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MSI-IIT volunteer program provides students opportunity to educate others

Kori Bowns
BUSINESS MANAGER

Each semester, 12 undergraduate students from IIT have a unique service learning opportunity at the Museum of Science and Industry through the MSI Internship Program. Students apply to spend a few days during the semester volunteering at the largest science museum in the western hemisphere, leading science demonstrations to the museum's general audience. Volunteers who complete a required minimum number of volunteer hours at the museum also qualify to apply for a paid internship at MSI over the summer.

Established in 2007 by a common trustee between IIT and MSI, the program aims to foster communication skills in students while making science education accessible to the community through the delivery of several fun and interactive live science demonstrations at MSI. While IIT graduates are generally incredibly knowledgeable in their area of study, a common observation is that some graduates in the workplace lack the communication skills and confidence to convey technical subjects to an audience with a less technical background. As this is a potential problem in the professional world, the MSI Internship

Program exists to give students practical experience in communicating scientific concepts to a variety of audiences, ranging from young children to trained professionals.

"Whatever field you go in to, you're going to have to communicate with people who are not in your area. Whether it's your boss, a customer, or a colleague in another department, being able to confidently and concisely explain difficult concepts to somebody who doesn't share your background is a real valuable skill," said Lynne Meyer, Director of the Office of Spiritual Life and Service Learning here at IIT. Lynne also says that the MSI volunteer experience helps build confidence in students that will be invaluable in the professional world.

Reception of the program over the years has been overwhelmingly positive. Many students who go through the program and later decided to change their major to include an educational component.

The MSI Internship Program has become a highly competitive opportunity for IIT students over recent years. "These seem like really basic points, but know what you're applying for," Meyer said, about those filling out an application. "Don't just come to an info session, sign in, and not pay attention. Ask ques-

tions. Also, know yourself, and know what the opportunity really is."

"When filling out the application, answer the questions. Take the application seriously enough to think about it, represent yourself, and sell yourself," Meyer added. "Take your time and think about what you're saying. At the same time, have fun with it. If you've got a passion, let us see the passion."

When there are usually at least three times as many students applying than there are spots open for the volunteer portion of the program, students should also remember not to get discouraged if they don't make the cut the first time. Although this program is a very unique partnership between MSI and IIT, one should also know there are many other ways to volunteer within the museum if they'd like to have that experience. Students are also encouraged to try again and apply in upcoming semesters should they not make it on their first try.

In order to be eligible to apply for the MSI Internship Program, a student must attend one of three info sessions. These sessions take place on February 11, 12, and 13 in the Hermann Hall Crown Room from 12:50 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. For more information, contact Lynne Meyer at lmeyer2@iit.edu.



Photo courtesy of MSIChicago.org

Sig Ep Charter revoked

Andrew Lemens

SIGMA PHI EPSILON, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

The following is a press release from Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity's national office, on the subject of the Illinois Beta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

January 24, 2013:

In light of the decision of Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) to suspend the Illinois Beta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon's recognition as a student group due to numerous violations of university policies, the National Board of Directors has elected to withdraw the charter of the chapter and closed the chapter, effective immediately. The chapter had been in continuous existence since 1948.

The Fraternity made this decision in consultation with university administrators and upon the recommendation of the chapter's alumni and volunteers.

"The University supports the Fraternity's decision to withdraw the charter of the local chapter," says Alan Cramb, Senior Vice President and Provost at IIT. "We value the role fraternities and sororities play in the student experience on campus and the University. It is, however, imperative that those organizations meet expectations of behavior and regulations set forth both by Sigma Phi Epsilon and the University."

Sigma Phi Epsilon's mission is to build balanced men. Its leadership programs and educational efforts are based on the value of respect for self and others. Chapters and members are expected to act in accordance with these values. Behavior that is inconsistent with the Fraternity's mission and values is not tolerated. When a chapter fails to meet minimum expectations and is unwilling to work with fraternity and host institution partners to implement the necessary changes to align the chapter with the fraternity's values, we have no other option but to withdraw the chapter's charter.

The return of Sigma Phi Epsilon to IIT will be dependent on an agreement that satisfies the University, the Fraternity, and the local alumni group. "If we can become partners in what going forward would be a mutually beneficial relationship," says Cramb, "then the return of the chapter to campus may be possible in the future."

Lewis College of Human Science YouTube competition nearing final stages

Travon Cooman
TECHNEWS WRITER

Designed to promote the study of the humanities, social sciences and psychology, the IIT Lewis College of Human Sciences 2012 YouTube Video Competition offers a monetary benefit for those contributing to the effort. The competition is now in its final stages!

Who will be the winner? With only

one week remaining until a winner of the second round of the Lewis College Competition is declared, participants are seeking students to view their video and hoping that they would share it with their friends too.

In the second round of the competition, viewers will determine who wins the cash prizes. The most viewed video posted on YouTube wins the competition. If any participant has 25,000 views and places first, his first prize

will be \$5,000.

However, at this point it seems unlikely since any of the videos will have as many views. If they however receive 5,000 views, the prize will be \$2,500. The competition's purpose is to promote IIT's newly formed Lewis College of Human Sciences which comprises of The College of Science and Letters, the Department of Psychology and the Humanities Department.

The current positions are: 1st place, "IIT The Place To Be," with 2,355 views, 2nd place, "Evolution of Pants," with 1,712 views, 3rd place, "The Best Students," with 980 views, and 4th place, "Googling The Next Four Years" with 678 views.

The videos which are all posted on YouTube can be viewed by searching for the titles.

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Frankfurt: historical city, modern transit, delicious food

By Neesha Narayanan
TECHNEWS WRITER

People tend to think that Frankfurt is the business hub of Germany or think this place is just another transit hub, but I assure you, there is more to this city.

