Project Pony

How SGA Projects go from idea to reality

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PONY XING

Project Idea Generation → Project Research → SGA Proposal → Project Implementation

Project Idea Generation
How we receive feedback and concerns from students

- "What's Your Issue?" Table
- Informal Conversations/Word of Mouth
- Student submissions to sga@iit.edu/sga.iit.edu

IDEA – Project Pony: Provide a FREE PONY for every enrolled IIT Student (Yes, part-time students *are* actually included this time)

Project Research

1. Begin discussion with appropriate administration/staff members
   - Dining Services: Pony feeding programs, i.e. bonus points for hay
   - Housing and Residential Offices: Pony housing
   - OTS: Pony tracking services and protection against Trojan horses.
2. Feasibility Study – Is this project possible?
   - Oh yes. Very much so. (Let's just pretend it is)
3. Prior Project Comparison
   - Similar to the iPad endeavor; ponies are the next logical step.
4. Student feedback - Is this project important to the student body?
   - According to survey results, a reported 100% of female students agreed to "love ponies". Upon hearing the enthusiastic female student body response, male students quickly approved project.

SGA Proposal

1. Senators draft a proposal to be submitted to appropriate admin/staff members, which includes plan for implementation
   - Buy ponies.
   - Distribute ponies.
   - Enjoy ponies.
2. Senators vote 'Yea' or 'Neigh' on final proposal.
3. Proposal becomes a working document with admin/staff involved
4. Final proposal includes win-win situation for all parties involved
   - Student productivity rises exponentially.
   - Student enrollment reaches all time high.
   - IIT becomes even more world-renowned for its groundbreaking ideas.

Project Implementation
Positive impacts of the initiative

1. The term 'horse-power' is no longer restricted to physics class.
2. Horsing around in lab will is taken *much* more seriously, along with wearing your hair in a 'pony' tail.
3. U-Passes become secondary. Why take the green line when you can gallop your way to Blick?
4. Equestrian sports become incorporated into Keating.
5. Campus crime reaches an all time low, because nothing is more intimidating than a nerd on a pony. Criminals, prepare to get pwn-eed.

Private scholarships -- apply today!

By The Office of Financial Aid

Hey everyone! The Financial Aid Department is back this semester to tell you all about their services and keeping you aware of developments in Financial Aid, in an effort to spread some knowledge of the opportunities out there to save up on some money, since we all know that tuition is not very easy on the wallet.

This week, the topic being discussed is about the Scholarships option in the Finances tab on your MyIIT.

As of today, there are more than 1.5 million scholarship opportunities available to students, totaling more than $3.4 billion! Every year, students contact the Office of Financial Aid to inquire about private scholarships to supplement financial aid packages and expenses. In order to help meet the needs of our student, our office increased the outside scholarship resources available to help expose students to upcoming opportunities and deadlines for scholarships.

During the Fall term, TechNews reported to students the new scholarship channel to the Finances Tab on MyIIT. New scholarship announcements and deadlines are added to this channel daily. The scholarships showcased on the portal are specific to our student populations, including special qualifications, such as academic, athletic or artistic talent. Awards are also available for students who are interested in particular fields of study, who are members of underrepresented groups, who live in certain areas of the country or who demonstrate financial need.

