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Global Petals shows support for Chicago Bulls

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IIT student Parth Kapadia's non-profit organization, Global Petals, showed its support of the Chicago Bulls and their efforts to promote youth education in Chicago, over winter break with a flowery display.

In collaboration with the Chicago Bulls, Global Petals donated a custom Chicago Bulls logo comprised of specialty roses from around the world to the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center. The Kroc Corps Community Center provides underserved communities with the highest quality recre-

ational and arts facilities to afford children the opportunities to build their natural gifts and talents.

Global Petals is looking forward to continuing their relationship with the Bulls and Kroc Center to identify ways to engage and support the development of the next generation of students.

Global Petals is a web portal that provides access for florists, businesses and non-profits, community organizations, and retail consumers to the world's finest quality flowers. Global Petals allows customers to develop direct relationships with growers and simplifies the shipping process.

The custom arrangement was prepared by University of Illinois (U of I) student designers Sam Kowalczyk, and Candice Miller (of CM Cakes and Flowers), and Rachel Prescott, a U of I Horticulture Alumni, in collaboration with the founders of Global Petals and presented to the leadership of the Kroc Center.

Although they are a global business, Global Petals maintains strong local roots and is continuously focused on identifying avenues to support youth initiatives in the Chicago community. Founded by Chicago area natives, Michael Lyons and Parth Kapadia, Global Petals empowers floral buyers to purchase directly

from global flower farms, enhancing relationships, providing greater transparency and efficiency, and offering substantial value to buyers and sellers. In addition to providing premium quality flowers, their aim is to use Global Petals as a platform to better the local community.

As entrepreneurs, they recognize the importance of encouraging youth to pursue their dreams in artistic and entrepreneurial careers and are pleased to support such endeavors in our communities.

Kapadia (CAEE '13) is also the current president of the Armour College of Engineering Themes Student Council, and a member of the Entrepreneurship Academy.



Photos courtesy of Parth Kapadia

Syrian students hold vigil for Aleppo University victims

Utsav Gandhi & Katie Peters
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On January 15, 2013, when Illinois Tech students were just coming back for the start of the new semester, more than 80 people, many of them students on their way to their first day of exams were killed when two blasts fired from warplanes struck a university campus in the northern Syrian city of Aleppo.

Just think about the enormity of the above statement. First day of exams. University students. More than 80 victims. One can very easily just read the headline, reflect upon it for a few minutes and get on with their life hoping the war would end soon. But what made this specific incident so irrefutable was that here at IIT we have Syrian students, some of them who have transferred from Aleppo University in a recently instituted university initiative. They could very easily have been there on that fatal day.

In a strong show of solidarity, scores of IIT students showed up on January 18th, 2013 on the MTCC South Lawn to participate in a vigil organized by these very Syrian students. Even the blistering cold winds couldn't extinguish the passionate appeal of these stu-

dents to encourage peace and promote harmony.

The Syrian students were gathered on the South Lawn with candles and posters, having imprinted "R.I.P" and a heart on the sand. To start off, Raed Tawil gave introduction, thanked everyone for coming, noting that the number in attendance was close enough to the number of casualties in Aleppo. Some of the students had signs that said:

"You can kill a person but not an idea"

"Illinois stands with Aleppo"

"I would like to congratulate the 90 students who graduated from Aleppo U with an honorable martyrdom status"

The students proceeded to sing a song called "Mawtene" to honor their fallen brothers and sisters, accompanied by some incredibly poignant and somber music.

Tawil then proceeded to provide a brief background of the Syrian civil war and the students finished with singing the Syrian national anthem.

TechNews, and by extension, IIT is proud to stand in solidarity with these students, who are as equally a part of the IIT family as anyone else.



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Aleppo University bombing: A personal reflection

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I studied at Aleppo University for more than 4 years before transferring to IIT last fall.

Obviously, it means a lot to me. At every spot on its large campus, I have lots of memories. In the last two years, a revolution has begun in Syria, and the regime has started killing the protesters and activists. I never expected the regime to shell the universities; one would think there is no reason to do that because they house innocent students and staff members. The only weapons they have are

their pens and paper! Therefore, I was shocked when I heard what happened few days ago at my university, where the shelling from the regime air forces has killed more than 90 students and staff members. Even though none of the people killed were my close friends, many of them were my acquaintances or classmates.

Last time I called my friends in Aleppo, they told me "now before we go to class or an exam, we know that we might die, but we will keep going on, because we understand that we are the future of Syria, and the education shall not be stopped whatever the circumstance is."

I'll remember these words in each

time I go to a class or exam. Here we pay money for the education, but the courageous students in Syria paid their lives for their education.

Finally, I thank IIT and the Jusoor organization, who decided to not just stand and watch what is going on there, but to take an active role in helping these students access their respective rights of education. This year, 25 Syrians have transferred to IIT within an initiative that IIT and Jusoor lunched last August.

Thanks to them, our future holds bright. Maybe we will return one day to Syria and bring calm, peace, and harmony.

What I learned from IIT Confessions

William Syvongsa

TECHNEWS WRITER

Sometime during winter break, the Facebook page IIT Confessions started. Meant to model the University of California – San Diego's Confessions Facebook page, IIT Confessions allowed individuals to submit anonymously stories they needed to get off their chests but didn't want to be judged for. What seemed like the perfect way for IIT students to recount their quirky, awkward, and funny interactions on our campus quickly turned into a burn book, one similar to the journal distributed by the titular antagonist, Regina George, in the movie, "Mean Girls."

A confession, as defined in the Oxford American Dictionary, can be an often humorous and intimate revelation about a person's private life or occupation presented in a sensationalized form. The first few confessions adhered to this definition, with stories recounting incidents involving the Man on the Bench or Crown Hall. Then students started to submit their personal feelings regarding other students. Some were positive, talking about a person's involvement on campus or

their strong personalities. Many were negative, objectifying and sexualizing individuals, many being women. Then things worsened. Individuals started attacking other individuals, which then lead to attacking student organizations, campus employees, and eventually different groups of students based on gender, race, or religion.

Being recognized as a campus leader by various administration and students, I have a deep love for IIT. Have a five minute conversation with me and you can sense my passion for attending this school. I will defend the school's honor in a heartbeat. But when this Facebook page that began with good intentions took this negative tone, I questioned my passion. Are IIT students really this unhappy? Are we students that will insult others, tear them to shreds so passive aggressively and so publicly? Take a minute and analyze what it means to be a part of this community. How you represent yourself and your feelings reflect how others view the school. Prospective

students who want to learn more about our school can come across anything on the internet nowadays and what if they saw that page? Would they have the same feelings I had? That students here are unhappy, do not respect each other, and have no ounce of integrity. I challenge you IIT students to question everything you do and to make sure that when you

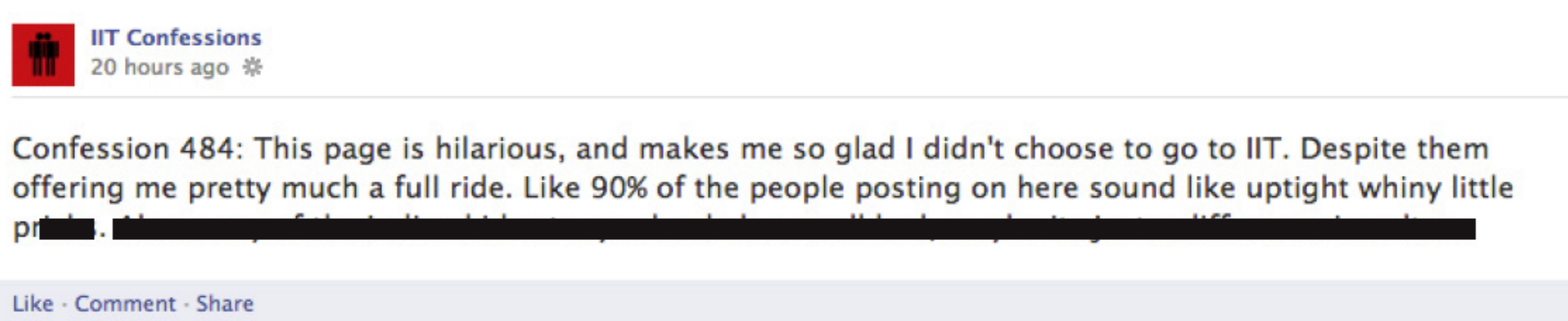


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Student career guidance lacking on campus

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TECHNEWS WRITER

Today's economy calls for innovation and a multitude of different approaches when searching for the perfect career, and college students are feeling the pressure enormously. These students spend many years developing the correct knowledge and skills to become readily available for the professional world. Although IIT (Illinois Institute of Technology) has career advisors set in place to assist all students during this time, students on campus are feeling more of the advisors' absence than their actual guidance.

