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Illinois Tech Robotics competes at JSDC

Kori Bowns
BUSINESS MANAGER

While it might not be an uncommon thing at IIT to pull all-nighters working on a final architecture project or studying for an exam, few students would choose to stay up all night working on something when there isn't a final grade looming over their head. However, the Illinois Tech Robotics team proved themselves dedicated to bringing prestige to their school as they worked from sunset to sunrise over the past week prepping their robotic creations for competition.

This past weekend, Illinois Tech Robotics (ITR) made their way to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to compete in the 26th annual Jerry Sanders Creative Design Competition (JSDC). JSDC is a two-day competition sponsored by AMD that ITR competes in each year. JSDC is one of the oldest robotics competitions in America, and routinely draws competitors from schools across the Midwest. This year, the 26 robots competing represented both the Chicago and Urbana-Champaign campuses of the University of Illinois, College of DuPage, Valparaiso University, Northern Illinois University, and, of course, Illinois Institute of Technology.

The game challenge varies each year, and this year, teams had to build robots that could pick up and manipulate flexible disc cones. In each match, four robots competed against each other, each robot responsible for cones of a certain color on the field. In order to score points, robots had to be able to pick up cones of their color from various locations on the field, and then hang the cone around a peg. When a robot did so, it became in control of a "zone" on the field surface below the peg. For every 10 seconds a robot controlled a zone, it would receive 1, 3, or 5 points, depending on the location of the zone.

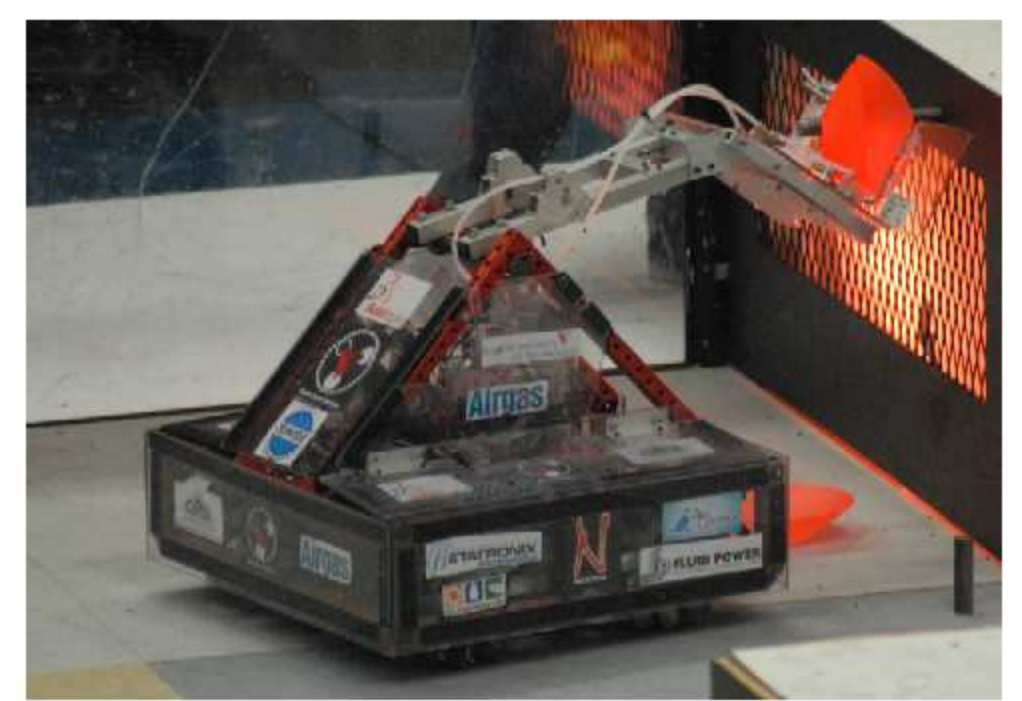
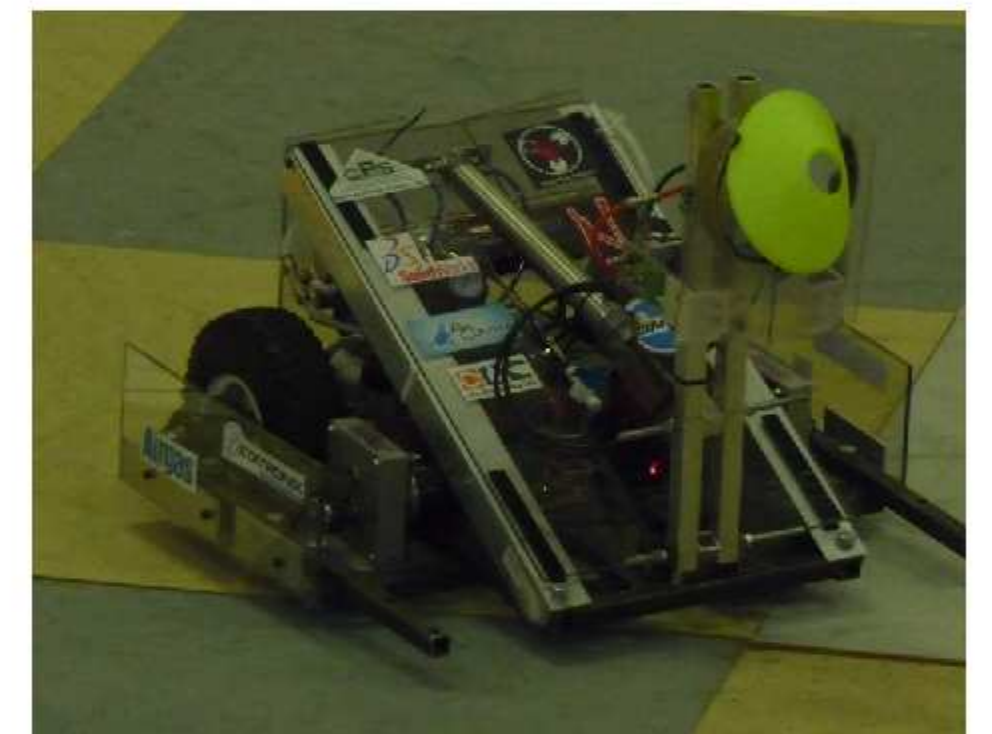
On Thursday afternoon, 25 students and five robots departed IIT and were hauled down to Kenney Gymnasium on UIUC's campus. This year's entries from ITR included a few tried and true robots and some newer ro-

bots that had been created this year. Notable among ITR's entries is Fenrir, a two-wheeled gravity-drive robot, who moves by using its motors to shift the frame and center of gravity of the robot forwards to propel it, somewhat like a Segway. Another of ITR's fearsome competitors was Goliath, a heavy robot that aims not only to score points, but to keep other teams from scoring points through aggressive defense.

On the first day of competition, Illinois Tech Robotics faced many challenges and struggled to compete in any of their scheduled matches. Coding difficulties and manipulator problems plagued all of the robots, but luckily, the majority of the other JSDC competitors had the same problems and were likewise unable to participate in matches or score any points. After the day of mediocre matches, the ITR team stayed late at the competition venue to work out any kinks, grabbed their traditional dinner at Champaign's Chinatown Buffet, then rushed back to their hotel rooms to continue work, many members staying up late into the night.

By Saturday morning, things were beginning to look up for the ITR team; all of their robots were moving and the majority of them had functioning manipulators. Other schools had no idea what to expect from the Illinois Tech students, as they had few chances to observe their work in the first day of matches. ITR fought hard through their remaining general matches before elimination matches began, showing that they had the skill and the heart to be contenders in the competition.

After two grueling days of round robin competition and elimination matches, the finalist robots were determined. While the first place competitor was a creation from the UIC Engineering Design Team, ITR's Goliath and Fenrir fought valiantly and advanced to the quarter final matches. At the end of the day, even though ITR didn't take home any medals, the team showed their skills in both engineering design and teamwork, taking home a lot of lessons and ideas to be implemented in coming competitions.



