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36th annual Clinton E. Stryker Awards recognize prolific student leaders

By **Ustav Gandhi**
CAMPUS EDITOR

Appreciation of a student's contribution, especially to matters of leadership, commitment to service and involvement in extracurricular activities, is always the best form of encouragement one can give that will inspire even a greater drive to excel.

This past Monday evening, the Annual Stryker Awards were held to recognize this very feat achieved by a group of perhaps the most enterprising students on campus. A firm believer in encouraging students to develop leadership skills, Mr. Clinton Stryker (ECE, 1917) in 1972 established an endowment and subsequently made additional gifts to assist the University in funding student activities and inspiring leadership development.

After a formal dinner there was a short welcome by Katy Stetz, the Dean of Students, and then after some opening remarks by President Anderson, who encouraged students to broaden their outlook and develop leadership skills, the winners were introduced one by one.

Outstanding First Year Involvement, presented by Alex Garrett, Coordinator, Student Life: William Fox

Despite its small size, IIT generally has some club or student organization catering to almost every interest.

However, students are always encouraged to go ahead and form their own if they don't see one! This enterprising spirit cannot be more representative of any student on campus than

Will, who in the past year has initiated not one, not two, but three new clubs, besides being actively involved in the SGA, RHA, Union Board and the Math Club. An incredible feat for anyone, let alone a freshman!

Outstanding Commitment to Service, presented by Lynne Meyer, Director of Spiritual Life and Service Learning: Rebecca Waterloo

Team member of IPRO 333. Team Leader of ASB '11. TechNews Arts & Entertainment Editor. Intern at the Office of Spiritual Life and Service Learning. Actively involved with the Bronzeville Nursing Home. And, a fifth year architecture student. Her commitment to service is evident in whatever she does, and it's plainly straight from the heart. Those who know her agree that she will sorely be missed, but, as Meyer said while presenting the award, she 'will be a blessing wherever she goes'.

Outstanding Student Organization, presented by Erin Gray, Director, Student Life: IIT Feminists United

As skewed as IIT's infamous sex ratio is, it was very important for women on campus to find a support system as they vied for positions in traditionally male-dominated majors and careers, and it is an incredible feat for a club that was in its initial stages just a year ago was receiving this award. Having successfully organized well-executed events such as Take Back the Night (last semester) and the first ever IIT Sex Week (this semester), they really are a model of how a passionate cause can be transformed into real action.

Outstanding Student Employee of the Year

Award, presented by Jenny Radi, Associate Director Operations, HRS: Lorenzo Perez

Having worked closely with HRS as Operations Assistant for the last three and a half years, Lorenzo has made major contributions to residential life on campus, bringing in new furniture and revamping the lounges, among other things. His hard work has paid off - he already has a job lined up with the Canadian National Railway. He continues to stay involved in the training of the next OAs, but this is one department that is definitely going to miss his presence.

Richard Babcock Leadership Award, presented by President Anderson: Elnaz Moshfeghian

Getting elected as the SGA's first ever woman president is no mean task. Her leadership experience includes serving as a Resident Advisor, team leader for Alternative Spring Break 2010, and Chair of the 7-Eleven Advisory Committee. Her main efforts are focused on continuing the progress on the Foreign Language Program, IPRO 2.0, Galvin 24/5, and unveiling UCal, a project she founded. TechNews looks forward to some exciting contributions in the upcoming year.

Besides these, the Clinton E. Stryker Distinguished Service Award Recipients, recognized for their distinguished leadership and contributions in the area of campus life, were: Joshua Bradley, Brianna Elg, William Fox, Clay Houser, Brian Kibbe, Elnaz Moshfeghian, Angela Ng, Kevin O'Leary, Coral Pais, Alicia Perez, Meagan Sarrrt, Miriam Schmid, Shefali Umrana, and Rebecca Waterloo.

Mandatory financial counseling for graduating students

By **Office of Financial Aid**

This is an exciting time of year for graduating seniors and grad students alike. Before you celebrate your success, it is important to address two issues: your bill and your federal loan exit counseling. If you still have an outstanding bill, please get in touch with the Bursar's Office as soon as possible. If you do not clear your balance, you will not receive your diploma on graduation day!

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Thursday, April 21, 2011 in Perlstein Hall, Room 131 (Auditorium) from 1:00PM-1:45PM.

Please make sure to bring the name, address and phone number of two references to the exit counseling session. Please note that the references you provide cannot reside at the same address where you reside.

If you are unable to this live session, you must complete your exit counseling online prior to graduation. You may complete your exit counseling online at www.mappingyourfuture.org/OSLC/.

Please note that if you received both Federal Stafford Loans and Federal Graduate PLUS Loans, you will need to complete an exit counseling session for both loans. In addition for all students with any federal loans, you will not be able to receive your transcript or register for any future classes at IIT until you successfully complete exit counseling.

If you have any questions or want to further discuss your loan repayment options, please visit the Office of Financial Aid in Room 104 of Main Building to speak with a financial aid counselor. Specific questions regarding exit counseling can be directed to Kelli Goers, Federal Compliance Officer and Assistant Director, at goersk@iit.edu or by phone at 312.567.5724.

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Students speak out about switch to NCAA

By Karl Rybaltowski
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Do you think the Scarlet Hawks should remain on the NAIA or move to the NCAA Division 3?

Over the past two weeks, TechNews has been collecting the opinions of students on the potential transition of the university's varsity athletics programs from the NAIA to the NCAA DIII. While an official poll was available on the TechNews website for a quick vote, we also tried to get statements from as many students as possible. What follows is a selection of comments from a number of athletes who responded:

"I feel the move would put more stress on the athletes rather than moving our program to another level. There are advantages with the type of talent we would be playing against, but there are other factors to consider, like scholarships. The scholarships that we have help many athletes, and without them, many of us wouldn't be fortunate enough to attend school and play at IIT."

Roma Mirutenko (SO - Hawthorn Woods, IL.) - Volleyball

"IIT needs to show the student athletes first and foremost that it can support this move and not endanger our level of play, because I certainly would not be able to attend IIT on my academic scholarships alone."

Eric Grunden (SO - Columbus, OH.) - Men's Swimming and Diving

"If IIT had been an NCAA DIII school when I was applying to universities, I would never have considered the school to be a valid option. I enjoy beating talented individuals that get more sleep than I do!"

Zach Gates (SO - Columbus, IN.) - Men's Cross Country

"I think it would be a bad idea to make the transition into the NCAA DIII. The number of athletes interested in studying at a tech school, as well as competing in collegiate-level sports are few. Taking away the possibility of receiving scholarships will make it even harder for coaches to find talented athletes willing to come to this school (which is already expensive). It will diminish the athletic quality of the sports teams. What good is it to have a lot of bad teams?"

Diana Otero (SO - Westfield, IN.) - Women's Soccer

"I think transitioning into the NCAA DIII is a bad choice and will hurt our school and athletics program. Our teams will suffer because of the loss of scholarship opportunity, not to mention the four years away from post season competition if we make the switch. It would be nice to see our school make a choice for the benefit of the students, and listen to our opinions before they make a decision."

Michael Keane (SO - Edmonds, WA.) - Men's Swimming and Diving

"In what way do competing athletes connect on an intellectual basis? Athletes do not compete to make friends and make connections

with people of a similar intellectual level; they do so through a natural desire to win."

Allan Coates (SR - Bangor, Northern Ireland) - Men's Soccer

"The potential of getting an athletic scholarship is the only incentive for athletes to come to our school. Once we can develop strong programs in each sport, it may be safer to switch over to DIII."

Lauren Wissman (JR - Kettering, OH.) - Women's Soccer

"I do not like the idea. Scholarship money is what attracts good athletes. If we cannot give out scholarships, we will not maintain the current quality of the already dwindling athletic program."

