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President, Provost Open Forum Athletics, academic quality, tolerance at center of discussion

By Ryan Kamphuis
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The semesterly President and Provost Open Forum has become a time-honored tradition at IIT. Organized by the Student Government Association (SGA), the President and Provost Open Forum provides IIT students a chance to ask any questions they might have regarding university policy to the top two individuals at IIT. It is for this reason that students, staff, and faculty converged on the Hermann Hall Ballroom during the lunch hour of October 16. Attendees were greeted by a lunch spread, a table of Affy Tapples, and the company of Provost Cramb and President Anderson as they entered the ballroom.

After a short introduction by moderators Kelly Lohr and Rani Shah, the President of SGA and the Vice President of Student Life of SGA, respectively, the forum began. Questions had been submitted in the weeks leading up to the forum via the internet, and both the President and the Provost went through answering these questions.

The first question posed was by a student wondering why student organizations were charged to use the sports facilities in Keating Hall, while student orgs that used facilities elsewhere on campus did not have to pay. The President answered this question, explaining that the point of charging for space in Keating was to control demand. Space at Keating is in high demand, and by charging orgs to use the space it both limits how many orgs will be reserving space and ensures that orgs that do reserve space will actually go on to use the space as opposed to making a reservation and not showing. The President also explained that Keating is an expensive facility to operate, and by charging student orgs, the school is able to recover some of the extra cost it takes to keep it open.

Another question regarding sports and athletics followed up this first one. A student submitted a very well thought out question regarding IIT's current transition from NAIA athletics to NCAA Division III athletics. The student commended the administration on making a move to an athletic association that will have us competing with schools more similar to our own such as MIT and Carnegie Mellon. The student, however, also brought up that these other schools spend quite a bit of money on their athletics programs and have world-class facilities to house their athletics programs in. The student expressed concern over the state of Keating Hall, saying that it can't match the facilities that schools like MIT and Carnegie Mellon have. The President took the lead on responding to this question, maintaining that by moving to NCAA Division III, athletics will continue to support academics at IIT. The President expressed his belief that IIT should have been a part of the NCAA all along, saying that it will allow us to compete against schools that have more similar academic missions, something that being a member of the NAIA doesn't allow us to do. As for the state of Keating Hall, President Anderson admitted that Keating wasn't state-of-the-art, but said

that it was okay. He said that while Keating was aging, it was still better than many university athletic centers due to its large amounts of open space. He said that currently Keating fits the needs of our athletic program, but that more will be needed in the future. Anderson talked of plans to build a new rec center at IIT, but explained that to do so, \$40 million was needed – money that the university currently doesn't have. In the short term, however, the school will be retrofitting the soccer field with artificial turf this coming summer. Anderson closed his statement by explaining that switching to a more well-known athletic association supports the academic mission of IIT because it will bring more top students to our school.

The next question dealt with IIT's current national ranking, and how we might increase it. Provost Cramb answered this question, and prefaced his answer by saying that improving a university's national rating doesn't necessarily improve the quality of the university. He went on to explain that US News and World Report now asks the opinion of high school counselors when creating their rankings, and that these counselors skew the rankings because they lean towards large state schools that spend millions to make their names well known, something we don't and won't do. Cramb also explained that many of the statistics that these rankings were based on were very long term statistics, such as the six year graduation rate. He explained that even if huge strides were made in the short term, these strides would not be reflected in our ranking until years later. Despite his qualms with college rankings, Cramb explained that the university is making some efforts to improve its ranking. To do this it is working to improve retention between the freshman and sophomore year, and throughout all four years. Cramb mentioned that IIT's current Freshman retention rate is 98%, and that this will help raise our national ranking.

One topic that enjoyed a lot of conversation was the administration's plan to establish a learning center at IIT in order to improve professor performance. The plan to do this just gained steam because an IIT alumnus just agreed to make a lifetime gift in order to establish this center. Anderson and Cramb talked about how the center would take model professors, study their methods, and work to share these methods with all professors at IIT. Cramb stated that this center should be established within the next five years. The conversation about the center lead into a heated one about professor evaluations. Cramb and Anderson both emphasized the importance of students completing professor evaluations in order for an effort like this to succeed. In response to this, many students brought up instances where professors deliberately told students not to complete evaluations if they were going to say anything negative, to which the President replied that students in this situation should fill out evaluations anyway.

In a shift from earlier questions, the next question posed dealt with raising the English proficiency levels the university asks of its international students, saying that there

isn't enough right now, as evidenced by the fact that international student stick to social groups made up of people from their country, not others. The President promptly responded to this question, fiercely saying that domestic students shouldn't be so adamant about people speaking English. He explained that international students are stepping out of our comfort zones by coming to America, and that domestic students should help international students. Cramb then stepped in and recounted his own personal experience as an international student in America, explaining that no international student comes to America without the intent to meet and become friends with Americans. He further explained that international students try very hard to get to know others, and we should return some of their effort by getting to know them, helping them with their English, and introducing them to both Chicago and America.

Despite the length of the President and Provost Forum, not all questions that were posed online were able to be answered. Four submitted questions were not answered during the Forum, but were later answered by the President and Provost. Their answers are below:

IIT is well known in Chicago, how do we push those associations past city limits, to have a global impact?

