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Student forum tackles recent housing policy changes

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CAMPUS EDITOR

Generations of IIT students, especially undergraduates have gone up from living in MSV or SSV for their freshman year to pick an apartment in Gonsaulus or Carman Halls on campus, and part of this transitional "growing up" experience has been the ability to be able to care for yourself and grow independent of the school dining services.

Last week, however, as students were getting ready to sign contracts for on-campus housing for next year, they were in for a surprise as rumors on Facebook emerged of proposed changes instituted by Housing services wherein all students living in on-campus dorms, regardless of whether the unit contained a kitchen facility, would be required to have a minimum of a new meal plan, with 50 meals and 50 bonus points for the semester. Understandably, there was a furor over these proposed changes and students took to Facebook and angry emails to vent their frustration.

The Student Government Association (SGA), spurred by almost 500 viral votes on the issue's VoteBox page (<http://sga.uservoice.com/forums/136665-sga-votebox/suggestions/3823397-repeal-the-decision-to-require-meal-plans-for-all>), jumped into action in order to mobilize the student voice and initiate a healthy discussion to bring genuine student concerns and feedback surrounding the issue to the higher authorities.

On Thursday, April 11 2013, Elizabeth Pinkus-Huizenga (Betsi), the Director of Housing and Residential Services and Katie Murphy Stetz, the Dean of Students held an extremely valuable and brutally honest discussion to try and satisfy the growing student unrest regarding the unpopular decision. This was an open forum for students to come vent their frustrations as cordially as possible and for the administration, made out to be the clear villains in the whole situation, to explain reasons behind why the policy change was implemented in the first place. Betsi said that she met with Rani Shah and Raghav Girijala, the SGA President and Exec VP respectively, amidst a volatile Facebook environment to work out some possible changes as recommendations.

The primary reason they reiterated throughout the night for having decided to institute the change was because university administration saw it best to want and push the overall on-campus experience to another level altogether by having more Gonsaulus and Carman residents enjoy a greater eating experience in the Commons.

Not having a meal plan during very busy times often makes students feel stressful, and they felt that having a meal plan might directly correlate to student wellness and would help them do better academically.

Addressing the biggest grouse against the decision, the "crappy timing": they owned up to their mistake and mentioned that sometimes in real life this poor communication does happen. Lessons had definitely been learned from the poor transfer and spread of information as well as the unfortunate timing of the proposed change. However, to make sure they were allowing students to make an informed decision whether to accept the new terms and conditions, they had decided to extend the deadline to accept contracts until May 31.

Addressing the other issue with the decision wherein graduate students would be treated differently, in the sense that they would be exempt from this policy, Betsi explained that traditionally they have always been treated differently on campus and even with this policy this would continue to be done so.

However the first real occasion for the ball to land in the students' court came in when it was announced that students who had already been

living for a year or more in a residential unit with a kitchen would be "grandfathered in" being exempt from taking up the meal plan mandatory as well. The new clause for the mandatory meal plan would then just affect those students who would be moving in for the first time into an on campus residential unit with a kitchen.

Immediately there was an apparent heave of relief in the room, literally nobody spoke for the next twenty seconds. Then, individual cases started springing up.

A 30 year old student, who clearly seemed like they could take care of themselves should they be required to do so, explained the sheer redundancy in having to eat at the Commons even in the presence of a kitchen unit at home. A non-traditional student put in a strong plea to be considered or even consulted when such decisions were being taken for the general undergraduate student body. A student from another culture who has been cooking since she was thirteen and who had been taught to cook by herself urged the administration to factor in the diverse backgrounds of IIT's many student communities in implementing such crucial decisions.

Both Betsi and Katie indicated that they are willing to take individual conversations such as these forward in order to be most fair and just to specific cases. Betsi then went on to answer a very legitimate question about the pricing of the new meal plan: she said that it was priced keeping in mind the competition from the five meals per week meal plan: though it resembles more of an anytime blox. There are fewer meals but more flexibility, and the pricing has been determined keeping in mind recommendations from the university's Chief Financial Officer, the Dean of Students and the new Sodexo General Manager.

The next legitimate question to come up was to make the Commons a more enjoyable experience if it really was going to be the new proposed epicenter of student interaction and community engagement. Suggestions thrown forward were the option to stay open until 8 p.m. (to accommodate those who have class until 7:40 p.m.), with enough quantities of food to ensure they didn't run out quickly like they sometimes do.

A 'grab and go' option for a pre-packed meal is also being considered and a major push was made by the SGA Executive VP Raghav to reinstitute the Food Advisory Board, a subsidiary student body which made recommendations to Sodexo on improving the on campus dining experience but was dissolved due to student disinterest (please email iitsgaexecvp@gmail.com if you wish to be more involved with this crucial endeavor in sustaining the student voice). The Dean stressed that the whole point behind this endeavor is to really challenge Sodexo in making or breaking the on campus residential student experience – it was also a huge gamble on her part. The heart of the new policy is building a community centered around the Commons experience as one of the ingredients for a more inclusive environment.

