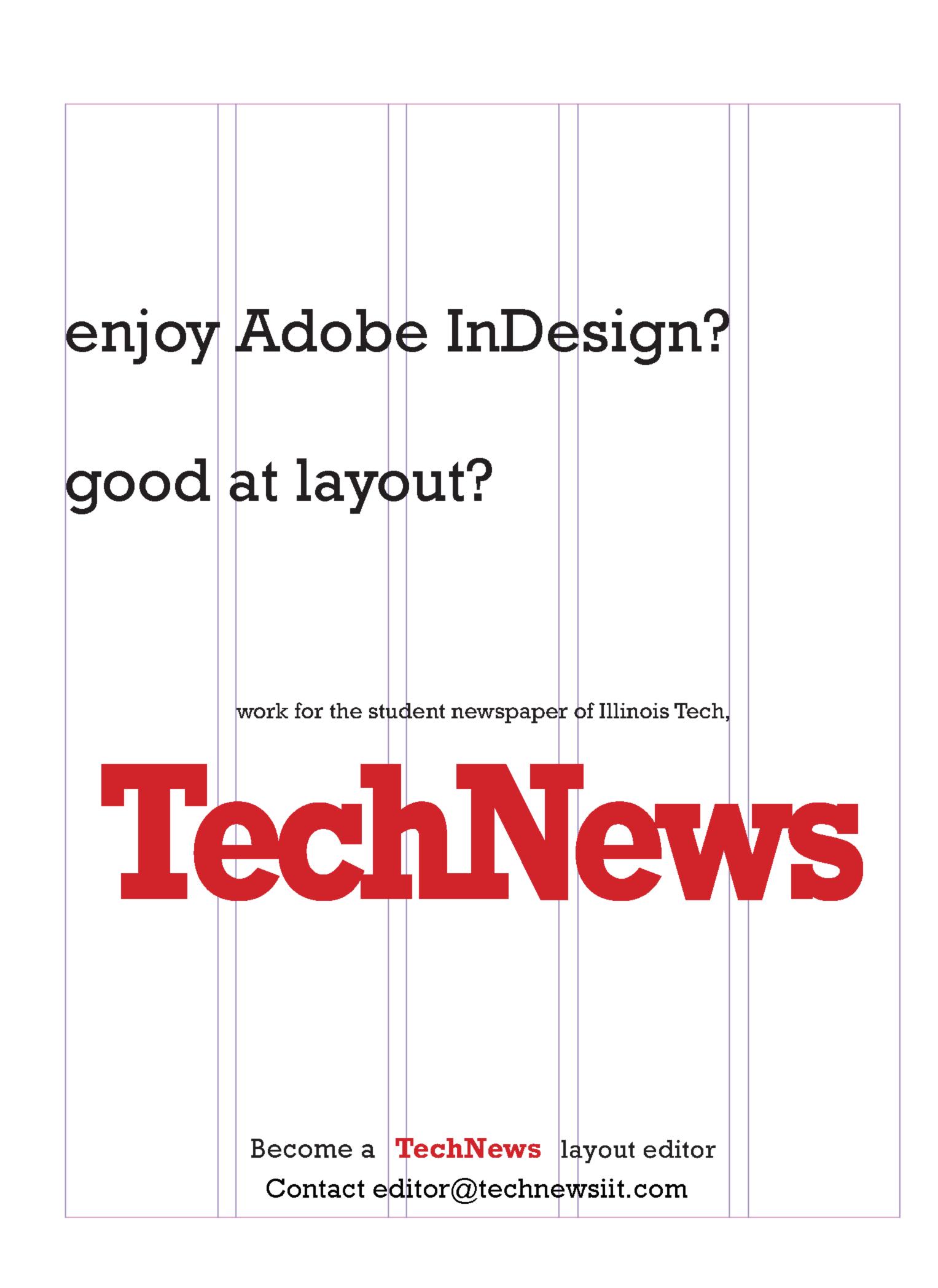
A procedural vote was then held to open up nominations for 5 vacant Senate seats: 2 in the College of Science, 2 in the College of Architecture, and 1 in the School of Applied Technology. SGA will be publicizing those seats in the coming weeks, and nominees will be elected by a simple majority vote of the Senate once the nomination process has ended.

The final portion of the meeting was reserved for an open floor, in which SGA members and others in the room could bring forward topics to discuss. 2 official topics were on the agenda, submitted by senators prior to the meeting. Nathan Jones, a senator from the College of Science, had spoken recently with Dean R. Russel Betts about plans being formulated for the renovation of Stuart Building. Those plans were based on donations being courted from corporate leadership of Cleversafe, the Illinois Tech-founded data storage company that was acquired by IBM last year for more than a billion dollars, and were specifically earmarked for the benefit of the Department of Computer Science. Jones said that upcoming renovations were supposed to create an environment in Stuart Building that would be "like a mini-Rettaliata" (referring to the recently-renovated engineering center on campus), and that Dean Betts wished to seek input from students about what to focus on

when designing the renovated space. Senators discussed whether work should extend to the building's basement or upper floor (something that hasn't happened in the Rettaliata Engineering Center or Pritzker Science Center), the possibility of creating outdoor study spaces, and implementing a crosswalk connecting Footlik to Stuart Building, which has traditionally been the most isolated academic structure at Illinois Tech.

After discussion about the future of Stuart Building had concluded, senators heard a proposal to add a new seat to their ranks, representing student athletes. The debate over the issue became the most extended topic of the night, with no clear consensus formed. Many pointed to the existence of Senate seats for the Residence Hall Association, Greek Council, and other special interests as justifying the creation of an athletics senator, but there was plenty of contention over whether the challenges faced by athletes were unique enough to merit specific representation. Some current senators were concerned about over-representing athletes who were already represented through Senators from their college and their housing situation, while others argued that the presence of a large number of student athletes in the sitting Senate already ensured their concerns were heard. The issue will be voted on at the next Senate meeting on November 2, and senators were encouraged by President Sukkar and Vice President Sonia Kamdar to seek opinions from their constituents to inform their votes.

SGA's Senate meets once every two weeks at 9:15 p.m. in Stuart Building room 113, and its committees meet on alternating weeks in the colored rooms of the MTCC.





SGA Student Life Committee pursues MyIIT integration

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MyIIT cannot be ignored as a part of every student's daily life at Illinois Tech. From accessing academic records or inputting work timetables to more recently having quick access to student organization information via Hawklink, MyIIT is an indispensable hub for student life within this university (assuming it is used properly). While there are many sources of suggestion for ways to have MyIIT better serve the student body, one such way Student Government Association (SGA) is seeking to improve the service is by having a dedicated SGA tab for easy access. Thus, the ongoing project of Senator Trixie Weiner

(Lewis College of Human Sciences) in the Student Life Committee is to implement an SGA plugin directly on the MyIIT page.

