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Sharing Table welcomes 33rd Street Productions

Shireen Gul
COPY EDITOR

I still remember the first time I went to a Sharing Table event with my friend; I didn't know I would get so involved in it. I originally was not willing to go because I'm not a big fan of food from The Commons, but since I like to socialize and have new experiences, I went. Now I am literally waiting for the first Thursday of every month so I can meet new students, faculty, and staff.

It is such a lovely feeling to learn about the life of different people. There are many people on this campus who share the same hobbies or habits but we just don't know about them because we don't have enough time

to interact with each other. This event is during our lunch hour, meaning we have time to have our lunch while sitting with students, faculty, and staff who we do not know and exchange our thoughts and learn about each other.

I believe the best part is when you learn about the life journey of your instructors and you can clearly see that nothing is easy in this life without striving for it. You learn that they had the same struggles in life as we did. Some even had to work harder because they didn't have the facilities that our current generation has.

Apart from this, you might get to know about different instructors with whom you might have to take classes in later semesters. It's a great opportunity to get to see them in person

before you join their class; you get to know more about the course and the instructor.

This Sharing Table featured 33rd Street Productions, a student theatre group on campus. They gave a great presentation on the background of the theatre and how it works. They answered our all questions regarding their production and how could we contribute to it. Because of the interesting discussion, I am seriously considering joining them in the future.

Each year, they produce all aspects of a theatrical performance, from play selection to directing, stage-managing to props, set design, acting, creating costumes, technical lighting, audio, and more. I really enjoyed learning about them at this month's gathering.

ISO Train Party wrecked by poor organization

Shireen Gul
COPY EDITOR

The excitement was about to start. The party that I had been waiting so long for was finally here. My dream was about to come true, a dream to party with my friends on the 'L, and I couldn't thank IIT enough for making my dream come true. One of the most unique experiences of my life was here!

As soon as registration started last week for the International Student Organization's (ISO) CTA Train Party, I signed up. With how much I wanted to go, I didn't want to take any chances and miss out.

I asked my all friends to register for the party beforehand so they wouldn't miss the chance of having fun. As soon as we all registered, we all started to make plans to finish all our assignments and readings before the party. We wanted to have peace of mind during the party and not have to worry about work.

A few days after registration, we got an email from the International Student Organization that said we had to sign a waiver for the party. We all went to the MTCC Bridge to sign the waiver thinking, "now this is the

final stage of our registration." Guess what? We were wrong.

On the day of the CTA train party we got another email from ISO saying that people who had already registered and signed their waiver should come to the MTCC Yellow Room before 6:00 p.m. to check-in, and that remaining spots would be given to people who hadn't registered or signed the waiver.

Since this is the end of semester and everyone is busy with assignments and presentations, we reached the MTCC at 5:50 p.m. thinking there would be separate lines for people who had already signed up and filled out the waiver - but guess what?

Once again, we were wrong; everyone was standing in the same line. We still didn't lose hope. We were standing patiently in line, thinking about the fun we were going to have, but the worst was yet to come.

By the time we reached the door to check-in, we heard a loud clap and someone shouted, "we are sorry we are out of space." My heart was broken into a thousand pieces as I turned back with a sad face thinking, "that's the end". My friend forced me to go and talk with the organizers since we had registered for the event and had signed the waiver. Furthermore,

the email they sent us said that they would give us priority.

I went inside and told them the entire story, but they said they couldn't help it as they were out of space. I also told them that I work for TechNews and I wanted to cover the party for them, but still they said they couldn't help me. I went out with a hopeless expression.

A friend of my friend was standing outside and listening to my conversation; he gave me his wristband and said I should go as I have to cover the story for the newspaper. I refused, though, because I didn't want to go alone and I would feel bad for my friends. I really wanted to experience this party, but not without my friends. But sometimes you have no options, so I left alone to fulfill my dream, which had already departed.

My question is this; if we had to stand in a line that was first come, first serve in the end, then why were we asked to register beforehand? Why were we told that we would be given priority when we all had to stand in the same line? I urge ISO: if you have another event like this in the future, don't do early registration. If you do, though, please give those who register spots.

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What prompted you join SGA?:

SGA has a large impact on campus, and I knew that if I wanted to get something changed, then they were the place to start.

Which projects have you worked/working on?:

I have designed a few of the SGA posters that can be seen around campus. I am also working on setting up a mass texting and calling system that will deliver important campus notifications. Furthermore, I am working with the communications committee on a fall book drive for children in need.

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

I would like to improve the academics and campus life for freshmen. Many students have expressed dissatisfaction with their first year on campus and I believe I can change that. Every semester at IIT should be an enjoyable experience.

Cool fact about you?:

In my spare time I practice riding a unicycle, working on my Tesla coil, and using Photoshop. Look out for posters on campus, you may be able to find tiny easter eggs in the ones I have designed. Contact: kstanevi@hawk.iit.edu