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Anderson, Mitchell fail to respond

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B.S. HUMANITIES '11

In last week's edition of TechNews, I wrote an article criticizing the way in which both President Anderson and Athletic Director Mitchell had failed the university's scholarship athletes by failing to increase their scholarships to match tuition hikes.

The newspaper's sports editor, Ciaran Kohli-Lynch, provided Anderson and Mitchell with an open invitation to respond to my criticism in last week's edition. Disappointingly, but not surprisingly given the character of both men, neither has taken the opportunity to do so. Indeed Enzley failed to respond to emails and letters left in his mailbox over the course of the last week.

The fact they have not taken the chance to explain their actions to the disillusioned and angry student athletes at the university speaks volumes.

In short; they can't.

How can anyone defend the decision to break promises of full scholarships to athletes by no longer covering the increase in their tuition costs? Or the decision to not inform athletes face to face that they were going to do this, instead leaving them to find out when they opened their fall 2011 bill.

The blame for the way this was handled lies squarely at Mitchell's feet. He has shown absolutely no respect for any of

his athletes since he started at IIT, and he now heads a department that openly protests against his leadership. The fact that Mitchell has felt the need to act in this manner to raise money is down to Anderson.

The funding that the athletics department is given at IIT is nothing short of atrocious. Anyone who has used the facilities at Keating Sports Centre will be more than aware of this.

Students are currently paying annual tuition fees of \$37,093 and they are rewarded with athletic facilities that would be unacceptable at an average state high school. Keating Sports Center is simply too old, too small, and too full of holes—every time it rains the building is flooded—for a student population of a little over two-and-a-half thousand.

The reason the facilities at IIT are so bad is because the university provides just 1% of its entire budget to athletics. This is laughable, and the sole responsibility for it being so low is President Anderson.

Unfortunately, it is depressingly clear that there is not much that anyone without a



Photo courtesy of IIT Magazine

position of power can do about fixing the mess that Mitchell and Anderson have created at the university.

It seems clear that both men will continue to run the department into the ground in the near future. By doing so, they will continue to deprive students of the athletic facilities they deserve, the standards of the varsity sports teams will continue to drop and scholarship athletes will continue having the promises they were granted upon joining the school broken.

All because two men have implemented a policy to transition IIT from the NAIA into the NCAA D3 at as small a cost for the university as possible. They have gotten away with things so far because no one has yet raised their voice up to complain.

Perhaps it is time to start.

Achieve a cognizant, blissful soul

Ameena Payne
TECHNEWS WRITER

We are in a unique position within the tech world to strengthen our sense of connection with each other by sharing what we learn online—the knowledge in our own lives, in our own words—at a local level, but connected internationally. With the commitment in our belief in mindful living and social responsibility, I wanted to take the initiative make something of value to others. The purpose of the weekly articles are to reveal our soul's purpose, lessons and obstacles in this lifetime; the articles are meant to be a way to process, release, and transform energy blocks that we might be experiencing in our life. I sincerely thank all who read the upcoming articles; thank you for your positive, uplifting light and support.

Each of us can inspire another to rise above our circumstances. May we all take the positive insights of each day and turn

them into action tomorrow. Together we rise in consciousness.

When our energies are blocked and cannot flow or when thoughts and energies are over-active, imbalance manifests in all areas of life. Our body responds to the way we think, feel and act. This is often called the "mind/body connection." When we are stressed, anxious or upset, our body tries to tell us that something isn't right.

Harmonizing and aligning our thoughts to positive outcomes is how we can choose to start manifesting balance.

Take a moment to think about the following questions: in what environments do you thrive? Block time in your week to ensure you're spending quality time alone in that setting. What kind of outcomes do you want to manifest? How much time and effort are you currently putting in to make that happen? What five people do you spend the most time with; are these people you grow from? What thoughts/emotions occupy your mind the

most?

In each moment, we have the power of choice. We can choose to become aware; aligning thought with actions takes a lot of courage to accept and even more persistence to change.

We also have the freedom to make the decision to not shift our thought to the positive. We can choose to be honest with others, and ourselves but we also have the freedom to not do so.

By taking an honest look at these questions, we may be adding a new piece to our life puzzle—bringing us closer to our purpose.

Over the next few weeks, my goal in is for us to think about the thoughts occupy our minds the most and what steps we need to take to reframe our thoughts to manifest positive, sustainable growth.

I encourage your responses and feedback. Please feel free to email me at Ameena@AmeenaPayne.com.

Help spread the word about IIT

Kori Bowns
BUSINESS MANAGER

Just as midterms are winding down and students are getting a chance to relax, spring break is upon us. What are you planning on doing during your long-awaited week of freedom? Exploring the city of Chicago? Catching up on homework? Road tripping? Heading home to visit your family and old friends?

If you are planning on the latter, why not spread the word about IIT while you're at it?

We've all had our personal ups and downs while in our careers at Illinois Tech, but each and every one of us has something we love about our university, whether it be the academic programs, city environment, or extracurricular

opportunities. As you head home for spring break, consider bringing information about IIT with you. We'd all benefit from more interested and inspired students choosing Illinois Tech, and students sharing real-life experiences are far more convincing than any college rating website or administrative personnel. Share your IIT experiences with high school, home school, or community college students from your hometown or neighborhood.

As a student ambassador for the Office of Undergraduate Admission and someone who volunteers in several STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education programs in the community, I've had the pleasure of meeting dozens of prospective students and sharing my love of IIT. High school students always enjoy hearing about the opportunities that Illinois Tech has given me,

both in and outside of the classroom. Many students, especially those not in the state of Illinois, might not have heard of IIT before, even though it might be the perfect school for them!

The Office of Undergraduate Admission is offering current IIT undergraduate and graduate students—as well as staff and faculty—the opportunity to share their stories and experiences at IIT with their former schools and communities that are important to them.

So why not? Join your fellow students and share your experiences at IIT with those who would be an excellent addition to our diverse campus community.

Spread the word about the campus you call home. For more details, please call the Office of Undergraduate Admission at (312) 567-5189 or visit them in Perlstein Hall, room 101.

WISER sponsors lecture on wireless power transfer

Swasti Khuntia
LAYOUT EDITOR

As a part of "Seminar Series on Challenges and Opportunities in Energy", the Wanger Institute for Sustainable Energy Research (WISER) at the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at IIT and Galvin Center for Electricity Innovation organized a lecture on "Advancements in Wireless Power Transfer (WPT) Technology". The lecture was delivered by Dr. Srdjan Lukic of North Carolina State University and hosted by Dr. Mahesh Krishnamurthy of the ECE Department. The talk included recent advances in WPT in the areas of circuit topologies, mathematical modeling, and system design, control, and implementation.

Dr. Srdjan M. Lukic received his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees (2002, 2004, and 2007) in Electrical Engineering from IIT. Currently,

he is serving as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at North Carolina State University, Raleigh. Apart from that, he also serves as the distributed energy storage devices sub-thrust leader at the Future Renewable Electric Energy Delivery and Management (FREEDM) Systems Engineering Research Center.

Talking about the extensive research carried out at NCSU, Dr. Lukic gave an overview of the FREEDM center at NCSU, which is also a National Science Foundation (NSF) funded Research Center. The FREEDM center has other prominent research centers in the campus itself, like Advanced Transportation Energy Center, NC State Nanofabrication Facility, Analytical Instrumentation Facility and North Carolina Solar Center.

Dr. Lukic's major contribution is in the Advanced Transportation Energy Center where he focuses on Power electronics and motor drives. Starting his lecture on

Wireless Power Transfer (WPT) which has been an attractive research topic since its first experimentation by Nikola Tesla, Dr. Lukic said it is becoming one of the widely accepted means of transferring power over small to medium distances. Working on the concept of magnetic coupling, this theory continues to attract interest from the scientific community. Dr. Lukic along with his research team have developed a new way to fine-tune WPT receivers, making the systems more efficient and functional. He emphasized on the fact that WPT systems hold promise for charging electric vehicles, electronic devices and other technologies.