IIT is home to a CMC (Career Management Center) that is established to help students fine tune resumes and cover letters, connect students with professional career practices, and support students on current and future career goals.

There are many students on campus are ready and available for that assistance, but are unaware of the existence of the CMC advisors who are here to help them. This, for many students, is extremely problematic.

"There is no relationship between me and my advisor," a 3rd year architecture student said, "I had no idea I had a CMC advisor." This student is just one of many who share similar opinions.

Many IIT students are unaware that they are assigned specific CMC advisors based on their majors, and are also unaware of the office location. One of the reasons for this seems to be a lack of communication, a

common setback being expressed by students.

"I am never updated on changes or announcements," a 5th year architecture student stated, "I am not aware on any of the professional events. They are never around on campus for students to see."

Undergraduate business students share advisors with the Stuart School of Business and some are unaware of this fact.

Many of them have spent years at IIT without a single visit to their proposed advisor; this even includes graduate students within the school. "I feel like there's a rift between some students and the advisors," a 2nd year graduate student in business said, "The rift is that students are forgotten, especially domestic students."

For students who are slightly familiar with CMC advisors, the communication between the two parties is still quite limited. Some stated that they feel that the advisors don't provide any "adequate" help, hosting a role that is more of a "resume approver" than a "career advisor". "They just provide information about resume font size and bullets," a 2nd year graduate student in computer science stated, "It's not about career or resumes, just formatting. We don't look for just this kind of advice from an advisor."

NaceLink is an online IIT portal that provides students the opportunity to post resumes and cover letters and search for employment opportunities on and off campus.

CMC advisors are tasked with approving the resumes and cover letters that students submit, but students are also complaining

about a lengthy wait.

While approvals should be completed within 24 to 48 hours, many students have stated a wait time of one week or even longer.

Students with co-ops and other employment opportunities have complained about a long wait for paper approvals, some time frames reaching to more than 2 months.

As the professional aspects in society changes, students are hoping that their advisors reach out to them.

"They should have more participation in the career fairs," a 2nd year biology student said, "They can possibly give advice to students who are confused there."

They should make themselves be known and do what their job description says. As an employee, they don't seem to do much work."

Other requests from students include better availability and walk-in hours, more participation in student events, stronger student connections and portfolio reviews, and advice on the link between student majors and their career options.

"The advisors don't seem to be available at all," a 2nd year graduate student in food processing engineering, stated, "Students need to know they have a career guide."

IIT students have shown an eager need for receiving assistance, especially seniors who are about to enter the professional realm.

Building that link between students and advisors can only lead to a greater success for all of those included in the process.

The CMC has a mission, one that students want to be a part of and one that the CMC advisors must be able to accomplish.

Tech Traditions Committee focusing on student engagement, school spirit

Katie Peters

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Most upperclassmen on campus have heard of IPRO day. Most gamers have heard of the Robotics Dance 'n' LAN parties. Most Greeks have heard of Greek Week. Most sophomores have heard of Sophomore Leadership Retreat. Most students might have seen the IIT Bucket List posters that are currently circulating through campus.

Most students have not, however, heard of the committee that meets once a month to work on keeping these traditions alive, as well as create new traditions. The name of this committee is Tech Traditions, a campus-wide effort to promote pride, awareness and gratitude among IIT's student body so that they have a powerful student experience and transition into

active and engaged alumni. Started in 2009, the committee works hard to find campus traditions that will enrich students' educational experiences, and inspire new campus traditions.

One of the new traditions they are looking to publicize is a reorganization and unification of the Pi Day activities on campus. Yes, we are a tech school, and so yes, we should celebrate one of the nerdiest days of the year as much as possible. Past Pi Day activities have included learning the IIT Engineering Fight Song to earn a piece of pie from the Office of Campus Life or running a 3.14 mile race with Residence and Greek Life.

The Tech Traditions committee's goal for this event is to "bring awareness to Pi Day and be able to market these events in a cohesive manner," says committee chair Katie Stango, Assistant Director of Alumni

Relations. If you are a student who would like to be involved in the committee and help refresh school spirit or if you have a Pi Day event you would like to be included, please email Katie at kstango@iit.edu. Students to move out into fraternity houses for the first semester, making mentoring harder for the most critical semester for an IIT student.

Greek life is continually scrutinized by the IIT administration, and has been victim in the past few years of several changes in policy that influence the Greek community to believe they are under attack by the school.

Greek life is not something the administration should be attacking, but encouraging and helping and not stifling. The administration and Greek community should be looking for ways that they can work together to make the IIT experience better and the mission more attainable.

TEDx talks return to IIT

Chanese Smith

TECHNEWS WRITER

Have you watched any TED Talks? It's a global phenomenon with over a billion clicks. TED is a nonprofit organization that is devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. It started in 1984 as a conference, bringing together people from three worlds: Technology, Entertainment, Design. Today, TED.com brings together the world's leading thinkers and doers in all areas and fields presenting a suite of short, carefully prepared talks, demonstrations and performances that foster learning, inspiration and wonder.

Its goal is to provoke conversations that matter.

Go to TED.com and watch a few ideas worth sharing.

Now you can be part of the planning team and bring TED to IIT with TEDx, a program designed to allow TED talks in local communities.

TEDxIIT is a student organization with the purpose of hosting TED-like events on campus for the global community, under the leadership of IIT alumna Amy Lee Segami.

Segami is a former TEDx Speaker, the founder and champion of TEDxIIT in 2009.

She will serve as the co-organizer of the event once again.

TEDxIIT welcomes everyone from the IIT community: alumni, faculty members, staff, and students at any level, with any major.

TEDxIIT 2013 will be held on April 13, 2013 at the Tower Auditorium on main campus. The theme this year is Exponential.

The planning meeting is held every Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 am at the SW Conference Room located on the 16th Floor of the IIT Tower.

The mission of TEDxIIT is to create an amazing event, virtually and live, that is innovative, mind-opening, and attention-grabbing, featuring inspirational and energizing speakers from the IIT community.

The inaugural TEDxIIT 2011 Break Through <http://ted.com/tedx/events/4971> was a great success, as well as TEDxIIT 2012 Gaining Momentum <http://www.ted.com/tedx/events/1749>.

During TEDxIIT 2012, IIT Provost Alan Cramb, Vice Provost Jerry Doyle, and Stuart Executive Director Nick Rokop all made appearances.

The event took place at the Tower Auditorium. It was sold out, with more than 1,000 global viewers live streaming. Sign up on the mailing list at TEDxIIT.com to be a part of TEDxIIT 2013. Come to the weekly Friday meeting and make this an exponential event. Contact: 2013@TEDxIIT.com, @TEDxIIT Chanese Smith is the President of TEDxIIT 2013. You can reach her at Chanese@TEDxIIT.com

Students attend undergrad physics conference geared towards women

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Many IIT students are familiar with our institution's gender ratio; those who can't quote the exact numbers are likely to know the gist of it. There are more men than women at IIT.

The prevalence of men in some fields is much greater than others, but one of the most male-dominated fields is physics.