It seems that a common aspect of recent SGA projects is to increase mediums through which the student body can reach their senators, but that is not to say these projects are redundant. Being able to reach SGA is a necessary foundation to set before further actions can be taken to address student feedback. Students will not follow their peers' suggestions to report or provide feedback if they do not know what the organization does or how to reach it. As Weiner herself says, "the goal of this implementation is to increase accessibility of student-to-SGA communication and improve the flow of information. We, as SGA senators, are always

saying how 'our door is open,' but so few people have the time or awareness to actually approach that door. This will improve visibility and begin the trek towards bridging the gap between students and their SGA senators, and even further, students and the administration." These hopeful sentiments encapsulate an overarching theme among SGA senators to be a truly integrated voice of the students.

Going more into the specifics of this project, Weiner and the remainder of the Student Life Committee hope to resurrect an old SGA idea in the form of a suggestion box through the MyIIT portal. "This box will provide a direct channel for students to submit their suggestions, complaints, issues, or requests to their SGA representatives." Similar to the VoteBox system of previous years,

having this suggestion source in MyIIT would be a direct way for students to reach SGA with any issues, any time on a common platform.

Weiner and the rest of Student Life Committee are still looking into how exactly to integrate the SGA presence on MyIIT. Committee meetings are always open to everyone (every other Wednesday with the next being at 9:15 p.m., October 26 in the MTCC colored rooms). Additionally, any suggestions or feedback about this specific project can be addressed to Weiner at bweiner@hawk.iit.edu.

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School of Applied Technology hosts haunted house

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The School of Applied Technology hosted their "Scarlet Crypt", their first effort at a haunted house type attraction on Illinois Tech's Family Weekend. The attraction featured an

arrangement of spooky props, some of which were made by student and staff volunteers over the past few weeks, that promised a scary yet fun tour of the Stuart Building last Saturday. Visitors were greeted by a rather eerie-looking Stuart Building entrance, which led them around the hallway by the OTS labs on the first floor. The trip was packed with fun props

ranging from your typical tombstones, bats, and glowing skulls to homemade props such as an 8 foot tall grim reaper that greeted visitors. SAT student volunteers and staff also partook in the event, dressing up and doing their best to give visitors a good scare or two. Although short, it was a nice attempt at something new for family weekend, and with a reported

turnout of 322, rather successful. The School of Applied Technology plans on making this event a yearly one, so look for them next year and tell your friends to go for a fun experience hosted by Illinois Tech's own students and staff.







Photos courtesy of James Jerger

Trick or Treat for UNICEF supports ending child labor in Bangladesh

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Can't go trick-or-treating this year because you're "too old?" Depressed because of the cold weather and that weighty feeling of being excluded from your favorite Halloween festivity? Don't worry: there's a way you can trick-or-treat this year while simultaneously helping out a worthy cause-- all the while avoiding your neighbors' disapproving "aren't you a little too old to trick-or-treat?"

Perhaps you've seen the brightlycolored orange boxes scattered around campus. October's "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" event is a month-long effort organized by Illinois Tech's chapter of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to raise

money to help eradicate child labor and human trafficking in Bangladesh. "Basically you put in a coin, and that coin goes to UNICEF," says Mert Pekdemir, head of UNICEF's education committee. "The money that we gather will go to Bangladesh in the name of the children. ... UNICEF itself is the organization that saves these children and educates them." According to Pekdemir, many children in Bangladesh, large painted advertisements on the bridge in commonly ages two to ten years old, are kidnapped or sold by their own parents. Some children never see their parents at all, an issue that UNICEF is making every effort to change.

Every month, UNICEF focuses on a different country. Perhaps you remember last month's "You vs UNICEF" event that raised funds to benefit Mali. Next month, on November 19th, UNICEF will host a talent

show to raise funds for November's country of the month. For each event, all three committees-- education, public relations, and fundraising-- work together to make it a success and meet their fundraising goals. For example, UNICEF's public relations committee is responsible for the posters and flyers you've seen around campus as well as the MTCC. The education committee, responsible for educating the campus on the chosen issue, raises awareness through things like speaker series', tabling events, and movie screenings. The first event of the speaker series occurred this month, and according to Pekdemir, UNICEF hopes to bring in at least one speaker every semester. Tabling events involve setting up a table at MTCC's bridge and, in Pekdemir's

words, "explain to people who are passing through and say, 'Hey, did you hear about our country of the month?' 'Hey, did you know what's going on around the world?" Additionally, the education committee screens movies that spread awareness about the hardships children are facing all over the world.

You don't necessarily need to be on one of UNICEF's three committees to be involved in what UNICEF does, according to Pekdemir. If you're interested in becoming further involved in UNICEF's cause than giving a few coins, you can sign up for UNICEF's mailing list through Facebook to be informed of future volunteering events.





Photos courtesy of Wildaline Serin

Greek community finishes Greek Values Week with celebration at the Wit

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The Greek community welcomed all who bought a ticket to their annual Greek Formal this past Friday. At the event, Greek Council, the governing body for fraternities and sororities at Illinois Tech, gave awards in recognition of the most active members, most improved chapters, and others. The event was held at the Wit, a hotel owned by Hilton in the Loop.

The event began with food, served by State & Lake, the hotel's in-house restaurant. To many peoples' surprise, the food served had a wide variety, with a plethora of

options to suit diets of all kinds: vegetarians, gluten intolerances, and meat lovers. Of the hors d'oeuvres, among the most surprising to many students were bite-sized grilled cheese sandwiches served in a tomato soup. The food continued to please the crowd, with the pasta selections of tortellini, strozzapreti, and cavatelli being a highlight. Though the food was excellent, many complained of steep drink prices, with complex drinks like cocktails costing \$13 and simpler drinks costing upwards of \$6.

The music - seen as the main event - was catered by Alpha Sigma Alpha's very own Venika Jarvis. The almost two hour long set was met with largely positive feedback from