Jeffrey Reilly (SO - Elyria, OH) - Men's Swimming and Diving

"If we were to transfer to the NCAA DIII there would be no opportunity to excel. With the university's very high tuition rates and no opportunity to gain athletic scholarships, recruiting international students like myself, and talented athletes in the area, would be extremely difficult."

Jon Celestino (SO - London, Canada) - Baseball

"The idea of switching to Division III is ridiculous. Academics and athletics have never intersected on the field. I have never stepped on a field thinking, 'We are better and will beat this team simply because we are academically smarter.' DIII is a lower standard of athletic competition."

What's your angle?

By Annie Hutchies & Paul Thiesen
TECHNEWS WRITERS

"Hey Alberto, are you ok? You look kind of down."

"Hey Kayla, I'm alright, just worried about my grandpa."

"Is everything ok?"

"Not exactly....He has been a smoker since he was a teenager, and he needs a lung transplant to survive, but they won't put him on the list for the transplant unless he quits smoking for a minimum of four months. He will die without the transplant, and what if he doesn't make it the full four months?"

"I'm really sorry to hear that. They probably have that rule to make sure that the lung won't go to waste, because if the patient continues smoking after the surgery, he or she will end up needing another transplant. If they give the lung to a nonsmoker, the individual will be less likely to need another transplant in the future."

"True, but what about patients like my grandpa who started smoking a long time

ago? When he started smoking all the advertisements said that smoking was good for you, and that even doctors smoked. Now research has come out saying that it is in fact bad for you, but by the time that information was available he was already addicted."

"That is a really good point. But quitting smoking would be very good for his health.

It will be hard, but it will have a lot of positive effects. In fact, quitting smoking will make him more likely to live through the surgery. Smoking decreases circulation and increases an individual's likelihood of getting heart disease, which can make it risky for them to go through the surgery and more difficult for them to recover. Surgery, particularly in the case of organ transplants, can be really risky, and the surgeon wants to make sure that the patient has the best possible chance of survival."

"Really? I didn't know that. How come they don't have this rule in other situations, then? For example, why doesn't an overweight person have to lose weight in order to get a heart transplant?"

"Hmmm.... I don't know, but those are definitely good questions. It is a really interesting issue."



1st year essentials to academic excellence

By Amber Ulasich
TECHNEWS WRITER

Twenty-two stressful, yet rewarding days: the amount of time I have left as a freshman "archie." As the time passes, a college student can't help contemplating the difference between where he or she came from and where he or she is now. For some, the progress may reside in social change; however, others may view their first year as strictly academic achievement. Personally, the architecture program at IIT has allowed my first year to be academically focused (and I can vouch for the amount of stress and turmoil that has produced, but that aside, I have fallen head over heels in love with architecture).

The first-year curriculum has conditioned me to perceive things in a new light. In other words, the strenuous studio work combined with seemingly menial architecture prerequisites has been more work that a girl can handle;

however, every incoming student understands college is far from a breeze. Besides getting beaten down and being brought up by architecture, the one specific area of the program that I appreciate above all else is the student immersion into Chicago-based architecture. An architect's understanding or experience of his or her surroundings is crucial. Imagine if Michael Jordan had never practiced dribbling a basketball. Where would the sport be now? The faculty of the College of Architecture understands that they need to mold our minds to accommodate the ever-changing style of structures. Let me make it quite clear that we are not Mies minions, but individuals that can adapt to the architecture surrounding them. It is a given that the opinion on the five-year program varies between each level, but speaking from a first-year perspective, my experience has been nothing but stressful, yet rewarding. Oh, and one other thing: have at me, Mies.

College experience rooted in multiple campus activities

By Miriam Schmid
TECHNEWS WRITER

Every IIT student would have to agree with me that all of us came to IIT to get an education.

Upon entering IIT, we knew we wanted to obtain a degree that would make us competitive in our field, be it architecture, science, engineering, business, or psychology. To succeed in classes and academic programs offered at IIT, we spend hours cramming knowledge that most of us will not remember the following weekday.

Personally, I look back at Calculus I and wonder what on earth that was all about. If a freshman asked me for help on his homework, I would probably have to spend an hour just relearning the basics, so I could attempt to help.

As one of my friends says, "Take, for instance, the theorem of convolutions from differential equations - when am I ever going to use it?"

I am not suggesting that students should not attend class or blow off their academics - not at all. My challenge to you, however, is to take a step beyond the comfort zone of the classroom, the library, and away from your textbooks for a minute.

Ask any student involved on IIT's campus about their experiences and how they have been able to develop their skills and confidence.

Personally, from the day I stepped on campus less than two years ago, I have developed immensely through the opportunities offered at IIT. I have learned to communicate effectively, be confident in every situation, and be a passionate leader.

One of my alumnus friends gave me some advice recently. He said, "Only about 5% of what I actually learned in college was in a classroom; my other experiences and involvement have given me so much more that will help me excel."

The skills learned through leadership positions, being involved in organizations, and other opportunities across campus shape the professionals we are becoming far beyond any lecture ever can.

And that, I believe, is the real definition of a well-rounded college education.

Vis-à-vis: A few parting words

By **Vlada Gaisina**
OPINION EDITOR

After three years on staff, it's time for me to finally leave TechNews and IIT. Part of me is relieved to be rid of some stress that comes with deadlines and the extra work, but part is reluctant to let go. No real-world venue (save for actual newspapers) can provide the same experience as working on TechNews has.

I first became interested in TechNews freshman year and was thrilled to learn that anyone could submit articles – at my high school with a student body of roughly 3000, working on the newspaper was a competitive deal, and I never made the cut. Those who have written for us will agree that seeing something you toiled hard on in print is probably one of the most rewarding experiences. TechNews has given that to me and many other people.

Another aspect of being a staff member or staff writer is being in the loop on campus affairs. A lot of administrators, departments, and student organizations use TechNews to spread information to the community, so the staff is frequently the first group to know about what's going on. Moreover, TechNews tends to attract people who want to be aware of new developments at the university and like to be involved. It was exciting to be among such a group of students over the past three years, some of whom I still keep in touch with. My fellow staff members have played a large part in my continued involvement with TechNews and made it a lot of fun.

Whether you pick up the newspaper for campus news, movie reviews, or just the Sudoku, the same dedicated team works hard to make sure every section is presentable. Being on that team has definitely given me a new respect for all the effort that goes into producing an issue, and hearing slurs against TechNews or unconstructive negative criticism was unpleasant. On the flip side, I was very lucky to get feedback from a few people who actually did read my articles (when I'd assumed that I've been preaching into an abyss).

There is one more thing I'd like to address in my very last Vis-à-vis entry. I have been sticking up for women in my column for the past four semesters, as being a feminist is part of my identity. Thanks to that lens, I've also observed IIT and its approach to women with a critical eye throughout my time here. Since this is a predominantly male institution, I believe much remains to be done to empower its women and address their needs.

For instance, not all women's bathrooms have feminine product dispensers and of the ones that do, most are empty or nonfunctioning. On a campus with such a large commuter population, I consider this an especially crucial need, let alone a basic necessity for women everywhere. In addition, IIT needs to do a much better job facilitating dialogue and educating its community about sexual abuse. Considering that at least one in four women will be sexually assaulted during her time in college, I find it shocking that no one really brought the issue to the forefront until Feminists United did their first Take Back the Night week last semester. In short, IIT still has a long way to go in order to be considered truly female-friendly.

However, there is effort on the part of the administration to reach out to its underrepresented sex, with the Office of Admission's Women's Day, Women's History Month events, Women's Information Network, etc., etc.. I learned that males at IIT also tend to be more respectful towards women and their intellectual capacity, as opposed to some other schools. As the stereotype goes, they may not know how to approach us, but at least we're not looked down upon. Being a smart female at IIT is actually generally viewed as attractive, rather than intimidating. All of this means there is hope.

Farewell, dear readers. Thank you for your attention. And if you feel so inclined to continue following my musings, check out my blog <http://poetarossa.blogspot.com/>, set to begin updating at the end of the school year. Best of luck, and remember, "You don't have to be anti-man to be pro-woman."

