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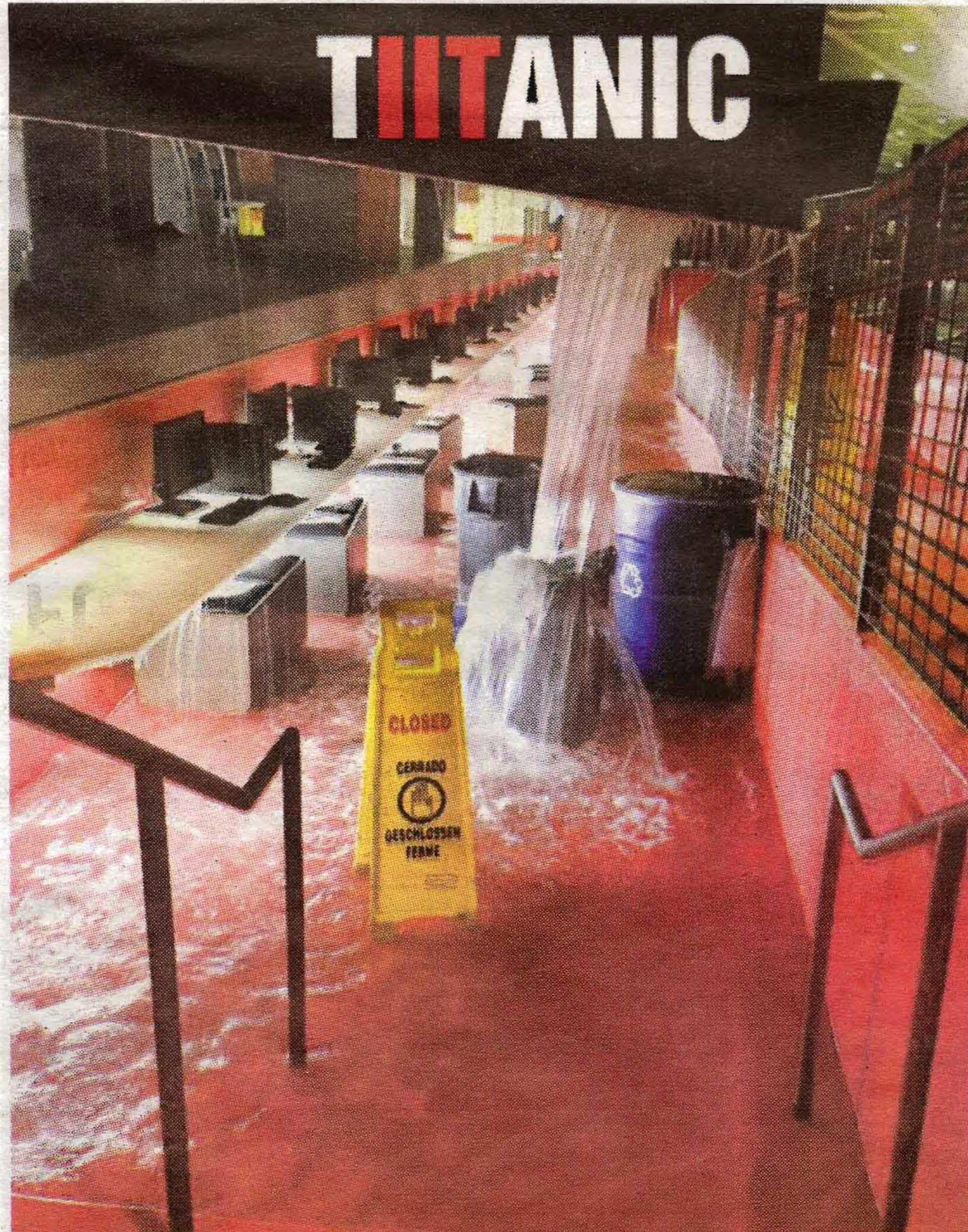
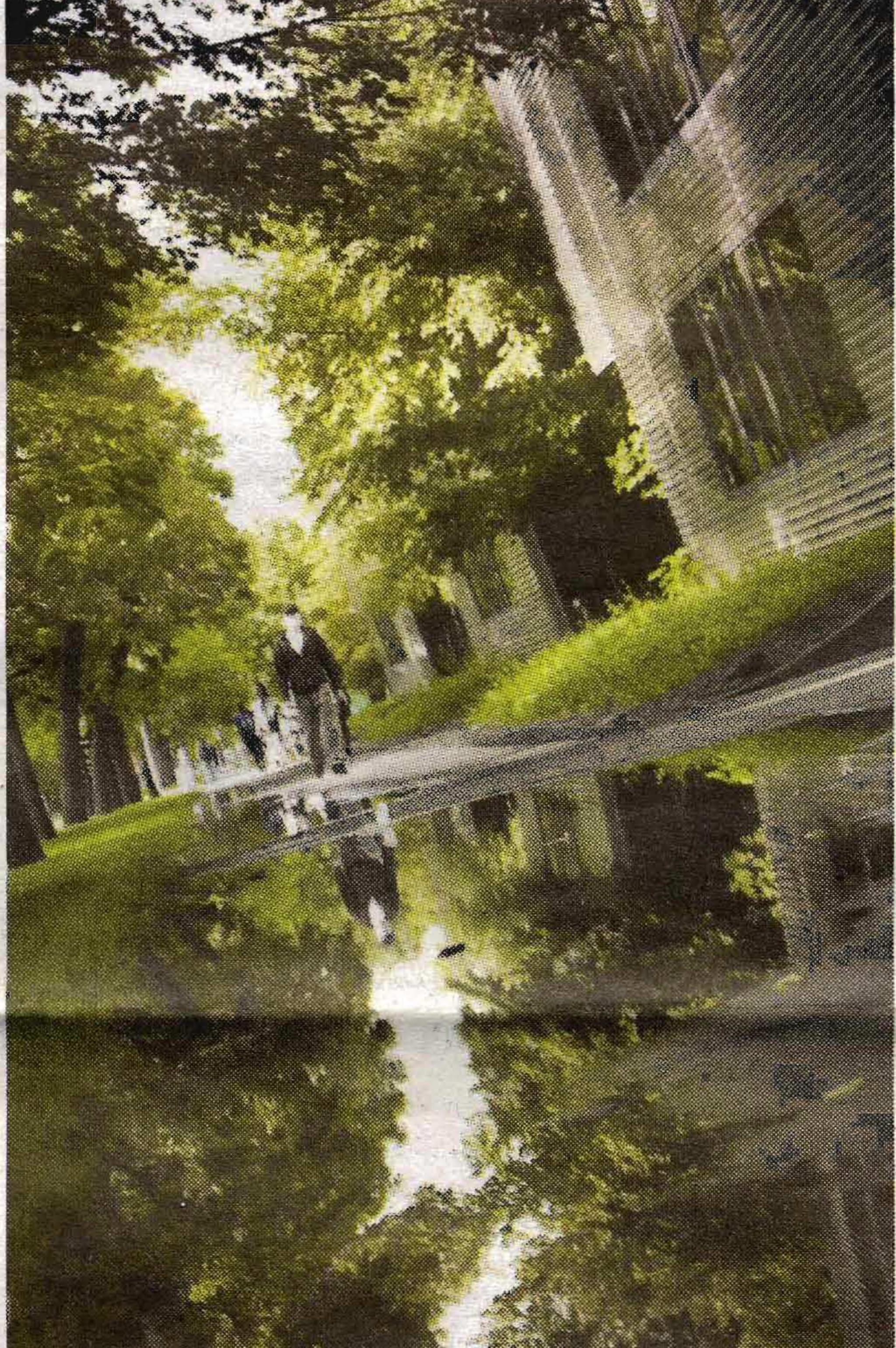
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Luxembourg stuns visitors with views, activities

Neesha Narayanan

TECHNEWS WRITER

Luxembourg is a place with an impressive mixture of culture and a rich historic past. It was not until my second visit to the beautiful city that I came to know that Luxembourg is an independent country. The first time I visited, I was in high school. I was lucky to get the opportunity to go see Shakespeare's "Hamlet" at The Grand Théâtre de Luxembourg. It was an amazing experience to see famous artists perform at such a great theater. But what was equally amazing was my walk the next morning.

