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## SGA Week promotes campus involvement in student government

By **Kelly Lohr**

SGA VP OF COMMUNICATIONS

Welcome back to school! It's the beginning of a new semester, and as such, it's almost time for another SGA Week. Student Government Association (SGA) hosts one week full of events every semester.

The purpose of the week is to raise awareness of what your student government can do for you and how you can get involved. SGA serves as your representative voice to the administration, and we want to hear your views.

This semester SGA Week runs from Monday, January 30th, to Thursday, February 2nd. Events will include a Public Safety Forum, Lunch With Your Representatives, classroom visits by senators, and a Student Discount Fair.

On Monday at lunch, Public Safety will be hosting an open forum. You will have a chance to meet officers, express concerns, and become more familiar with the people who keep you safe.

Lunch With Your Representatives, on Tuesday at lunch in the Perlestein lobby, will be a great opportunity to meet your elected representatives from Senate, Finance Board, and Judicial Board. Talk to them about what you'd like to see on campus and learn how you can get involved with changing the campus for the better.

On Wednesday, take the opportunity to talk to your senators on the bridge at the weekly Thoughts Table. Every Wednesday this semester, senators will be out to talk to you and gather your thoughts on how campus can be improved. Cast your vote on our Votebox forum at [sga.uservice.com](http://sga.uservice.com).

Back by popular demand, the student Discount Fair will be held on Thursday on the Bridge from 12:30-1:30. The Fair will feature businesses that participate in the Student Discount Program, and offer free samples to students who stop by. Pick up your Student Discount card if you don't already have one!

Throughout the week, senators will be visiting certain classes with high enrollment to talk to students about the role of student government on campus and raise awareness of what SGA has achieved already on campus.

SGA Week is all about you! Come out and talk to us, and make sure to grab some of the awesome buttons and other freebies along the way.

Follow the event on Facebook for updates on the details of each event:  
<http://tiny.cc/SGAWeekS2012>

## Introducing the Office of Campus Life

By **Miriam Schmid & Ryan Tillman**

OFFICE OF CAMPUS LIFE STUDENT ASSISTANTS

With the start of the spring semester, campus is more vibrant, busier, and more active than ever. Leading the charge of giving students at IIT a "Life" is the newly restructured Campus Life department, formerly known as the Office of Student Life. Led by Director Ryan Miller, Campus Life has been working over the past month to better meet the needs of student organizations as well as expanding its focus to students who may not be as involved in student organizations.

Coordinators Tricia Berryhill and Alex Garrett will continue to advocate for students, but in new capacities. Tricia Berryhill will advise organizations with names starting with "H" through "G," as well as lead the following programs: Orientation, Parent Programs, the New Student Organization Process, Student Organization Recognition, and general programming for the Office of Campus Life.

Meanwhile, Alex Garrett will advise Union Board (UB), as well as student organizations with names starting with "N" through "Z." Alex will also lead the following programs: First Year Experience, Leadership Development, Outreach, and Women's Programming.

Ryan Miller will primarily advise the Student Government Association (SGA), as well as student organizations with names starting with "A" through "M." Finally, in response to Student Speak Survey feedback, Campus Life has dedicated a full-time staff member, Cathy Fuller, to student organization finance.

Student organizations that take advantage of all of these new resources will be recognized in increasing degrees of "Level III," "Level II," and "Level I" accordingly. In order to access all of the resources offered by Campus Life, student organizations must reach the "Level I" tier, which allows them to apply for office space in the Campus Life suite, priority space at the Student Involvement Fair, utilize the ticket sales system, apply for annual funding via a main account from Student Affairs, and many other benefits.

In the spring 2012 semester, Campus Life is looking forward to working more effectively with student organizations and increasing the vibrancy of the IIT campus. Want to get in contact and get to know the office better? Come visit them! Talk to a professional staff member or student worker about programs coming up. Can't make it during hours (9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday) but still have a question? Email them at [campus.life@iit.edu](mailto:campus.life@iit.edu) and they promise to respond.

Some new events coming up: February 7 is Naked Dating at 7 p.m. in the MTCC Auditorium. Naked Dating is a discussion with best-selling author Harlan Cohen about how to find love and how everyone gets "lucky" in their life. March 10 is the Student Leader Summit in the MTCC from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The Student Leader Summit is a great opportunity to learn about services offered on campus, as well as a chance to connect with and learn from other student leaders on campus!



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## Colbert Super PAC creates campaign confusion

By Ryan Kamphuis  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It seems that few look at the potential Republican candidates for President with any level of seriousness. In a field of candidates so right wing and extreme that Ron Paul has become the voice of reason, most seem to look at the Republican primaries as a grotesque circus, with everything from revelations that a "family values" candidate wanted an open relationship with his wife in one ring, to a candidate who's last name means something that shouldn't be printed in a newspaper in another (if you really want to know, Google 'Santorum.' I warned you).

To outside observers, it looked like the whole race couldn't get anymore screwed up and humorous. But then Stephen Colbert stepped in.

For those who don't know, Stephen Colbert is the massively popular conservative mock-pundit who tells us the news, with an extreme amount of spin, every night from his TV show on Comedy Central. Shortly after the Supreme Court ruled that corporations were seen as individuals in regards to campaign donations, Colbert set up a so-called 'Super Political Action Committee' to accept donations. Many donated to Colbert's super PAC, cleverly called, "Americans for a better tomorrow, tomorrow," but few knew exactly what they were donating to. Until now.

Starting weeks ago, before the Iowa caucuses, Colbert's super PAC began running ads generally mocking all of the candidates and the Supreme Court's decision that allowed corporations to donate such large amounts

of money to super PACs. One of the more controversial ads actually asked voters to not vote for Rick Perry by incorrectly writing-in 'Rick Parry' during the caucus. Throughout all of this, Colbert was enlightening audiences about the wonders of his super PAC, going so far as calling it a, "campaign finance glory hole," where, "you stick your money in the hole, the other person accepts your donation, and because it's happening anonymously, no one feels dirty!"

