

Badminton Club launches 8-member co-ed team

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The IIT Badminton Club has been a part of IIT for about 2 years, hosting open gyms at Keating every week throughout the fall and spring semesters for players of various backgrounds and skill levels to come enjoy the exciting sport of Badminton. Yearning for a more competitive edge, however, Praveen Shanmugam, president and lead organizer of the IIT Badminton club, decided to take the club a step further this semester and create an 8-member team of its best players.

With the help and support of Jason A. Neal, head of Intramurals and Recreation at Keating Sports Center, Praveen was able to organize try-outs on Sunday, January 23, allowing for the 30 or so members of the club to compete for the top spots. In the end, 4 men and 4 women were chosen to represent the IIT Badminton Team

Women's Line-up:

1. Ausrine Rakauskaite
2. Kylie Kosulic
3. Shiny Kaur
4. Erica Lin

Men's Line-up:

1. Praveen Shanmugam
2. Xu Shi
3. Raghuvveer Cumar
4. Swaminathan Prasanna

Praveen hopes to expose the team to more playing styles and skill levels by organizing for the team to compete in tournaments around the Midwest, such as the Purdue open in West Lafayette, IN or the Wisconsin Open in Madison, WI. Tarwan Winawan, a skilled player with both playing and coaching experience, will advise and assist the team on a weekly basis to prepare them for the tough tournaments quickly approaching. With a promising semester ahead, Praveen hopes to take the sport of Badminton to the next level here at IIT.



Photo courtesy Ausrine Rakauskaite

LOOKING FOR SOME ACTION?

Hello Climbers!

Our next Rock Climbing Club meeting is this Thursday at 1pm in the MTCC Auditorium. We hope everyone with an avid interest in rock climbing can make it! We look forward to seeing you there.

Spring fitness classes offered this semester

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With the 2011 spring semester now fully underway, the Office of Intramurals and Recreations is pleased to announce that the following classes are now being offered to students, faculty, staff, and alumni of IIT, Shimer, and Vandercook at Keating Sports Center.

Classes are free for all current students, and \$5 for faculty, staff, and alumni.

Yoga:

- Tuesday - 1pm - Racquetball Court 3
Instructor: Helen Lee
- Tuesday - 7:30pm - Racquetball Courts 3 & 4
Instructors: Katrina Ryan & Natasha Holbert
- Thursday - 5:30pm - Racquetball Court 1
Instructor: Katrina Ryan

Tai Chi:

- Monday - 9pm - Racquetball Court 3
Instructor: Paul Channic
- Wednesday - 1pm - North Gym
Instructor: Paul Channic

Pilates:

- Wednesday - 5:30pm - Racquetball Court 3
Instructor: Mandy Work

Argentine Tango:

- Thursday - 7:30pm - Racquetball Court 1
Instructors: Karen Ma & Eric Ma

Plyometrics:

- Tuesday - 9pm - North Gym Court 2
Instructor: Tony Saddy

Cardio Kickboxing:

- Thursday - 12:50pm - Racquetball Court 3
Instructor: Suzanne Ko

Salsa Dance:

Friday - 6pm - MTCC Ballroom (Location varies from week to week)
Instructor: El Caobo

Keating Sports Center is open from 6:30 A.M. - 11 P.M. Monday through Friday. Please call Keating at 312-567-3296 with any questions.



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Friday, February 18th
Men's & Women's
Swimming & Diving
Liberal Arts Conference Meet @
Cedar Rapids, Iowa