I was staying at one of many youth hostels, which are an affordable option for students who travel a lot in Europe. The youth hostel was very close to a place called Pétrusse Valley, which, according to me, is one of the most breathtaking views in Luxembourg that presents the old quarters and fortifications in a striking natural environment. Walking in the preserved fortifications always inspires a historic feeling.

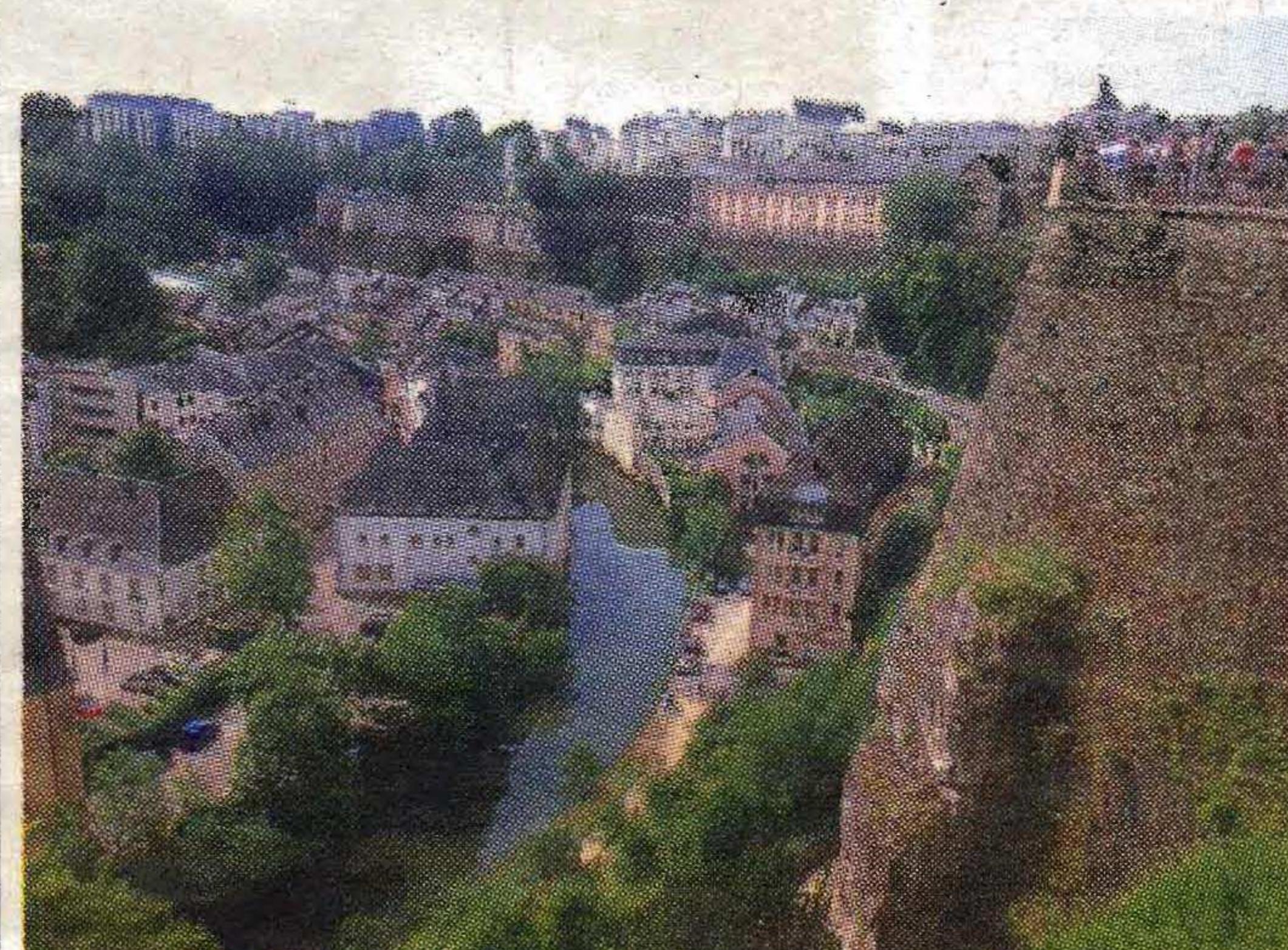
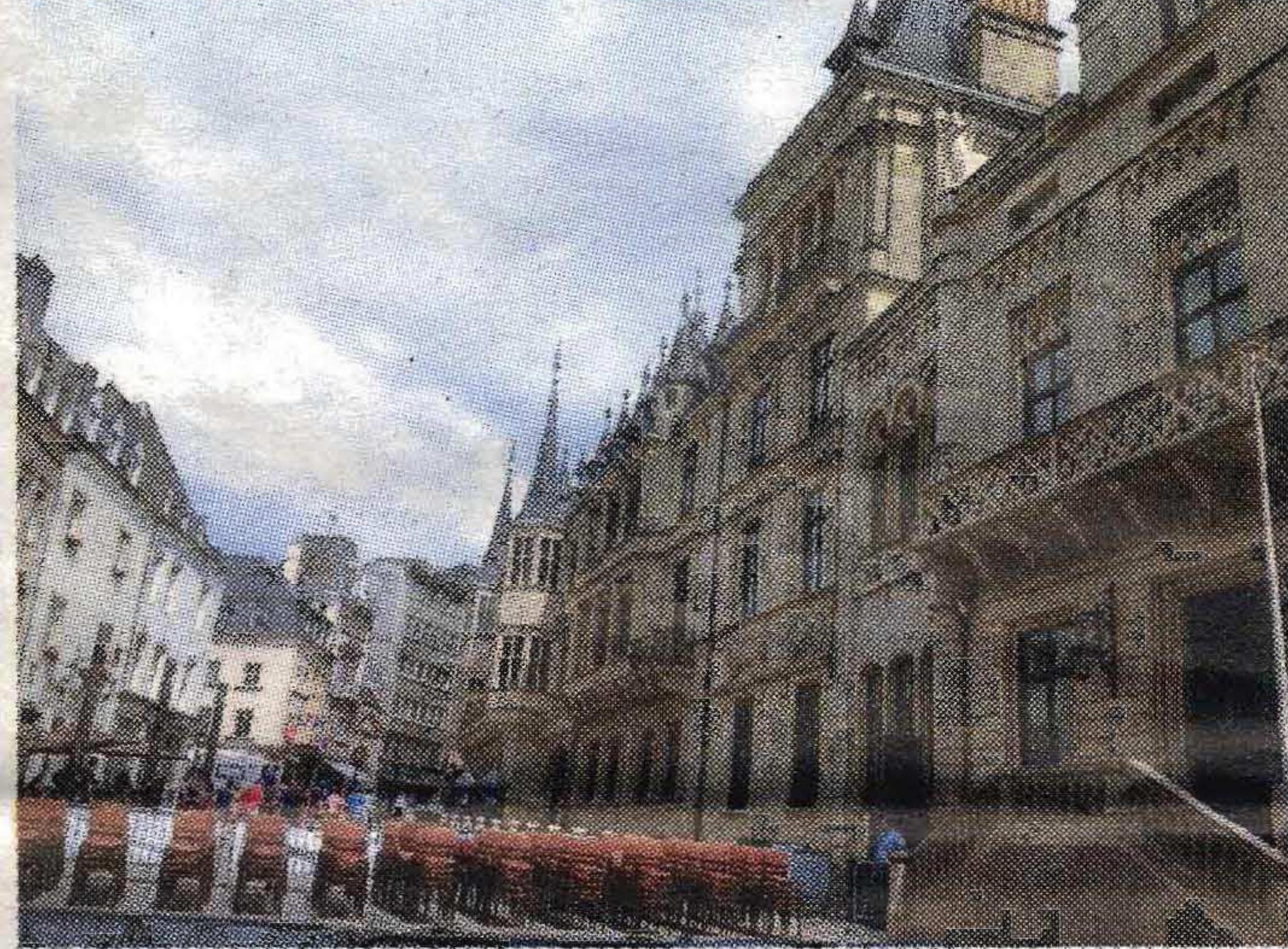
My second visit was this summer and I was not surprised that I remembered the mesmerizing view. This time I had the opportunity to explore the city in detail. The Valley is named after river Pétrusse that flows through Luxembourg. In the early 1800s this valley was used for reinforcing fortification for protection. The place now has a tour for tourists that shows the hidden corridors and casemates where canons were placed and also the planning and architecture involved while building the structures. Parallel to the river is the Neumünster Abbey, which is a public meeting place and also a cultural center. Its massive courtyard was proof enough of its eligibility to handle an immense crowd.

