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Campus prepares for homecoming

By Ryan Kamphuis
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

An IIT tradition dating back to the early years of the university, homecoming is a week in September where IIT alumni come back to their alma mater for a week of festivities and celebrations. In the past, homecoming had always been an understated event, but through the hard work of IIT's Union Board and Alumni Association, the week of homecoming has become one looked forward to by many students, and one of the high points of the academic year.

Taking place September 16 to September 22, this year's homecoming is already beginning to come together. Planned as a celebration of the 1960s, the theme of the week is going to be 'Across the Universe.' Many of the events taking place throughout the week will follow this theme and hearken back to the 1960s. While in past years homecoming festivities had mainly limited themselves to Morton

Park in front of Vandercook, this homecoming will have events all over campus.

The main event that many students look forward to is the traditional homecoming carnival. As always, Morton Park will be filled with inflatables, food, and other games the night of the carnival. In addition to these things, there will also be a few 1960s cover bands performing at the carnival, and many costumed interpreters. Another popular event during homecoming is the homecoming dance. While in the past the dance had been held in Morton Park, this year the dance will be in Hermann Hall.

The dance will also see the crowning of the king and queen of IIT, and the announcement of the winner of a campus-wide game of assassin which will be beginning in September. Other traditional events that will take place during the week of homecoming include the golf cart parade to guide students from the carnival to the soccer field for the homecoming game, spirit events throughout

the week, and the returning of IIT alumni to campus to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation. One of the exciting new events that will be going on during the week of homecoming is a Headphone Disco Party in the BOG.

Homecoming is one of the biggest events of the IIT year, and many people are involved in ensuring its success - Union Board is working with both the Office of Campus Life and the Alumni Association to plan out and execute this year's homecoming. Within UB, Katie Peters, Brittany Crawford-Purcell, and Kaylynn Barker are working with the Homecoming Committee and the UB iMPACT VPs Fernando Mier and Sharbacha Edwards to make homecoming happen.

As homecoming gets closer, more details will begin to emerge as to when and where these events will be happening. For the most up to date information on homecoming, and many other campus activities, one can check out ub.iit.edu.

Greek life offers positive experiences

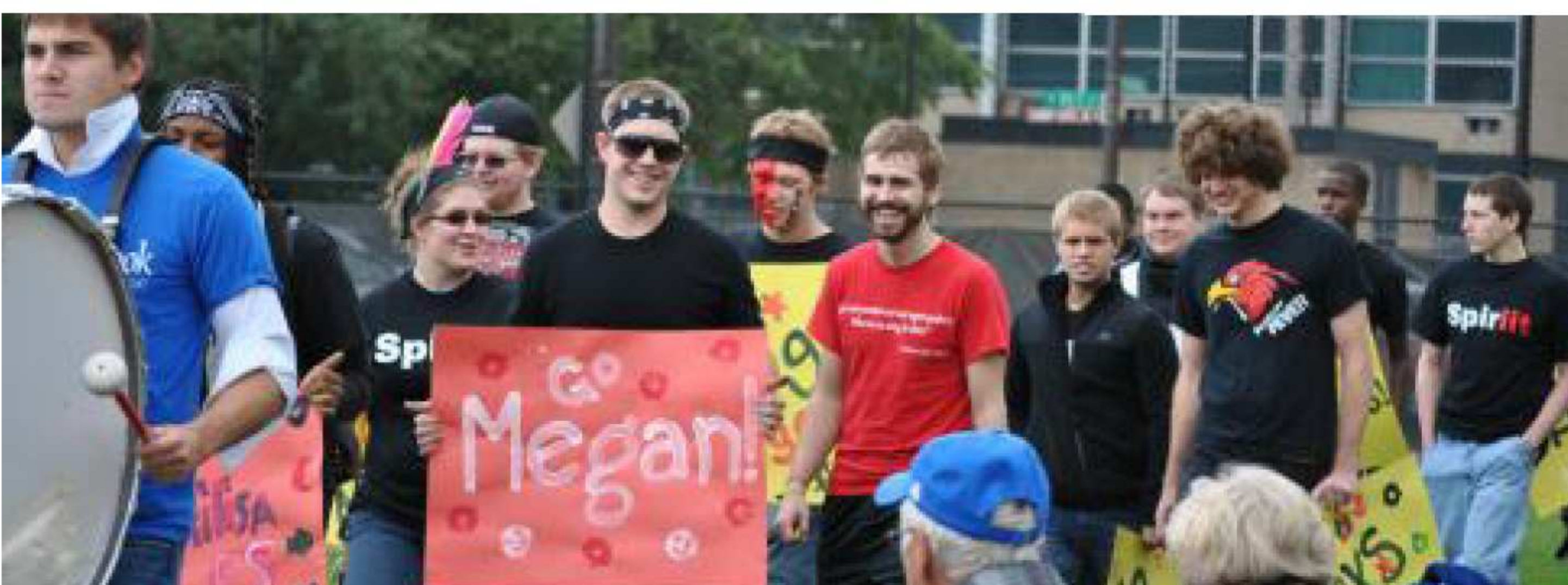
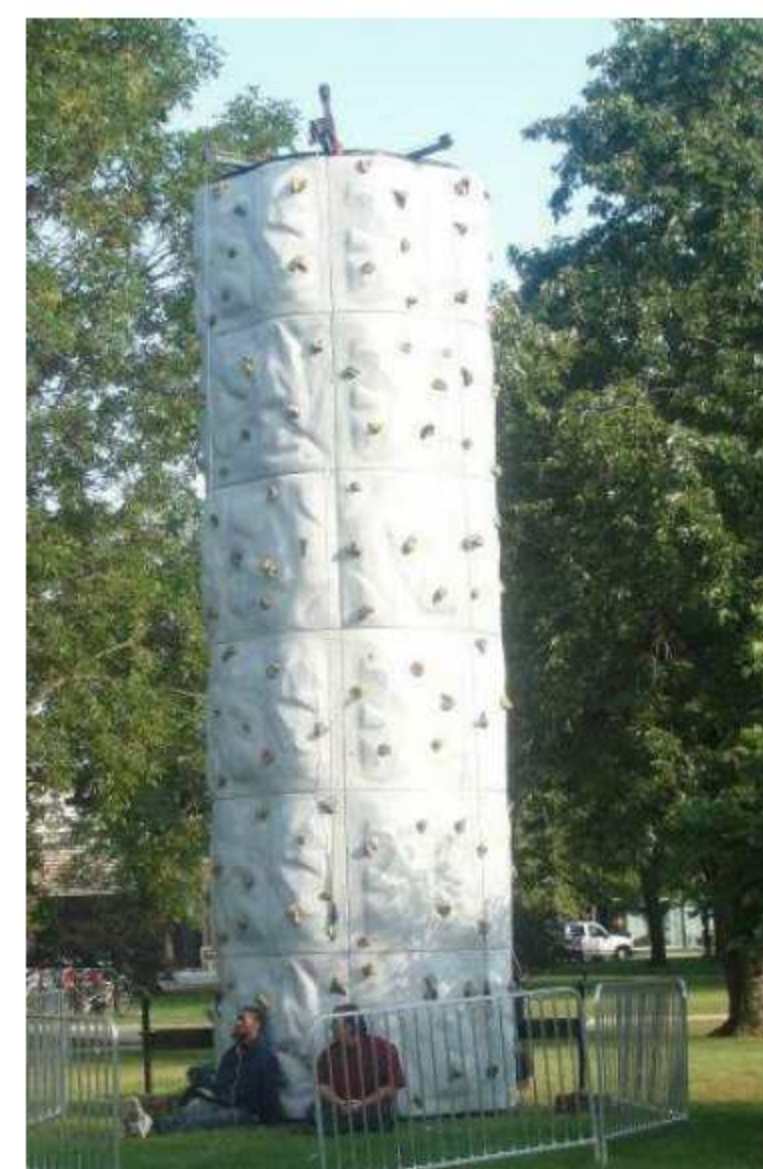
By Jeff Bednarz & Miriam Schmidt
GREEK COUNCIL PRESIDENT
& GREEK COUNCIL VP OF COMMUNITY