Other welcome policy changes announced throughout the course of the night were to make laundry free for all campus residents next year, to review the cable plan, replace the spot coolers in Carman and Gonsaulus and provide free installation of ACs and cooling units – many little things which will improve the student experience.

Other legitimate student concerns brought up were the loss of the experience of taking away the independence of taking care oneself; those who had severe dietary restrictions and for whom the Commons simply cannot accommodate (one girl even went on to explain how her stomach took to the Commons food unfavorably to the point that she was puking right in front of the staff, but still when she went to ask for contract termination she was asked to present proof of sickness.)

A student who co-ops at an establish-

ment with Sodexo catering indicated how she could not wait enough for the summer because their catered food at that location was unbelievably and incomparably healthy and need-addressing. She questioned why Sodexo wasn't even trying to improve their game here when they clearly have the potential and even the feedback from the surveys they sent out. Students brought up the point that such a forum, while invaluable in starting a dialogue, should've been called for before the policy was decided to be implemented.

There should be clearer information on the website and even the suggestion for a Sodexo forum was thrown out. A student expressed the inability to move into Gonsaulus now due to affordability issues, with tuition also going up and the students being unable to control expenses of things they didn't need. Another student brought up the fact that the Commons is not equipped to manage so many people, and \$750 is much more than money than they need to feed themselves for a semester.

The big question cropping up was how we as students paying for a service and an administration looking to best serve student needs to hold Sodexo more accountable to their commitment to quality and customer service.

One stop solutions such as recommending their vegan diet (no matter what the student concern is) and sustained categorization (are the athletes, the Caribbean students, the architects, the Doctor Who fans really going to segregate following the new policy to promote community integration? Is the Commons really the most practical vehicle to tackle this problem in the first place?), an incredible amount of red tape in canceling the meal option even if there's a legitimate concern – such inherently intricate issues need to be tackled more holistically and with more serious thought at the root of the problem. Has this approach of a mandatory meal plan worked at other universities? Can we invite more local establishments to serve as guest cooks in the Commons here and then to promote flexibility, variety and novelty into the doldrums menu? Can we reach out to more local pizza places to deliver (to which Betsi said very matter-of-factly that companies have been known to stop deliver because of students not tipping delivery men enough)?

As the discussion drew to a close, as suggestions were getting more impassioned and agitated, one thing was certain: it is crucial to keep the conversation going.

The Student Government urges invested members of the student body to join the Food Advisory Board in making their concerns heard directly where and when they matter the most. We need to see if the Commons improves: and for this things need to work in a certain sequence the way we want them to work, for this the forty five minutes that the one student spent filling out the IIT Dining Survey need to be worth more than just shrugged shoulders and an apparent apathy to student opinion.

If the quality of discussion at this forum was anything to go by, then one can definitely hope that a Sodexo forum will be announced and held as soon as possible to address the real root problem holding our university student experience from being the best it can be.

More power to the students, more power to the student voice, more power to the press bringing to you this dialogue, more power to the student government and definitely more power to the university administration that are clearly invested in improving this experience for us.

The forum ended with an overwhelmingly positive appreciation for Katie and Betsi in taking this initiative to own up to a few mistakes made and lessons learned, to elucidate by example how administrators really have the best interests of students at heart and how we can all engage in productive dialogue to ultimately make this a better experience for everyone involved.

Relay for Life events last 12 hours

Katie Peters
STAFF WRITER

Are you looking for something to do this Saturday night that will not only let you have fun and bond with your classmates, but also raise money for a great cause? Well, this weekend is the second annual Relay for Life on IIT's campus, and it's coming back better than ever! The Relay for Life committee has been working hard since December to fill all twelve hours with fun activities and fundraisers which will keep participants excited and looking forward to the next event. And just as a disclaimer: you don't have to run or even walk, just come and hang out and bring donations to participate in the activities they have planned. The Relay for Life teams has already raised over \$4,000 and are well on their way to their goal of \$12,000, but they need your help! You can still sign up to participate at Relay and raise money from your friends or family, or donate to any of the teams or at the event to help reach our goal.

In addition to the great events during Relay for Life, this week is Paint Your Campus Purple Week, leading up to the big event Saturday 27th April. The committee will be decorating as much of campus as possible with purple items, and this week even the Man on the Bench will be sporting his Relay pride. Also, on the bridge the team will be selling raffle tickets to win a signed Chicago Bulls basketball, so bring money during the week to buy raffle tickets or Luminaria to honor your friends or family who have fought cancer. Keep an eye out on IIT Relay for Life's Facebook page for a photo contest, and follow @IITRelayForLife on Twitter and use the hashtag #paintIIT-purple to tell us how you are raising money for Relay or supporting it through purple pride!

