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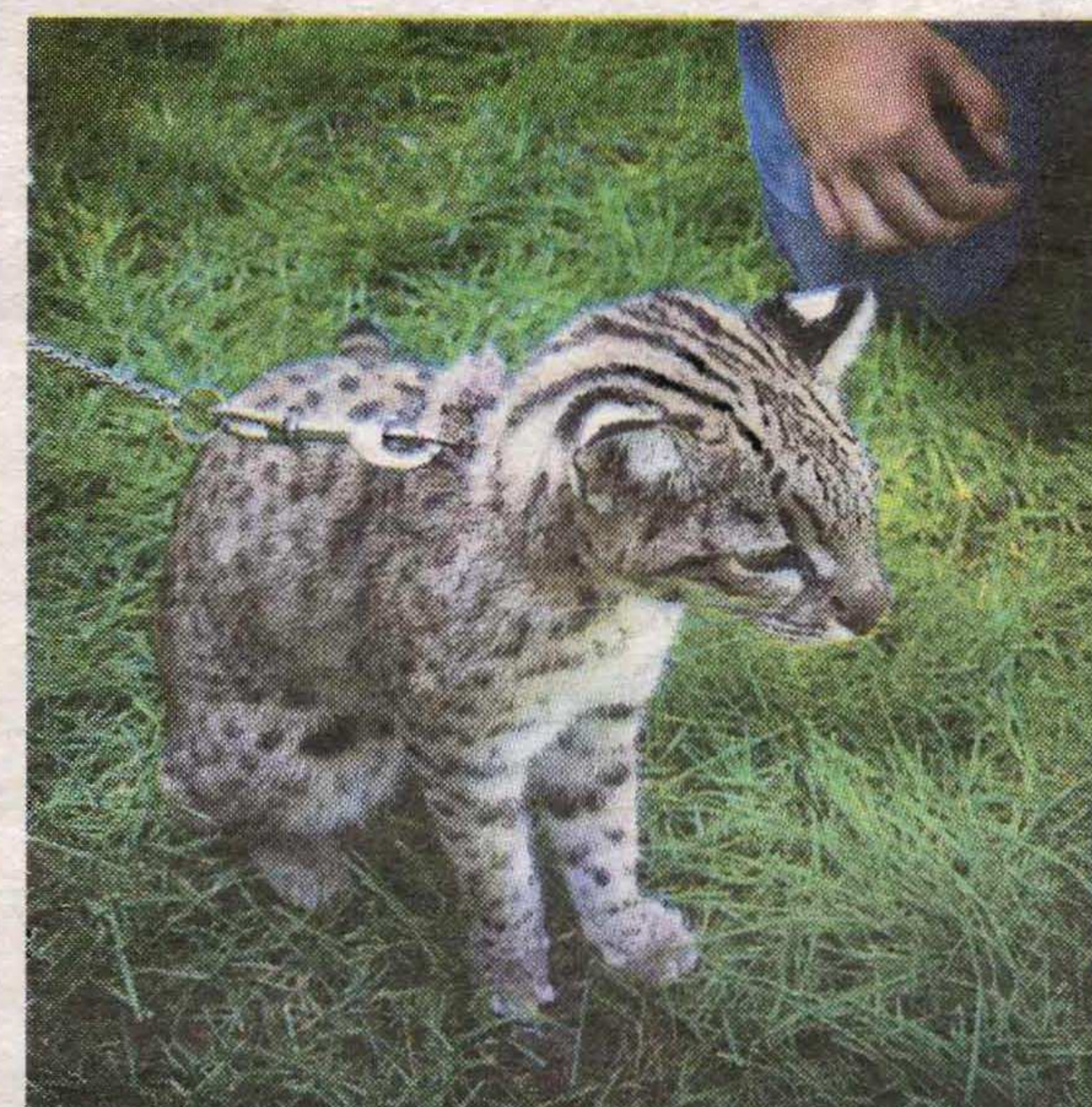
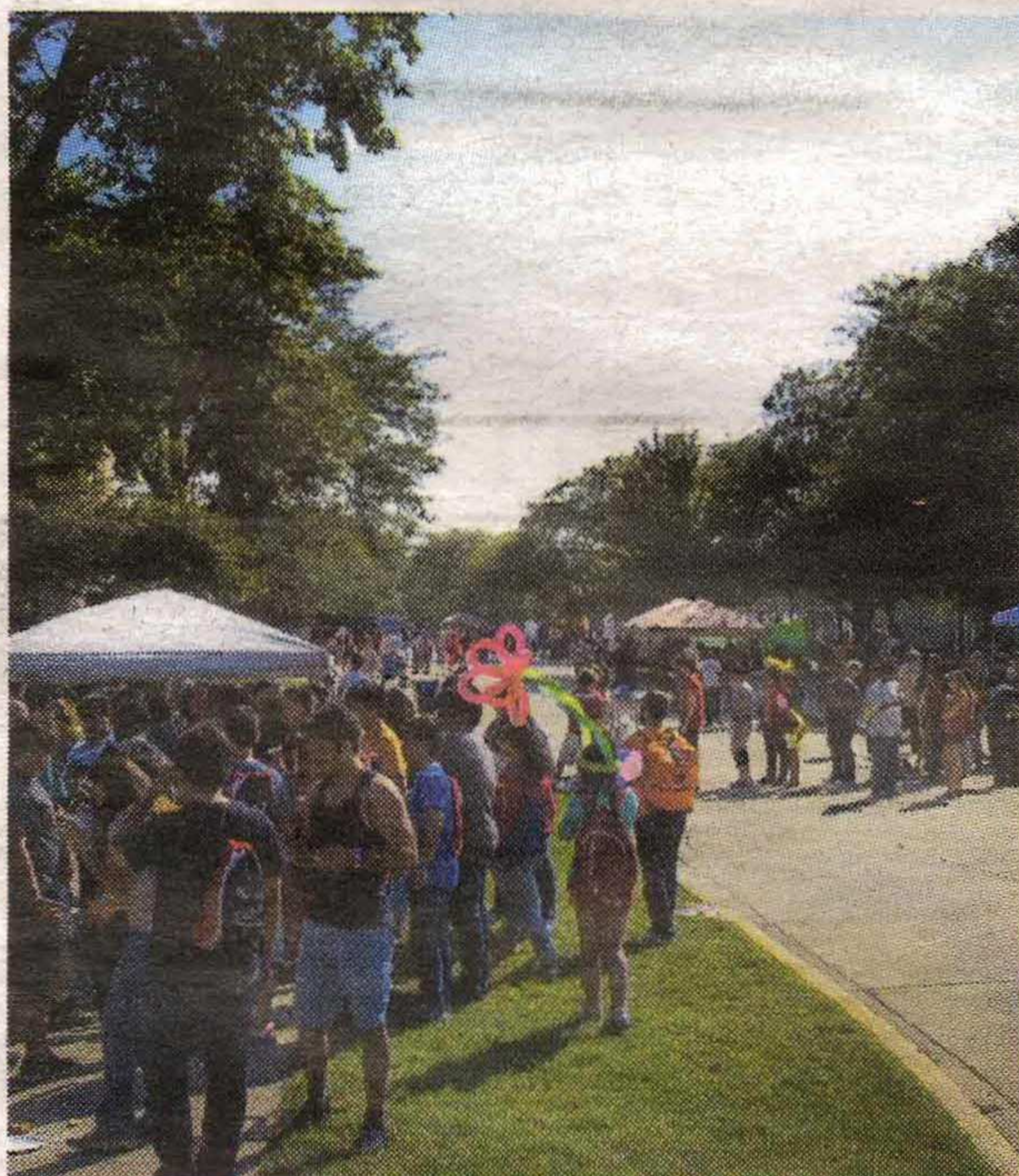
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Letter to the Editor: Response to 'WBC Forum' article

To the Editors of Tech News:

We read with interest your article about the rumors concerning the Westboro Church (WBC) debate event [Editor's Note: Issue 2, published on September 10.] The article implies that faculty were silent while students debated the pros and cons of such an event.

This could not be further from the truth. Many faculty members voiced very strong objections to this event and were actively working to cancel it. These efforts may have seemed "silent" because we did so in faculty forums, not online student ones. As faculty members in the Humanities at IIT we see part of our mission as fostering a toler-

ant and inclusive environment and we stand behind those ideals—often at significant personal and professional expense. We did not initially speak to the press because our hope was to ensure IIT's name did not unnecessarily become tarnished by association with the WBC in press accounts or in online postings, which—as you know—tend to persist indefinitely.

We are writing to publicly affirm our strong support and sympathy for the many students on campus who have been affected by hate speech and intolerance. To those students we would like to say: We are glad you are here at IIT and we value and respect your contributions to

our shared community. We take a hard line against hate speech and its harmful effects on civil discourse and education. And, we have faith that IIT students and graduates will continue to play a role in shaping a more progressive society, based on the humanistic—as well as technical—training that they receive at our University.

Sincerely,
Margaret Power
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Humanities Department offers numerous, diverse courses

Greg Pulliam

ASSOCIATE CHAIR, HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT

I was both unsurprised and surprised by the article in the September 24 edition of TechNews, by Austin Gonzalez and Kyle Stanevich. Headlined "Cross-enrollment at Shimer College proves pleasant experience," the article makes the case that Shimer College's humanities classes are a fun experience, that the faculty and staff at Shimer "make the atmosphere relaxed, yet professional," and "IIT has much to learn from the way Shimer handles its students."

I have no doubt that any of these claims are true. Shimer is an excellent school for students interested in an education in the classics. Their small enrollment (about 100 full-time students) and faculty and staff make personal relationships easier in a way that a larger institution like IIT does not—we really do have to work harder here to forge meaningful friendships among our students, faculty and staff.

I also have personally witnessed IIT faculty and staff being terse with students, as the writers documented in their article. Such behavior is unfortunate; it should not happen, but it does happen. It has even been directed toward me on occasion, and I found it off-putting, too. But I told myself, "They must be having a really bad day," treated them cordially, and found that I was treated much better by the same people the next time I had to interact

with them.

But for me, as associate chair of the Humanities department at IIT (and—full disclosure—the faculty advisor to TechNews), I was rather taken aback by Gonzalez and Stanevich's reference to "a whopping three [first-year] humanities [courses]," as if this were somehow out of the ordinary. While we actually have four such courses—HUM 102 Industrial Culture, HUM 104 Age of Darwin, HUM 106 Life Stories, and HUM 208 Digital Culture—many if not most universities require their first-year students to take a single course: English 101 Composition. No choices, and no ifs, ands or buts.

At IIT, we integrate our primary college-level composition instruction for most students into these four HUM courses, so that rather than taking a course whose subject matter is purely about how to write (talk about boring!), our courses are about actual topics, and students learn to write for college by reading, thinking, talking and writing about those topics.

The writers claim that they accept that a tech school's humanities offerings will be "scant," and point to Shimer's classes as "rang[ing] from Ethical studies to basic Latin. There is even a Kubrick film studies course!" I agree that Shimer presents interesting alternatives to IIT's humanities courses, but the courses the writers name are not the equivalent of HUM 102, 104, 106 or 208; they are more the equivalent of our upper-level humanities classes, which are actually much more numer-

ous and diverse than Gonzalez and Stanevich may realize, which is understandable, since they both seem to be first-semester freshmen.

This semester alone we have courses in Latin American Film, Ethnicity, Chicago History and Prohibition, The Holocaust, Disasters, American Music, Gender, World Religions, Islamic Thought, Spanish Language and Culture, Video Gaming History, Graphic Novels, Sherlock Holmes, Real Men in Fiction, Ancient Philosophy, Nietzsche, 19th Century American Art, Linguistics, Journalism and Bioethics—yes, we do ethics at IIT. That's not anywhere near being an exhaustive list.

In the Spring, we will offer upper-level courses on 13 topics that have never been offered before at IIT, including Language and Technology, Consumer Culture, Anglo-Saxon Britain, Game Design, African Literature, Scientists in Film, Suffragettes to Drag Kings, Race, Gender and Sexuality in Music, and others. Another two dozen or so regularly-offered courses will also be on the bill.

Having taken Shimer's versions of our lower-level humanities classes, the ones that count as equivalents to HUM 102, 104, 106 or 208, Gonzalez and Stanevich will be eligible to take any of this array of topics at IIT, or they can take more of Shimer's alternatives, or both. By the way, if you're wondering about those Shimer College courses that are equivalent to Industrial Culture, Age of Darwin, Life Stories and Digital Culture, it turns out that there are only two: Humanities 1, and Humanities 2. I like our options at least as much as theirs.

Bomb blasts target Christians in Pakistan

Shireen Gul

COPY EDITOR

Life is really unpredictable and at times it gets really harsh as well, especially when your loved ones are in a situation of life and death. You feel really guilty to be safe, and helpless because you really want to help them, but still you can't. My heart goes out for my country, as everyday my soil is being painted red with the blood of innocent people. All I could think of is "Pakistan ka matlab kya?" (What is the meaning of Pakistan?) Does it mean brutal killing of innocent people or genocide on minorities? Does it mean disaster after disaster or a long road of hopelessness? Because, as far as I remember, Pakistan was created to stop violence against it people and to end fear of being among the minors. But now the situation is worse than the situation that we had during War of Independence.

Two weeks back, there was a twin-suicide bombing outside a church in Peshawar in Pakistan that killed at least 80 people. This is one of the worst attacks on Christians in the country. I don't understand where the humanity has gone in my country. Before everyone was complaining that it's all because of President Asif Ali Zardari's government, but now I ask all those people who voted for the new government of Imran Khan and Nawaz Sharif, where is the peace for which you voted? Where is the security that you were promised to give after your victory?

The relatives of the victims gathered at the scene to protest the government's failure to protect them. Protesters shouted abusive slogans against the cricketer-turned politician, including chants of "Imran is a dog." This is exactly what they use to say for President Zardari. I wonder who can actually make a better Pakistan, because anyone who is in power is acting the same. We lack good leaders like Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and Martin Luther King who brought a difference for their people. They didn't fear anything in fact they had blind trust over their dream that's why they were able to make a difference.

Christians make up about four percent of Pakistan's population. They generally maintain a low profile, but are sometimes targeted by Islamist extremists who view them as heretics. In the Quran, Christians are often referred to as the "People of the Book," i.e. people who have received and believed in previous revelation from God's prophets. There are verses that highlight the commonalities between Christians and Muslims, so why are they seen as heretics by the extremists.