Taking the example of vehicular arena, the WPT concept has attracted much interest for stationary electric vehicle chargers due to the convenience and safety of the non-contact approach to vehicle charging. A more visionary application would allow for vehicle on-board storage to be charged as the vehicle is moving, obviating the need for large

capacity batteries. Taking on exceptions, he gave an example where current embodiments of practical WPT systems rely on tightly controlled coupling between the source and the receiver, which is usually achieved by mechanical restrictions on the movement of the receiver. But, innovative applications of WPT require that one or many receivers be freely moving and at a substantial distance from the source.

He concluded his talk by narrating about the recent advances in power electronics switching devices, where there is an opportunity to devise efficient wireless power transfer systems operating at higher frequencies and therefore, at larger distances. At the end of the talk, there was a healthy discussion where audience had numerous queries about this new advanced technology. Dr. Lukic answered all their queries and asked them to contact him for any of their future queries. The talk was well attended by ECE faculties and students.

David Stollman offers advice to IIT's Greek community

Ryan Kamphuis
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

While Greek Life at IIT is considered by many to be a unique experience that is miles away from the experiences provided by state schools, the fact still stands that the stereotypes of Greek Life perpetuated by movies, TV shows, and more often are applied to IIT's Greek community.

To address this fact and give perspective to IIT's Greeks, Greek Council, the Student Activities Fund, and the Office of Residence and Greek Life brought speaker David Stollman to campus. Stollman is an active figure in Greek Life, both serving as a frequent volunteer for his fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and as chapter advisor to the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority at New York University.

Stollman gave a presentation entitled "Buy in, or get out!" that filled the MTCC Ballroom on the evening of March 6. Stollman spoke of the common values that all Greeks believe in, and how the stereotypes that exist about Greeks don't agree with these values. Stollman presented in a brutally honest way that both entertained and enlightened those watching.

Stollman spent a lot of time talking

about the many stereotypes that exist amongst Greeks to help drive home the point that they were not a good thing, but that we have them for a reason. He told stories of many different examples of Greeks living up to the stereotypes that have been placed upon them. Using this as a foundation, Stollman spoke of how important it was that all Greeks either buy into the values that they swore an oath to uphold, or choose to leave. He argued that almost all of the behavior that gives Greeks a bad name are perpetuated by the "loser" members of Greek organizations that choose not to uphold the organization's values and instead choose to be lazy. Stollman also warned all in attendance not to fall into the trap of justifying bad behavior and a lack of standards by arguing that we are part of a social fraternity or sorority; he explained that while we may be a social organization, we still swore an oath to be better individuals, and that is the most important thing of all.

Stollman closed his presentation by challenging all Greeks to work together to be better individuals, to create a better Greek community, and to work to eliminate the stereotypes of Greek Life that exist. "Being Greek is the premiere form of leadership training you can possibly have," said Stollman, "so let's ensure that others know that."



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SGA

SGA Updates:

New email policy, Executive Board nominations open

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This column has been created with the aim of keeping the Illinois Tech student body more informed about the ongoing projects of their Student Government. It discusses what happens at Senate meetings every other Tuesday and includes new projects that SGA has taken on as well as what new student organizations were approved at the last Senate meeting.

No new student organizations were

approved at this past senate, but two new student organizations were approved at the one before that! The first one is the LTD (Love to Dance) Dance Club, which is a competitive dance club with auditions, and regular performances at IIT events, as well as outside competitions. The second, Nature Club, plans to indulge in the great outdoors by making visits to parks, cloud watching etc.

We also completed the project where we will be sending out emails specific to majors to the student body so that you'll know

your representatives. Look out for some cool fliers that one of our senators came up with in different languages.

SGA Executive Board nominations opened February 19, and will stay open until March 12th. The positions open are President, Executive VP, VP of Academic Affairs, VP of Student Life, VP of Communications and Finance Board Chair. Debates will happen March 25th, and the elections will happen all day on March 26th. So if you know someone who might be good in any of these roles, just

nominate them (or yourself) by emailing iitnominations@iit.edu

If any of the topics mentioned above interest you, you are always welcome to be a part of SGA! Everyone is invited to the Committee Meetings that happen every off week from the Senate Meeting! There will be meetings happening in the Colored Rooms in MTCC tonight at March 12, 2013, 9:15 p.m. You are also welcome to the Senate meeting that will happen next Tuesday at 9:15 p.m. in the MTCC Auditorium.

Senator Spotlight:

College of Science & Letters, Raghav Girijala

Dorian Karter
SGA VP OF COMMUNICATIONS

Student Government Association is starting a new column in TechNews for the purpose of introducing your representatives in SGA Senate.

This week we are featuring senator Raghav Girijala.

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What prompted you join SGA?:

In order to effect change, you have to take action. There were many aspects of IIT with which I was unsatisfied, and I realized that SGA was perfect medium to communicate my concerns - in addition, it allowed me to understand what others felt.

Which projects have you worked/working on?:

Reading Week, Student Faculty Mixer, and TA Evaluations.

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

The integration of student opinion into administrative decisions, as well as motivating individuals to take initiative in enacting change in the university.

Cool fact about you?:

I read a lot.



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President, Provost Forum follow-up questions answered

Here are the questions that were not addressed in the time span of the SGA President and Provost Forum on February 28th, 2013. TechNews thanks SGA, & the Office of the President for their cooperation.

While we are currently competing in the NALA, what can the student-athletes expect in the development of new athletic facilities? We understand that IIT hopes to be accepted into the NCAA soon, but we feel the overall performance of athletics will suffer unless we build a state-of-the-art facility. For example, Keating is already crowded and will soon be overflowing with additional athletic teams, such as Lacrosse and Basketball. Not to mention ROTC members, club teams, intramural leagues, and students attempting to work out as well. As we continue to bargain for practice times, we believe that this improvement will not only increase overall performance of IIT Athletics, but will attract prospective student-athletes who are searching for a school to proudly represent. -Phil Cano

This summer we will improve the soccer field by re-grading it, putting in proper drainage and installing artificial turf. The field will have multiple purposes including men's and women's soccer, women's lacrosse, intramural and recreational activities, and ROTC drill events. Because of the lighting, the field can be used in the evening and should take some pressure off Keating, for example, by allowing pick-up and intramural soccer games. We are also making available office space outside Keating for coaches and other staff of Athletics. The long-term goal is to build a field-house/recreation center, but to date no funding is potentially available.

Can you make IIT's budgets and/or general salary information public so that we can more easily see where our money is going?

Salary information will not be made available because of privacy issues. We will work with the President of SGA and the SGA Finance Committee to determine what information is desired and what information we can release about the budget. Tuition money goes to support the operation of the university.

What would it take to get IIT scholarships to increase along with tuition increases? It is really frustrating to work hard to close a gap in funding only to have the gap widen with no recourse.

If there is a significant change in the financial status of a student's family, the student should work with a Financial Aid officer to appeal for additional aid based on a need basis. Merit based scholarships are given on entry based on academic excellence, are not based on need and are therefore not linked to tuition.

How much of the tuition increase is going to pay for fixed housing costs/maintenance since residents pay so little after the "Housing Scholarship" discount? If none, what makes up the funding difference that was lost when so many students began receiving housing scholarships? -Alex Welk

The increase in tuition is not being used specifically for housing costs and, in addition, your supposition that "residents pay so little" is not correct. We receive sufficient revenues from housing fees to cover the operating costs of housing.

The real problem is to find funds to upgrade facilities – buildings only last so long and operate properly if they are structurally rehabilitated on a continuous basis and the need for upgrades, the addition of air conditioning in MSV (for example), is a significant expense. We are funding facility improvement across the university, which we call capital renewal, from a combination of sources such as tuition and gifts from alumni and friends of the University. Where possible, such as in housing, some improvements are funded from housing fees.

Is there any way that you could let students get involved in cost cutting, money-saving, and general reduction in budgets so that our tuition doesn't rise as quickly? Many private companies have incentives for employees to find innovative ways to cut costs, maybe some sort of program like that but include students. With hundreds more



Photo by Kevin Zheng

minds looking into a problem, perhaps novel approaches can be found that save all students money and make IIT a leaner, meaner institution (not to mention how good such it would look on a student's resume and an IIT advertisement). -Alex Welk

This is an interesting suggestion. We always welcome input, and students might have a special perspective on our operations. We will consider any suggestions. The Students Speak surveys have helped guide us in some cost-cutting measures.