The Board of Trustees, in collaboration with Vice President Jeanne Hartig, has just completed a study aimed at developing a strategy to increase the visibility of IIT at a national and international scale. One tactic involves print and social media, another is associated with student admissions and recruitment. More focus is on engagement with alumni around the country and the world. The president, other senior leaders and faculty members are traveling more extensively to talk about IIT. We are more aggressively courting the interest of companies, especially through the CMC. Promotion of the university is a task that we must all accept – alumni, students, staff and faculty. Students can help greatly by talking about IIT in a positive way when they return home or meet friends from other universities.

Is IIT working to become an "ivy league" institution?

We are continuing on our path towards excellence in all academic and non academic pursuits. To be an "Ivy league" institution we would have to become a humanities-centric or liberal arts institution – this is not our plan. Our vision statement says we are university with a technical and professional focus; we will continue on this path.

It was recently explained on SGA's votebox that the issue of hookahs had been closed. It was explained in the description as to why the issue had closed that the President and Provost's office threatened to put in place stricter policies by bringing up this issue. I also know that at several points last semester the Provost threatened to punish certain organizations which were attempting to establish a dialogue concerning hookahs. I want to know why the President and Provost feel it is okay to run this

school like a police state, where simply bringing an issue up for conversation will lead to threats and punishments. These actions are sharply at odds with the administration's recent push to 'listen to the student' through Student Speak.

The Provost has listened to the views of an individual and small groups of students who wish to use a Hookah within the University boundaries and has made the universities position clear about Hookah use in campus buildings – the current ban on Hookah use will remain in effect and there will be no change to the current policy in the student handbook. As to "several points last semester" – the Provost does not remember any times when he personally threatened to punish any organization nor does he think any organization was asking to use a "Hookah". He only spoke to individuals about their wish for personal use.

The Provost did make it clear that it was his opinion that smoking in any building on university owned property was already subject to the appropriate state and city laws and to university policy, making the discussion of Hookah use on University property moot, as he assumed that University policy and State law was being followed in all buildings situated on university property. If a discussion of the potential for implementation of a current university policy is a viewed as a threat or punishment, then the Provost cannot agree with this viewpoint.

It was also made clear that the issue of smoking on campus was an issue that those advocating "hookah use" may not want to bring into a broader discussion, due to unintended consequences. If the discussion of the rights and wishes of smokers on campus were to be fully discussed, the rights and wishes of non-smokers must also be discussed. The Provost believes that a discussion of smoking (or of whether smoking should be allowed) on campus is now occurring among the student body. The Provost will wait for a recommendation from the student body concerning whether smoking should be allowed anywhere on campus property, assuming that such recommendations will take into account current policies and the relevant city and state laws.

It is the Provost's view that everyone should carefully consider the potential detrimental health effects of smoking on themselves and others in their decision to smoke and should at least hold others harmless should they decide to smoke.

When will faculty/staff be trained on working with undocumented students? Deferred Action - work authorization for IIT students and who at CMC can they work with?

The issues of undocumented students are well-recognized at IIT. As to the CMC, I will ask Dennis Roberson to ensure that the staff of the CMC is trained to be able to offer advice to any students who request such advice. As to faculty/staff training, we have no specific training planned that is focused on the issues of undocumented students. The issue of documentation is a personal issue and as such is a private issue of the person. There is no reason for a student's status to be known by any staff/faculty member.

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'Nerd elitism' conveys passion, disconnect

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Those of you who know me know that many words can be used to describe me. Some would call me an Android-fan-boy, others would call me a Whovian, some would see me and refer to me as a Trekkie, and still others would call me everything from a Redditor to a Browncoat. But despite all of these different labels for who I am, they all fall under one umbrella label that has been with me since I first learned to talk and first started to interact with others: nerd.

When we look at the world around us, it's a good time to be a nerd. We live in an increasingly technological world. All around us people use things like smartphones and tablets to use services like Facebook and Twitter to keep in touch with their friends and family all around the world. The world we live in is amazing, and almost everyone realizes that the reason the world we live in is so cool is because of the nerds who created it. Almost every company that defines the world we live in today was started by a few nerds in a garage, dorm room, or parent's house; Google, Apple, Microsoft, Facebook, and Dell all claim this as their genesis. Society revels nerds and holds them high. Nerds are seen as cool, and pillars of nerd culture that were once thought to be the lamest of lame, like comic books, science fiction, and robotics, all enjoy mainstream popularity.

It wasn't always like this though. I remember being ostracized by my peers in elementary school. I remember eating alone in the cafeteria every day, being pointed and laughed at, and being mocked. It sucked, but I remember that through all of this, there was one point of solace for myself and my friends. It was an often quoted line by Bill Gates, who was at the time the richest man in the world. The quote was, "be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one." In that line, which was later confirmed to never have been spoken by Bill Gates, rested our hopes; our hopes that one day we would all be company owners who could hire those who once mocked us and have the last laugh. We would be able to do it because we were smarter and had more drive than them. And we would make them pay. This quote wasn't just a point of solace for my small group of friends – it quickly became a battle call for nerd culture. Almost every nerd who grew up in the 90s heard that quote, took it to heart, and thought like I did. But as we all got older, we became more realistic. We still thought that we would be leaders in the new, technological world, but the revenge overtones all but went away; except for a few.