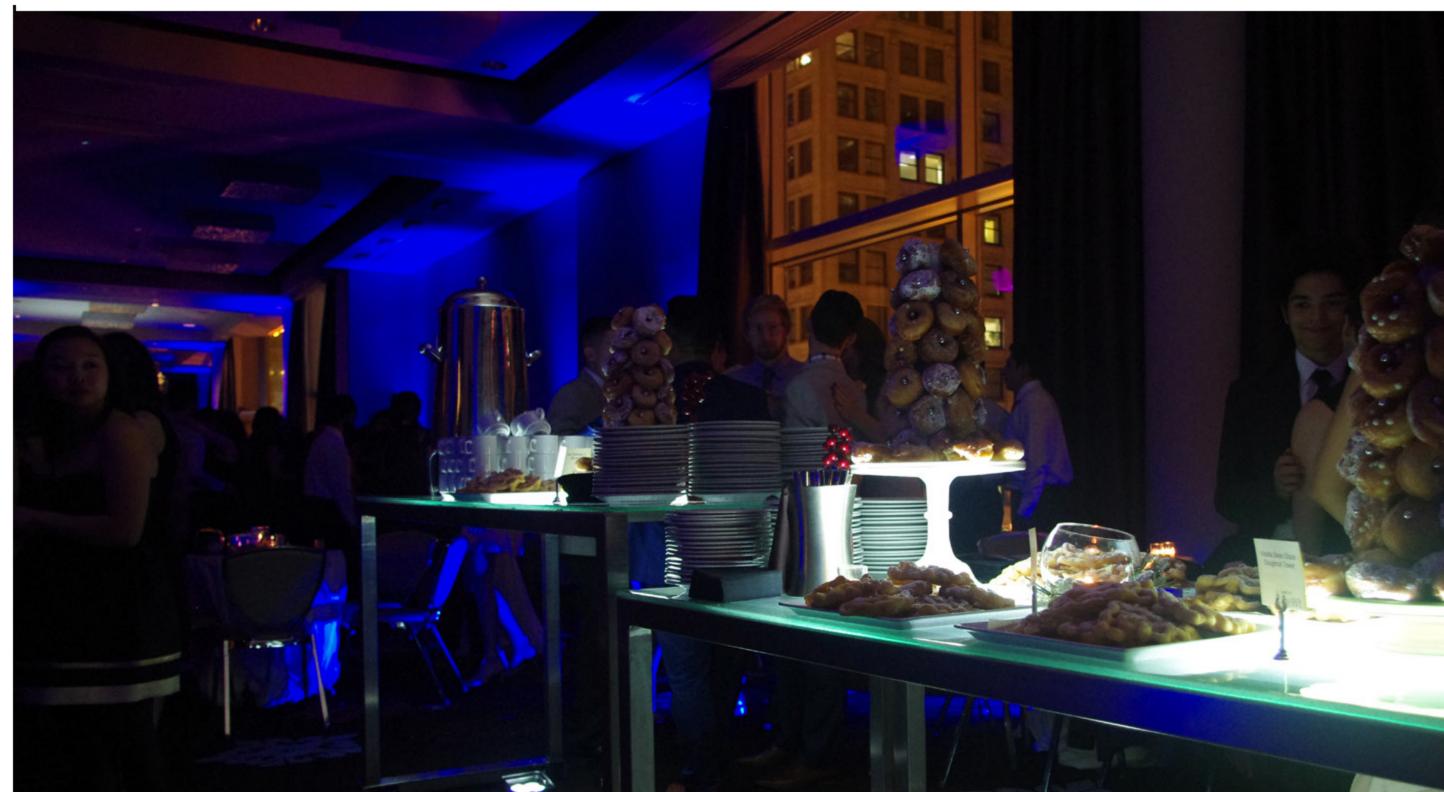
the crowd. The dance floor, once the set began, was full to capacity for a good portion of the night. That said, there were certainly periods of low energy, which some saw as a weakness of Jarvis'. All in all, she gave the community a chance to relax, which is what DJing an event like this is all about.

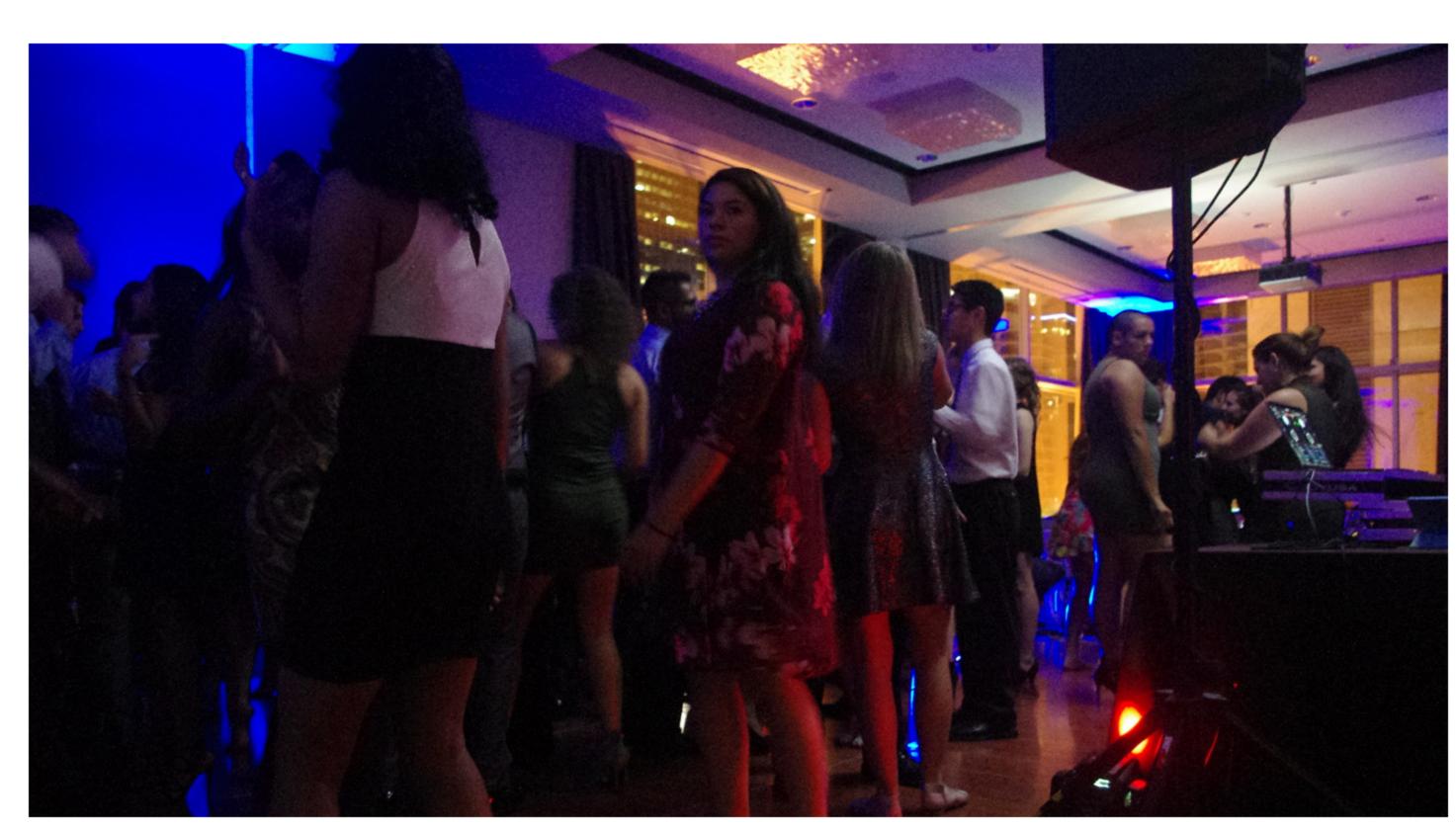
Greek Formal came at the end of a weeklong celebration of Greek values community, friendship, leadership, academics, philanthropy, and social - with events ranging from a video screening to a cover letter workshop to an event in the style of the show "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?" Each event was designed to showcase an aspect of Greek life values in an effort to demonstrate that Greek life is not a place where students focus only on parties and toxic masculinity.