Coming to college, I knew exactly what I wanted; get good grades, meet other students, get involved in organizations that look good on my resume, and get the best job possible when I graduated. Joining a Greek organization wasn't at the bottom of my list of things to do - it wasn't on the list at all. Does this sound familiar? Despite these plans, within two weeks of being at IIT, I had joined the Greek community. At the time, I could never have imagined that Greek Life would be a significant part of my life at IIT. What could change my mind in regards to Greek Life in only two short weeks? Meeting members of the Greek community who were involved as Orientation Leaders, Resident Advisors, volunteers for move-in, and leading organizations across campus made me realize that Greek Life could offer me a way to fulfill many of my college goals and beyond.

Going Greek at IIT is rarely what people expect when they think of fraternities and sororities. We are nothing like the "Animal House" stereotype that Greek Life often has. We focus our attention on scholarship, brother/sisterhood, and philanthropy. We provide opportunities for our members to perform community service, work together on academic work, and build bonds that will last lifetimes. If these are things you are interested in, then it would not be a bad idea to check out Greek Life.

If you talk to Greeks at IIT, the majority of them will say that the best decision they have made in college was to go Greek. Often times you'll hear that our members didn't plan to go Greek, but for one reason or another they did and haven't looked back since. We encourage all students to come around the Quad and see what we are all about. We understand that Greek Life isn't for everyone, but we do have a wide range of things to offer people. We are always looking for new members who we can help improve in all areas of their life. All Greeks have had a different experience with Greek Life, but in the end it has affected all of their lives in a positive way. So don't be shy and stop by.

Want to know more about Greek life @ IIT? Turn to Page 3.



ACROSS THE UNIVERSE

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Letter from the Editor: Welcome to IIT!

Hello and, on behalf of the staff of TechNews, welcome to IIT!

Illinois Tech is a unique place. Because we're a small school in the middle of the big city, the environment that our school provides to its students is unlike any other. Our student body is just as unique as our campus, which provides many opportunities for IIT students to learn about other cultures and enjoy the traditions of those cultures. IIT is such a wonderfully unique place, and any student who chooses to get out and experience it is guaranteed to have some of the best years of their life.

That's what this issue of TechNews is all about. TechNews, the student newspaper of the Illinois Institute of Technology since 1928, typically only prints issues during the academic year. But this year, for the first time in a very long time, TechNews is printing a

summer issue. This summer issue is here to be your one stop shop on life at Illinois Tech and in the city of Chicago. We've got all the information you need to know on campus life, from how to move into your dorm to how to survive the first week of school to what to expect during Greek recruitment to what athletics at IIT has to offer, and much more. We also have information that will help you know what to see and do in Chicago, and how to see it all!

This issue isn't just for incoming students. We've worked hard on making sure that the info in this issue will help those returning for another year here at IIT. There are many things changing both at IIT and in Chicago in the coming months, and this issue is going to keep you up to date on these changes.