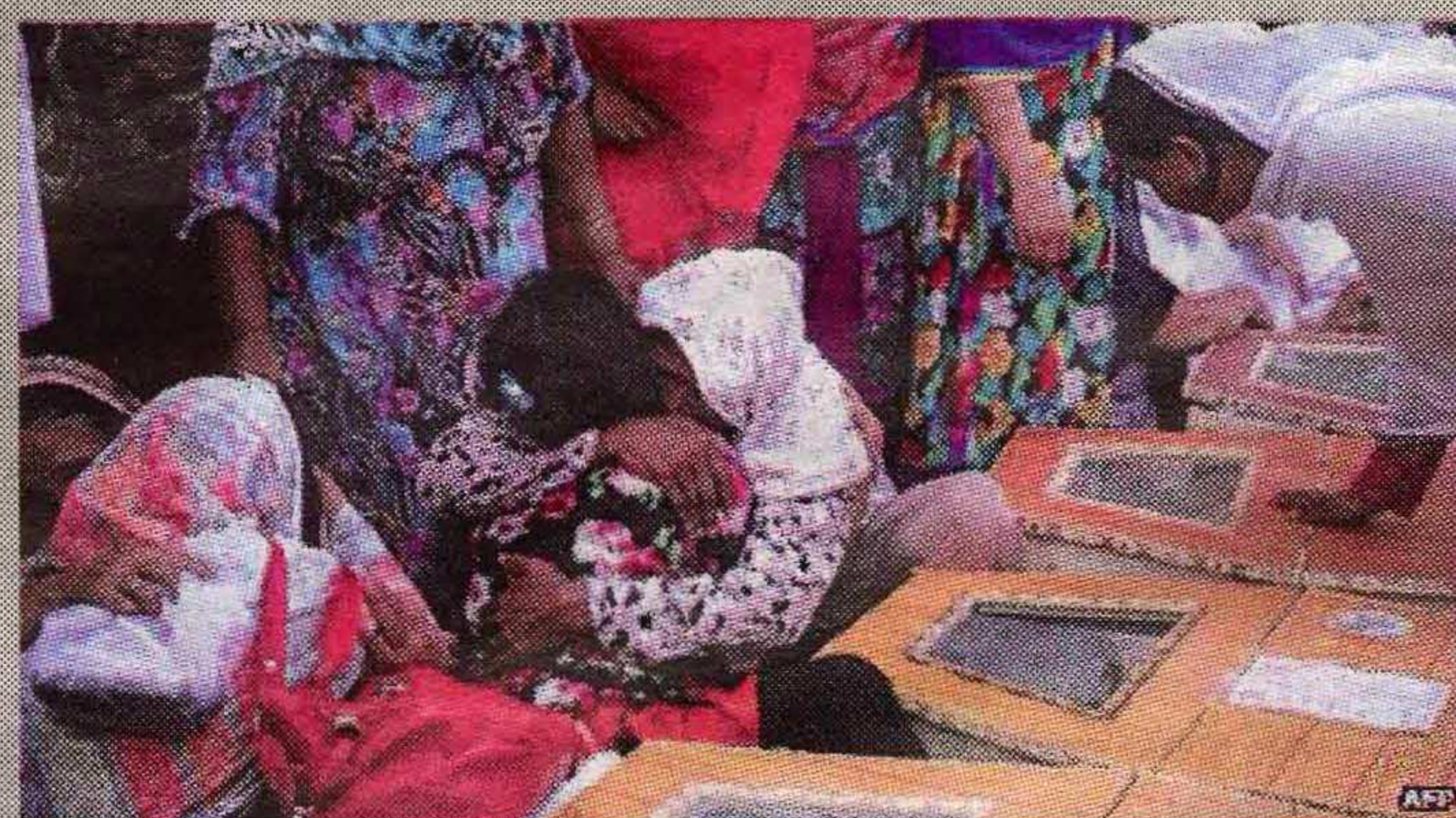


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"Surely those who believe, and those who are Jews, and the Christians, and the Sabians—whoever believes in God and the Last Day and does good, they shall have their reward from their Lord. And there will be no fear for them, nor shall they grieve" (2:62, 5:69, and many other verses).

I pity the followers of Islam; just because of few fanatics, we all have to suffer, especially when you live outside Pakistan. People look at us as a sign of disgrace, which really hurts. My religion never taught me to kill anyone, for any reason. We were always taught to be equal, equal in every sense. We are not allowed to discriminate on any basis. But I don't know where the Islam of Muhammad (PBUH) and Ali (RA) went, where people were taught to live peacefully and treat everyone equally.

Points, planes, lines fundamentals of design work

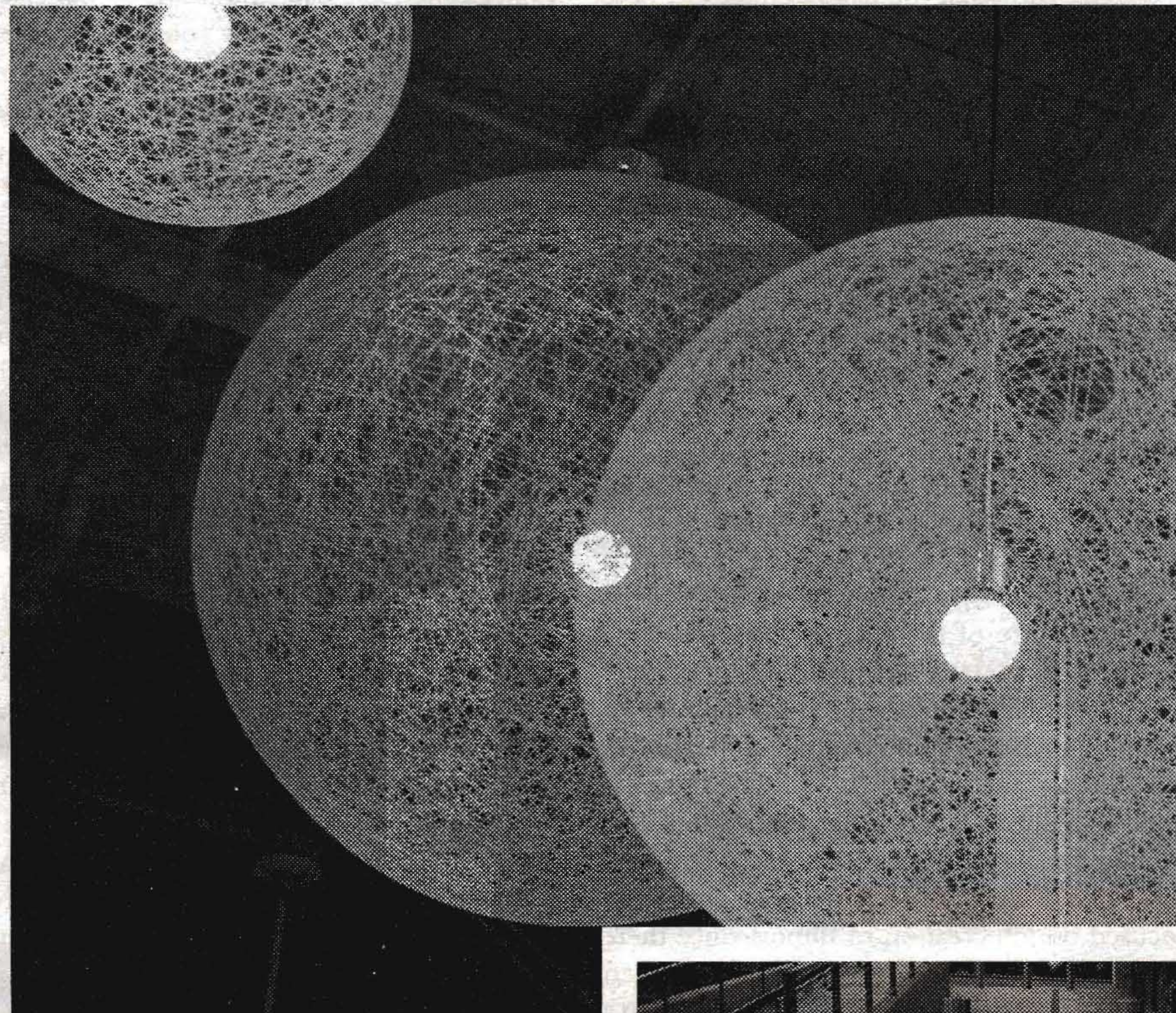
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COPY EDITOR

Being a student of literature, journalism and communication you automatically get this spectacular sight for everything around you. You learn how to differentiate between appearance and reality, and to find out meaning in meaningless objects. While doing my document design exercise of point, lines and planes I came across these beautiful images, which speak for them. I hope after going through these images and article you will have a different perspective when looking at things around you. As well as have a good knowledge about photography.

Point, line, and plane are the basic foundation of design. These elements give the designers an insight to create images, icons, textures, patterns, diagrams, animations, and typographic systems. They give us a third eye through which we can see the things in a different perspective and capture them. As a graphic designer it is very important to have a good understanding of design principles. These are the skills, which separates the experts from the laypersons.

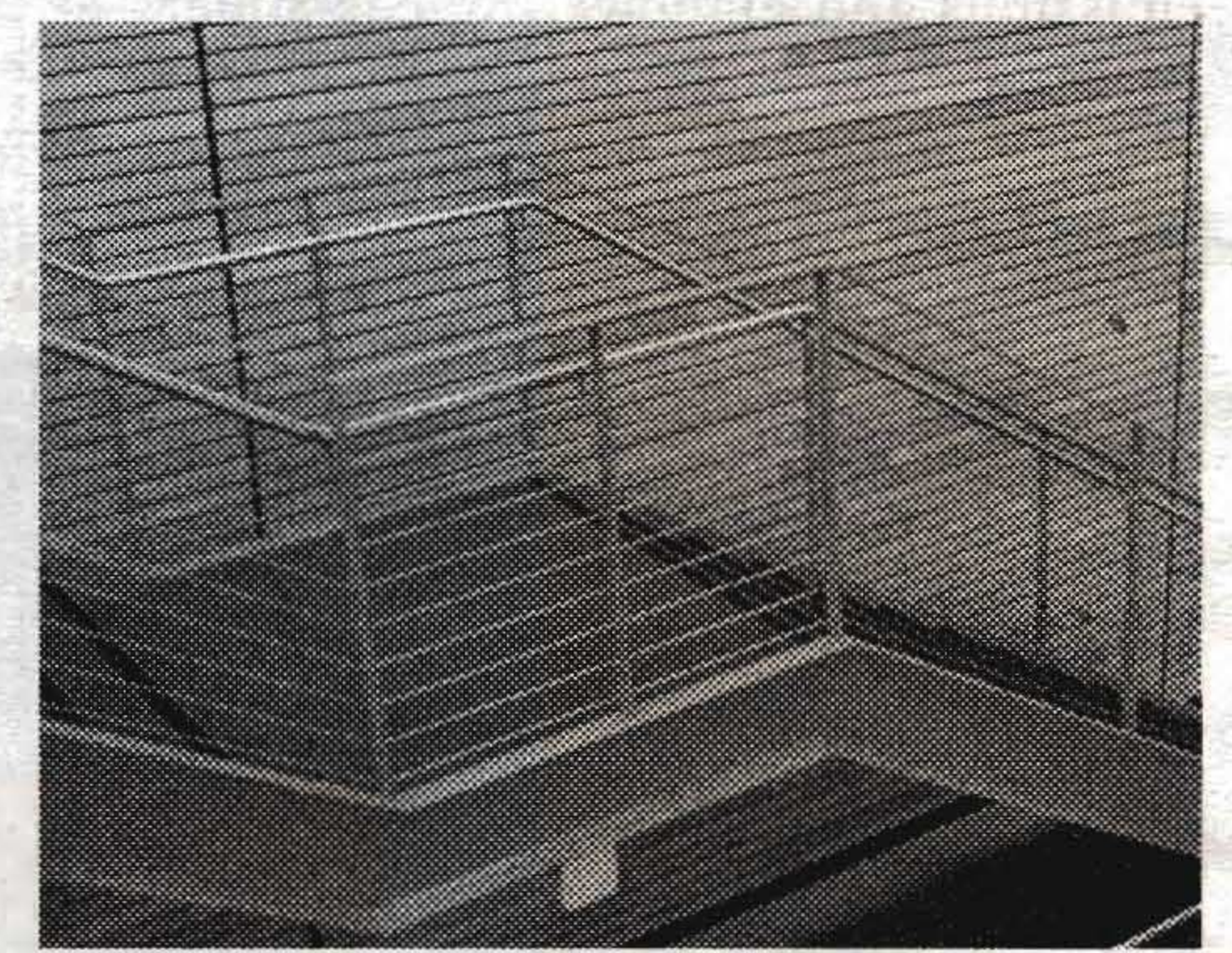
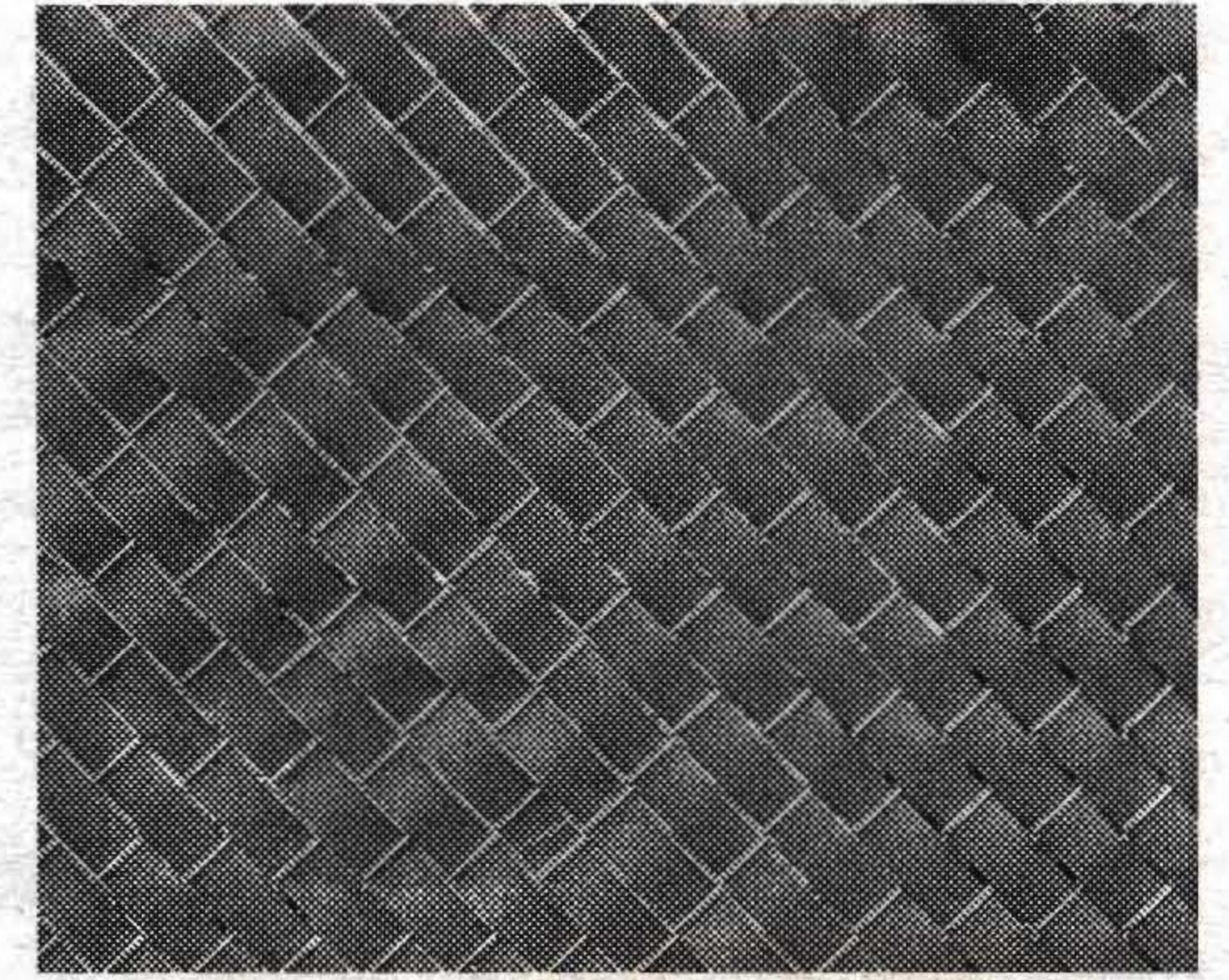
A point usually comes in being as a dot or a visible mark. It can either be created pencil, pen, brush, stylus or mouse. A point can be an insignificant streak of matter or a focused locus of power. When a mass of points are placed at one place they becomes texture, shape, or plane.

A line is an infinite series of points in a row regardless of this fact that in which direction they are heading. If we speak about it graphically, then lines exist in many weights; the thickness and texture as well as the path of the mark determine its visual presence. Usually lines are multiply to describe volumes, planes, and textures.



A plane is a flat surface extending in height and width which the path of moving line. When lines are closed they become shapes with edge. Depending on its shape a plane can be solid or perforated, opaque or transparent. Good examples of plane design are ceilings, walls, floors, and windows are physical planes.

Graphic design is not all about making things look appealing but more importantly it is about effectively sending out a desired message through visual communication. Not only this but it should also be easy to understand and appealing to the desired audience.