The week's events culminate on Saturday with the Big Event philanthropy options and the Hawks Purple Out baseball game at noon. At 2 pm on Saturday IIT's dance group New Velocity is kicking off the event with their second annual mini-showcase in Keating. At 6:30 pm the Relay for Life Opening Ceremony begins at Man on the Bench Park with opening remarks by Provost Alan Cramb. The first few festivities will be outside in the park, and the Luminaria Ceremony and the events following will be inside the Hermann Hall Expo. The schedule of events for the night is as follows:

6:30 p.m.: Opening Ceremony, Man on the Bench Park
7 to 9 p.m.: Photo Booth
7 to 9 p.m.: Vandercook Jazz Band
9:30 to 10 p.m.: Luminaria Ceremony with the X-Chromotones, Hermann Hall Expo
10 to 12:30 a.m.: Band Performance: Way to Fall and Midwest Skies
10:30 p.m.: Root Beer Pong Tourney
11 p.m. to 2 a.m.: "Weddings", Face Painting
2 to 2:30 a.m.: Fight Back Ceremony
2:30 a.m.: DJ, Trivia game
3:30 a.m.: Raffle winners announced: win a signed Chicago Bulls basketball and White Sox baseball tickets!
4 a.m.: Zumba
4 to 5 a.m.: Photobooth, "Weddings", Face Painting
5 a.m. Power Hour: Frozen T-shirt, Track Lap

6:30 a.m.: Closing Ceremony
Throughout the event there will be opportunities to donate to the cause to bring us closer to our goal of \$12,000, so be sure to bring your loose change to support cancer research! If you have any questions, please email iitrelayforlife@gmail.com.

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Awareness of good beyond appearances

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Last year, I was on the CTA (Chicago's Transit Authority) heading to class to take an exam. Rather, I should say that I was rushing to class. I wasn't running late, but I often got caught up in the hustle and bustle of Chicago during morning rush hour.

Something about the "rush hour" energy made me feel a bit anxious; I—along with others—am at the mercy of the CTA with its frequent delays, rarely do riders strike up conversations with fellow passengers.

After making my usual transfer to another train line, I was able to find a free seat (which is hard to come by during rush hour), and I sat down.

I acknowledged the woman I was sitting near just enough to immediately write her off as being someone I wanted to ignore. She looked at me and smiled, and I gave a half smile back but turned slightly away to make it clear that I didn't want to engage in chit-chat.

I am a warm person, hardly ever without a smile and usually very open, but I was having a day where I just felt nonchalant toward other people. The last thing I wanted was to feel "trapped" in a conversation with a "lowly" woman on the train who might pester me for money.

I pulled out my textbook, clutch in hand, to begin "reviewing" for my exam.

She began engaging me in small talk and after a few minutes, my disposition changed. My short answers became longer, and I became

genuinely interested in what she had to say.

A year or so later, I have forgotten the specifics of everything she said to me, but I remember getting off the train feeling light-hearted after she told me a bit about her life. We had a short but beautiful conversation.

I got off at my stop, walked the couple of blocks to class, and entered the classroom when I realized I left my clutch on the train.

No time is a good time to lose your wallet, but I was leaving for the Middle East soon and would have to replace everything before my trip.

Well-played.

"Distract someone with small talk in hopes they'll leave something behind," a peer commented when I retold the story (after the incident had played out). I actually felt a bit at ease despite the situation, and the thought of trickery didn't even pass my mind.

My professor excused me, and I headed back to the station, chalking it up to my carelessness, thinking, "I've really got to slow down. What was I rushing for at any rate? Life is not about rushing."

I got to the station, and as I explained that I'd forgotten my wallet/clutch, they informed me that a woman had notified a CTA employee—just as the train left the station where I'd gotten off—that someone had left a clutch on the train, and that I'd gotten off at the specific stop.

I rode the train to its last stop where all the lost and found items are dropped. When the CTA employees handed me my wallet, everything was inside.

I learned a few valuable lessons that day, not to prejudge someone's character because of their appearance; always be open because you never know who will be in a position to lend a helping hand.

At times, living in the city, it becomes so normal to ignore each other and to write each other off. I am so thankful to have had a humbling experience that showed me that when we allow ourselves to slow down and be receptive to others, we can learn, and we can be helped by people from all walks of life.

This experience reminded me (and may remind you) to: Slow down.

We expect everything to be instant. In fact, when something is "new and improved," it is always faster. We miss out when we live our lives like this. The quality of our lives cannot be measured by their speed. Rushing produces shallowness because you never have time to dig beneath the surface of another person. Try to minimize criticism and judgment.

Be aware when you're judging another. Deeply consider the roots of judgments. Respond to others with compassion rather than reacting on a fearful or indifferent impulse.

Be more receptive and approachable. We all have those days when we feel like we don't want to be bothered with others. While I strongly advocate quality alone-time, I feel that when we're agitated by others, that's usually when a smile or a kind word from someone else can go a long way.