This semester isn't just exciting for IIT, it's also exciting for TechNews. After months of development, the TechNews mo-

bile applications are almost ready, and will be rolled out this semester. You will be able to read TechNews and stay up to date on campus happenings on your iPad, smartphone, or tablet. We're not only excited to roll out these apps - we're really excited to see the new writers and staff members we get this semester who will help make TechNews awesome!

So, on behalf of myself and TechNews, I'd like to welcome you all to IIT. I hope your semesters go well, and I hope you all have the time of your lives this semester! See you on campus!

Sincerely,
Ryan Kamphuis, Editor-in-Chief of TechNews

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Presidential race turning into reality show

By Hannah Larson
ASSISTANT EDITOR

You've heard all of the nasty comments, seen the embarrassing YouTube clips, as well as SNL's parodies, and I'm not talking about the latest season of Jersey Shore.

The political climate in this country has risen as each of the prospective candidate's campaign time has gotten shorter. For the record, it's only 117 days (from TechNews' publication date) until the 2012 Presidential Election. That means only 117 days for Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama to raise money for their presidential campaigns.

Let's go over each candidate's credentials and their stances on crucial political issues, shall we?

Romney's resumé contains very few political ambitions. In 1994 he ran for Massachusetts' vacant U.S. Senate seat against incumbent, and political royalty, late Senator Ted Kennedy. He lost the election, even though it was nothing short of a terrible turnout for the Democratic party in that state. His one and only political success was becoming the governor of Massachusetts in 2003, until his term ended in 2007. During his tenure, Romney presided over a series of budget cuts, that eradicated a 1.5 billion dollar deficit, as well as created a state-wide healthcare plan. Romney then ran in the 2008 Presidential election Republican primaries, losing to Senator John McCain (R-AZ). During his multiple campaigns, Romney has cited his experience in Bain Capital, a private equity firm co-founded by Romney, as proper financial experience to run the country. Note the word private.

President Obama, served as an Illinois State Senator from 1997 to 2004, and a U.S. Senator from 2005, until his 2008 election to the presidency. Highlights from President Obama's term has had several notable events. In the honeymoon period, Obama officially closed Guantanamo Bay detention camp, changed several key procedures in the Freedom of Information Act, and reversed President George W. Bush's ban on federal funding for abortions. His foreign policies will probably be what Obama is noted for in history books.

In my humble opinion, this is a fight between a wannabe head of state (Romney) and a freshman senator that got a lucky break because of an awesome slogan (Obama).

Romney, obviously has experience as an effective chief executive, but not in national politics, while Obama has the legislation skills that makes him an even keeled head of state, and chief legislator.

I admire Romney for his utilization of universal healthcare in Massachusetts, but hate him for his social issues. I love Obama for his stance on several controversial subjects, but

detest him for his lazy implementation.

"Obamacare" should really be renamed "Romneycare" because they're nearly identical (see the accompanying political cartoon). I mean, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton advocated for this idea during her husband's tenure as president, even speaking in front of the United State Congress. This growing problem of whether to give everyone access to equal medical care, without the attached strings that come with insurance, is sad. I wholeheartedly believe that a universal healthcare plan, like those adopted in the U.K. and Canada, would be a welcome change to the "American" culture (I put American in quotes because Canadians are Americans too, deal with it.) But, before we adopt this, we need universal healthcare laws.

It's legal in 30 states to obtain an abortion. Assisted suicide is legal three states. Medical marijuana is legal in 17 states. This discrepancy in laws throughout the United States is detrimental to creating a universal healthcare program, that allows all American citizens equal access to medical care.

The United States Constitution explicitly states that any laws that aren't specified by the federal government, (i.e. everything I've mentioned above) can be decided upon by the state. This applies to a plethora of laws, and also depends based on how each majority party of the state interprets the federal law, and how they translate it into their own state constitution.

This applies to same sex unions, same sex marriage, and marriage in general. In every state, bigamy and polygamy is illegal, but Obama has said that a state's populous should decide their stance on which sexes may marry. Romney's gubernatorial state, Massa-

chusetts, approved same-sex marriage in 2004, during Romney's tenure. Note the word "marriage" and "unions" are different (according to some states, like Illinois), but unions between people of the same sex are considered *marriages* in Massachusetts. Obama has stated that he approves of same sex unions, and marriage. In my opinion, Romney is a hypocrite, while Obama is lazy.

Of course every president has his flaws (I say his, because this country will not be ready for a woman POTUS until the word "vagina" can be uttered on a state congressional floor without the representative being *banned* from speaking, see Representative Lisa Brown (D-West Bloomfield, MI)) but the fact that we live in 2012, and there's still so many people against these social issues, which are basic human rights.

Obama has been compared to Kennedy, and then Johnson, on fighting for civil rights for a group of people that has been ostracized and deserve their rights, but I doubt Obama will really push for any ground-breaking legislation in his potential second term. His focus will be the economy.

The next step in this tremendous campaign, is the candidate that Romney will choose for his vice presidential candidate. We all know that McCain's final nail in his coffin, was choosing the ill-equipped Sarah Palin as his running mate. Many political analysts have predicted that Romney will choose a running-mate of Latino descent to close the race-gap. And there is still a question if Vice President Joe Biden will join Obama on his 2012 Presidential campaign.

But, like Andy Cohen of Bravo (the premiere channel of crazy stupid reality shows says), watch what happens.



Courtesy of blogs.ajc.com/mike-luckovich

On-campus living provides benefits, activities

By Utsav Gandhi
CAMPUS EDITOR

For most undergraduates, one of the most unforgettable components which make the college experience whole, is life in the residence halls.