Another publicly oriented place is the William Square, which is situated south of the Grand Ducal Palace. The place experiences a lot of public attention especially during the summer. The William Square accommodates not only the Town Hall but also various markets, open air concerts, shops and eateries. In the center of the Square is the statue of William, founder of the Square.

The Palace is residence of the Grand

Duke of Luxembourg and its facade is one of the most beautiful creations I have seen, which involves Flemish Renaissance styles. The general public can visit the majestic interiors of the palace during the summer. I would recommend visiting this city during the summer as there are numerous activities taking place and most of the significant places are open to the public. Another significant place to visit is the Notre-Dame Cathedral, which is the only Roman Catholic cathedral in Luxembourg. It remains a good example of gothic architecture. With gigantic pillars and beautifully presented church organ and stained glasses, the place has a fine looking interior—a good place to start exploring the architecture of the city.

I still feel the need to make another trip or two to Luxembourg, as there are too many things to explore in such a small but historically rich place. The places that I covered are all in southern Luxembourg. I will probably visit the gorgeous place again next summer to explore other parts of the country and enjoy the Luxembourg cuisine which is influenced by German, French and Belgium cuisines—a deadly combination indeed.



Photos by Neesha Narayanan

Introducing 'Tales From the Victory Lap'

Miriam Schmid & William Syvongsa
TECHNEWS WRITERS

"Shouldn't you have graduated already?" is a question that fifth year students get asked quite frequently. But the questions that should be asked look something like this: "If you could change one thing about your undergraduate career, what would it be?" Or, "What has been your most challenging experience at IIT?" Upperclassmen provide insight and perspective to the undergraduate experience, and fifth year students have an extra year to develop this insight.

Many of you may have heard our names on campus or worked with us in some capacity. We are William Syvongsa, a Biomedical Engineering and Engineering Management double major, and Miriam Schmid, a Biochemistry and Math and Science Education major. Between the two of us, we have served as officers in Union Board, Alternative Spring Break, Greek Council, Greek chapters, Student Government Association, and Ultimate Frisbee. In addition, we have worked in the Office of Campus Life, Residence and Greek Life, Academic Resource Center, Office of the Dean of Students, Galvin Library, IIT Dining Services, and Mies Society. Through all of these

experiences, we have grown as individuals and leaders and hope to be able to share this perspective.

We are far from unique. We were lucky to learn and be inspired by graduating upperclassmen, which shared their stories and experiences with two first year students who were looking for direction for their time at Illinois Institute of Technology. If you were to ask any upperclassmen, you would find that he or she has had similar opportunities to be involved at IIT and has a unique perspective to offer. Unfortunately, this perspective and insight is often overlooked and undervalued by both students and staff. As these students graduate,

this experience and knowledge of the past is lost.

Before we graduate in May we hope to share some of our experiences and perspective through our opinion pieces that will be featured weekly in TechNews. Subsequent articles will feature a single topic that both authors will share their unique perspectives. Guest writers may make appearances from time to time bringing fresh perspectives and topics to "Tales from the Victory Lap."

Next week, we will discuss what it means to be a member of a minority group on campus, specifically being a woman and being a member of the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender (GLBT) community.

Cross-enrollment at Shimer College proves pleasant experience

Austin Gonzalez & Kyle Stanevich
TECHNEWS WRITERS

Oddly enough, my parents are most concerned with me enjoying and getting the most out of the college experience. They worry that I'm moving too fast and pushing so hard in academics that I'm forgetting to smell the proverbial roses. Universities have always been seen as a magical wonderland of academic and emotional exploration. Freedom is king at college, I was told, and after receiving pounds of flashy college advertisement literature I believed it. I was ready for the academic ride of a lifetime, completely unprepared for some of the rough surprises ahead.

After being forced to sign up for one of a whopping three IIT humanities, all of which excited a groan, I learned of Shimer's offerings. Shimer College is a tiny liberal arts campus that's connected to IIT, but it is so much more.

Expansive and interesting just scratch the surface of the courses offered at Shimer. Classes range from Ethical studies to basic Latin. There is even a Kubrick film studies course! Kubrick just so happens to be my favorite director. I realize that at a tech

school's humanities will be scant, but three is preposterous. After being put to sleep by my required courses at IIT, the dream of academic excitement was reignited by the opportunity to study on my own terms. This is where the nightmare begins.

Even at a small school like IIT, you must fight for personalized attention with administration. Do you remember when you had to call customer service for the first time? Trying to get a class at Shimer was like that.

"Hi there, I'd like to enroll in a class at Shimer."

"Yea sure, go get a form, fill it out, and we'll review it. We'll get back to you in a couple of days. Make sure you put your email on it."

"Yes. I'm familiar with the form, I have one already, but I was hoping to talk to som..."

"No need. Just fill out the form and we'll get back to you."

"No, see. I need to talk to someone because I have a special case. You see, I'm a freshman and I..."

"You're a Freshmen?"

"Yes."

"Have you taken a 100 level humanities?"

"Well no, but you see I hav..."

"Ok, well. Fill out a form and we'll probably reject you for being new."

"You don't understand..."

"Yeah, go. Fill. Out. The. Form."

This went on for several minutes before I decided to leave with a crumpled petition and a knot of frustration. The next morning things were different. I met with Mr. Welter, explained the situation, and it went much smoother. By the time I left his office, I had an approved petition, and peace of mind. Now all I had to do was meet with the registrar at Shimer.

While I expected talking to the Shimer registrar, Jim Ulrich, to be just as painful as negotiating with the IIT administration, the experience was very friendly. Ulrich was an easy person to talk to and he told us plenty of stories about Shimer, IIT, and everything else. It was nice to finally sit down and talk with an administrator without being hassled.

After leaving his office, a professor, or should I say "facilitator" as they like to be called, came over to me and struck up a conversation. Turns out his daughter went to another well-known tech school, much like IIT. At her school, the aerospace engineers were asked what the hardest classes were, to

which they responded the humanities. The humanities kids said the hardest were the aerospace classes. Looks like I was in two of the hardest areas of study right now.

This is in contrast with IIT, I heard one horror story from a colleague who also tried applying for a class at Shimer but this class would require overloading his schedule. His advisor had verbally approved the overload and class, but when he went to Mr. Welter, his word was not good enough for approval, even though he is a Camras Scholar and an Eagle Scout. He had to go to his advisor, who would talk the dean of his college, who would then email Mr. Welter with a hopefully approved overload. In order to take this class, he had to jump through hoops that the bureaucracy of IIT made impossible. Luckily, after a very anxious weekend, he too was finally granted permission.

I've only been to a few classes so far and I assert that this course at Shimer will be one of the best decisions I've made at IIT. The staff is friendly; they make the atmosphere relaxed, yet professional. Shimer College has an odd, homey, discombobulated atmosphere. Shimer may not be as prestigious as IIT, but IIT has much to learn from the way Shimer handles its students.