In order to understand the complex reasons behind the lack of women in physics and to build community, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) hosted the 6th annual Midwest Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics (MWCWIP) from January 18-20th. The conference was attended by three IIT female physics majors, along with students from many Chicago universities,

and universities from surrounding states.

The conference was informative and fun, and provided a great opportunity for networking. Many highly successful female scientists were invited to speak, providing conference attendees with valuable information and insight. Speakers gave an overview of their research, their path to physics and their careers, and their personal lives.

All of the women invited to speak had incredible careers, yet spoke of the challenges of balancing career and personal life. Women who aspire to be brilliant scientists must abandon some stereotypical female roles as they build their career. All of the speakers at MWCWIP admitted some difficulty in achieving a satisfying work/life balance, though most of the women also recognized supportive spouses and families as being imperative to their success.

Some people may wonder why it is important to

gather female physics undergraduates at such a conference. Monica Plisch spoke about the lack of women with advanced physics degrees, and the stunningly low percentage of women who have tenured positions in physics departments. As the degree becomes more advanced, women are less easily found.

Although women have been proven to be as competent as men at science and math, somewhere along the way women lose confidence or interest in the field and pursue other things. Fermilab scientist Sam Zeller (who, by the way, is beautiful, tall, and blonde) spoke about how an advisor at Northwestern thought she would be better suited to ballet than a career in science. She now studies neutrinos and races cars in her free time.

MWCWIP plays an important role in giving young female physicists the confidence and resources to advance in the field. While many of us have likely never directly experi-

enced discrimination based on our gender, few of us have any female physicist role-models or mentors. MWCWIP gave us a place to feel comfortable, and to network with women who had similar experiences to our own. Speakers assured us we were talented scientists, and to not give up on lofty career goals despite the lack of confidence many of us have.

In addition to invited speakers, the conference hosted panel discussions on the topics of undergraduate research, graduate school, and careers in physics.

Conference attendees were able to tour a variety of UIUC physics labs, and we enjoyed an evening of networking and fine dining at a formal banquet.

Next year's MWCWIP is slated to be held at the University of Chicago, and I would encourage any IIT women who are interested in physics to attend.

Relay for Life speeding to campus

Katie Peters

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Twenty-seven years ago, one man, Dr. Gordy Klatt, started to make a difference just by walking and running around a track for 24 hours. Later this year in April, we will be able to make the same difference and walk to fight cancer. The committee planning the second-ever Relay for Life on IIT's campus has a lot to look forward to and a lot to work for.

Relay for Life is an event that is held across the country to raise money and awareness for the fight against cancer, and was held on campus for the first time last year.

The coordinators this year, including Nicolette Lewis, Richard Stevenson, Andi Piper, Tracy Pfeffer, and Brandyn Osborne have greater goals for the event this year, including having at least 150 participants and raising over \$10,000.

They all hope to make Relay a tradition at IIT, but they need the help of the IIT community to succeed and make a difference

in the fight against cancer.

It is easy to volunteer for the event, too! You can register for the April 20 event by signing up at tinyurl.com/iitrelayforlife.

You can start a new team with your friends, or ask to join an existing team. Participants are asked to raise at least \$100, which will also earn you an official Relay for Life t-shirt.

Although Dr. Klatt sacrificed 24 hours for the cure, the event happening on our campus will only last 12 hours, but will be a night full of food, fun, and people fighting for the same cause.

The event will take place the night of the Big Event, and is being kicked off with a show by IIT's own on-campus dance club, New Velocity.

Relay for Life will be held on the Quad, so teams can hangout or camp out in the field while members take turns walking around the Quad.

Further details as to what activities and food will be at Relay for Life will be updated as it gets closer, so be sure to look out for

posters! Key parts of the event include the Survivor's Walk, the Luminaria Ceremony, and the Fight Back Ceremony.

In each, cancer survivors or victims are honored: their lives, their stories, their fights, and sometimes their loss. It is a time to celebrate and mourn the people

who had to enter a fight with cancer, because there is not yet a cure. However, as Osborne puts it on his participant page, we are the ones who can fight for them:

"I fight, so that others do not have to see their loved ones struggle.

I fight, so that one day there is a solid cure.

I fight, for a world without cancer."

Help make the fight against cancer your fight, and fight for a world without the pain and loss that comes from cancer, but instead a world with more birthdays.

For more information on how to volunteer or participate, or if you have any other questions, please contact Nicolette Lewis at nlewis1@hawk.iit.edu.



Image courtesy of TEDxIIT

CSL organizing 6 lectures for spring semester

IIT College of Science & Letters

Mark your calendars!

The College of Science and Letters will be hosting six lectures this spring semester, all covering a wide variety of topics and undoubtedly of great value to the student academic experience.

The second one, honoring Biology Professor Dale Webster, is especially important for the IIT Biology community. Webster taught here from 1968 until 2000, and during this time he oversaw many students, and institutional changew at IIT.

Webster is also credited with the founding of the field of study in bacterial hemoglobins during his time at UC-Berkely as a Ph.D. student. This will be the first departmental lecture for biology and helps to herald the greater focus on science at IIT.

The Benjamin Franklin Project

(hosted by the IIT Department of Social Sciences) will continue their fascinating discussions allowing students and scholars to explore the full range of the Founders' work—from their most practical domestic devices to the extraordinary idea and architecture of the New Republic.

The Project focuses especially on the Enlightenment and the Framers as scientists, inventors and designers in both the social and the natural realms, exploring how all these elements continue to spark imaginations and shape priorities in today's far more interconnected world.

This semester's lecture will be held in the McCormick Tribune Campus Center (MTCC) Auditorium on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with a reception to follow.

The talk will be titled "Democracy and the Built Environment" and will be delivered by Peter Onuf, Thomas Jefferson Memo-

rial Foundation Professor of History, Emeritus, University of Virginia, and Marshall Brown, assistant Professor of Architecture, here at IIT.

The lecture, sponsored by the Jack Miller Foundation, will explore the architectural dimensions of the American experiment, from the perspective of founders like Thomas Jefferson and George Mason and that of contemporary architects and urban planners.

A lecture honoring Professor Emeritus Dale Webster will be hosted by the IIT Department of Biology in the McCormick Tribune Campus Center (MTCC) Ballroom on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. (5:30 p.m. cocktail reception to follow).

The talk, titled, "Hemoglobins: from Man to Bacteria and Back" will be delivered by Serge Vinogradov (Ph.D. BIOL '60), professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, Wayne State University. Vinogradov is a leading scholar in bacterial hemoglobins, a field of

study founded by Webster that now has many active researchers in hemoglobin structure, function, and evolution, and in use of bacterial hemoglobin in practical applications.

The Spring 2013 Sawyer Lecture, hosted by the IIT Humanities Department will be held in the McCormick Tribune Campus Center (MTCC) Ballroom on Friday, March 1, at 2:30 p.m.

Titled "Pluralism and Pragmatism: Perspectives on Protein-Folding", it will be delivered by Sandra Mitchell, professor and chair, History and Philosophy of Science, at the University of Pittsburgh.

Philosopher of science Mitchell explores how different perspectives of protein-folding—intra-atomic forces modeled in silicon, chemistry structures in vitro, and cellular interactions in vivo—interact to enrich our understanding of this fundamental process.

CMC hosting business etiquette meal, sponsored by JP Morgan Chase

IIT Career Management Center

Ever been invited to a professional meeting that happened over a meal, and your apprehension, or naiveté clearly expressed itself at the meal table? You spilled food over the table, had little idea which piece of cutlery to use from the assortment available on the table, didn't really know how to handle those gazillion text messages and tweet updates, and didn't know how to manage the bill.