Without it, four years of college really seem incomplete. The sheer convenience of living on campus is why even the lucky few whose families live close enough for them to commute are encouraged to look into on-campus housing as an option.

For those from areas further away, there's perhaps no easier way of settling into a life away from home than to share the experience with your classmates and colleagues. Halomarathons, midnight trips to McDonald's, and synchronized homework procrastination are just some of the appealing side effects of living on campus. And with such an incredibly diverse college community like Illinois Tech's, this invaluable experience is magnified multiple times. You meet people from countries you may not even be able to point out on a globe, with cultures and cuisines vastly different from your own.

These experiences build on your character, and make you grow in ways your parents may never have imagined. In the end, it's when you get that empty-stomach feeling on move out day when you truly look back and realize that every penny you paid for this experience was worth it.

At IIT, living in MSV and SSV are two completely different experiences, each with their own pros and cons. The dorm structure and large common areas of MSV encourages dialogue and conversation between its residents, especially on the individual floors. Host to some of the biggest pianos and one of the largest television screens on campus, the MSV lounge area is famous for hosting ice cream socials and FIFA tournaments, mostly organized by the Resident Advisors.

Close proximity to most academic buildings, the athletics center, and the cafeteria are major pluses. Resident's mailboxes are also in MSV, making getting mail convenient. The only sore points of MSV are the lack of

an elevator (which is a great way to beat that Freshman 15 weight gain!), smaller rooms, shared laundry rooms (Sunday nights are the worst times to do laundry. Keep that in mind and you will be fine!), and shared bathrooms (Which if you don't try to shower ten minutes before the 8:35 AM class like the rest of the world, you will be fine.). If you're looking for an open, welcoming, friendly and richly diverse dorm experience, MSV is highly recommended. Suggestions? Pack light and get/rent a microwave.

If comfort is your number one priority, look no further than SSV. With a kitchen and laundry room on each floor, elevators, bigger rooms, a rooftop terrace to die for, a convenient location next to Crown Hall, and a bathroom in each suite that is shared with fewer people, SSV has a reputation for being the fancy dorms on campus.

The SSV Resident Advisors have traditionally organized fantastic programs for their residents, which helps improve an environment which can be somewhat anti-social and much quieter than the hustle of MSV's floor lounges and common areas. If you live in SSV, though, don't let the "distance" from the athletics center be a deterrent to stop exercising in the cold winter months! SSV is close to the Green Line, so use that as an excuse to explore the city of Chicago. Also try to engage more with your floormates in the common kitchen areas, comfortable lounges, and by participating in the programs which the RAs organize.

Gunsaulus Hall may also be an option for some of the eligible upperclassmen at the university. Gunsaulus has many apartments which allow students to step up from dorm life while still experiencing the convenience of living on campus and having access to the services that Residence and Greek Life provides.

Combine that with the option of not having to purchase a meal plan, and it becomes clear why this hall is in high demand and fills up quickly. The views of Lake Michigan from the upper floors are worth waking up to every morning, and the combined package of independence with on-campus convenience makes Gunsaulus Hall an option definitely worth considering if one is eligible.

What to bring to campus housing

Clothing: Bathrobe Comfortable shoes Dress shoes Gloves Hat Light jacket Pajamas / long underwear Pants / jeans Running or athletic shoes Shirts Shorts Socks Swimsuit Underwear Winter Coat	Detergent Fabric softener / dryer sheets Laundry bag or basket Sewing kit Recreation: Bicycle & lock Bicycle helmet Books Your music collection Playing cards, and other games Music player Decoration: Posters White-board Dry erase markers Removable adhesive strips (Command, 3m etc.) Electronics & School Supplies: Alarm clock Batteries	Telephone TV DVD Player Scientific calculator Floor Lamp (these are not provided in SSV, GU or Carman Hall) Desk lamp Camera Hair dryer Computer or laptop Printer (and paper) Specialized software Surge Protector Thumb drive/USB Wireless card Coaxial Cable Small fan (Fowler, GU, Carman are not air conditioned) Iron (lounge use only) Personal Care: Can opener	Mugs and cups Napkins or paper towels Cups & plates Plastic utensils Snack foods Water bottle Personal toiletries Bath towel Sandals & shower shoes First aid kit Prescription medication Shower caddy (not provided in showers) Miscellaneous: Book ends Long distance phone card Umbrella Plunger (for use in suites and apartments) School supplies
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What NOT to bring to campus housing

These items are NOT allowed in McCormick Student Village, State Street Village, Gunsaulus Hall and Carman Hall: Alcohol (if you are under 21) Appliances with an exposed heating element Candles & incense Drum sets Hot plates	Illegal drugs Banned substances Microwaves (permitted in GU, SSV, CA apartments) Music Amplifiers Pets (except fish in a tank less than 5 gallons) Refrigerators over 3.0 cubic feet or 4.0 cubic feet if energy star rated) Multiple refrigerators in a room or	apartment Rice cookers (SSV apartments are equipped with microwaves; residents of Carman and Gunsaulus are permitted to bring microwaves) Space heaters Toaster or toaster ovens (permitted in GU, SSV, CA apartments) Waterbeds	Weapons Hookahs Explosives Fire Propellants Extension cords & outlet splitters <i>Please know that all campus housing is smoke-free. Smoking is prohibited in all campus housing. Alcohol (if you're under 21)</i>
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Courtesy of IIT Residence & Greek Life (@iit.edu/housing)

OCL presents Freshman 15 program, student organization fair changes

By Utsav Gandhi
CAMPUS EDITOR

They say that there will be one point in time in your life when you will remember whom you stayed up with to study for THAT Organic Chemistry exam rather than how much you scored on it.