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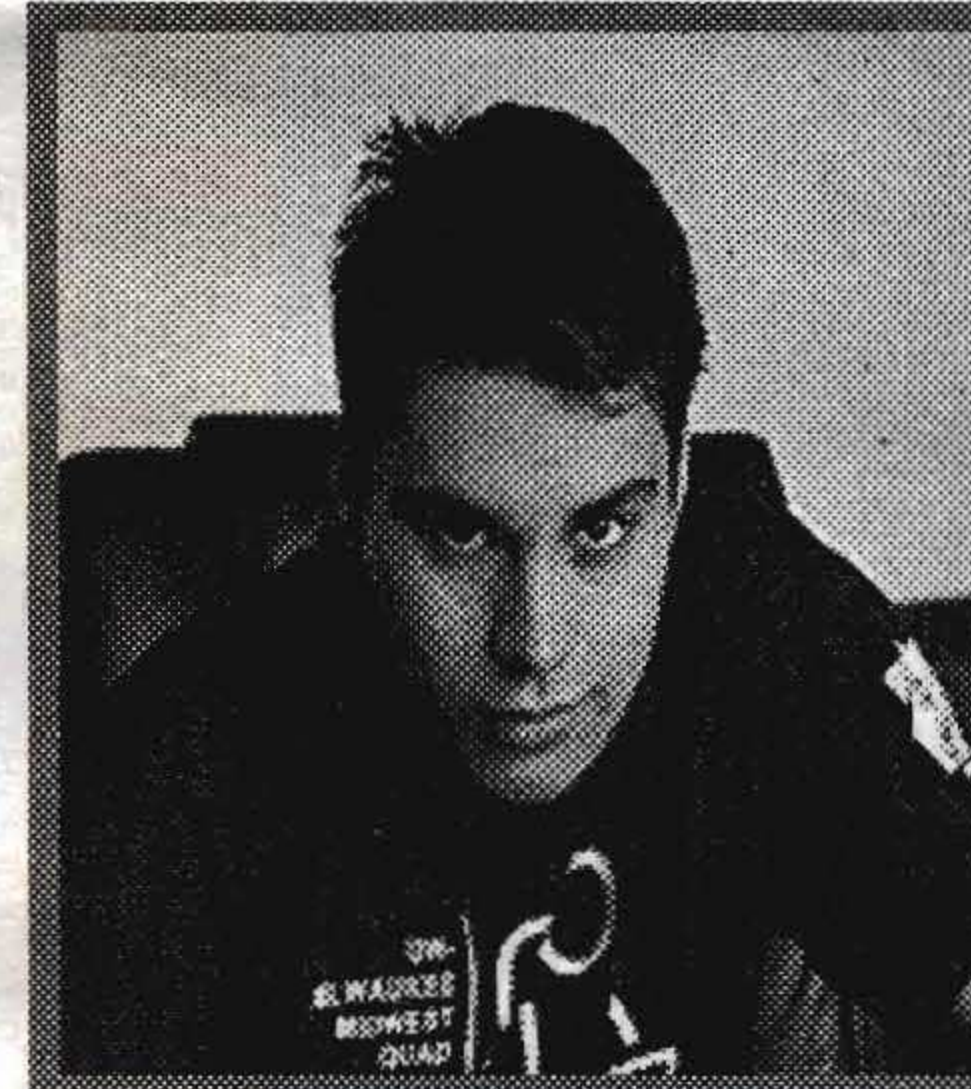
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GREEK of the WEEK

Meet Evan Austin.

"Life will knock us down, but we can choose whether or not to get back up."

Year: Second

Major: Architecture

Greek Affiliation: Phi Kappa Sigma

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Leadership Positions at IIT: Building Manager, Campus and Conference Centers Event Coordinator, iitAIAS

Hobbies: Pool, Ultimate Frisbee, video games, camping

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

Being in the Greek system has really brought me out of my shell and comfort zone. I have interacted with more people in positive ways than I could have ever thought possible. Being Greek helped me during Sophomore Leadership Retreat because I knew how a group worked and what was expected of a leader to get things done.

When you were a kid, what did you want to grow up to be?

I wanted to be a secret agent, like in Spy Kids, or James Bond.

What has been your favorite experience at IIT?

I have thoroughly enjoyed everything that I have done with my Brothers. Greek Week 2013 was really fun and I was so excited when we won!

What do you think would be one of the best steps we could take toward ending poverty around the world?

Designing cheap, sustainable housing in areas around the country where the homeless rate is high, such as the border area of Texas and Mexico.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Out of college and working for a good firm in Chicago, working to make a difference in the built environment.

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Great Lakes Symposium covers economic energy, Smart Grid

Swasti Khuntia

LAYOUT EDITOR

The third annual Great Lakes Symposium on Smart Grid and the New Energy Economy was organized at the Illinois Institute of Technology last week from the September 23 to 25. Continuing the trend set from last year, this year was also a grand success with attendees from all over the globe.

Dr. Mohammed Shahidehpour, Bodine Chair of the Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) Department and also the Director of Galvin Center for Electricity Innovation thanked everyone for the grand success of the international symposium, attended by international researchers, experts, scientists and people from industries included keynote speeches, plenary sessions, technical presentations, and tutorials on smart grid and its applications.

The organizers described the Great Lakes Symposium as a one-of-a-kind event that breaks new ground in smart grid design and development and showcases smart grid best practices from around the country along with new technologies and ideas that are spurring innovation, growing state economies, reducing emissions and empowering consumers to

conserve and save.

Although the dates announced were the 23rd to 25th September, the symposium organized a short course on 22nd September on various aspects of smart grids, i.e., its implementation, creation of its roadmap, security aspects and distribution automation. The official opening of the symposium featured keynote speech followed by plenary sessions. Dr. Shahidehpour welcomed all the attendees by addressing the crowd about the symposium agenda and then it was followed by a plenary discussion on "Smart Grid Innovations in Illinois."

The other plenary discussion on "Virgin Islands Solar PV Initiative" was an interesting topic. This is because Veriown, a Chicago based solar-energy startup has offered the University of the Virgin Islands a slash down of the Island's incapacitating energy costs. Veriown has collaborated with the Galvin Center for Electricity Innovation at the Illinois Institute of Technology to develop the next generation of microgrids. Another interactive session was a panel discussion on "Will Smart Grid Create New Jobs?" This session was more focused on job creation in Illinois since there were speakers from ComEd, Illinois Green Economy Network and two community

colleges, i.e., Lewis and Clark Community College and Lake Land Community College.

The second day too had a variety of topics starting from microgrid evolution, enhancement, grid modernization, etc. The day started with keynote speech by Jianhui Wang from Argonne National laboratory and Steve Pullins, President of Horizon Energy Group. The talk was about "Microgrid Evaluation in Distribution Service Restoration After a Blackout." It was followed by a plenary session on "Microgrids for Enhancing the Grid Resiliency" by people from S&C Electric, University of Lulea-Sweden, Electric Power Research Institute, MIT, Horizon Energy Group and National Renewable Energy Laboratory. It was indeed a very informative session.

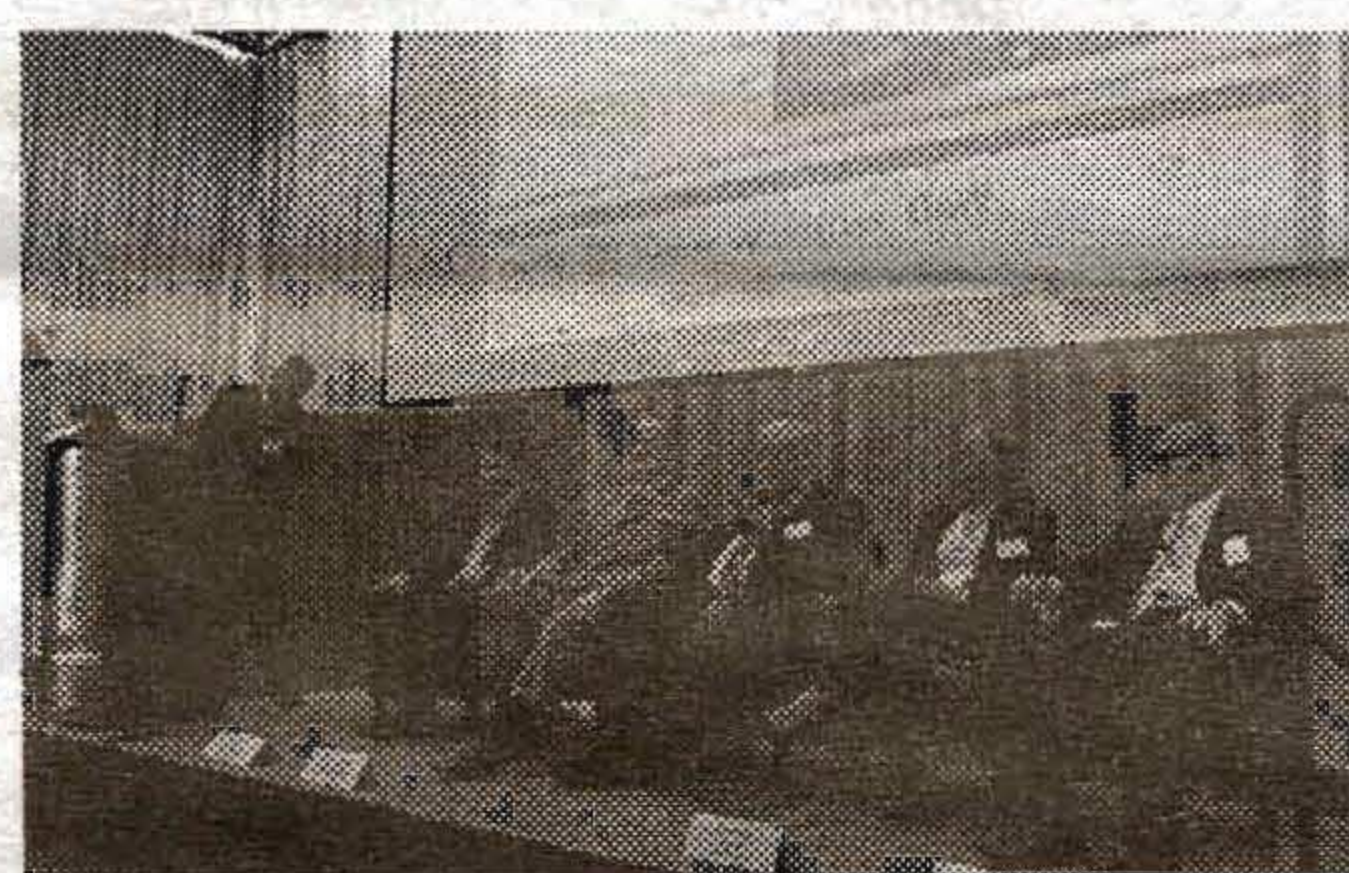
The plenary was followed by a series of simultaneous panel session on "Wind Energy from the Windy City", "Grid Modernization for Power System Enhancement" and "Clean Energy Manufacturing." The afternoon plenary session was another informative one, discussing the topic "Electricity Market and Regulations." After the discussion, there were two panel sessions and one paper session. Both the panel discussions were more industry oriented while the paper session had student participation. The

theme for paper session was "microgrids" and it had papers on various novel and interesting areas of microgrids.

The third and last day was pretty short, comprised of a keynote speech, plenary and paper sessions and two panel discussions. The keynote session on "Building Resilience into the Smart Grid" by William Sanders from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign gave a broad and clear prospect about the research they're doing at their university. He also gave an insight about Trustworthy Cyber Infrastructure for the Power Grid (TCIPG), the research group at University of Illinois where they collaborate with other universities to work on improving the national power grid making it more reliable, secure and safe. Following this was the plenary session on "Increasing Adoption: Intelligent and Trustworthy Smart Grid." The day ended with two simultaneous panel discussion on "Big Data in Smart Grids" and "Advanced Electric Vehicle Technology", and paper session on "Power System Operation and Control."

Apart from the sessions, companies like S&C Electric, ComEd and Ameren Illinois had their stalls in the Herman Hall to attract the crowd.

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'Raw Fuel behind Innovation' speaker emphasizes importance of science

Utsav Gandhi

CAMPUS EDITOR

The Homecoming 2013 lecture, organized by the College of Science, started off with a welcome message by Dr. Martin C. Jischke (PHYS '63), who spoke about how a solid academic background (including a whirlwind seven week course in classical thermodynamics) prepared him for an exciting career in university leadership. He then introduced Dean Russell Betts of the College of Sciences, who himself has had a stellar career at various top educational and research institutes around the world, and great success in his work with atomic, nuclear and high-energy physics. Probably one of the most apt personalities at IIT to deliver the content of the day's lecture, "Science: the Raw Fuel behind Innovation" - talking more about how science

drives creativity and fuels our economy. Dean Betts started off with a brief insight into the nexus between revolutionary ideas (Newton, Einstein, Mendelev), out-of-the-box methods (Perkins, von Braun) and products (everything ranging from sliced bread to the iPhone). The correlation between science and its applications are what have created innovation, wide-ranging even in the law and business market.

