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Outgoing SGA President declares war on campus recycling



By Karl Rybaltowski
IT'S NOT SLANDER IF IT'S TRUE

At a recent student forum, students, faculty and university staff were surprised the other day by the latest initiative put forward by outgoing SGA President Brian Kibbe.

The student leader has a respectable history of service to IIT's community, and has participated in (and led) the push toward various high-profile improvements around campus. His latest idea, though, is causing quite a stir - eliminating recycling, first from IIT, and then "hopefully the world, but we have to start at the local level," according to Kibbe.

Kibbe's term ends later this month, with the official transfer of power to the President-elect, Elnaz Moshfeghian, at an SGA general body meeting.

But Kibbe did not wait until this happened to announce his post-presidential plans. Whereas previous SGA presidents, after their terms ended, devoted themselves to causes such as 'graduating' and 'finally enjoying their weekends,' a near-maniac Kibbe announced his plan before a large gathering. "I have seen the fu-

ture, and there is no room in it for recycling. From this day forth, no man or woman who recycles may call me friend. I pledge myself to eliminating this blight from our fair campus!"

Though sketchy on the details, Kibbe repeatedly insisted that "that program will finally get what's coming to it" and "I will wipe that smirk off their faces," not elaborating on who 'they' may be. He then reportedly bounded away from his podium and attempted to knock over a nearby recycling bin. Though he was unsuccessful (the weight of the material in the bin made it difficult to get a good grip), the sight was far from comical. "Brian's always been so committed to helping others," said outgoing SGA Executive VP Brad Strandquist. "When he blew up on stage and tried to knock the recycling over, it was kind of terrifying. It came out of nowhere."

Since that initial outburst, Kibbe has obtained a cart he loads up with recycling bins that are then taken to an undisclosed location, never to be seen again.

After the disappearance of a few such bins, in events marked by the stunned faces of onlooking students and the grim determination on Kibbe's face, the school's Facilities department,

Public Safety, and the Office of Campus Energy and Sustainability (OCES) teamed up to try and stop the respected student leader from making off with any more university property.

"Those bins are expensive," said Joseph Clair, Director of OCES, "and we're still not sure what Brian's up to. We try to talk him down, but he only ever responds with cold stares or maniacal cackles." These efforts to stop the former student advocate have not been entirely successful, as Public Safety officers have reported Kibbe to be "really difficult to apprehend" and still find themselves "just not believing he could do this kind of thing," even when they witness it in person.

Rumors abound as to the reason for Kibbe's sudden man-versus-world mentality, but a plausible one has been posited by several members of the SGA Executive Board and Senate, as well as close friends. "When he realized how much free time he would have next year, he just kind of snapped," said Finance Board Chair Kevin O'Leary. "He just had to find the next big project, the next huge initiative - and I guess, in his state, he settled on something absolutely crazy," he added.

The President-elect agrees. "The lack of sleep,

working late nights in the SGA office until building staff kicked us out, coordinating big events with all the student organizations - he couldn't handle giving it all up." Others noted his erratic behavior as the full implications of his free time slowly dawned on Kibbe, such as one student who asked to remain anonymous for fear of retribution.

"I asked him if he wanted to grab lunch some day since he was going to have so much time on his hands, and out of nowhere he just glared at me while putting a cigarette out onto his forearm. He didn't even flinch. Come to think of it, he doesn't even smoke. Where'd he even get that thing?"

While IIT staff formulate a plan to stop Kibbe's inexplicable rampage, more and more recycling bins on campus disappear. Students are asked to shake off their disbelief at a respected member of the community performing such bizarre and destructive acts and report him immediately to Public Safety. Kibbe himself, though, insists that this is "only the beginning" and that "soon we will all be free to live in a world without recycling." Certainly, no one can accuse him of small dreams.

Budding bromance stirs up controversy on campus

By Karl Rybaltowski
I WRITER EVERYTHING

A hotly debated issue has drawn ire from upset students recently. After a number of "mandates" between William Syvongsa and Alec Weege, their growing bromance has sparked a controversy that threatens to tear the university apart.

The affair began when the two found themselves working in the same office. "Sometimes I'd buy him a cup of tea, sometimes he'd buy me a box of Dibs," said Syvongsa. "It was a good system." As the two got to know each other over the course of the school year, the

relationship moved from the workplace into their personal lives. "We grabbed lunch at this great new Thai place one day. I had heard about it and wanted someone to go with, so I asked him to come with. And it was pretty good. Will's a good guy," said Weege.

But such antics are not sitting well with some members of the IIT community. "Quite frankly, it's unseemly," said Roslyn Woodby, founder of the new No-Mance movement on campus. "There is absolutely no reason two straight men would want to spend time with each other alone. What are they trying to tell the world?" She continued, "Man-dates just aren't natural. If you're going out with only one other person,

you'd better believe it has to be someone you're trying to woo. Anything else is just... weird." No-Mance has turned into a visible student organization with one clear goal: "stopping this kind of behavior on IIT's campus."

