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President, Provost Forum focuses on budgetary concerns

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Between the recently announced 4.75% tuition increase and the move to NCAA Division Three athletics, there are a lot of controversial moves the university has recently made, that is garnering buzz within the student body.

Students, faculty, and staff all came to the Hermann Hall ballroom on Thursday February 28, during the lunch hour for the Spring 2013 President and Provost Forum in order to ask question about these recent decisions. Organized by the Student Government Association, the Forum aimed to increase the transparency of IIT's administration by giving students an hour when they could ask President John Anderson, and Provost Alan Cramb any questions they could think of regarding the university. And ask they did.

Before taking any questions, President Anderson took the floor to talk about the recently-formed Diversity Committee that had been created. Anderson explained that the university should be a place where, "diversity is accepted, and civility is expected," and that this committee could help achieve this by creating an environment that is inclusive and respectful. Both the President and the Provost sit on this committee, and described the committee's current plan of creating a list of eight to 10 rules of behavior that will promote civility and respect on campus. Anderson read off a few of these rules, which included, "ask rather than assume," "use please and thank you," and, "give people the benefit of the doubt." Anderson also

stressed the importance of using face-to-face communication as much as possible, limiting electronic communication, and attempting to always talk face-to-face when one has to speak about something negative.

After this, the President and Provost began to take questions that had been collected for several days by SGA through a Google Form. The first question asked what the school was doing to make life more enjoyable for commuter students. President Anderson brought up the recent opening of the BOG as the commuter lounge before deferring the question to Dean of Students Katie Stetz. Stetz talked about how the BOG was a big step in making campus more enjoyable for commuters, but that more work should be done. She talked about an upcoming meeting she had with the Commuter Student Association to address ways that the school could help commuter students. Provost Cramb then took to the floor to talk about steps the school was making to improve the IIT shuttle bus, which included optimizing the schedule, and ensuring that drives held to the schedule more strictly. Cramb then finally implored commuter students to work with Dean Stetz if they have any ideas on how to make their lives easier.

With that question answered, all of the forum's questions turned to the topic of the recently announced 4.75% tuition increase. The first question regarding this asked why their was a tuition hike, especially when most scholarships don't increase in value as tuition is increased. Anderson explained that 60% of IIT's revenue comes from tuition, and

that from a pure numbers sense, tuition has to increase because the university's expenses increase every year. The President went on to explain that increasing tuition makes it possible to improve the university, which is in the best interest of students. Anderson spoke of the many new academic and athletic programs at IIT which needed to be funded, the 43 new faculty that were hired last year that needed to be paid, and the maintenance of facilities that needed to be done. He also explained that since IIT did not have a sizable endowment, the only real way to raise the money to make these improvements was through tuition increases. Anderson closed his statement by explaining that this tuition increase has been the smallest in his time as President of IIT, and that his goal is to make the university better, which should be all of our goals, and that a tuition increase has to happen to make this happen.

A follow-up question was then asked by a forum attendee, who asked what the school was doing to add more students, which would increase the amount of revenue the school had access to. Provost Cramb used this as an opportunity to talk about the university's efforts to add 1,000 students to the undergraduate population by broadening the reach of IIT and marketing how exciting IIT is. Cramb talked about the recent introduction of co-terminal degrees, which allow an undergraduate student to graduate with a Master's degree, as one way of doing this. Cramb also talked about the school's efforts to increase the four-year graduation rate.

Another question about the tuition

hike was then posed, this time asking why, with the increase in tuition, things that benefit a small number of people were being prioritized over things that benefited everyone. Almost immediately after reading the question, President Anderson asked if this question was referring to the university's plans to put artificial turf on IIT's soccer field, which caused the room to laugh. Anderson explained that by turfing the field, the whole field would be able to be used much more often, which would benefit all IIT students. It could be used for much longer every year, and would be able to be used by intramural activities, ROTC, and the community, as opposed to just the varsity soccer teams. Anderson also explained that this decision essentially paid for itself, due to the fact that \$500,000 was spent every year to maintain the existing grass field, and that the upkeep costs for artificial turf were a third of that. Anderson then went on to say that he could not think of anything else that could possibly be used as an example of the school prioritizing things that benefitted the few.

With that question answered, the President and Provost went on to answering a question that asked how students could get involved with the creation of IIT's budget. The President deferred this question to Provost Cramb, who said that if students were to assist in making IIT's budget, they should begin thinking in the long term. Cramb explained that most budgeting decisions were made considering the next several years, and that very few decisions were short-term ones. He also

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City of Black Forest a peaceful getaway

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Black Forest is a place that one would dream to live in—don't worry, I am not telling anyone to live in a Black Forest cake! I am talking about a beautiful mountain range in southwestern Germany. A peculiar thing about the lifestyle in Germany is that, in places where tourism is a significant part of the economy, people offer tourists space to stay in their house with a certain amount of tariff that, when compared to 4 and 5 star hotel, is reasonable. While it is surprising to see many of the residents practicing this, it does give them an opportunity to get income, and it is good for tourist like us to experience these places not only in an inexpensive way but also intimately with the local lifestyle.

I was not expecting anything grand like a five star hotel, when I was informed that we had rented a place for the time we are going to spend in Black Forest. The journey itself was so overwhelming that I was enthralled with the scenic beauty surrounding the autobahn with sun shining high up in the sky. It is rare to have a perfect sunny day during winters in Germany. Usually the weather offers dull and gloomy look, but that day was perfect for some adventure and skiing and snowboarding! Who