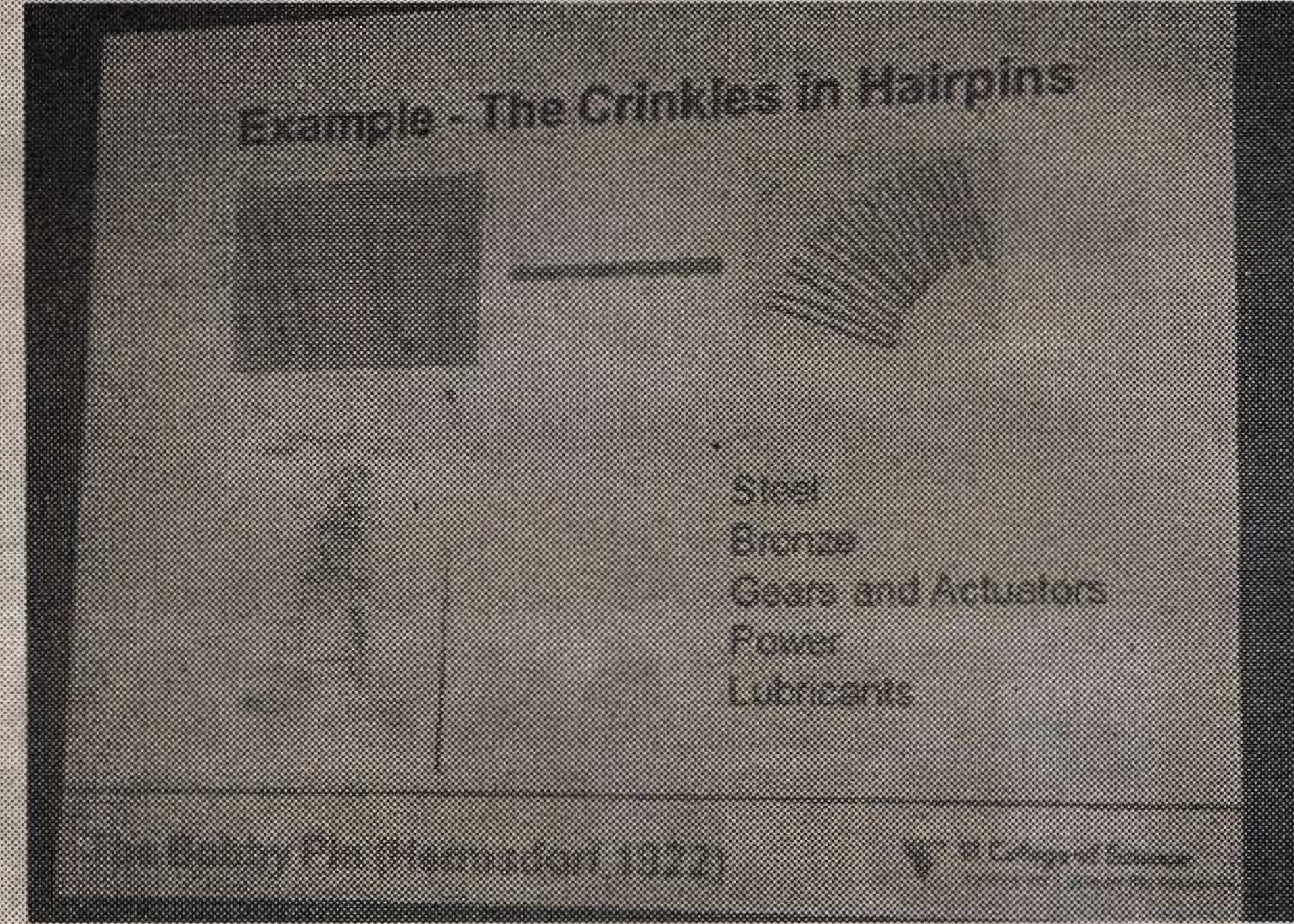
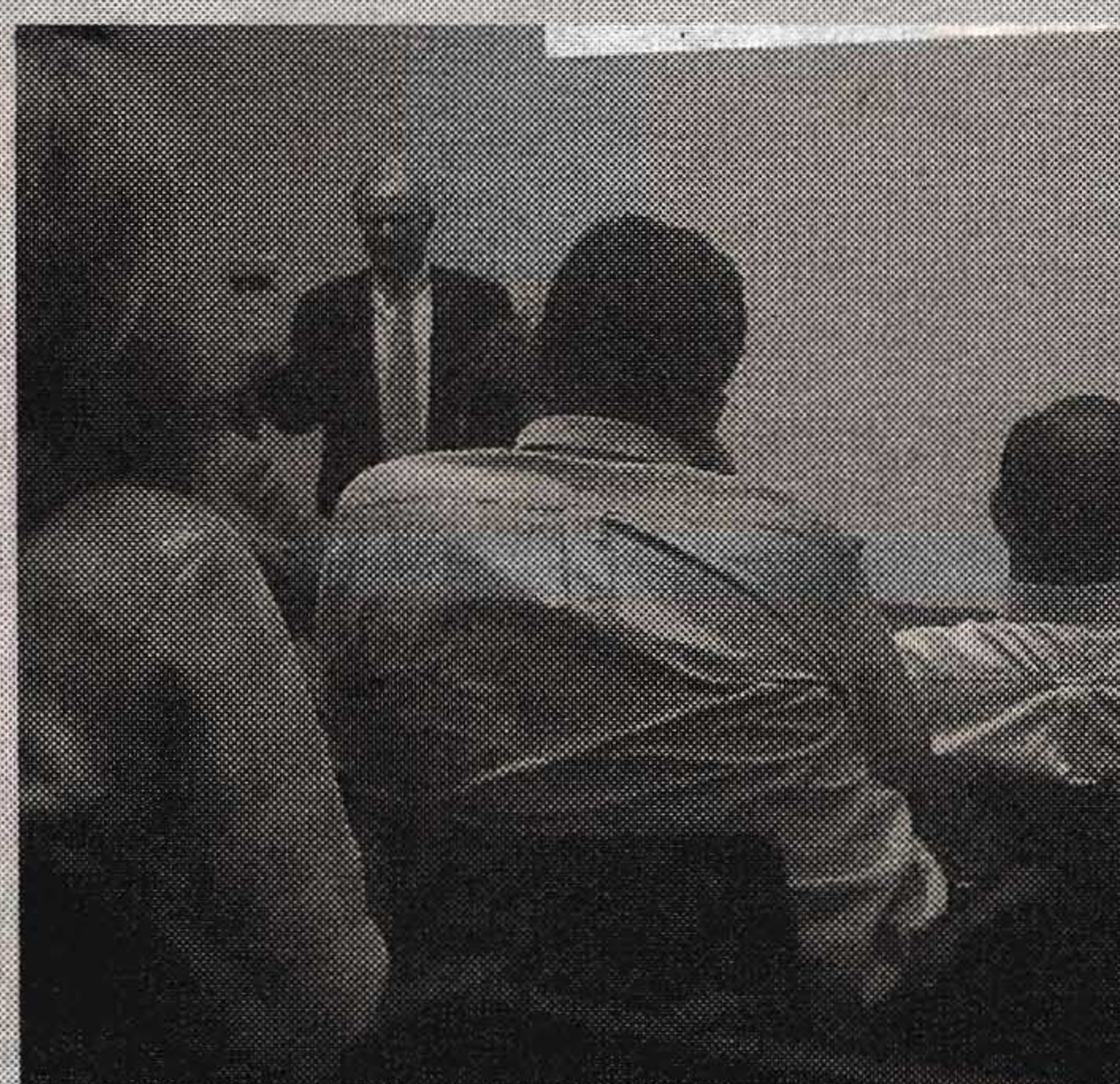
He then went on to give some highly relevant and inspiring examples of great scientists who have gone on to create some of the most path breaking inventions of our times. The crinkle in hairpins, the Carnot heat engine, Louis Pasteur's work ("Fortune favors the prepared mind", he said, inspiring the College's motto: "Preparing Minds"), the MRI machine's ability to differentiate density, the University of Chicago's Albert Michelson and his work on proton magnetic structure, and finally Kammerlingh Onnes' work on

superconducting magnets and their industrial scale production.

The hallmarks of an innovator, he went on to stress, are to be able to connect and communicate across disciplines, have an adventurously creative spirit, have access to time and resources, as well as a knack for profound, rather than passive thinking. The independently wealthy scientists of Europe have traditionally enjoyed the privileges of strong industrial connections, whereas the privately funded research institutes of the US have lagged behind due to a shortage of PhD and research degree conferring institutes. This changed after World War II, which brought with itself a spurge in government and academic research partnerships, starting with President Roosevelt's association with Vannevar Bush, as well as necessitated the differentiation between pure and applied research. On one hand, pure research is

curiosity driven, with a strong potential for future innovation; whereas applied research is goal driven, often for business and commercial applications. He also made a comment about how technical research labs in countries like Germany would not be run by MBA graduates - whereas many of their counterparts here in the States are becoming increasingly short term, profit oriented.

Recent government legislation has pushed for greater economic incentives for innovation and investment, aiming to keep the best and brightest in science and engineering rather than sending them off to MBA and law programs. There is also an increasing shift from inter-disciplinary to trans-disciplinary research. The question is, how and where does an academic program as rigorous and relevant as IIT's, as well as our own path breaking visions like the Innovation Center, fit into this larger scheme of things?



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Chicago Innovation Chase sponsors Lightning Round

Utsav Gandhi
CAMPUS EDITOR

The IIT Main Campus was host to an exciting, fast-paced innovation and entrepreneurship challenge this past week wherein students from different disciplines competed to develop a business idea or service in order to be able to leverage it to the market. The Chicago Innovation Chase was created in 2008 by two Illinois Institute of Technology students, Adam Berg and Gustaf Josefson, who wanted to design a program which would put students through an accelerated business and design experience "like no other". The Chase is now organized by Eurekatory, a non-profit company led by Jodi Houlihan, Director of Community Affairs at IIT.

Eurekatory is an organization dedicated to "researching, designing and executing educational curricula focused on innovation, invention and entrepreneurship." The Chicago Innovation Chase* is a nationally run intercollegiate innovation tournament focusing on curricula-based educational competitions for students. Its goal is to unlock talent necessary to succeed in today's extremely

competitive workplace that demands a need for differentiation and diversification. In the semifinals, held in March this year, teams of students were given two 12-hour blocks to devise an innovative approach with a practical business-minded solution to a real-world, urgent, STEM problem. They are required to work from scratch—under pressure and with constant deadlines—to develop stages of their ideas with consistent feedback from industry experts and mentors, and to ultimately get the idea ready for launch in the public domain.

Over the course of the competition, the team undertook the same process as a startup company would as it went through various iterations of design, research, prototyping, market management, proposal drafting, and presentations, all with the aim to solve a critical world problem. The challenge given to the team was centered on the medical concerns of the elderly, and the teams each worked on diabetes, sleep disorders and hip injuries.

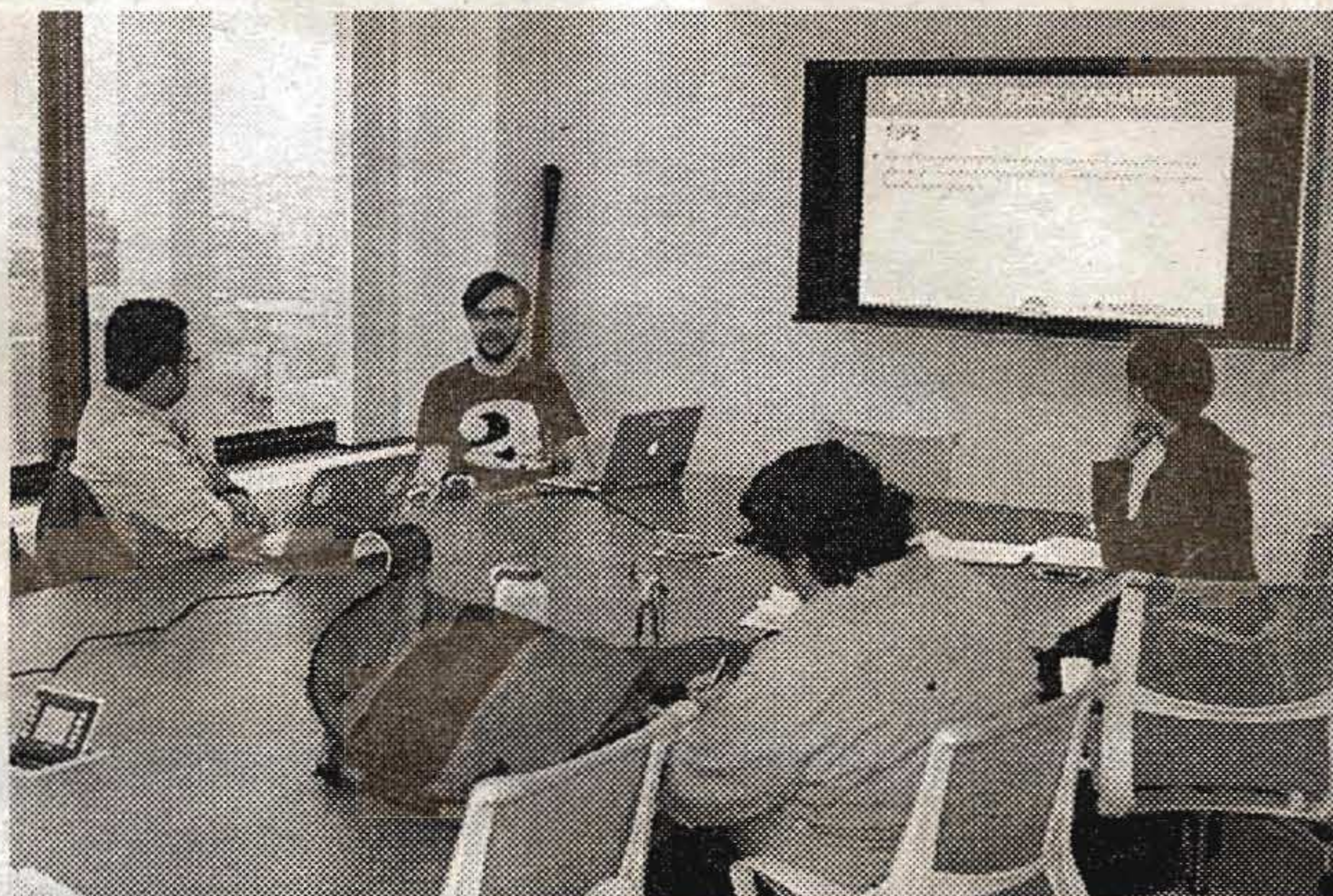
The Lightning Round of the Chase was held this past weekend on the IIT campus, with teams taking forward their products and services, this time with some additional mentoring and guidance from various experts from the Institute of Design as well as the innovation industry. Sessions included ones

on Design Thinking, Competitive Landscaping, Business Ethics, Brand Development, User Experience Studies, Customer Personas, Analytics, Behavioral Economics, Financial Analysis as well as Funding and Investment Strategies, among other things. Sleep Better, a service offered by Team Paradigm Shift, aimed to recognize and treat sleep disorders by monitoring activity levels/preferences and promoting high activity during the day. SugarCube, offered by Team South Side Synergy, aimed to tackle compliance of glucose level check-ups for diabetes mitigation, through the use of social networks. Hip Alert, the product which won the competition, was created to prevent hip injuries due to falls by enabling efficient communication at the time of fall.

The three day competition provided an excellent opportunity for students to network with industry experts and mentors on various aspects of business development. It also helped them to immerse themselves in the practical application of many concepts we may or may not learn in class, but that are crucial to develop for the professional workspace. One of the most exciting sessions was when students were required to go around the city to strategically placed investors, and pitch their products to them in the hopes of

securing funding. The event ended with a team presentation for constructive feedback from the esteemed judges. The logistics of the event ran extremely smoothly, with the participants very well cared for, especially in terms of meals and nourishment provided.

The Idea Shop (Jeremy Alexis & Rima Kuprys), Community Affairs, University Technology park (Cassidy Turley) and WISER (Dr. Mohammad Shahidehpour) were among the many IIT entities who graciously offered space in some of the best conference rooms located on campus for the competition. External acknowledgements include those due to representatives from BP, Walgreens, GravityTank, Spar'd, Grubhub, Wrigley Mars, the IIT Institute of Design and Doblin; among many others. The event also would not have been possible without the generous initial funding of Professors Keith Bowman (MMAE) and Vince Turitto (BME) who also provided the research problem for the teams to work on. It is rare to find such opportunities as a student to be able to experience a real world project; the participants would definitely recommend the experience to any student even remotely interested in learning how critical thinking and innovation processes work in the real world.



Photos by Utsav Gandhi

Red Cross chapter launches on campus

Travon Cooman
COPY EDITOR

"I have been a member of the Red Cross for eight years and have witnessed the great impact and relief they provided during dire times," said Jahna Soomer-James, the founder of the newly formed Red Cross IIT chapter. "Creating a Red Cross IIT chapter allows us access to resources that will help us raise awareness on issues that impact our lives like campus safety and disaster preparedness while connecting us to other university chapters like Loyola, Northwestern and University of Chicago." Soomer-James remarked that because IIT is so diverse and

the students have such a strong presence in the community, she thought that it would make sense to incorporate "the largest humanitarian organization that has an equally international representation into our campus life."

Red Cross IIT's mission is to promote the principles of the American Red Cross. These principles include humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality while providing biomedical, health and safety, disaster relief, armed forces emergency and international services. Members of the organization will be able to develop values such as accountability, commitment, trustworthiness, collaboration and humanitarianism.

Students as well as faculty are invited

to join Red Cross IIT in learning new skills, being trained and certified in courses such as First Aid (CPR and AED), babysitting, water safety and Pet First Aid. Those who are trained can have the opportunity to be deployed when emergency assistance is needed in other parts of the country. Moreover, these acquired skills can be useful in the event of emergencies such as fires, flooding and snow storms that may affect the IIT community and Chicago at large. Students, especially those living alone for the first time, will also be sensitized about securing all important documents that can be easily carried with them upon evacuation when emergencies occur.

Red Cross IIT invites everyone who is interested in learning more about

the organization and partnering with the American Red Cross to their first General Body Meeting on Tuesday, October 1 at 1 p.m. in the Siegel Hall auditorium. Their American Red Cross headquarters advisor will also be speaking to the attendees at this meeting, and will be assisting those interested in creating an American Red Cross volunteer connection profile and helping them enlist in their certification courses that will be offered.

The organization's page can be found both on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Red-Cross-IIT/339955862808680>) and HawkLink (<https://iit.collegiatelink.net/organization/redcross>), where the upcoming activities will be posted.