Colbert's antics came to a head this past week in South Carolina. In a surprise announcement, Colbert said that he would be taking part in the Republican South Carolina primaries, attempting to become the, "President of the United States of South Carolina." After announcing his candidacy, Colbert then proclaimed that he was stepping down as the head of his super PAC, and that Jon Stewart would sign on as the head of the super PAC, renaming it the "Definitely Not Coordinating

With Stephen Colbert Super PAC." The solid waste then hit the fan. Colbert campaigned daily, and even held a rally on January 20th with Hermain Cain, asking voters to vote for him by voting for Cain, who had already dropped out of the race.

Throughout all of this, people have been confused by the blurring of the politics-entertainment line that Colbert's super PAC and campaign represent. Anyone looking at Colbert's actions can agree that they are crazy and asinine, but I think that this is the whole point of Colbert's actions. Because, no matter how crazy his actions are, every single thing that Colbert has done is 100% legal. These are all things that are not only allowed, but commonplace in the current political system.

And this is something that should make us angry. Candidates can run super PACs, collecting billions of dollars of donations from corporations, only to transfer leadership of the super PAC to a lackey, who then funnels all that money into ads supporting said candidate.

Colbert himself best put the whole thing into perspective when addressing claims that his entire campaign was a joke, "If they are calling being allowed to form a Super PAC, and collecting unlimited and untraceable amounts of money from individuals, unions, and corporations and spending that money on political ads and for personal enrichment, and then surrendering that Super PAC to one of my closest friends while I explore a run for office, if that is a joke, then they are saying that our entire campaign finance system is a joke."

As humorous as Colbert's antics may be, and despite the fact that many claim that it is all an immature distraction, Colbert's actions are highlighting to the masses how screwed up our current political system is. People have been warning us of this for years, but now that Colbert has picked up the issue and decided to bring in his signature brand of satire, the masses may be paying attention. And I hope they are.

The loopholes and corrupt culture of campaign finance are being brought into the open and addressed by the mainstream media for one of the first times I can ever remember thanks to Colbert, and if there was ever a time where the masses might begin to support legitimate campaign finance reform, it's now. So here's hoping Colbert continues to screw up and bumble throughout the Republican primary season. His antics may be our only hope for a political system free of money-related antics.



Image courtesy of latimes.com

## Come for the classes, stay for the campus

By Dan Zweig  
TECHNEWS WRITER

IIT has certainly changed since it was founded over a hundred years ago, even if most of its principles have stayed the same.

Most recently, the university has been striving to better serve its students and improve their collegiate experience; I personally cannot imagine what the school was like before the administration began this shift and if any of the students were happy.

These days, it is very appealing to be a student on campus, and as such, more students are now living on campus. A decade ago, the school established itself as a commuter-oriented campus where most students lived off campus and came to IIT only for classes before returning

home (in fact, the campus is still considered a commuter campus by Collegeboard and other college ranking organizations). Now, however, I believe the majority of students live on campus, or strive to spend more time on campus, as the Student Activities Fund (SAF), Office of Campus Life (OCL), and other organizations around campus schedule events and activities that convince students to spend more time living and interacting where they study.

The problem I see currently is that the mentality is still that IIT is a commuter campus and that over the weekends students return home to their families. Some students who live just close enough to make it home over the weekend choose to do this because they believe all other students leave campus as well. The Bog closes over the weekend; most student organizations refrain from holding events over

the weekend, and because of this mentality, even the students who are on campus remain in their rooms and largely out of sight.

I do not blame The Bog or student organizations for this situation. In fact, I think that (for the most part) if they opened or held events during the weekend, students would not come because of the existing commuter or "stay in your room" mentality. This idea, which has become engrained over the past century within the minds of IIT students, needs to be altered, and students must realize that others stay on campus all weekend and that for a good portion of students, IIT is home for 9 months of the year.

The administration has begun the change of improving our campus and our community—now the students have to make the same effort to remain on campus, become involved, and make IIT a better place.

# Student Giving Committee relies on students to succeed

**By Utsav Gandhi**  
CAMPUS EDITOR

How is it that the reserves collection at Galvin Library now has at least one copy of every textbook used at IIT? How did the underused courtyard enclosure in the MTCC get the outdoor furniture, when it wasn't the case a few years ago? Well, the answer to those questions is the annual Student Gift Campaign, which has quickly become an established tradition at IIT.

IIT students have been working hard in recent years to revitalize a tradition of giving back. Generations of IIT alumni and students have given back to the university as a way to show their pride and appreciation; like the reserve textbooks and the MTCC courtyard, many services we enjoy today as students have been possible only because of the generosity of alumni. Alumni giving is also an important factor in determining alumni pride and university rankings in surveys, such as "U.S.

News & World Report."

In order to continue this tradition of student giving, the 2012 Student Giving Committee is organizing and brainstorming early. The committee is seeking enthusiastic, goal-oriented students who are committed to IIT and campus leadership. Joining the Student Giving Committee is a way for students to demonstrate leadership skills on campus and build quality, real world experience, an asset to any resume.

The Student Gift Committee also wants IIT students to select the project for their upcoming campaign for this year.

This year, the committee narrowed the gift options to two choices: a new multi-seat study carrel for Galvin library or new water fountains for academic buildings.

Students can visit [www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012SG](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012SG) to cast their votes for this year's project.

For more information about the campaign and how to get involved, contact Sarah Zimmerman: [szimmer1@iit.edu](mailto:szimmer1@iit.edu).