Lunch and dinner meetings are common in the professional world to gauge the confidence of the prospective client or employee over an informal atmosphere and the perfect opportunity to make a clean,

natural impression without the pressures of a formal office environment. Unfortunately, coming out of college, students don't really have the etiquette training to make the most of such opportunities as they may encounter. Considering that, the Career Management Center will host an Etiquette Dinner sponsored by JP Morgan Chase, on January 31, in the MTCC Ballroom.

The CMC would also like to take this opportunity to introduce the incoming students to NACELink, IIT's online job database, which allows students and alumni to view thousands of job openings. The listings in NACELink are available only to registered students and alumni of IIT.

It provides access to a calendar listing of all CMC events, including

workshops and on-campus interviewing; resume books - by publishing your resumé to an appropriate resume book, your resume will be available to employers who search for your particular skill set; on-campus interviewing - applying for a position via NACELink and await selection by an employer for an interview on-campus.

If you are a current IIT student, please come to the CMC Office with your IIT ID to request a NACELink account. Students must sign and submit the IIT NACELink Agreement, at the time they are requesting an account. SSB students must sign the SSB NACELink Agreement, and submit it to the SSB Career Management Center located on the 6th floor of DTC. Newly admitted students will be able to set up an account

during the first week of classes following the previously mentioned instructions. If there are any questions, please contact the CMC office at 312.567.6800 or cmc@iit.edu. For SSB students, please contact the CMC-SSB at 312-906-6555 or careers@stuart.iit.edu.

Also we would like to announce the IIT Spring 2013 Career Fair, in Hermann Hall, 3241 S. Federal Street.

Professional dress is required for entry.

Men must wear a suit or dress pants with a tie or jacket. Women must wear a suit or dress pants or appropriate length skirt and blouse.

Watch out for announcements regarding resume critique sessions and mock interviews before the fair!

'Fueling Innovation' campaign aims to raise money, support IIT initiatives

Monica LaBelle

IIT OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

IIT has been fueling innovation for nearly 125 years. Look around, and you can see it in the products developed by our students, faculty and alumni. You can see the process of innovation unfolding in our classrooms, our laboratories, our centers, and our institutes.

Fueling Innovation: The Campaign for IIT is the university's way of ensuring the merit of this mark on the world.

As it seeks to raise the funds that will support new IIT initiatives, leading the charge are members of the Board of Trustees Alan "Bud" Wendorf (ME '71) and Joel Krauss (MATH '71), co-chairs of the campaign. Read on as they discuss our plan to look forward and go beyond.

As campaign co-chairs, what do you hope to achieve through the campaign?

Both (laughing): \$250 million!

Krauss: I hope we can engage our 60,000-plus alumni to better allow us to work together and create great opportunities for today's IIT graduates. IIT is experiencing a renaissance, and the facts prove it. Don't take our word for it—check in out yourself.

Wendorf: We're also focused on fundraising; reaching our financial goal is extremely important. In addition to achieving our tangible goal, we will be better positioned and strengthen the university's impact in key areas in the future.

Why is "Fueling Innovation" the right name for this campaign?

Wendorf: Because that's exactly what we're doing. This campaign will provide the power

that IIT needs to transform the future.

Krauss: The motivation behind every single one of our goals is to provide the opportunity to change the future.

What is the most important campaign fact that you want our alumni and friends to know?

Krauss: I want to stress the fact that we need everyone's support. We want everyone to consider IIT and do what they can. Every donation helps—any amount. Beyond the dollar value, alumni engagement and participation are just as important. Attending alumni events, finding talented applicants, assisting with job placement at alumni businesses, being the voice of IIT where you live—it all helps!

Wendorf: A successful campaign will create an opportunity to elevate the wonderful things that are happening at IIT and allow

more of them to happen. Increased alumni participation, renewed alumni pride, and the addition of the Innovation Center will all be markers of our success.

Krauss: The Innovation Center will be huge for us—but it's not so much parallel "constructing" a new building on campus as it is growing a true center for innovation that will develop students, integrate with industry, and solve really hard problems. The center—which will nurture new innovation and new innovators—will make us successful.

For more information about Fueling Innovation: The Campaign for IIT, visit fuelinginnovation.iit.edu.

Check TechNews next week for details about a campus party like no other—the Friday, February 8 campaign kickoff!

International Recyclemania competition returns to campus

Brock Auerbach-Lynn

STAFF WRITER

The international college recycling & waste minimization competition 'Recyclemania' is back and IIT is ready to prove its mettle once again over the 8 week long competition. IIT will be in competition to have the highest recycling rate, the lowest amount of waste per capita, and the largest amount of electronic waste collected and recycled.

Last year, IIT came in 4th in all of Illinois and in the top 25% within the national competition with a recycling rate of 34.1% (i.e. – 34.1% of all waste on campus was recycled). We also collected over 10,400 pounds of unwanted electronic devices (e-waste) that were recycled

domestically in an environmentally benign manner.

Our goal for this year's 2013 competition which runs from February 3rd to March 30th is to reach an average 37% recycling rate over the 8 weeks. We'll update you each week with our current numbers via TechNews and other public platforms.

The Office of Campus Energy & Sustainability (OCES) will be undertaking several initiatives to help the IIT community reach this goal. We will be launching a 'Spring Cleaning' program with offices/departments where we will help them clear out all those unwanted papers, boxes and electronic devices that are cluttering offices and making your daily life more difficult. During the month of March,

OCES will be coordinating several electronic waste collection days. Students, staff and faculty as well as the community at large can bring any unwanted electronic device (more or less anything with a plug) and we will recycle it with a certified e-waste recycler for free. Keep an eye out for the dates.

To help remind people about recycling when it matters most ... when you're approaching the hawk bins in a rush and need to decide what to do with your waste, we are implementing an ambitious signage campaign. We hope to have Recyclemania specific signage on many hawk bins around campus, as well as table tents at communal eating/studying spaces. We'll also be having a competition through Facebook for Tech Cash and our student

workers will be out stickering people 'caught in the act' of recycling.

By caring to read this article you've taken the first step. You can contribute further in our mission to help IIT improve recycling and reduce waste by consciously dropping your plastic bottles, aluminum cans, cardboard containers and any type of paper in a recycling bin. Where possible, avoid printing and view documents digitally, and think about taking lunch from home one day a week so you won't generate any trash. Lastly, check around your office and home for all those unwanted pieces of electronics and bring them to our e-waste collection day in March.

Let's rock this competition, Illinois Tech!

Design grant awarded to AIAS-IIT Lissette Project

John Pasowicz
TECHNEWS WRITER

The American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) chapter at IIT recently participated in the Freedom by Design Program which utilizes the talents of architecture students to impact the lives of the people in their communities through design and construction.

Modifications are made to enhance the houses of low income and disabled people. By addressing the everyday struggles they go through and allowing them to achieve normalcy on their own we are giving them a freedom that every person should enjoy.

The program at Illinois Institute of Technology is just starting up and we are already on our way to make our community better. We are in the design phase of a bathroom for a disabled teenager named Lissette who has

Spina Bifida, a birth defect caused by the incomplete closing of the embryonic neural tube that affects the development of one's spinal cord. This birth defect has limited her mobility to a wheel chair. She is usually very independent when she has the freedom to do so. The family's current bathroom situation does not allow her any freedom to practice the independence she will need to live on her own in the future.

The current bathroom has a door that is only thirty inches wide. This makes it very hard for her to enter and close the door by herself in her current chair. As she is only a teenager she is going to grow out of her current chair which will not fit through their current door.

Another problem she runs into is having storage for her catheter within reach so she can use that by herself. The last most important issue is the tub. The current bathtub

makes it impossible for her to bathe by herself because she is not able to get in and out by herself.

During our Charrette we had separated into groups to iterate as many solutions as we could. We then got together as a group and proposed each solution. In the end we combined certain aspects of each that we thought would work best as a cohesive bathroom.

To solve the door issue in a space that a full swing door wouldn't work, and a sliding door wouldn't have enough wall to slide into, we decided that a bi-fold door is the only option that allows her to enter and close the door by herself. In order to accommodate the wheelchair, we decided that we need to move a wall to offer her full mobility.