Dom Romer is the oldest and the most historical tourist spot in Frankfurt. This place is where one can experience German tradition and culture to its fullest. The town hall is constructed from three gothic buildings with stepped gables, triangular roofs, and red sandstone. The area itself is filled with pretty gothic row houses which give the place an overall traditional look. The town hall is popular among tourists as they are provided with significant information about the city. One can even enjoy the walk tour facilities, where people are introduced to different spots in the city that have significant connections with Germany's history. Alte Oper is another building with substantial tourist attraction. The building was inaugurated in 1880, designed by Berlin architect Richard Lucae. This building was heavily damaged during World War II, but was reconstructed in 1981. I was a part of a concert held in Alte Oper in 2012, and it is a magnificent sensation to perform in front of 2000 people. One must experience the beauty of the building as well as

the concerts held there.

Sachsenhausen and Bochenheim are places concentrated with opportunities for amazing night life. These places are popular for restaurants, pubs, bars, and clubs. If anyone wants party hard this is the place to go. They have certain festival called Nacht der Clubs, which gives an opportunity to experience different clubs in and around the city under 12 Euros! Anyone interested in shopping? Hauptwache zeil and Berger strasse in the center of the city is the place to head to. When in the city, one will experience the intensity and subtleness in the mixture of traditional and modern and contemporary high rise buildings. Festival Luminale is where you can see the whole city is illuminated as it is the "festival of light." The city looks stunning when looked from the Main Tower building. Römerberg, Paulsplatz, and Mainkai are where Frankfurt Christmas market takes place every year. Decorated stands sell beeswax candles, Glass Baubles, and wooden music boxes, and nutcrackers, a huge Christmas tree, traditional music and German specialty "gluehwein" makes this event beautiful and worth experiencing. Frankfurt's Messe is famous for auto shows, textile exhibition and world's biggest book exhibitions which attract people from all around the world.

German specialties are one of the things I

will never stop craving. Bratwurst, Sauerbraten, Schnitzel with kartoffeln salat, Bratkartoffeln, sauerkraut -- the list goes on. One doesn't simply get used to the Germany cuisine; it somehow has a different taste to it, especially bread. Freshly baked German bread with nutella or cheese and meat slices in the morning will make one's day.

The best thing one finds in Germany is the perfection in the timing regarding the transportation system. The underground trains (U-Bahn), suburban trains (S-Bahn), buses and any public transportation is always on time. At first I couldn't believe it, but now after staying there for a while I can assure you that you will have a smooth ride where ever you go. The transport system is so distributed that you can go to each and every corner of the city being dependent on public transport. I don't even have words for the autobahns with three or more lanes and no general speed limits. One who enjoys high speed and long drives, autobahn is one thing you want to try!

I'm sharing what I experienced during my stay in Frankfurt, but I want people to go to Frankfurt with a different attitude as a tourist and want them to try to get involved in the German culture. I am very sure that you will love this place so much that every time you make travel plans you will be pulled by the amazing city of Frankfurt.



Photos by Neesha Narayanan

Oxfam Hunger Banquet aims to change perception of hunger

Utsav Gandhi
CAMPUS EDITOR

Is hunger about too many people? Very little food? Global warming? Political strategy? International development? No. It is about all of those and none of those at the same time. Hunger is about power. The world's equality graph is quite badly skewed, and hunger falls somewhere along the line as a consequence of human rights and opportunities being not accorded in the right proportion, and little action being carried out about it. Companies and governments control more of the food patterns in today's world than the farmers who grow it or the consumer who eat it. Resource constraints, a growing family, gender stereotypes, erratic weather patterns, and conflicts are driving food prices up while record numbers of people go hungry.

One-third of the grain grown in the world and one-half of the fish caught are fed to animals in rich countries. The U.S. daily per person calorie supply is 3,671; almost twice that of Sudan's 1,974 average daily caloric intake, fewer calories than needed to maintain a productive life. In Sub-Saharan Africa, one in three people are malnourished, half live on less than \$1 a day and 30 million

people required emergency food aid (in 2005)

The Office of Service Learning hosted an eye-opening event on the January 25, in the MTCC Ballroom in partnership with Oxfam America, an international relief and development organization "that creates lasting solutions to poverty, hunger and injustice." The event, frequently organized around college campuses and public venues across the United States is a free dinner organized in the attempt of spreading awareness about income inequality. Guests are randomly assigned a ticket as soon as they enter and placed accordingly in either of the three subsets of income levels: low income level, middle income level and high income level. The lower class sits on the ground, isn't allowed the use of cutlery and gets two cups of white rice (along with a glass of water.) The middle class gets a table to sit on, a fork, brown rice instead of white and some extra nutrition in the form of beans. The upper class is seated on well catered tables and is served a three course meal including bread, salad, pasta, and a choice of beverage representing fine wine.

If you ended up in the high-income group, you represented the 15 percent of the world's population fortunate enough to afford

a nutritious daily diet (including many of our students at IIT.) They live primarily in countries like the United States, Australia, France, Switzerland, and most countries in Western Europe. The leading cause of death here, ironically, is heart disease, diabetes and obesity; linked directly to over consumption of food. Healthcare is more readily available to them. In the U.S. there is one doctor to every 470 people, compared with one doctor per 7,140 people in Haiti.

In general, their children are healthy, and infant mortality rate is low. Though they are well-off, millions of their fellow citizens live below the poverty line. Most of them are women and children who lack access to adequate services.

Those in the middle income group represent roughly 25% of the world's population. There are more countries in this group than in the high-income group countries like Bolivia, the Philippines, Turkey, Costa Rica, and Iran. Their average income ranges from \$912-9,095. Their children are six times more likely to die of hunger and related diseases than if they lived in a high-income country. They use 35% of your income to feed themselves, compared with the 15% people in high-income countries spend. Their

economies are crippled by foreign debt—these can consume half of their governments' earnings.