CMC increases outreach, assistance with new advisor

Travon Cooman
COPY EDITOR

The Career Management Center (CMC) has responded to the need for more outreach and assisting students with their professional development by hiring a new Advisor, Yahaira Guilfu-Diaz. "We saw 550 students in the first four weeks of the semester and we needed an advisor to do more outreach," said Andres Garza, the CMC's Executive Director. "We are glad she is here. I want you to know that this overall strategy to do more is why we hired an additional advisor."

Diaz, who has prior experience as a Career Coach, not only loves to travel and try new foods, but also does mission work with World Vision, a humanitarian aid, development, and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. Having formerly worked with Olive-Harvey College students who had undeclared majors, she was committed in helping them decide on a career field that might suit them best based on their personalities and interests. It was during her research on reputable Engineering Universities for her students that Diaz heard about IIT. "A lot

of my experience just in Career Coaching and professional development is over eight years," said Diaz. "Just the experience of having to work with adults and more traditional college has helped prepare me," she said, when asked about how her former job has prepared her to serve as an additional Advisor at IIT. Furthermore, she stated that her personal interest of travelling abroad has helped her connect with students in a different way.

Diaz, in collaboration with the other CMC advisors have been engaged in many outreach activities including workshops and mock interviews especially before the Career Fair a few weeks ago. Despite not knowing the history about how IIT students prepare for such events, Diaz urges students to approach their careers in a strategic manner. "Undergraduate students should start early. It's never too early," she emphasized. Students can select three organizations they would like to work for and can find the common skills that would be required of them to be hired and work towards developing these skills as a good strategy they can employ. She also mentioned that being active in the different organizations on campus could help develop skills that will be useful to



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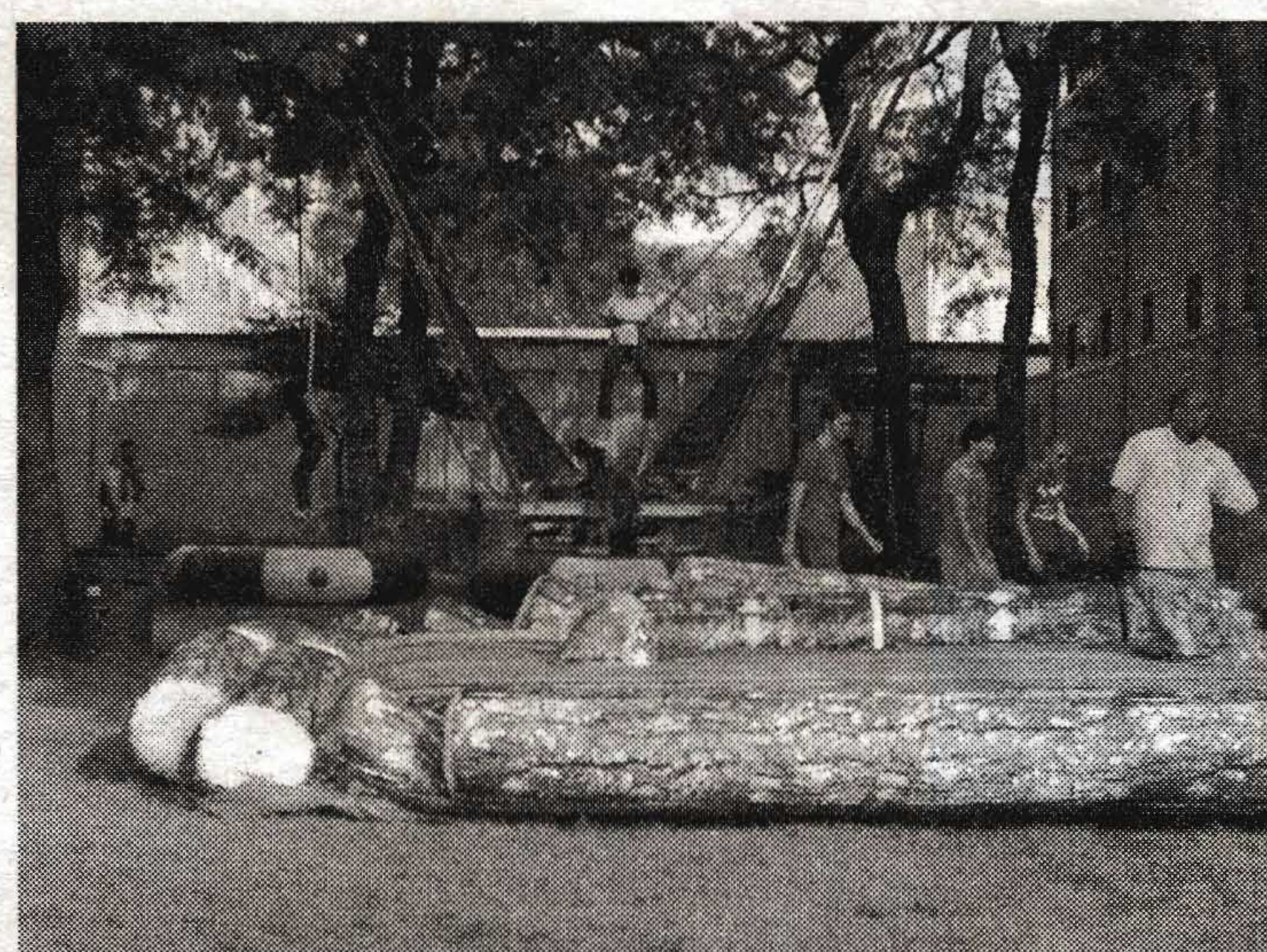
their professional careers.

When asked about the recurring problems she encounters with students concerning planning their careers, Diaz reiterated that students should not wait until the last minute to plan their careers. Since a resume is their marketing piece as well as a working

document, effort must be put into it and it should be built over time. She is encouraging students to come visit the CMC so that they can receive guidance in their careers. She will also serve as the career advisor for the students from the College of Architecture and the College of Life Sciences.

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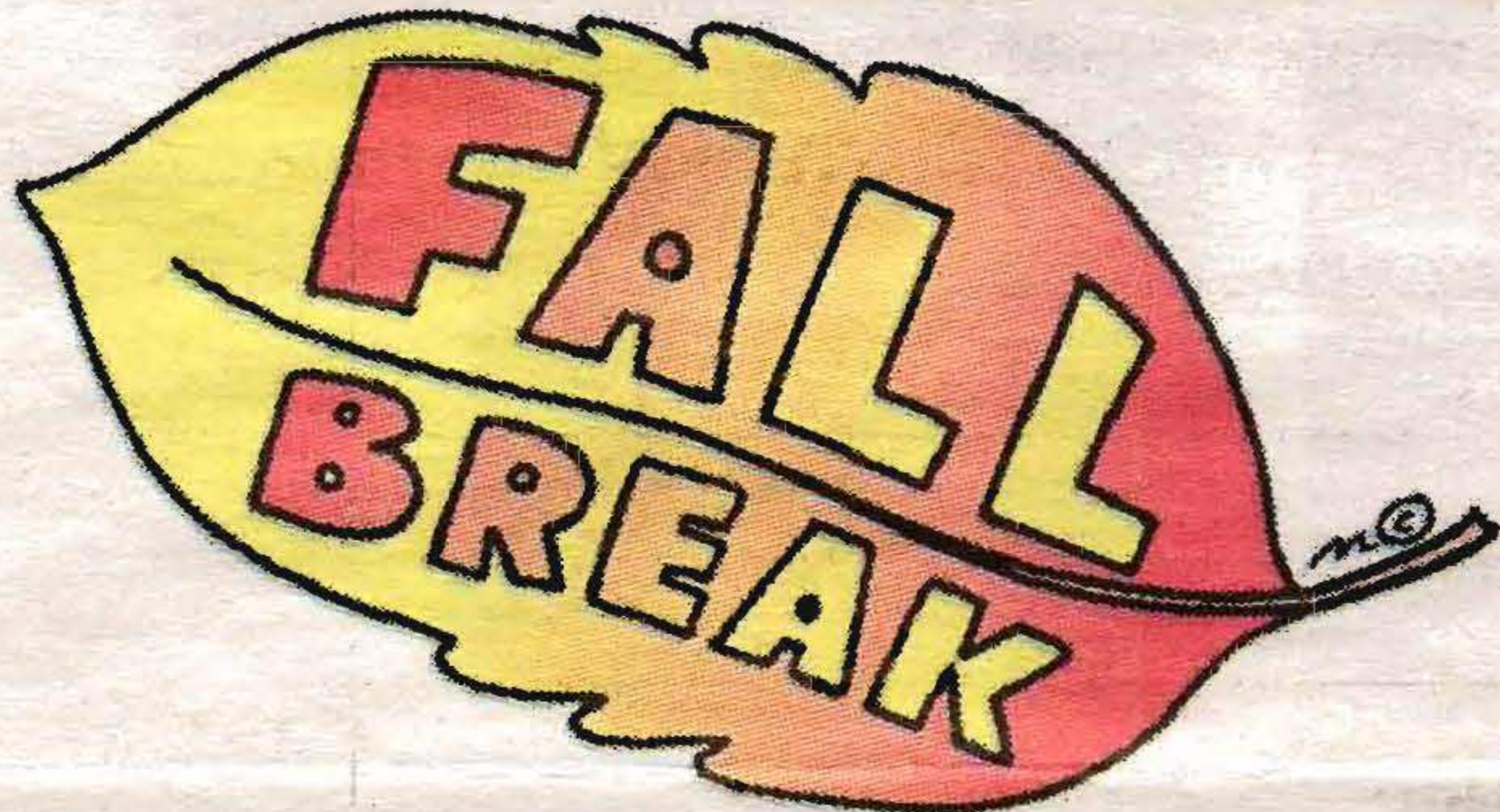
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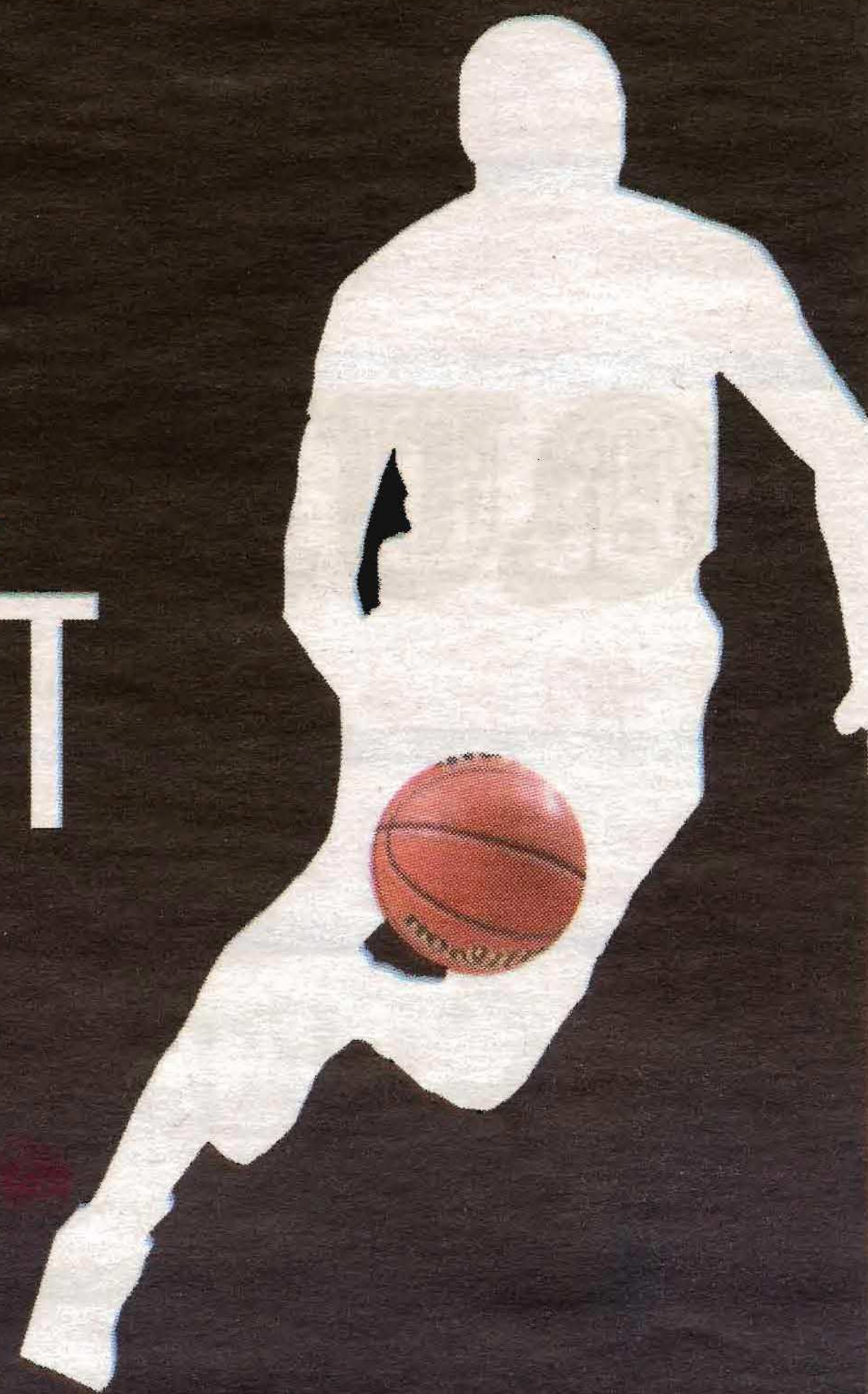
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Join us for a discussion on queer figures throughout history.

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Documentary Screening

Friday, October 11 @ 7PM @ MTCC Auditorium

We will be showing "Two Spirits," a documentary showcasing the third gender of many Native American cultures.

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MCA Chicago's 'Homebodies'

Khaleela Zaman

TECHNEWS WRITER

Most of us here at IIT live in some sort of home, right? In a sense, we are all homebodies—people occupying the space we call home. The word “home” can evoke several different emotions and memories in us. Some people feel completely relieved when they cross the threshold into their home at the end of a long day, while others might dread going back home, remembering the conflicts between him or herself and the other member(s) of that home. Home has also come to represent certain jobs expected of each person occupying the space. Even the pure architecture of the home sometimes comes to mind.

Regardless of your feelings about “home,” everyone can relate to an aspect of the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago’s (MCA Chicago) current exhibit, “Homebodies.” On display through October 13, this art gallery is not meant for passive strolling beside artwork that cannot be touched or photographed.