To avoid the Monday to Friday routine of classroom rigor and to enhance the IIT social experience, the Office of Campus Life plays a pivotal role in creating a collaborative campus community via facilitation of programming events and mentoring student organizations.

Their unique first year experience program is about to add a very special component starting fall 2012: the Freshman

15 program. Aimed at increasing social participation among incoming students in the definitive must-do activities at IIT, the program will collaborate actively with student organizations, departments, offices, and even specialized target audiences like international students to help freshman make the most of their first year.

The Office of Campus Life will release a list of fifteen carefully chosen activities in both the fall and spring semesters to help freshman navigate their way through the bombardment of Facebook invites and e-mail blasts from mailing lists.

This defining list of social, sporting, service, and academic events is what makes IIT a truly unique institution, in such that

these special activities are easily accessible by everyone. When choosing from student submitted nominations, the Office of Campus Life put special emphasis on feedback provided by current students who have participated in these activities before, and on other factors such as success rate, student participation, and cost, which meant that events like UB-sponsored skydiving couldn't make the cut, even though a \$90 skydiving deal is almost unbeatable anywhere in the country.

If the chance to create an incredibly rare memory extravaganza wasn't enough, OCL has created an added incentive for people to attend these events: students who participate in any ten of the fifteen events get entered in a raffle for a special prize, which is yet to be announced.

Besides this, another exciting announcement is the scheduling of the first ever Student Organization Festival, replacing the traditional Student Org Fair, to be held during Welcome Week for the first time. Aimed at incoming and transfer students, but open to all, it has been scheduled for the morning of Friday, August 17th.

Union Board is scheduled to bring in a band for the festival, and student organizations are each getting a table to hand out giveaways, talk about their organizations in an effort to solicit interest in joining their e-mail lists, and announce their first meetings.

Currently registered student organizations have until the 10th of August to register their spots at this unique event.

Photos courtesy of Office of Campus Life (from fall 2011)



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Greek life, leadership @ IIT

"Leaders aren't born, they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal." -Vince Lombardi

With over 100 student organizations, the IIT Leadership Academy, and an active Greek Community a focus on leadership is not a new idea to IIT; however, students have never had the opportunity to live in a community designed to help them succeed in their leadership and Greek involvements. For the first time this fall, students living in the residence halls at Illinois Tech have an opportunity to live in a unique community: Leadership and Greek Life on the 3rd floor of East Hall in MSV.

As the Residence and Greek Life website states, "Individuals looking to learn more about fraternity and sorority life and being a leader - those who are already Greek, those interested in becoming Greek, as well as those interested in learning more about what it means to be Greek are invited to be a part of this community!"

Throughout the year, students will have opportunities to attend leadership events, work closely with Greek Council, network with campus leaders, and develop their skills in a variety of ways.

The Resident Advisor for the floor, Miriam Schmid, is a 3rd year RA who has held a variety of leadership positions across campus and in the Greek community, including VP of Community for Greek Council, Parliamentarian of Alpha Sigma Alpha, Leadership Academy Scholar, Union Board President, SGA Finance Board and Judicial Board. Schmid stated, "Throughout all of these positions that I have held at IIT, the most exciting part of each of them has been working with other student leaders who are passionate about what they can achieve. Being a student leader at IIT is great preparation for being a leader in our fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Architecture. I cannot wait to meet all of the outstanding students of MSV 3rd East and develop our leadership skills together!"

Meet some important Greeks

Emma Titus, Greek Advisor
Emma Titus, the Greek Life Coordinator, oversees the seven fraternities and three sororities on IIT's campus. Through her position she advises Greek Council, which is the governing body for all the chapters. She is also playing an active role in the Greek and Leadership Floor development.



While as an undergraduate, at Drake University she joined a sorority and thoroughly enjoyed her Greek life and overall student affairs experience.

This idea of being involved on campus then started her on her career path of student affairs. Emma went on to earn her master's degree in Adult and Higher Education - Student Affairs from Northern Illinois University.

Emma has been at IIT since January and is loving every minute of working with the sororities and fraternities on IIT's campus! She likes to remind people that your experience at college is only what you make it!

Feel free to contact Emma with any questions about Greek Life! Emma can be reached via email at etitus1@iit.edu or 312-567-3740.

Jeff Bednazz, Greek Council President (not pictured)

My name is Jeff Bednazz, and I grew up in Des Plaines, Illinois, a suburb located about 20 miles North West of the city, by O'Hare Airport. I am becoming a Mechanical Engineer with the hope of eventually taking over my father's heating, ventilation and cooling company.

I was originally a little hesitant about going to IIT because I did not know how the social life would be at IIT. I enjoy meeting new people and hanging out with friends, and from what I had heard, IIT lacked in that aspect. But after Preview Weekend, I met the guys in my house and saw that there were a lot of guys that had similar likes and goals as I did.

I ended up staying within the Greek community because I enjoyed the way they always pushed me to be better, and the principles they valued were similar to mine.

Greek council president has a

unique job within the council.

The main tasks we have on paper are to run the general Greek council meetings, hold president round table meetings with all the chapter presidents, organize Greek exec meetings and meet with the Greek advisor. It may seem that all we do is hold meetings, which is mostly true.

If there is ever an instance where any member of Greek Council needs to deal with the school or any outside organization, I am charged with representing the council in those instances.

