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Campus prepares for homecoming

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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 harken 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

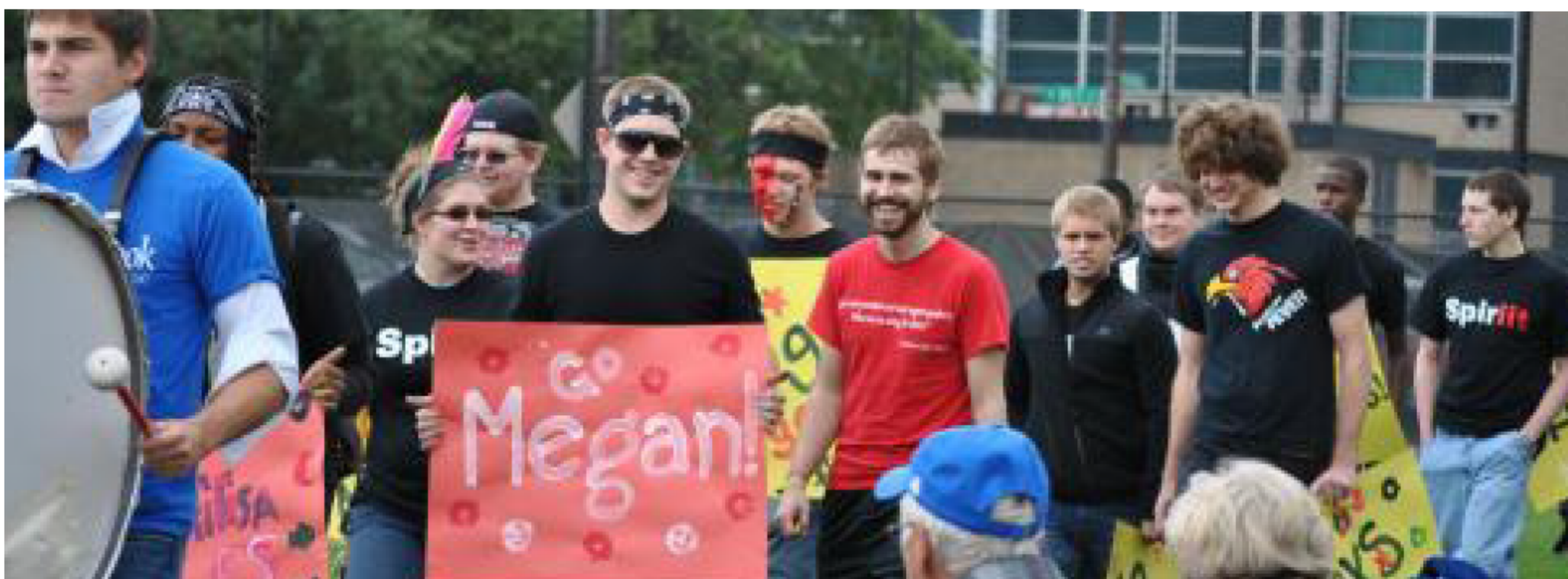
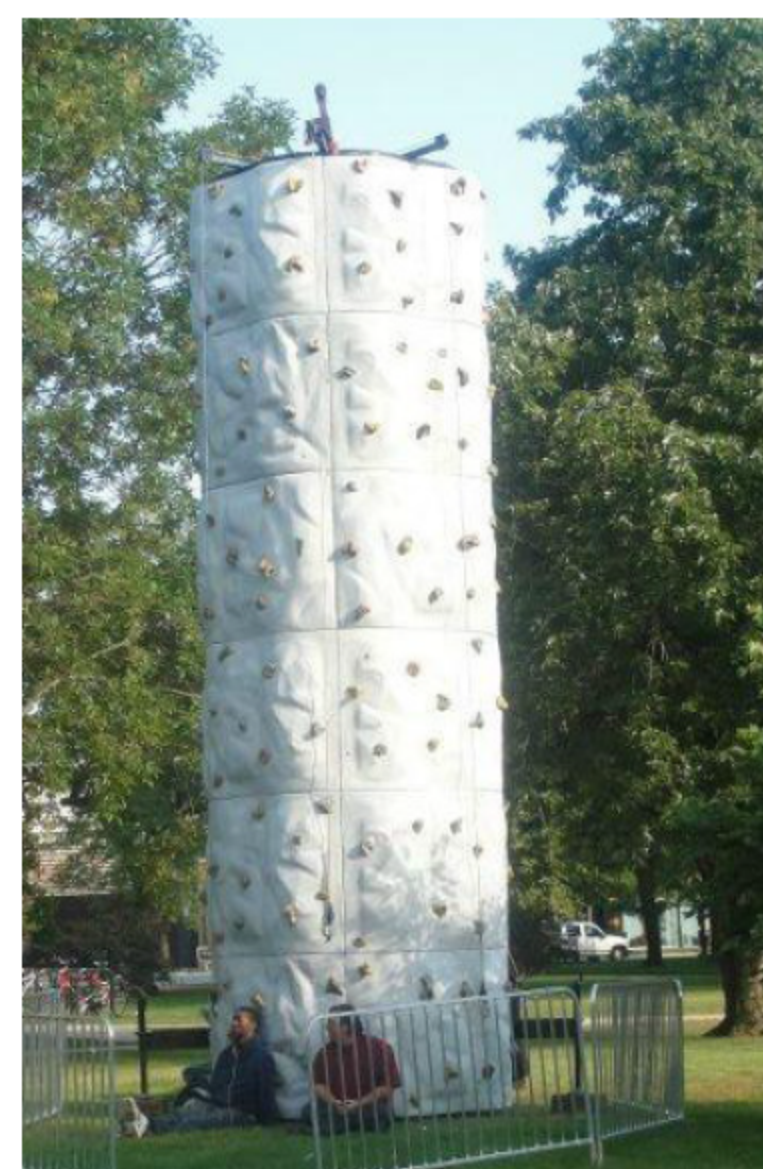
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Coming to college, I knew exactly what I wanted; get good grades, meet other students, get involved in organizations that look good on my resume, and get the best job possible when I graduated. Joining a Greek organization wasn't at the bottom of my 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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