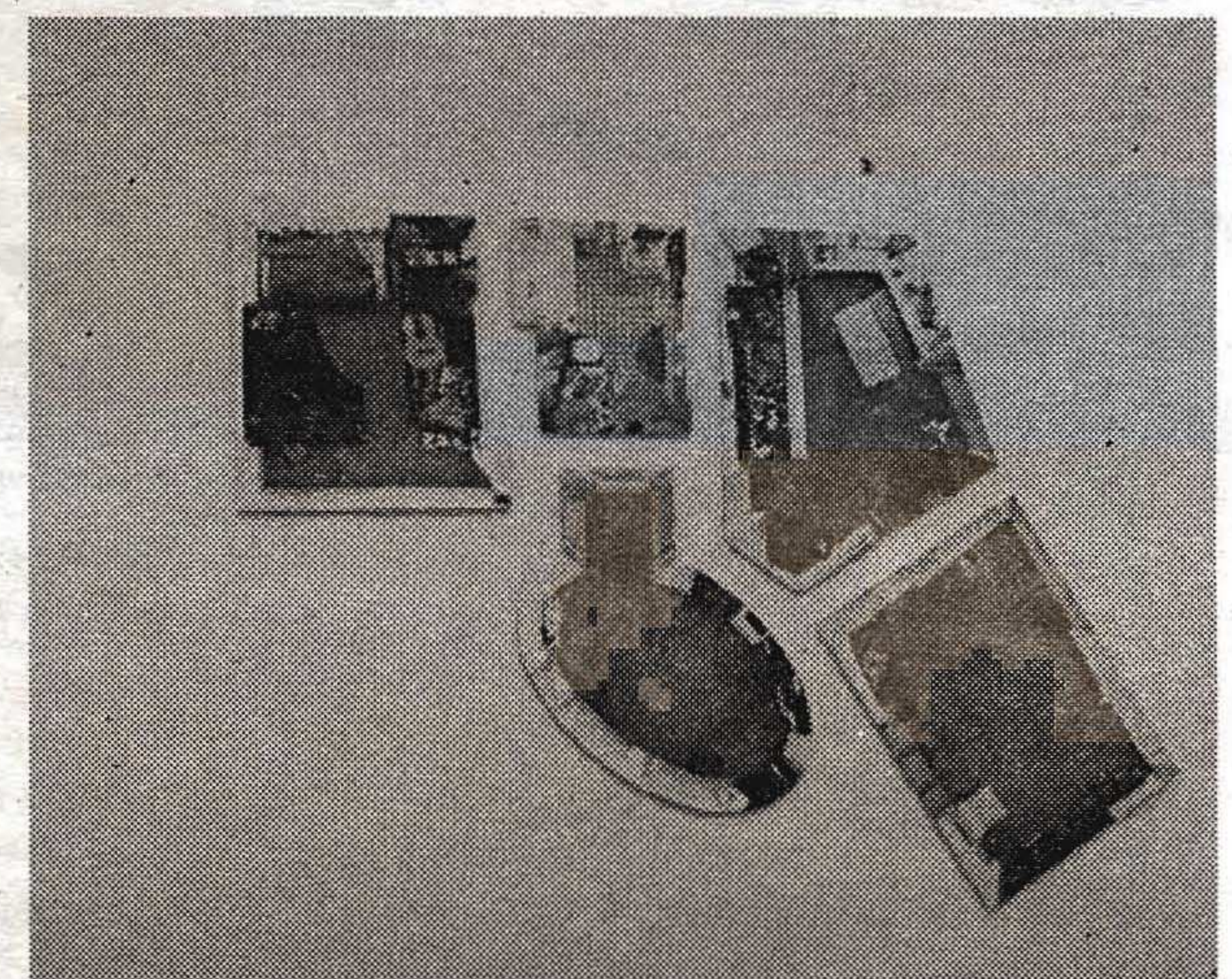
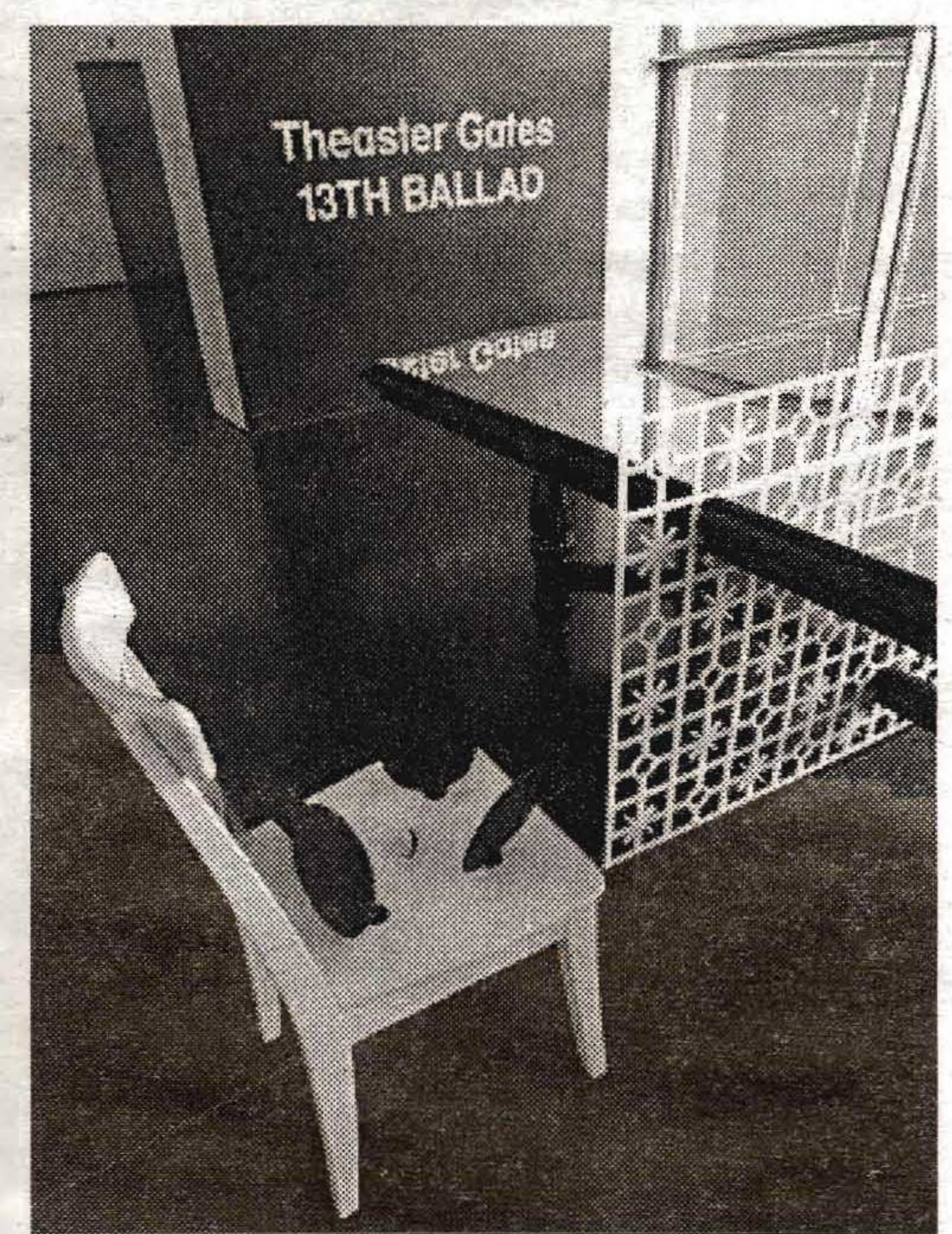
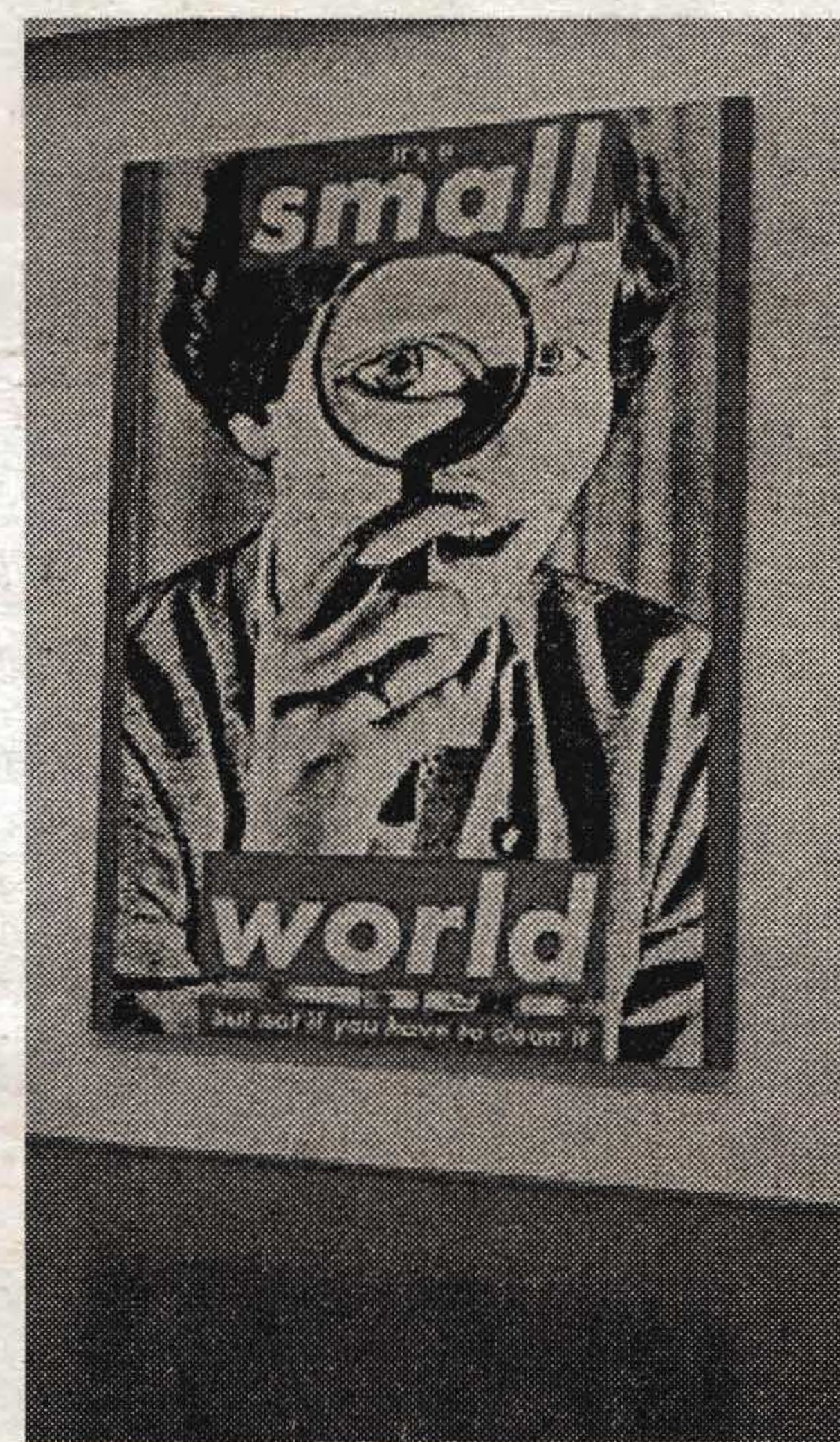
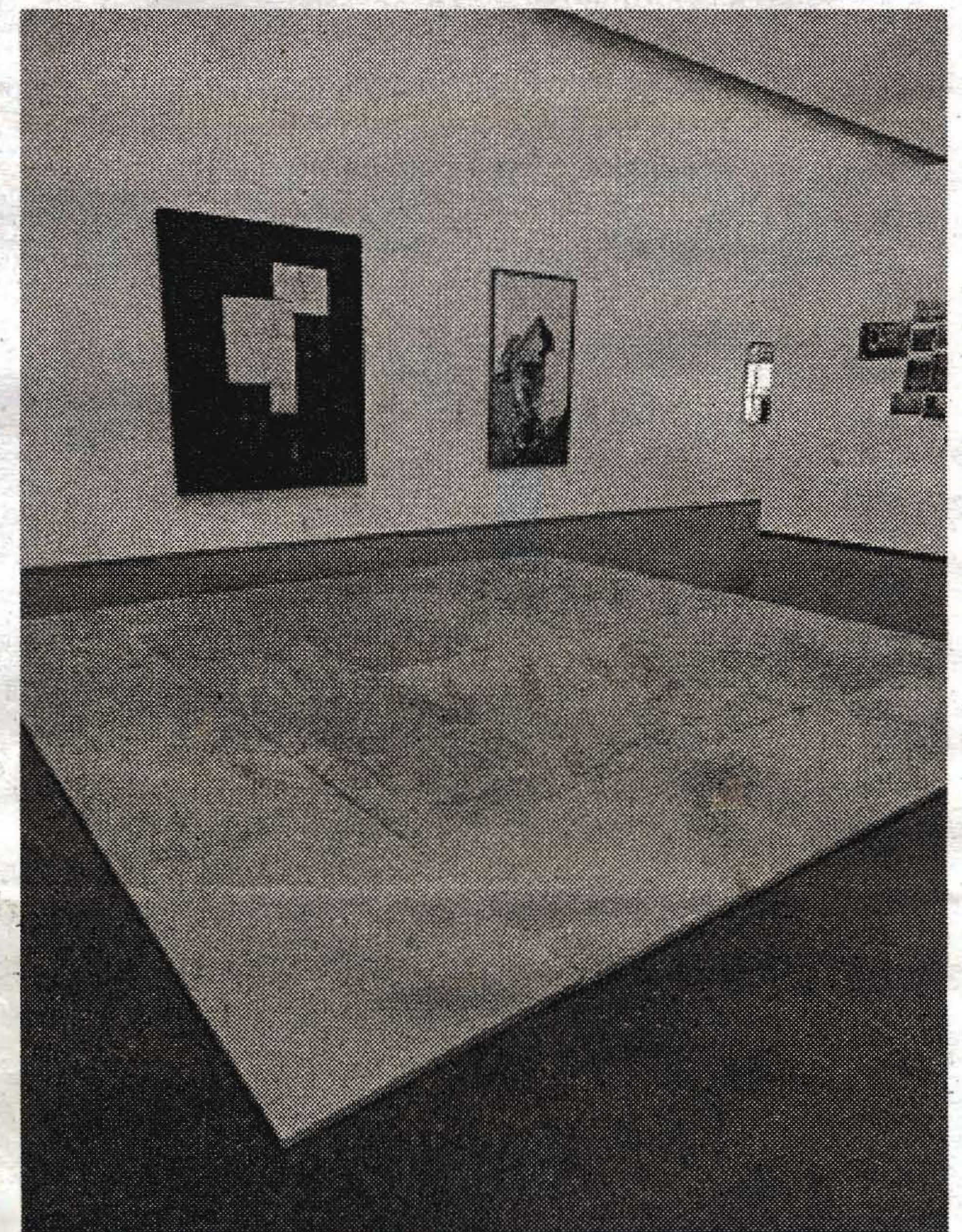
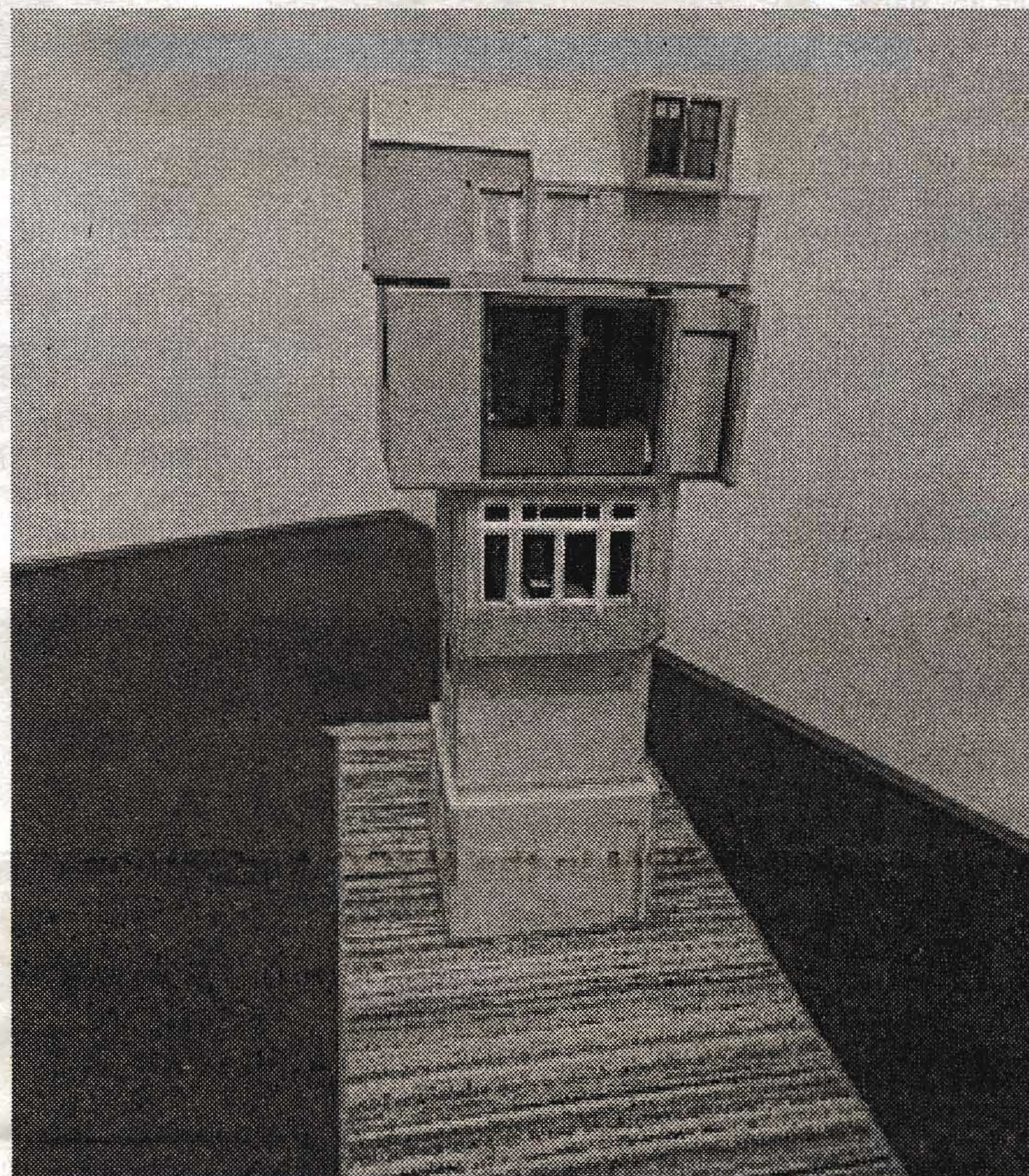
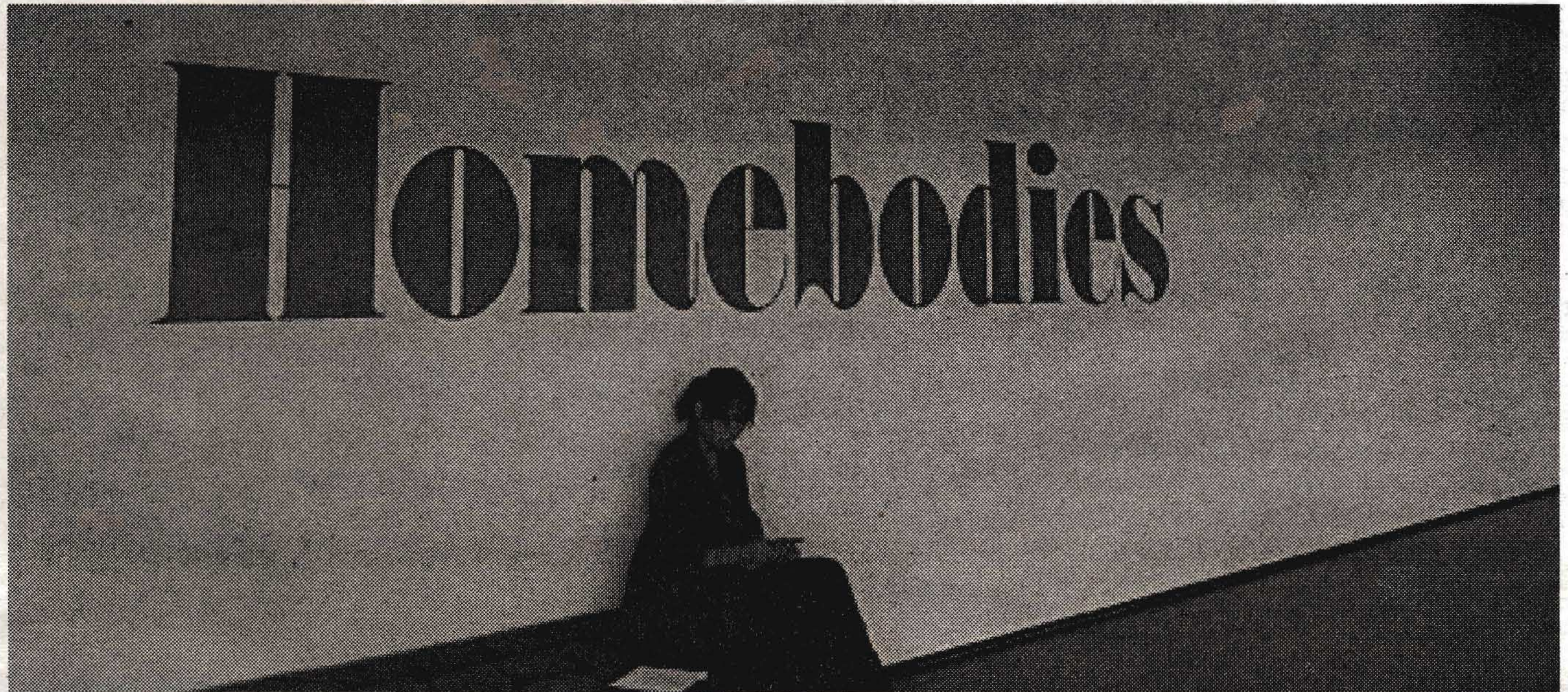
“Homebodies” encourages direct involvement of the viewer in making the artwork. Upon first entering the exhibit, there is a series of interactive installations along the set of windows facing out the front of the building: Alberto Aguilar’s “Home Field Play” is composed of five different stations, each with instructions for one to interact with the pieces provided to make the art come alive.