Those in the low income group represent the majority of the world's population. They live in countries where the average income is less than \$912 a year. Somalia, Honduras and Vietnam are among the countries in this group. Government debt is mounting, people cannot have rights to buy land (even if tilled for centuries by their ancestors), chronic malnutrition is a problem, and unemployment is driving them to even greater hardships in booming cities incapable of supporting an influx of migration. Ironically, this group works tirelessly for "landlords" in fruit plantations, typically for export to developed countries. In exchange they get meager benefits and are exploited upon for their helpless situation.

At this interactive event, the place where you sit, and the meal that you eat, are determined by the luck of the draw—just as in real life some of us are born into relative prosperity and others into poverty. A lively discussion followed the meal and students left with a better understanding of the world's skewed equality ratio and a renewed drive to help tackle it.

Vedic Vision Society: 'Love & iPhone'

Sneha Saraf
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, February 1, speaker Nityananda Pran began this semester's lecture series with "Love & iPhone: Spiritual vs. Material Love." He first asked the audience to write down, in descending order, what would be most difficult for them to give up – some of the audience members gave answers such as family, friends, education and some material possessions that they had. The speaker then explained that in the material world, we are very attached to things and use people, when instead we should be attached to people and use things. The "iPhone" referred to in the title of the lecture represents a most coveted piece of material: those who desire it most will do anything to obtain it, sometimes to the point where they will camp out right outside the Apple store waiting for the latest release! From an elevated consciousness, however, material things don't have much value – it's relationships that do.

Before moving on to the next point, Nityananda Pran introduced the audience to the Bhagavad Gita. The Bhagavad Gita is a timeless classic of a conversation between two friends: one of them is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Krishna, and the other is His friend, Arjuna, who asks the same questions

about life that every human being asks or should ask. Within this conversation, there are many spiritual principles given which are unaffected by time, circumstances, or people. In other words, the principles described 5,000 years ago are still applicable today, regardless of our skin color, gender or nationality. The speaker mentioned that many references will be made from the Bhagavad Gita throughout the semester.

Coming back to the lecture, Nityananda Pran explained that everything we see around us is made of five elements: earth, water, fire, air, and ether (space.) Everything we come across has some combination of these elements. For example, the human body has earth in the form of flesh and bone (carbon, calcium, iron, etc.); water, which composes 70% of the human body; fire in the form of body heat; air in the form of breathing; and space (inter-molecular, intercellular, etc.). But the difference between a human being and, say, a chair, is that the human being has consciousness – and that consciousness is due to the presence of the soul. Whenever we see some manifestation of consciousness, this is an indication that there is this material-spiritual combination.

According to the speaker, there are also three subtle material elements which contribute to the material-spiritual combination: mind, intelligence, and (false) ego. The mind in itself is not conscious, but becomes activated with the presence of the

soul. For example, a car is inanimate unless there is a driver to turn on the ignition. Similarly the soul is the life-force that brings the body into action, and when the soul leaves (death), the body becomes non-functional and disintegrates. Thus we say, so and so passed away. Who passed away? The soul. So, clearly we are not this body. We are the spiritual being (soul) that is eternal, cognizant and blissful in its original state as described by the Bhagavad Gita.

So false ego is the false sense of identity based on the material conception of "I am this body" which translates to "I am a woman," "I am rich," "I am an engineer," etc. In absence of a different conception, the soul is under the influence of this false ego and acts in a certain way according to the identification. For example, someone might be performing in a drama, let's say as a queen. So according to that role the actress will act like a queen, but that's not the real identity. Hopefully she wouldn't act like a queen when she gets home. Likewise, given we are spiritual beings, living a life on the bodily conception cannot lead to happiness, peace and satisfaction.

In the next article, you can look forward to hearing about how this knowledge is received and shared in a descending process. As always, everyone is welcome to hear, discuss, debate, and eat a tasty lunch every Friday at Wishnick 117 from 12:45 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Fueling Innovation campaign aims to fundraise

Monica LaBelle

IIT OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

IIT students, faculty, and staff are invited to join community leaders and other friends of the university from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. this Friday, February 8 in the MTCC and The Bog to launch "Fueling Innovation: The Campaign for IIT."

An ambitious fundraising campaign, Fueling Innovation will provide the power that IIT needs to transform the future through upgraded and new facilities in an effort to continue to attract innovative minds.

To celebrate this important moment in the university's history, the campus will be lively with activities. Read on to find out what's in store.

The Winter Wonderland Carnival at 3 p.m. will offer ice skating, ice sculptures, and a life-sized snow globe—all in the MTCC. Stick around for half an hour to witness President John L. Anderson announce the remarkable progress and ambitious nature of the campaign, then watch the world-premiere of an IIT video featuring current students. Finally, cap off this historic celebration in The Bog at 4 p.m. with refreshments and live entertainment.

Friday's launch events will also be featured live online with activities such as a virtual scavenger hunt. Faculty, students and staff are encouraged to share their experiences in live social media feeds; use #iitinnovates on Twitter to make this campaign go viral.

Caribbean Visionaries sponsor 2nd FIFA tournament

Travon Cooman
TECHNEWS WRITER

On Saturday, February 2, 2013, Caribbean Visionaries hosted their second Annual FIFA Competition which was held in the MSV McCormick Lounge.

The competition was organized by Roselle Grant, Caribbean Visionaries' Athletics Coordinator, and her team. Sixty-four enthusiastic participants with a passion for playing soccer video games entered the competition in pursuit of the winning prize of a (40-1)" TV, a crown, and team jersey of their choice. The competition commenced at 4 p.m., ended at 10 p.m. and both full time and part-time IIT students were eligible to participate. There were four rounds which included 32 matches in the first round, 16 matches in the second round, eight matches in the third round and four matches in the fourth round.