As president, I set up the meeting and then represent the wishes of the council.

In addition I like to help out whenever I can with any of my chairs or executive board members.

I don't do any programming or plan any events, so if any one who is planning something asks for help I do the best I can to help them. I always strive to be the face of Greek Council and represent the Greeks to the best of my abilities.

Miriam Schmid, Greek Council Vice President of Community, Resident Advisor of the Greek and Leadership Floor



A fourth year biochemistry/math and science education major from east central Illinois, I am currently the VP of Community for Greek Council as well as the Resident Advisor for the Greek and Leadership Floor in 3rd East MSV. I am a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha and serve on the executive board of Greek Council.

As the VP of Community, I work with the Social Sports, and Service Chairs of Greek Council to plan events for the entire community.

In the fall of 2012, we are planning a fantastic season of Greek Football, a formal for the Greek community, a charity soccer tournament, a clothing drive, and bi-weekly social events. In addition, I work to make sure the Greek Community is aware of events that are happening on campus, and let the campus know about the events the Greek Community is planning.

Student Gift Campaign gives campus eco-friendly fountains

By Sarah Zimmerman
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL GIVING

Students will have more access to cool water from eco-friendly drinking fountains thanks to the 2012 Student Gift Campaign.

The student gift campaign is an annual tradition at IIT that invites students to improve their campus by selecting a project and fundraising from the campus community. In recent years the student gift has worked to refurbish the enclosure space in the MTCC and complete the reserve textbook collection in Paul V. Galvin Library.

Last year the IIT student gift campaign funded their project after receiving

more than \$9,000 in challenge gifts from alumni and friends for meeting their student participation goals. The campaign received 40.7% participation from the 2012 undergraduate class and more than 680 gifts from the student body.

The committee hopes all incoming and current students enjoy the new drinking fountains that cool water and fill bottles easily. The 2013 committee will dedicate last year's gift at homescoming this year. Be sure to stop by the dedication to celebrate the success of the 2012 student gift!

For more information or to get involved in the 2013 Student Gift Campaign please contact Sarah Zimmerman at szimmer1@iit.edu.



Photo by Sarah Zimmerman

Stuart School of Business moves to Main Campus

By Ryan Kamphuis
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Starting in fall 2012, IIT's Stuart School of Business will be moving onto Main Campus from its current home at IIT's Downtown Campus. Talked about for several months, the school will be moving into the 13th and 18th floors of IIT Tower over the summer in preparation for classes beginning in the fall.

Spoken of with great excitement by both the President and the Provost of the university, the Stuart School move is touted to have many benefits. These benefits include allowing the students, staff, and faculty of Stuart to experience the benefits of Main Campus, better integration of the Stuart School with the greater university community and the possibility of a greater partnership between Stuart's academic programs and the programs already based on IIT's Main Campus.

This partnership could manifest it-

self in cross-disciplinary research and the possibility for IIT students to earn interdisciplinary degrees.

Not only will Stuart's operations at the downtown campus be moving into IIT tower, Stuart's undergraduate business program offices, which currently call 3423 South State Street home, will be moving into IIT tower. During the move, Stuart's M.S. Finance program will remain at the Downtown Campus. That program will join the rest of the Stuart School in IIT Tower in one more year.

Despite this move, the Stuart School promises that it will maintain an active presence at the Downtown Campus. Stuart's part time program will still be based out of the Downtown Campus, and because of this, many classes and student services will be available at the Downtown Campus.

As the Stuart School move happens, up to date information can be found at www.stuart.iit.edu/move/. Any questions regarding the move and the consequences of the move can be directed to move@stuart.iit.edu.

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Los Campesinos! electrifies Taste of Randolph festival

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It's not that often that a band like Los Campesinos! comes through Chicago. With shows that feel more like dance parties because of the many crazy fans clapping and singing along, Los Campesinos! is known for playing sad, angst songs shrouded in slick, addictive pop melodies. Fans came to the Taste of Randolph on June 15 to be part of this dance party and to take part in the blissful melancholy that only Los Camp can provide.

A seven-piece indie-pop group, Los Campesinos! was formed in 2006 in Cardiff, and has since gone on to release 4 albums and several EPs. Their English roots were reflected in the England soccer jerseys that they were wearing on stage. Before the concert, the band was spotted watching the England/Sweden Eurocup match in a Chicago pub. Last in Chicago in January touring to support their Hello Sadness album, Los Camp were now in town to kick off their next American tour.

The band's set focused on tracks from Hello Sadness, but also made sure to touch on classic hits like Romance is Boring and You! Me! Dancing! Despite having been on break for

several weeks, the band played their songs very well with few mistakes, and with the chemistry of a band who has been touring together for months. Lead singer Gareth Campesinos! also played the crowd well between songs, making them laugh and feel comfortable. A good example of this was Gareth once asking, "how 'bout 'dem Cubs?!" only to remark seconds later, "I have no idea what that means!"

Despite their well-played and raucous show the band drew some boos from their adoring crowd when they left the stage after only playing for 50 minutes. They returned minutes later to close with an anthemic version of Sweet Dreams, Sweet Cheeks, which brought their concert to an hour long - a respectable time for a show at a block festival, but still shorter than many fans were expecting.

Despite the length, Los Campesinos! still put on a show that entertained their fans, instigated a fevered dance party, and left many feeling awesome. Even with the hopelessness of the lyrics they sang, the humor and wit of the band always shone through and gave their fans a good time. Los Campesinos! was an excellent end to the first night of the Taste of Randolph, and if their first show is any indication, they are going to be playing one of their best tours yet over the coming weeks.