Campus self defense workshops useful in Windy City

Shireen Gul
COPY EDITOR

The Windy City is a dream place for many people as it is the third most famous city of the USA. Like any big city, there are many concerns especially when you are a female and away from your family for the first time. Everyone will advise you that no matter what, you should not go out alone especially when you live on the South Side. My father was really worried when I decided to move to Chicago. However, deep in my heart I was worried too but I knew that it was my dream and I would have to live it without fear.

Walking down the street after sunset is not a very favorable thing to do here, but when you are a student who has late classes and

multiple assignments you sometimes do. While working on them you don't realize how much time elapses and by the time you get done it is already way past sunset. So, now what should one do in order to stay safe? It's very simple: either go back to your place with a group of people or join a self-defense workshop to learn how to protect yourself from any ill-fated incident.

This week IIT offered students a free self-defense workshop which I was fortunate to attend. The workshop was led by IMPACT Chicago. IMPACT Chicago was founded in 1987 and it is a not-for-profit organization which is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and an Administrative Team. They offer women and girls with an opportunity to learn and practice prevention, assessment, verbal boundary setting and physical self-defense skills in simulated

scenarios with a padded attacker.

Molly Norris, who is an instructor at IMPACT Chicago, conducted the workshop. Norris is an awesome individual who knew exactly how to grab her audience's attention and teach them the best. It was a 90-minute workshop where we learned about personal safety tools, such as awareness, safe distance, and verbal and physical self-defense tools. We were told how we can stay protected even without carrying any weapon because carrying weapon can be dangerous for ourselves.

One thing that I learned at the workshop and really want to share with our dear reader is that if ever you are caught up in such a situation where you feel you are in danger, the best weapon to use is your voice. You should not be scared because the attacker will be more confident if he knows that you are

scared. You look into their eyes and tell them politely, "Please stay away." If they refuse, you then raise your voice and tell them, "Stay away," and if they still refuse, you shout out even louder, "Stay away now!" By doing this simple thing you will give them a signal that you are not a coward and not an easy prey. Apart from this you never know if someone might hear your voice and show up to help.

After attending only one workshop I now feel more protected and walking down the street is not that scary as it used to be. I wonder if I ever get a chance to attend any of their programs, how brave and protected I will feel.

You can like them on Facebook: IMPACT Chicago or visit their website for further information <http://www.impactchicago.org>

GLBT History Month Book Club: 'Meaning of Matthew'

William Syvongsa
TECHNEWS WRITER

IIT students, I want you to pick up a book and read it. I want you to experience the emotional roller coaster that a book can bring you. I know what you will tell me: "I'm too busy to read," or "Why would I read a book?" For me, reading lets me lose myself in another world. It flexes the creative side of my brain. It is a constructive distraction from school. Don't get me wrong. I love League of Legends, Reddit, and going to the Bog, but when I get the chance I pick up a book and I enjoy it.

I also enjoy educating myself on current issues. So when Alex Carlson, Coordinator of Campus Life and Women's Services, asked me to help plan an event for Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender (GLBT) History Month (October), I immediately wanted to organize a book club that could satisfy both our goals. A book club is a group of individuals who have read the same book and get together to discuss their views, opinions, and outlook on the book. As intelligent individuals, we really should try doing this more often. It's a learning experience that is also really enjoyable.

The book I am proposing we read is

"The Meaning of Matthew: My Son's Murder in Laramie, and a World Transformed" by Judy Shepard. Matthew Shepard was the victim of a hate crime in the small college town of Laramie, Wyoming on October 1998. It was speculated that he was targeted because he was gay.

With the national coverage for GLBT rights and equality, his story is important. He was a college student just like us, and many of you probably know someone personally who identifies themselves as a member of the GLBT community. This book tells us about his life, his murder, and his impact after his death through his mother's perspective.

I want us, as intelligent college students, to be able to read this book and talk about it. When asked why it was important to read this book, Alex Carlson said, "I want you to read it because it will shock you. It will wow you, it will confuse you, but most of all, it will get you thinking, and talking; and what better time to talk than October?" The book club starts the first week of October, and the discussion is planned for October 29, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the MTCC Ballroom. Weekly discussion prompts will be sent out that I hope will engage you.

The link to sign up is www.tinyurl.com/iitGLBT. I hope you'll read it with me.

Senate Election Candidates

Armour College of Engineering (8 Seats Available) | Lewis College of Human Sciences (1 Seat Available)

Subarno Saha

Second Year

Electrical Engineering

Armour College of Engineering

I wish to make the students more aware of the resources on campus, and make the offices more accessible to students. I also want to work with them so that their problems are addressed by the appropriate authority instead of 'likes' on Facebook.

Kyle Stanevich

First Year

Aerospace Engineering

Armour College of Engineering

I approach this role without political agenda, working for the issues that my college and constituency impart to me. Specific issues of the body politic are being accumulated at this time. Giving voice to those imparting these issues and working to eliminate barriers that hinder honest opinions and debate is my immediate issue.

Zimchim Andrea

Agomoh

First Year

Mechanical Engineering

Armour College of Engineering

There needs to be some change in the food around here. Bringing in foods from other cultures (French, African, real Chinese food etc.) seems to be our best bet. As for other issues, I'll try my best to solve them to the best interest of everyone as they arrive.

Ahmad Rami Asfahani

Graduate Student

Civil Engineering

Armour College of Engineering

I want to help students know how to use their degree and sell themselves to companies and professionals. I also want to address the add and drop period for students since you don't have enough time to figure out if you want to change the course or not in one week.

Efthimios

Atsaloglou

Second Year

Biomedical Engineering

Armour College of Engineering

The main issue which I intend to work on is helping students feel more comfortable conversing and mixing with students from various cultures. Another issue is the quality of food currently available on campus. Finally, I would encourage students to become more active.

Noopur Shah

Second Year

Psychology

Lewis College of Human Sciences

One issue is that we should have an eating place open at all hours that takes bonus points or meals, so students can always have a place to eat and do not have to wait hours to have access to food.

Cam Ketchmark

Third Year

Electrical Engineering

Armour College of Engineering

I would like to attempt to give IIT students more of a sense of unity and identity. I believe the issue of low sports attendance is partially due to this key issue: a lack of community pride and unity.

Trevor Wasserzieher

Second Year

Biomedical Engineering

Armour College of Engineering

My goal is to ensure that all areas of study, no matter how many students are in each, have the same resources available to provide the pathway to success that IIT is famous for.

Elvin Moy

First Year

Mechanical Engineering

Armour College of Engineering

Many groups ask for money from the school. I want to make sure that the money that IIT is giving is being used to benefit the entire school community and not just a few individuals. It also wouldn't hurt talking to Sodexo staff to get a soft-serve machine in The Commons.

Thimmaiah Honaganahalli

Third Year

Chemical Engineering

Armour College of Engineering

My priority is to improve the Course Repeat policy, to ensure that students can retake courses regardless of the grade they received previously. I also want to improve the relationship the CMC has with the academic departments so they can pool resources and create more diversity in companies at the career fair.

Hajra Sattar

Second Year

Biomedical Engineering

Armour College of Engineering

There is a lack of communication/advertisement within students, and a lack of school spirit. This can be partly attributed to there not being a sense of unity or oneness on campus. SGA can facilitate and encourage oneness through programs or events that invite all students to see the differences between each other, and then see past these differences and see the excited freshmen, the tired sophomore, the studious junior, and the chilled senior in all of us.

Jacob McCurry

Second Year

Psychology

Lewis College of Human Sciences

I wish to form a body of students to help promote communication and transparency within the school. This includes obtaining more information on the way the school spends money, and learning more about the goals and direction of the administration.

Irewole Akande

Second Year

Computer Engineering

Armour College of Engineering

I will be working in the communications committee to improve student cooperation and interracial relationship. I feel the need for joint cultural organizational meetings as well as creation of a committee consisting of the Public Relation officers of all cultural organizations so information can be diffused efficiently and effectively.

Abenezer Ayele

First Year

Civil Engineering

Armour College of Engineering

I haven't heard of any issues from students till now but if there happens to be a problem, I will be sure to address it as soon as possible.