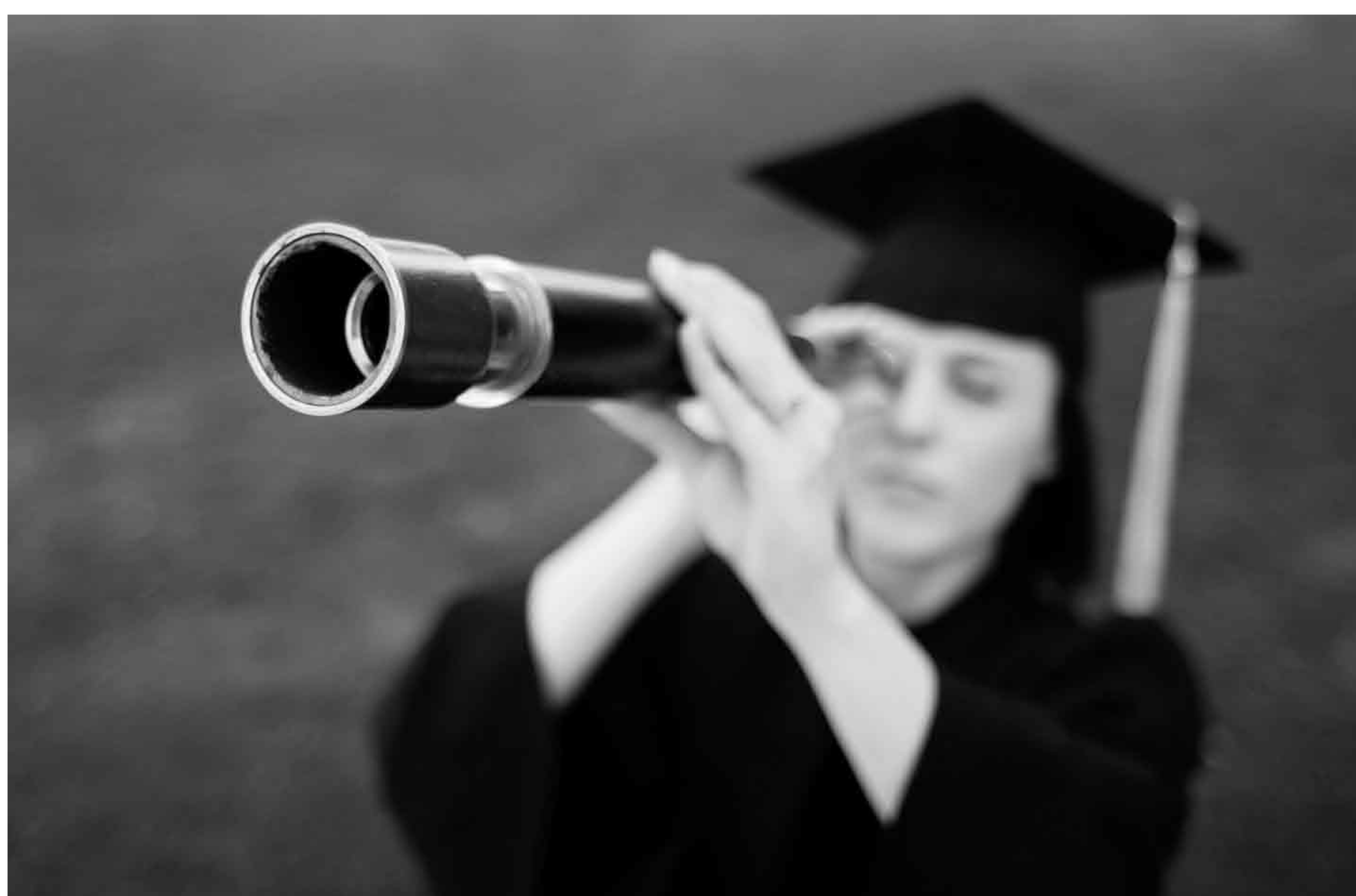


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## Big changes for Union Board

**By Christina Noonan**  
TECHNEWS WRITER

During last week's general body meeting, Union Board revealed many changes for this semester. One of the biggest modifications was the ending of their weekly meetings and commencement of what they are calling "Pure Awesomeness" which will be happening every Monday around 1 p.m. on the bridge.

What does this entail? You'll have to go and see for yourself—every week will be different! Given that UB is infamous for fun events and free swag, stopping by for a few minutes each week will surely land you with some free stuff and a good time.

For those traditionalists who will miss the old meetings, never fear; Union Board is still holding four major meetings to let you know what is going on throughout the semester on January 31, February 28, March 27, and April 24. There will be free food provided at all of these meetings as well!

Another big change is the Campus and Conference Center's decision to make services and goods more available for students. The word for the semester is free. There will be free bowling, ice skate rentals, shoe rentals,

etc. With the exception of food and 25-cent ping pong balls (which you keep, by the way), anything they would normally charge for is now free for students.

Not only will this encourage more students to get involved in fun pastimes around campus, it will also allow the Bog Committee members of Union Board to plan even bigger and better events for the semester. So, if you happen to be wandering by the CCC's offices, please stop in and say thank you to them for being so generous. With all these changes, there will be a lot more for you to do around campus!

However, if you want to do more than just enjoy the fun and get on board with making more of it happen, feel free to stop by their office. They are located in the Campus Life area in the MTCC, where you will find other staff and organizations dedicated to making your time here even more exciting. Beware however, the UB office is often full of crazy things like confetti, straw, pumpkins, giant "plinko" boards, free shirts, stacks of newspapers, remote controlled cars, cake, (too many) Apple products, and people dressed in giant hawk suits! Be prepared for awesomeness.

## FAFSA preparation tips

**By IIT Office of Financial Aid**

Happy New Year! Beginning a new year means it's time to begin a new FAFSA. Beginning January 1, 2012, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2012-13 academic year became available for completion. The Office of Financial Aid encourages all students interested in receiving federal aid to fill out the FAFSA early.

Some forms of federal and state aid are limited, so all students are encouraged to apply by March 1. Even if you or your parents' tax return is not completed for 2011, families can use an estimate of their 2011 income to complete the FAFSA. Corrections to the FAFSA can be made later once taxes are filed. Complete the FAFSA early to avoid stress when you are busy with classes this spring!

Please note that some families who have filed their taxes may also be eligible for the IRS data pull on the FAFSA. This allows eligible families to pull their tax information directly from the IRS to the FAFSA instead of manually entered each item. This tool will be available beginning February 1 from the IRS.

Just like in 2011-12, selected students must complete verification before their financial aid package is finalized for the upcoming year. Verification is a process that compares the FAFSA to tax information and is required for selected students; federal aid cannot be disbursed to the student's account until this process is complete.

For the upcoming academic year, the Office of Financial Aid will not finalize the award of federal aid to selected students until verification is complete. This means you will not have a finalized financial aid package until the requested documentation is submitted and reviewed by the financial aid office.

Students are encouraged to work with their parents to fulfill requirements for this process and be in touch with the financial aid office so you can be provided with your financial aid award as quickly and smoothly as possible. The Office of Financial Aid's goal is to avoid changes to students' financial aid packages once classes have started in fall 2012.

As always, please feel free to contact the office with any questions at 312.567.7219 or [finaid@iit.edu](mailto:finaid@iit.edu).