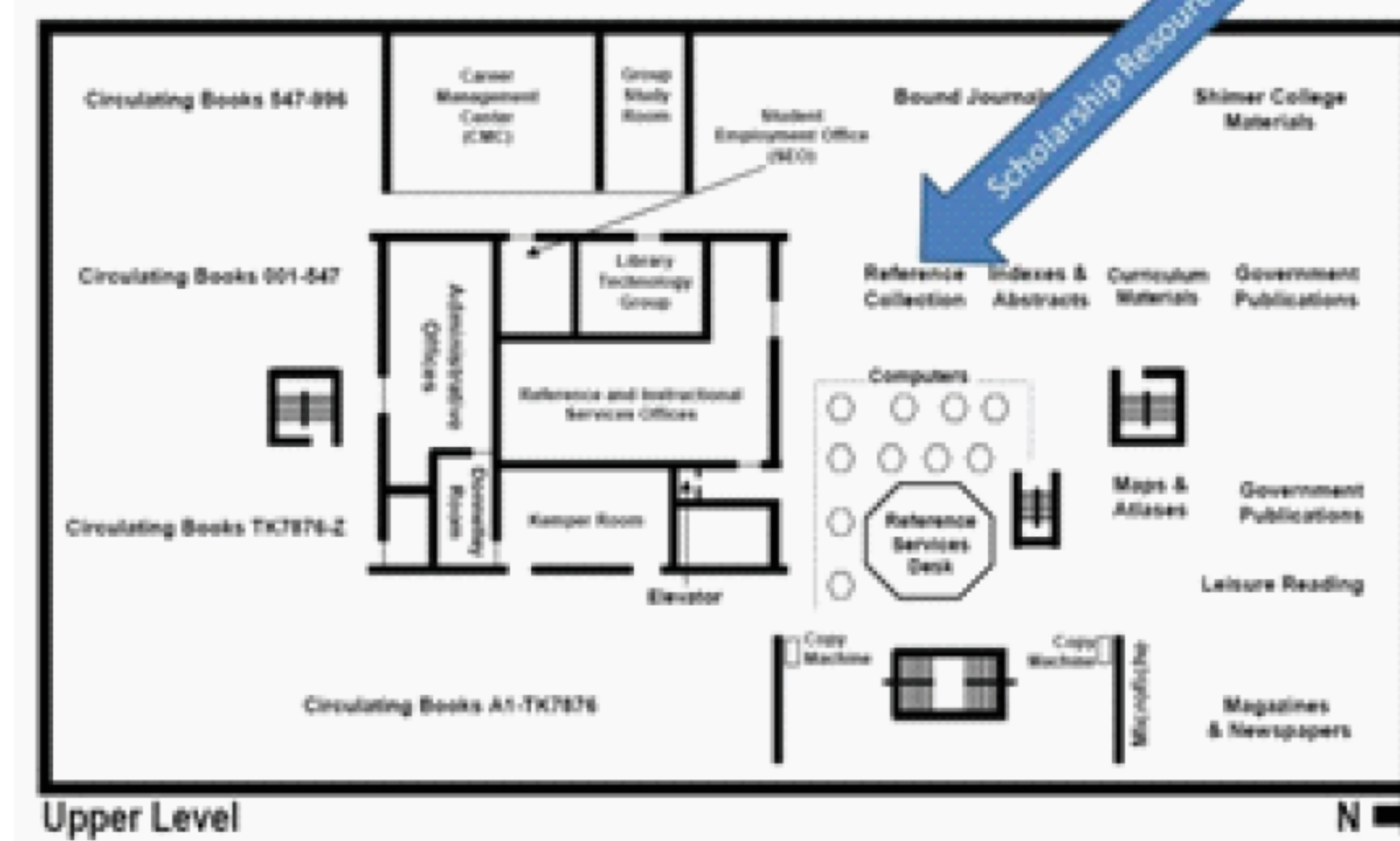The scholarship channel also links to the resources page on the Financial Aid website here: http://www.iit.edu/financial_aid/resources/. This page has several menus that identify specific scholarship opportunities for students. You can access direct links to private scholarship opportunities and organizations from this webpage. The scholarship channel in MyIIT and financial aid resources page connect students to the Private Scholarship Database. This database is a comprehensive search tool for private scholarships for students. You can connect to this database and search for a specific organization, scholarship type, and more. This is a wonderful resource for identifying specific opportunities for specific student types.

Not only has the Office of Financial Aid compiled online resources for students, there are also scholarship books and materials in our office. Students may stop by to look through these books and copy information out of them. These are located at the front desk in our office in Main Building, Room 104. The Galvin Library also has a section of scholarship resources for students too. Galvin did a wonderful job listing the scholarship materials on line for students here: http://galvinlibrary.wordpress.com/2010/02/.

The Office of Financial Aid wants to encourage students to utilize these resources to help minimize debt once you graduate. If you are awarded a scholarship, you can easily notify the Office of Financial Aid through MyIIT on the Finances Tab: click Financial Aid awards in the middle of the page, select the current aid year, and select the Resources/Additional Information tab. If you have any questions about the private scholarship process, you may contact Jackie Anderson directly at jander20@iit.edu or finaid@iit.edu.

Tau Beta Pi spring initiation

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Last Saturday, Engineering Honor Society, Tau Beta Pi (TBP), initiated 13 new members, including the Dean of Armour College of Engineering, Natacha DePaola. This semester, the chapter continued with the new initiation process that required student candidates to earn their membership credits by attending workshops, getting a recommendation letter, and completing an interview with a member of the executive board. The Initiation Ceremony marked the successful completion of the candidate's hard work where they were finally inducted into the Society.

Dean DePaola is our Chapter's newest Eminent Engineer. Eminent Engineers are individuals who have made significant contributions to both engineering and society and are nominated by individual chapters to become members of Tau Beta Pi. Dean Depaola is very excited about all the things the chapter has going on and recommended that a connection be formed between all engineering groups on campus to share resources and events. This, not only, allows for bigger and bolder events, it opens up more social and networking opportunities for students on campus.

To find out more about Tau Beta Pi's Events this semester by checking out our brand new website: https://sites.google.com/site/tbpiit/

(Photo courtesy Young Sand Ip)