Cristina Alarcón

First Year

Undecided

Armour College of Engineering

As a new student I have yet to notice major issues that would need to be resolved. If I were to notice any I would find other students who have the same issue with the problem, contact specific people, propose solutions, and make them a reality.

Rahul V Wadhwani

Second Year

Electrical Engineering

Armour College of Engineering

One issue is how the quality of food in the cafeteria drops drastically at a certain time in the semester. Another one is about how wasteful the sprinklers around campus are. I also feel that some of our classes should be changed because some of the material is outdated and we are not learning enough application of knowledge.

David Ilavsky

Fourth Year

Chemical & Electrical Engineering

Armour College of Engineering

I plan on addressing the issues of student not finding research, internship and co-op opportunities. As well as pursuing previous important issues that Senators were working on last year.

Tristian Woods

Third Year

Industrial Organizational Psychology

Lewis College of Human Sciences

The issues I would like to support are any of the issues that Lewis College of Human Sciences need in supporting. I have a skill in entrepreneurship which allows me to network and communicate with the higher ups so that things get done and proposed.

Senate Election Candidates

College of Science (4 Seats Available) | School of Applied Technology (2 Seats Available)
Stuart School of Business (3 Seats Available) | College of Architecture (2 Seats Available)

Sonia Kamdar
Third Year
Biochemistry
College of Science

One of the issues that I plan to address is smoking around campus. I would work with the other Senators to find a happy compromise for smokers and non-smokers. I do believe that this is an issue that must be addressed regardless because of the overwhelming concern that has built up.

Parth Shah
Graduate Student
Computer Science
College of Science

My first plan to solve issues about SGA awareness. In my college students may not be aware about this association. So that they can be interact with us and tell the problem and their interests.

Liang Hou
Third Year
Biochemistry
College of Science

I would like to work on is expanding the Academic Resource Center into its own, legitimate section. Other issues I am interested in working on is adding more outlets to campus buildings like Siegel Hall, IIT Tower, and MTCC as well as having a more substantial student-professor teaching style feedback mechanism throughout the semester.

Toluwani Adesanya
Third Year
Biology
College of Science

I plan to solve the problems regarding the way IIT students, staff and administrators communicate. I also want to make sure that IIT is a unified community and I want to make sure no one feels left out or neglected.

William Bafia
Third Year
Computer Science
College of Science

My primary focus will be tackling existing issues within the College of Science. Next, my focus will be on my committee, which will most likely be the Student Life Committee. Finally, I will focus on any future changes or plans to improve SGA and IIT for the long run.

Daniel Felipe Lopez Morales
Second Year
Biochemistry
College of Science

I have found that a problem inside some organizations and Student Government Association is the lack of communication the students have with the presidents and executive board. This is why I will talk to organizations, creating the possibility of making every organization, including SGA, more open to the opinion of its members.

Kevin M. Roemer
Third Year
Information Technology & Management
School of Applied Technology

There are a number of projects which the Senate is working on. Each project has a special place within their committees and if it is apparent that it shows value to the students we will work to complete it.

Bhushan Rohane
Graduate Student
Information Technology & Management
School of Applied Technology

I want to work to create more On-Campus jobs, cater various cuisines at campus restaurants, insist for student friendly hours and more sports utilities at Keating, create shuttle service to King drive and Bridgeport, make MyIIT and Blackboard more user-friendly, and make Galvin 24X7.

Srinivas Jagadeesh
Graduate Student
Information Technology & Management
School of Applied Technology

I want to help organize On-Campus job fairs in a smooth manner. I would also try to increase the number of On-Campus jobs available at IIT Chicago. I also feel there is a lack of security for students who stay off campus, and would like to take up this issue seriously.

Pragnya Manaswini
Graduate Student
Information Technology & Management
School of Applied Technology

If I am the senator of SAT I shall primarily focus on issues which SAT people face and, as required to solve them. Issues will be solved based on the very acceptable "waterfall model" approach (software engineering approaches) !

George Batah
Fourth Year
Finance
Stuart School of Business

Lack of opportunities for business students like the low number of clubs, activities designed to business students and low number of business recruiters

Sheng Hao Koo
Third Year
Finance
Stuart School of Business

The main issue that I would like to solve is the lack of communication between Graduate and Undergraduate Students in the Stuart School of Business.

Kartik Saraf
Fourth Year
Business Administration
Stuart School of Business

I want to make the Stuart student lounge students to not only relax, but actually increase their love for business. I also want to make life better for Stuart commuter students by getting lockers in IIT Tower, updating the lounge to accommodate for their needs, etc.

Yunhui Kim
Third Year
Business Administration
Stuart School of Business

The disconnect between undergraduate and graduate departments in the Stuart School is a problem. I am planning to connect the two departments by having social events open to any Stuart students. Also, I will utilize weekly Stuart emails and postings to make all students feel connected.

Gayatri Tawari
Third Year
Architecture
College of Architecture

I have 4 issues I wish to deal with: the cancellation of the Paris Program in 4th year architecture, certain classes which could have a better location, as in semester wise, changing the study abroad from 4th year to 5th year is worrying, and the introduction of some sort of Professional Practice (internship) as part of the curriculum.

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Thursday | 6 PM
Carman Field

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Thursday | 7 PM
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Saturday | 1 PM
Stuart Field

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Stuart Field

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Order of Omega returns to campus

Miriam Schmid
TECHNEWS WRITER

In the Fall 2012 semester, Order of Omega returned to the Illinois Institute of Technology as the re-chartered Tau Eta chapter with the initiation of the inaugural class of 15 Greeks from six Greek chapters; a second class was initiated in the Spring semester. Order of Omega is one of the most prestigious national honor societies for Greeks recognizing excellence and leadership in the Greek Community. High achieving Greeks are invited to apply for Order of Omega, and members are selected from this group on the basis of scholarship, leadership skills, chapter and Greek involvement, campus involvement, and community service.

According to the national organization application for new members, "Order of Omega was founded at the University of Miami in the fall of 1959 by a group of outstanding Greeks who felt that individuals in the Greek community should be recognized of their service to the Greek community and the University. The purpose of Order of Omega is threefold:

• To recognize those students who have attained a high standard of leadership in inter Greek activities, to encourage them to continue

along this standard of excellence, and to inspire others to strive for similar attainments.

• To bring together the most representative fraternity and sorority members, and to create an organization, which will help to mold the sentiment of the institution, in question of local and intercollegiate affairs.

• To bring together faculty, alumni, and student members of the institution's fraternities and sororities on a basis of mutual interest, understanding, and helpfulness."

The Tau Eta Chapter is looking forward to an exciting year getting involved on campus under the leadership of its first Executive Council: President Miriam Schmid (Alpha Sigma Alpha), Vice President John Rotella (Delta Tau Delta), Secretary Breanne Stromberg (Kappa Phi Delta), and Treasurer Billy Strnad (Phi Kappa Sigma).

As one of its first initiatives, Order of Omega will be bringing a "Greek of the Week" feature to Technews each week. Similar to athlete of the week, this feature will highlight individuals in the IIT Greek community who exemplify the leadership and service values of Order of Omega. Order of Omega hopes that this rotating feature will increase the awareness of the Greek community at IIT and highlight leaders who are making a difference in their chapters and campus community.



GREEK of the WEEK

Meet Miriam Schmid.

"Luck" is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.

Year: Fifth

Major: Biochemistry/MSED

Greek Affiliation: Alpha Sigma Alpha

Hometown: Cisna Park, IL

Leadership Positions at IIT: Alpha Sigma Alpha Sports Chair, Greek Council VP of Education, Order of Omega President, Ultimate Frisbee Secretary

Hobbies: Paddleboarding, biking, reading, kayaking, hiking, and being outdoors

How has Greek life developed you as a person and a leader?

One thing that Greek life does better than any other student organization is give you leadership development opportunities in an organization that will stand by you and help you improve your skills. There are a variety of roles that need to be filled in every chapter, and by giving your time and skills to your chapter you learn more about yourself and your abilities than you ever thought possible.