Idea Shop positive in theory, but still a work in progress

By **Jenny Beverage**
TECHNEWS WRITER

The Idea Shop is a space that opened last fall in a corner of IIT's campus. It is home to projectors named after Star Wars characters – Yoda, Chewie, R2D2, and others. It was opened using only money the school already had, a 3-year free lease of the space, and donated items that may have included the 3-D printers and laser cutters (according to an earlier TechNews article by Elnaz Moshfeghian). Just as Star Wars was about technologies too far away in time for us, this area is for innovation for the future. It was without a doubt worth the small price tag, but can be an even greater asset with a few minor changes.

The Idea Shop is an invaluable resource for IPROs. IPRO 362, M.O.R.E. (Mobile Operating Room Engineering), is a prime example of this. I have witnessed this course use many features, such as the wide space on the east side of the shop to hold the tent and wall designs, the laser cutter to make numerous prototypes, cameras and tripods for documentation, the projector screens to present research or competition material, and even the professors that are often in the Idea shop – their feedback and enthusiasm are as helpful as any other feature.

The use of prototypes is essential for design. Linda Pulik, the Institute of Design professor in charge of M.O.R.E., has stressed this many times in her course. To have and hold a prototype is to understand a product. One can see design flaws and generate ideas. Without the Idea Shop, this IPRO would not have had the necessities to advance the idea with professional quality. Students can now make precise prototypes with the materials and machines in the Idea Shop. Prototypes no longer have to be

only of the final product; one can be made for every step of the way.

However, it could be expanded even further, which is no doubt in the plans of the tireless staff, who often stay much later than their scheduled hours to help students. 24-hour access to certain areas would be amazingly helpful, as many IPRO students know that working irregular and long hours is normal, especially when prototyping a physical product. This could even create a new student position by hiring someone to scan IDs and watch over the area. More students in general should have more access to this location. Entrepreneurial students would value this, but many are not certain if they can use the shop and whether or not it is free. It's free for all students, and this should be publicized. Many would benefit from the resources, not just IPRO students.

These last few are minute but highly important details – there must be new printers and vending machines. The vending machines do not accept TechCash (who carries cash all the time?) and sometimes only accept change, but food is necessary for working hard and, you know, life. However, this is not controlled by IIT.

Further, there are no printers that use student printing accounts in the Idea Shop, which has no doubt hindered many people who needed to print something quickly during a class or presentation. Small details can escape planning, but not the student or faculty eye.

The Idea Shop was well worth its implementation, as it has easily changed many things about the IPRO process. The shop has already proven its worth – but could it open its doors even wider? Could it offer even more things that the Institute of Design offers, or change the way entrepreneurs could work? Stay tuned!



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TechNews Corrections:

Issue 11: In our article about the Lego Art IPRO, we mistakenly referred to it as IPRO 335. The Lego Art IPRO is, in fact, IPRO 361.

Issue 12: Our Sports article, IIT Soccer teams volunteer at St. James Food Pantry, was mistakenly attributed to Ashlie Ingold. The article was, in fact, written by Heather Bickerton, and the photo credit belongs to her as well.

TechNews regrets the errors.

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AIChE heads to regional conference

By **Ton Trieu**
TECHNEWS WRITER

Ten people from IIT's AIChE chapter were selected to attend the regional at Michigan Tech University. Eight of them are from the organization's exec board, including: Carol Mak (AIChE IIT chapter president), Tracey Martinez (Vice-President), Say Yeong Siah (High School Outreach Coordinator), Ariana Mayorga (Outreach Coordinator), Ton Trieu (Webmaster), Liam O'Rourke (Internal Liaison); there were also three other active members (Faisal Alraslany, Joe Farkas and Matthew Chaffee).

We started by splitting into 2 groups, leaving

at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday, April 8. It was about an 8-hour long drive. The AIChE IIT chapter stayed at a nicely-located Travelodge. On the first day, we checked in with the Michigan Tech volunteer staff, who were helpful and showed us where all the events were to be held. Me and a few other members attended very interesting workshops about viral nanotechnology and future transportation hosted by Dr Ching-An Peng and Chris Gosling.

The AIChE IIT chapter also joined the ChemE Jeopardy event which was held at the ChemSci Building. The chapter had a score of 800 and was in 4th place, after the Purdue University chapter, which had 1600 at the pre-final round. Thus, our internal liaison took a step

up and decided to bet all the score for the last question. Unfortunately, Purdue University also successfully raised their score so IIT chapter settled for 4th. The weather was warm and sunny, so we decided to take a walk around the bridge next to the river and downtown area in Houghton, MI, right after lunch.

Finally, the award banquet dinner was hosted in Rozsa Lobby at 7 p.m. to congratulate all the winning and participating teams. The IIT Chapter had some social time with other AIChE chapters participating in the regional after the banquet ended. We left beautiful Houghton and headed back Chicago around 8:30 a.m. on Sunday morning.

IPro 361: Lego Art shows their craft

By **Becca Waterloo**
A&E EDITOR

This past Sunday afternoon in the Technology Park atrium, IPro 361 - Lego Art, had an art exhibition for their Lego Arts participants from the Louis L. Valentine Boys & Girls Club in Bridgeport. As you may or may not know, IPro 361 started a pilot program implemented at the club, created by 5th-year architecture student Lee Fink, for young students to express their creativity through Lego Art and introduce them to the fundamental building blocks every child should be exposed to: Legos.

The purpose of the award ceremony and art exhibition on Sunday was to recognize the 20 students that were involved in the program, and also gave the opportunity for their parents, family and friends to witness them accept the trophies made of acrylic with each participant's name and piece of art etched into it. Students were seated at different tables decorating photo albums for them to take home and stuff with pictures from the pilot program. Each student was recognized, which was a huge goal of the award ceremony and open house. The kids also got a demonstration of the laser cutter in the IIT Idea Shop.

Inside of the Idea Shop, the students' work was displayed from the third phase of the program, which gave the young ones the opportunity to create work of their own. There was a broad variety of Lego art, which ranged from a monkey in a tree to a skyscraper.

The party planners made the environment bright and colorful with their table clothes, balloons, and photo album decorations. All of the kids were having a great time expressing their new creative side and accepting a personalized trophy for it. It was a great finale to the start of this innovative program. The food was generously donated by Connie's Pizza, Mother Butter's, Jimmy Johns, and the event had a surplus of Sunny Delight and Capri Sun. If you're interested in seeing this Lego art, it was said it will be displayed within the next couple of weeks in the MTCC.

For more information on IPro 361: Lego Art, or information on getting involved, visit <http://legoart.org/>

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Student survey reveals pros, cons of on-campus technology

By **Ryan Kamphius**
CAMPUS EDITOR

The seventh annual IIT Student Technology Survey has come to a close. In comparison to 2010, this year's results show a fairly consistent student opinion on technology services. However, some aspects exhibit a mixed response.

Just over 1,270 Main Campus, Stuart School of Business, Chicago Kent and Rice Campus students took the 2011 survey, which is a 15% response rate. This response was slightly lower than last year, but it was sent to a larger student group and reflects what students think of technology at IIT.

The percentages reported here are based on the five-point scale that was offered in response to many of the questions on the survey (ranging from 'strongly disagree' to 'strongly agree'). The 'strongly agree' and 'agree' responses were tallied as an indication of student satisfaction with various services. 'Neutral' replies were not omitted from the overall pool of responses, but they were not counted toward student satisfaction or student dissatisfaction, thereby lowering the overall affirmative or dissenting response.

Computer Labs and Printing Services

As illustrated by the OTS Computer Labs and Printing Services graph, the hours of the OTS computer labs were met with greater approval, with 65% of students stating their satisfaction.

This is largely due to the OTS Night Owl Lab moving into Galvin Library where students have an all-night dedicated study space that meets their technology needs.