# The Bog expands recreational services, increases hours

By **Chris de Kok**

STUDENT EVENTS & BOG COORDINATOR

The Campus and Conference Centers department has decided to expand the number of free recreational services offered at the university.

Rentals and access to various recreational activities that had once required

payment are now free. While free recreation had already included items such as table tennis, disc golf, and sets for the game of Bags, ice skate rentals and billiards games are now free in the MTCC.

This also means that all Bog recreation, which includes bowling, billiards, table tennis, darts, and video games, will be completely free as well.

This news comes on the heels of

another major announcement. After a great deal of feedback from commuter students regarding their current lounge, the commuter lounge will be moved to the Bog.

As of February 9, the space will be open from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 11 a.m. – 1 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. This will accommodate commuters as well as students heading to the Bog to take advantage of its various recreational facilities

during the evenings. Though bowling will not be available to students during the daytime hours, they will be able to take advantage of the billiards tables, table tennis, and video games.

In addition to this, Union Board's Bog Committee has purchased equipment for Cosmic Bowling in the Bog. There are plans to have Cosmic Bowling nights at least once every month this semester. Exact dates will be available to students soon.



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**Tech**[nology]**News** :

# Network infrastructure changes improve cellular service @ IIT

**By Ryan Kamphuis**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

AT&T recently announced the deployment of two new cell towers in the South Loop to expand mobile broadband coverage across the area, including the IIT campus. The new cell towers, which were announced on January 18, are based on the 3rd Generation Partnership Project of wireless technologies which include GSM and UMTS - the most widely used cell network technologies in the world. By utilizing GSM technology as opposed

to Verizon and Sprint's CDMA technology, these cell towers are able to deliver the fastest 3G speeds available and allow cell phone users to utilize simultaneous voice and data capabilities. These towers represent AT&T's continuing investment in local wireless networks and the Chicagoland area.

With every week the world is getting increasingly wireless, and these network infrastructure improvements will allow IIT students and Chicago residents to continue to thrive in this world. These improvements

to AT&T's mobile broadband network further boost AT&T's footprint in the South Loop, which is quite large due to the recent activation of AT&T's 4G LTE network. This LTE network represents the most advanced in cell technologies, and delivers speeds up to 10x faster than existing 3G networks.

Chicago represents one of the most competitive markets for cell phone companies, and these enhancements step up AT&T's game in this area. With Verizon's 4G LTE network already completely deployed in the area,

T-Mobile's HSPA+ enhancements coming online, and Sprint's WiMax being available for years, these enhancements bring AT&T to the top of the pack and ensures that consumers are getting the best possible service.

*This is the first article in TechNews' new Tech(nology)News series. Every week we will strive to bring you reviews of the newest gadgets and devices, news on the newest developments in science and technology, and info on the tech world as a whole. If you're interested in contributing, please contact editor@technewsit.com.*

# Cold War period piece paints picture of espionage

**By Kyle Panoram**  
TECHNEWS WRITER

I recently went to see Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy, since I've had this movie on my "Most-Anticipated" List for quite some time. I loved the movie.

Though it was a little slow in the build-up, it nonetheless brought the viewer back to the main plot and pulled you in. I give major commendation on Gary Oldman's performance as well as the auxiliary performances of a few other notable stars; notably Colin Firth, Ciaran Hinds, John Hurt, Tom Hardy, and Mark Strong.

To give a brief synopsis of the plot, it is the 1970s at the height of the Cold War. Britain's top intelligence agency MI6, sees the retirement of two top spymasters; Control (John Hurt), and Smiley (Gary Oldman). At the same time however, MI6 has been infiltrated by an unknown Soviet Agent, and when one of their top agents (Mark Strong) is killed on

assignment, the suspicions rise.

Smiley is eventually called in to investigate Control's claim of a double agent within British intelligence due to Smiley's separation with the current internal politics, causing him to use some of MI6's own agents, as well as his wit and intuition, to ascertain the who the spy is before it's too late.

Overall, I found the individual performances of the actors contributed greatly to the suspicion and suspense of the movie. Plus the context of the West vs. Communism, the cutthroat business that is international espionage, and the backdrop of the 1970s definitely played well to the movie's plotline and characters. In short, an excellent spy thriller that I highly recommend if you enjoy spy games and international espionage. Overall I'd give this movie 4.5 out of 5 due to a slow start-up, which is greatly outdone by the twists and turns of the movie, leaving you contemplating the identity of the double agent until the last minute.



Image courtesy of trailer-teaser.com

## 'Simple Song' complicates Shins' new album



Image courtesy of friendswithbotharms.com

**By Ryan Hynes**  
A&E EDITOR

After a five year hiatus, indie rock supergroup The Shins is back in action. The boys from Albuquerque were originally received with both critical and commercial success, with their last album "Wincing the Night Away", placing in both the US and UK charts. After the 2007 release, frontman James Mercer left the group to pursue several side projects, including the popular group Broken Bells.

The Shins new album, "Port of Morrow", is set to drop in March, and to give anxious fans a teaser, they released

the single "Simple Song" off the album. If first impressions are anything to go by, this should be another great addition to the Shins anthology.

"Simple Song" is anything but, starting with a chunky riff that builds to a great, feel good hook. James Mercer's vocals add another dimension of complexity, as he breaks from his typical, often monotonous style and explores the fringes of his range. Another pleasant surprise is the addition of more dominant percussion, courtesy of Joe Plummer, of Modest Mouse fame.

"Port of Morrow" has perhaps been too long in the making, but "Simple Song" promises that it will have been well worth the wait.