Greek Formal and Greek Values Week were both organized by Greek Council, a group of Illinois Tech students who, with supervision and guidance from the Office of Residence and Greek Life, organize programming and rules for the Greek community. In particular, the individuals most involved in this week's events were: Sabrina DeGenova, the Vice President of Programming; Talia Knapp, the Social Chair; and Gianni Carvajal, the PR Chair.



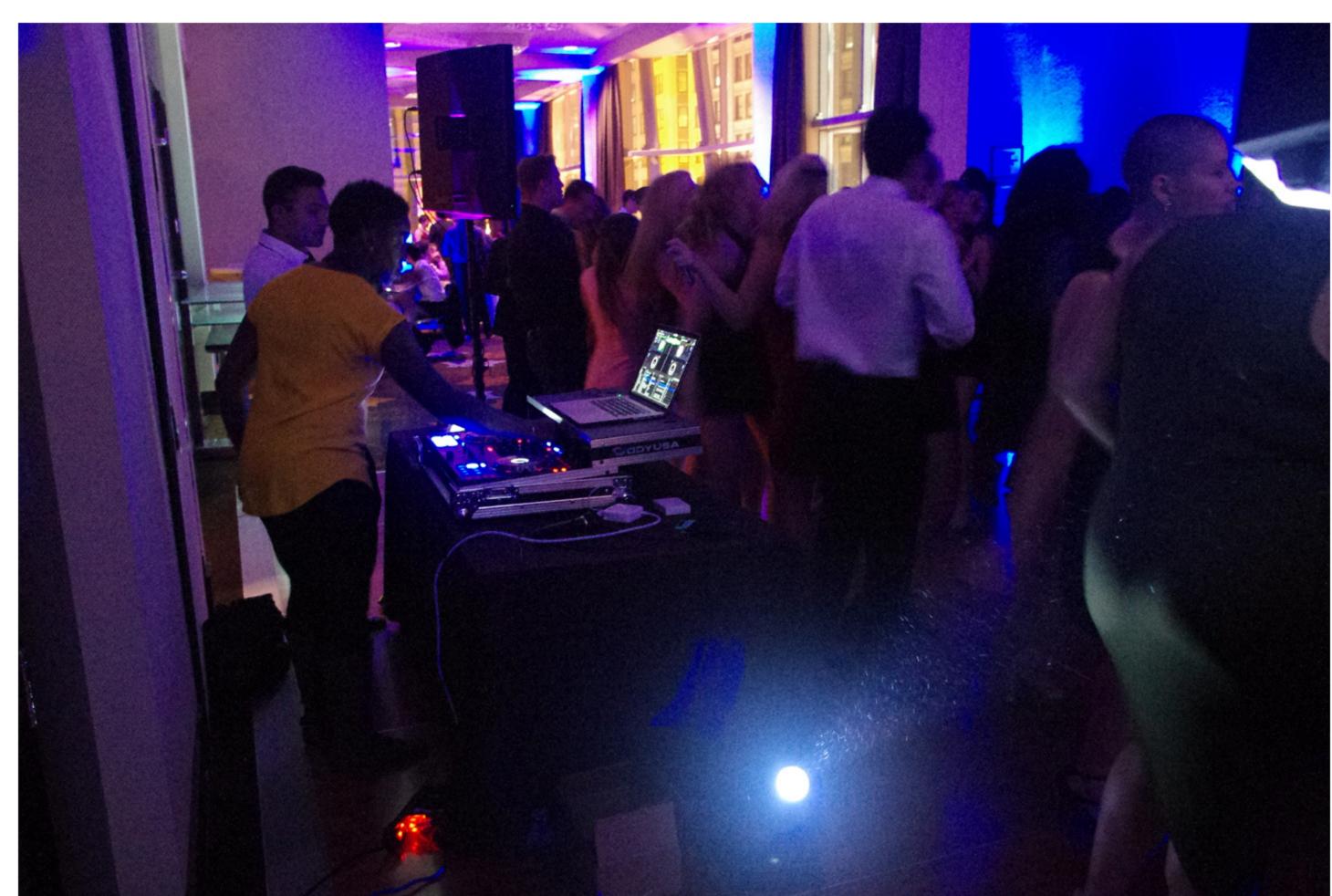












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5G coming "soon" to mobile phones, but already has a quiet foothold on campus

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Recently, Qualcomm announced that by the first half of 2018, we will be seeing the first 5th generation (5G) wireless modems in phones. The first of these will be the Qualcomm Snapdragon X50, which will support speeds "up to 5Gbps." To provide some perspective, 4G LTE has only just recently broken into Gigabit territory with modems like the Snapdragon X16. Even so, most 4G LTE connections will provide up to 450Mbps, and that's pushing a bit considering most consumers will not have these kinds of speeds most of the time. That said, 5G aims not only to provide greater bandwidth and network speed for users, but also greater network stability.

Last year, I had the opportunity to attend a real-time communication (RTC) conference thanks to taking ITM 440 (Data Networking) with Professor Carol Davids here at Illinois Tech. I was very intrigued by the sound of the 5G network presentation, and my attendance was not wasted. The gist of the presentation was that the key word would be "stability" for the coming wireless generation. Stability, in this context, refers to maintaining a constant, uninterrupted network connection. Clearly, you can see why this is a good thing, but a brief read of the Nokia 5G white papers pointed out a couple of use cases that demonstrate the value of stability. Due to the projected minimization of latency by 5G (less than one millisecond ping,) a remote surgery could be performed by a robot with almost one-to-one precision of remote commands to surgical

motions. In the world of utility, data could be constantly monitored wirelessly to such a degree that manual human surveillance would be unnecessary. Instead, more time could be spent actually fixing leaks, for instance. What these examples shed light on is that we are reaching a point where wireless will be stable and sustainable to the point that we can reasonably rely on it for needs far outside the scope of just entertainment.

All said, there has been a functioning 5G network of sorts on campus since 2013, named Eduroam. This is a wireless network that Illinois Tech students and students from many other schools can access with their regular university credentials. Not only does it have the greatest range of any wireless on campus (from my usage), but you can log on to it with your respective college credentials

from any college that provides Eduroam. Now, the speeds you get will not be significantly higher than IIT-Secure or Connect by using Eduroam, but the network itself embodies this idea of stability and seamless internet usage, as indicated by the universal credential setup. Keep this in mind; Illinois Tech has been helping pioneer the next generation of wireless for some time now, even if on a small scale.