This year, students expressed a slightly lower level of satisfaction with the number of PCs and software available in OTS computer labs. 72% of students are satisfied with the number of computers available. Additionally, 75% of students expressed that the software in the computer labs met their academic needs.

Student satisfaction with the quality of printing in the computer labs was met with a slight increase from last year, with 69% of students expressing satisfaction. Given that available software and printing services continue to be the main reasons that students are drawn to the computer labs, this is an important improvement in satisfaction to note.

Computer Labs and Printing Services Enhancements

The summer before the 2010-2011 school year, OTS enhanced some of the software available in the computer labs in response last year's Student Technology Survey. The Adobe suite software in all of the labs has been upgraded to Adobe CS4. Additionally, Mathematica is now available in all OTS labs on campus, and students can download a free version to their personal computer (for more information, visit the OTS Downloads channel under the Training and Support tab in myIIT).

Beginning summer 2011, OTS and Housing & Residential Services will be adding Remote Printing Stations in SSV and Gunsaulus Hall that will be available 24/7 for residents with access to these buildings. Additionally, eight new computers will be installed in the MSV lounge area for use by residents. With the addition of these resources, and due to limited

use and access to the OTS computer lab in the basement of MSV East, the lab will be closed beginning summer 2011. However, the remote printing station in MSV, near the vending area on the main level, will remain available.

Blackboard

Out of the students who have used Blackboard, 72% were satisfied with the system, which is the same satisfaction rate as last year. 72% of students would like to see Blackboard utilized for more courses, down from 75% in 2010.

Blackboard Enhancements

For the 2010-2011 school year, OTS and the Offices of the Provost and Undergraduate Studies, introduced Blackboard Mobile Learn, providing IIT classes with a Blackboard mobile web page. This application brings the Blackboard teaching and learning tools to a mobile device, giving students and faculty access to their courses wherever they are. Students can view their class announcements and grades and use collaborative tools such as blogs, journals and discussion boards. Blackboard's unique two-way teaching and learning system also allows faculty to view and update their course content remotely.

Email

Regarding email storage space, OTS has seen a steady decline in satisfaction over the past two years. This year, 41% of students indicated satisfaction with the current IIT email storage capacity, down from 43% in 2010.

OTS is taking this and past years' feedback regarding email capacity into consideration for modifications that will be implemented during summer 2011 as detailed below.

Email Enhancements

OTS, in collaboration with the Student Government Association is pleased to announce that IIT student email will be moving to the Gmail platform. This will allow for increased utility and compatibility with other Google services as well as significantly increased email storage space. This upgrade will take place during summer 2011 and the new platform will be available through the myIIT portal by fall 2011.

IIT Network

Student responses appear to have declined across the board with regard to the IIT wireless network. Student satisfaction with the reliability of the IIT network on Main Campus decreased from last year, with a 39% satisfaction rate.

Similarly, satisfaction with the speed of the wireless network has declined, with 40% satisfied.

Student satisfaction with regard to the IIT's Main Campus wireless network coverage decreased to 43% expressing satisfaction. On-campus resident satisfaction with the IIT network is slightly lower than last year, with 36% indicating that the network in their residence is sufficient for their needs.

IIT Network Enhancements

During summer 2010, OTS upgraded certain areas within Main Campus from Wireless G to Wireless N to offer improved wireless service to the IIT community. OTS recognizes that the upgrade has not been a smooth transition and will ensure that wireless service is sufficient in the Residence Halls before further expanding to additional academic buildings and the rest of the campus.

Diary of an ASB'er: It's the final countdown!

By Ustav Gandhi & Alex Miller
CAMPUS EDITOR & STAFF WRITER

So on day 3, our actual work began. The reason we're actually here, all the way in California, giving up our spring break to come out and make a difference through some real community service.

Excited as we all were, it really wasn't a surprise when almost everyone was up at 7 in the morning with incredible energy, lunches packed the night before and breakfasts made with superfast speed, all raring to go. The morning was cold (nowhere close to the Chicago norm, though) and the traffic jams gave us ample time to bond over our epic 'ASB playlists' - favorite songs contributed by every member of the team - and believe me, that was a diverse collection of some of the most incredible songs we had ever heard, and was in a way the perfect reflection of the diversity of people who had contributed them.

Once at the site, after a little orientation session with our really enterprising site leaders, we were split into groups and sent to two different work sites - and it seemed that today we were going to be helping with hauling lots and lots of wood and metal into piles that were to be recycled or discarded or set aside for storage - and there were pretty rough pieces of wood and metal that we were dealing with here.

An amusing skill that emerged amongst two of our team members was ... of wrapping the piles in plastic! Rani and Maria were complete naturals at this unexpectedly difficult job, and by lunch on the first day we knew that we were all definitely out of our comfort zone here.

Post-lunch was also spent at the same site, working in the store yard, and we were pretty exhausted by the time we met the other group and shared our experiences.

The other team, meanwhile, watched over half of the students pack up their bags and head off in the Chevy Suburbans. The group left behind at the warehouse split into two groups: construction and organization. We hauled buckets and boxes full of metal, tools, nails, screws, and various other objects into the shelving area, then split them into their respective groups.

The trailer we were emptying seemed to never end. The other half of the morning was also quite interesting. Cutting up wooden I-beams, we then attached them to become ceiling and floor joists in the new back rooms.

The next day was installation day: putting in drywall. Holding up drywall was quite an interesting task, especially as putting it up on the ceiling required holding it up with a very interesting tool--our heads!

We also went exploring Berkeley the next night. Getting frozen yogurt (again!) was one

of the highlights of the night, but our carpool also went into the records store, selecting a classy country CD.

Using Erin as our tool, we pretended the country CD was part of the ASB playlist. Chris, our driver, tried to be as nice and understanding as he could, but he couldn't understand why we all were cracking up until we got back to the church and he ejected the CD to discover its true identity.

The next two days were spent at a different site, working with some new friends we made who had come from Utah. They were really friendly and we all got along with them really well, especially Coach Neal. These two days were spent actually constructing houses in a site with seven of them getting ready, and our jobs included putting up Tyvek paper to render the walls waterproof (a pretty important job!) and fixing up the windows, among other things.

At the end of it all, we really thought we had made a significant contribution. In a way, it was quite hard to say goodbye to our friends from Utah. Those four days of our actual, real service were incredibly rewarding, incredibly fulfilling.

The most unforgettable moment of the trip, however, wasn't on the work site. And it was unfortunate that everyone wasn't there to experience it. Thursday was the day of the typi-

cally gorgeous California weather, and in the evening we were not going to go without taking advantage of that.

After work, the group split up, and there were a few who chose to take their cars all the way to Point Benita, a part of the largest urban national park in the United States, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. A secret jewel of the Bay Area, Point Bonita is still an active lighthouse. The U.S. Coast Guard maintains the lighthouse and the National Park Service provides access to visitors. It was the most beautiful spot to witness the most beautiful sunset overlooking the Gate on one side and the endless Pacific Ocean on the other.

All credit to Coach Neal, who, having trained there many years back, had a razor-sharp memory and knew exactly where to navigate the car - even without a GPS. In many ways, that was the cherry on the cake for us - as we bade goodbye to our gracious hosts at the Church on Saturday, as we drove over the Bridge one last time on Thursday, as we ate our final prepared meal, as we saw Chicago on the distant horizon on the plane back - we just had one sight, that of the waves crashing on to the rocks at Point Benita, just one sound, that of the seagulls encircling our heads, and just one feeling, that of pure exhilaration, embedded in our senses. ASB '11 was in many ways, an unforgettable 'alternative' experience.

ISA shows pride on campus through new, fun events

By Ustav Gandhi
CAMPUS EDITOR

This past semester, the Indian Students Association (ISA) on campus has been very active in organizing a number of interesting events which have seen enthusiastic participation from both the Exec Board and the student population in general. Four members of the current exec board, Danny Varghese, Shwetha Gandhi, Sakshi Sahni and Urba Mandrekar are either graduating this semester or in December, so this was a year where the freshmen were trained to take on the responsibility from next year.