When we return to the present day where nerd culture is mainstream culture, there is something becoming more prevalent that I truly despise, and that is the idea of nerd elitism. It is the idea that nerds are better than others, and because of this, they can judge those who aren't into what they are into, or people who are trying to get into something new. You can see it all over. When people try to get into something nerds love like Doctor Who, Firefly, Lord of the Rings, or Star Wars, there are always groups of nerds who will not accept these newcomers. They will turn them away saying that these newcomers are late, or not good enough, or not true nerds. And there is something very wrong about this, the chief being: this is not how nerd culture is supposed to work! In the end, being a nerd really just boils down to one being passionate about something. John Green, a New York Times Bestselling Author summarizes it well by saying, "nerds like us are allowed to be un-ironically enthusiastic about stuff... Nerds are allowed to love stuff, like jump-up-and-down-in-the-chair-can't-control-yourself love it. Hank [John's brother, who this line is addressed to], when people call people nerds, mostly what they're saying is 'you like stuff.' Which is just not a good insult

at all. Like, 'you are too enthusiastic about the miracle of human consciousness.' Being a nerd is all about being passionate about something, which means anyone can be a nerd. This idea that you somehow have

awesome nerd culture is by being receptive of everyone. I don't know where this idea of nerd elitism came from, but ten bucks says it has roots in that "Bill Gates quote." Too many nerds have looked to that quote

for support, and now use it as a tool of division. Too many nerds think that that quote gives them superiority – that since one day, everyone will be working for nerds, nerds must be better, and the fact that nerds are better than everyone else must be preserved. But this couldn't be further from the truth. Yes, people may end up working for nerds, but this isn't because nerds are fundamentally better people. It's because nerds are passionate, and when one is passionate, they have drive. And when one has drive, one can work to do anything. Being a nerd isn't about being smart. It isn't about being weird. It isn't

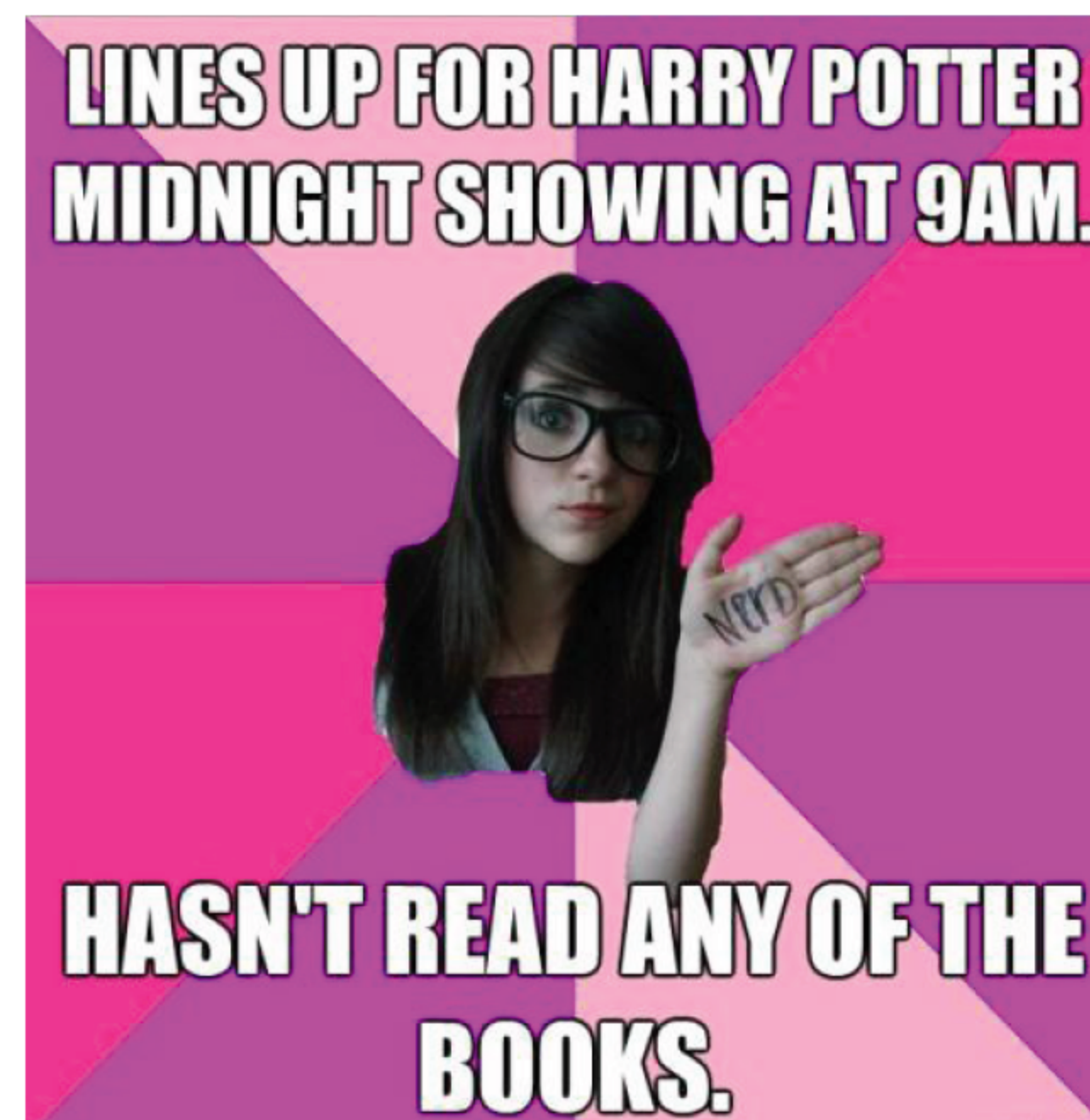


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even about being into comic books, World of Warcraft, or H.P. Lovecraft. Being a nerd is about being passionate, or, as John Green says, "being un-ironically enthusiastic about stuff." Anyone can be a nerd, and everyone should be a nerd. We should all have that one thing that we are so excited about that we want to find a group of friends to talk about and go to conventions for it with. If you are really into football and watch the game with your buddies every Sunday, (I hate to break it to you) you are a nerd! And as a nerd, other nerds should always be welcoming. Because being a nerd isn't about being better than others – it's all about sharing something with others.