Each station illustrates various activities done in a home, but with a twist. You are presented with opportunities to play ping pong on top of a mirror, rearrange a bunch of chairs in different orientations within the perimeter of a carpet, change the VCR tape and watch two movies at once on television screens rotated sideways with the image reflected in a mirror, make music with bells as you bounce a balloon to keep it afloat, and recline on an incredibly soft bed, sinking into the faux fur with a book off the adjacent shelf.

Once you’re content to move on from the Home Field Play (which might take a while since it’s so much fun), the artwork shifts to occupy the walls for the most part, rather than the floor. However, you are allowed to walk through an amazingly detailed, thin, green home, and there is even an actual nail salon installation hidden in the back of the exhibit. The nail salon becomes a real, functioning business on select Saturdays, and you can make an appointment to get your nails done there by a professional.

The list of completely unexpected surprises continues, including a short movie chronicling the story of a family occupying the model showrooms at Ikea.

No matter what comes to mind when you think about the word “home,” there is something you can relate to in the Homebodies exhibit. Since most of the artwork is at the proper scale for human occupation in the space, this exhibit truly comes to life, connecting the viewer with the artwork and encouraging you to rethink your image of home. “Homebodies” is on display at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago (show your student ID to get the small student rate and entrance to the entire museum) only through October 13, and it is a great way to temporarily escape the intensity and stress of schoolwork.



Photos by Khaleela Zaman

Lessons to learn on Chicago's 'L' trains

Austin Gonzalez & Kyle Stanevich
STAFF WRITERS

The elevated train system (the "L") in Chicago is like the beating heart of the city, with its veins stretching out to the furthest suburbs. Without it, Chicago would crumble to its knees, leaving empty tracks where blood used to flow, and a sluggish bus system holding together whatever is left. This system has become one of the best parts of my IIT experience.

Even as a freshman, I have rode these trains to nearly every stop. I've traveled as far south as 95th and taken the long trip up to Evanston, plus everywhere else in between. It gives me a time to relax, finish some work, and even write a few articles for the newspaper. It has been my companion as I travel all over the Chicagoland area in search of items people are giving away for free on craigslist, from TVs to an old oversized leather briefcase. Along with all that, it is how all of my adventures in Chicago begin: "one day I hopped onto the 'L.'"

Some of the best things on the "L" are the people. If one pays attention, they will see, hear, and smell people from all different backgrounds and from very different walks of life. The experiences of the train are there, waiting to be soaked up like a dehydrated person soaks up water after surviving in the desert for a week. These are the stories of a few memorable train rides.

While sitting on the "L" coming back from some late night expedition, a man slipped out to the gap between cars while the train was running through the loop. A roll of toilet paper was in his hands, and between mumbles of the word "shit", I assumed that he had just done his business on the moving train. His

bright yellow flat-brimmed hat and baggy pants gave off an aura of up to no good. Yet, he clearly had enough money to spend on simple luxuries like the newest iPhone and not one, but two pairs of Ray Bans sitting on his hat. His gallery of tattoos told a story of recently lost relatives and "Mi Vida Loca," probably compounded difficulties in his life. But is anyone's life really hard enough to do a number two between the cars of a moving train? Maybe not.

Another favorite is the story of the wise old man. My friend and I and about six random others were sitting on the train when this elderly gentleman across from us suddenly gets up and announces he's sat in the wrong seat. Not knowing what to make of this, we all just stared at him silently. He explains while moving to the other part of the car that sometimes when you get to be his age you forget things and sit in the wrong seat. He keeps talking to us as if we were imploring him to tell us more, which we might have if he ever took a break to breathe. He went on about his life and being a pastor. He said once there was a young man who came to him distressed.

The man said, "Pastor, I am sad. I have been thinking about the future and don't know what I'll do when I'm fifty." The old man says simply "Son, if god blesses you so that you live to be fifty, he will have also granted you the wisdom to know what to do." He eventually got



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off in the middle of one of his anecdotes but it made the hour and a half long trip to Evanston feel much shorter.

Between the motivational pastor and odd young fellow, there are always some weird snippets of conversation that can be heard. One couple just kept babbling on about convincing one of their friends to smoke with them and get high off Nyquil, not the best of ideas. Some people run into long lost friends, and their lives could not be more different.

Even a lawyer and man living out of his mother's basement can have meaningful conversations. Sometimes people are nice, helping you transport heavy objects off the train. Sometimes they are not as courteous, like a woman who held up the train by blocking the door and yelling to people standing on the platform. No matter what, riding the train is always an adventure.

Movie Review: 'Prisoners' engrossing, thrilling mystery

August Lysy
STAFF WRITER

From its opening sequence, director Denis Villeneuve's and writer Aaron Guzikowski's "Prisoners" captures you in its thrilling suspense and fascinating mystery. With its foreboding atmosphere, "Prisoners" draws you in, ever deeper into its labyrinth of human cruelty and moral ambiguity, and never for a moment does it relent in its pace, up to its final revelation that leaves you breathless and pining for more.

Few films have managed to raise significant moral questions while at the same time maintaining the tension of suspense—and yet "Prisoners" does just that, and does it exceptionally well. Faced with the kidnapping of their daughters, the Dovers (Hugh Jackman and Maria Bello) and the Birchs (Terrence Howard and Viola Davis) have their faith in God tested to the extreme when they are confronted with the release of their daughters' suspected kidnapper (Paul Dano) just three days after his supposed crime. Detective Loki (Jake Gyllenhaal) is the quasi-eccentric detective assigned to the case, and he must attempt to unravel the imponderable mystery of the girls' disappearance before it's too late.

At face value, the synopsis might seem like a predictable Hollywood cutout. But, I assure you, it is not.

For starters, two hours of watching Gyllenhaal's character alone is worth the price of admission. Gyllenhaal skillfully crafts an incredibly unique detective character, who with his unspoken backstory and intriguing air of dangerous mystery, ought to have a film just to himself.

In no way, however, does Gyllenhaal carry this film alone. Although the entire ensemble works well, two others stand out: Hugh Jackman's extremes of feverish intensity and broken vulnerability come through beautifully in his role as a father left helpless to protect his family; and Melissa Leo's role

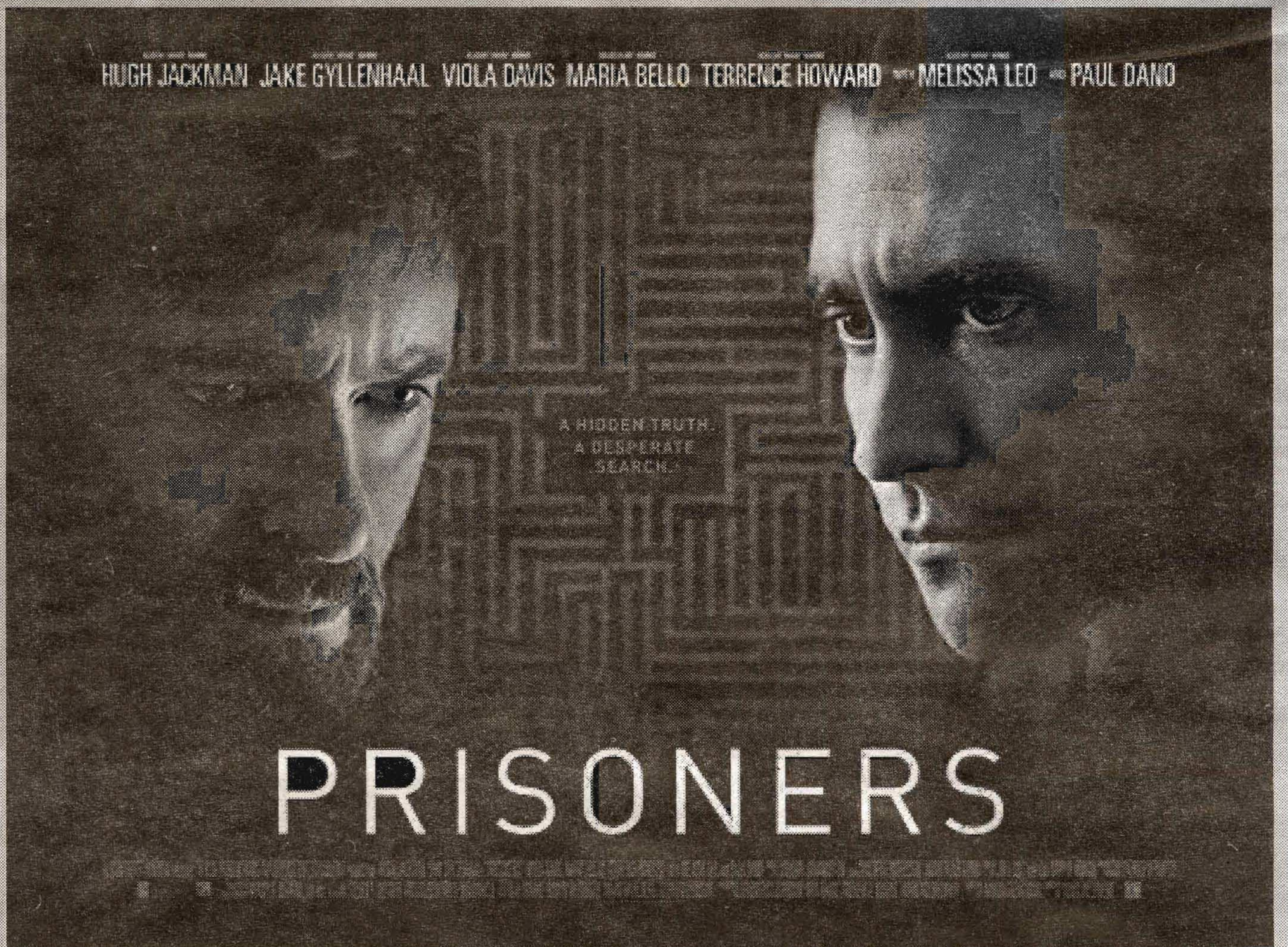


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as a hewed-out old hag is unsettling in its reality. One must also give credit to Paul Dano, whose adeptness in his role as a demented child is outmatched only by his spectacular performance in "There Will Be Blood."

The suspense of "Prisoners" lies in the looming threat that at any moment these parents' girls may turn up dead. The moral overtones of the film, however, are even more

compelling and worthy of comment. How does a Christian (or any person believing in forgiveness as a principle tenant) confront evil and injustice when it boldly parades violence through one's life? In "Prisoners" we are shown nearly the full-spectrum of responses; and while most are not loving, the given circumstances challenge one's prejudices and lead one to ponder the gap between one's

noble and one's basest self.

"Prisoners" is captivating entertainment; but for those who seek it, it is also a profound reflection on the fragility of our human condition. For, on any given day, we all are peace-loving people confronted, not always with the banality, but with the absurdity of evil.

And now...a comic!