A practical way you can become involved immediately is to support the efforts of our student sustainability organizations focusing on cost saving initiatives in multiple areas including energy conservation, water conservation and recycling. Visit www.iit.edu/campus_sustainability/.

Why is the cost of tuition still increasing even after raising over \$131 million dollars in the fueling innovation campaign? And why has the undergraduate scholarship remained constant for years while tuition and housing costs increases? Why shouldn't scholarships be awarded on a percentage basis (e.g. 30% tuition, 40% housing) and not as a fixed amount (say \$7,500)? This way students know that they pay the same percentage of the actual costs each year. -Anonymous

Of the \$132M raised to date since the beginning of the campaign in June 2010, 40% is deferred (i.e., in multi-year pledges and estate gifts realized when the donors die) and restricted (i.e., the money can only be used for specific purposes).

Of the \$79M received in cash since the beginning of the campaign, 18% is directed for capital projects (the Innovation Center, and E1 and Life Sciences buildings), 48% is for endowments (professorships, fellowships, scholarships and research centers), and 34% is used in our annual operations (maintenance, salaries, utilities, etc).

Note that the 34% expense for operations is needed to offset the deficit created because the tuition we collect from students does not pay for the true cost of education.

Where does the 58% of my money go when I convert \$12 Commons meals into \$7/meal bonus points? -Douglas Wilhelm

It is part of your meal plan and helps cover the cost of offering dining services.

IIT loves to encourage students to do research. Some students think that this takes away from the required practical experience that every engineering student should have. While theory is great, many undergraduate engineering students have little to no practical experience in their field. Even the IPRO program, which was supposed to be for this reason, has now changed into a research-oriented program. Do you think there should be more opportunities for students to gain practical experience?

While the IPRO program is intended to give students an exposure to open-ended, more practical problems, it also has the goal of teaching elements of team building, leadership

and communications.

Truly practical experiences are best obtained in real work situations, which occur through student internships and coop work in for-profit and non-profit organizations; sometimes volunteer work in the community will achieve this goal. Students who desire such experiences should investigate possibilities through the Career Management Center.

For all that we are to get a new fabrication lab in the innovation center and the money raised goes toward further scholarships and hiring new teachers, why are we only looking at improving academics as the way forward and the way to attract new students? There are opportunities to start huge clubs here, but so few people around; in what ways do you think we could retain a larger population on campus? I believe it will take innovative leaps and bounds to settle our social bankruptcy here and more students with higher drive will come and push the school to the top. -Karl Ochmanek

First, we do not accept the premise of "social bankruptcy" at IIT; on the contrary, student leadership and activity is on the high end of the scale here. But you raise a good point about clubs. The administration should encourage the growth of clubs and help students initiate and grow them. We are open to guidance as to how we might help and be supportive.

I understand there may be complex reasons behind electing to build a new highly visible building on campus, but I was wondering what some of those reasons might be. When I think of visible, five story buildings capable of housing ID and other programs, I can already think of an existent building on campus, Old Main! Will we save it? As a sustainable campus, is that perhaps the best option? -Karl Ochmanek

"Old Main" fits its description – it's very old and in poor condition. While it has important historical significance, it has never been a good building for academic purposes.

Its construction (brick and mortar) is incompatible with both its location next to a busy railroad line and the architecture of the campus. The available interior square footage is less than 40,000, which is far below what is needed for the Institute of Design, IPRO classes and spaces, the Idea Shop, the Leadership Academy and the Entrepreneurship Academy. Old Main is a nineteenth century building that cannot possibly be reconfigured into a twenty-first century academic facility.

In this day and age I don't know if I can think of one thing which goes back down in price significantly, college tuition or anything else. So I am not calling for IIT to stop tuition increases all together, but what about transparency? What about knowing where our money goes so we can know that the investment we make not only harnesses the best resources to study under for a degree, but also that it is placed wisely toward a future students here? Can we get another just a little but a lot more transparency as to the financial situation here at school?

Where does my money go when it is converted to bonus points? Why did msv housing increase fifty dollars from last semester? Where does my tuition go? Can we get more democratic? Can we innovate that change and be a pioneer in financial openness in colleges?" -Karl Ochmanek

The administration is in discussions with the SGA about a mechanism to discuss the questions the student body may have concerning budgetary issues.

As to your specific questions: (1) Dining dollars stay within dining services, to cover the overall costs of the dining services.

(2) MSV increases are approved by the board of trustees on an annual basis and increase as the costs of operation increase. MSV and SSV rates have not increased in the last two years.

(3) Your tuition is used to cover costs incurred during operation of the university.

(4) The university is not operated by a committee but by a management team led by the president who has the responsibility to operate the university. The President reports to the board of trustees who are the governing body of the university, we are not operated by consensus.

(5) We are open in our finances and our annual statements are audited and public. The investment you are making is in yourselves, not the university, by paying tuition. Your tuition is an investment in your future, not the future of the university. Alumni donations are an investment in the future of the university.

There was just a reception for families who have donated over one million dollars to the school. Why is the money being used for a new building rather than maintaining and repairing the buildings we already have? -Carly Ilg

Seventy-six families have contributed more than \$1 million each since IIT's founding, and are members of the Philip Danforth Armour Society, named for our founding donor.

Contributions from these families are evident in every college and every campus at IIT. They have supported scholarships, faculty, new facilities and the renovation of existing buildings and academic programs. We are working to raise \$40 million to build the new Innovation Center because we currently have no single facility on campus that can meet the needs of the academic units and offices that will be located there. It will be the "creativity center" of IIT.

But you are correct that we must also invest in our existing buildings; to this point we have already raised \$13M for the renovation and improvement of buildings E1 and Life Sciences, and will continue to look for donors for these projects.

How would you feel about making an email ticketing system mandatory for all offices, similar to what OTS has? -Bill Molchan

We will look into whether this is possible within our current systems.

Where are current efforts to improve the quality of IIT professors' teaching, in previous forums you mentioned a program projected to start as early as this summer. -Bill Molchan

I believe you are talking about establishing a teaching and learning center. We still have plans for this and are in the process of raising funds to begin the center.

With tuition increasing, is there any program designated to help undocumented students financially?

There are programs available to support all of our students based on their need and academic standing. We do not have programs aimed at any specific group but consider all cases individually. Students should contact our financial aid office for specific information as regards their specific situation.

Dean of Students welcomes student input for IIT Strategic Plan

Utsav Gandhi
CAMPUS EDITOR

“IIT will be internationally recognized in distinctive areas of education and research, using as its platform the global city of Chicago, driven by a professional and technology-oriented focus, and based on a culture of innovation and excellence. Its mission will be to provide distinctive and relevant education in an environment of scientific, technological, and professional knowledge creation and innovation.”

The university is in the mid-stages of developing a new strategic plan. As was

evident in recent online discussions on budget transparency and the questions posed during the President/Provost Forum, IIT is composed of multifaceted perspectives and a student buy-in is crucial for the success of the strategic plan.

Therefore, the Dean of Students invites you to submit your thoughts and feedback! The current IIT Strategic Plan, Mission and Vision Statements can be viewed online at: https://www.iit.edu/mvov/strategic_plan/vision_mission_values.shtml. Please contact the Dean of Students office at dos@iit.edu with any questions or comments. The form can be accessed by emailing dos@iit.edu.

The questions range from relatively

objective matters like students' preferred branding of the university to more subjective views on student experience and the priorities you see as important.

The options include increasing the undergraduate student body, stabilizing the graduate student population, improving university ranking, developing more pathways to professionalism through better partnerships between colleges, transforming the popular summer experience at IIT, expanding on-line education program offerings, involving the Institute of Design, Kent Law and Stuart School of Business into the undergraduate experience, development of Lewis College of Human

Sciences, growth of research and support and increasing faculty diversity.