That is the other problem with this mentality of nerd elitism: it is no different from the mentality of those who once bullied us. We were bullied at one point in time because what we were into was lame, but now that we are popular, we have no excuse to do the same. In fact, we should be showing how

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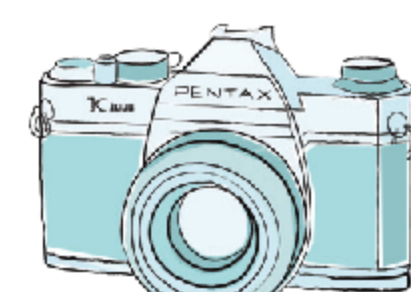
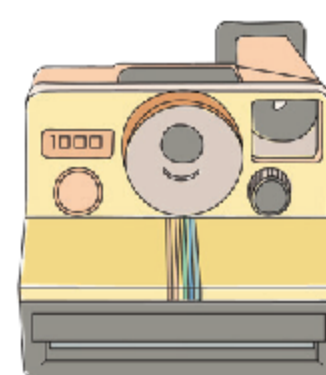
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Greek Council soccer tournament benefits Red Cross

By Dan Zweig
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On Sunday October 14th, Greek Council hosted a charity soccer tournament to raise funds for the International Red Cross Organization, which responds to emergencies by “providing critical relief to families and individuals such as meals, shelter, cleanup supplies and comfort” [Gail McGovern, President and CEO, Red Cross]. Greek Council spent over a month planning the event in coordination with IIT Women’s Soccer, IIT Intramurals and the Greek Community. The event was advertised at Greek Council meetings to the entire Greek community every other week from the beginning of the semester until the week before it happened. Advertisements were sent to IIT Today, Intramurals, Greek Council, each Greek chapter, and were displayed on the bridge during lunch hour for the week preceding the event.

The day before the event, the Sunday’s weather report looked a little dreary. It also looked like there were going to be thunderstorms and rain during the event. The day of, not as many teams as had signed up turned out for the event. This was a letdown for the service chair and his two volunteers. Nevertheless the event continued without hesitation. Three teams registered, and the tournament for the \$100 prize began around 10:30am. The tournament ran a double round robin with 20-minute games,

with each team playing the other twice, and then the top two teams played two 10-minute halves for the championship. The weather was phenomenally erratic, with everything from pouring rain to clear sunshine.

Also, interestingly enough, all three teams were very evenly matched, and each defeated or tied with the other. The team that got 3rd also beat the champion in one of the tournament games 5-1. Many of the players who turned out for the event also played in the IIT indoor soccer league, which is running throughout the semester, later that day.

There was a recommendation from the players to have a similar tournament indoors later in the semester and hope for a better turnout from the IIT population. People interested in participating at the next event should email emailservice@iitgreek.com to express interest, and perhaps another event can be coordinated.

As for Greek Council, their commitment to philanthropy does not end. Later in the semester they are planning a clothes drive and a blood drive in conjunction with IIT Service Learning, and an event to build picnic tables for the Greek Quad. The council plans all of these events for the Greeks and the entire school body and are a fraction of the events that the entire Greek community plans, from volunteering at the Marathon to fundraising for chapter philanthropies.

Images by Dan Zweig



ChicagoVeg IIT hosts 'Food Matters' screening

By Utsav Gandhi
CAMPUS EDITOR

Like many college campuses around the country, advocacy for eating healthy and eating right is increasingly starting to be prime time conversation at Illinois Tech. While we are often led to believe that our world’s healthcare problems aren’t primarily food-related, that our food industry operates with high standards keeping the public’s best interests at heart, and that the FDA/pharmaceutical industry are committed to human health, the observable reality is that this is not true. Many have realized that the problem herein lies with our overburdened healthcare system. With nutritionally-depleted foods, chemical additives, and our increasingly addictive reliance on pharmaceutical drugs to fix our nourishment problems, it’s no wonder that modern society is getting sicker.

To this regard, ChicagoVeg IIT, a student organization on campus, organized a screening of the critically acclaimed documentary, ‘Food Matters’. It sets about uncovering the trillion dollar worldwide ‘sickness industry’ and gives people some scientifically verifiable solutions for overcoming illness naturally. The film also points out that not every problem requires costly, major medical attention and reveals many alternative therapies that can be more effective, more economical and less harmful than conventional medical treatments.

ChicagoVeg is the largest Chicagoland community for vegetarians, vegans, and raw foodists to socialize and meet like-minded people. ChicagoVeg IIT is a chapter of the parent organization created to help students find other veg*ns (an alternative connotation to include vegetarians, vegans and anyone interested in this lifestyle) on campus and participate in events on and off campus that support the lifestyle. They organize and participate in a range of fun activities and outreach events for anyone interested in the veg*n lifestyle. Check out www.chicagoveg.org to learn about their upcoming events;

or email chicagoveg@iit.edu to learn more about the IIT chapter, which will be actively launching two projects soon.