Sam Kepp
TECHNEWS WRITER



HOPE

Anahita Daruwalla
TECHNEWS WRITER

I wander along a lonely path,
With a lot of burden in my heart.
I roam around in an empty street,
And limp ahead with heavy feet.
I drift about like a hapless soul,
as my tears start to roll.
But as my eyes look to the sky,
I see the sun rise high.
And my face begins to glow,
With a new ray of hope!

The Best Comic Ever

Austin Gonzalez & Kyle Stanevich
STAFF WRITERS



Barclay's Premier League back in action

Nathan McMahon
SPORTS EDITOR

The Barclay's Premier League is in full swing after the first four weeks of the long campaign. Currently, Arsenal and Tottenham both with 12 points are at the top of the table followed by Manchester City, Chelsea, and Liverpool each with 10 points. The bottom three as it looks right now has Sunderland with 1 point, newly promoted Crystal Palace with 2 points, and Fulham with 4 points. This new season has seen some very intriguing stories especially from players added during the summer transfer window.

With the record sale of Gareth Bale,

Tottenham has gone out and bought a plethora of talent such as the Spaniard Roberto Soldado and the Brazilian Paulinho who have proven their worth with their splendid play. After their failed attempts to purchase Wayne Rooney from United, Chelsea and Jose Mourinho have brought back Samuel Eto'o to add to their strong team.

Chelsea did sell Nigerian youngster Victor Moses to Liverpool who made an immediate impact with a goal in his debut. He joins fellow former Chelsea player Daniel Sturridge on a Liverpool side full of potential behind the legend Steven Gerrard and the attacking prowess of Philippe Coutinho and Luis Suarez. Liverpool has strengthened squad with

their transfer window purchases and has been the surprise of the season so far. Jumping to the top of the league through the first three weeks, but after a disappointing loss to Southampton they have dropped from the top.

However, they are looking full of potential to qualify for European play after missing out on it this year.

With the retirement of Sir Alex Ferguson, David Moyes has taken over as manager of Manchester United, but it clearly has not been a smooth transition. After failing to sign any top transfer targets the only big signing Moyes has made was for Marouane Fellani from Everton. United have struggled to find chemistry early surrounding the Rooney

transfer rumors, but with those rumors gone and Rooney back in the squad, United appear ready to defend their league title.

However, the biggest signing has been of German national Mesut Ozil by Arsenal with a transfer that made Ozil the most expensive German player ever.

Arsene Wenger has silenced his critics by making the record signing of Ozil who has joined the Gunners from Real Madrid where he voiced his displeasure of the ownership.

Ozil has come in and already shown his worth with three assists in three games and making Arsenal look like a legitimate threat to take the league title.

Women's soccer gains momentum

Veronica Torres
TECHNEWS WRITER

After a slow start to the season, the women's soccer team is finally making strides in the right direction. With a short-handed and injury plagued team, the Scarlet Hawks struggled to find momentum early in the season.

Heading into the Goshen College Tournament, the 0-3 Hawks were looking to turn their season around. With the previ-

ous games as learning experiences, the ladies showed their improvement by coming away as tournament finalists. Over the course of the weekend, the Hawks put out their best performances of the season. Kristen Barrett had the game-winning goal in a 1-0 decision over Rochester College to give the team their first win of the season.

With high spirits and newfound energy the Hawks put the tournament hosts to the test. Despite tired legs and minimal subs, IIT was threatening on attack and fought to the last minute. Unfortunately the Maple

Leafs of Goshen capitalized on their opportunities to take the tournament.

After a four-game road stretch the Hawks returned home to host Bethel College. Illinois Tech was strong on defense and generated some attack but was unable to put away their chances. Sophomore goalkeeper Roxanne Myers had an exceptional game with 12 saves to spark some energy and keep the Hawks in the competition. However, the pilots were finally able to find the back of the net and Illinois Tech fell to 1-5.

Regardless of their previous loss,

the Hawks needed a quick turnaround to take on Alverno College. The rainy day's sleek conditions didn't stop them from achieving a convincing 3-0 win.

Adrianna Maron led the attack with two goals and an assist, while freshman Anida Phetchanpheng added a goal to seal the win. The shutout leaves the Scarlet Hawks at 2-5 heading into conference play.

The new-faced Scarlet Hawks welcomed nine new freshmen as well as first year coach Ahmet Kose and assistant coach Jessica Carlson.

Chicago winter sports return with Bulls, Hawks, Bears

Gus Alvarez
TECHNEWS WRITER

The Bears are thus far undefeated, the Bulls are legit title contenders, the Blackhawks are defending their title, and the Fire are consistently in the playoff picture. It's a good time to be a Chicago sports fan, unless, of course, we're talking about our beloved baseball teams. With the baseball regular season nearing its end, it is advised to move on and hope for next year, like all Cubs fans are accustomed to doing (Go Cubbies!)

Let's focus on the exciting seasons coming up for the Bulls and Blackhawks, and the currently promising, undefeated Bears. The

Blackhawks are off to a decent preseason with a record of 3-0-2 (3 wins, 2 overtime losses.) They began last season by making history and breaking records with the best start to a season in NHL history. They begin their journey to win back-to-back Stanley Cups on Tuesday, October 1, the season opener. It is rumored that Hossa, who suffered an injury during training camp, will be ready to go for the opener; it is well known that Twitches love Hossa, and the fans will be delighted.

A different comeback for a Chicago sports superstar is creating a lot more buzz as the Bulls prepare to begin their preseason on October 5 in Indiana against the oh so not loved Pacers. This will also be the first competitive game that Derrick Rose will play, and start in,

since his knee surgery last May. I will say that again, #TheReturn is upon us. With a core of Luol Deng, Carlos Boozer, Joakim Noah, Jimmy Butler, and D-Rose; the Bulls are ready to begin their stampede.

When the Bulls are coached by Thibodeau and have Rose on the floor, their record is 94-26. This should strike fear into the hearts of Heat fans around the globe because the Bulls are better. Noah is better offensively, Lieutenant Deng is consistently consistent, Boozer slimmed down, and Jimmy Buckets is here to play. Oh and did I mention Rose is coming back? The only player not named LeBron James to have won the MVP in the last five years?

According to league sources and

Kevin Durant, he's better. Go Bulls. See Red. Beat the Heat. If that doesn't have your heart beating faster because you love Chicago sports, don't forget the Bears are 3-0. There's a new coach, new system, new Jay Cutler, and the same stingy Bears defense. The offensive line looks better, thanks to coach Trestman, which gives Cutler more time in the pocket to bombard the opposing secondary with his cannon-arm. They face the Detroit Lions on Sunday and look to continue their winning streak.

Da Bears still have kinks to work out in the defense and on offense but they are playing more exciting football than they have in the past few years. Look for them in the playoffs. They should be there as long as they stay healthy. Go Bears. Go Chicago.

Men's XC hits ground running

Phillip Cano
TECHNEWS WRITER

How fast do you think Illinois Tech Cross Country Runners can go? Here are your options: an elephant (20mph), a giraffe (35mph), a squirrel (12mph), a black bear (25mph), or a cheetah (70mph). To figure this out, you might have to set up some equations of motion and estimate using what you learned in physics.

Well, the truth is, humans can only sprint up to 23 miles per hour and only for a limited distance of 200 meters. But what's even more impressive is that our own Scarlet Hawk Athletes can run at the same pace as a squirrel for a distance of up to 5 miles long! Have you ever tried chasing a squirrel? Or tried running 5 miles? That's fast!

Last week, the men's Cross Country Team raced into action once again at the Wheaton College Invitational, where 14 total teams toed the starting line to compete on a beautiful grass and soft dirt course. Senior Phillip Cano was IIT's first to cover the 8 km race in 27:09, followed closely by Sophomore Landon Vowels at 27:13. Senior Peter Lau, and both Montague brothers, Andrew and Ethan, ran most of the race together, and finished in the same order, scoring 60th, 63rd, and 70th for Illinois Tech.

It was a good performance and placed the team at 10th place overall. "The boys ran better than last week and I am really confident that we will gain momentum in the next race or two. It was nice to see them working together," said head coach Calin Hantau.



Photo by Phillip Cano

Men's soccer prepares for CCAC conference

Nathan McMahon
SPORTS EDITOR

The Illinois Tech Men's Soccer Team after six games into the season has a 2-2-2 record with a tightly contested 2-1 loss to nationally ranked Indiana Tech and a quality 2-1 win over Anderson University to set

the tone before the CCAC conference play begins. The team has definitely gone through some growing pains after graduating seniors Dave Wilkinson, David Clark, John Connor, Ciaran Kohli-Lynch, and 2012 CCAC Player of the Year Liam Barrett.

The playmaking ability of junior midfielder Brandon Ramirez and the steady-ing play of senior Robert Rixer have helped

the Hawks improve as a team from game to game and have the Hawks playing their best soccer of the year. Underclassmen Robert Gawrylo and Thomas Gasienica have both found themselves as fixtures in the starting lineup after strong performances in the early games.

Gawrylo has been a rock solid de-fender at right back starting every game while

Gasienica has worked himself into the squad with his team leading three goals to go along with one assist.

The Hawks are looking strong going into conference play, but need your support!

Check out the Illinois Tech Athletics webpage for the game schedules to come cheer on the Hawks at the newly renovated Stuart Field!

Women's XC competes at Elmhurst, UW-Parkside

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The Women's Cross Country season has kicked off strong with a series of three races, each with increasing distance and better team finishes. The ladies have looked this year to face tougher opponents and prove they can compete well with other schools in the NCAA programs. The first race hosted by Elmhurst College was 4km in 90-degree heat that ended with a team finish of sixth out of a twelve team field.

The following Saturday, a 5k race was held at University Wisconsin-Parkside,

known for its toughest first mile - an all uphill climb. This gave the team a taste of some bigger competition as they went against resilient Division I and II schools such as Butler, Northern Michigan, Northwestern, and Winona State. The team kept fighting though and ended with a 13th place finish in a 17 team field, only barely beaten by Carthage College.

With this in mind, the women's team entered their next race, the Gill Dodd's Invite with new goals in mind. This 6k Course was flat, wound through woods, and a series of three 2k laps. The women approached the starting line knowing that this race was longer, but also an opportunity. Courtney Rouse finished first for the Scarlet Hawks, 16th place

overall, with a time of 23:49.

Closely behind her was Anne Croteau with a difference of only 7 seconds, landing her a solid 19th placing. Sara Glade then outkicked several opponents on the final stretch of the course, landing both a 31st placing and a 24:33 finish. The final two team scores were rounded out by Greta Zola and April Wanagas.

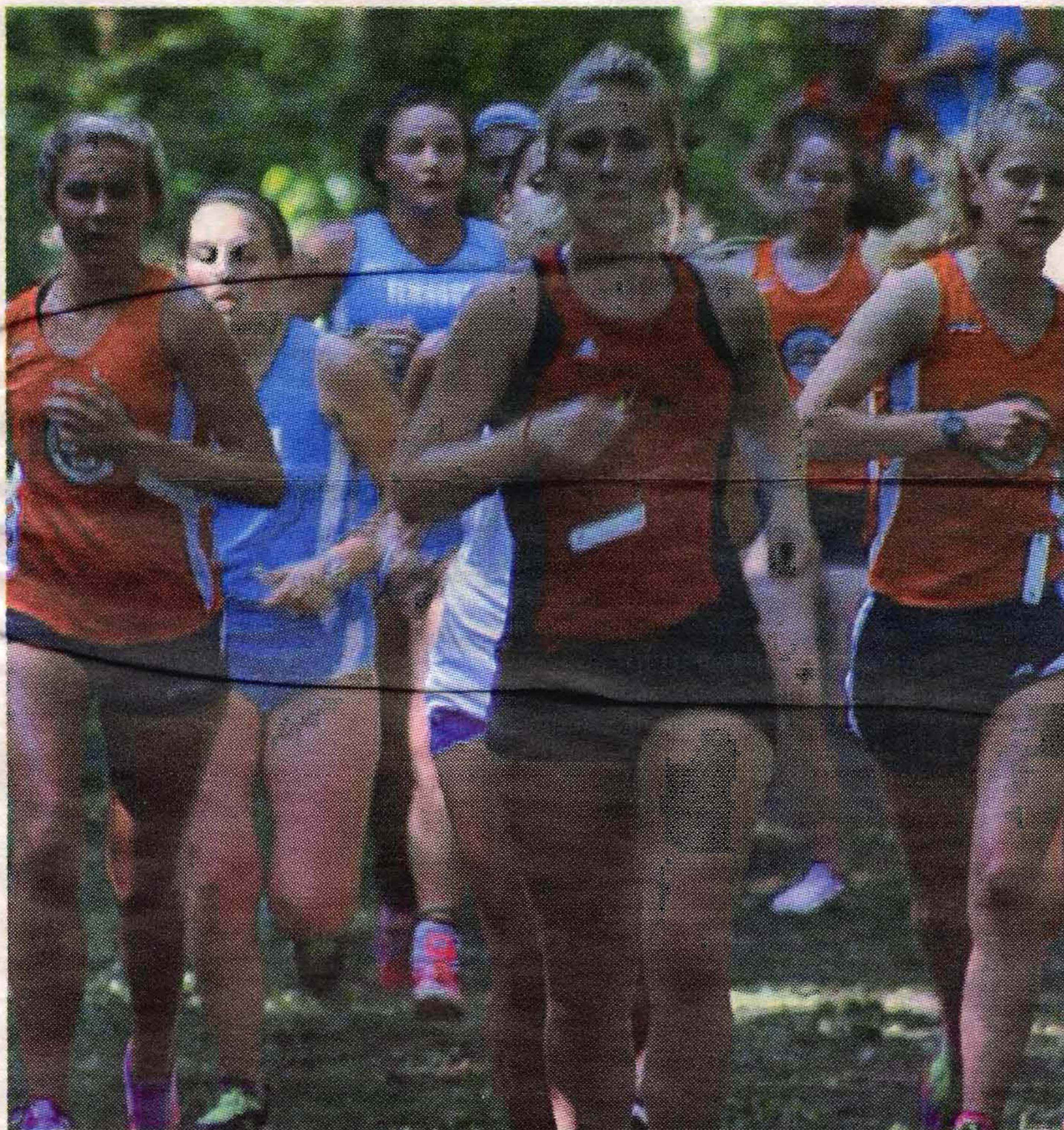
After the numbers were crunched, Illinois Tech ended up finishing 5th in the 12 team field being beaten by WashU-St. Louis, Illinois Wesleyan, Lake Forest, and the host school Wheaton.

However, the ladies managed to out race previous opponent Carthage College,

making the next race that they hold together even more competitive.

Though the distances have varied, through comparing mile splits week to week, the ladies have seen improvement and are looking forward to the next race back at the same flat course, but this next time, racing only a 5k.

Finishing out the four week series of back to back racing, next week's field will be bigger and with each week, every girl grows stronger. With this in mind the ladies will toe the starting line with focus and excitement once again to prove themselves against the tick of the clock.



ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY University Calendar

Monday

Managing Your Online Presence
Career Management Center
Hermann Hall Lounge
3:30 PM

Applied Math Colloquium
Life Sciences 152
4:40 PM

Tuesday

Photo Booth
MiitSA
MTCC Bridge
10:00 AM-2:00 PM

General Body Meeting
Red Cross IIT
Siegel Hall Auditorium
1:00 PM

Ethics of Patents
Ethics Bowl
Life Sciences 111
3:30 PM

Wednesday


General Body Meeting
Undocumented Students & Allies
Engineering-1 242
12:45 PM

San Claudio Bridge Project
Engineers without Borders
Wishnick 116
12:50 PM

Thursday


MTCC Birthday Celebration
MTCC
4:30PM

Basketball Tournament
Keating Sports Center
7:00 PM

Battle of the Bands
Bog Events
 The Bog
9:00 PM

Friday

MTCC Birthday Cupcakes
Office of Campus Life
11:00 AM

Syrian Club Dance Party
Bog Events
 The Bog
9:00 PM

Saturday

Free
Weekend

Sunday

Free
Weekend

Upcoming Board events

Bog Meeting!
Monday at 1 pm in Executive Conference Room

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

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

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