What would be your advice for an incoming IIT student?

You will learn more about life, leadership, and yourself by being involved outside of the classroom. These are the skills that will differentiate you from the average student when you begin to look for a job or apply to graduate school.

What has been your favorite experience at IIT?

Meeting new people. Everyone has a story that can inspire you, challenge you, or change the way you see the world.

What's one of your favorite questions to ask a new friend?

What is the best thing that's happened to you in the last week?

Questions? Email orderofomegaiit@gmail.com



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4. Next to your favorite plant at the UFarmIIT garden
5. Riding a Divvy Bike

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Movie Review: '2 Guns' movie adaptation flourishes as action flick

Melanie Decelles

STAFF WRITER

"2 Guns" was the newest effort by studio executives to attempt to make graphic novels profitable at the box office.

Between "Kick Ass" and "Wanted," there didn't seem to be a consistent formula to making graphic novel adaptations work. The action flick starring Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg managed to hit number one at the box office and become a modest commer-

cial success but failed to receive the acclaim that I feel the film deserves.

The story focuses on two partners in crime that realize both are working with larger government officers to pin a bank robbery on the other. The movie is a mixture of old school shoot 'em up, government conspiracy flick, and cartel cowboy film, complete with loyalties that shift with every passing scene.

While the action in the film is superb, as you would expect from any graphic novel, what really seals the deal in my opinion is the sparkling dialogue shared between the two main characters Stig (Wahlberg), and

Buddy (Washington.) Their chemistry is so potent that I found Buddy's love interest, a very lovely Paula Patton, a bit lackluster in comparison; she clearly doesn't hold his heart the way Stig does. The dialogue is also very carefully crafted to fit the frame of the story.

Director Baltasar Kormákur is keenly aware of the exact level of disbelief his violent backstabbing film requires from his audience and the snappy dialogue with constant callbacks perfectly fits the space made for it not pushing any further or falling any shorter than the story allows.

The effect of such careful tailoring is

a witty repartee that pulls the viewer further into the story that the plot alone could manage.

The story is filled with surprisingly well-developed characters all of whom handle the dramatic twists and turns of their plot lines with startling violence and quick humor creating a completely satisfying film.

If you've been largely disappointed by this summer's so-called action films then this is the movie you were being denied. See it, then see it again and who knows when we'll get something so smoothly managed and enjoyable.

Sedaris film interprets ambiguity ambiguously

August Lysy

STAFF WRITER

Those who are familiar with the name David Sedaris may find they need no further introduction to Kyle Patrick Alvarez's recent adaptation "C.O.G.", based upon Sedaris' same-titled essay. Nevertheless, cult followers and the uninitiated alike—this review is for you. For, as writer/director Alvarez states in his press notes, "[This movie is] an interpretation and is presented as not a part of canon in Mr. Sedaris' life but as its own separate thing...[it] is as much an extension of me as it is Sedaris' story." And what, might you ask, is the result of this triple-lens interpretation? Ambiguity, plain and clear.

"C.O.G." is the story of a college-age student David (Jonathan Groff), who journeys from the upper-class comfort of his Yale dormitory to the apple orchards of Oregon's heartland. This journey, like all great youthful blunders, is instigated by a girl's love and a vaguely insinuated conflict within David's family life. The focus of the journey—to "see how the other side (i.e. lower-class immigrants) lives"—is likewise a pompous misconception of a Walt Whitman-esque romanticism of those close to nature: for David, this amounts to an idealism-cum-condescension, a vacation in which he picks apples and ponders his navel.

The connection with Whitman, however, is relevant on more than one level. The two themes of religion and sexuality run throughout the course of the film and make up the crux of David's coming-of-age story. In these veins, two characters feature prominently: Curley (Corey Stoll) lives with his mother and works as a fork-lift operator in a factory; Jon (Denis O'Hare) is a Desert-Storm veteran who hands out religious tracts with the curi-

ous acronym "C.O.G." These two characters, respectively, compete with David for his love and his soul.

The outcome of these competitions, however—that is, David's coming-of-age epiphany—is left up in the air. Indeed, the ending is a kind of twenty-first century "The Lady, or the Tiger" moral cliffhanger in which the audience is left to interpret from his or her own perspective. (In much the same way are the subjects of Christianity and homosexuality covered: choose your own ending.) Thus, Alvarez's interpretation on the screen is less an interpretation, *per se*, of David's story than it is an extenuation of the already-ambiguous spiritual-sexual dilemma of his life.

Although the audience's experience is filled with humor and pathos, the ending leaves one in a malaise after having watched our anti-hero David encounter two dissatisfying ambassadors of spirituality and sexuality. Shame on us, I suppose, for expecting a coming-of-age moment in a coming-of-age plot.

The bottom line: "C.O.G." although at times purposefully ambiguous, is an intriguing story with interesting, nuanced characters. Denis O'Hare's character, Jon, is rich with a depth and mystery that captures your attention and leaves you surprised in every scene: his performance alone is worth the price of admission. Also to note, Dale Dickey, who plays a bitter, worn-out factory hag, in less than a paragraph of dialogue completely captures the soul-whittling effects of a lifetime hunched over a conveyor belt.

I suppose the appropriate ending to a review of such an ambiguous film is an equally ambivalent last statement—which I will leave to the reader to construct.

"C.O.G." is now playing at the Gene Siskel Film Center from October 20 through October 26. Times vary. Tickets are \$7 with a student I.D.



Image courtesy of imbd.com

Restaurant Review: Little Caesar's pizza perfect for studious pupils

Matti Scannell

A&E EDITOR

As any Dickens tale will tell you, desperation can send one to some dark places.

This is one such tale. It begins on the Friday the 13th, of September. After spending the day in classes, I had spent the afternoon running an errand with a friend that resulted in the need to take two packed rush hour buses home. Being a five feet, six inches tall female has its benefits. For example, in the event of an alien takeover I feel confident in my ability to successfully hide myself in a cabinet. My limited stature does not, however, aid in my ability to successfully keep myself stationary while standing on a crowded bus (I have a dif-

ficult time reaching the bars to hold onto if the loops are all taken.)

On this particular Friday my height, sleep deprived state, and cumbersome backpack combined in such a way that for one glorious hour I became the absolute worst person to stand next to on the bus.

In that hour I pulled one girl's hair twice in an attempt to hold onto the handle behind her head, I hit a fellow patron in the face with my backpack while attempting to make room for a newcomer (I welcomed her by stepping on her foot once and falling into her twice when the bus made sudden stops.)

As I departed the bus, knowing that I may never again feel the thrill of such a remarkable ability to alter the physical and emotional wellbeing so many of my fellow Chicagoans in such a short amount of time, I felt the

need to commemorate the occasion.

And then I saw it. Nestled between a physical therapy center and a Chinese market in a strip mall on South Halsted was a restaurant that is annually robbed of all public recognitions of culinary excellence. Little Caesar's Pizza, one of the last strongholds of affordable whole-self care in the modern age, was the means I needed to reach my end. For those unfamiliar with the concept, Little Caesar's is a no-frills pizza place from which customers can get one of three kinds of pizza (cheese, pepperoni, and sausage) for only \$5.