To offer her freedom within the bathroom we decided to wrap key walls with a handrail so she can access the full bathroom.

The bathroom is the only one in the house so we need to accommodate her as well as the family.

We figured out that a fold up bench would offer the most freedom for her and allow her family to use the shower normally. To create an edge condition and storage to show the separation of shower and bathroom while creating storage within reach we decided to create a storage wall that helps her store her catheter and other supplies while offering storage for the family when they shower.

Our completion date is by the end of January 2013 with a budget of around two thousand. We have recently received news that we received a grant for \$1500 from Graphisoft and we are working hard to raise the rest of the money. If you are interested in helping support The Lissette Project or IIT Freedom By Design donate to this website <https://www.aias.org/custom/freedomdonate.asp?id=2153>

Galvin Library seeks applicants for Student Advisory Board

Pattie Piotrowski
ASST. DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICES, GALVIN LIBRARY

The Paul V. Galvin Library is committed to enriching and enhancing the educational experience for students and to that end we are establishing a Student Advisory Board.

Come and participate to make the library a better place for yourself and others! We would like your input on policies, services, collections, and spaces, and we welcome vol-

unteers to serve.

The board will be comprised of 8-12 undergraduate and graduate students from various disciplines who will meet a few times each semester to:

- provide feedback and insight on library services, collections, and spaces
- help identify trends in the student use of services and resources
- participate in the development of surveys or focus groups
- assist in decision-making that will

affect the student body

In the past Galvin Library has listened to our students and we have added:

- A quiet study zone
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- Night Owl Lab
- Study Week, an additional week of

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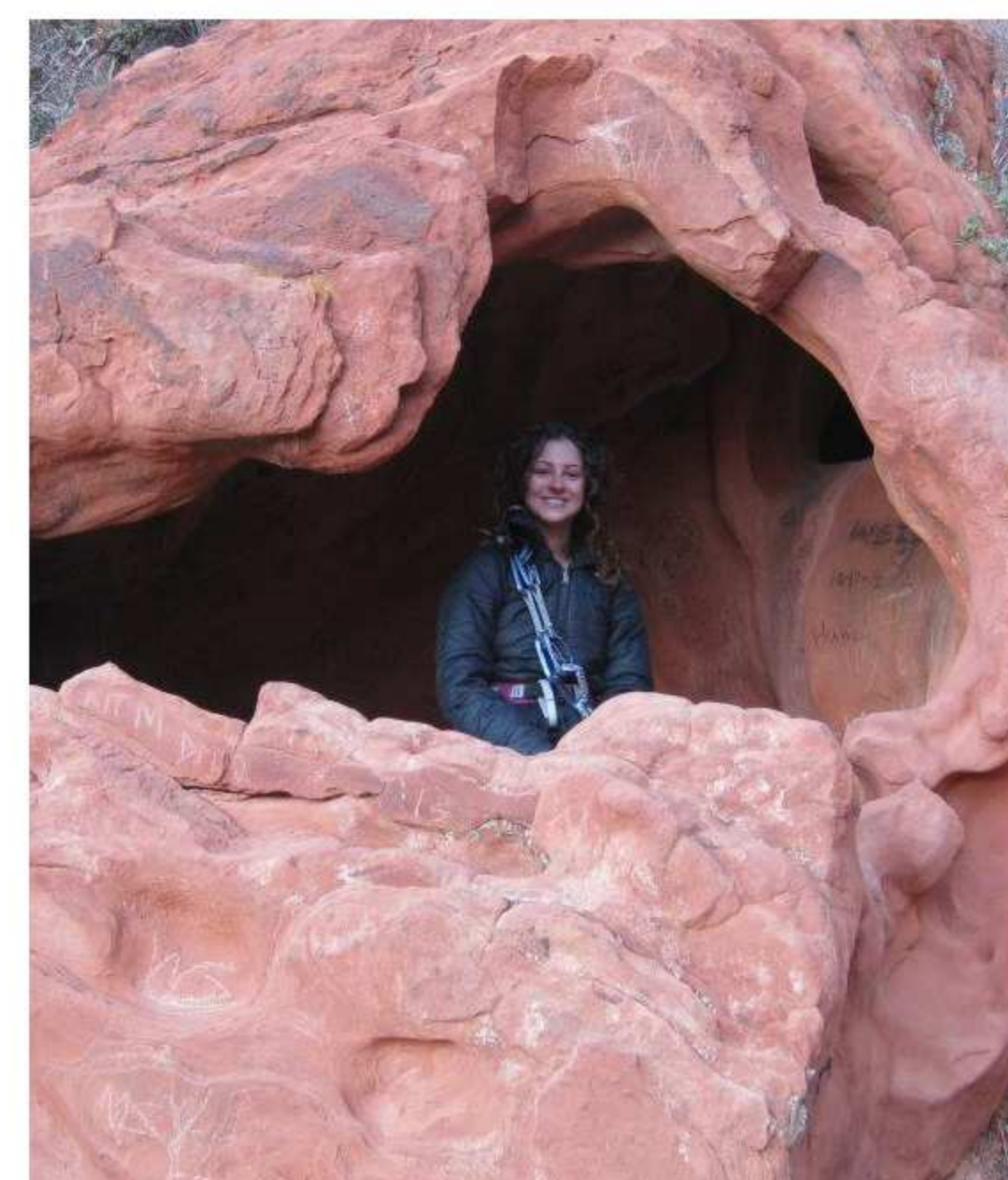
Now we want to find out what you think! If you are interested in participating, send us an email at library@iit.edu, write "Stu-

dent Advisory Board" in the subject line and tell us three things:

- Your student status (undergraduate level freshman – 5th year or graduate)
- Major or intended course of study
- Why you would like to serve on the student advisory board

Please submit your email of interest to library@iit.edu by February 1st. Board members will be notified by Tuesday, February 12.

Rock Climbing Club members travel to warmer areas over Winter Break



Photos courtesy of Dan Zweig & Matt Wrodarczyk



Are You Ready?

RecycleMania 2013

Questions? Email us at campussustainability@iit.edu

Good Luck to all Student Life Leader Applicants!
Group Process is February 2, 2013!

Got fuel?

FUELING INNOVATION

The Campaign for IIT Launch Event, will be held Friday, February 8 on IIT's Main Campus from 3:00 PM—8:00 PM. There will even be an indoor ice rink in the MTCC Ballroom to celebrate the kick-off!



IIT SGA

February 2nd is Finance Board's first hearing! For more information regarding SAF Allocations please visit sga.iit.edu

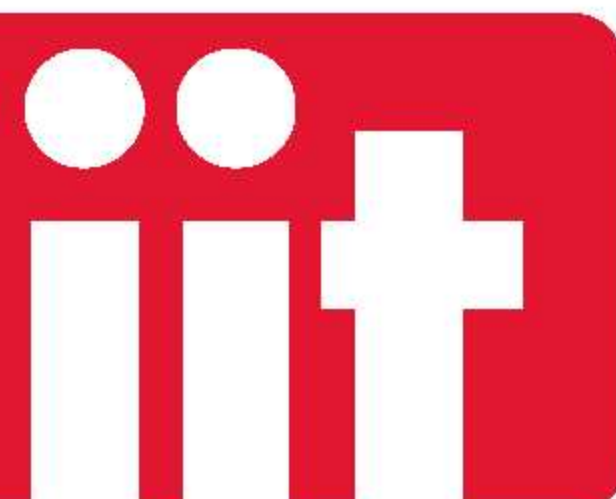
Spring 2013 Freshman 15 events

- Jan 17: Peer Mentor Meet and Greet, 1 pm, Hermann Hall Ballroom
- Jan 18: Campus Sustainability Forum, 12 pm, Hermann Hall Ballroom
- Jan 25: Hunger Banquet, 4 pm, MTCC Ballroom
- Feb 2: Men's Basketball vs. Indiana Dabney, 3 pm, Keating
- Feb 8: Capital Campaign Kick-Off, 11 am, MTCC Ballroom
- Feb 20: FAFSA Frenzy Party, 11 am, One Stop
- Feb 22: MTCC Late Niite, 9 pm, MTCC
- Mar 9: Student Leadership Summit, 10 am, MTCC
- Mar 11: Katie Wirsing, 1 pm, Center Court
- Mar 14: Pi Day, 11 am, Campus Life Suite
- Mar 27: Mess with Mies, TBD
- Apr 7: Greek Week Dance-Off, TBD
- Apr 20: Big Event, 9 am, MTCC
- Apr 20-21: Relay for Life, Overnight, Quad
- Apr 24: Talk Time-Fun & Games, 12: 45 pm

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Let's make a little history



It's time to let the world know how IIT is fueling innovation.