Defending champion and Ricardo Gradilla who was seeking to defend his title

was disappointed that he was knocked out in the first round by Akosa Okwusi. Ricardo was only able to score two goals whilst his opponent scored five goals.

Spectators were amused and enjoyed the entertainment by the participants. Despite all the wonderful games that were played, only Hector Rios demonstrated the ability to defeat all his opponents. Rios won the final convincingly against Kraig Van Wieringen. Rios scored six goals and his attacking and defending abilities did not allow Van Wieringen to score a single goal. Although disappointed, Van Wieringen will be receiving a team jersey of his choice and a match ball for his achievement. The third place winner will be receiving a team jersey of his choice whilst fourth to eighth place winners will be receiving AMC movie tickets.

Athletic coordinator Roselle Grant expressed her gratitude toward all the participants and the spectators for making the second Annual FIFA Competition a success. This event is only one of the many events the

Caribbean Visionaries have organized and they are hoping to have many more events this semester.



Photo by Travon Cooman

Let's make a little history



It's time to let the world know how IIT is fueling innovation. Join us from 3-6 p.m. **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 will include several big announcements while celebrating 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!

Schedule of Activities

Winter Wonderland Carnival | 3 p.m.

Escape the cold and join us in the MTCC for a winter wonderland!

Fueling Innovation Announcement | 3:30 p.m.

Join us as we gather to officially launch *Fueling Innovation: The Campaign for IIT*.

Bog Gathering | 4 p.m.

Continue the celebration in The Bog with live entertainment, food, and drinks.

For more information about or to register for any of the above activities, contact Lauren Shelby at rsvpevents@iit.edu or 312.567.5030.



Can't attend the launch events in person?

Join alumni around the world on www.iit.edu to watch the **live stream** of the event at 3 p.m. and take part in a **virtual scavenger hunt**! Answer three questions for the chance to win an IIT swag bag, American Express gift card, or iPad mini!

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!

For more information, visit alumni.iit.edu/makehistory.

RECYCLEMANIA

Can we do better than last year?

IIT has taken part in recyclemania for quite a few years now, and our recycling rate gets better every time we compete. Last year, we ranked 3rd in the Illinois grand champion competition, and in the top quartile nationally. Last year we reached a 36.88% rate which measured our recycling versus our total waste output. IIT is capable of achieving around a 70% rate if everyone were to consider where they put their recyclables. **Let's see how much more we can recycle this year.**

Questions? Email us at campussustainability@iit.edu

Winter Wonderland Carnival

2.8.13 at 3PM in the MTCO
Join us for ice skating, hot cocoa, and see Will turn into a snow globe!

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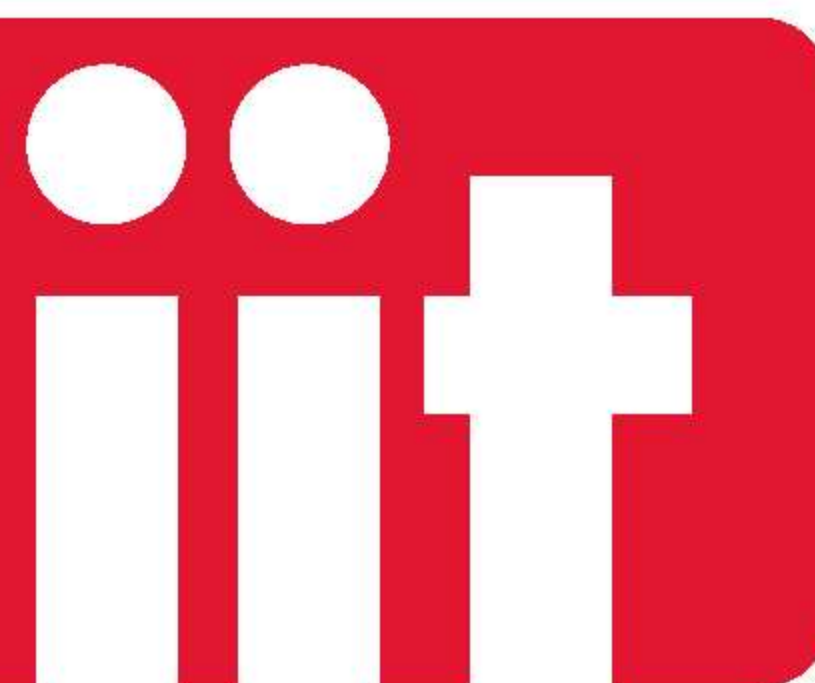
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Movie Review: 'Hansel & Gretel' worth it?

Melanie Decelles

TECHNEWS WRITER

Most of us are already familiar with the fairy tale this movie is loosely based on -- two siblings abandoned in the woods by their parents are captured by an old witch who attempts to eat them until they manage to turn the tables on her by shutting her into her own child-cooking oven.

The Tommy Wirkola version of the story follows the siblings after they have grown up into adults who, naturally, have turned to bounty hunting witches. Director Wirkola tries his best to make his movie fit into the edgy parameters set by movies like *Underworld* or the *Resident Evil* franchise. But despite all of the blue back lighting and mysterious presence of pleather in the Middle Ages, the film fails to reach the gritty fantastical genre Wirkola is trying to join.

With a heavy-handed plot that spills all of its secrets in its effort to surprise the audience but not be too difficult to follow, it becomes easy to see why the film, originally intended for a much earlier release date, was held on hold for almost a year.