The purpose of the campus outreach project is to educate students on our campus about the many benefits of switching over to the veg-lifestyle by advocating the environmental, health, ethical, and spiritual related benefits. This can be done through flyers, pamphlets, videos, etc. Work involved in this project will include behind the scenes work doing research and designing posters/flyers, but also actively communicating with students on campus through activities like handing out pamphlets or setting up displays at tables. A second part of this project involves creating a survey for students to complete. The survey would be used to better understand the mindset of the student body related to their ideas of food. The survey results should help us plan future events and also work with other powers on campus such as Sodexo to make IIT more veg-friendly. Those who complete the survey will be entered in a raffle to win a basket of vegan treats.

The Spirulina Farming project is looking to engineer a sustainable small-scale setup for farming spirulina in large enough quantities that a small group (3-5 people) could supplement their diets with spirulina, which is a “super food” chock full of nutrients, has an extremely high protein content, and many more benefits. NASA has done research into using it as a staple food for space missions, and the UN has even established the Intergovernmental Institution for the use of Micro-Algae Spirulina against Malnutrition. The work involved in this project will be initial research about spirulina, learning to grow spirulina from a pre made kit, and then developing our own farming system.

For get involved with either of these projects, or to get onto their mailing list, email chicagoveg@iit.edu.of the events that the entire Greek community plans, from volunteering at the Marathon to fundraising for chapter philanthropies.

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Vedic Vision Society: 'Prism of Consciousness Pt II'

By **Sneha Saraf**
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We continued the lecture "Prism of Consciousness" by reviewing some of the key points. Speaker Nityananda Pran began by briefly covering the law of karma – for every action, there is a reaction. He also re-explained the idea of the three modes of material nature and how they influence us based on our karma. These three modes of nature give rise to the variety that we witness amongst all life.

The three modes are sattva (goodness), rajas (passion), and tamas (ignorance), as was discussed in the previous lecture. They affect the consciousness of the soul, which in its original form is otherwise pure. The speaker went on to explain that, due to the modes of nature, our sense of identity transforms into that of a particular species – and this effect is known as "conditioning". For example, a soul in the body of a tiger acts and behaves like a tiger; but in the body of an insect, that same soul

will act and behave like an insect; and so on.

Another example given is that of us as students at IIT. When we are on campus and somebody asks who we are, chances are we'd respond "I'm a student", "I'm a junior Chem E", etc. But once we step off campus, we may not be as likely to respond in that manner. Rather, we might say "I am the child of so and so", "I'm a man", "I'm a woman", etc. When we are in certain circumstances, we begin to identify with those circumstances. But, as may be recalled from previous discussions, the true identity of self never changes. It is beyond time, place, and circumstance because it is spiritual.

The whole path of a spiritual journey is to regain our natural state beyond the influences of the three modes of nature and to understand that our true nature is that of an eternal, cognizant, and blissful soul. And if this is our true nature, then our activities should be on the basis of who we are rather than who we think we are.

Therefore, the whole idea of spirituality is to move from material activities to

spiritual activities. Nityananda Pran explained that this process begins when we change our consciousness, because as consciousness changes, activities change. In all other categories of species, this is not possible because they have no volition (or free will). Humans, on the other hand, are the only species that can choose which activities they want or don't want to do. Of course, there are certain activities that we have no control over – such as birth, death, old age, disease, going to the bathroom, etc. – however, our life is more than just that. There are other activities that we choose to perform; and this is where our choices make a difference in our lives.

The speaker elaborated by describing how actions are caused by desire; desire is influenced by consciousness (in terms of choice); consciousness is affected by the three modes of material nature; the modes of nature operate as a result of our karma; and karmic reaction is based on our action. This is known as "the cycle of life" – or, more specifically, the karmic cycle. The key to escaping this cycle is to act

in such a way that there is no karmic reaction.

When one is beyond the three modes, one is said to be in a state of Transcendence. In the state of Transcendence, the soul still performs activities in this material realm, but the consciousness in its natural spiritual state, not affected by the modes and reactions of one's karma.

Nityananda Pran concluded the lecture by reviewing the characteristics of action performed under the modes of nature. In the mode of ignorance, actions are performed neither for others nor for the self – it is simply destructive; in the mode of passion, actions are performed only for the self; in the mode of goodness, actions are performed for others and for themselves. But it is only in the state of Transcendence that actions are performed as an offering to the Absolute Truth – every action is "God-centric".

Next week the discussion will be dedicated to examining and understanding the law of karma. All discussions are video-recorded and available on facebook.com/vedicvis.

EWB-IIT, AIChE-IIT receive regional, national recognition

By **Utsav Gandhi**
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IIT's very own student organization, Engineers without Borders was recently named the 2012 EWB-USA Regional Premier Chapter for the Great Lakes Region, edging out over 40 other student chapters. They will move on to the national competition as one of seven student chapters eligible to win the coveted title of 2013 EWB-USA Premier Student Chapter. At the same time, former chapter president and recent IIT alumna Dhara Shah (BME, 2012) was named president of the EWB Great Lakes Region, having served previously as Illinois State Representative. The IIT chapter was recognized specifically for the group's large student base active in multiple civic engagement projects, participation in the activities of the Chicagoland local chapter, and for showing exemplary courage in deciding to close out of the long-running Haiti program. Opportunities with EWB are not

just restricted to engineers! It takes committed individuals from all backgrounds to "build a better world, one community at a time," the EWB motto. Students are encouraged to check out the chapter website (ewbusait.moonfruit.com) to learn more about projects to get involved in, get onto the group mailing list and attend the next general body meeting.