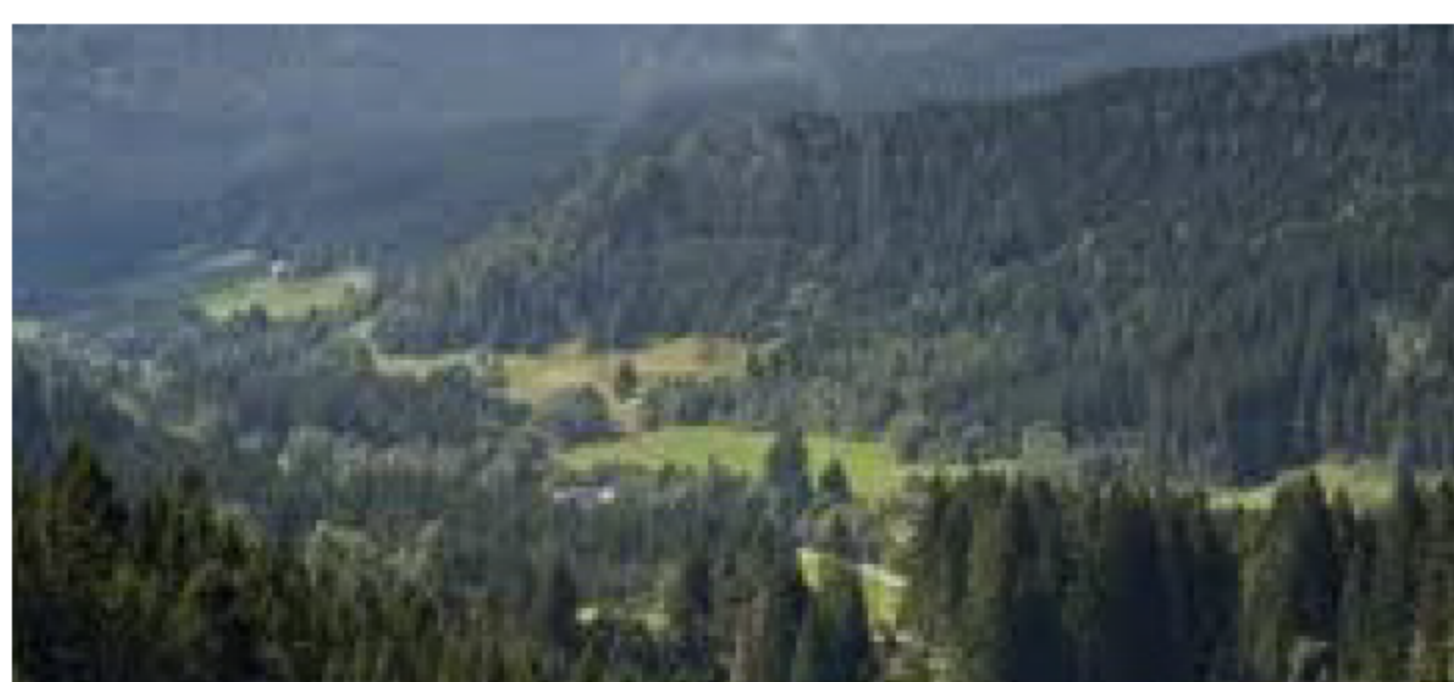
doesn't like skiing or snowboarding? During weekends in winters all you see in autobahn is vehicles with ski and snowboard racks on top heading to mountain ranges for fun.

The moment we reached the place, I saw a traditional German house with a twist of modern styling. At first I thought it was going to be similar to what I have experienced before; staying in someone's house, but as I explored the interiors I felt as if I have been dropped into this beautiful cocoon, it was amazing and the view of the mountains from the balcony was breathtaking. The place reminded me of the character Heidi, who use to living in the Alps with her grandfather. Although Black Forest can be said to be just above Switzerland, the scenic view had a magnificent calming effect on me. Places like Black Forest are best suited for people who love exploring, trekking and also love lot of snow. The most amazing thing about Black Forest is trekking in the perfect weather, neither warm nor cold with sun shining; this place has a lot of walking and trekking routes accessible to public. For one wants to get away from their fast track life, this is one of the places to completely immerse yourself in the beauty of nature.

The name Black Forest (Schwarz Wald) comes from the fact that the mountain ranges look like Black Forest cake from afar. The smoky black rocks and trees covered with

snow resembles one of our favorite delights. Moreover, there is a place called Titisee, a lake in the southern Black Forest in Baden-Württemberg, this is where you get the most delicious mouthwatering Black Forest cake, I did not even think about the calorie intake when I have 3 huge slices of the cake. It was so good that we made another trip to Titisee after a day or two. Titisee was around 2 and a half hours from the place we stayed. Another thing that Titisee is famous for are the hand crafted cuckoo clocks. You could get amazingly detailed, pure wooden cuckoo clocks from the different shops in the streets of Titisee. The prices range from 100 euros to 800 euros depending on the amount of work on the clocks. The lake also offers boat rides and other family activities for the public, along with variety of different restaurant around it to create a complete family package of fun. For ski and snowboarding lovers, there is Feldberg, which is the highest mountain in the Black Forest; I assure you that you will have the most mind-blowing time skiing. This place is huge with really nice facilities for people from beginners level to that of a pro. Just one piece of recommendation, don't break your bones!

Overall Black Forest (Schwarz Wald) is a must go if one loves snowy mountains and adventurous sports, especially if you would like to enjoy and cherish the beauty of nature.



President Anderson, Director Mitchell have failed IIT's scholarship athletes

Graeme Port
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In the middle of June last year the university's Athletic Director, Enzley Mitchell, finally announced that the school's athletics program would be making the transition from the NAIA into the NCAA D3.

The news came as no great surprise to anyone connected with the department given it had long been suspected that this had been President John Anderson's intention since he first appointed Mitchell in 2010.

Whether you agree with the association move or not (there are several valid reasons for and against making the change) one thing that in my view is undeniable is the deplorable way in which the university has went about maneuvering the department in preparation for the change.

As an alumni of the Men's Soccer team and the ex-Sports Editor of TechNews (I graduated in 2011), I find myself in a unique position to speak out about the way in which the department has acted since Mitchell took control.

During my final year and a half at the university I witnessed firsthand how the department treated their athletes under his leadership, a style that can best be described as that of a dictator.

I am now also fortunate enough to be free of the prospect of facing reprisals for speaking out against the way in which the Athletic Director has run the program since he took over.

This was a very real concern when I was at the school and is a continuing problem for many athletes who are still at IIT, who feel

the same way that I do about a number of issues.

For me, there are two major issues that stand out as being head and shoulders above the rest.

The first of these is that the department has effectively thrown its scholarship athletes under a bus since Mitchell took control. Athletes who had been promised by the previous Athletic Director, Lee Hitchen, that they would receive full scholarships during their collegiate career at the school have seen this guarantee vanish.

This has led to several student athletes who were over half way through their degrees at IIT being forced to fork out thousands of dollars to pay ever rising tuition fees that they never thought they would have to pay when they started at IIT.

This is most galling for the department's international athletes (a number which will continue to drop now that the school is planning to make the transition into the NCAA D3) who can't take out loans to cover tuition costs due to the fact that they are not American citizens.

The second major issue that I, and many others, have with the way in which the move has been handled by Mitchell is his attempt to cover it up for as long as possible.

It is almost certain that the school had been planning to make the association change since 2010, but when I found out about the possible move, from President Anderson that same year, Mitchell told me bluntly that he did not want me to inform students about the potential move.

Needless to say, I completely ignored the email he sent me and published the

article in TechNews anyway as I believed students had the right to know what the athletics department was planning to do.

The only reason I can think for why he didn't want the news to get out is because he believed (rightly) that it would have a negative effect on recruitment that year and that the department would lose athletes.

Both of these things happened due to the fact that everyone was aware that the standard of varsity sports would drop considerably at the university with the loss of scholarship money, something which has happened across the board in every varsity sport since Mitchell took control.