The students at the center of the controversy are adamant. "I just don't understand what the issue is with two straight guys going to a movie together and sharing popcorn, and not keeping a seat between them. Is that so weird?" Syvongsa wondered. Weege concurred. "People are actually concerned about this?" There has been an attempt by the No-Mancers to force Student Affairs to censure Syvongsa and Weege for misconduct. Though Student Affairs

staff were unavailable for comment, other IIT staff chimed in. "A what-mance? Is this some kind of joke?" said John Collins, VP for Business and Operations. "It sounds like you're just describing a friendship. Are you sure that's not what you're talking about?"

But the No-Mancers remain undeterred. "We won't rest until this kind of behavior is eliminated from campus. It's strange, it's unnatural, and it's just not right," said Woodby. For their part, Weege and Syvongsa are adamant, as well. "We were thinking of going for a bike ride, now that the weather's getting better. Maybe some snacks by the lake. You know, nothing too big."

OSL unveils new method of ticket sales: gladiatorial combat

By Karl Rybaltowski
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An institution of campus life is getting a new and exciting face-lift, and while some students are crying bloody murder, others are hungry for the next chance to prove themselves.

For years, Union Board and the Office of Student Life have worked together to give students access to events as diverse as movie premieres, musical performances, and even skydiving and skiing. This has taken the form of steeply discounted ticket sales to such events (in limited amounts), with strong interest from students reinforcing the popularity of these sales.

Unfortunately, controversy has followed the process for a long time. Ticket sales used to be done on a first-come, first-served basis - sales would open at a specific time on the MTCC Bridge and students would rush to get their tickets. An unintended consequence of this system was that huge lines, at times spanning across the MTCC and impeding foot traffic, would form. There were also complaints from students about the dedicated core of people who would camp out as early as 7 a.m. just to be sure of getting to certain shows, and cutting was a rampant issue.

Then, the idea of online ticket sales - merely registering on a Google Form and picking up tickets at one's leisure - was introduced.

Unfortunately, overzealous students would "camp out" online, obsessively refreshing the registration page until the very second it opened and frantically entering their information, often resulting in tickets selling out in under a minute. Now both systems had a vocal dissatisfied minority. "People were really upset. Students could have been lucky with a dozen giveaways, but the moment someone lost out, they'd say the whole thing was rigged," said William Svyongsa, OSL intern. With the complaints piling in, the Office of Student Life had to take action.

The solution is as decisive as it is innovative - glorious one-on-one combat. A space in the basement of Fowler Hall has been converted into a small indoor coliseum, and students engage in gladiatorial combat (to the death) for the privilege of a free ski trip or discounted museum tickets.

The stakes are high, but student interest is no lower than it



was for online registration or waiting in line. "It's actually much more exciting - I can do some sparring, check my gear, maybe even perfect my strategy while I wait," said one student as she sharpened a trident. "It's definitely a much more hands-on approach than before." But other students are claiming this new method affords an unfair advantage to more physically fit students.

An OSL staffer, speaking off the record, denied this claim. "Listen, if you're a student trying to get a ticket to an advance screening of The Hobbit, melee combat experience is not your strongest suit. It actually puts everyone on an equal footing!" Most students seem to agree - the majority of the student body

is on board with the decision, appreciating the more involved approach that combines skill and determination to allocate tickets - and students aren't the only ones.

"The response from university staff has been overwhelmingly positive," said another OSL staff member. "With the old methods, you'd get complaints from the people who didn't get tickets about people camping out in line or camping out online. The big advantage of this method is that you don't hear any complaints at all from the losers!" Indeed, negative feedback has decreased drastically since the implementation of the new ticket sales system, and student interest doesn't seem like it will be waning any time soon.

Epic showdown between UB, Greek Council inconclusive

By Vlad a G a i n i a
IS JUST GETTING STARTED

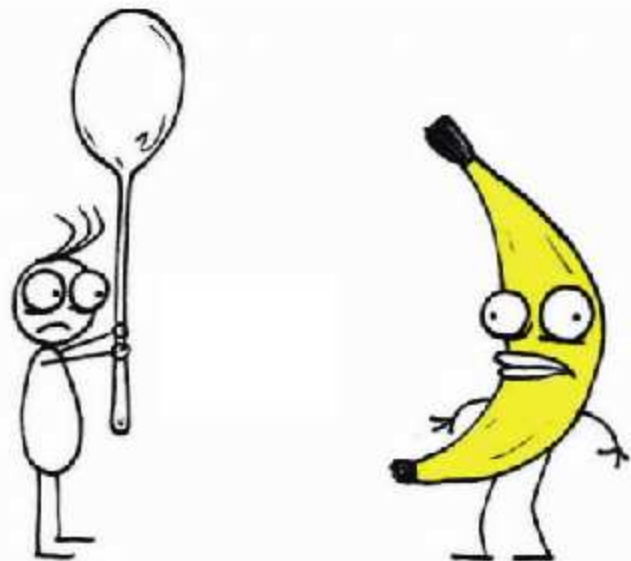
Over spring break, while most of the campus lay dormant, a momentous clash broke out near the Quad. In what later came to be known as the Battle of the Band Shell, Greek Council fought bravely to defend their homeland against Union Board's ruthless onslaught.