The EWB Great Lakes Regional Conference, where the award was announced, was a very productive weekend in more than one way. The small town setting of Mt. Pleasant, MI and the suburban college campus of Central Michigan University provided an intimate environment to carry out positively stimulating conversations with some of the premier EWB professionals in the country. The sessions were tailored to suit the needs of contemporary challenges faced by student chapters; and most of the workshops were relevant to student organizational skills even beyond EWB. Grant writing, editing and designing social media tools for both inter- and intra-communication among chap-

ters, health and safety assessment training for implementation trips, an introduction to EWB project management (very relevant to almost any professional sphere, and facilitated by IIT alumna Kat Weissman!), and the basics of intercultural communication (increasingly relevant in today's rapidly globalizing world) were some of the key highlights.

The American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) also recently recognized Illinois Institute of Technology's AIChE Student Chapter for its exceptional level of participation in AIChE activities, the quality and regularity of its meetings and its local, regional, and national participation. The recognition comes in the form of an award to be announced at the AIChE Annual Meeting in late October.

It is not unusual to see general body members actively attending most chapter events and meetings; along with participating in mentorship programs and making time for social events like 'Dinner with Professors' or 'ChemE Olympics'. The chapter also benefits from the excellent guidance and

support provided by its faculty adviser, Associate Professor of Chemical and Biological Engineering Donald Chmielewski. "This award is simply a reflection of the sustained level of dedication exhibited by these students.

Week in and week out, they plan, organize and manage events benefiting their student members, the ChBE Department and the profession at large.

They are examples of IIT's best and brightest." AIChE is the world's leading organization for chemical engineering professionals, with more than 40,000 members from over 90 countries.

To learn more about ways to get involved with IIT's AIChE Student Chapter, which promotes professional development and networking opportunities for chemical engineering students, please visit the chapter website, <http://iitaiche.org/>. Some of its members will be leaving for Pittsburgh, PA this upcoming weekend for the Annual National Conference; hoping to come back even more energized to take the chapter to greater heights.

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Sunday, November 4

JFAS Visit to Mitsuwa Market

Mitsuwa Marketplace | Sunday & Monday 12pm

Interested in taking a trip to the largest Japanese supermarket in America? Mitsuwa Marketplace is the largest Japanese Supermarket in the US, and its only a hop and a skip north of Chicago!

Monday, November 5

Taste of IIT

MTCC Bridge | 12pm - 3pm

Indulge in some tasty treats sold by student groups representing their home countries and cultures.

Tuesday, November 6

ISO Presents Flags and Face-Painting

MTCC Bridge | 12pm - 2pm

Show your pride in your home country, study abroad host destination, or own cultural heritage! Get your face painted on the MTCC Bridge with the flag or cultural symbols of your choice.

IIT Turk Presents "Love in Another Language" Film

Wishnick Auditorium | 7:30pm

Join the IIT Turk student organization for a film that has been celebrated at the recent Chicago Turkish Festival: "Love in Another Language."

Wednesday, November 7

ISO Presents Cultural Museum

MTCC Bridge | 12pm - 2pm

Peruse the magnificent displays on the MTCC Bridge, in which IIT's own international students will display treasures from their countries in various booths. View literature, art, clothing, and more from around the world.

ISO Presents "Games People Play"

Location TBD | 2pm - 4pm

Are you tired of the same old games? Join ISO to learn a new favorite, or share your own less-known game with others!

Sodexo Presents "Mexican Cooking Class"

Pritzker Club | 6pm - 9pm

Join Sodexo for a cooking class, so you can learn to explore fantastic Mexican flavors at home!

Thursday, November 8

Language Crash Course - French and German

Wishnick Hall Rooms 115 and 116 | 12:30pm - 2pm

Join the ICenter and Berlitz in the Language Crash Courses! You'll learn the basics of either French or German -- while eating pizza and having fun!

Friday, November 9

Vedic Vision Society Meditation

Hermann Hall Lounge | 12pm - 3pm

Join the Vedic Vision Society for a session of meditation!

Saturday, November 10

IIT Better Together presents A Field Trip to the

Bahai Temple | Wilmette, IL

Join us in a visit to one of the seven Bahai temples in the world to learn more about the people, their culture, their faith, and their architecturally gorgeous temple in Wilmette. We will be traveling by bus, so sign-up before space is gone!

JFAS Anime Marathon

MSV - McCormick Lounge | Saturday & Sunday 6pm

Spend some time with the Japanese Film and Animation Society and learning about the Godfathers of Anime!

The First Day of the Rest of My Life

By Adin Goings
ART EDITOR



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Source: Wikipedia

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Cross country teams travel to Oshkosh, Wisconsin

By Kira Vincent
STAFF WRITER

On October 13th, both the men and women's cross country teams travelled to Wisconsin to compete in the UW-Oshkosh Brooks Invitational. The women competed in a six-kilometer race and the men competed in an eight-kilometer race. Due to storms, the races were started two minutes apart so that both men and women could compete before the events had to be called due to lightning. The combination of rain, mud, and over 1000 individuals competing on the same course at the same time made this a tough day for everyone.