The university also wants feedback on distinctively defining the IIT graduate population, increasing the impact of IIT's research by focusing on interdisciplinary themes, promoting innovation and excellence throughout the university, elevating engineering's reputation to international stature and improving the financial strength of the university. Besides these the form also asks for suggestions in adding value to your experience at IIT as well as any other comments or suggestions about the current and/or proposed strategic initiatives as listed above.

IEEE@IIT hosts first meeting of semester

Swasti Khuntia
LAYOUT EDITOR

The IEEE Student Chapter at IIT had their first general meeting of this semester on Thursday, 28 February in the Siegal hall auditorium. Since it was the first meeting students were curious about the agenda. George Williams, Secretary of the Students Chapter, on behalf of the President started the discussion by introducing the IEEE@IIT members to the students and then speaking about the meeting agenda including the introduction of new executive board members, upcoming IEEE@IIT events, internship matching, projects funded

by IEEE and scholarships awarded by IEEE as well as announcing a T-shirt contest. After the introduction of members, George spoke about the upcoming events, like a barbecue party planned after Spring break. Upcoming events will be notified to students via e-mail and the Facebook group.

Students seeking internship have an opportunity to apply via IEEE. All that is needed is to send their resume to ieee@iit.edu (the official email id of IEEE@IIT). There are few projects that are funded by IEEE, like Raspberry Pi, Quadcopter, Mutitouch project, Guitar Amp and Ardupilot. The first project meeting is scheduled for 14th March in the

Galvin Center, located in the IIT Tower, 16th floor. As per the recent announcement, the Raspberry Pi project has received the maximum attention among students. Hence, that project is expected to be discussed elaborately. After the commencement of projects, the meeting office would be shifted to Siegal Hall basement. George asked the interested students to talk to IEEE@IIT members, or mail them if they have any queries about the projects. They have also created an online sign-up sheet for the project participation.

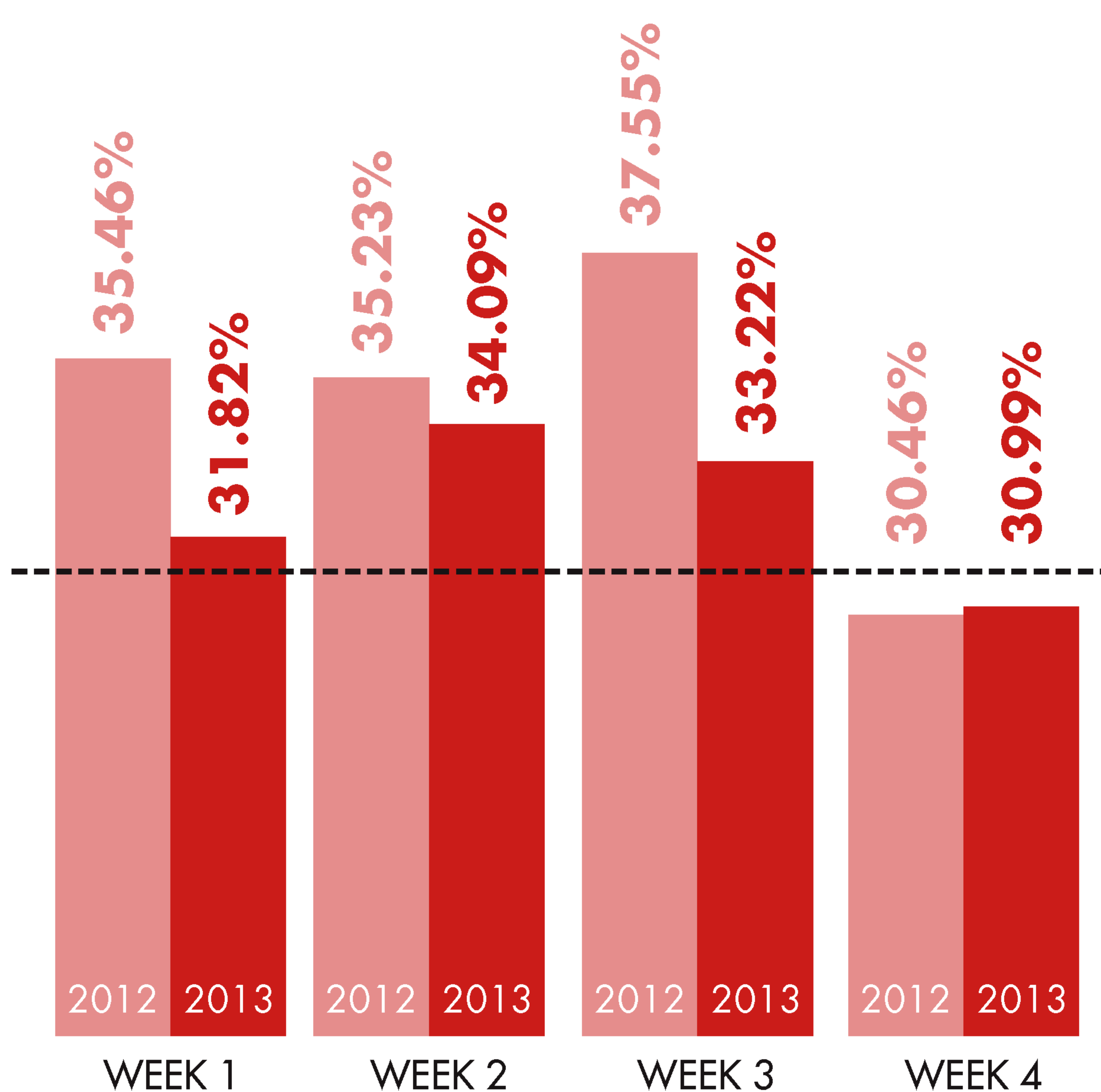
Talking about the scholarships awarded by IEEE, there are currently three scholarships open to IEEE members viz.,

the Richard E. Merwin Student Scholarship, Lance Stafford Larson Student Scholarship and Upsilon Pi Epsilon Scholarship. Bidusha Poudyal, one of the scholarship holders, who is also in the executive body, strongly encouraged applying for the scholarships. Students who are interested in graph/logo designing have an opportunity to design the IEEE T-shirt, and get awarded a whopping \$100. Finally, the meeting ended with membership queries. George and other members explained what benefits one gets after he/she is an IEEE student member. All queries regarding IEEE@IIT can be forwarded to ieee@iit.edu.

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Have a GREAT and SAFE Spring Break!

Upcoming Women's History Month Events

March 13, 12:45 p.m.,
MTCC Executive Conference Room
Gender, Leadership and Stereotypes
Discussion

March 13, 8:00 p.m., MTCC Auditorium
Girl Inside, documentary screening
Sponsored by Humanities Department

March 14, 1:00 p.m., MTCC Ballroom
Young Alumnae Panel
Sponsored by IIT Alumni Association



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EWB San Claudio Bridge Project prepares for spring break trip

Tristan Larson
TECHNEWS WRITER

The IIT Engineers Without Borders Student Chapter will send a team of students and professionals to the community of San Claudio, Nicaragua on Saturday, March 16, to perform a site assessment of the location for a proposed bridge, marking EWB-IIT's first travel experience since its Summer 2011 trip to Haiti.

EWB-IIT began work on the bridge project in October 2012. The community of San Claudio is located in the Nicaraguan state of Leon, in the Western portion of the country, with a population of approximately 3,000 people. During the Nicaragua rainy season, flooding restricts access to the nearest school, health center, marketplace, and church. Because of this, the community has expressed the need for a footbridge.

EWB-IIT's goal is to facilitate the design and construction of this bridge, with a focus on community involvement and the long-term sustainability of the bridge.

The San Claudio project team, which is made up of approximately 25 IIT students of various backgrounds, is split into four sub-teams:

Fundraising & PR, Culture & Education, Technical, and Health & Safety. Meetings are held every other week for the project team as a whole, and sub-teams meet as often as their work requires. The sub-teams have succeeded in developing a comprehensive work plan for the trip, as well as fundraising the cost of the plane tickets and other assorted travel expenses.