January 26, India's Republic Day Celebration: This was celebrated in the MTCC Auditorium on Thursday, April 27, with a short orientation of the current exec board members and then an excellent TED talk screening, "Why Nations pursue 'Soft' Power," where he talks about how India is fast becoming a superpower -- not just through trade and politics, but through "soft" power, and its ability to share its culture with the world through food, music, technology, and Bollywood.

February 17, Mehndi Night: For those of you who don't know, mehndi is also known as "henna." It's a beautiful temporary form of skin decoration. There was music, dancing; everything involved to make this a classic and beautiful evening.

March 20, Holi: IIT celebrated the Indian festival of colors at the Quad and the Delts House. Holi - the festival of colors - is undoubtedly the most fun-filled and energetic of festivals. It's an occasion that brings in unadulterated joy and mirth, fun and play, music and dance, and, of course, lots of bright colors! Co-sponsors: Union Board and Delta Tau Delta.

March 31, ISA Cultural Night: There was Bollywood, there was the energy of South India, there was Bhangra, there was a fashion show, there were some beautiful multilingual singing performances - this show had it all. The biggest night of the year was the ISA Cultural Night, held on the 31st of March. ISA also donated all the proceeds to the Mission India Foundation, a US-based charity organization that focuses on child vaccination.

Students are already looking forward to an equally exciting line-up of events the upcoming year.

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Active Minds helps to eliminate mental health stigmas

By Patrick Michaels
GUEST WRITER

"That keg-stand was the craziest thing I've done on a Saturday night ever! I partied with the most bizarre dudes."

How often do you hear these words: "crazy," "bizarre," "schizophrenic" or "insane"? Most people hear at least one of these words on a daily basis. However, how many of us pause to think about the impact that such words might have. How can we know if they negatively impact anybody?

Some words are taboo - you rarely hear them uttered, but when you do hear them, the world seems to pause for a moment. For example, the "N-word" is a word that as a society we have forbidden. The "N-word" is not used in everyday language, because it is a derogatory word, which promotes prejudice against people based on the color of their skin. The United States Constitution prohibits prejudice and discrimination. Thus, the decision to eliminate certain ethnic slurs is to promote a higher quality social atmosphere for all residents. We want a high quality social atmosphere without prejudice and discrimination. We want respect. We expect to be included and not judged. We would not accept Nazi Germany and their discrimination against Jewish people.

Our united stance is to prohibit discrimination and protect vulnerable populations. For example, we do not tolerate discrimination against people based on sexual orientation in our society. We protect them under the U.S. Constitution and legally punish violations of these laws. To that end, people who commit hate crimes face intense legal penalties.

As a society, we decided to protect vulnerable populations. One such group includes people with physical disabilities. Until recently, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) was

not equipped with elevators or seating areas to allow people in wheelchairs access to train travel. This meant that people in wheelchairs could not use the train system. Social psychologists refer to this as structural discrimination, which means that the buildings or facilities discriminate against a minority group and are the barrier to the person. However, now that elevators exist in CTA facilities, a person in a wheelchair can use the train system to go to the airport, go to the grocery store, go to work, and visit friends. Just like you and me, they are now given access to travel inexpensively. Believe it or not, this opens many doors to new opportunities previously not afforded to people who use wheelchairs. They are now able to accomplish their daily travel activities more autonomously. This is tremendously empowering for people with disabilities.

Another vulnerable population is comprised of those with bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, severe anxiety, and/or severe depression. Did you quiver a bit? That's because of the stigma attached to those words. The reality is that mental illness is not a rare phenomenon.

In fact, 25% of all Americans will experience a mental disorder in their lifetime. Recent research suggests that about 50% of college students have qualified as depressed at some time during their college experience. Research also demonstrates that about 40-50% of people who need help for a mental disorder never seek treatment. Such individuals continue to struggle with problems like depression, anxiety, hallucinations, phobias, and/or nightmares. Even test anxiety can be very debilitating and prevent a person from academic success.

However, there are mental health resources that can help a person overcome these problems. Almost all mental health disorders are treatable, despite the fact that people do not seek treatment. Unfortunately, a large social

problem that prevents seeking mental health care is the stigma of mental illness. We do not want to be called crazy! That is the stigma of mental health care; you are "crazy" if you visit a psychologist, psychiatrist, or other mental health care professional.

For many people, the stigma of mental illness is the biggest reason to avoid treatment. They may think, "If I do not go to see a mental health care professional, then I can't get labeled as 'crazy.'" Phew, you've escaped the stigma of mental illness. Now, how are you planning to deal with the problems you're experiencing without support or outside resources? People who use mental health services will tell you that once they overcame the stigma and got treatment, they were able to feel much better. They were able to recover. They were able to perform better academically. They succeeded after they worked with a mental health care professional for the duration of treatment. Some people could finally focus on their life goals and future - they are in recovery from their mental illness.

A unique human trait is language. Just as we do not choose to use the "N-Word," we also have the ability to choose the words we do use. Many people with mental illnesses very much dislike hearing the words "crazy," "bizarre," "schizophrenic," "insanity." They feel judged and stigmatized, even despite their use of treatments to try to cure their mental illness. As college-educated adults who want to drive innovation and progress in our world, we must be cognizant of our choices. We must watch our conversations and choose to use words that do not offend people. Instead of saying "crazy" or "insane," use "wild." If you do not know what "bizarre" or "schizophrenic" means, look them up for your own personal edification.

"Changing the Conversation about Mental Health" is the mission of Active Minds. This

student organization's goal is to highlight the fact that all people have mental health and that we all must remain mentally healthy. It's a daily choice to ensure that you have great mental health. Further, we seek to raise awareness of mental health issues in our academic community. That is the reason that the College of Psychology, Active Minds, the Association of American Rehabilitation Counselors and Psi Alpha have all partnered together to bring a very powerful and free theater event to the Herman Hall Auditorium on Monday, April 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. This \$4000 production is a professional theater show that runs 90 minutes long and will introduce attendees to mental health issues and explain why we must fight the stigma of mental illness and the problems of prejudice and discrimination. Some psychology instructors are offering extra credit for attending the event. Ask your instructor if they are providing extra credit. The theater holds over 800 attendees. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend for free. Come expand your mind and learn about mental health. You never know who in your life might need a supportive and caring friend. This can provide you with the insight to be sensitive and helpful to their needs.

For more information on the mission of Active Minds @ IIT, please visit our new webpage at <http://mypages.iit.edu/~activeminds> or email us at activeminds.iit@gmail.com. For more information on Dr. Pat Corrigan's research lab on stigma, please visit the National Consortium on Stigma and Empowerment at <http://www.stigmaandempowerment.org/>. For more information on Dr. Corrigan's multi-site collaborative National Institutes of Health funded research study on treatment adherence, please visit the Center on Adherence and Self-Determination at <http://www.adherenceandselfdetermination.org/>.

Spring 2011 IIT College of Science and Letters Teaching Enrichment Workshop

ACADEMIC HONESTY: CREATING THE ETHICAL CLASSROOM ENRICHING TEACHING, LEARNING, AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

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Tricia Bertram Gallant

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY COORDINATOR, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO; ADVISORY COUNCIL IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRPERSON, INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The IIT College of Science and Letters is pleased to announce the upcoming teaching enrichment workshop: "Academic Honesty: Creating the Ethical Classroom."

The presentation "Creating the Ethical Classroom: Enriching Teaching, Learning, and Academic Integrity" by Dr. Bertram Gallant will discuss an alternative frame through which to view student cheating; one that is healthier, uses positive rather than negative energy, and has greater results for all. By the end of this workshop, participants will understand student cheating as a systemic problem that is best resolved through changing the classroom environment and changing responses to the problem.