Despite the conditions, both men and women rose to the challenge and competed well. There were complications with the chips for the women's race, so individual times are unknown. Courtney Rouse led the way for the women. She was followed by teammate Abby Jahn, then Jordan Kelch. Kira Vincent was the fourth girl across the line and was followed closely by Anne Croteau, who finished out the top five women. Natalie Kruit and Claudia Garcia were sixth and seventh, respectively, for the team.

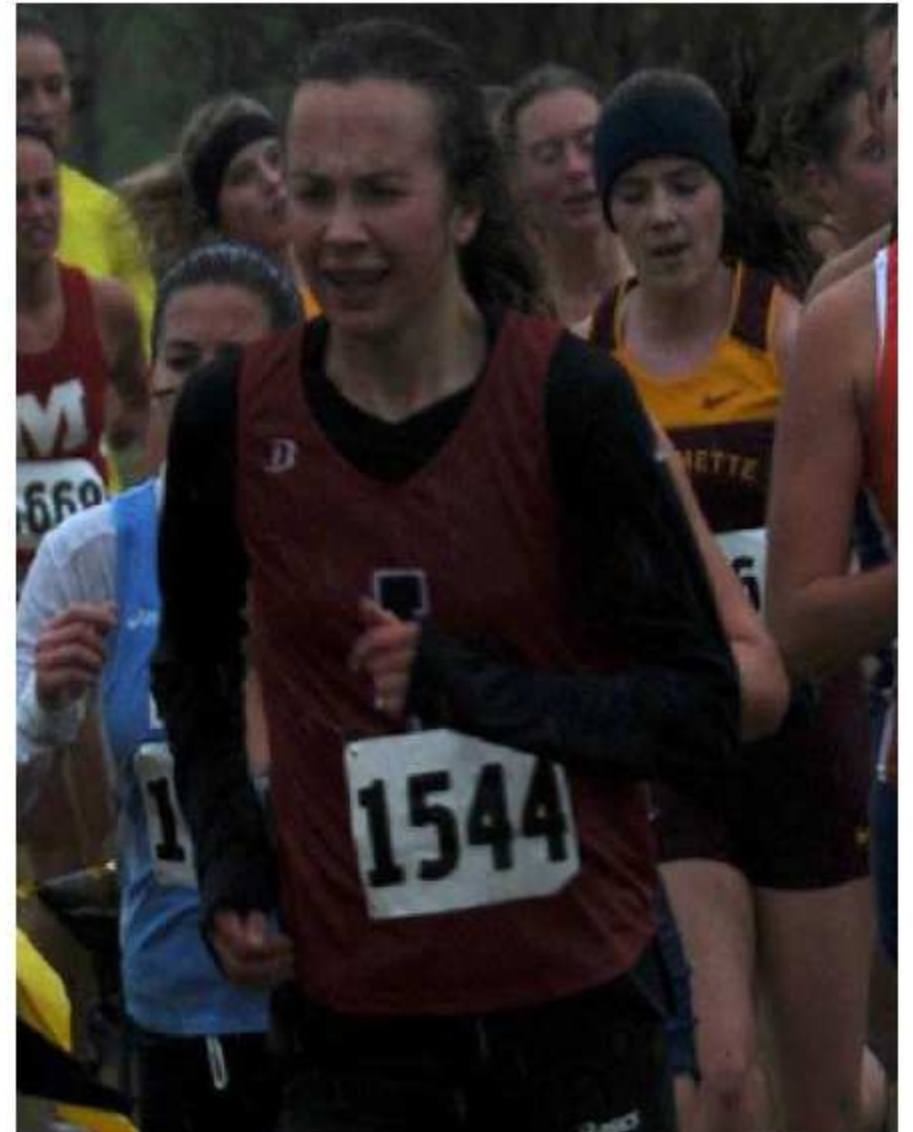
The men's team had a strong showing as well. Philip Cano was first for the men's team with a time of 27:01. Ethan Montague was next across the line followed closely by teammate Zach Gates with times of 27:26 and 27:37, respectively. Kenny Murphy was fourth for the men with a time of 27:44, and Landon Vowels finished out the top five with a time of

29:23. Derek Burge-Beckley and Andrew Montague finished sixth and seventh for the team with times of 29:29 and 29:47, respectively. It was tough for the teams to stay

positive and confident with conditions as undesirable as they were during the meet, but both teams managed to stay strong and push through the wind and the rain. Both teams

compete again on October 20th in Grand Rapids, Michigan, which will be the last race of the season before the Conference Meet.

Photos by Kira Vincent



Lance Armstrong avoids doping questions, loses sponsorships

By Ciaran Kohli-Lynch
SPORTS EDITOR

The sporting world has been rocked by allegations brought against seven-time Tour de France winning cyclist Lance Armstrong. A number of high profile cyclists, including ex-teammates, have provided compelling evidence to the US Anti-Doping Agency that Armstrong's US Postal Service Team ran, "the most

sophisticated, professionalized and successful doping program that sport has ever seen."

At a fundraiser for his Livestrong charity on Sunday, Armstrong avoided questions regarding the claims.