The Nicaragua travel team consists of students Cara Cummings, Sara Glade, Tristan Larson, and Lisa Stump, as well as IIT Student Access and Diversity staff member Megan Mozina, along with professional engineers Christine Freisinger and James Lewan.

The primary goals of the trip are



Photo courtesy of EWB-IIT

to gather technical data about the project site and to establish a healthy relationship with the community. Tasks to be completed include mapping the town's roads and important sites using a GPS device, creating a topographic map of the project site using engineering surveying equipment, assessing the health of the community members, and meeting with community leaders and an in-country engineer.

After the completion of the trip, the EWB-IIT team will move forward with the interpretation of the data collected while in Nicaragua, and begin the structural design of the bridge.

If you would like to get involved with EWB-USA, IIT, visit their website at www.ewbusait.moonfruit.com or send them an email at iit.ewb@gmail.com.

Sodexo hosts Job Shadow day for high school students

Utsav Gandhi
CAMPUS EDITOR

IIT Dining Service hosted a ProStart Job Shadowing Day, where 13 Chicago Public School students, who expressed an interest in the culinary arts and the hospitality industry, were on campus on Wednesday, March 6th. Each student was paired with a Sodexo employee across the Office disciplines: accounting/management, service coordination,

and retail and food preparation, to learn more about their role in helping serve IIT Students. Tim Lipman, from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, also donated IIT bags and brochures to help promote IIT as a possible future college option.

The students came in from three local schools - Simeon Career Academy, Dunbar Vocational Career Academy and Chicago Vocational Career Academy. These schools were picked by ProStart, the Illinois

Restaurant Association and Chicago Public Schools, because they exist in primarily "education deserts" or areas with no schools in miles of immediate space, making the interest of these students all the more relevant to the local neighborhood.

Following an hour-long introduction to the business at all on campus locations and the IIT team, they were given a tour of the facilities. Students were then placed in the front and the back of the house, depending on their

career preferences. The day concluded with a group lunch in the The Commons and students were provided with Hawk paraphernalia.

The students were reportedly impressed by the strong correlation in the academic success of residential students at IIT, with the convenience of their on campus meal plans.

Some of these students will soon be approached by Sodexo to work as trainees or interns.

TEDxIIT team prepares for pre-events, finalizes speakers

Shreeyeh Rajan
TECHNEWS WRITER

Last week, four members of the TEDxIIT team, Luling Li, Ethan Yujian Bai, Yoetzin Diaz and me sat down to a radio interview at our very own radio station, WIIT 88.9 FM. After Luling booked an exclusive interview for TEDxIIT, we spoke at 1pm on Tuesday, March 15, 2013. While Ethan was clicking away photos, Yoetzin and I talked about TED, TEDx, TEDxIIT and how to be a part of it. Being our first radio interview for all of us, it was nerve wracking in the beginning. But we ended up getting better through time! After learning that Nik Rokop (the Managing Director of Knapp Entrepreneurship Center)

was going to speak, WIIT's Tech Director Kevin M. Sampson told us he'll definitely be there!

Collaborating with IIT Campus Life, TEDxIIT will also be presenting two events this month! One of our IIT advisers for TEDxIIT and photographer, Daniel Guidara is holding a Tai Chi workshop on Thursday, March 14, 2013 from 6 to 7:30 pm. For those who don't know what Tai Chi is, Tai Chi involves three aspects: Health, Meditation and Martial Arts. Personally, I think it's a great way to take off your Midterms stress while learning Self Defense! Celebrating Women's History Month, IIT Campus Life will be discussing gender, leadership, and stereotypes and how they intertwine in our everyday lives and feature a TED talk about gender and leadership during a discussion of

Gender, Leadership and Stereotypes at 12:45pm on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 in the MTCC Executive Room.

After receiving confirmation emails from all the speakers, we are almost there! Let me give you an intake on how we selected the speakers. Students who nominated them gave a 3-minute presentation explaining why they should be nominated and how their idea is exponential. Then, each one of us read aloud their ideas and accomplishments to the rest of the team. After crucial examining and analyzing, the whole TEDxIIT team narrowed it down to twelve competitive speakers from twenty-four.

Why is the selection process for the speakers so competitive? TED.com explains why. TED is "the place" to give the talk of your

life. TED is the place to condense your ideas into a compelling 18-minute talk that communicates your best ideas. Other TED talks from around the world have included former U.S. President Bill Clinton, Microsoft founder Bill Gates, designer Phillipe Starck, architect Frank Gehry, primatologist Jane Goodall, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, Lost producer JJ Abrams, architect and sculptor Maya Lin, cellist Yo Yo Ma and Google founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page.

With the pre-event around the corner, make sure to research our speakers so that you could pair up with them during the real event (a.k.a. apply to be a Speaker Buddy!). By helping out the speakers, you get to know more about them. And who knows, fast forward five years and you might be working under them!

Humanities Department sponsors screening of 'Girl_Inside'

**Lewis College of Human Sciences,
Humanities Department**

A campus film-showing of the transgender coming-of-age story *Girl Inside* will be held on Wednesday, March 13 from 7-10 pm in the MTCC auditorium, sponsored by the Humanities Department and Office of Campus Life as part of Women's History Month celebration at IIT.

The award-winning movie *Girl Inside* is the account of a young adult transitioning from male to female and her "emotional, intellectual, and spiritual journey of self-discovery . . . (amidst) the physical journey of hormones and surgery. Sometimes

funny, sometimes painful, this sweet coming of age story is both an intimate portrait and a thoughtful exploration of what it means to be a woman." (Women Make Movies)

"My intent was to document Madison's journey up to, and immediately beyond her sex reassignment surgery. Neither of us thought I would be following her for three years, but it took that long for her to save the money for the surgery. Although this made the filmmaking process more intense, it also allowed for deeper layers of understanding of Madison's experience. As a result, the film speaks to many people on many levels, and became, ultimately, a portrait of self-transformation and metamorphosis,"

commented director Maya Gallas on *Girl Inside*.

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 safe space to talk about how the dynamics of gender create categories like women, men, intersex 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 several programs for March which included a BOG game night that was held on March 7.

The campus film showing of *Girl Inside*, described above, showing on Wednesday March 13, from 7-10 pm in the MTCC auditorium, and a luncheon with speakers on Women in Technology, Tuesday March 26, from 12:30-2:30pm in the MTCC ballroom are other activities planned. We hope to see you at any and all of these events!



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Middle-Eastern infused free jazz delivers amazing experience

August Lysy
STAFF WRITER

Although I am a music enthusiast and have opinions about performances and content, I am willing to acknowledge when I am out of my depth. For example, because I am not very familiar with classical music and performances, I do not believe I could give a fair estimation of either. This holds true to a certain extent with Jazz, the particular subject of this article, and so I will tread lightly and offer the commendation I believe the artists deserve, although acknowledging I cannot give a perfectly-informed estimation of their artistry.

That being said, this past Friday night I had the pleasure to see SoSaLa at Surplus of Options, an independent antiques, furniture, and obscure art and objects buyer, seller and trader up on Lincoln Avenue. Initially, after reading the description of the band and considering the obscurity of the locale, I expected an amateur, indie effort—akin, perhaps, to a performance I once saw in a basement in which the “artist” periodically sipped wine from a bottle and put a microphone in his mouth to simulate a-melodic electronic crackles. Nevertheless, I went because I wanted to explore music in the city and hopefully make some contacts for my radio show.

To my totally-unexpected amazement, what I experienced in the intimate back-room space of that building so surprised and

overwhelmed me; I can hardly find the words to describe the experience: my mouth hung open in a bemused smile for the whole first set, and I entered altered states in the second.

SoSaLa is Sohrab Saadat Ladjevardi, a tenor saxophonist of Iranian descent. Accompanying him Friday night were three musicians he had never even met or played with before (and the same goes for among them, too, I think).

They were Steve Marquette on guitar, Lucas Gillian on drums and percussion, and Alex Wing on bass and oud. SoSaLa is currently based out of New York, but also has members in Germany (and at least one other country). As I understand it, SoSaLa picks up members wherever Saadat goes: this, I am sure, guarantees an incredibly organic and fresh sound with every performance—which is exactly what I heard.

