

TBTN Week promotes assault awareness on campus

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For the second year in a row, IIT Feminists United (FU) is sponsoring their Take Back the Night Week, this week, November 6 through Friday, November 11.

Take Back the Night is an international movement that usually consists of a march and rally in support of those who have become victims of assault, usually domestic and sexual, according to the official website of TBTN, takebackthenight.org.

FU has taken this tradition, that dates back to 1975 in Philadelphia, and stretched it to a week filled with speakers, workshops and discussions focused on how to bring about assault awareness to IIT's campus, as well as prevention measures.

The week kicked off with a self-defense workshop in the MTCC Ballroom, where attendees were able to learn defensive moves to protect themselves if an assault were to be waged on them. In order for this event to take place, FU partnered with Teresa Helena Moreno, Women's Programming Coordinator at IIT.

Today's first event is a lunch discussion event, hosted by Shimer College, called Proceed with Caution: Consent on Campus in the QLC at 12:50 p.m., with lunch provided courtesy of Shimer College.

Later tonight, there will be another speaker and discussion event called Sexual Assault & Reproductive Justice with Benita Ulisano in the Life Sciences Auditorium at 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, November 9 will be a healthy relationship workshop called Between Friends in the Brown Room in the MTCC at 12:50 p.m.

Wednesday will also be the day of the keynote speaker, Dear Lisa.

In 1994 Lisa Santoro became a victim of domestic violence when her ex-boyfriend murdered her. Since then, her father, Tom Santoro, has been speaking on behalf of his late daughter on the topic of dating violence, and its prevention. This speaking engagement will start at 8:30 p.m. in the Wishnick Auditorium.

FU invites everyone interested in participating in the TBTN rally to attend the poster-making session on Thursday in Perlstein Hall at 7 p.m. to decorate posters and decide what slogans will be chanted during the march, as well as discuss the week's previous events, with any concerns, criticisms, or ideas of how to further awareness on campus.

Friday, November 11 will be the rally where interested parties will march around campus, symbolically "taking the night back." If interested, meet by the MTCC at 33rd and State Street to join in the noisemaking. The march will end in the Quad, where there will be a vigil for those who have suffered from domestic and sexual assault. There will be a bonfire, as well as free food after the event!

FU will be on the MTCC Bridge on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday to take pledges in support of TBTN and hand out pins to those that sign the pledges, as well as distributing literature about our events, and topics they cover.

For more information on TBTN events this week, find FU on Facebook or email bstrombe@hawk.iit.edu.



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ISO prepares for IFest 2011

By Prachi Chachondia
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The International Students Organization has revamped itself this year and is back with a bang this semester, with a new board and lots of fun events in tow. A group geared towards promoting the culture and diversity of the international student body at IIT, where it makes up almost 43% of the total student body - the highest percentage in the country. They are here to give international students a platform to showcase their cultures and to give domestic students a chance to take part in some of their awesome festivals and events. ISO brought to you the Zombie Hunt, Ski Trip, movie nights and lots more, and now it is time for the year's biggest event: International Festival!

The 36th Annual International Festival will happen on the 11th of November 2011 (Friday). The two-part event starts with

the Taste of IIT, where student organizations rally around to face their greatest challenge yet: cooking! Each group will have their food booth, and they'll be bringing their aprons to make prepare some of the best foods from all over the world for IIT to savor. You'll get to sample exquisite foods from indigenous cuisines of different countries, and a lot of snacks to pick up before that 13:50 lecture!

Taste of IIT will be followed by the cultural event: the Evening Showcase, where we'll have students bringing to you some amazing performances. There'll be singing, dancing, acting, trivia and tons of prizes to be won! We're even having a fashion show, where you'll get to see your friends dress up in their traditional attire and show it off on the catwalk! Did we also mention the evening event is free? It's also open to all IIT, Shimer, Vandercook students, alumni, faculty and staff.

Save the date! This Friday! We look forward to seeing you there on 11-11-11!