Now this isn't to say the movie doesn't have its interesting parts; in an effort to make a strong

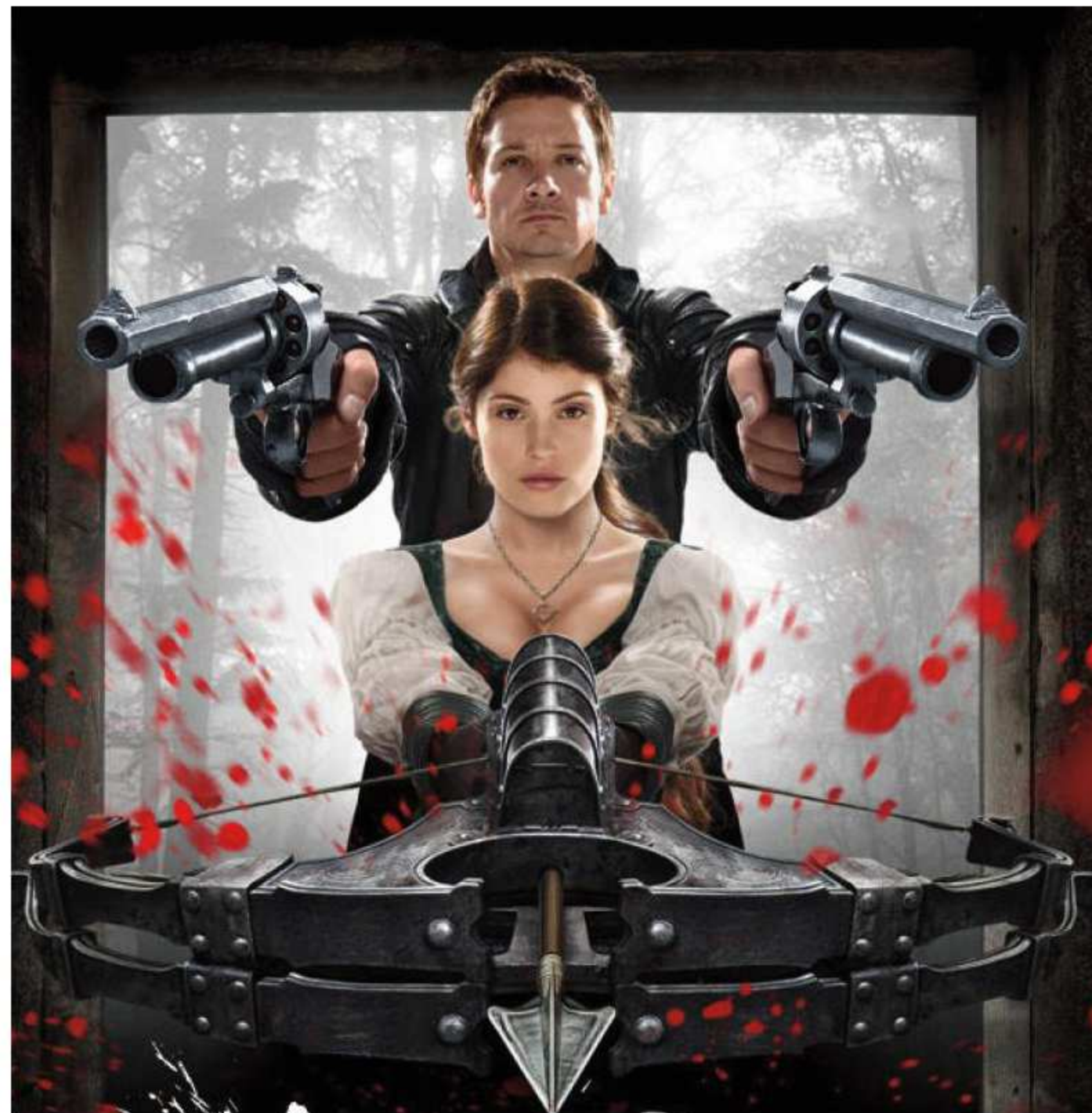
female lead out of Gretel, there are moments when her character appears almost feral to great accidental amusement. The best part of the movie, surprisingly, is the fight sequences. *Hansel & Gretel* didn't have the largest budget of the year by any means, so what's impressive isn't exactly the quality of the scenes. This movie, unlike most, was filmed entirely in 3D.

Most major 3D films are shot normally and then in production have 3D added to the appropriate scenes, meaning that for the most part you don't need to wear your glasses at all until a big fight starts.

Since this movie was filmed entirely in 3D every single scene stands out from the screen in a way that allows the movie to appear more engaging than it would have been capable of on its own merit. This applies to the fight sequences as well; where red syrup and plastic limbs would seem ridiculous in 2D, 3D adds a new novelty to the affects. You will openly flinch as a 3D chunk of flesh is whipped at the audience, which alone makes it worth the watch. If you need a second opinion however, Shimer's Anna Horn called it "...a perfect movie."

Watched a movie and want us to review it? Send an email to ae@technewsit.com and we will review it!

Image courtesy of blackfilm.com



Bridgeport's Lumpen Magazine sponsors comic-inspired, morbid art gallery show

Robin Babb

TECHNEWS WRITER

Last Friday, the Lumpen Magazine, created by the so-called "Mayor of Bridgeport" Ed Marszewski, released an issue dedicated to comics and comic book artists around the country. A special exhibit featuring pieces from the issue opened that night at the Lumpen-owned gallery Co-Prosperity Sphere, presided over by Marszewski and team, and attended by more tipsy hipsters than you could shake a stick at.

But despite the noise and the crowd,

I was quite able to appreciate the artwork and the curation of the whole thing.

While a good deal of the pieces were in some kind of standard comic panel format, some were captionless and without a single recognizable connection to what you find in the Sunday paper. Two such pieces by Edie Fake look more like those optical illusion things that move in circles when you look at them the right way.

Some common themes throughout the exhibit were shout-outs to local institutions and the nonexistence of a god. The former is a pretty typical trope in artwork by Co-Prosperity

artists, but the latter I can only attribute to a widespread outbreak of Seasonal Affective Disorder.