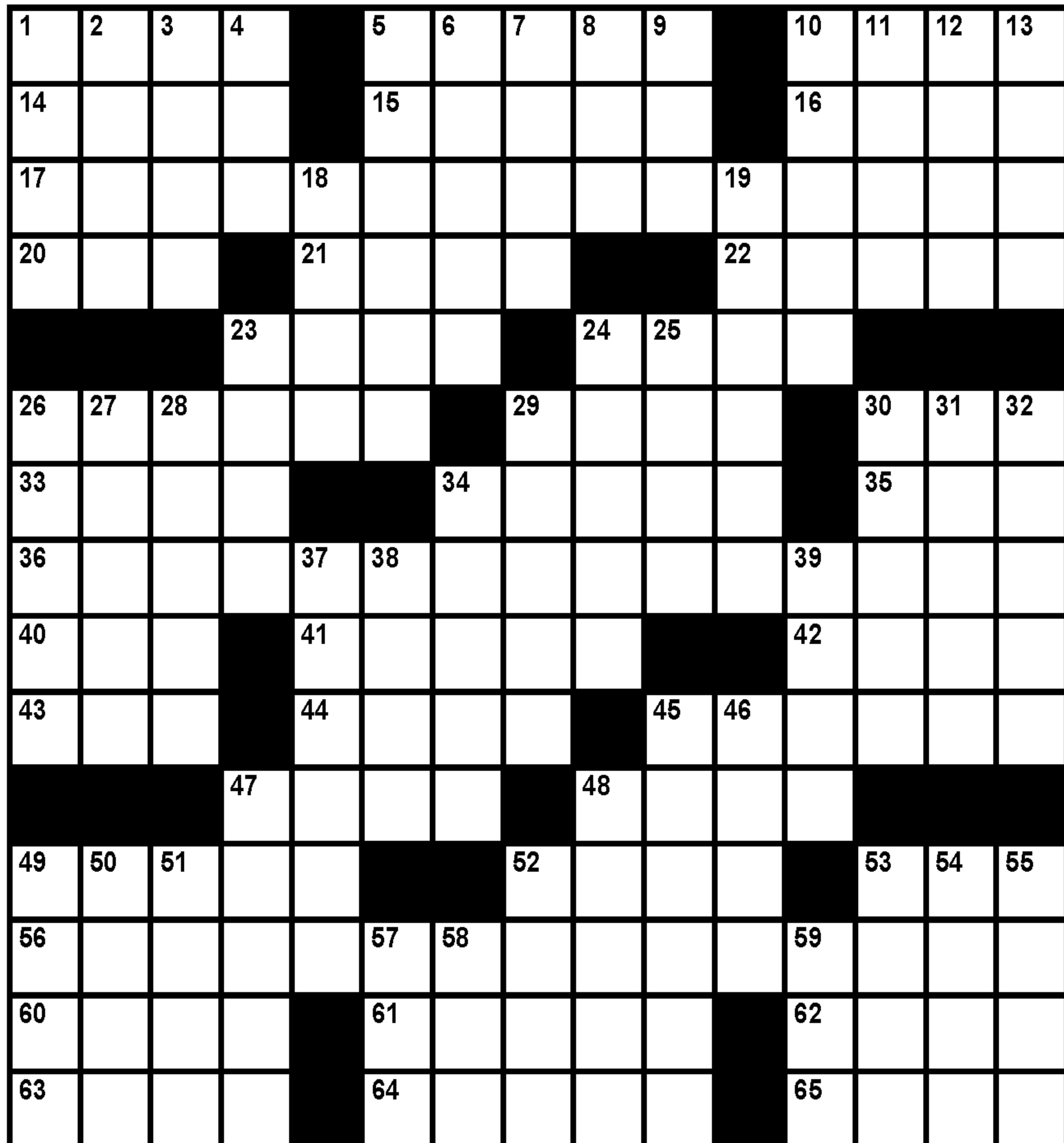
## What's on Hannah Larson's playlist?



What's on *your* playlist?  
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# Escaped Cons