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Chicago 'hoods: best places to eat, chill, & explore

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Chicago. The third largest city in the United States. The cultural epicenter of the Midwest. Home to some of the most storied sports franchises in the country, both for being good and bad. Site of the Sears Tower, the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere.

Chicago has many claims to fame, and because of that, many things to see. The big things to see are known by any person who visits the city: Navy Pier, the Mag Mile, the Sears Tower, Wrigley Field, the many fantastic museums. But for someone new to living in the city it can be difficult to find out about the many awesome, off the beaten path attractions that the city has to offer. The longer one lives in the city, the more one realizes that the big attractions of the city are its neighborhoods. Chicago is home to 77 distinct neighborhoods, each offering a different culture, vibe, and feel. As a new Chicago local, here are a few neighborhoods you should definitely visit. This is by no means an extensive guide. The neighborhoods mentioned have so many more things to check out other than what is mentioned here; these are just intended as places to start at before exploring. There are also many other fantastic neighborhoods to check out, all it takes is a U-Pass and the yearning to explore!

Bridgeport

IIT's neighbor to the West, Bridgeport is an often overlooked Chicago neighborhood. Home to the city's Irish, the White Sox, and the Daley family that ruled Chicago for over 50 years, Bridgeport is a quickly up-and-coming neighborhood. Many IIT students call Bridgeport home, and it's home to many fantastic restaurants and stores.

Make sure to check out Pleasant House Bakery on 31st and Morgan. An English-style bakery, Pleasant House serves up many different kinds of meat pies, and is known as being one of the best cheap-eats restaurants in the city. Pleasant House is actually considered the second best restaurant in Chicago on Yelp.com.

Just a few doors down from Pleasant House is the home of Bridgeport Coffee. Bridgeport is a cozy coffee shop open since 2004. Considered the best coffee shop in Chicago by many, Bridgeport Coffee roasts its own beans and works hard to support the community it calls home. If you're a coffee fan, you'll love Bridgeport Coffee.

Wicker Park

Once an ethnic neighborhood overlooked by tourists and locals alike, Wicker Park has grown into a trendy neighborhood that can now be called the center of indie culture in the city. While some parts of the neighborhood take the indie culture a step too far and turn it into snobby-hipster culture, the neighborhood is home to many unique shops and restaurants unlike any other in the city. Wicker Park is lo-

cated just off of the Damen Blue Line stop.

Book lovers will enjoy Myopic Books, a used bookstore on Milwaukee Avenue, just east of the intersection of Milwaukee Avenue, Damen Avenue, and North Avenue. Upon stepping into Myopic, you are greeted with a labyrinth of books. Everything has been done to cram as many books into the store as possible, which results in a store full of nooks, crannies, odd hallways, and secluded reading areas. It's an exciting place to find a book, read, and relax. The books are also reasonably priced, and the staff is knowledgeable, making Myopic a great bookstore for someone looking for a new book to read but not sure where to start.

Wicker Park is also home to The Wormhole, a 1980s themed coffee shop. The Wormhole is just a few blocks Southeast from Myopic. Decked out with everything from movie posters to lunchboxes to a full size replica of the DeLorean time machine from Back to the Future, The Wormhole is an excellent place to enjoy a cup of coffee. Not only do they serve a great cup of joe, the Wormhole has several TVs with Nintendo's hooked up so you can play all the video games you played when you were a kid. They also have plenty of table space and fast, free wireless internet for anyone looking to work on some homework while they sip their coffee.

Pilsen

Located on the lower West Side of Chicago, Pilsen is considered by many to be the center of the Latino population in

Chicago. Because of this, there are many restaurants and stores that are excellent purveyors of the Latino culture to the entire city. It's quite easy to get to Pilsen from the Loop, one only needs to take the Pink Line to 18th, or the Orange Line to Halsted.

Pilsen is home to the National Museum of Mexican Art. A small gallery that focuses on teaching visitors about Mexican and Mexican-American culture and history through art, the museum is a very interesting place to visit. Its collection is quite vibrant and is fascinating to those who both know Mexican art well and those who don't. The collection is well-curated, and all of the pieces serve a purpose in advancing the goal of the museum to educate. The museum is free to get into, and is located a few doors East of the intersection of Wolcott Avenue and 19th Street. The museum is just a few blocks away from the 18th Pink Line stop.

Being home to such a strong Latino community, it is no surprise that Pilsen has a large assortment of Mexican restaurants and taquerias. An excellent restaurant to check out is the Restaurante Nuevo Leon on 18th Street between Ashland Avenue and Laflin Street, which is just a few blocks east of the 18th Pink Line stop. Nuevo Leon is a family-run Mexican restaurant that has been open for over 40 years. Dishing up authentic Mexican dishes that are both delicious and affordable, the restaurant is very popular and viewed as one of the best in Pilsen. Make sure to get a glass of the horchada - it is to die for!

IIT, Museum of Science & Industry's chemical bond

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Of the many attractions and things to see in Chicago, the Museum of Science and Industry holds a special place in the hearts and minds of many IIT students. In the words of Brett Nicholas, Manager of Guest Programs at MSI, "IIT and MSI have very similar aims, ultimately. Both organizations care about encouraging the study of science and engineering and to inspire the creative genius in people."