The impersonal nature of its setup, which consists of a single fridge with cans of pop and a small stainless steel counter, contributes not only to its affordability but also its appeal. At the end of a long week of classes and assignments and extracurricular obliga-

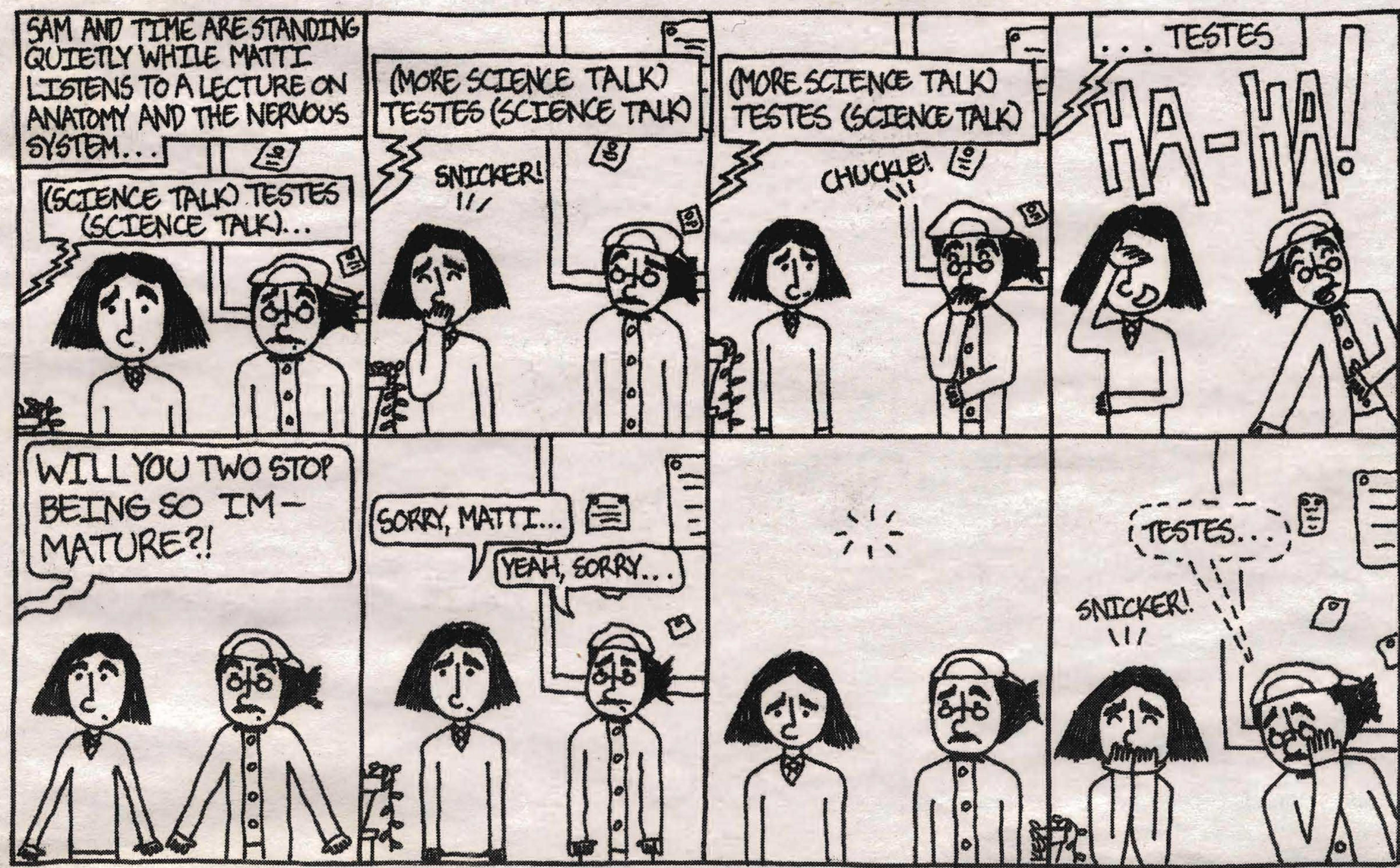
tions, all I wanted was a pizza. I didn't want to hear about the special of the day or the chef's recommendation. I didn't want to sit in a restaurant and make conversation with someone. I wanted pizza and I wanted it now. I wanted to revel, pizza in hand, in my CTA and school-induced exhaustion in the comfort of my own home.

College is a time for exploration and self-discovery. But sometimes these parameters of the college-condition can result in an overworked and overtired student. For moments such as these, it is my recommendation that you embrace the beauty that is the \$5 Little Caesar's pizza.

Little Caesar's Pizza is located at 3010 S. Halsted St. and is open from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m., seven days a week.

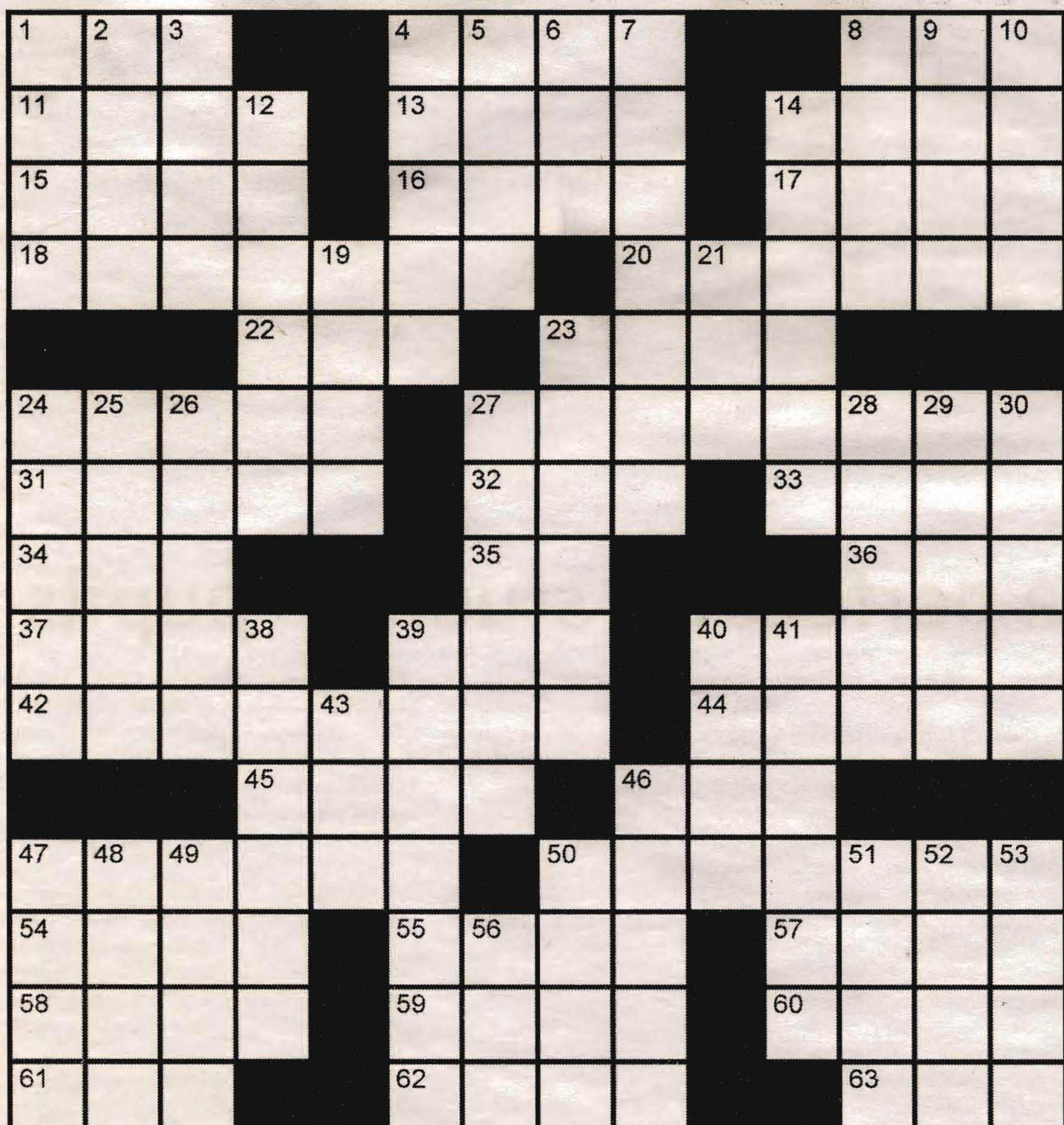
And now...a comic!