If you're interested in finding out more, you can find Nokia's 5G white paper on their website simply by providing your email. The 2015 RTC conference 5G presentation can be found with a Google search. Look forward to seeing 5G come to a phone near you in the coming years.

Exploring Springfield, the often ignored capital of Illinois

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In addition to Springfield being the state capitol of the state of Illinois, the city has significant ties to the sixteenth President of the United States: Abraham Lincoln. The fact that the city is the capitol of the state is directly linked to this legendary statesman, who successfully convinced the rest of the state government to move to a more central location in the state rather than near the Mississippi River. The legacy of President Lincoln is seen across the city, with numerous statues, plaques, and business being named for Lincoln. In addition to these honors and commemorations, the original home, grave, and presidential library and museum for Abraham Lincoln are located within the city limits. This is fitting, as the city of Springfield is responsible for making the great emancipator the politician who successfully held together the union.

The presidential library is one of the most visited attractions in Springfield, containing the numerous artifacts and works of Abraham Lincoln. While the museum itself is a big part of the attraction, the library is not to be overstated, as the archives contain some of the most well preserved documents and relics of the Civil War. In addition to these attractions, the museum is also host to numerous annual events, seasonal exhibits, and a large museum gift shop which has been visited by several celebrities who have visited the city, including late night host Conan O'Brien.

Several blocks away from the museum and old state capital is another historical site connected to Lincoln: his family home. The Lincoln home and the surrounding neighborhood have been restored to their appearance in the mid nineteenth-century and have been maintained by the National Park Service as one of only two park sites in the entire state. The house itself has been relatively untouched since the Lincoln family left for

Washington D.C. at the start of Lincoln's presidency. Much of the carpeting, antiques, and furniture in the house are the originals or exact replicas chosen by former first lady Mary Todd Lincoln herself and used by the rest of the family for all the years Lincoln served as a state representative. The house and the rest of the neighborhood are opened to public every day and tours are free. In addition, the park service provides a visitor center with a gift shop and theater on site that plays several films talking about the city back in the 1850's and Lincoln's rise in politics. For history buffs, this site is a must see.

Farther away from downtown Springfield is the final resting place for several members of the Lincoln family, including the president himself. The Lincoln tomb in the Oak Ridge Cemetery holds the crypt of the President Abraham Lincoln, First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln, and three of his children. The bust of Lincoln in the front of the structure has been worn down over the years as many have rubbed the Lincoln nose for good luck.

The tomb itself was reconstructed in the Art Deco style of the 1930's and had its 150th anniversary commemoration last year. The incredibly fortified and protected tomb is like this for a good reason: tomb raiders have tried to steal Lincoln's body in the past. In addition to this several war memorials surround the structure, paying tribute to the soldiers that served under Lincoln, and whose statues now overlook the tomb.

Much of Springfield is easily accessible to students at Illinois Tech, despite being over one hundred miles away. Amtrak serves the city daily from Union Station in downtown Chicago, which is serviced by the school shuttle bus on weekdays, the CTA bus 151, and the Blue Line Clinton station which can be reached by transferring from the Red Line Jackson station or using the CTA bus 21, which runs through the campus on State Street. Though a somewhat difficult trip to make, the trip is worth the effort to see and do all Springfield offers tourists who are willing to make the journey.







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An inside look: a weekend at Open House Chicago

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the weekend, Last annual architectural festival known as Open House Chicago opened the doors to many of the great structures in this city that are usually inaccessible to the public. In addition to this, volunteer guides provided insight on the history and construction of those buildings and how they are used today. Famous skyscrapers such as the Willis Tower, the Aon Center, and Lake Point Tower opened their private observation decks and restaurants free of charge. Other sites included the conference rooms at the Hard Rock Hotel, the Blue Cross Blue Shield Building mid-floor meeting rooms, apartments and amenities at 1001

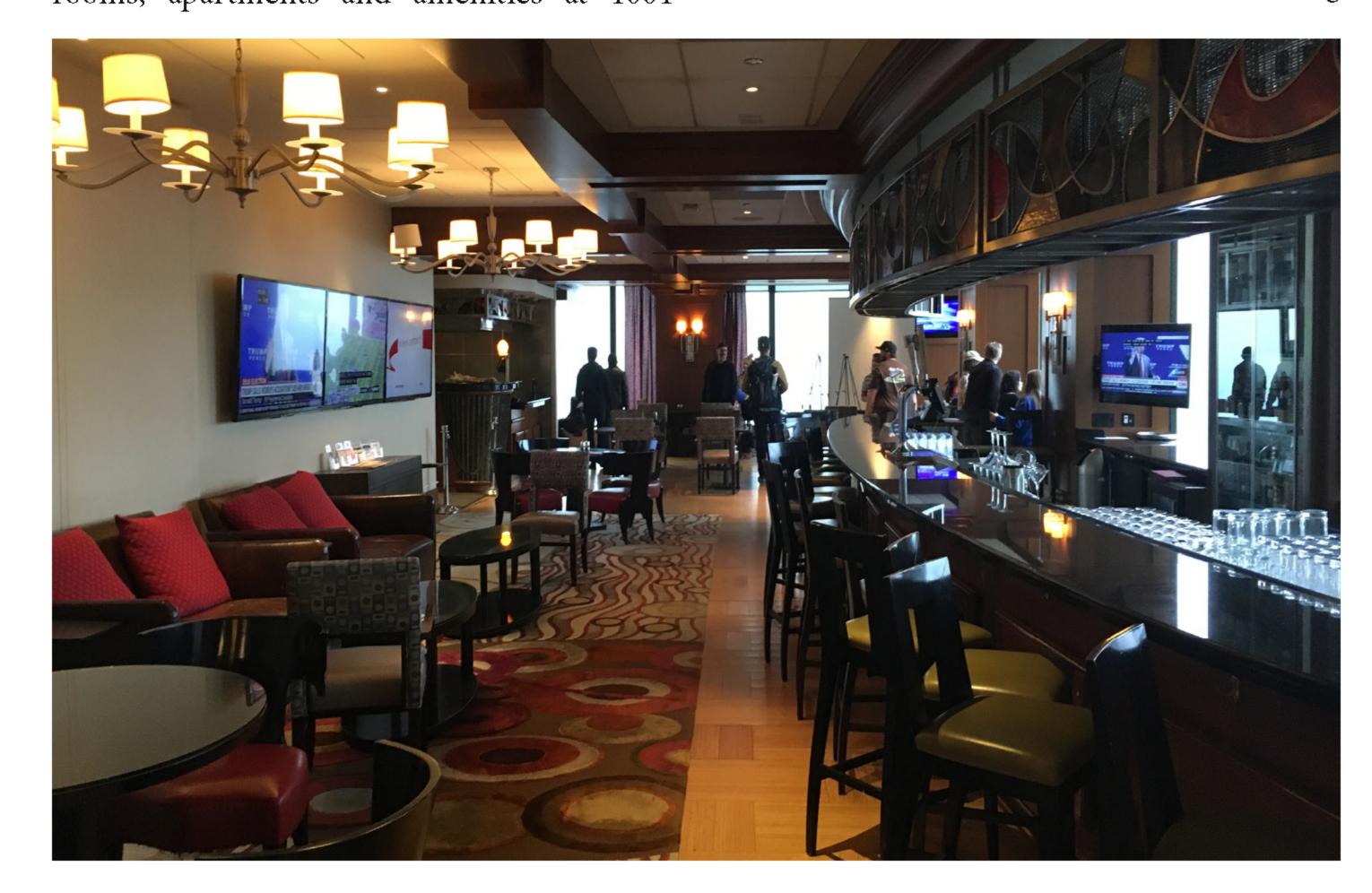
State Street and Marquee at Block 37, the London House Hotel's rooftop restaurant, the Seventeenth Church of Christ, Scientist organs and auditorium, and the Kemper Building's recently renovated observation deck. Even on the Illinois Tech campus, Carr Memorial Chapel and Crown Hall were open to the public so they, too, could observe and learn about the architecture of Ludwig Mies Van de Rohe.