This is a clear example of Mitchell not looking out for the best interests of the athletes within his department, which I believe should be the first priority for any Athletics Director. The previous man in charge of the department, Lee Hitchen, was by no means the perfect Athletics Director, but every athlete in the department knew that they could speak to him about any issues at any time and that he would do everything he could to help them out.

You simply don't get this from Mitchell.

However, he is not the only person to blame during this transitional process. President Anderson is also at fault for the fissures that have opened up within the department.

Mitchell's leadership style has led to a significant turn over in coaches and has left countless athletes furious at the way in which they have been treated, but a lack of funding from the university is also to blame for many of the problems.

The need to improve facilities to make the move into the NCAA is one reason why the transition might be a good thing for IIT, but the university has attempted to partially fund these upgrades by, as I discussed above, withdrawing the continued scholarship increases for athletes that they need to cover their tuition fees.

President Anderson is as much to blame for this as the Athletic Director and I strongly believe questions should be asked of the decisions both men have made since they began maneuvering IIT towards the NCAA D3 in 2010.

Their actions have made a mockery of a once competitive department that has seen a steady decline in athletic standard since Mitchell took control. They have also betrayed scholarship students who have been forced to fork out thousands of dollars just to remain at the school.

All of this has been done so the department can attempt to raise funds that the university should already be making available for much needed facility repairs and upgrades.

The winners in the long run will be the university and the future students who will benefit from the improved facilities. The losers have been the most talented athletes within the department who have seen the standards of their teams crumble and it become a financial struggle just to remain in school.

Serious questions should be asked about how this situation has been allowed to develop under the leadership of President Anderson and his Athletic Director, Enzley Mitchell.

Invitation to respond to 'Anderson, Mitchell's failure'

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When ex-Sports Editor of TechNews, Graeme Port, asked me if he could write an article this week detailing the failures made by IIT's Athletics Department over the last couple of years, I was delighted.

Perhaps this is in part due to the fact that I have been a varsity athlete at this college for the last four years, and share many of

Graeme's grievances regarding decisions made by both President John Anderson and Athletic Director (and basketball head coach) Enzley Mitchell.

Above all else, the manner in which Enzley Mitchell has dealt with student athlete scholarships at the university has been disrespectful, underhanded, and extremely costly for a number of students.

Like many student athletes, the first notice I was given of the fact that my scholar-

ship would not be raised with tuition increases was when I looked at my Fall 2011 bill. Even when one disregards the fraudulent nature of Mitchell's decision on this matter, it is simply incredible that he did not have the decency to inform athletes of such developments.

I would like to offer both President Anderson and Athletic Director Mitchell the opportunity to explain themselves in the next edition of TechNews.

Particularly, I feel like they are re-

sponsible for explaining two major issues between them.

Firstly, why was so little information given to athletes regarding the decision to effectively cut scholarships?

Also, why was the decision to transition from NAIA to NCAA Division 3 made so privately, without reasonable consultation from a wide range of people both within and outwith the Athletics Department?

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said that these decisions were not made in a vacuum, and that student input was always welcome. He stressed that any students with concerns about the budget should make those known to him in the fall, when IIT's yearly budget was drafted. SGA President Kelly Lohr also used this question to talk about the possibility of SGA making a school budget advisory committee, and that anyone interested in doing this should talk to her.

The next question posed asked why the university was adding new sports teams when existing sports teams needed more resources. Anderson took the floor to explain that new sports teams were added in order to meet the minimum requirements to be a part of the NCAA Division Three. He said that the university had to have one men's team and one women's team every fall, winter, and spring in order to join the NCAA. The President also expressed his belief that having fewer teams did not guarantee that teams would do better, and

that it was all about the teams having good recruiting, coaching, and mentoring. This question also had a follow-up question regarding the recruiting of coaches for the new teams, to which Anderson responded that a lot of work was being done to hire new coaches. Anderson said that the school just hired a new women's basketball coach, and was extremely close to hiring a women's lacrosse coach.

The penultimate question regarded the Fueling Innovation campaign and the tuition increase. The question asked why tuition was being increased if the university just raised \$132 million as part of the campaign. The President answered this question, explained that of this \$132 million, very little was accessible at this time. He said that \$53 million of the money was in the form of estates, and that the university would not be getting it until the donor passed away. He also said that \$79 million of the donations had immediately been placed in IIT's endowment, which gar-

ners interest that can be used by the university. The President wrapped up his response by explaining that this money had been donated by alumni to elevate the university, not to keep it running, and that tuition is what is used to keep a university running.

The final question of the forum spoke of the university's current trend of increasing student enrollment and tuition, and decreasing aid, and claimed that this was contrary to the university's founding principles. The question asked why the university was turning away from these principles. The President immediately questioned this question, saying that tuition was charged when the university was established, and asserting that IIT is closer to its founding principles than most universities. Provost Cramb then took to the floor to say that IIT was founded to support the city of Chicago, and explained the large number of scholarships available to Chicago children and underprivileged residents of Chicago. Cramb also explained that the amount of aid given out as a whole does not stay constant. The amount of aid that is to be given out increases as the number of

students does. The President concluded this question by having Mike Gosz take the floor, who explained that the university continues to increase the aid given to its students by not decreasing scholarships unless a student drops below a 2.0 grade point average, which it had used to. Gosz explained that IIT used to reduce a student's scholarships depending on their grades; a student could get a 3.5 GPA and still lose some scholarship funds. This practice is still followed by many universities.

With that question answered, the President and Provost Forum for the Spring 2013 semester came to a close. Whether or not the President and Provost sufficiently answered the many questions of the student body regarding tuition increases and more is yet to be seen, but it was very clear from the forum that the President and Provost stand ready to defend some of the controversial moves the university has recently made.

Still think there's unanswered questions? Don't fret, next week, SGA and TechNews will be collaborating to publish the first installment of follow-up questions that were submitted online, after the forum.

AICHE-IIT sponsors alumni panel for career guidance

Utsav Gandhi
CAMPUS EDITOR

It was a busy week for the IIT chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, following up with the Career Fair to organize a leadership development session with BP and a career guidance panel hosted by both recent and not-so-recently graduated alumni to help chart a career path after a degree in Chemical Engineering. The alumni panel was a fantastic mix of a healthcare professional, a beverage company employee, an expert in gas technology and a leading speaker in business strategy. Their insights and advice were clearly the hallmark of a successful career worth emulating and hopefully will help students of all levels and interest areas within the field.

The alumni were Babajide Oke (Tampico Beverages), Miriam Kittaneh ('03, currently working in the healthcare delivery sector), Dr. Manu Vora (Chairman and President of Business Excellence, Inc., a global management consulting services firm, with over 30 years of leadership experience in telecommunications and chemical processing industries) and Mr Dharam Punwani, (principal consultant, founder and President, Avalon Consulting, with over 45 years of energy technology experience).