The morbidly endearing piece by Trubble Club called "Edmar is Deadmar" is one of my favorites. It's a wacky little tale about what happens when Edmar (an epithet for Ed Marszewski) gets killed by an anthropomorphic canine friend of his, and the gory chaos that ensues.

The majority of the artwork, though, could best be described as just plain morbid. Tiger poaching, Hurricane Sandy, and suicidal thoughts are all illustrated here — sometimes

with sensitivity, but most often with irreverence. Somehow, though, even the darkest subject matter is made a little light-hearted when it's in a comic panel. Perhaps the medium is actually ideal for dealing with depressing or serious topics, because we're so used to laughing at anything portrayed in that way. And there is something quite liberating about laughing at the things that depress you.

You can pick up a free copy of the Lumpen magazine comics edition at Maria's Packaged Goods & Community Bar, Bridgeport Coffee, and many other fine Bridgeport establishments.

App Review: TaxiMagic brings private transportation to fingertips

Matti Scannell

A&E EDITOR

Let me start this review by saying that I think that having a UPass is great. We are lucky to live in a city with such a great public transit system. But it's winter in Chicago and there are some nights when there are several scenes of a Steven King novel that I would rather act out than have transpire while I stand outside waiting for a bus or train.

On nights during which I would rather slide down a banister of razor blades into a pool of alcohol than repeatedly take off my glove to text 41411, I use the TaxiMagic app on my phone. Before I had this app, I had several experiences being kept on hold when calling for a cab in more residential areas. There were also a few occasions in which the taxi I had been promised did not appear.

Here is how the TaxiMagic app works: You open it up and are immediately asked "When should we pick you up?" and are given two response options, either "I'm Ready To Go!" or "Pick Me Up Later."

Once you select I'm ready to go, you must select which cab company you would like to pick you up, at that point you enter your location (or let the app track your location) and

you are assigned a taxi. Your screen then shows both you and the taxi and gives the current distance of the taxi from you.

One aspect that is helpful about the TaxiMagic app is that because it tracks your location there is no longer the risk of the operator you talk to on the phone taking down the wrong address.

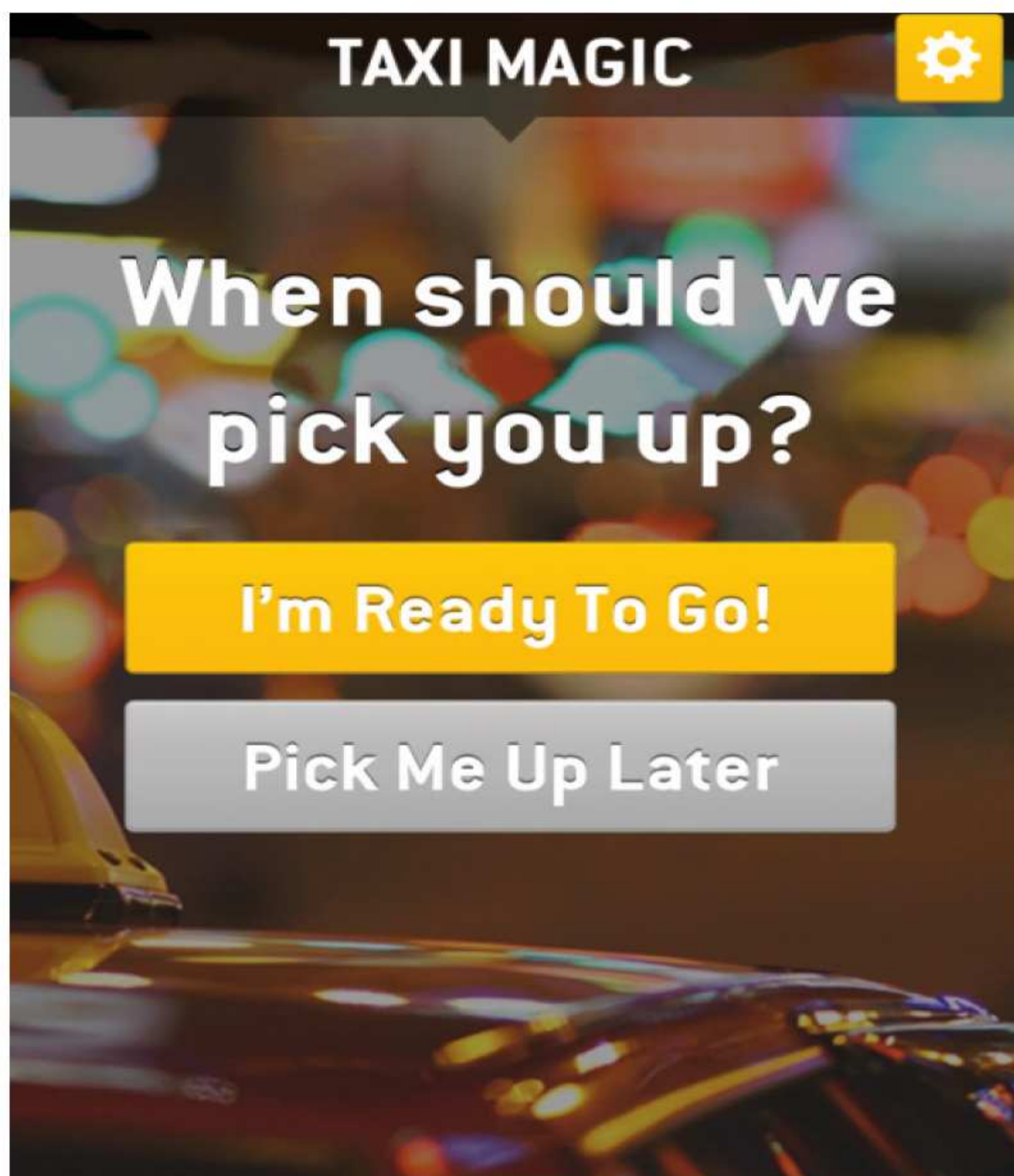
I babysit on the weekends and sometimes I am not familiar with the area where I am getting picked up, when talking to operators I may be expected to give several major cross streets in the area. The TaxiMagic app eliminates the need for that.