Be open to others' kindness. Live with a sense of curiosity; every moment is an opportunity for connecting and learning.

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SGA Senator Spotlights



Ryan Gann, College of Architecture

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What prompted you to join SGA?:

SGA is the tool that allows students to voice concerns and opinions regarding their educational experience at IIT. Being a part of an advocate group that invests in change and leadership is what prompted me to become a senator.

Which projects have you worked/working on?:

This year I have focused on my constituency in the College of Architecture by beginning conversations about the health and wellness of students. This started with a survey and analy-

sis of 100+ responses, allowing for further action and needs of architecture students to be identified.

What aspect of the university experience are you most passionate about improving?:

I am most passionate about the continued development of student life at IIT. Extracurricular activities are an important aspect to a well rounded education and valuable graduate entering the work force.

Cool fact about you?:

I will be serving on the AIAS National Board of Directors as the Midwest Quadrant Director for the 2013-2014 term. This position entails the liaison between 30+ schools in the Midwest region.

Kevin M. Roemer, School of Applied Technology

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What prompted you to join SGA?:

When coming to Illinois Tech I wanted to continue my involvement with the student community and listen to their needs. In order to form a more perfect student union, students must congregate for a cause that is greater than them. That cause is the needs of the student community at IIT. I joined SGA so I could hear from students and represent ones who needed it. IIT is a strong place but student representation and opinion voicing is not always prevalent so I am here to help change that.

Which projects have you worked/working on?:

Projects that I am currently work-

ing on via the Communications Committee are the International Poster Campaign which reaches out to students using their native dialects to foster an environment of comfort. The ultimate goal is to bring students together for a common goal. I am also working on the IIT Assassins Game and many other marketing campaigns. In future the ComCom and I would like to accomplish goals such as adding the ability for students to utilize RFID tags to more easily open the parking gates and academic building doors.

What aspect of the university experience are you most passionate about improving?:

I want to create exponentially more inter-cultural communication between students.

Cool fact about you?:

My family owns a Pizzeria which holds the title "Best Pizza in Chicago."



Shimer College students perform 'Eurydice,' more shows added

Melanie Decelles
STAFF WRITER

For those unfamiliar with the Cinderella lounge at Shimer College, let me be the one to tell you it isn't the best space for a complicated play like *Eurydice* by Sarah Ruhl.

That disclaimer aside when the audience was allowed into the lounge for the play's opening night it was clear that director Josh Sobel wouldn't be slowed down by an awkward space with questionable lighting. Creating a center stage with audience on either side *Eurydice* utilized the entire room to the tale of two lovers separated by death. The engaging

use of space only allows for a limited audience but the audience that is present will be treated to an intimate show full of emotion.

One of the beautiful aspects of Sarah Ruhl's play is the dialogue that manages to be sweet and innocent despite dark undertones of sexual assault and death. Lynn Lee does an amazing job as the titular *Eurydice* navigating her way through the world of the dead relearning everything that allows her to connect to her living husband and deceased father. Mark Surya gives a phenomenal performance as *Eurydice's* father whose love for his daughter is as much the work of legend as Orpheus' love for his wife.

The relationships depicted in the play are made stronger no doubt by the close community that the actors all belong to as Shimer students.

The affection between characters is heartbreakingly believable as they work to find and keep one another safe. The world of the dead is populated by the main characters of our play and a duo of stones played by Mey Lee and Jo Becker, who work wonderfully and eerily as a team of rule enforcers.

As the villain of the play, August Lysy, is sure to make everyone in the room uncomfortable as a force of danger and lust in this world and the next. The soft pacing

and gentle world of the play is loudly and aggressively disrupted by Lysy's two lecherous characters.

With a spectacular cast, wonderful dialogue, and ingenious staging and lighting; *Eurydice* is not the play I expected to see, it was even better. I strongly recommend this tragic and sweet play for anyone who has an interest in mythology or romance with a slight tinge of horror.

For those who are kicking themselves for not seeing the play when it initially ran this past weekend director Josh Sobel has decided to add two more dates to the run this coming weekend.

IIT-SIAM visits Argonne National Laboratory

Pranava Teja Surukuchi
IT MANAGER

On Friday, SIAM student chapters from the Illinois Institute of Technology, the University of Illinois at Chicago, and Northwestern University converged 25 miles southwest of Chicago at the Argonne National Laboratory, one of the U.S. Department of Energy's largest laboratories for science and engineering research.

The visit was hosted by the Math & Computer Science Division, and consisted of research presentations from Argonne postdocs and senior researchers as well as tours of the Advanced Photon Source and the Argonne Leadership Computing Facility, both world-class resources for cutting-edge research. Since the 2012 SIAM Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, these three Chicago-area student chapters have been working closely together to organize more collaborative events.

In addition to this visit, the chapters are organizing a Chicago-area SIAM Student Conference on April 27-28, hosted at UIC. This conference will feature three plenary speakers, a career panel, and research presentations from students in applied mathematics and other related disciplines. It will be the first in a series of annual conferences jointly organized by the three student chapters, hosted at each university in turn, and was inspired by the IIT SIAM Student Chapter Conference in October 2011.