The first thing they said was to take advantage of our time here at IIT! Over the years, we are more likely to regret the things we didn't do rather than the things we did; so keep that in mind while you approach each new day and every new college experience.

A question was asked that for students entering the workforce, what's the one thing they lack and they can work on? To that they replied a lack of confidence, crispness and conciseness, a 30 second elevator pitch experience, the ability to take directions well, "emo-

tional tolerance" for unexpected experiences, getting work done in teams, fostering collaboration, the experience of working with a social cause, and public presentation skills. They highly recommend not running to the boss at small problems, rather to give your perspective even while trying.

To that students asked how to best develop soft skills and the alumni replied that nothing works as well as practice to differentiate yourself from others. Have confidence in yourself and what you have learnt in school, they said, because there are tons of companies who would like to hire you! Remember that people hire other people with skills they lack, even if these skills are the wackiest. Learn how to articulate what makes you different and what makes you, you - and then explain how that connects to them.

Understanding what your passion is and "what you want to do for the rest of your life" can be very stressful, but ask yourself a simple, honest question: what are you most passionate about? If you can't answer it, ask others what they see in you. Positive thoughts create positive energy, so keep a very positive attitude especially when interviewing. There's no job small enough for anyone, so see what skills little jobs might have for you - but seek project management experience.

If nothing else, they recommend that students get out there and do something,



Photo by Utsav Gandhi

away from the IIT campus.

Other tips they gave out were to try and be accommodating, humble and flexible enough to receive orders, and to have a confidence that is slightly assertive, short yet concise. Understand the company's culture, and listen to the key words and the body language of those around you. Always know your limits, as well as your top 5 strengths, your talents and your experiences.

For the very pertinent question of graduate school vs industry/MBA vs research/ PhD; they advised getting some experience first, it's crucial in today's market; but to be a "lifelong student" and to never stop learning. See how you can apply your preexisting knowledge and gauge where you need further training - accordingly decide whether you would like to pursue higher education to rise up either the technical or the business side.

Since the career fair just passed, a student asked how a company analyzes students from just a single resume sheet and what advice they had to make an application stand out. The alumni responded saying that to stand out you have to be persistent, creative, keep networking with professionals in the

field and to send out emails. Don't hesitate to invite people for conversations and store their contact information from the career fair. For international students, there are ways around sponsoring you if need it, so think outside the box to make yourself irresistible for the company.

For those overachievers who find it hard to manage time well and to prioritize the not-so-interesting organic chemistry assignment over their extra-curricular passion, they advised to never lose focus of your goal in life. Pick one or two things you are good at and ask others to tell you what these are. See which courses and which social activities you enjoy. Keep good friends, because they are like your mirrors. Isolate yourself once in a while and do different things.

Life's biggest lessons are learnt when you decide to face your fears, get out of your comfort zone, embrace what makes you different and never lose sight of your target. Speak up when in a crowd, look up when spoken to, team up when your individual skills just won't do, and never ever give up. Leadership is about managing yourself, knowing who you are, and what resources are out there.

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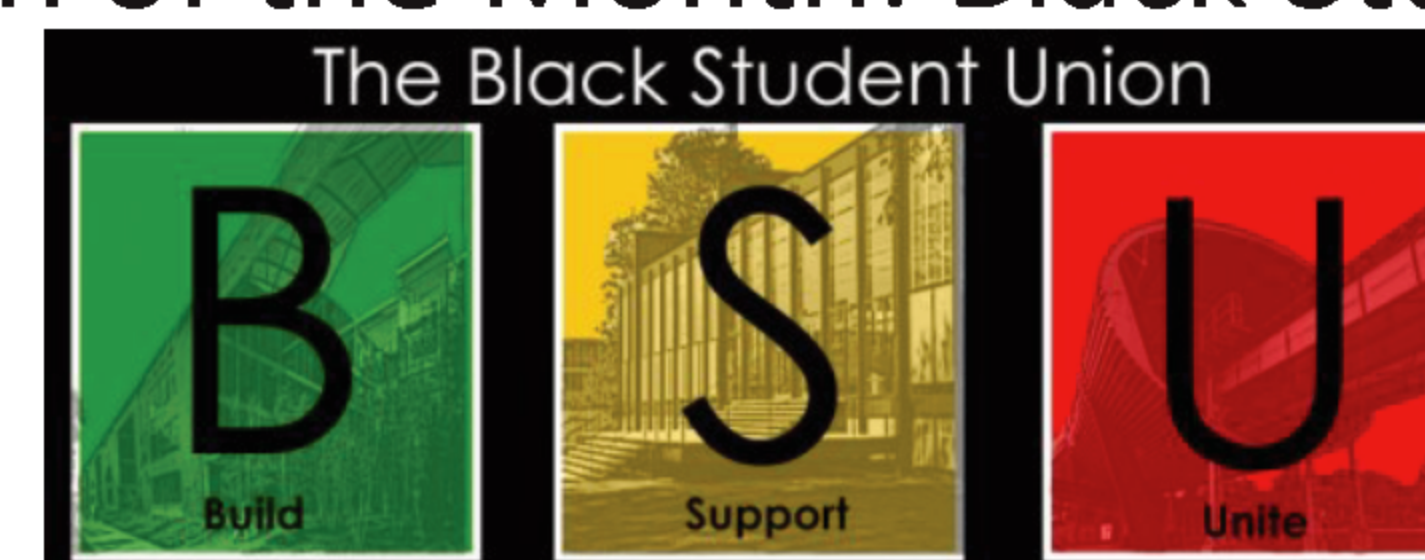


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TEDxIIT speakers, topics chosen

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Last week, the TEDxIIT team met with President Anderson and Vice Provost Jerry Doyle to discuss various ideas to run the TEDxIIT event smoothly.

The speakers for this year's event have been shortlisted and this is what TEDxIIT organizer, Amy Lee Segami had to say about them: "Speakers selected this year include two trustees, two alumni, two faculty members, one student and four speakers from the community. Topics are going to range from growing economy, high tech and decarbonization to philanthropy and entrepreneurship. From Dr. Manu Vora, the alumnus who won the highest Alumni Metal Award to the very first Lady Colonel Jill Morgenthaler, now retired, the speakers all have exponential ideas worth sharing with the whole world."

Are you interested in entrepreneurial spirit, business-oriented ideas and economic solutions? Well, we have speakers for that! Ever heard professionals say "It's not what you

know, it's who you know"? Networking is one of those skills that don't just come with a college degree. Avelo Roy, a serial entrepreneur and spiritual aspirant, will tell you how important it is to build meaningful relationships while working your way to the top.

An alumni and trustee acknowledged for his business strategies. Joel Krauss will be expressing his aspiring ideas on how Chicago's commitment to entrepreneurship has spawned an ecosystem that wasn't in place five years ago.