Some locations, like Union Station, had little to offer to guests due to the ongoing renovations being done in backrooms, and other sites, like the Hard Rock Hotel, were unable to show much of their space due to the management wanting to respect the privacy of the guests staying there. Other sites, however, allowed a much more wide and free roaming

experience to visitors. Sites like the Willis Tower and Aon Center allowed guests to look throughout an entire floor of the building, with no fear of security stopping them from getting their fill of the views.

Another such site open last weekend was at the House of Blues, located just off State Street between the Marina Towers. The Foundation Room in the upper floors of the restaurant provided exclusive access to the balconies above the stage and a private bar and seating area decorated with religious icons from around the globe. Several celebrities such as former president Bill Clinton and Katy Perry (and almost every band or group that has performed at the House of Blues) has relaxed before and after shows in this iconic, members-only VIP lounge.

Though the event lasts only one weekend a year, many of these locations will reopen on select dates for special events and for ticketed happenings throughout the year. Though numerous sites are clustered together in downtown Chicago, the event also stretches across much of Chicagoland, opening little known sites all over communities not commonly known for their architectural or historical treasures. Open House Chicago will return next October and the Chicago Architectural Society will reveal next year's lineup of locations a month in advance so that visitors can clear their schedules for the weekend and decide on the sites they want to visit. With a little planning, this event can be one to make a regular day living in Chicago one to remember.





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CTA Station Review: Garfield Green Line

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Located at the split between the Ashland and Cottage Grove branches of the Green Line, the Garfield stop is a mainstay for a wide variety of CTA customers. Located at Garfield Boulevard (55th Street) and Prairie Avenue, the station straddles the line between the northeastern boundary of Englewood and the western edge of Washington Park, with the University of Chicago beyond it. Originally constructed in 1892 as part of a southern extension of Chicago's then-new L system that reached the World's Columbian Exposition, it has since been part of the CTA's South Side Rapid Transit line, North-South Route, and now, the Green Line, first established in 1993. Condition – 14/15

As part of the creation of the Green Line, all stations along the elevated route were thoroughly renovated starting in 1994. Garfield is one of the largest stations on the route's southern stretch, and is maintained to fairly

high standards. Its glass-paned station house at the street level is sunny and generally spotless, and the platform above exhibits few signs of the fifteen years that have passed since station renovations concluded. The Garfield station's PA system is clear and understandable, and its lobby doesn't suffer from any of the water drainage issues that some other Green Line stops have seen struggled with. That said, the station has not seen any significant upgrade work since 2001, and some of its infrastructure is beginning to show age in dust and dirt buildup and fading paint. Appearance – 7/15

The original 1892 station was located on the opposite side of Garfield from the current building, and that station was still in use until the completion of renovations at the turn of the millennium. The 1892 station house on the southern side of Garfield, despite being retired from use, is the oldest public transit entrance remaining in Chicago, and perhaps in the entire United States.

On the northern side of the road, the

station largely follows the design language of the majority of the Green Line, with white and red tile covering its two elevator towers and off-white paint on most of its metal surfaces. The aesthetic is relatively dated at this point (and has begun to be replaced at stations like Morgan and Cermak along the same line), but it's presented well here. Since Garfield is significantly larger than most stations along the Green Line, its scale allows for some variations on the CTA's 1990s design themes, and it presents well as a whole. However, there is no significant public art on exhibit in the station house, and the stop comes across as rather forgettable on the whole. Convenience – 17/20

Despite the relatively low density of its immediate vicinity (the southern portion of the Grand Boulevard community area exhibits plenty of urban pasture where a more populous neighborhood once stood, and Washington Park is literally just a big park),

Garfield is actually a remarkably useful station.

There's a reason that it was built to handle

more people than most other Green Line stops, and that's because it's an access point for so many different neighborhoods. The 55 bus and the University of Chicago's own private transit system bring thousands of people over from Hyde Park, which isn't serviced by any of its own L stops, and a large park-and-ride lot at the station's northwestern corner services a different kind of commuter, one of a few such integrated park-and-ride facilities in the entire CTA system. In addition, the Garfield station has had a Divvy bike station installed in recent years, and a small cluster of buildings on the opposite side of the boulevard contains a vibrant café, an arts incubator, and other brand-new signs of a long-overdue economic and artistic revival in the area that consistently brings in people who would otherwise never find themselves so far south in the city. Garfield's status as the last Green Line station before that route's southern split is significant as well, cementing its status as an important local transit point.

