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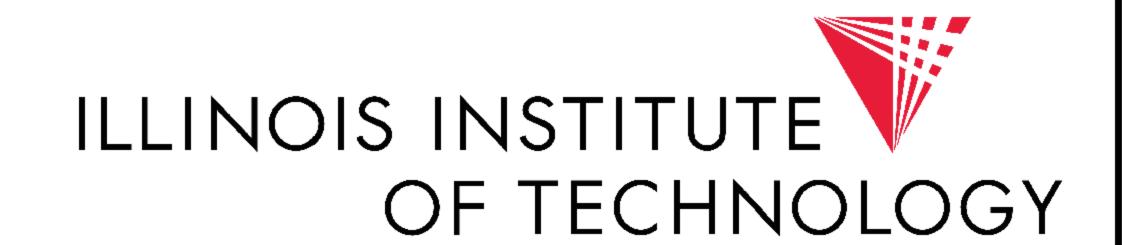
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## GLAM IIT presents Pride Week

By Hannah Larson

ASSISTANT EDITOR

You might think this story belongs in TechNews' Campus section. But it doesn't.

As some of you may know, this week kicks off GLAM's (Gays, Lesbians, Allies, and More!) Annual Pride Week.

The (obligatory) schedule of events

is as follows: **Tuesday, April 17**Free Tie Dye
Morton Park
12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

"The Bro Code" Screening with Feminists

United

Life Sciences Auditorium 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

With free food!
Wednesday, April 18

Transgender Speaker: Ian Harvie MTCC Welcome Center 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

With free food!

Thursday, April 19

Let's Talk About Sex, Baby
Perlstein Hall 109

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
With free food!

Friday, April 20

Day of Silence Activities

Free rainbow cake & snacks in OCL

12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

"The Laramie Project" Screening

Wishnick Auditorium 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

GLAM is very excited to bring this to campus again, though I have become a little

disheartened by the amount of people who have declined my invitation to this event on Facebook, I try not to take it personally, but GLAM works hard on Pride Week, and it's sad to see students not want to participate in something so inclusive. It also seems as though this event has become less and less prominent on campus. So I'm trying to change that with an "open letter" of sorts.

Today's events will be fun, I don't know how else to explain it. It's been a tradition to do tiedye at the beginning of Pride Week, and then proudly display our colors on Day of Silence on that Friday.

Tonight's event is a joint sponsorship between GLAM and Feminists United, a screening of "The Bro Code." A documentary that "takes aim at the forces in male culture that condition boys and men to dehumanize and disrespect women," according to information that is available on Media Education Foundation's website. Please keep in mind these are the filmmaker's words, not mine. But if you're interested in dispelling this rumor, or curious about exactly what this documentary is about, stop on by tomorrow. Though this is not specifically related to the LGBTQ community, but it's a great way to show two groups coming together, with a common cause (as cheesy at that sounds) to co-sponsor an event.

The keynote event of the week is a speaking engagement on Wes infused with comedy by Ian Harvie. Harvie identifies as a

# GIAMIII' PRIDE WEEK 2012

MONDAY 4/16 FREE TIE-DYE MORTON PARK 12PM - 2PM

TUESDAY 4/17
THE BRO CODE MOVIE SCREENING
WITH FEMINISTS UNITED
LIFE SCIENCES AUDITORIUM
7PM - 9PM

WEDNESDAY 4/18
TRANSGENDER SPEAKER: IAN HARVIE
MTCC WELCOME CENTER
7:30PM - 9:30PM

THURSDAY 4/19
LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX BABY
PERLSTEIN HALL 109
7:30PM - 9PM

FRIDAY 4/20
DAY OF SILENCE
11AM - 5PM

FREE RAINBOW CAKE & SNACKS IN OCL
THE LARAMIE PROJECT MOVIE SCREENING
WISHNICK AUDITORIUM 6:30PM - 9PM

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female-to-male (FTM) transgendered individual, and is the first and only FTM professional comedian in the world. He was worked with Margaret Cho, and has numerous comedic accolades, though it will be hard to compete with Dave Coulier, a.k.a Joey from "Full House" coming this Saturday. I'm so excited to bring this "edu-tainment" to campus to help bring awareness to the transgendered community on campus.

There is a lack of education on campus, though the actions are not as prominent, I feel it's a step in the right direction to bring more diversity to campus, as well as more education about the transgender community.

cation about the transgender community. I encourage all students who have a shred of support in their bodies to come to this fabulous event, plus we're having fancy food, what's better than free food? Last year, we had a similar event, and it was severely lacking in attendance from the IIT community. I'd love to have a full house for this event to show IIT's support.

Thursday's event is, "Let's Talk About Sex, Baby," a sex-education and masturbation

workshop to show off our sex positivity! These events are always popular, and of course, free food.

Friday, campus will be bursting with LGBTQ pride from GLAM, resident advisors, and Office of Campus Life (OCL). There will be stations all over campus handing out duct tape and information about Day of Silence, free rainbow cake (as per tradition) and other goodies in OCL at noon. In the evening, we all be sponsoring a showing of "The Laramie Project" a heart- wrenching true story of a hate crime against a gay teen at 6:30 p.m. in Wishnick Auditorium.

Aside from all from of these fantastic advertisements that you've read through, this is my call for everyone on campus to participate in these events, eat the free food we've generously provided, as well as promote pro-LGBTQ actions on campus. As far as LGBTQ-friendly, I feel we are an accepting campus, but we need to be louder with our support.

Apologies for the clichés, but what else am I supposed to say? It's okay to be gay!

## URJiit: the sleeping giant awakens

By Chris Roberts

COPY EDITOR & LAYOUT EDITOR

The Undergraduate Research Journal of Illinois Institute of Technology (URJiit) is releasing a preview of its premier issue this week. The preview will feature abstracts from research conducted by IIT undergrads over the past academic year. The full premier issue will be printed in the fall semester, allowing time for summer researchers to submit their work, and will contain full articles and information about undergraduate research at IIT.

This marks the first official printed publication from URJiit, and I, for one, would like to stress the following: "It's about time!"

URJiit is a student-run organization that was born at the conclusion of an IPRO from 2010.

Things were looking up at the end of the IPRO; then URJiit went idle. Most people involved became busy with other things, some graduated, and a few simply lost interest.

Eventually, there were less than a handful of students keeping the organization alive.

That was the tallest hurdle in creating the publication: maintaining the necessary support and enthusiasm. Since none of us wanted the journal to be a simple, home-made pamphlet, we waited until we had the numbers to produce a proper publication. Over the course of this academic year, URJiit has managed to attract enough support to get it back on its feet and moving forward.

Now comes the hard sell: no matter how excited and involved any group of students are, eventually, they will have to graduate and move on, creating a vacuum. In many cases, this vacuum swallows organizations just as they were shining; ask anybody from the SGA Senate who has to re-approve dormant student organizations.

URJiit needs students to help keep up the momentum that has been gained. Every facet of the organization could use more hands: editing, design, peer review, and administrative.

More importantly, it needs people so that it will no longer rely on a handful of brave souls to keep it alive.

Speaking of which, I would like to personally thank Ciaran Shaughnessy, Nicole Valio, fellow journalism major Mike Purdy (The few, the proud, the Humanities), and everyone else who helped to shape URJiit from an idea into a glorious, copy edited, semigloss reality. Let's keep it up, folks!