We will also welcome James Howard Stone, an economist and business executive once again onstage to present his insights on how to create exponential employment growth. Nik Rokop, the Managing Director of Knapp Entrepreneurship Center and one of the top 100 Tech visionaries in Chicago, will discuss how unsuccessful start-up businesses develop confidence, leadership and a valuable network of resources.

Another speaker, Neil Milsted, a Senior Software Engineer in the Chicago area who works with the state of the art technologies involving software applications, telecom-

munications and artificial intelligence is going to talk focused on augmented reality, how the paradigm of computer usability is changing and the effects of changing from static to dynamic and from 'virtual' to 'real'. Ever got frustrated on how to solve a Rubik cube? Neil has coded prototype software that solves a Rubik's cube by using the webcam and instructs the user step by step!

Considering IIT's reputation for its architecture school, we wouldn't run this event without talking about architecture and its impact on global issues. Sara Beardsley, a licensed architect, will examine how to reduce carbon emissions so that we can envision cities as environmental sanctum rather than places of pollution. Another architect, Ann F. Clark uses her architectural knowledge to help rebuild communities in Haiti and she will explain how future architects can help improve third world countries.

Other than entrepreneurship, technology and architecture, the TEDxIIT team has also brought in speakers who focus on social and personal issues. A well-reputed author, TV/film producer and director, Cheryl

Jefferson will discuss why female empowerment is now considered the dance of death. Cheryl was crushed to understand that Middle Eastern belly dancers are honor killed to maintain their family's pride.

She has written several books based on criminal traditions such as honor killings and child marriages. As Cheryl Jefferson puts it, "Ultimately, my success is no longer about bestseller lists but about international laws with real teeth and the street level reality of saving lives."

Another reputed speaker known for her nickname, "The next Oprah", Dr. Nina Ellis-Hervey will talk about ways to live our lives holistically by emphasizing the mental, spiritual and physical aspects of life. Last but not the least, we have an IIT fourth-year psychology student, Jacqueline Roche giving us a talk about her personal life. Achieving the life that she has now wasn't easy and she will take us through the road that made her who she is today.

Want to know more about the speakers? Join us at our pre-event at the BOG on March 28!

Galvin announces extended hours, NEH Grant

Utsav Gandhi & Pattie Piotrowski
CAMPUS EDITOR &
RESEARCH GUIDE @ GALVIN LIBRARY

On the Students Speak Survey, extra hours at the library, especially Friday evenings—when some commuter students have class starting at 6:25 p.m.—were requested, and Galvin Library has responded! Already open on the lower level 24 hours, 5 days a week, the space can get crowded when the OTS Night Owl Lab closes at 7:00 a.m., so Galvin Library will be opening the upper level one hour earlier on Monday through Friday mornings.

Starting Monday, March 4th, the library will open the upper level at 7:30 a.m. and give students access to more tables, printers, scanners and study space. After spring break, Galvin Library has plans to extend Friday evening hours. Read TechNews in the coming weeks for more details or check the library hours at <http://library.iit.edu/hours/>.

Galvin Library is also currently taking part in the LibQual survey and by taking their survey students will give them feedback they can use to enhance services, collections, and space—now and in the years to come. More than 1000 libraries worldwide have taken the survey, allowing them to measure themselves on key data points against libraries at peer and aspirant institutions. The survey is for all students, faculty and staff and takes about 10 minutes to complete. Respondents will have an opportunity to win one of four \$25 Amazon gift certificates.

Enter your IIT e-mail address at the end of the survey to be included in the drawing. Your responses are confidential. You can access the survey at <http://library.iit.edu/survey/>.

Galvin Library has also been chosen to be the recipient of a 2013 grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities

issued in cooperation with the American Library Association. Entitled Muslim Journeys Bookshelf, the grant consists of twenty-three books, three films, access to Oxford Islamic Studies Online, and is part of the NEH's Bridging Cultures initiative. Galvin Library staff submitted its winning proposal by collaborating with various university departments and student organizations across campus to put together a calendar of monthly events for 2013 that will feature titles from the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf and the university community will be invited to participate in film screenings, book discussions, hands-on art sessions, lectures by scholars and much more.

The first event was this past week and was a film screening of the Prince Among Slaves, with a discussion immediately following. Prince Among Slaves recounts the true story of an African Muslim prince who was captured and sold into slavery in the American South.

The second event on your Muslim Journey is the Women's Cultural Exchange, held on March 6th in the Collens Welcome Center (MTCC) at 12:55 p.m.

Celebrating the grant, this year the focus will be on women in Islam and the bookshelf provides more than a few titles about or authored by women.

The third event to plan for is a book discussion scheduled for Thursday, March 28 in Galvin Library. "Dreams of Trespass" by Fatima Mernissis is a memoir relating the author's time spent in a Moroccan harem in the 1940's and 1950's.

Far different from the stereotype of a harem, the author writes of the changing political and social attitudes, but she also relates discussion and debates on morality, ethnicity, and more.

However, the most memorable descriptions tell the stories of the women and their dreams of trespass into the outside world of men.

Women's Day focuses on STEM fields at IIT

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When only about 25 percent of the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) workforce of today are women, it's no wonder that universities like IIT aim to increase the number of female students interested in science-related fields. This past Saturday, Illinois Tech invited 9th-12th grade girls and their parents from local communities and beyond to learn a bit more about STEM fields and IIT.

At the most well-attended Women's Day yet here at IIT, students nearly filled the Wishnick Auditorium to capacity as IIT Alumna, Lucy Hynes, opened the day with a presentation about her experiences as a woman in engineering. Hynes, Electric Distribution Manager of the Department of Public Utilities-Electric for the City of Naperville, received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Illinois Tech in 1988. She spoke to her audience about her decision to pursue Electrical Engineering and how IIT had a role in her education.

After Lucy's keynote, students got to attend two workshop sessions of their choos-

ing. The 10 workshops offered were varied in their style and delivery, but all aimed to increase the student's interest in postsecondary education, dispel any myths about a science-based fields, and answer any questions students had about STEM fields in general, or an academic career at IIT.

One workshop hosted by the IIT African Student Organization (ASO) featured a rapid design challenge where students broke up into small groups of four or five and attempted to build the tallest and most stable tower possible out of dry spaghetti noodles and marshmallows with a time limit of 30 minutes. At the conclusion of the activity, the ASO students related the activity to their academic careers in the STEM fields, where they often have to tackle difficult problems and work together in teams to accomplish tasks.

Toward the end of the day, interested students had the option to stick around and go on a undergraduate student-led campus tour and learn a little more about the student life and academic options at Illinois Tech. Overall, Women's Day is a unique opportunity for IIT and female students alike, allowing young women to find a potential career path that interests them and letting our school showcase the options that we offer for students of all backgrounds and interests.