Appearing publicly for the first time since the Anti-Doping Agency published a 1,000 page report detailing the charges brought against him, Armstrong simply remarked he had endured a couple of, "difficult weeks," and that he has, "been

better." This is unlikely to draw much sympathy from former fans of the man who famously overcame testicular cancer in 1996 to become the sports' most decorated cyclist.

So far Armstrong has been dropped by many of his sponsors. Most notable are the cessation of his contracts with Radio Shack and Nike, the latter of which chose not to end business relations with golfer Tiger Woods after a highly publicized scandal regarding his personal life.

The company announced that, "due to the seemingly insurmountable evidence that Lance Armstrong participated in doping and misled Nike for more than a decade," they had been forced to immediately terminate the cyclists' contract.

Fans of cycling across the world will hope that these charges against Armstrong will result in a change of direction for a sport that has long been riddled with doping controversies.

Mixed fortunes for soccer teams

By Ciaran Kohli-Lynch
SPORTS EDITOR

The past week saw mixed results for the men's and women's soccer teams. The men's team performed admirably against a strong Saint Xavier side on Tuesday afternoon, but ultimately could not convert their domination of the match into goal-scoring opportunities and lost 2-1. Liam Barrett scored a free kick for the Hawks with ten minutes remaining on the clock, and a series of poor refereeing decisions hurt the team in their attempt to find an equalizing goal. Saturday saw more disappoint-

ment for the squad, losing 4-0 to rivals Robert Morris University. The loss left the team seventh in conference, fighting to make the conference play-offs in just over a week's time.

The women's team performed better, winning 3-1 against Saint Xavier on Tuesday evening. Freshman forward Ade Maron scored two goals, with the other coming from senior midfielder Heather Bickerton. The Hawks then suffered a heartbreaking defeat against a strong Robert Morris University side at an away game on Saturday. A controversial late goal for the RMU side tied the game, and a golden goal in second overtime secured all three points for the home team.

Conference victory gives volleyball hope in tournament

By Roma Mirutenko
STAFF WRITER

This past week the Illinois Tech Women's Volleyball Team won their conference match against Trinity International University. When the Scarlet Hawks first faced them this season they lost in three sets whose scores were close: 24-26, 23-25, 23-25. This time the Hawks were looking for revenge, and they succeeded. Standouts from the game were sophomore Taylor Duman with 16 kills and junior Kate Kendall with 14. Setter senior Rebecca Bograd finished the match with 27 assists while sophomore Shea Manley finished with 24. Winning in three sets - 25-14, 25-23, 25-19 - the Scarlet Hawks are more than ready to take on their next opponent Judson University.

The Scarlet Hawks are excited to

play Judson University on Tuesday away from home. The last time they faced each other, Tech came out with a victory in five sets. During this match, the key components of Tech's game plan were being scrappy and having their hitters use their angles to find the open court space. Captain Kate Kendall stated that to win they would need to use their confidence and their mental toughness to overcome a scrappy Judson. With these things Tech should clinch another victory.

October 26th and 27th are big days for the Scarlet Hawks as well. They will be hosting the Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference Crossover Tournament. They will be playing Purdue University - Calumet on Friday at 3:00 p.m. and University of St. Francis at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday they will be playing Calumet College of St. Joseph at 9:00 a.m. and Trinity Christian College at 11:00 a.m. Come to Keating on both days to watch some great volleyball and to cheer on the Scarlet Hawks.

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- Jon Volker
- Michael Drews
- Luke Burns
- Don Finan, IIT alum

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Engineers Without Borders was named the 2012 Great Lakes Regional Premier chapter! Way to go!
Learn more about the IIT Engineers Without Borders organization here: <http://ewbusait.moonfruit.com/>

Interested in helping plan Women's History Month? Come to the planning meeting on **November 7 at 2:00 pm in MTCC 516**. Can't make it? Email Alex.Garrett@iit.edu to let her know you are interested.

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tuesday

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Student Leader Round Table @ MTCC Executive Conference Room 1:00pm

Union Board

Scarlet Fever Meeting @ UB Office MTCC Room 221 9:00pm

wednesday

Union Board

Dr. Phil Plait: Death From the Skies! @ MTCC Auditorium 7:00pm

Undergraduate Research Specialists

Author's Rights Info Session @ E1 102 12:50pm

Union Board

iMPACT Meeting @ UB Office MTCC Room 221 1:00pm

IIT College of Architecture

Lecture: Christian Kerez @ Crown Hall 6:00pm

thursday

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

SHPE Fundraiser @ E1 1:30pm

IIT College of Science and Letters

Physics Colloquium @ LS 111 3:30pm

Applied Math Collouqium @ LS 152 4:40pm

BOG Committee

Daniel Martin: Magician @ The BOG 8:30pm

Karaoke @ The BOG 10:30pm

friday

African Student Organization

Afro-Entertainment Awards: Pre-Party @ The BOG 9:00pm

Society of Women Engineers

SWE Dinner @ Trustee Dining: Hermann Hall 6:00pm

Indian Student Association

Nachle ISA @ Westin Michigan Ave 7:00pm

Engineers Without Borders

Fundraiser @ Jason's Deli: 1258 S. Canal Street 5:00pm

saturday

IIT College of Science and Letters

Undergraduate Math Contest @ E1 242 8:45pm

monday

Union Board

BOG Committee Meeting @ MTCC Executive Conference Room 1:00pm

Haunted House @ Siegel Field 5:00pm

IIT College of Science and Letters

Applied Math Colloquium @ LS 152 4:40pm

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