UB, known for its acts of massive event-planning and aggressive advertising has steadily spread its influence all over Main Campus, with small areas to the north and west of the Quad still holding out their independence under RHAS rule. The Greeks felt increasingly threatened by UB, as they were harboring their own dreams of eventual campus domination. But the tension reached a breaking point, after a UB envoy was driven by the Greeks south of 35th Street and never heard from again. Knowing that this will elicit a response from UB, Jake Dohn, former Greek Council President turned Greek Council Champion, began to gather his forces.

With a small group consisting of Greek Council officers, Jake was preparing to meet

the UBer-army at the Band Shell on the edge of the Quad, to prevent them from attacking the core of the Greek commune. The brave souls armed themselves with pruners, steak knives, plungers, and other harm-inflicting household objects they could find. Suddenly, UB descended on the Greeks like a savage horde, seemingly coming from everywhere. Jake saw that his band of warriors was vastly outnumbered, but chose to hold position for the good of all Greeks. He met the attackers with a blood-curling yell "THIS... IS... THE QUAAAAAAD!" menacingly brandishing his mop handle.

The Greeks suffered heavy losses, but their fierce combat instilled chaos among UB's ranks, forcing them to temporarily retreat. Residents of the Quad rejoiced in Greek Council's achievement, praising their heroes and mourning the lost. A grave mood has since enshrouded the still-free Greeks, for they know that UB is not so easily thwarted. The menace will come back, but it will be met with the courage, determination, and ferocity exemplified at the Battle of the Band Shell by Greek Council.



A Harder World

By A d i n G o i n g s
CARTOONIST BY DAY, HAND MODEL BY NIGHT



Cancon wedding - right there, right then (till we realized we hadn't fundraised that much). And speaking of which, we really worked hard on all that fundraising - roses on Valentine's Day, Karaoke at the Bog, DJ at the Commons, bowling tournaments and spaghetti dinners - I guess we owe the students and all those who contributed a big thank you. We appreciate your sacrifice into making this wonderful break for us possible by paying out of your own pockets. We hope you will keep contributing to this noble cause every year!

There were even some world-renowned Mayan sites but then none of us were really archeology or anthropology majors so we skipped that. The crowning glory was the Cancun nightlife - playing everything from salsa to disco to R&B and live music. Two of the students in the group actually fell madly in love with each other and with the place so much that they were looking to tie the knot in this romantic location itself (turquoise waters and powdery white sand) and started planning the ultimate

Okay, thanks for reading the above lecture, and let me get to the point you've been dying to read with bated breath. ASB 11's destination was a little detour from the proposed Oakland, CA. In fact, it was a 3,245 mile detour to Cancun, Mexico. Okay first of all don't raise eyebrows. We deserved to go there after all that heavy-duty, time-consuming fund-raising. Have you seen photographs of the place? It's like those honeymoon destinations in National Geographic and Lonely Planet. So, what did we do? In a nutshell, we enjoyed a wide range of watersports (some of the best scuba diving, snorkeling and sportsfishing in the world; we even chartered our own sailboat!), went mountain biking, drove through the jungle in open-top jeeps, played on championship golf courses, visited world renowned eco-parks, and got pam-



THE REAL NARRATOR OF GOSSIP GIRL -- XOXO
By Gandhi, Utsav Ghandhi

Shhhhh...ASB's dirty little secret

mediate. "This evil is beyond my ability to ask pinpoint its source. They were overheard asking questions such as "have any atrocities been committed on this plot of land? Maybe the residence halls are built on an Indian burial ground? Or there was some sort of outrageous violent crime committed in the past that we need to research?" But unfortunately, no such information could be found. Citing concern at the "vortex of darkness" that was not growing over MSV due to their prodigious work with the Office of Technology Services asks that students refrain as much as possible from agitating the evil spirit that has now become intertwined with our wireless service in the dorms. Now that we know there's something bad in our neighborhood, OTS has called a team of experts to troubleshoot and hopefully permanently fix this problem. In the meantime, we ask that students ignore the gathering darkness and go about their lives as best they can."

Over Spring Break, a delegation of clergy diametrically opposed, as many might think. Running out of ideas, OTS hired a spirit medium this past week to try and commune with these harmful forces. After an involved seance that caused no fewer than three undergraduates interns to go mad, the concerned medium stood up and claimed she had to leave immediately. "I never thought I'd be working with the Office of Technology Services on a major campus initiative, but it's good to be helping out," said Lynne Meyer, Director of Spiritual Life and Service Learning. "If anything, it shows that science and faith are not effective hotfix for 'evil spirits'."

MSV students were treated to a spectacle over the last few weeks as the Office of Technology Services stepped up its investigation of poor wireless connectivity in the McCormick Student Village residence halls. Citing a look into what were only vaguely referred to as "environmental factors," and frustrated with the failed efforts of self-proclaimed wireless "gurus" at solving the issues, OTS began looking less at problems with frequencies and signal damping, and more at principles such as ley lines, feng shui, and paranormal activity as contributing factors to the wireless issues at MSV. What they have found so far proves that the wireless issues are more complex than anyone could imagine.



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OTS attempts to rid MSV of vengeful spirits