Sam Kepp
TECHNEWS WRITER



Breaking Bad

Tyler Young
TECHNEWS WRITER



Across

- *Walt's oft-furrowed facial feature
- Keep a little of the product for one's self
- Big brass
- Actor Baldwin
- Common cold's lack
- Break o' day
- Intend
- Help with a crime
- *Discipline practiced by Gus Fring's portrayer
- Particularly, especially
- Low-cost lodging
- *Closet support broken by Skyler hanging cash in bags
- Fireplace part
- Renowned
- Slangy quantity
- Convey feelings theatrically
- Scepter sphere
- Lose vibrance
- Angry Birds, for one
- *Key elements in this puzzle's theme
- Weep
- Derogatory term
- Halfway prefix
- *Something Jesse buys from Wendy
- Font
- Button life lacks
- Clickable text, often
- Hobby shop purchase
- *Like Walt's barrel money
- Flinstone home
- ** You", S03E08 title
- Hacktivist, perhaps
- *Element that can be found in "Felina" (S05E16)
- New thing to turn over
- Diving bird
- Window part
- "To ____ is human"
- *How some of Walt's plan's go
- *Bryan Cranston's middle name

Down

- Lumberjack-like strength
- Mélange
- Whip mark
- Burn with steam
- *Goodman henchman played by Burr
- Anger
- **"Kitchen", really
- Horn sound
- Impulse
- Trite
- Bordeaux wine
- "Me, ____, and I"
- Portend (well for)
- *What Walt often thinks he is
- Disallowed
- A lot to eat
- Plentifully
- *What to do when a blood-bath comes through the ceiling
- *Actor Evan who plays Chad in S01E01
- English rock band originally known as The Rain
- *Style of the Schrader house
- Credit alternative
- Pitcher type
- *Title of S02E11, which means "circle" in Sanskrit
- *Like the New Mexico desert
- Act or speak freely, slangily
- Antiquated expression of disgust
- *Mustachioed white supremacist played by Kevin Rankin
- Stomach acid
- Dealer patron
- *Car window shot out by Leonel when he hits Hank
- Philistine
- Spoken
- Ice cream serving
- Leg joint
- This instant

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Zumba
5:30 – 6:30pm
Starts: 9/9
Ends: 11/18

Salsa
7:00 – 8:00pm
Starts: 9/9
Ends: 11/18

Mambo
8:00 – 9:00pm
Starts: 9/9
Ends: 11/18

TUESDAYS

Gentle Yoga
12:15pm – 1:15pm
Starts: 9/10
Ends: 10/1

Vinyasa Yoga **Strength/Toning**
5:15 – 6:15pm 6:30 – 7:30pm
Starts: 9/10 Starts: 9/11
Ends: 11/19 Ends: 11/20

WEDNESDAYS

Self Defence
6:30 – 7:30pm
Starts: 9/18
Ends: 10/9

Vinyasa Yoga **Strength/Toning**
5:15 – 6:15pm 8:00 – 9:00pm
Starts: 9/11 Starts: 9/11
Ends: 11/20 Ends: 11/20

THURSDAYS

Zumba **Vinyasa Yoga**
5:00 – 6:00pm 6:15 – 7:15pm
Starts: 9/12 Starts: 9/12
Ends: 11/21 Ends: 11/21

Aqua Zumba* **Strength/Toning**
6:15 – 7:15pm 7:30 – 8:30pm
Starts: 9/12 Starts: 9/12
Ends: 10/3 Ends: 11/21

*Class held in Pool.

ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY University Calendar

Monday

General Body Meeting
Engineers without Borders
Perlstein Auditorium
12:40 PM

Mask and Cape Making Party
Union Board
MTCC Welcome Center
1:00 PM

Tuesday

Superman Ice Cream
Office of Campus Life
11:00 AM-2:00 PM

Superhero Trivia
Union Board
MTCC Bridge
1:00 PM

Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. Premiere
Union Board
MTCC Auditorium
12:50 PM

Wednesday

Idea Pitch and Match Meetup
IIT Entrepreneurship Academy
IIT Tower 13th Floor
5:00 PM

Avengers Movie Night
Union Board
MTCC Auditorium
6:00 PM

Study Night
Black Student Union
Galvin Library
7:00 PM

Thursday

Homecoming Tailgate
Union Board
Carman Field
6:00PM

Women's Volleyball Game
Keating Sports Center
7:00 PM

Spa Night
Bog Events
The Bog
8:30 PM

Friday

Show Your Spirit
Union Board
MTCC Bridge
1:00 PM

Homecoming Bog Bash
Bog Events
The Bog
9:00 PM

Saturday

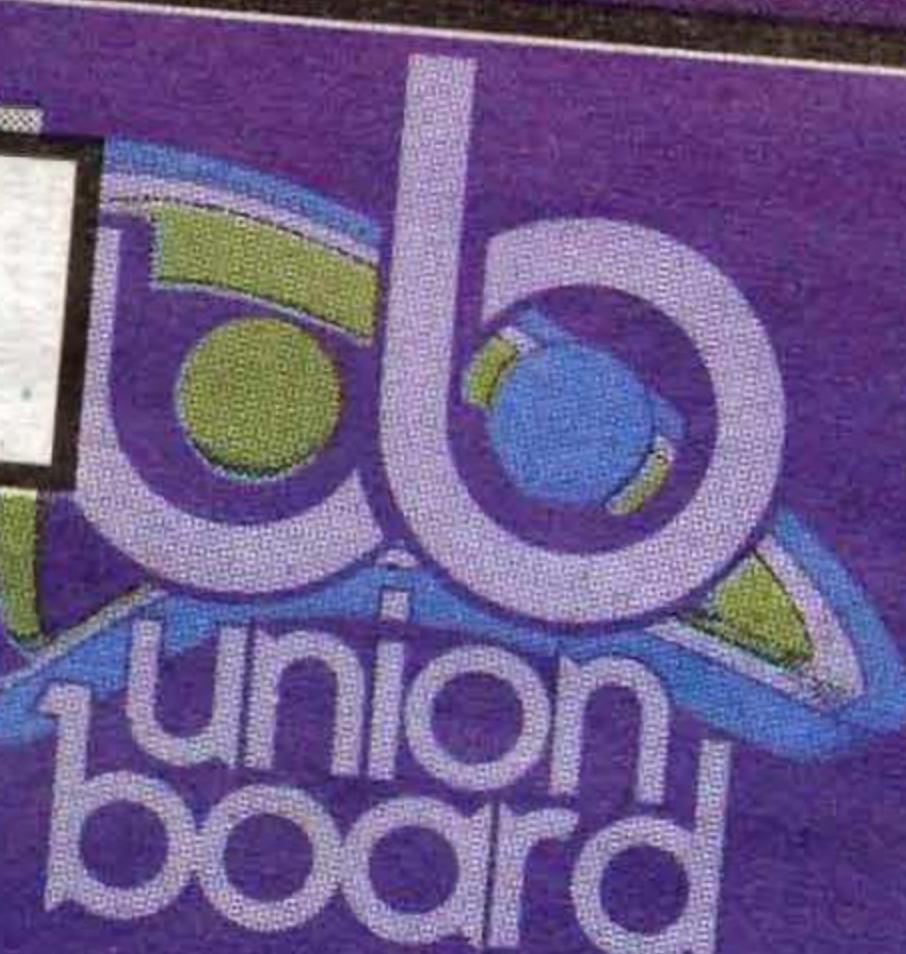
Golden Society Reunion Weekend
Alumni Association
Main Campus
8:30 AM

Homecoming Carnival
Union Board
Wabash Avenue
12:00 PM

Sunday
Free Weekend



Upcoming Union Board events



Bog Meeting!
Monday at 1 pm in Executive Conference Room

General Body Meeting!
Tuesday at 1 pm in MTCC Auditorium

Scarlet Fever Meeting!
Tuesday at 9:30 pm in UB Office, MTCC 221

Impact Meeting!
Wednesday at 1 pm in UB Office, MTCC 221

Happy Homecoming Week!
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9/23-9/28