SoSaLa, to Saadat’s implicit admission, defies genre in that it incorporates a diverse amount of influences: avante garde, traditional, jazz, punk, progressive, and the list goes on. Surplus of Options describes it in their e-mail blast as “Fueled by improvisation, with lo-fi electronics... [And] various instruments [making] for an ambient and psychedelic take on world music.” However, that description led me to the erroneous expectation described above. There was no wine-imbibing to be seen in this performance—all were consummate musicians, seriously-honed in their craft.

Essentially I would describe SoSaLa

as free-form Jazz with various, exquisitely-incorporated influences, the most noticeable and beautiful of which being Saadat’s Middle-Eastern heritage. Saadat spoke to the audience between each piece, and although his thick, towering figure seems intimidating, he quickly reveals himself to be unassuming and quite open. It was during these breaks in which Saadat explained the intention and history of his music.

He expressed a great sorrow for Iran and a keen understanding of the world (this I attribute to his remark on New York: something to the effect of it being a troubled city).

I am quite partial to the tenor sax, and I felt it captured Saadat’s apparent melancholy over the state of Iran. Each piece seemed to follow a pattern: usually an intro by the sax and then a gradual build until an improvisational period at the end.

As I am most partial (and familiar) to the drums, I was most impressed by Gillian’s drumming, which powerfully and adeptly crafted the unique rhythm of each piece, and added a certain edgy quality to the overall Jazz feel—by which I mean he tended toward emphatic expression (which may not clarify my initial wording any better).

Marquette’s guitar work was subtle (or else timid, or too quiet?), but when I focused on his input I sensed an equal passion tempered by his use of space (i.e. rests or sustainment). This impressed on me the sense he was very intentional in his playing, working

around the other players.

Wing brought a very colorful versatility to the ensemble, playing both bass and oud, sometimes interchangeably during the same piece. However, as I am most unfamiliar with the bass (and utterly unfamiliar with the oud, a form of Arabian lute) I am least inclined to comment on his performance—however, I was equally-impressed and delighted in it.

The weakest parts of the performance were the ends of each song—a weakness that can be dismissed by the artists’ novelty to each other and under the overwhelming experience they were still able to create.

I have had the experience before where in the experience of live music I feel something spiritual is conveyed and impressed upon me: just such did I feel walking home last night. So much was I in an altered state, I can only describe it as an ecstasy: if God had reached down and touched the soft of my heart, I would not have felt any more ecstatic—and I quite believe he did.

Unfortunately, the CD I purchased of SoSaLa, “Nu World Trash,” lacks some of the sparking passion I felt last night. Alas, that must be the effect of production, in some cases. I’ll always have the memory, though.

Check out Saadat online at www.Sohrab.info, and tune in to my radio show *Vagabond Airwaves* on WJLT 88.9 FM (and online) Sundays from 4 to 6 p.m. Check online, too for when I post some excerpts from videos I took Friday.

Chicago 2013 Zine Fest showcases city’s thriving zine scene

Robin Babb
TECHNEWS WRITER

The zine community in Chicago is unquestionably thriving. Every art student and punk kid in the city with access to a copier seems to have their own zine. Whether it’s a stapled-together, simple little black and white number or a fully illustrated graphic novel, the accessibility and freedom of content inherent in the zine format has made it quite a popular art form recently. This popularity is nowhere more apparent than at the annual Chicago Zine Fest, which took place this Friday and Saturday at Columbia College.

In its fourth year running, the fest

has managed to gain a massive cult following of dirty hipsters and super cute lesbians. This time around there were three floors of a Columbia building dedicated to the event, each packed, end-to-end, with over 200 zine-covered tables. The sheer amount of stuff at this place was crazy: zines, posters, stickers, patches and pins. There were established artists selling their hardcover books, and broke art students giving away flimsy little pamphlets about this or that marginalized social group. People from all over the country come to this event to sell and trade their wares, hobnob with fellow zinesters about the community, and collaborate on future projects. It’s the locus of tons of creative energy and new media.

I was only able to go to the second day of Zine Fest (Saturday, March 9), but nevertheless was impressed by the scope of the event. Besides vendors, there were panels, workshops and readings, and even a bake sale to raise money for the future of the fest. The general political bent of the zine community was apparent through panel titles such as “Writing about Health, Disability, and Accessibility in Zines,” and through the many feminist and queer publications like *Motor Kitty City*. Besides these, there were zines about gardening, sex, food, music, having really good roommates, growing up in the city, and just about anything else you can think of.

This was the second year in a row I had been to the Zine Fest, and I was just as

impressed this time as the last. For being run by a young, volunteer-based outfit, this event has been well attended and organized on both occasions. Despite the space being uncomfortably packed with people, there never seemed to be the slightest of tiffs.

And how could there be, with so much awesome stuff in one place? I came away with a snarky feminist zine, some cute pins, a free little smut pamphlet, and some names of artists that caught my eye and require some further Googling. With most things under ten dollars, it’s pretty easy to come away with plenty of souvenirs for you and your buddies.

If you missed Zine Fest this year, I’m sorry. Go next year. I promise it’ll be worth your time.

App Review: Temple Run 2 a fun challenge

Swasti Khuntia
LAYOUT EDITOR

In the last week’s TechNews has had reviews for movie tickets, transit, GPS, and more. This week I’ve decided to jump over to another exciting theme, Games. Yes, this week I’m looking at one of the most downloaded apps on Apple App Store as well as Google Play, Temple Run 2. The sequel to the popular endless runner game Temple Run was launched last month and it has been a success. It has recorded a massive 170 million downloads in the Google Play.

The first comment I would give is it’s a superb game. With enhanced graphics, environments, and obstacles, as well as more power-ups and achievements, and special powers for each character, the game is addictive. It takes all the same game play rules from the first edition, i.e., escaping from ravenous monkeys and collecting coins while running through an ancient temple, ducking, jumping, and swerving around to avoid obstacles. But in Temple Run 2, there are some very good additions to the running route. Now, the route has curves, hills, and dips and because of this, it’s

automatically more difficult than its predecessor. There are no more straight line paths and right angles as before which has increased the excitement. In addition, there are new modes of transportation like ropes to slide down and train carts to ride, which are thrilling inclusions.

With these sorts of exciting routes to run and power-ups, this game sometimes crashes, either due to my phone being unable to support it or a software bug. Also, compared to the first edition of this game, they’ve removed too many of the best features. You can no longer upgrade the magnet to double or triple coin values, and you can only work on three upgrades at a time. This really slows down your ability to make progress in a game to the point where it isn’t fun.

I would say that there is literally no end to this game, as it is always making you want to try to beat your high score. Again, I would say graphics has been the biggest positive factor for this game which makes it smooth to play and very challenging. If you haven’t yet started playing, go and start running.

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

Game Review

Sims 3: University Life

Melanie Decelles
STAFF WRITER

This week EA released the newest expansion for their insanely popular Sims series. The Sims has become one of the most popular PC games available, selling escapism to the masses. In The Sims, you can look however you want, be whomever you want, and even own a pony. With expansions that allow you to train and breed dogs, become a singing sensation, and learn how to give tattoos, there is no failed life dream that can’t be acted out with these tiny virtual people.

The community in The Sims is large and involved, with fan made challenges that usually span multiple generations of Sims families. This means The Sims can be as complicated as you want, with hundreds of different ways to play.

I was ecstatic about the new expansion. With diligent playing, it’s easy to exhaust even the most limitless of worlds. I found my Sim spending her Sundays catching up on laundry and playing with her cat, hardly an experience I need to simulate, so I was thrilled to hear about Sims University Life.

In this expansion, any young adult Sim can enroll in college. Once enrolled, you can decide

how long you want to attend, how many credits you want to take while there, as well as decide a major. Your Sim is then whisked off to a small college town where they can live off campus and pay rent or dorm for free. A notable difference from previous Sim games is the addition of a phone that allows your Sim to join social networks based on interests. The life goals of your Sim can now include becoming a street artist or a famous blogger. One of the major selling points of attending college is that it allows your Sim enter into their chosen career above entry level. It also allows them to meet people who can help them be promoted faster. That’s right, not even the Sim world is a meritocracy anymore.