The afternoon's activities will include the town hall meeting "Do IIT Students and Faculty Want the Same Thing? A Conversation About Academic Honesty" where IIT students, faculty, and administrators will discuss academic honesty and what should be done about it.

This workshop is sponsored by the IIT College of Science and Letters and is free and open to all IIT faculty, including adjuncts and part-time faculty, teaching assistants, post-doctoral faculty, graduate students interested in academia, etc., but registration is strongly encouraged.

To register, email Jim Maciukenas (jmaciuke@iit.edu) by April 20, 2011.

For questions about the workshop, please contact the workshop organizer, Professor Ishaque Khan (khan@iit.edu), Associate Dean, IIT College of Science and Letters, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.

Dr. Bertram Gallant speaks at 1:30 p.m.

"Creating the Ethical Classroom: Enriching Teaching, Learning, and Academic Integrity"

Town Hall Meeting begins at 3:30 p.m.

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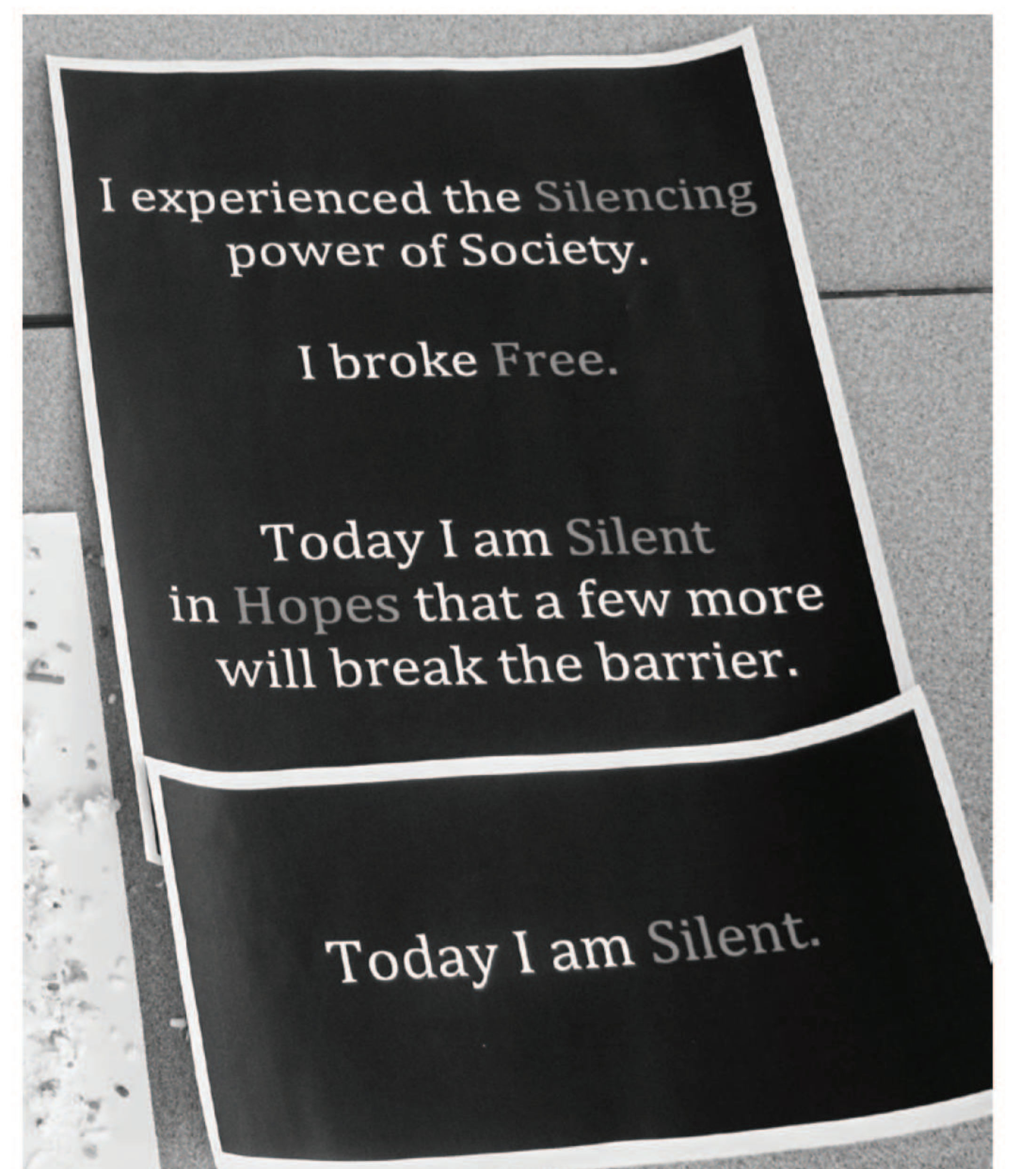
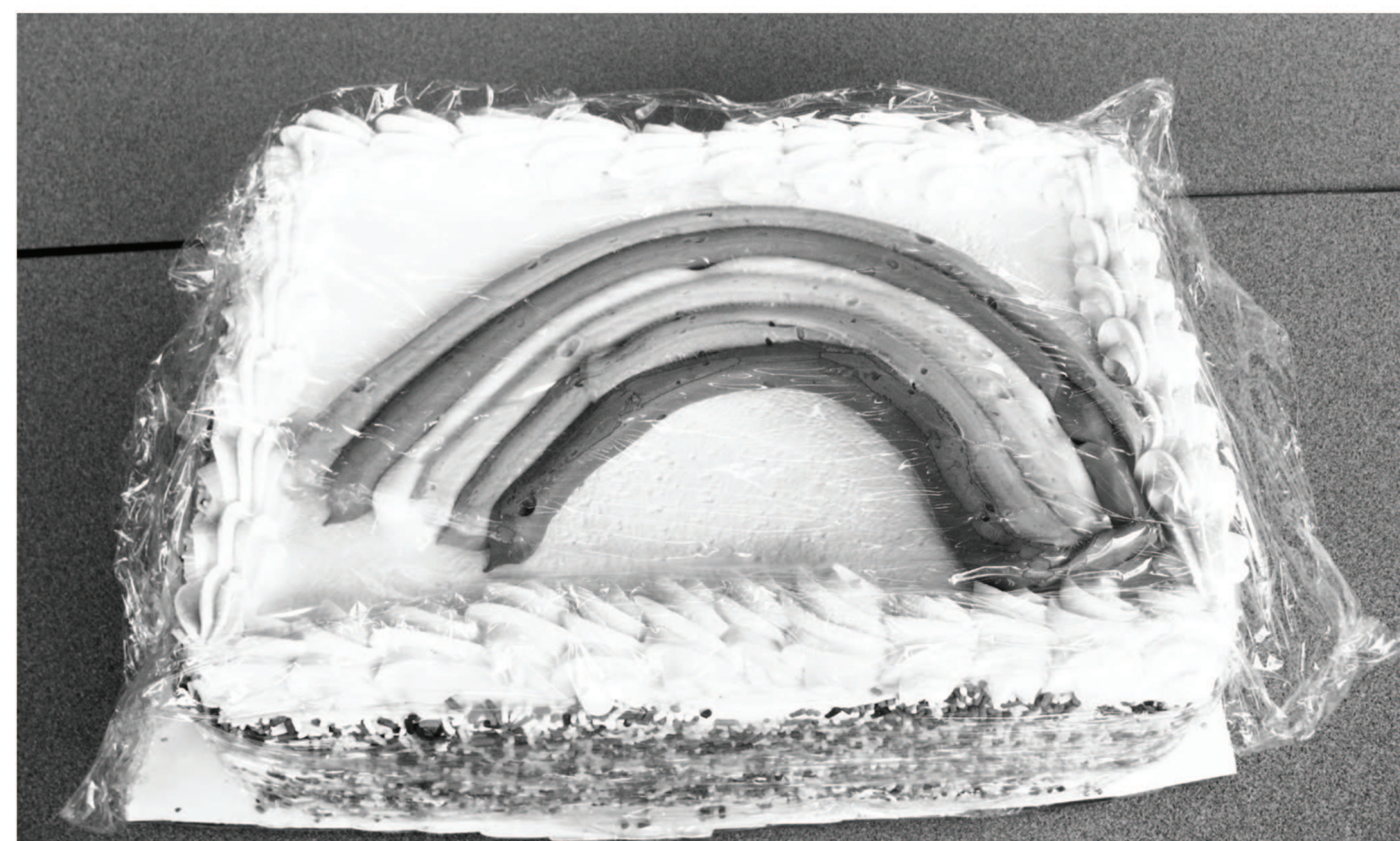
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Finally. Summer is here, or rather, will be here in a few weeks. No more exams, assignments, or project deadlines for a few months. Don't you feel you should spend your Summer break wisely? Chicago is a magnificent city where you can easily find something to do. See below for a few examples!