Women's History Month launches

IIT Lewis College of Human Sciences, Humanities Department

To kick off Women's History Month, the IIT Department of Humanities has organized a Women's History Month trivia night at the BOG, which will follow a standard pub trivia format -- students will compete in teams of up to 5 people, writing down answers to the questions announced over the PA. Question categories will range from history to music to video games, but with an emphasis on interesting and influential women. Teams will compete for prizes and bragging rights. Everyone is welcome (students, staff, and faculty). It's a fun, no pressure event, and we hope folks will come join us!

Women's History Month looks at how conventional and unconventional women throughout history have changed the world we live in today. Women's History Month is a space to talk about people who identify as women and how their roles in society matter—that means anyone can participate in

the festivities, not just those of us who identify as women! It's also a space to talk about how the dynamics of gender create categories like women, men, inter-sex people, transgender people, and people who live between the genders. It gives us an opportunity to think about what these categories mean for how we organize our social, political, and economic institutions and how we define our collective or personal goals and dreams.

The Humanities Department, in partnership with the Office of Student Life, has created a program for March that includes a BOG game night (Thursday, March 7 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Bog), a campus film showing of the trans coming-of-age story *Girl Inside* (Wednesday March 13th, 8:30 p.m., MTCC auditorium), and a luncheon with speakers on Women in Technology (Tuesday March 26th, 12:30-2:30pm, MTCC ballroom). We hope the campus community will be able to join us in any and all of these events! For any questions please contact humoffice@gmail.com.

Restaurant Review:

Impallaria Bakery satisfies sweet tooth with treats

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I was standing in the snowstorm, waiting for the Wallace bus to take me to work. The bus tracker said the bus would be there in four minutes. I waited. Six minutes later, I checked the bus tracker again. This time it said fourteen minutes. I stepped out into the street and looked north at the stretch of Wallace. It was busless. I have stood at this bus stop at least once a week (usually more) for the past seven months.

Over the course of those seven months, I had seen the "Impallaria Bakery" sign which promised both a bakery, deli, and coffee. I had wondered about the pronunciation of the name (is the second "a" pronounced in a hard Chicago fashion?) I had marveled at the number of people who left their cars unlocked and running with the hazard lights on as they ran inside to get a box of cookies and some coffee. And now, with twelve minutes before the bus arrived, I was finally going to give in to my sweet tooth and give the "Impallaria Bakery" a chance.

The first thing I noticed is that the deli part of this deli-bakery-coffee consortium is absent. As both a vegetarian and as a patron only interested in coffee and donuts, this was a nonissue. The second thing I noticed is that the wall across from the display case is entirely mirrors. This second thing was a little more disconcerting than the absence of deli meats as I was suddenly made aware of the fact that a small layer of snow had collected on top of my hair.

Finally my attention was diverted to the two display cases. One of the cases had cakes and pies, most of which had large amounts of clear jelly-like fruit fillings and fluffy white merengue frosting. I did not try any of these pies, so it may be unfair of me to judge them on first glance (but that won't stop me from doing so.) These cakes and pies reminded me of the kind of store-bought pies that my grandma often force feeds me alongside flat soda when I visit her home. The eclairs looked pretty decent. The other display case had a variety of cookies.

A large percentage of these cookies seem to be of the same shortbread variety but with varied colored sprinkle combinations.

Between the two display cases there is a small variety of donuts. On the recommendation of the woman working there, I selected both a chocolate long john and an apricot log, which was a sort of long shaped coffeecake-esque creation with strudel topping, along with a small coffee. My total was \$3.75, which is pretty good considering that at some coffee shops that is the cost of coffee alone.

I can't really attest for the quality of the coffee as I do not have a very discerning taste for coffee and I was really just pleased to have something warm to drink while waiting in the cold for the bus to arrive. Once I arrived at work I ate the donut and apricot log and would have to say that while both were good I would recommend getting either the donut or the apricot log and not both as I felt kind of sick after finishing both of them.

The frosting on the long john was my favorite part of the long john. It had the perfect mix of a crisp top layer of frosting that gives way to a thin, meltier layer underneath. The apricot log was flaky and had a good balance of strudel and fruit topping. I don't think that it's fair of me to blame the apricot log for making me feel a little nauseous as this was

probably due to its being consumed directly after the long john.

Later that afternoon, I returned to Impallaria to pick up some cookies for a road trip with some friends. We got an assortment of crescent cookies with nuts and powdered sugar, some shortbread shells with chocolate and vanilla sprinkles, and some thin shortbread cookies with pink frosting on the outside and chocolate on the inside. Our total was around \$6.00 which is far cheaper than I expected.

The cookies were less nausea-inducing than my breakfast had been, though possibly (probably) this is because I ate far less of them over a longer period of time. As the cookies were purchased late in the afternoon I was slightly concerned that their quality would not be as high as it would have been had we purchased them in the morning. Happily, my worries were unfounded and we later discovered that the cookies were even good the next morning.

Overall, I would highly recommend making a trip to Impallaria as the products I sampled were very good quality and came at a very reasonable cost.


Tech[ology]News:

Reddit.com promotes freedom of speech, entertainment

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Do you like ponies? What about video games? Do you like SCUBA diving? Whatever it is that you might have an interest in, I assure you that there is a subreddit about it. A subreddit is a sub-section of the very popular website Reddit.com and if there isn't a subreddit about your favorite topic you are allowed to start your own. Reddit is an online forum that works hard for its community aspect.

The way it works is that people all over the Internet submit photos, links, and gifs, and the reddit community as a whole votes on them. You can either upvote, saying you like the content, or downvote, saying you don't like it. The links that receive the most upvotes make it to the front page of the website, which leads to Reddit calling itself the 'front page of the internet'. Among everything that can be submitted to Reddit, there are subreddits based on specific interests, like ponies and SCUBA diving. Any Reddit members, who call themselves "redditors", can create a

subreddit so long as they are willing to maintain and moderate it.

Reddit can boast some fairly impressive numbers due to its large popularity. The website receives thousands of viewers each day from 178 different countries. Reddit can be viewed in countless different languages and is open source, meaning that anyone is allowed to work on the website, translating and improving whatever needs the work done. Reddit also has a many-paged FAQ section that outlines everything from manners to submissions in an effort to create a cohesive community.

The problem with Reddit, if there is one at all, is the same problem with all public forums that emphasize freedom of speech above all else. With the ability of every redditor to create a their own subreddit you allow awesome things like r/aww, which is a subreddit about adorable things; but you also allow r/beatingwomen which is about, yeah, beating women.

To Reddit's credit they stand by their subreddits and declare that they all have the right to exist. Everything about that type of freedom is appealing to me and would normally draw me to the Reddit website as an

avid fan. However, as previously mentioned, when you open a door like that you don't get to control who uses it. There are subreddits concerning underage girls, photos of women that were taken without their knowledge, one focused on photos of abortions, a subreddit for almost every hate group you can think of as well as one dedicated to photos of deceased children.