At Argonne, the research staff encouraged students to apply for paid summer research positions that are available to graduate and undergraduate students. The MCS division also employs a large number of postdoctoral researchers, and Argonne was recently chosen as one of the best places in the U.S. to work as a postdoc. This year marks the start of many collaborative efforts among SIAM student chapters across the country, and is an exciting time to be a member. Membership is always



free for students; contact your local chapter for details.

spMore information about the SIAM student conference can be found at www.cassc2013.com. For research opportunities at Argonne National Laboratory, visit www.dep.anl.gov.

Photos by Pranava Teja Surukuchi

Galvin Library prepares for National Library Week events

Pattie Piotrowski
RESEARCH GUIDE @ GALVIN LIBRARY

Galvin Library will be hosting a couple of exciting events in the coming weeks! The first event is National Library Week, which is April 14 to 20.

In honor of and to increase awareness of the library, one of our Undergraduate Research Specialists has put together a series of events to be held on the MTCC Bridge. It should be fun for students to interact and give their feedback, as well as get snacks and refreshments in between class. All events will take place between 12:40 and 1:50 p.m. on the MTCC Bridge. The following is a list of events being planned:

Monday:

Share your library favorites (we'll create a collection of favorite books, databases and resources suggested by students and faculty)

Tuesday:

Show us what you know (trivia game with prizes)

Wednesday:

Build your community with books (organizations that use books and literacy to better their communities such as Better World Books, World Book Night, etc.)

Thursday:

Your Opinion Matters: tell us about your library (feedback on the library, your opinions and thoughts)

The second event is World Book

Night. This is the first year we are participating in World Book Night, an event to spread literacy and reading to non-readers in the community by giving out books provided free by publishers <http://www.us.worldbooknight.org/>.

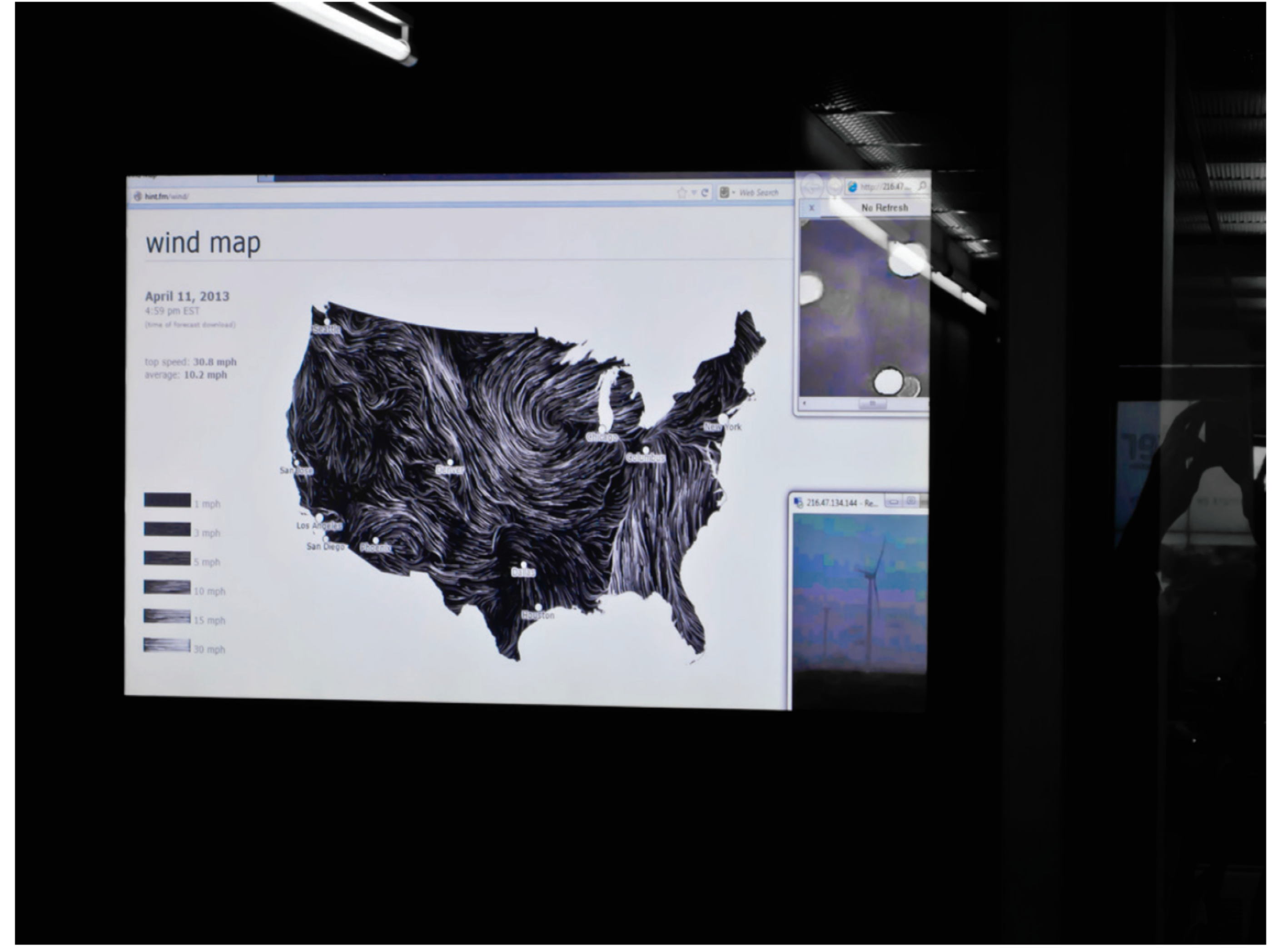
The Galvin Library has 14 people who signed up to be book givers and distribute books. These 14 include staff, students, a person each from Shimer and VanderCook and a few members of the community, all of whom will be invited to a reception on Wednesday, April 17th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., in which they can pick-up their chosen title and meet other givers. All of the books will have information about nearby public libraries where the book recipients can obtain additional reading materials, but this is a great opportunity for