You are also given the name of your cab driver which is helpful not only if you have a complaint or compliment, but also if you left an item in the car when you got out. I think that everyone should have a backup plan for situations in which the CTA is suddenly not an option and this app is preferable to calling a cab company.

On a sidenote, TaxiMagic is available on Apple App Store as well as Google Play. So, if you've a smart phone, be smart and start using the app.

Got an app on your phone that you think other students should try? Send an email to ae@technewsit.com and we will review it!

Image courtesy of TaxiMagic App



End of season awards given to XC, soccer, volleyball players

Ciaran Kohli-Lynch
SPORTS EDITOR

As a number of fall sports came to a close this past semester, several IIT athletes have received awards for their performances over the season.

Sophomore cross-country runner Abby Jahn was selected as Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) Runner of the Year, following a string of impressive performances throughout the semester. Abby, who is from Wasilla, Alaska, placed 30th at the National Championships in Vancouver, Washington on November 17th. Sophomore runner Courtney Rouse, from Midland, Michigan was also elected as an all-conference cross country runner. Senior forward Liam Barrett won the men's soccer CCAC Player of the Year award. Barrett, a forward from Felixstowe, England, scored 17 goals and provided six assists throughout the season for the team. In addition to this, Barrett has been selected to play on the Capital One Academic All-District men's soccer team for the second consecutive year. Men's soccer junior Robert Rixer was also named on the CCAC men's soccer second team. This was the second time the Australian midfielder has made the squad, after being awarded the conference Freshman of the Year award in his first season with the Hawks.

Team captain, Lauren Capuano, was the sole recipient of post-season recognition for the women's soccer team. Capuano, a senior from St Charles, Missouri, was named to the CCAC all-conference team for 2012. This was the third time she has been named all-CCAC by the conference coaches during her time at IIT.

Women's volleyball middle blocker Taylor Dunham was named to the CCAC second all-conference team, having started all 114 matches for the Scarlet Hawks this season. She finished first amongst the team in total blocks, with 77, and second in kills. Furthermore, junior libero Brittany Mead and senior middle blocker S a m a n d y F u l g e n c e each earned CCAC All-Academic awards.

In other news, Athletic Director Enzley Mitchell's basketball team got their first win of the season against College of Faith in the North Central College Tournament on November 17th. The team has since



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lost 20-73 and 20-105 to North Central College and University of Wisconsin-Platteville, respectively.

Swimming, diving faced tough fall semester, preparing rigorously for spring

Aimee Dewante
TECHNEWS WRITER

Illinois Tech's swimming and diving team has been working hard since September, and as the fall semester wraps up, it is becoming apparent that all that hard work is paying off. The swim team practices every morning for 2 hours, Monday through Saturday. In addition to this, every swimmer is required to do a weight lifting workout twice a week.

Meets officially started at the end of October and, since then, the team has been quite successful. So far every girl on the team has qualified for the NAIA National meet, which will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the end of February. The four girls got their National Qualifying time in the 200 Freestyle Relay at the very first meet of the season, which means any one of the girls can swim any individual event if they get at least the bonus cut in that event.

So far, senior Aimee Dewante has the qualifying time in the 1650 Freestyle and the 400 Individual Medley and bonus cuts in the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 Butterfly, and freshman Nicole Frantz has the bonus cut in the 200 Freestyle.

The Scarlet Hawks are also already sending a handful of men to Oklahoma in the spring. The men have gotten the National Qualifying time for two 4-person relay teams in every relay event already. On top of that, four individuals have gotten National Qualifying times and several others have gotten bonus cuts. Senior Michael Bodzay leads the way with a qualifying time in the 1650 Freestyle, the 400 Individual Medley, the 200 Butterfly, and the 200 Backstroke, as well as a bonus cut in both the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 Backstroke. Senior Eric Grunden has two qualifying times of his own in the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 Breaststroke, as well as bonus cuts in the 500 Freestyle, the 100 Freestyle, and the 50 Freestyle.

The only male freshman with a qualifying time so far is distance swimmer Kevin Boldt, with his 1650 Free. Boldt also has two bonus cuts in the 200 and 500 Free.

Freestyler Yoni Pruzansky has a qualifying time in the 200 Freestyle, and bonus cuts in the 500, 100, and 50 Freestyle.

Junior Felipe Bergh has two bonus cuts, one in the 400 Individual Medley and one in the 100 Breaststroke. Seniors Arya Mohaimani and Matthew Rosenfeld each have a bonus cut as well, in the 400 Individual Medley and the 100 Backstroke, respectively.

The Hawks still have 3 months to get a maximum of 17 swimmers on each team (men and women) to Oklahoma. Each swimmer is allowed to compete in five relays and three individual events. Diver Ian McNair, National Champion of 2010, will also represent the Scarlet Hawks at the NAIA National Competition for Swimming and Diving.

Stay tuned and come support your Scarlet Hawks next semester! The meet schedule is online at Athletics.IIT.edu under Swimming and Diving.