I strongly encourage everyone reading this to take my word for it and not go search for these subreddits themselves; anyone who does hunt them down and finds their content offensive will receive my most little sisterly response of "I told you so."

Reddit's commitment to freedom of speech on their forum has led to the website defending the rights of r/jailbait and various other subreddits that post sexualized photos of minors. Clearly there is a flaw in this logic. Reddit has always aimed to be a place of community but is now most often associated with the legal troubles garnered by tasteless subreddits that barely classify as legal. Most recently Reddit had to take down a subreddit based around posting photos of young girls who didn't know they were being photographed when it became apparent that one

submitter was the teacher of the girls he was photographing.

While Reddit has subreddits based on suicide prevention, finding lost family members and all other manner of awesome community services, it does it on a server that contains subreddits dedicated to hating minorities and promoting rape as a reasonable action. My friends have told me that it IS possible to have a fun and entertaining experience on Reddit. Only subscribe to subreddits based on your interests, never venture into questionable territory, stay away from the comment sections of links you know will lead to unsavory conversations etc.

For some people, that level of screening might be acceptable to receive all that Reddit offers them; they're willing to do the work to not be offended by a site they love. Whether or not that holds true for you is something for you to find out for yourself. Personally though, I'm not willing to ignore offensive and disgusting content that could show up on the front page and become my job to avoid. I will find my funny cat pictures somewhere else.

Theatrical documentary, 'Crime Scene,' misses the mark

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STAFF WRITER

"Crime Scene: A Chicago Anthology" is a vignette of stories focusing on Chicago's history of violence, concentrating in the last fifteen years. These vignettes were co-devised by over fifteen creative minds. Together, they deliver a finely crafted theatrical documentary. By finely crafted, I mean they have succeeded in blending six or so stories into a more or less cohesive whole. This by no means implies I recommend the show.

The trouble I find in reviewing this show is that it is more a documentary than a play. The further trouble I find is that it misses the mark in both regards.

Regarding it as a documentary, the show dramatizes real-life events, thereby giving

the viewer a (rather grim) picture of the state of violence in Chicago, as well as a look in to some of the efforts being made to counteract this culture of violence (i.e. a priest and a violence interrupter). The show fails, however, to offer anything new to the conversation; the dramatizations did not add anything to my understanding of the violence, or the people who perpetrate it. If the show wished to humanize the stories, it fell short there, as each dramatization lasted only about ten minutes and never allowed me to become emotionally involved.

Were I to regard this show as a play, the above-mentioned brevity and the lack of an over-arching plot and character development prevented it from being successful dramatically. Despite the relevance-by-proximity of the stories told, I never really began to care for the characters themselves; even their motivations seemed submerged beyond the range of sympathy (although there are some incredibly

strong performances by Medina Perine and Lisandra Tena).

For example, in Chapter 2, Marlon Porter shoots and kills Orlando Patterson because his friend insists (emphatically) that he was responsible for an insult. As it turns out, Orlando Patterson had nothing to do with the insult. What lesson can one find in this story? It is full of ignorance and irrationality—who can make sense of such senseless violence? Thus, I am filled not with pity for these characters, but with anger—the worst kind of anger, the insatiable anger of living in a world where humans, without a value for the sacredness of life, act like animals.

While the show certainly has an agenda, what that agenda is never becomes clear. Although the ensemble sings about "hope" several times throughout the piece, the show as a whole offers no reason to hope: in fact, the show offers more in terms of cynicism

than hope. Several times the ensemble exhorts the audience to take action, claiming that the (ever nebulously-invoked) "community" must lead with action; but they never define what that action might be, or explain how the "community" can meet the responsibilities neglected by the parents.

Instead of hope, the only emotion the show inspired in me was outraged incredulity at how social-conscious people think eighty minutes of yelling and lecturing can be twisted into some rallying call for peace and hope.

(In its defense, Chris Jones highly-recommends this show. I'll let you guess for what reason. A Collaboraction Theatre Company production, "Crime Scene: A Chicago Anthology" is playing now through March 10th at the Flat Iron Arts Building, located at 1579 N. Milwaukee Ave., steps from the Damen Blue Line. Student tickets are available.)

NBA Round-up: Western Conference gains stamina, Rodman visits North Korea

Nathan McMahon
STAFF WRITER

Since the All-Star break, the talk of the league has been all about the Miami Heat and the MVP-like play by LeBron James, who together are simply dismantling opponents. They have taken down 13 straight opponents in a historical unbeaten streak. While LeBron leads the way, Dwayne Wade seems to have found his niche in this high powered offense with his numbers improving.

Meanwhile the Chicago Bulls have failed to find their top form going 3-3 in their last six games and slipping in the Eastern Conference standings. One of the only bright spots has been the play of Joakim Noah, who recorded a triple-double against Philadelphia where he had 23 points, 21 rebounds, and 11 blocks to propel the Bulls to victory.

It seems like the Bulls are simply missing their primetime player, Derrick Rose, and his scoring more than ever as they rank 28th in the league in scoring. Rumors have been telling conflicting stories on Rose's return, with some saying he is a week away from a return, while others say he may not return until next season.

Rose was spotted dunking the ball in a pregame warm up at Oklahoma City this week although it should be noted he neither jumped off of nor landed on his surgically repaired knee. It is apparent the Bulls desperately need "The Return" if they are to be serious contenders in the East.

The Western Conference still appears to be the stronger of the two conferences, now even more so than ever with the Lakers

finally starting to reach some of their potential. With players like Kobe Bryan, Dwight Howard, and Steve Nash the Lakers should have been near the top of the conference standings all season. However, they are just now starting to win consecutive games, winning four of their last five, and are competing to earn a playoff spot as they are just 2.5 games out of the eighth and final playoff spot.

It would seem that if they can fix their defense, which remains one of the league's worst, then they have a very real chance to do what many thought impossible before the All-Star break and make the playoffs. The San Antonio Spurs remain on top of the conference with Oklahoma City and the Clippers three and three and a half games back, respectively.

The Spurs will be tested after the recent injury to Tony Parker, which will have him missing the next few weeks due to an ankle sprain.

Outside of the NBA, Dennis Rodman continues to make the news after his recent diplomatic trip to North Korea. He is the first high profile American to meet the new North Korean dictator Kim Jong-Un. During his trip he put on clinics for kids, watched some of North Korea's finest players, and even got out on the court and balled with his new friends.

There have been many criticisms of his trip, especially since he talked about what a great guy the North Korean leader is and how he has made a lifelong friend. It is yet to be seen what kind of political effect his ultra-important diplomatic trip to North Korea will have.



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Campus cricket league at Keating for spring season

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LAYOUT EDITOR

Good news for cricket fans at IIT. The Keating Premier League (KPL) will start from March 2 through April 13.