Movies:

Summer is the time to enjoy the outdoors, do all the summer activities, remove all coats and boots and walk freely, or take a dip in the beach; however, if the temperature gets too high, you could get inside a theatre, buy a large soda and a bag of popcorn, enjoy the air-conditioning, and watch a movie on the big screen. These are the movies you shouldn't miss during this summer.



- *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (May 20)*
Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) and Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush) embark on a quest to find the elusive fountain of youth, only to discover that Blackbeard and his daughter (Penelope Cruz) are after it too. (imdb.com)

- *The Hangover Part II (May 26)*

The four guys (Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zack Galafianikis, and Justin



Bartha) return to Bangkok for another post-blackout misadventure.

- *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (Jul 15)*

The end begins as Harry, Ron, and Hermione go back to Hogwarts to find and destroy Voldemort's final hor-cruxes, but when Voldemort finds out about their mission, the biggest battle begins and life as they know it will never be the same again. (imdb.com)

- *Transformers : Dark of the Moon (Jul 1)*



The Autobots learn of a Cybertronian spacecraft hidden on the Moon, and race against the Decepticons to reach it and learn its secrets, which could turn the tide in the Transformers' final battle. (imdb.com)

Events

Chicago is known countrywide for the communal events that happen around the city. Most involve music, food, and just enjoying the outdoors and surrounding skyscrapers. Be sure to take advantage of these events Chicago provides; it's what makes us one of the best cities in the world.

- *Taste of Chicago (June 24 - July 3)*

For all those foodies out there, it's that time of the year again. The Taste of Chicago is happening, and everything else takes a backseat. No matter where you are from, your favorite food will be found at the Taste of Chicago. Spanning over 10 days, this is the most popular event of the Summer for all Chicagoans and beyond.

- *Chicago Summer Dance Fest (July 7- September 18)*

Come to Grant Park to enjoy the 15th annual Summer Dance Fest. Every Thursday Night from July 7 to September 18 offers you a one-hour dance lesson by professional instructors followed by two hours of live music and dancing. (601 S. Michigan Avenue) <http://www.explorechicago.org/>

Music:

Check the website to see where your favorite artist is performing. Sing with them, take photos of them (or with them) and tell stories to your friends. Who can beat free music in the park? Grab a blanket, some friends, and bring some food to enjoy the nice weather and music hovering over you for an excellent night you'll never forget. Here are some concerts happening this summer:

- Rammstein, Allstate Arena (May 10)
- Usher with Akon, Allstate Arena (May 20)
- Rihanna: Loud Tour, United Center (June 15)
- U2, Soldier Field (July 5)
- Katy Perry, Allstate Arena (July 8)
- Pitchfork Music Festival, Union Park (July 15)
- Lollapalooza Music Festival, Grant Park, (August 5-7)



<http://www.chicagotraveler.com/concerts.htm>

- *The Grant Park Music Festival (June 15 - August 20)*

Take advantage of this music fest, as it's the country's only remaining outdoor classical music series you can get for free. Every summer in Chicago, the fest is committed to providing you free classical music. Find it in the Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park a couple days every week this summer.

<http://www.grantparkmusicfestival.com/the-music/2011-season>

- *Downtown Sound Series (May 23 - July 25)*

Enjoy New Music Mondays this summer at Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park to be introduced to some new free music or enjoy your own classic tunes. Popular artists featured are: Iron & Wine, Bonnie Prince Billy, Blonde Redhead, Low & many more. <http://www.explorechicago.org/>

If nothing on here attracts you, you must be crazy. Check out [explorechicago.org](http://www.explorechicago.org) for more opportunities. The summer is the best time to be in Chicago, so take advantage of everything you can these next few months.

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32. Taiwanese girl group
33. Chesterfield, e.g.
36. Sparsely populated North Dakota city
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IT'S A SNAP!

By Myles Mellor and Sally York

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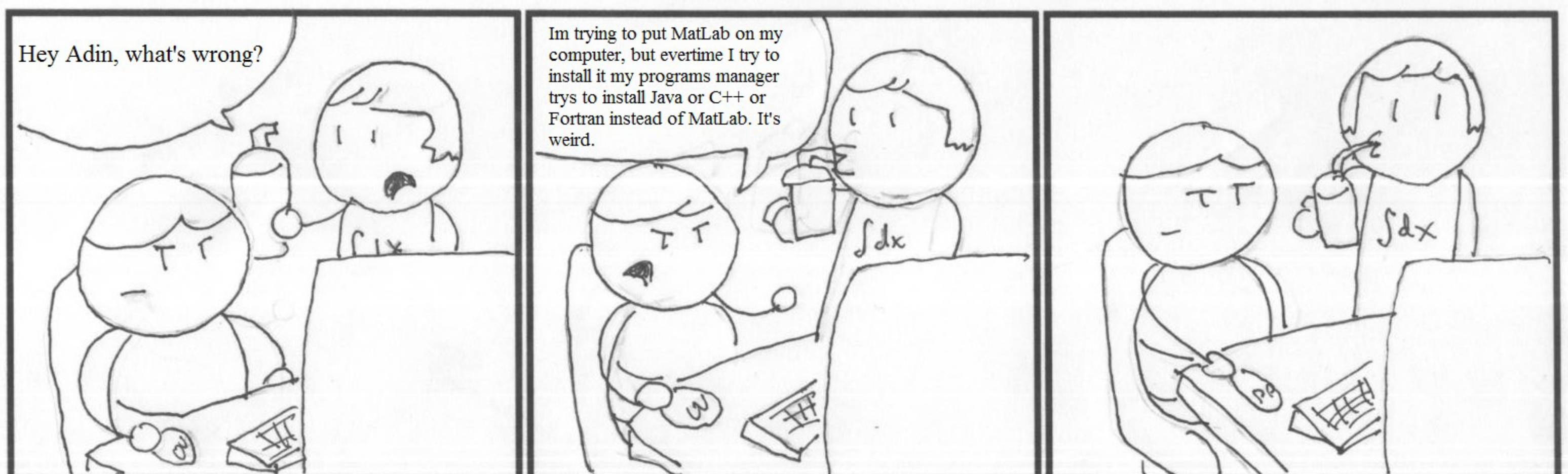
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The word Sudoku, above, is actually the abbreviation of Suuji wa dokushin ni kagiru, meaning "the digits must be single" or "the digits are limited to one occurrence."
Source: Wikipedia

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The First Day of the Rest of My Life

By Adin Goings
ART EDITOR



Hawks beat nationally ranked team

By **Melanie Koto**
STAFF WRITER

Last Wednesday, the Hawks went one for one again against the Fighting Saints of the University of St. Francis. St. Francis took the first game, but the Hawks held their own against the nationally ranked team in the second. In the first game, the Hawks took the lead in the second inning, but St. Francis tied up the score in the fourth, and the game held at a tie through the seventh, forcing the game into extra innings. St. Francis scored in the eighth, a

run unanswered by the Hawks for a win for the Fighting Saints. Junior Luis Montoya pitched a complete game, and only gave up 4 hits.