the IIT community to participate at no cost in a service project in our community. The titles chosen and which will be on hand at the reception for pickup by givers is eclectic: *Bossypants*, *Fahrenheit 451*, *The Alchemist*, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, *Looking for Alaska*, *Playing for Pizza* and *Still Alice*.

In a great surprise opportunity, through ALA we were given tickets to the Lookingglass Theatre's production of *Still Alice* (visit http://lookingglasstheatre.org/content/box_office/still_alice) to gift in a raffle to our givers.

This should be a fun night of book lovers and community service coming together. The group will be meeting in the Kemper Room on the upper level. Hope to see you there!

Wagner Institute for Sustainable Energy Research (WISER)



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Shaping Our Sustainable Path

Date: April 19, 2013

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Location: Crown Hall

Lower Core: Presentation

Upper Core: Breakout Sessions

IIT's Office of Campus Energy & Sustainability invites you to engage in a collaborative sustainability forum designed to tap into your knowledge and vision of sustainability on campus and create a viable path forward.

A brief presentation on IIT's 2012-2013 Sustainability Report will document our progress towards our seven 2020 sustainability goals. An appetizer-style lunch will follow as you participate in smaller break-out sessions around each sustainability topic. A subject matter expert from our office or the IIT community will guide this collaborative effort to build a vision for IIT's sustainable future and realistic projects that can get us there.

RSVP
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 ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Office of Campus Life

Student Organizations—

All paperwork related to Spring 2013 programming **must** be turned in to Campus Life by Monday, May 13, at 9:00 am. Anything not turned in by this time may not be paid for!

Looking to start a new student organization this semester? **Wednesday, April 17**, is your last day to turn in the New Student Packet to Campus Life. **Friday, April 19**, is the last day to schedule a new student meeting with OCL and SGA!

GET LINKED

DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

Get LINKED is your chance to win some **great** prizes and **use HawkLink** in some new and exciting ways for your student organization. Now through May 3 student organizations who use HawkLink will be entered into a chance to win **organization t-shirts**, a **Sodexo credit**, or a **banner!** Scan the QR Code for more information or go to <http://tinyurl.com/GetLinkedIIT>



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11:00 AM-5:00PM

IIT McCormick Tribune Campus Center Ballroom

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companies and research institutes from Taiwan!

AGENDA

11:00AM-12:00 PM INFORMATION SESSION

12:00PM-12:30 PM Q&A

12:30PM-5:00PM NETWORKING & INDIVIDUAL MEETING

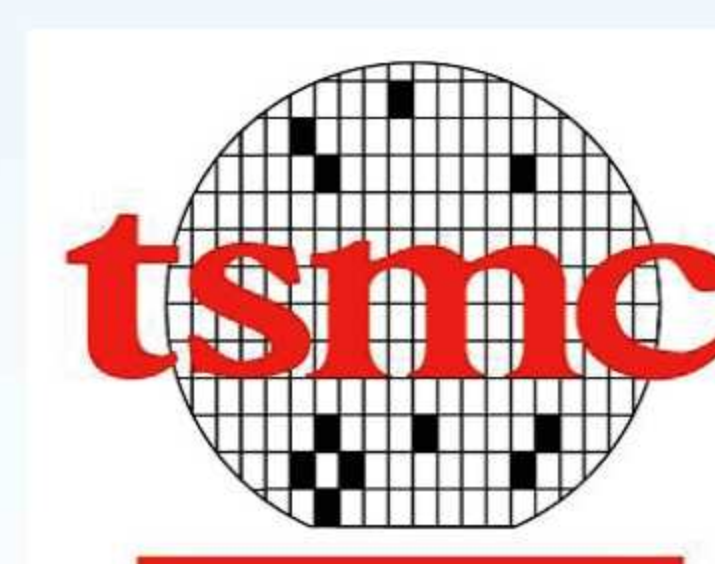
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Movie Review: 'G.I. Joe: Retaliation'

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STAFF WRITER

This weekend I saw "G.I. Joe Retaliation."