MSI is more than just a regular attraction to IIT students, though. The IIT-MSI relationship goes much further than that. In 2007, the two organizations started a very special collaborative internship program. MSI selects 24 IIT students to volunteer at the museum either in the fall or spring semester, and then 8 of these volunteers are selected for an internship the following summer. During a student's volunteer semester, they get to go into MSI for four days on the weekend throughout

the semester and spend a day talking to guests about specific science topics. Once they complete their four volunteer days they are eligible to apply for the summer internship. The internship is a full time job that lasts the entire summer. The work performed during this internship involves doing some of the Museum's Guest Experience programs. These include performing shows like "Happy Brrrthday" a show about liquid nitrogen, "Poop Happens" a skit that talks about the process of digestion in a light hearted manner, and "Dissect an Eye at MSI," where guests learn about vision by dissection a cow eyeball. Though this may seem like a lot of work, any MSI-IIT intern could tell you that it is an amazing way to spend one's summer.

Both IIT and MSI enjoy many benefits as a result of this program. On IIT's side, it helps students gain a sense of how to communicate about topics in science, while helping them heighten their confidence levels with public speaking in general. Students who have gone through the volunteer process and the

internship often talk about how it completely transformed their whole outlook on what they wanted to do with their lives, and about how it made them go from being shy and self-conscious on stage to treating the stage like a second home.

On MSI's side, the museum gets to see college students make connections with guests and inspire them to explore the world of science and technology. The MSI-IIT program is also open to undergraduates of all majors, not just those majoring in a STEM field.

Nicholas has seen dramatic changes in people during the internship; he talked about how students came in quiet and introverted, and by the time the summer ended, they were bursting with enthusiasm for science, and its propagation.

This enthusiasm continued on past the internship, which led many previous IIT interns to become employees at MSI. In many ways, the IIT-MSI relationship has been a blessing to both the university and the museum.

Visit the
Museum of Science
& Industry

Summer Hours:

9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Directions:

CTA: Green Line to Garfield; transfer to Eastbound 55 bus

Bike: Lakeshore Bike Path, left to 57th St. underpass

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By Myles Mellor and Sally York

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- 33. Capital city
- 34. Central points
- 35. In the preceding month: abbr.
- 36. Ready for battle
- 40. Whisper sweet nothings
- 41. Wild about
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- 43. Indirect implication
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- 48. Mont Blanc, e.g.

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- 59. Department
- 60. Industrial city in France
- 61. Quote
- 62. Silver Needle, et al.
- 63. Condition
- 64. Sorority letters
- 65. "____ Toledo!"

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- 3. Freudian topics
- 4. Aboriginal tribe
- 5. Don't cut
- 6. See-through wrap
- 7. Banned apple spray
- 8. Confined
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- 10. "She flies with her own wings" is its motto
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- 31. The "U" of UHF
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- 38. Drawing
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- 48. Noted caravel
- 49. Joins
- 50. Bypass
- 51. Important Indian
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Fall semester brings new athletes, sports to Keating

By Ryan Kamphuis
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With the fall semester here, it's time for athletics, both varsity and intramural, to get started once again at Illinois Tech. This fall is an exciting one for the athletics department. After two years as the head coach of the women's soccer team, Marc Colwell was named as IIT's new Assistant Athletic Director. This fall Colwell will also become the head coach of the men's soccer team.

Athletic Director Enzley Mitchell IV recently welcomed Colwell to the position of Assistant Athletic Director by saying that, "We are excited to welcome Marc into this new position. His experience both at the NAIA and NCAA Division III levels will surely help us in our transitional period. Marc is a great fit and we look forward to him helping

take our athletics department to the next level!"

Just as exciting as Colwell's promotion is the large number of new recruits who will be attending IIT this coming fall and representing the school on its sports teams. This academic year, the volleyball team welcomes four new recruits: Chelsea Badiola, Katie Lyons, Adriane Walther, and Elizabeth Woltman. The women's soccer team welcomes three new recruits: Kristen Barrett, Adrianna Maron, and Ana Salgado. The men's soccer team welcomes one new recruit: Bart Grabowski. Finally, the baseball team welcomes four new recruits: Jeremy Berger, Austin Boos, Sam Pung, and Conner Wiebell. These new athletes join a fantastic tradition of excellence both on and off the field. In the spring 2012 semester, the combined GPA for all student-athletes was a 3.21.

Within the athletics department, many teams performed even better than this. The average GPA of the women's track

and field team was a 3.55. Fifteen student-athletes also recorded a 4.0 GPA last spring.

This fall, the varsity sports to watch are men's and women's soccer and volleyball. The first men's soccer game will be on Monday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m. against Purdue University Calumet. The first women's soccer game will be on Saturday, August 11 at 2:00 p.m. against Concordia University. Both of these games will be played at IIT's soccer pitch, which is just west of Stuart Building. The first volleyball game of the season will be on Tuesday, August 21 at 4:00 p.m. against Kankakee Community College. This game will be played in Keating Hall.

The athletics department isn't just responsible for varsity sports. The department is also responsible for managing intramural leagues and coordinating many recreational activities. This fall welcomes a new indoor soccer and basketball league which will allow students to play one game a week, with play-

offs to determine a league champion at the end of the semester. Registration for these leagues will open on August 27. The department will also be offering zumba, yoga, and other classes in Keating hall starting after August 27.

Finally, the athletics department will be hosting a few events during the first week of classes to welcome new students and welcome back old students to campus.

There will be a three pitch softball event from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 23 and a game of kickball on Friday, August 24 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. These events are open to all students, and will be beginning at Keating Hall.

The athletics department is one of the most active and exciting departments on campus, and to stay updated on all of its activities, one can look at their website at www.IllinoisTechAthletics.com, or follow their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/IITIntramuralsAndRec.



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