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Anderson, Mitchell fail to respond

Graeme Port
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 a g a i n s t h i s 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



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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 mathmatics) 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.

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