I saw this movie for many reasons; my deep love of action movies, my appreciation of explosions, a promise made to myself to see any movie that features Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and my willingness to follow Channing Tatum into any festering movie project he decides he wants to attach himself to.

Despite the many reasons I had to love this movie I have to say, I absolutely hated it. This movie was so bad halfway through I kept wishing all of the main characters would die off. Again I had every reason to believe I would like this movie. I don't request a lot from my action

flicks, hell I'm an avid fan of the Fast and the Furious franchise (May 24!) but even my low set bar was too much for this movie.

The movie follows the Joes as Zartan, masquerading as the president, attempts to disband the special forces unit by ordering a military strike that kills many of the Joes within the first ten minutes. Since the easy going camaraderie in the face of danger was kind of the only thing this movie had going for it I assure you, you will bitterly mourn the departed Joes for the rest of the film.

The rest of the movie is an odd reintroduction to all the major players still alive from the last film. While most of our beloved Joes have gone on to a better place (and hopefully better movies) the villains remain roughly the same. This recycling of bad guys might be why the filmmakers decided not to

treat their villains with any respect whatsoever. You have a megalomaniac that barely gets any screen time who announces he wants it all, the world and everything in it, you just have no idea why.

At a crucial point in the film one of the villains has a slight change of heart which is done with such an amazing lack of detail you feel sure that it's a setup for an eventual betrayal, it's not, they were really just that lazy. Plot holes and awful characters aside I know that most people are only going to see this film for the fight scenes. Don't. In the amazing world of 2013 we've had movies constantly push the realms of on-screen fighting. We've had superhero movies with battles in mid-air, fire burning on all sides and we've had tense thrillers where men are pummeled in bathrooms against toilet bowls. The requirements for fun violence is higher

now than it was in the 80s. Someone should really tell Jon M. Chu, the director of this film, about these developments. We unfortunately aren't impressed with fight scenes that replace action with bullets and Bruce Willis (who has no shame). The only fight scene with any merit takes place on the side of a mountain and even that gets old after they use the same stunt for the thirtieth time.

The lackluster action combined with a bizarre fascination with unrealistic countdown scenarios (it can't be three minutes for a third of the film, and honestly, I'm pissed you dragged it out that long) give the entire film a slight sheen of daytime TV, you could swear that you've seen this film before on FOX in grammar school on a sick day. All in all it was a terrible movie, but The Rock was in it, so it least it wasn't a total bust.

Youth Lagoon's 'Wondrous Bughouse' texturally rich, well-crafted

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STAFF WRITER

The vor Powers, under his band name Youth Lagoon, released his second album Wondrous Bughouse over one month ago, at which time I had intended to review it, being quite proud that I had purchased an album produced post-1990s, and having purchased it within the first week of its release—something I have never before done.

Some time has passed now but I wish to review it all the same, so I will. Though I am not familiar with Powers' first album, I find his sophomore release to be both aurally (for lack of an applicable word) and texturally rich and well-crafted. Although, like most contemporary "independent" music I have listened to, the lyrical meaning is obscured in references only discernable by the artist's personal experience (arguably), the cornucopia of Powers' sounds tends toward recognizable feelings and emotions.

As one might expect with a title like

Wondrous Bughouse, the album pervades a colorful, yet hauntingly nostalgic expression, which—to this author's mind—tends toward regret or lament.

The album opens with an ambient instrumental track that evokes images of paint slowly dripping and dissolving into distilled water; this track—in some way foreboding—establishes the despondent mood for the entire album.

The second track introduces a disturbingly disharmonious interlude—a la the cyclical squeak of a roundabout—that plays upon a greater theme of the album, which can be described as a darkly-ironic juxtaposition of strange, sometimes unsettling images and sounds and a fragile, quasi-childish innocence, which itself is reflected in Powers' vocals and harmonies.

For instance, in track three Powers delivers lines such as, "I won't die easily" that's what you said after you watched the disease spread, the doctor conceals a grin to tell her she couldn't have babies [sic];" all with a squeaky voice, reminiscent of Daniel Smith of Danielson.

The album, I believe, does have an arc, or at least somewhat of a partial resolution to these dark themes. For example, in track eight there is a noticeable relaxation in the harmony and a driving rhythm. This interpretation, though, is complicated by the accompaniment of such lyrics as, "evil is in the air, I'm not coming out."

Nevertheless, love and religious imagery noticeably emerge in the final two tracks. Once again, however, we find the seemingly incongruous juxtaposing of love and a disturbing image of bloodletting: "I say love exists and this is what it is, I'm polluted by my blood so help me cut it out and rinse it down the drain... [sic]."