By Myles Mellor & Sally York

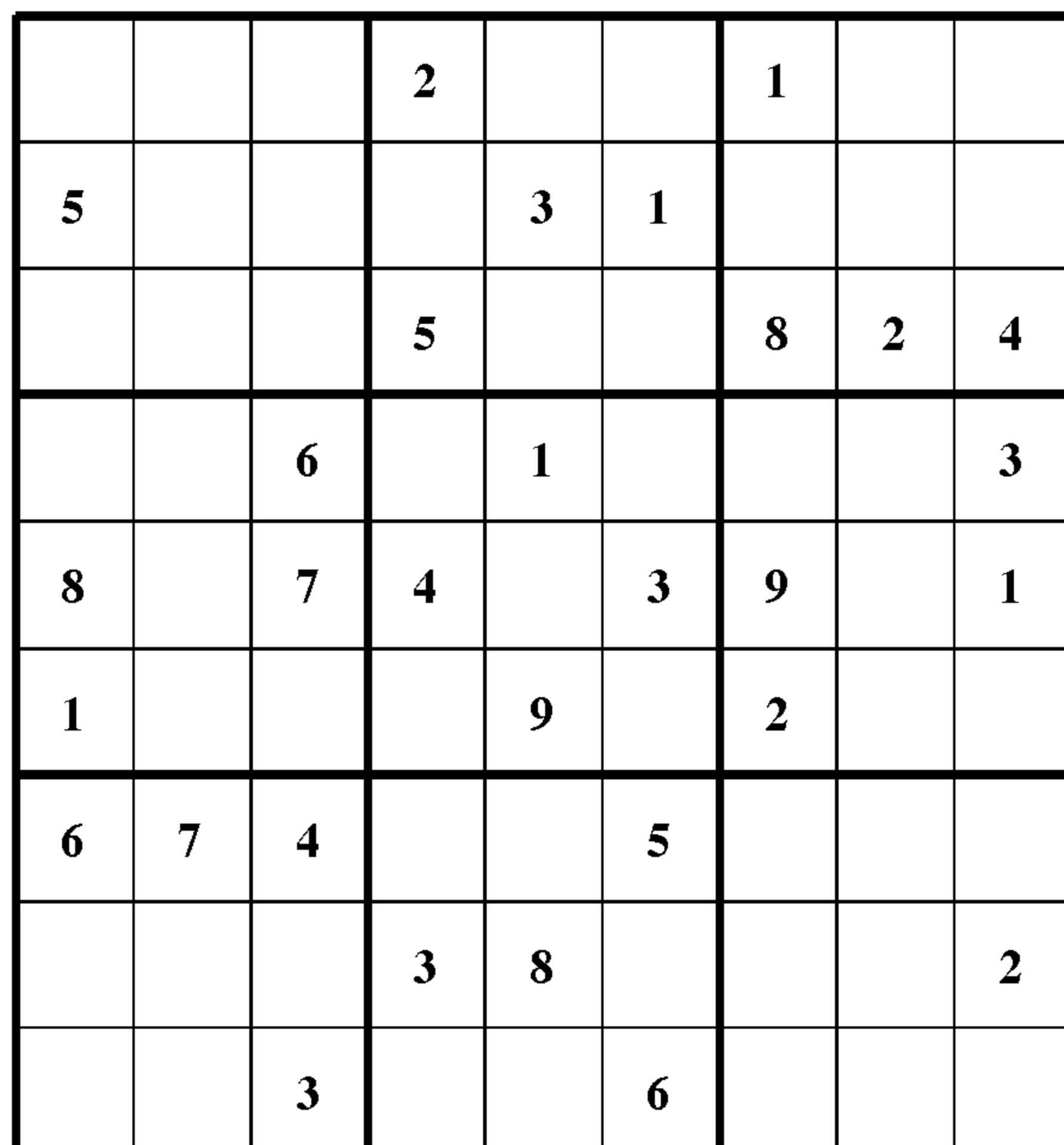


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- Demagogue, for short
- Plays mind games
- Exigencies
- Aces, sometimes
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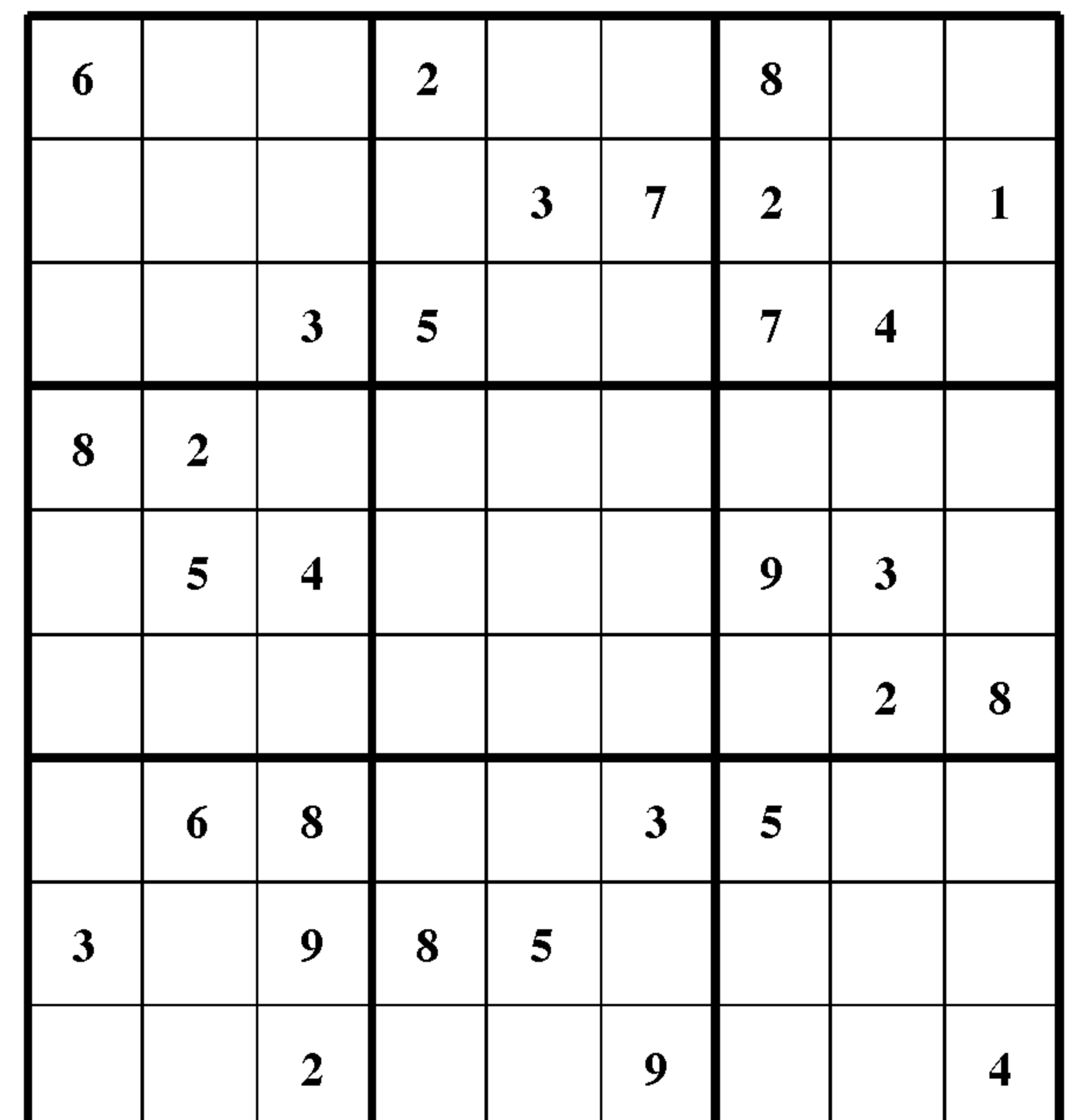
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- Bone-dry
- Cravings
- Bee, to Opie
- Flip
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- "\_\_\_ Lunch"
- Auricular
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- Greek letter
- \_\_\_ de deux
- Con escapes from resort peninsula?
- Drone, e.g.
- Tyrone \_\_\_, American boxer
- American record label
- Snoop Dogg song
- Sock fabric
- Kid brother, e.g.
- Safely distant
- Deep valley
- "The Hippopotamus" poet
- Marriage announcement
- English race place
- \_\_\_ draft
- Student getting one-on-one help
- Kin
- Dig
- Powerful cartel
- Romantic interlude (var.)
- Shiny fabric
- Attack with nails
- Dickey
- Bananas
- Dole's running mate, 1996
- Shag rugs
- Bribes
- Murti
- Corn \_\_\_
- Song and dance, e.g.
- "Laugh-In" segment
- \_\_\_ system (re: blood)
- Neither's partner
- Western Pacific island



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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."