Join us from 3-5pm on Friday, February 8, 2013, to immerse yourself in an atmosphere of discovery, invention, and creativity as we launch *Fueling Innovation: The Campaign for IIT*. This exciting event celebrates the progress already made, and it is a moment of pride for the IIT community as we officially launch the campaign. It's a historic occasion—and we have you to thank for it.

Schedule of Activities

- **Winter Wonderland Carnival | 3pm**

(McCormick Tribune Campus Center)

Escape the cold and join us in the MTCC for a winter wonderland. Take part in ice skating and ice sculptures and see IIT's very own WIIT decorated as a snow globe!

- **Fueling Innovation Announcement | 3:30pm**

(McCormick Tribune Campus Center, Center Court)

Join us in the MTCC as we gather for the official launch of *Fueling Innovation: The Campaign for IIT*. The program will feature remarks from IIT President John L. Anderson, an announcement and sneak peek of new campaign building projects, and the global unveiling of the inspirational Campaign for IIT video.

- **Bog Gathering | 4pm**

(Hermann Hall, The Bog)

Continue the celebration in The Bog with live entertainment while enjoying food and drinks with IIT friends.

Can't attend the launch events in person?



Join us online! Visit our website for details about online activities like a virtual scavenger hunt (with exciting prizes!) and live video feed. All day on February 8, be part of our social media blitz by posting about IIT and the campaign—use **#iitinnovates** and help us go viral! <http://alumni.iit.edu/makehistory>

Rock Climbing Club conquers refurbished grain silo

By Dan Zweig
STAFF WRITER

In Bloomington, Illinois; a company named Upper Limits has re-purposed an old grain silo into something a little unexpected: a rock climbing gym.

After cutting doorways into the base of the silos through one foot of solid concrete, and drilling thousands of holes on the inside to attach different climbing holds, they transformed these 70 foot storage containers into one of the tallest climbing gyms in the country. It has been a few years, but the gym is also known for creating giant ice waterfalls off the side of the silos so ice climbers can practice ascending with ice axes in a more controlled environment.

With such an early three day weekend this semester some students decided they would take advantage of the time off and relaxed homework load to make the trip out to visit the gym. Five students; Danielle Kreie, Dan Zweig, Kate Manwaring, Jessica Carlson, and Maraya Morgan, took the two hour drive from Chicago out to Bloomington, Illinois to experience this gym over Martin Luther King weekend. For a steep \$18 per person, the group climbed for over four hours with swarms of Central Illinois children and other aspiring climbers.

Most routes were rated between 5.7 and 5.11, with added plus or minus depending on difficulty. According to the IIT climbers, the routes were noticeably different than any in the gyms near Chicago, which makes sense as each gym's routes are set by different climbers.

However, these routes seemed easier to climb in general, and difficulty didn't come from complexity of the route and its moves, but from distance between holds and their awkwardness. The gym also was extremely strict about safety, with patrolling staff inspecting climbers every few minutes; If anyone climbing was caught breaking a basic safety rule the climber and belayer were each charged \$10.

The IIT Rock Climbing Club tends to visit two gyms per week, when their budget allows, and climbs outdoors maybe four or five times during the semester depending on the weather and scheduling conflicts. The gyms within reach of the university that do not require gym memberships are Climb On, Vertical Endeavors,

and Hidden Peak. Each gym offers a different experience and different crowd of climbers.

At Climb On, a friendly gym in Homewood, 45 minutes south of Chicago, climbers are introduced to a medium sized gym with about twelve top ropes to climb, and hardly any lasting crowd of climbers.

Most routes have historically been harder, mostly 5.10s, 5.11s, and 5.12s, but their most recent route setters have provided an assortment of 5.8s and 5.9s. Still, however, we would not consider it the best beginner's gym.

Vertical Endeavors, or VE, is 45 minutes west in Warrenville, and is a feature of an enormous gym called Lifetime Fitness. VE offers climbers dozens of top ropes including an entire section of automatic belays where climbers can safely climb without a belayer or spotter below.

The gym is set up for large crowds and a variety of climbing, with enough routes of all ratings to entertain any level of climber; from the beginner 5.6 climber to the advanced 5.12d lead climber.

The third gym is Hidden Peak, tucked away in a basement of an gymnastics studio near the intersection of Chicago and Milwaukee, this gym is by far the closest of the club's favorites. This gym offers no top rope climbing, only bouldering, and a climber will never find himself more than a few feet off the mats and crash pads.

This gym is small, compact, and popular, with dozens of routes over top one another and a crowd of climbers, elbow to elbow waiting for routes to open up. Some of the best climbers in the country have trained at this gym, and there is always a group of advanced climbers, hanging from holds that most climbers find impossible to grab. Overall this gym is meant for better climbers to hone their skills and technique, although the newest set of routes and rocks installed caters well to all difficulties of climbers.

And then of course, sometimes, when the IIT clubs cannot fund or program enough events, the students must find entertainment for themselves. On most occasions that means taking advantage of the city of Chicago, but sometimes it means taking random, spontaneous trips to rock climbing gyms two hours away for a new and unique climbing experience.