For those who haven't heard about KPL, it's an indoor tape tennis-ball cricket tournament played at Keating Sports Center. It's an Intramurals and Recreation sports event and is wholly sponsored by the Students Activities Fund and the Intramurals and recreational Sports Committee at IIT.

Team registrations have begun. You can either register as a team or an individual (eventually, you'll be included in a team). KPL is open to all current IIT students, faculty and

staff members.

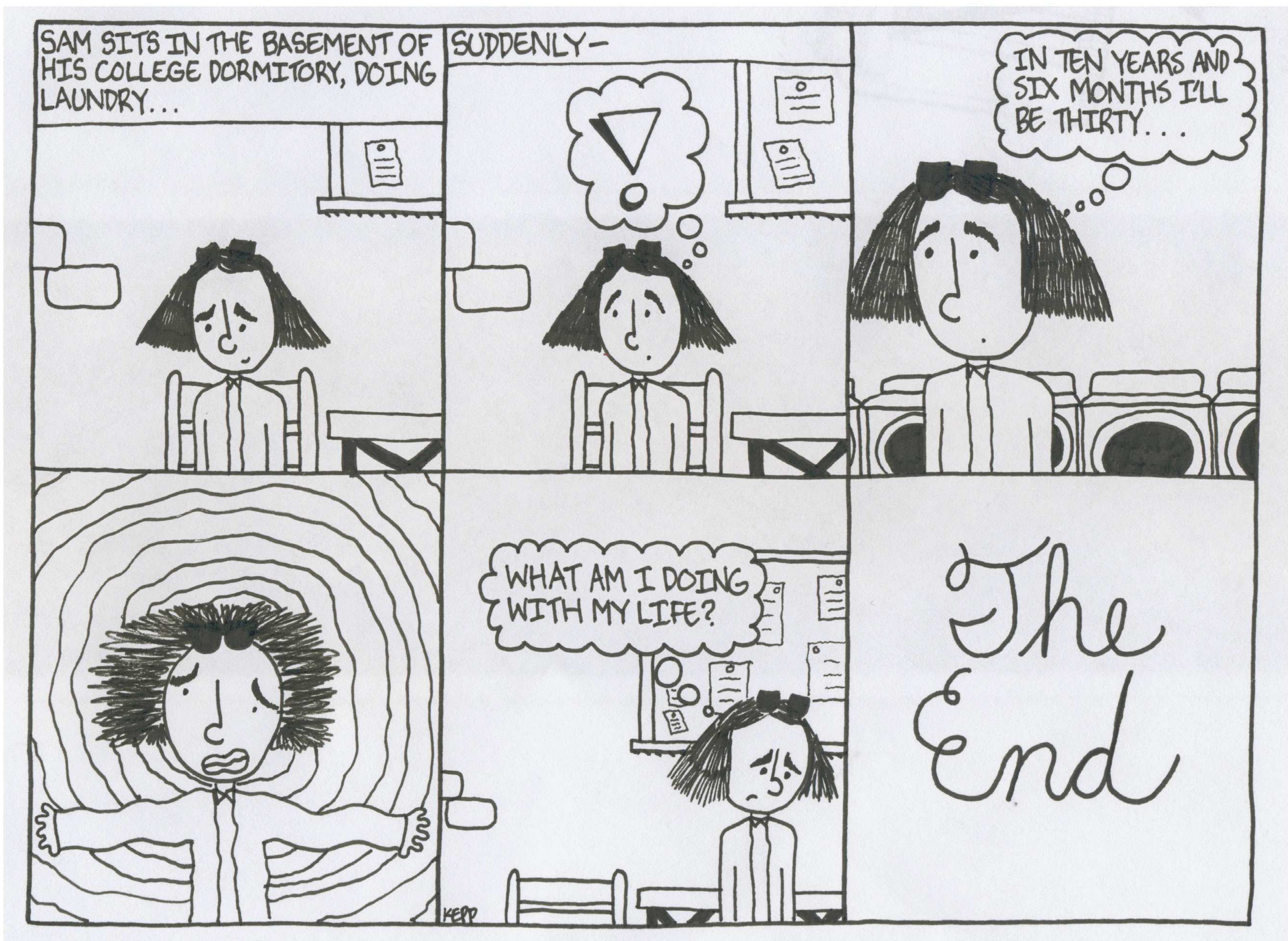
The organizers have planned for 16 teams participating in the league matches, which would be a knockout format. Each team would comprise of 6 players with two additional players as substitutes. Since the actual game has lots of rules and formats, KPL too has specified rules which can be checked out on the IIT Intramurals website. The registration date has been extended by 1 week to March 8. The organizers are quite optimistic about the outcome of the event following last year's success. As they say, lots of prizes are to be won.

Dates: March 9 – April 13
Time: 7.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m. (Wednesday)
12.00pm – 6.00 p.m. (Saturday)

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And now...a comic!

Sam Kepp
TECHNEWS WRITER



Tuesday

ASCE General Body Meeting
American Society of Civil Engineers
Wishnick Auditorium
12:40pm – 1:40pm

SGA Senate
SGA
MTCC Auditorium
9:15pm – 10:30pm

Wednesday

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

General Body Meeting
Undocumented Students and Allies
Herman Hall
Armour Conference Room
12:50pm - 1:40pm

IIT WISER/ChBE Joint Seminar
WISER, ChBE
Perlstein Hall Auditorium
3:15pm – 4:30pm

Study Session
Black Student Union (BSU)
Galvin Library (Room TBD)
7pm – 9pm

Thursday

Campus E-Waste Collection
IIT Sustainability
IIT Main Campus
All day

General Body Meeting
AICHE
Perlstein Hall Room-108
12:50 - 1:40pm

Women's History Bar Trivia Night
The Bog
The Bog
7:00pm – 8:30pm

General Body Meeting
Graphic Novel Appreciation Society
Siegel 203
7:30pm - 9:30pm

Friday

Campus E-Waste Collection
IIT Sustainability
IIT Main Campus
All day

Weekly Meeting
TEDxIIT
IIT Tower
16th floor SW Conference Room
9:30am – 10:30am

Weekly Meeting
JFAS
Idea Shop
2:30pm – 6:00pm

Saturday

Student Leadership Summit
OCL
MTCC
10am - 4pm

Sunday

TechNews Writer's Meeting
TechNews
MTCC 221 (OCL Offices)
3:30pm - 4:30pm

Monday

4th General Body Meeting
Engineers Without Borders
Perlstein Auditorium
12:40pm – 1:40pm

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

Speaker: Katie Wirsing
IIT Campus Life
MTCC Center Court
1pm – 2pm

General Body Meeting
Black Student Union
Wishnick Hall 115
7pm – 9pm

iitAQHQ: Weekly Meeting
IIT Arquitectos
MTCC Yellow Room
7:00pm – 8:30pm

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