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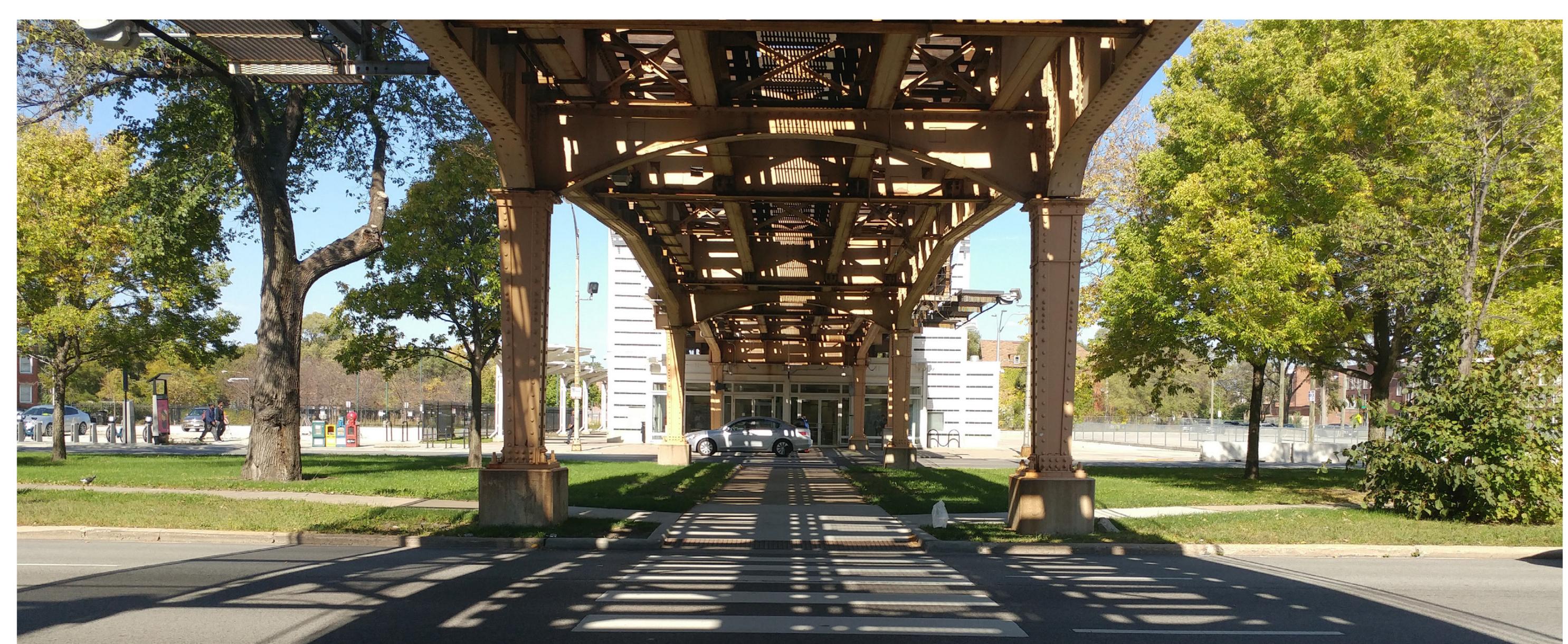


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Master Collective: On Truth

Caribou: "I am going to make a true statement in three seconds.

1...2...3...There are 600 stars in the sky."

Weasel: "Well, how can I deny such sound logic? There are 600 stars resolve to be silent on the matter!" in the sky!"

Gorilla: "Yes, there certainly are 600 stars in the sky. Your argument must be infallible."

Caribou: "I am going to make another true statement in three seconds. 1...2...3...The statement I made three seconds ago was false."

Weasel: "But how can that follow? If the statement you made three seconds ago was false, then the the statement that it was false must Gorilla: "Me, unreasonable? No, YOU are being unreasonable. And also be false, meaning that the statement that referred to the statement I should say that, from you, that is surprising, Caribou. Your first as being false must be false, making it true. An inescapably circle! statement can not be false because it is correct. Don't you see MY There is no sense in an inescapable circle! There are external forces reason? I should expect no less from you for you lack conceptual distorting your words: the words we share, my words; the words by awareness of your own skill and etymology." which I make any sense of this world! I must cast off all earthly ties to a world of truth and words! That which leads me to truth necessarily leads me astray! All is wrong, and naught is to be trusted!"

Gorilla: "You, sir, are a liar and a heretic. Where do you get your false information? And where do you get off corrupted us with it?"

Caribou: "But you have already verified me my reason, and agreed that it leads to sound conclusions. This second argument is no different from the first. In what letter of my logic do you find error? I see only two options: you must accept me, thereby accepting the irrationality of rationality, or resolve that all reason is lost."

Gorilla: "No, but by the grace of truth, you are a liar! For any of the innumerable issues with your argument I may easily make and take Gorilla: "This is just an exercise in corruption! You have no proof. you down, as by compounding ad-infinitum any quantity of errors You have not the basis for truth." I may, by sheer force, rigor, and heightening improbability, disprove you. For example: I many deny that you have truly represented the Caribou: "I do! Truth is reason!" length of time between each second, if you have even presented us your requisite three seconds at all. Neither can you PROVE that you Gorilla: "Truth is truth!" have no error in your timing, nor that you have not slighted our or your own meager and fallible human perception and counted only Weasel: "Truth is lies! And in the fading light o're a boundless skyline, to two or one, or perhaps four! Until you offer grounds that you truth dissolves away and dies." fulfilled all of your necessary conditions, I have grounds to deny you your conclusion wholesale.

"Furthermore, I may question your definitions, for what is truth and what is falsity to you and to me? Answer to me my criticisms or

Caribou: "You are being unreasonable, Gorilla. Wherefore this opinion be only directed towards my second argument while first remains sacred? Cannot the same criticisms be levied against it? You, with your rhetoric and bias only bring you so far; that is, to an ever-thinening negative argument "ad-infinitum (such a think)" to my positive one. Whereas me, with my reason, brings me to truth: positive truth, positive reason."

Weasel: "Words be damned! Etymology and linguistics and philology be damned! None of your statements are true or false. Those concepts are flawed. They have never existed. Nothing is as it seems. That which rests in our hearts is no more sacred than that which moves out of reach and away, refusing to be known. Don't you see? Oh, and even here how my, these words, be a thousand hidden demons. Trust? How can we trust trust? Where can we go from here, bound to a boundless circle?"

Caribou: "Don't you see, Gorilla? Why do you resist choosing yourself a valid position and a suitable reaction like your friend? Do not try to justify yourself. Do not lie to yourself."