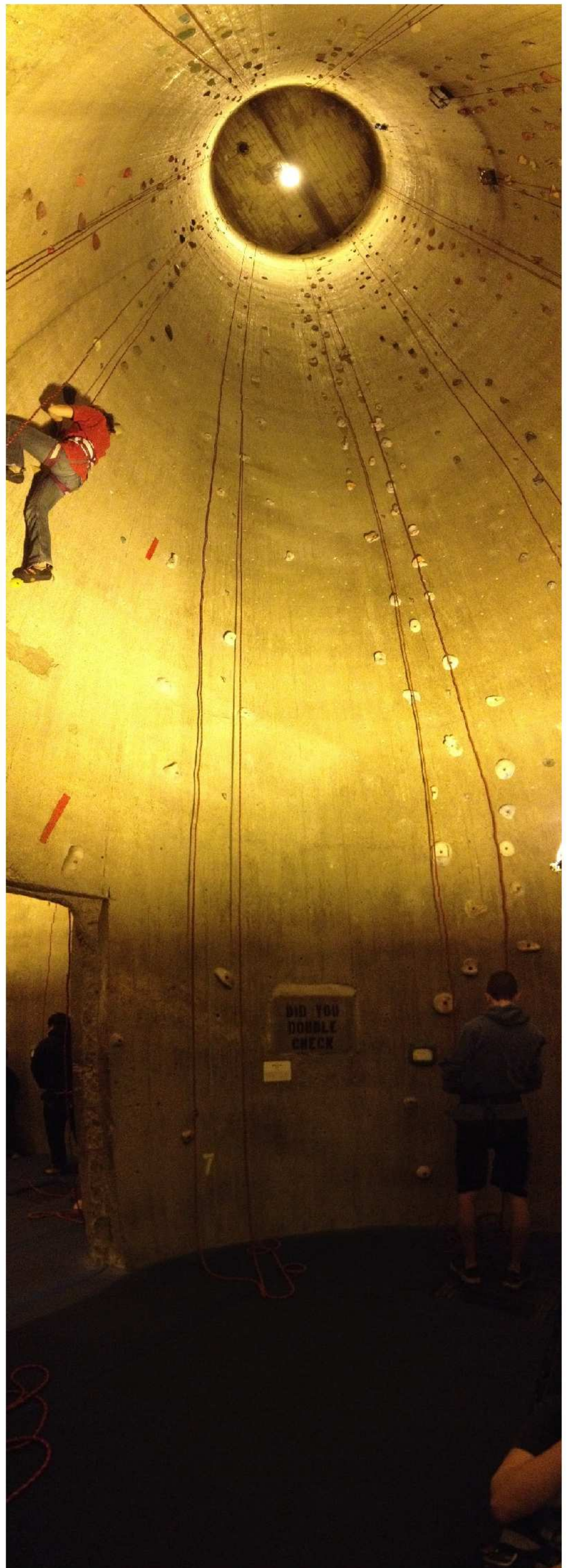
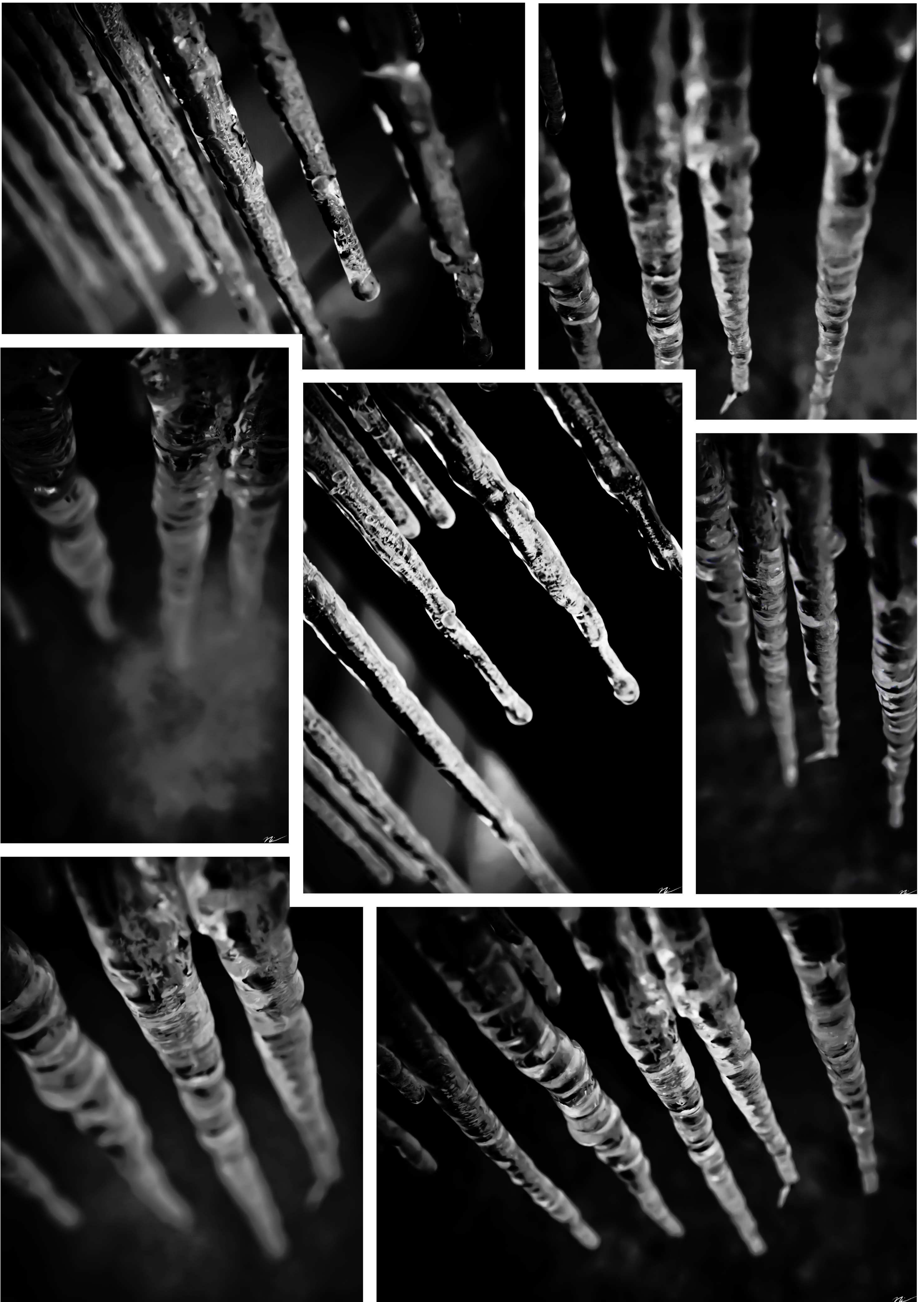


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Snowless winter, but still icy cold



Born Ruffians rough up Chicago

Robin Babb
TECHNEWS WRITER

On January 16, Lincoln Hall, I got to see one of my favorite contemporary bands, Born Ruffians.

If you haven't heard their music before I suggest you change that immediately; pick up their first album Red, Yellow & Blue and listen to it a dozen times, because it is fantastic and gives me hope for the future of songwriting. With all its screechy choruses and beautifully upbeat guitar riffs, it's also a sure remedy for the winter doldrums.

Since I've followed the Ruffians for quite a while and seen them perform once before, I certainly had high expectations for this show. The energy and optimism in all their music promises a great concert experience, and thankfully they made good on that promise. They did play a select few songs from Red, Yellow & Blue last night, but they focused mostly on material from their second album, Say It, with a few new tunes for good measure. While these new songs were received well, it was quite apparent that the appeal for the audience was shouting along to every song they knew the

words to; I'm not complaining about that, I was doing the same thing. They just make the kind of songs that are such a powerful combination of weird, catchy, and meaningful that they get hardwired into your brain.

Future Monarchs and Night Moves, the opening bands, clearly had a similar character. Though I had never heard either of them before, it was easy to see the appeal. Night Moves especially had a good set, with a sound like a less obnoxious MGMT with a better guitarist. Though they perhaps were a little too generous with the vocal reverb at points, the singer has a strong enough voice to assure you that it's not done out of desire to compensate.

Perhaps a bit less energetic than the last time I saw them perform, Born Ruffians were otherwise on the top of their game last night. Even the new songs were polished, and the singer Luke Lalonde hit all the high notes that make their wordless choruses oh-so-adorable. The audience, which was generally younger than I expected, responded in turn with enthusiasm and lots of off-key singing along and clapping, which I'm beginning to think are just trademarks of their shows. Though these things could be annoying to some, it's hard not to get on the same level when Born Ruffians are playing.



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Mag Mile's Parade of Lights radiates tradition

August Lysy
TECHNEWS WRITER

A few weeks ago I went to see the Magnificent Mile Lights Parade. For those of you unfamiliar with the tradition, the city closes down Mag Mile and the parade heads south from Oak Street, down the southbound lane; and as the lead float bearing Minney and Mickey Mouse passes each block, a brief ceremony is conducted by the two Grand Mice, culminating in a countdown from five and the lighting of all the trees on the block. It's magical. And I'm not even being sarcastic.

At twenty-three-years old I found

the whole spectacle to be nothing short of wonderful, in the most literal sense of the word: wonder-ful. But the wonder had nothing to do with the trees suddenly lighting up.

The wonder for me lied in the complete experience: to walk across the shut-down main street amidst thousands of people; to look up at the apartments and restaurants and clothing stores and to see people doing nothing but eagerly watching the procession; to be there and feel that energy and excitement—the marching bands, the gymnasts—that was the true magic, the true mystique of the evening.

So often, community events come across to me as trite and contrived: contemporary

speeches are watered down rhetoric meant to incite some lost communal passion, and festivals revolve around overpriced food and petty amusements. What is there that truly brings a community together for the sake of community? All the examples I can think of center around some aspect of personal gain, either of food or entertainment.