Still, this may be Powers struggling with the paradoxical concept of Christian redemption, which—hear me out—is not too great a stretch considering the line, "Shepherd, I've been lost too many times to be free [sic]" (n.b., Powers' handwritten, childishly-scrawled lyrics, included in the sleeve notes, contain few capitalizations: Shepherd is one).

This interpretation is further supported by lines such as "the living and the

dead are waving to the corpse... everybody's wanting to see him come alive, pour the ashes into a cup, mix it with wine here's to sleep drink up, here's to death drink up [sic];" which recall the resurrection and Last Supper of Jesus. If one can even argue for a resolution in this album, the closing track, indeed, offers but a partial one. It begins with a few repetitions of the lines, "mortal, we are mortals on the run, god you've seen what I've done, you know where we come from, and yet we're children of one [sic]."

I say this is may be a partial resolution because there is an argument to be made that the previous songs are referenced in "god you've seen what I've done [sic];" in which case this song may represent some kind of dark enlightenment for Powers, who, as I cursorily remarked above, may sound to be mulling over past regrets and, thus, irredeemability.

This track closes instrumentally, much like it began, but in a swirling melody that references back to the squeaky roundabout of track two.

In all, Wondrous Bughouse is worth a serious listen if you're in the mood for subdued, unsettling emotional release.

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World champ favorite, Alonso, wins Shanghai race

Ciaran Kohli-Lynch
SPORTS EDITOR

Favorite to win this year's Formula One world championship, Fernando Alonso won his first race of the season in Shanghai this past weekend. The Spaniard held off Kimi

Raikkonen and Lewis Hamilton, who finished in second and third place respectively, to climb into third place in the season's standings.

In his 31st career victory, Alonso stated how important it had been to secure second and first in his last two races following his forced retirement in Malaysia earlier this year. The Ferrari driver won by an impressive 10.1 seconds and will be happy about his performance on this difficult track and confident

going into the remainder of the season. Alonso stated, "I still had some pace in my pocket. But it was not always easy to understand the race."

England's Lewis Hamilton will be happy with his second consecutive podium finish. Starting from pole position, the Mercedes driver did not have enough pace to challenge the more powerful Ferrari or Lotus. After being overtaken by Ferrari drivers Alonso and Felipe Massa early in the race, Hamilton never

had the chance to retake the lead, let alone consolidate his pole position.

As the race wore on, it became abundantly clear that it was all going to be about who could make their tires last, and knowing when to attack and when to ease. Alonso's team read the race perfectly and will now hope that he can build on this win, and justify most punters' early belief in his title challenge.

Bulls remain in 6th after falling to Miami

Ciaran Kohli-Lynch
SPORTS EDITOR

LeBron James registered 20 points before missing his first shot, as the Miami Heat comfortably defeated the Bulls 105-93 in Flor-

ida. James finished with 24 points, Dwayne Wade with 22, and another four Heat players reached double figures.

The Bulls, who have suffered from many injury problems this season, were without Derrick Rose, Joakim Noah, Taj Gibson, or Richard Hamilton. The latter of these was sus-

pending for one game following an elbow during Friday's defeat by the Raptors. Nonetheless, the Bulls fought passionately and showed the same kind of physical play which frustrated James and his teammates the last time they visited Chicago.

Trying to deflect criticism for over-

physical play and creeping nerves about playoffs, Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau stated, "It fell right in line with every game that we've played against them. It's been hard fought. They have great competitors; I think we have great competitors. It's great competition, so that's the way it is."



Tuesday, April 16

Baseball
@ St. Xavier University
1:30 p.m.
(game 1, game 2 to follow)

Thursday, April 18

Baseball
@ Robert Morris College
5 p.m.
(game 1, game 2 to follow)

Friday, April 19

Baseball
@ Judson College
4 p.m.

Saturday, April 20

Baseball
@ Judson College
12 p.m.
(game 1, game 2 to follow)

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Wednesday, April 17th

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8pm – 10pm
Hermann Hall Auditorium


Tuesday, April 16th

Thursday, April 18th

Hawk 101
Time Management
12:50pm – 1:50pm
Perlstein Hall, Room 108

Saturday, April 20th

The 5th Annual BIG Event
Office of Spiritual Life & Service Learning
9am – 2pm
Various Sites

Tailgating Party
Scarlet Fever 
11am – 12pm
Carman Field

Relay For Life
Sat 6pm – Sun 6am
Man on the Bench Park

Friday, April 19th

Harvest of Empire Screening
USA
5:30pm – 8:00pm
Perlstein Hall Auditorium

Bowling Tournament
Alpha Sigs 
8pm-12pm
The Bog

Relay for Life
9pm – 10:30pm
 The Bog

Sunday, April 21st

Relay For Life
Sat 6pm – Sun 6am
Man on the Bench Park

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