This expansion seems to have been created purely so the developers can try to connect with the twenty-something members of their fan-base. This is complicated by the fact that they seem to believe we dress like it is the 80s and all want dreadlocks of varying colors. In the end, the game still manages to be entertaining in a strange way. What can I say? There’s something relaxing about attending classes that don’t matter, while I attend classes in the real world that get increasingly complex. I recommend this game to anyone who wants to watch a slightly more popular and attractive version of herself take a final.

Blackhawks streak comes to an end

Ciaran Kohli-Lynch
SPORTS EDITOR

Chicago's streak of 24 matches of earning at least 1 point, the best start to an NHL campaign ever, came to an end on Friday evening. In their first loss in regulation time this season, the Blackhawks succumbed to a 6-2 defeat at the hands of the Colorado Avalanche.

Chicago opened the scoring in the 5th minute of the match through center Jonathan Toews, before the Avalanche raced into a 5-1 lead. Stastny, Duchene, Mitchell, and McGinn all got their names on the scoresheet for Colorado, along with Ryan O'Reilly. It was O'Reilly's first goal for the team since he settled a long-standing contract dispute last week. Bryan Bickell responded for the Blackhawks midway through the 3rd, before Parenteau completed the routing for Colorado.

The last time the Blackhawks lost in regulation play came more than 1 year ago, in last year's regular season. Their points streak spanned 30 games, which comes 5 games short of the all-time record set by the 1979-80 Philadelphia Flyers.

While the Blackhawks will not want to take their foot off the gas, the end of this historic streak will undoubtedly release some pressure in the changing room.

This was noted by Toews in a post-match interview: "We never really got distracted [by the record]. Maybe it does take a little bit of pressure off us and we can sit back and look at the good things we've done."



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Swimming, diving conference

Aimee Dewante
STAFF WRITER

The last conference meet of the season proved to be a very exciting weekend for the Scarlet Hawks Swimming and Diving Team. The men were crowned the 2012 Liberal Arts Conference Champions!

Senior Eric Grunden had a phenomenal meet with 1st place finishes in all his individual events, as well as a place on every relay in finals. For this, Eric got the Men's Swimmer of the Meet Award. Ryan Nelson, our diving coach, tied for the Men's Diving Coach of the Meet Award.

Thursday started out strong with a 2nd place finish by the men's 200 free relay in finals, followed by a whole slew of fast 500 freestyles. Nicole Frantz won the consolation heat, finishing 9th overall with an outstanding time drop of 4 seconds, after dropping 9 earlier in the morning. Right behind her was Abby Maze, who finished 11th after dropping 4 seconds in prelims and another 5 seconds in finals. On the men's side, Kevin Boldt got 6th place with a best time by 3 seconds. In the consolation heat, Yoni Pruzansky finished 9th after a staggering drop of 14 seconds, while Mike Dobben dropped 5 seconds at night and placed 13th. In the 200 IM, Aimee Dewante dropped 5 seconds in finals and finished 2nd. Eric Grunden won the men's 200 IM while Felipe Bergh got 4th with a season best time by 7 seconds, followed closely by Arya Mohaimani finishing 5th. Max Ramninger won the 50 free and Billy Bafia went from 15th place to 10th place, earning a lot of points for the team. Thursday ended with an exciting 400-medley relay by the men, who ended up winning by just half a second. Diver Ian McNair also won first place on the 1 meter with a final score of 482.35. Friday night was kicked off with another first place finish by our men's 200 medley relay. Shortly after, Arya Mohaimani and Felipe Bergh finished first and second in the 400 IM, respectively. Michael Bodzay continued the winning trend with a first place finish in the 100 fly after a close race. Tanner Grieve won the consolation heat, dropping over 2 seconds overall, while Stefan Nyholm finished just behind him getting 13th.

In the 200 Free, Abby Maze dropped 4 seconds in prelims and another second in finals earning a 7th place finish. Nicole Frantz dropped 2 seconds and finished 12th. Yoni Pruzansky had a great 200

free, winning the event after getting a season best time by 3 seconds and Kevin Boldt finished 7th after dropping 2 seconds. Continuing on into the night, Eric Grunden picked up another first place medal in the 100 breast, with Max Ramninger finishing 3rd and Billy Bafia finishing 4th. Matt O'Rourke also dropped 2 seconds in the morning and another second at night, finishing 2nd in the consolation final. Maria Behrens dropped 2 seconds in her 100 back, as did Matt Rosenfeld, who finished 2nd on the men's side. The night ended with an incredibly close race by the men's 800 relay team, who won by just .04 seconds. Ian McNair also had another great night on the 3 meter, finishing 2nd with a final score of 456.45.

The last day was especially intense, because the Scarlet Hawks were only winning by 7 points. Three brave men swam the 1650 and all had incredible swims. Michael Bodzay finished 3rd with Kevin Boldt right behind him in 9th. Michael Dobben dropped almost a whole minute and ended up with 9th place. Arya Mohaimani continued to have phenomenal morning swims with a 10 second drop in the 200 back and ended up getting 3rd in finals. Max Ramninger won 100 free and Yoni Pruzansky dropped 2 seconds, finishing 4th. Connor McGuire had a great swim in the morning, dropping 2 seconds, as did Matt Williams, who dropped one. Eric Grunden won the 200 breast with a season best time by half a second, and Billy Bafia had another magical prelim swim with an amazing drop of 9 seconds and a final 3rd place finish.

The 200 fly was flooded with Scarlet Hawks with Aimee Dewante on the women's side, who got 3rd, Michael Bodzay, who won on men's side, Felipe Bergh, who finished 3rd, Tanner Grieve, who just barely missed his National Cut but still finished 5th, and Stefan Nyholm, who rocked the consolation heat and got 9th. The meet ended with an invigorating 2nd place finish by the men's 400 Free Relay. The meet was very fast and exciting. The Scarlet Hawks picked up several new National Qualifiers, and would be able to send 13 swimmers and 1 diver to Oklahoma City for the NATA National Championships. The 2013 Swimming and Diving National Team consists of: Aimee Dewante, Abby Maze, Nicole Frantz, Maria Behrens, Eric Grunden, Max Ramninger, Michael Bodzay, Kevin Boldt, Yoni Pruzansky, Felipe Bergh, Arya Mohaimani, Billy Bafia, Matt Rosenfeld, and Ian McNair.

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Tuesday

4th General Body Meeting
EWB
Perlstein Auditorium
12:50pm - 1:40pm

The State of the Union Board Address
UB
MTCC Auditorium
1pm - 1:45pm

SGA Committee Meetings
SGA
MTCC Colored Rooms
9:15pm - 10:30pm

Wednesday

Gender, Leadership and Stereotypes Discussion
Women's Services
MTCC Executive Conference Room
12:45pm - 1:45pm

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

General Body Meeting
Undocumented Students and Allies
Engineering 1 room 241
12:50pm - 1:40pm

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

Girl Inside film screening
Humanities Department and Campus Life
MTCC Auditorium
8:00pm - 9:30pm

Thursday

ITMO's Pi Day with Raspberry Pi
ITMO
IdeaShop
12pm - 3pm

General Body Meeting
SHPE
E1 Auditorium
12:30pm - 1:40pm

Hawk 101 - Fun in the City on a Budget
OCL
Perlstein Hall, Room 108
12:50pm - 1:50pm

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

St. Baldricks in the BOG!
The Bog & ASA
The Bog
8:00pm - 10:30pm

Women's History Month
Young Alumnae Panel
MTCC Ballroom
1pm - 2pm

Caribbean Expose
Caribbean Visionaries
Wishnick Auditorium
8:00pm - 9:30pm

Friday

General Body Meeting
Graphic Novel Appreciation Society
Perlstein Hall 108
7:30pm - 9:30pm

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

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

Sunday

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

Monday

SPRING BREAK!



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