In the second game of the afternoon, the Fighting Saints took an early lead in the second with 2 runs. In the bottom of the third, the Hawks answered with 3 runs. The score remained the same until the sixth inning, when the Hawks scored 4 additional runs to increase their lead to 7-2. Senior Mat Bednarz pitched the complete game, also only giving up 4 hits.

Due to rain, the Hawks games on Saturday were postponed. Their next home game is Fri-

day at noon against Cardinal Stritch University. They will also play at home on Wednesday, April 27, at 1 p.m. against Holy Cross College, and on Saturday, April 30, at 1 p.m. against Robert Morris College. And of course, don't forget about the Southside classic, the annual game against U of C, this year held at none other than US Cellular Field, home of the Chicago White Sox. The game will start at 1 p.m. on Sunday May 8. No tickets are required for IIT students and guests, and gates open at 11:30 a.m.

(Photos by Melanie Koto)



Baseball team meets Sox pitching coach Don Cooper

By **Graeme Port**
SPORTS EDITOR



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Last Tuesday afternoon, the Scarlet Hawks Baseball team met with Chicago White Sox pitching coach Don Cooper. Cooper, a New York city native, is a graduate from New York City Institute of Technology. In his MLB professional playing career Cooper played for the Minnesota Twins (1981-82), Toronto Blue Jays (1983), and the New York Yankees (1985).

The White Sox coach stopped by to meet with the team and give them some of his coaching expertise. The Hawks head coach, Stephen Born, stated, "This is a great opportunity for our guys to meet with an extremely high caliber coach. It's a unique experience that I feel the team really will take a lot from." Coach Cooper was able to take about an hour out of his day to talk baseball mentality and strategy to the team.

Don Cooper has been in the White Sox organization since 1988. He is currently in his ninth full season as the White Sox pitching coach. He was named pitching coach in July of 2002 after serving as the organization's minor-league pitching coordinator from 1997-2002. The White Sox have gone 721-638 since his appointment and have led the Major Leagues with 704 quality starts since 2003.

Scuba class with Bob Huff

By **Ashlie Ingold**
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever been interested in Scuba Diving? Well here's your chance to learn how!

April 19-21, 6 p.m.-10 p.m.
(the signup cutoff is Sunday April 17). Everyone needs to complete the online course prior to class and have their own masks and snorkel.
\$150 total (\$120 - PADI, \$30 - Bob Huff)

Mike Zhang says he loves scuba because, "Scuba diving is the next closest thing to walking in space! If you can't afford a space craft, don't miss out on scuba." and "The earth is 70% water, so it is meant for scuba divers! I've dove in some cool places in Florida and played with sting rays the length of my body."

Scott Mochinski would like to say that, "There was a great turnout for the two Discover Scuba days held in the Keating pool. Not only were all 20 spots filled, the great people from Sea Lions Dive Shop accommodated extra people so that everyone who showed up could experience scuba diving."

The Discover Scuba events seem to show that there is enough on-campus interest to form a scuba diving student organization. Forming a student organization would allow for the purchase of school/club owned equipment and would allow for student organization funding to cover some, or maybe all, of the costs of lessons and scuba outings. The costs

of scuba equipment and lessons are two of the main reasons people do not pursue scuba diving more rigorously.

What we need are students interested in running and being members of the student org. Being a student org officer is a great way to get valuable leadership experience and it looks great on a resume or grad school application. Anyone interested in being either a scuba student org leader or member should contact Scott Mochinski at: smochins@iit.edu

To sign up go to: www.padi.com/scubaconnect and enter the promo code: R-19411

Bob's PADI store is LEARN SCUBA CHICAGO. You will need to pay \$120 for the on-line component directly through the PADI website.

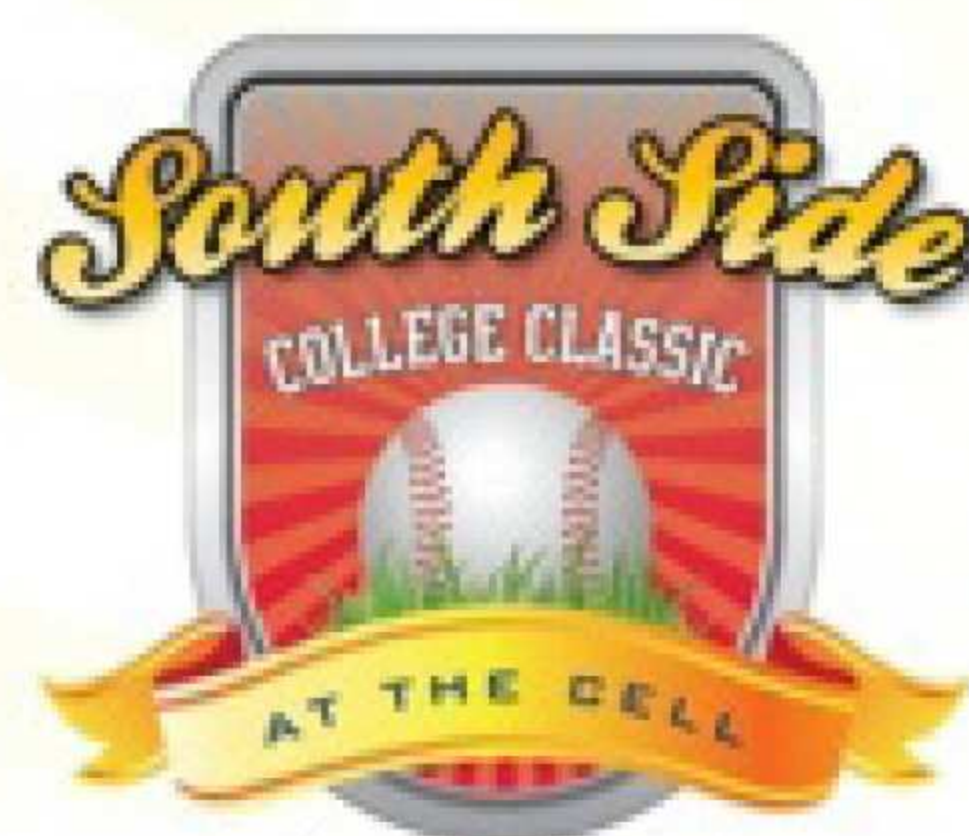
The pool component will cost \$30. You can bring check or cash to the instructor on Tuesday.

Once you have completed the online portion and the pool dives, you will be ready to go out and do your open water dives. You can do this with any PADI instructor, anywhere in the world, including Capt. Bob Huff; there are several others in the Chicagoland area.



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The Illinois Tech Scarlet Hawks Baseball team will be playing the University of Chicago Maroons at US Cellular Field, Home of the Chicago White Sox. The game will be played on Sunday May 8th at 1:00 pm. Admission is free!



University Social Calendar

TUESDAY APR 19 - 05:00 pm @ Herman Hall
HATING/RELAXATION TRAINING
Come Relax with Active Minds!! FREE FOOD!!!

TUESDAY APR 19 - 05:00 pm @ Herman Hall
DR. SPINKSTALK
Question-Answer and informative session on all topics relating
how to get into a med. school and much more!

THURSDAY MAR 24 - 04:30pm @ MTCC
GLOBAL VILLAGE FASHION SHOW
Clothes are a large part of both traditional and modern culture and
because IIT is so diverse let's show it!

THURSDAY APR 21 - 09:00pm @ The BOG
SPRING FLING
A dance party for all students to get in one last dance before finals.

FRIDAY APR 22 - 07:00pm @ IIT Tower Auditorium
SPRING APELLA
Come and see your favorite A Capella groups at IIT

Do you want to know more about upcoming events?
Like when is the next movie premiere? Check us out:

UB General Body Meetings
1:00 PM every Tuesday @ MTCC auditorium



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