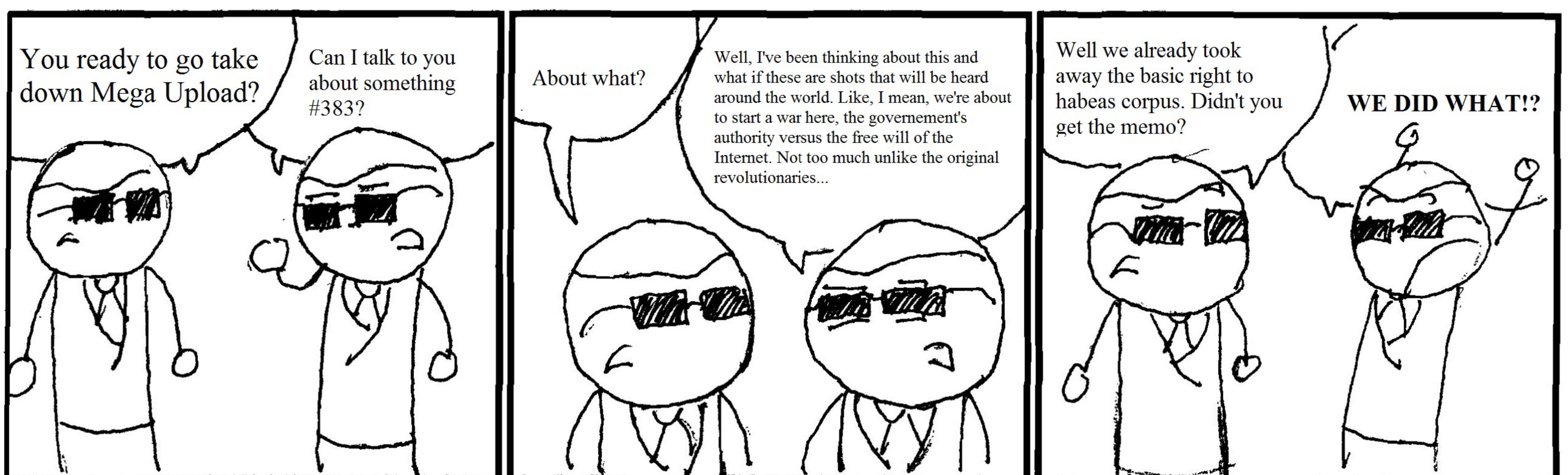
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# The First Day of the Rest of My Life

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ART EDITOR



# Introducing new intramurals director, Mike Vander Heyden

**By Jennifer Agosto**  
TECHNEWS WRITER

IIT welcomes Mike Vander Heyden as the new Director for Intramurals and Recreation. In his first year here Vander Heyden has focused on bringing back many of the classes students have enjoyed in past years, along with

new classes and tournaments based on what students have said they wish to see brought to Keating.

Prior to coming to IIT, Vender Heyden spent 4 years at Roosevelt University where he was the Coordinator of Recreation and Wellness. He managed the student center and all recreational programming including intramural sports, club sports, fitness classes and wellness programs.

Prior to his time at Roosevelt, Vander Heyden was a Graduate Assistant for Intramural Sports and Athletic Facilities at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

At Rose-Hulman, he ran a vast intramural sports program that averaged over 1100 student/faculty/staff participants.

During his time at Rose-Hulman, Vander Heyden earned a Master's Degree in Recreation and Sport Management from In-

diana State University, both located in Terre Haute, IN.

The Indiana native was an undergraduate student at Ball State University where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Sports Administration with a minor in management. In his words, "not too many people can say they enjoy what they do for a living, but I can say that I truly do."

# Swimming and diving shine at UofC Invitational

**By Melanie Koto**  
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The Scarlet Hawks swimming and diving teams wasted no time getting the new semester started in terms of competition. Both the men's and women's teams have competed twice this semester, most recently at the University of Chicago Invitational. The meet consisted of three sessions spread out over two days, making for an exhausting, yet worthwhile, weekend for the teams.

The men's team finished 5th of 10 teams over the weekend, while the women's team took 8th of 11, with excellent performances across the board for both teams.

The women's 200 yard freestyle relay team finished 9th overall with a season best of 1:49.49 (seniors Melanie Koto, Andrea Zuniga, Morgan Curran and sophomore Abigail Maze), while the men's teams took 5th with a 1:29.18 (junior Eric Grunden, senior Dylan Maus, sophomore Michael Bodzay and senior

Max Ramming) and 12th (1:37.60, freshman Igor Gryniv, seniors Michael Lutendorf, Ryan Tapak and freshman Dan Sommerfeld). In the 500 yard freestyle, Maze finished 17th with a 5:56.02, while sophomore Felipe Bergh finished 6th for the men's team (5:05.04) and Tapak finished 12th (5:31.70). Junior Aimee Dewante took 11th overall for the women's team in the 200 yard IM, while Grunden nabbed 2nd for the men's team (2:00.32) and Bodzay finished 8th (2:05.07). Sommerfeld and Gryniv finished 17th and 18th, with final times of 2:18.06 and 2:25.99 respectively.

In the women's 50 yard freestyle, Koto placed 14th with a 25.86, and Ramming impressed with a 1st place finish for the men's team (21.35). Sophomore Yoni Pruzansky took 9th overall in the event with a 22.41 and junior Matthew Rosenfeld placed 16th (23.06). In the 400 yard medley relay the women's team of Zuniga, Curran, Dewante and Koto finished 10th (4:27.72), while the men's team of Rosenfeld, Grunden, Bodzay and Ramming took 4th (3:37.64) and the team of Bergh, freshman Billy Bafa, Gryniv and senior Tomasz Chojnacki finished 11th

(3:56.25). In the men's 1 meter diving, junior Ian McNair finished 5th with a final score of 427.70, senior Jeff Reilly finished 11th with a 304.85, and freshman Dane Christianson finished 14th with a score of 239.00.

In the 400 yard IM, Curran finished 14th with a final time of 5:13.38, while Bergh placed 9th for the men's team with a 4:31.71. Bodzay took 5th in the men's 100 yard butterfly with a 54.07, and in the women's 200 yard freestyle, Koto placed 11th (2:05.14) while Chojnacki finished 14th for the men's team (1:54.69).

In the 100 yard breaststroke, senior Julia Duarte placed 10th for the women's team with a 1:11.96, while on the men's side Ramming and Grunden raced to the finish, placing 2nd and 3rd (1:00.23 and 1:00.24 respectively). Bafa finished 8th in the event (1:04.16), while freshmen Matt O'Rourke and Sommerfeld raced to a tie for 13th (1:07.33).