Perhaps I'm overlooking some factor of entertainment (there are, I think, other attractions coinciding with the Parade), but I see the Parade of Lights as a wonderful exception to this (admittedly cynical) thesis.

There, I felt a true community spirit moving among thousands of strangers. There,

thousands of families stood in the cold for no practical reason, for no personal gain. And the mystical part of this isn't that they attended for the community, necessarily, but that such an occasion as a parade—and this one, of lights—even exists, would even attract a crowd.

The significance of the Parade of Lights is, today, the tradition of it, and tradition bespeaks community: our tradition. And while, say, the Food Festival or the countless neighborhood festivals will all draw crowds for fancy hot dogs, craft beers, and live music, none achieve the mystical quality of the Parade of Lights, that gathers a community of people together around light.



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Movie Review: Action flick isn't Schwarzenegger's 'Last Stand'

Melanie Decelles
TECHNEWS WRITER

I absolutely love Arnold Schwarzenegger and had been eagerly anticipating his return to the big screen. Unfortunately, "The Last Stand" was not quite the thrilling return I'd hoped for.

The movie takes place in a small town in southern California where Schwarzenegger's character has moved to be the town Sheriff following a dark event causing him to leave the narcotics division of the LAPD.

If this seems like an excessive amount of detail, I assure you it's only par for the course. Every character involved seems to have years of back story. Don't worry about trying to catch up though; every time anyone opens their mouth they helpfully tell you what everyone's been up to for the last ten years.

The true star of the movie, however, isn't Arnold or even the cartel drug lord trying

to escape America and a death sentence by crossing the border in the sleepy little town under Schwarzenegger's protection; the real star is a "super car" stolen by the drug lord, Cortez.

If you can't guess from the fawning done by the characters that you're supposed to be impressed by this car, it should become clearer during the many slow motion scenes of its amazing ability to go very fast. Cortez and the "super car" spend most of the movie outrunning a FBI Agent. The special effects are spent largely on the cars, leaving the fight scenes gloriously filled with plastic limbs and red paint.

The movie ends in the typical show-down between the slick foreigner and the [inexplicably Austrian] hometown boy. Cortez makes a point to address Schwarzenegger's age repeatedly, as if that negates the fact that he's still the size of a Buick. Despite the slapstick and townspeople who act as if they're waiting on a laugh track, Schwarzenegger still has an ability to make you root for him in the end.

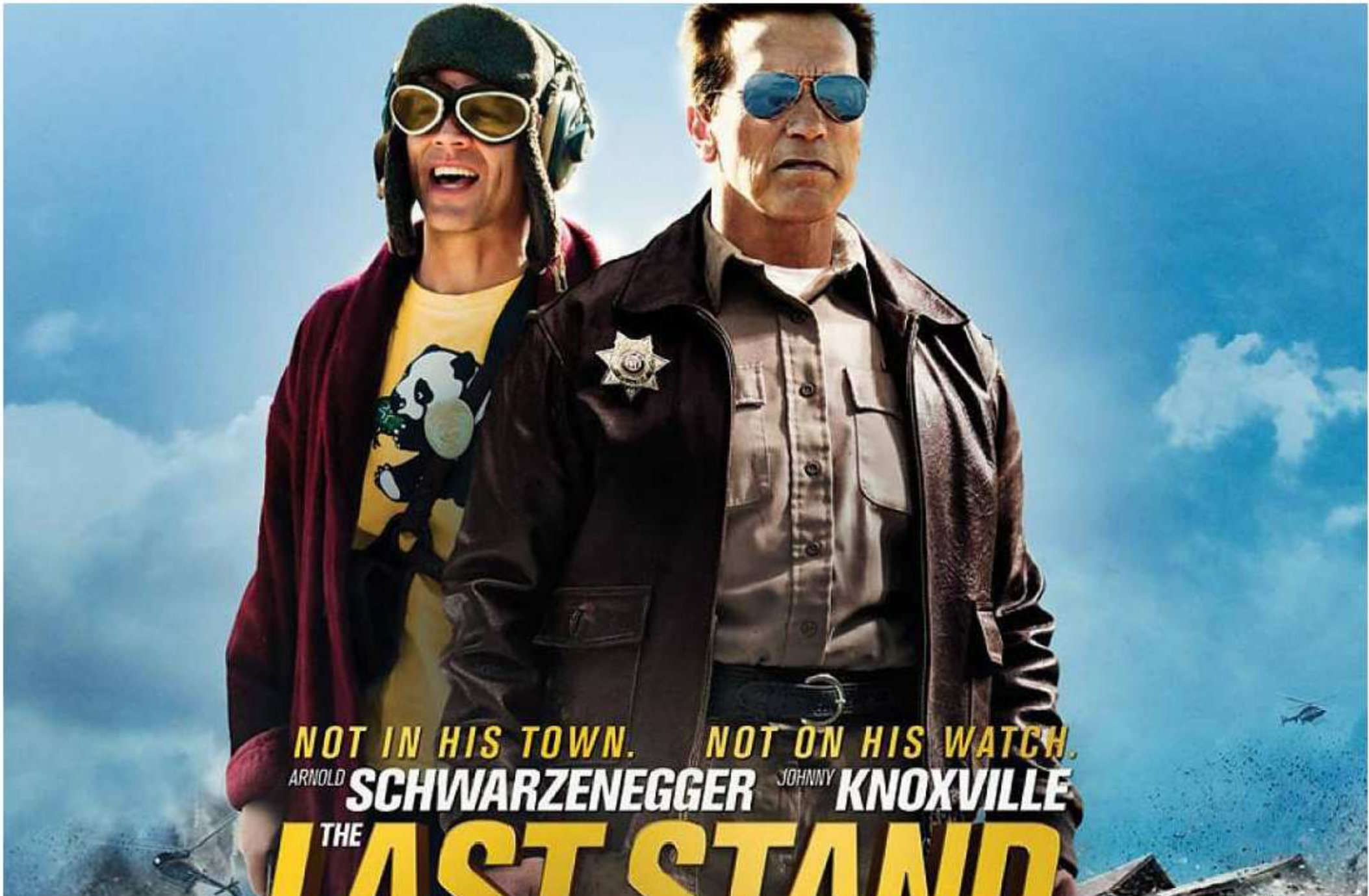


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Tuesday
Jan. 29
ISA Social 2013
MTCC Ballroom
1 - 5pm

Thursday
Jan. 31

Hawk 101 - Safety in the City
Perlstein Hall Room 108
12:50 - 1:50pm

Communicating Effectively Session # 2
MTCC Ballroom
3:30 - 4:30pm

Physics Colloquium
Water Playing Opposite Effects on Proteins
111 Life Sciences
3:30 - 4:30pm

GLAM General Body Meeting
MTCC 516
7 - 8pm

Wednesday
Jan. 30

EWB Bridge Project Meeting
Wishnick Hall 117
12:40 - 1:40pm

IIT Mathematica User Group Meeting
E1 room 106
12:45 - 1:45pm

Ethics Bowl General Body Meeting
Siegel Hall Room 218
12:45pm - 1:40pm

Undocumented Students & Allies
General Body Meeting
Herman Hall Crown Room
12:50 - 1:40pm

SGA Public Safety Forum
MTCC Auditorium
1 - 2pm

BSU Study Session
Galvin Library (Room TBD)
7 - 9pm

Hack Night with MonkeyBars
The Idea Shop
7 - 9pm

SGA Public Safety Forum
MTCC Auditorium
7:15pm - 8:15pm

Friday
Feb. 1
JFAS Weekly Meeting
The Idea Shop
2:30 - 6:00pm

Monday
Feb. 4

Ethics Bowl General Body Meeting
12:45 - 1:40pm
Siegel Hall Room 218

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Wishnick Hall, Room 115
7pm - 9pm

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