IIT evaluates NCAA move

By IIT Office of Media Relations

Last spring, TechNews ran multiple articles about IIT's potential move from the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) to Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Not only did the newspaper conduct an interview with President Anderson, but received feedback on the decision from the student body, including student athletes. The process has moved forward, as the following press release discusses. TechNews welcomes any and all student feedback on the NCAA move. To weigh in on the process, please e-mail our Opinion Editor, Ryan Hynes, at opinion@technewsiit.com.

Chicago, November 4, 2011 – Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) is currently evaluating a new association for its athletic programs. At the present time, IIT is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC). A move to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III is under consideration, and discussions are now taking place to determine the benefits to the University of such a transition.

The proposed plan, which would have IIT becoming a full member of NCAA Division III by 2018, would provide expanded opportunities for more student-athletes as well as add to the vibrancy of campus life. The number of sports in the IIT athletics program would increase from 10 to fourteen—and the move would allow IIT to compete against universities with similar academic profiles and institutional missions.

"For IIT, which is one of Chicago's top research universities, the benefits of NCAA

Division III membership go far beyond the athletics program," says Enzley Mitchell IV, IIT's Director of Athletics. "In addition to being able to attract a larger number of students who can compete in the classroom, as well as on the playing field, more postgraduate scholarship opportunities will be available to IIT student-athletes who want to continue their education after earning their undergraduate degree."

"The time is right to explore the possibility of NCAA Division III membership," says John Anderson, President of IIT. "Sports play an important role in campus life and leadership development—and we want to explore which affiliation is best for IIT's athletics program in the years ahead."

For more than 50 years, IIT has fielded highly competitive teams at its main campus on the South Side of Chicago. Today, more than 130 men and women compete for the Scarlet Hawks in 10 sports: men's and women's swimming and diving, cross-country, track and field, and soccer, as well as men's baseball and women's volleyball.

IIT is known throughout the world for its undergraduate and graduate education in engineering, architecture, design, applied technology, law, business, psychology, and sciences and letters. The university is also recognized for its world-class research in such areas as smart grid technology, sustainable energy, and medical imaging—as well as its innovative, interdisciplinary curricula that emphasize entrepreneurship and teamwork. Membership in the NCAA would allow IIT to compete at the varsity level against universities that share some of these education and research interests with us, thereby bringing more attention and visibility to the university.

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By Office of Financial Aid

Registration for Spring 2012 begins this week! Students are encouraged to check the Finances Tab on the MyIIT Portal to determine if they have any holds preventing registration. There are specific reasons why a hold may exist on a student account and these can be identified easily on MyIIT.

Outstanding Balance

Any outstanding balance on a student account will prevent a student from registering for classes. To determine if there is a balance on a student account, please complete the following:

Login to MyIIT, select the Finances Tab, and select Manage My Account under Manage Account in the middle column.

Select the Manage My Account button and view your Current Account Status on TouchNet.

Students with an outstanding balance need to pay the balance to register. Payments can be submitted on the TouchNet system directly, following the steps above, or in person at the Cashier's Office located in Main Building, Room 104. If you have questions about your balance, please contact the Bursar's Office at bursar@iit.edu or 312-567-3794.

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Any outstanding financial aid

requirements on a student account will delay disbursement of federal funds. If federal funds did not disburse, please complete the following:

Login to MyIIT, select the Finances Tab, and select holds under Financial Aid Requirements in the middle column.

Unsatisfied requirements must be submitted to the Office of Financial Aid directly via e-mail at finaid@iit.edu, fax 312-567-3982, or in person at Main Building Room 104.

Once a student submits documents, the Office of Financial Aid will review these within 7-10 business days. Once all outstanding requirements are satisfied on MyIIT, federal funds will disburse to the student's account.

Immunization Compliance

Students are required by Illinois State Law to provide proof of proper vaccine history to the Student Health and Wellness Center. If a student has outstanding immunization requirements, spring registration will be prevented. Any questions should be directed to Celia Mayora at cmayora@iit.edu.

International Students

International students may have outstanding requirements to keep their student status at IIT. Students with a hold due to a status-based issue should resolve it with the International Center. Questions can be answered by contacting their office at icenter@iit.edu or 312-567-3680.