In the 100 yard backstroke, Zuniga finished 15th for the women's team (1:09.23) while Rosenfeld finished 8th for the men's team (56.06) and Bodzay finished 13th (57.10). The men's 800 yard freestyle relay team of Grunden, Bergh, Chojnacki and Bodzay finished 6th with

a 7:28.98 while the team of O'Rourke, Gryniv, Tapak and Bafa finished 11th (8:20.86). Tapak also finished 12th in the mile with a 20:03.63.

For the men's 3 meter diving the divers placed consistently, with McNair finishing 5th (459.30) and Reilly in 11th with a score of 254.90. In the 200 yard backstroke, Rosenfeld finished 13th with a 2:05.87, while Ramming finished 3rd in the men's 100 yard freestyle (47.37), Pruzansky finished 17th (50.73) and O'Rourke finished 18th (50.92).

Duarte finished 10th in the women's 200 yard breaststroke with a time of 2:39.06 while Curran took 17th (2:48.25), and Grunden placed 3rd in the men's event with a 2:14.54. Bergh took 10th overall, with a 2:21.82, Bafa 12th (2:25.24) and Sommerfeld 15th (2:28.14). In the women's 200 yard butterfly Dewante finished 7th with a 2:23.75.

The men's 400 yard freestyle relay saw finishes of 5th overall (3:19.32, Pruzansky, Maus, Chojnacki and Ramming) and 11th (3:29.12, Rosenfeld, Lutendorf, O'Rourke, and Sommerfeld).

# Indoor track and field starts off strong in second meet

**By Erin Vincent**  
TECHNEWS WRITER

Last Friday, Illinois Tech's Indoor Track and Field team competed in their second meet as a varsity sport.

The men's and women's teams traveled through the mounting blizzard to Lewis University, and did not come away empty handed. School records were set and many of the Scarlet Hawks set new personal records.

The most successful Lady Hawk was freshman Whitney Theisen, who set both school and personal records in the Triple Jump (9.69meters) and High Jump (1.56m), while placing 1st and tying for 2nd in those events respectively. In the 1000m event, the women found even more honors.

Freshman Abby Jahn won the race with a new school record of 3:04.75, followed in 3rd and 4th by fellow freshmen Courtney Rouse (3:12.22) and Anne Crotteau (3:29.18), who also ran an indoor personal best 5:55.18 mile.

Hailey Kunkel, also a freshman, ran a personal best in the 55m dash with a time of 8.36 seconds, and a solid 200m dash in 30.59 seconds. Sophomore Jordan Kelch placed 3rd in the 800m race, running an indoor college best of 2:30.45.

Senior Maddy Jensen and junior Kira Vincent competed in the 5k race, taking home 2nd and 4th place with a 19:35.89 and indoor personal best 20:14.79, respectively.

The Lady Hawks in the 200m dash were led by sophomore Veronica Hannink with a 29.89, followed closely by Hailey Kunkel (30.59) and Alex Songer (32.63).

Junior Natalie Mitrovic placed 4th overall in the shot put with a distance of 9.86 meters, accompanied by senior Emily Kraemer (8.35m), senior Emily Tilton

(7.92m), and junior Alex Songer (6.36m).

Emily Kraemer also jumped a personal record in the long jump with a distance of 3.42 meters, and ran the 400m dash in 71.13 seconds.

To wrap up the night for the ladies was the 4x400m relay of Abby Jahn, Courtney Rouse, Jordan Kelch, and Emily Kraemer, running a solid time of 4:37.55.

The men had an almost equally exciting night, sweeping the 1000m race with senior Phil Theisen in 2:41.11 and junior Ethan Montague with 2:43.70, both personal records, and junior Kenny Murphy taking 3rd in 2:47.76.

Junior Zach Gates took 3rd in the mile with a time of 4:37.64, followed by Phil Theisen (4:43.05), Kenny Murphy (4:57.05), and senior Peter Lau with a personal record of 5:22.48. Sophomore Phil Cano placed 5th in the 400m dash with a time of 54.4 seconds, and junior Brian Lyles and freshman Kraig Van Wieringen competed in the 800m run, with times of 2:13.88 and 2:15.18 respectively.

In the distance events, the 3k race saw Zach Gates (9:33.52) and sophomore John Pasowicz (11:06.12) competing well, and junior Felipe Prada ran the Hawks' first official indoor 5k with a time of 19:41.10 placing 5th.

Junior Izidor Radzik competed in the long jump (4.72m) and the shot put with a distance of 7.80 meters. The men's night was rounded out with the indoor school record 4x400m relay in a 3rd place time of 3:44.93, run by Phil Theisen, Brian Lyles, Kraig Van Wieringen, and Phil Cano. With a good portion of the men's team either injured or on the mend, a solid effort was put forth by those competing Friday night.

The Scarlet Hawks' next Indoor Track and Field meet is this Saturday at the University of Chicago's annual Chicago Duals, set to begin at 11:30 pm in the Henry Crown Field House.

## Athlete Spotlight : Matthew Rosenfeld



Name: Matthew Rosenfeld

Year: 3rd Year/Junior

Major: Aerospace Engineering

Sport: Men's Varsity Swimming

Event(s): 100/200 Backstroke, 200/400 Medley Relay

Favorite thing about your sport:

The honest, black-and-white competition between a swimmer's own flaws and his/her desire to overcome them. When you

get the opportunity to see a swimmer successfully overcome, the feeling is very uplifting. And my teammates are great people as well.

What you like best about the fans at your meets:

I would say all the cheers by the few close friends of the swimmers.

Best tip for anyone who wants to be great at your sport:

Do not lie to yourself. Always push yourself to leave nothing in the water.

# events calendar



## Tuesday, January 24

**Union Board: Pure Awesomeness**

1:00 pm @ MTCC Bridge

**Scarlet Fever Meeting**

9:30 pm @ UB Office, MTCC Room 221

## Wednesday, January 25

**iMPACT Events Meeting**

1:00 pm @ UB Office, MTCC Room 221

## Thursday, January 26

**Ping Pong Tournament**

Round 2 at the BOG

**Caribbean Back to School Fete (Party)**

8:00 - 11:00 pm @ the BOG

## Friday, January 27

**Quiz Bowl Practice**

Email IMPACT VPs for more info

**Weekly Open Play (Pool)**

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm @ the BOG

**Euro Night**

BOG

**ASB Bowling Tournament**

BOG



## Saturday, January 28

**IIT vs. Columbia**

2:00 pm @ Keating



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