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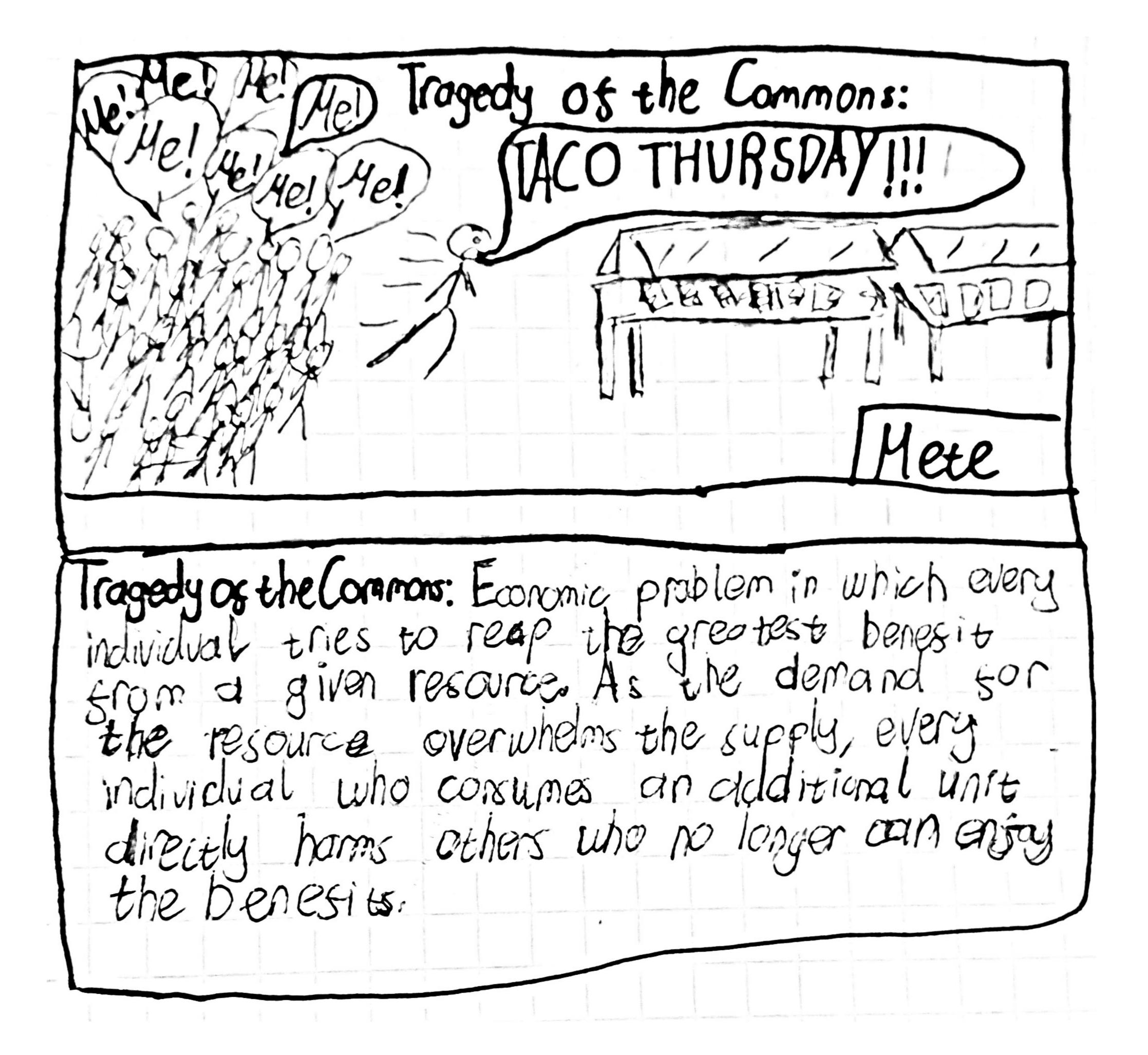


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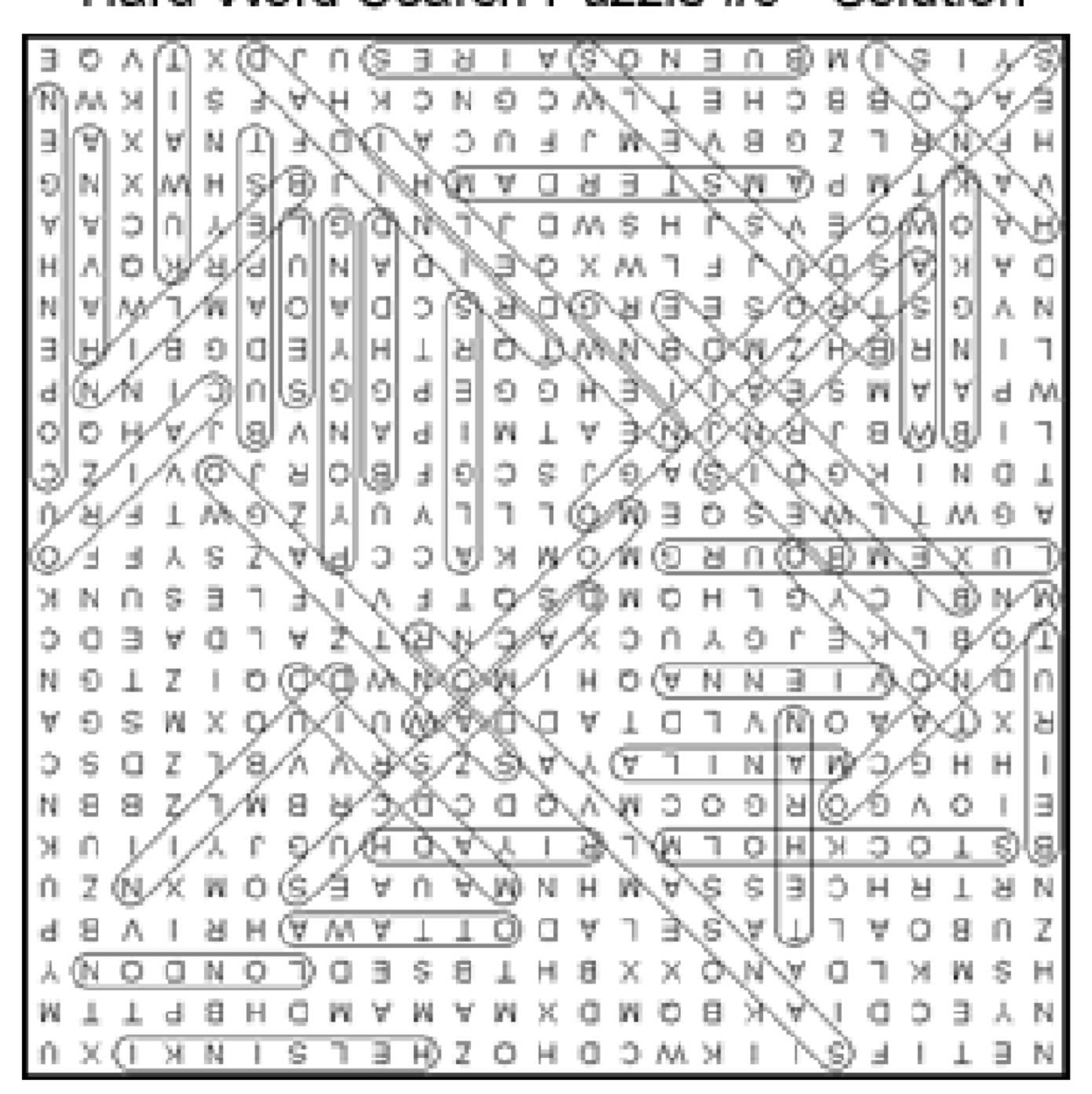
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Nation Elects Its First African-American President Amid Record Turnout; Turmoil in Economy Dominates Voters' Concerns

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