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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."