Premier League Review: Manchester, Liverpool match ends in tie

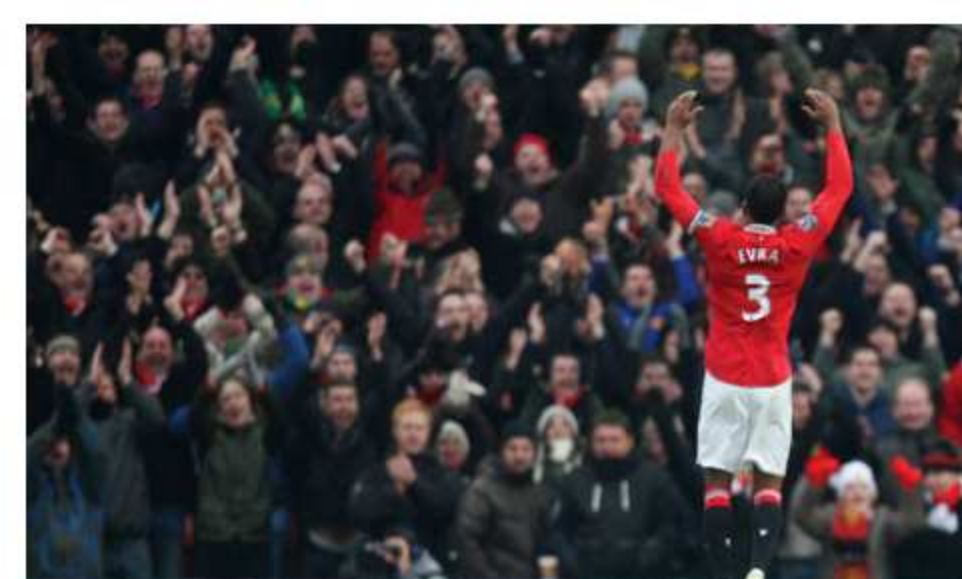
Nathan McMahon
STAFF WRITER

This weekend provided another week of exciting premier league matches. The only 0-0 result came from a matchup between Norwich City and Queens Park Rangers. QPR would have enjoyed the three points in the fight to leave the relegation zone with 17 points. Norwich now sits safely with 28 points. Arsenal got a vital three points to stay relevant in the fight for a Champions League berth in their 1-0 win over Stoke City.

Lukas Podolski's free kick propelled the gunners with the lone goal of the match and putting Arsenal four points out of the top four with 41 points. Stoke sits squarely in the middle of the table with 30 points. Aston Villa gave away three points as they lost a two goal lead in a 3-3 draw with Everton. Villa got two goals from Christian Benteke and a goal from Gabriel Agbonlahor while Everton was paced by Victor Anichebe and a double from Marouane Fellani including the tying goal in extra time. Everton remains just 3 points out of the top four with 42 points while Villa has just 21 and remains in the relegation zone.

Moussa Sissoko has already proven his quality with his new club Newcastle as his double lead the Magpies to a 3-2 victory over Chelsea. The other Newcastle goal came from Jonas Gutierrez while Chelsea got goals from Juan Mata and Frank Lampard. Newcastle has been struggling, but with those three points they have 27 points while Chelsea sits in third with 46 points.

Reading's Jimmy Kebe had a pair of goals in their 2-1 win over Sunderland. Sunderland got a goal from Craig Gardner and now has 29 points while the win brings Reading out of the bottom three with 23 points. West Ham United got a much needed three



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points over Swansea City in 1-0 fashion. Andy Carroll's header was the lone goal of the match that gives West Ham 30 points on the season with Swansea 4 points above them with 34 points.

Wigan Athletic and Southampton drew with a score line of 2-2. Goals for Wigan came from Gary Caldwell and Shaun Maloney while Southampton got its goals from Rickie

Lambert and Morgan Schneiderlin. Wigan now has 21 points and sits in the bottom three while Southampton is only three points away with 24 points.

Wayne Rooney's goal for Manchester United gave United the three points over Fulham for their league leading 62 points. Fulham now sits with 28 points. The match of week was an absolute thriller between Manchester City

and Liverpool that ended in a 2-2 draw.

Liverpool got goals from Daniel Sturridge and a wonder strike from Steven Gerrard while City got goals from Eden Dzeko and Sergio Aguero. Manchester City loses ground on rivals Manchester United and have 53 points while Liverpool continues its strong play as of late with 35 points.

TUESDAY

TAU BETA PI INFO SESSION

Tau Beta Pi
Engineering 1 Room 106 12:50pm - 1:40pm

MY BUSINESS STORY BEHIND THE SCENES

UBC
IIT Entrepreneurship Academy 6pm

WEDNESDAY

ETHICS BOWL GENERAL BODY MEETING

Ethics Bowl
Siegel Hall Room 218 12:45p

USA GENERAL BODY MEETING

Undocumented Students and Allies
Herman Hall-Armour Conference Room 12:50p

INSTITUTE OF DESIGN OPEN HOUSE

IIT Institute of Design
350 N LaSalle St 6pm

CAPOEIRA NIGHT

Latinos Involved in Further Education
Herman Hall Ballroom 6pm

THURSDAY

IIT IDOL COMPETITION

UB / BOG
The BOG 7pm

GLAM GENERAL BODY MEETING

GLAM
MTCC Pritzker Club 605 7pm

VAGINA MONOLOGUES AUDITIONS

Feminists United
MTCC 9:30pm

JFAS WEEKLY MEETING

Japanese Film and Anime Society
Idea Shop 2:30pm

BLACK & RED PARTY

Iranian Student Association (IRSA)
The BOG 8:30pm

SUNDAY

INTRAMURAL INDOOR FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

IIT Intramurals
Keating Sport Center 5pm

MONDAY

MSI INFO SESSION

Spiritual Life and Service Learning
Hermann Hall Crown Room 12:50pm

ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS 2ND GENERAL BODY MEETING

Engineers Without Borders
Parstein Auditorium 12:40pm

BSU GENERAL BODY MEETING

Black Student Union
Wishnick Hall 11:57pm

ETHICS BOWL GENERAL BODY MEETING

Ethics Bowl
Siegel Hall Room 218 12:45pm

