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President Provost forum looks to future

Ryan Kamphuis
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A unique IIT tradition that has formed over the past few years has been that of the once a semester President and Provost Forum. Hosted by the Student Government Association (SGA) and put on shortly after the midterm, the Forum provides an opportunity for students and faculty members to ask any questions they may have about the university and its policies to the two staff members in charge of shaping those policies and assembling a staff to make those policies happen.

This semester's Forum took place in the Hermann Hall ballroom over the lunch hour on November 1. The forum had fewer individuals in attendance than past forums, but the Ballroom still found itself full of people as SGA Executive Vice President Raghav Girijala brought the room to order and opened the Forum. Questions were posed both by people in attendance at the Forum and through a web form that was set up by SGA.

The first question of the forum was posed via the online form, and asked how the administration of the university could help increase school spirit and athletic involvement. President John Anderson began by responding with a few possible ideas, bringing up the fact that he personally purchased pizza for the attendees of early basketball games as an example of a potential idea, citing the fact that attendance double when he did. Provost Alan Cramb then took a chance to respond, mentioning his belief that increasing school spirit and athletic involvement was not something that the administration could do, saying that issues such as this one needed to be driven by the student body. He explained that students should support other students who are athletes just like they support other students who are leaders in student organizations, and that this was necessary to create a true campus community at IIT.

The next question, also from the online form, asked if the university could begin promoting itself as Illinois Tech as opposed to IIT. This question was answered by the Provost, who explained his personal preference for the name Illinois Tech due to the fact that it puts the

University in company with well-known schools such as Caltech and Georgia Tech. He went on to explain, however, that we promote ourselves as Illinois Tech and IIT because while Illinois Tech is a great university name for individuals in technical fields, students in non-technical fields, such as business or psychology, would probably have greater success in the job market referring to their university as IIT. The Provost concluded by saying that individuals should choose for themselves how they would like to refer to the university and which name they would like to call it.

The next question was the first question from a member of the audience, asking what the current status of the Innovation Center was. The Innovation Center is the proposed new campus building that would become the first new academic building on IIT's campus in over 40 years. The President responded by saying that there is still quite a bit of money that needs to be raised before the Center can be built. The Innovation Center will need \$45 million to be built, and only \$7 million to \$8 million of this had been raised. This amount has allowed planning to begin on the building, though. The President explained that five different architectural firms are currently submitting proposals for both the design of the building and the facilities the building will provide, and that the university will announce the final architectural firm chosen for the project in January.

This question was followed up by another question from the audience, in which a student mentioned a story that had been published in TechNews earlier in the semester. In the article, two students shared an anecdote about how their Resident Advisor had told them not to go south of 35th street; advice which they chose to ignore in order to visit a restaurant on 95th street. The student asked if it was the University's official policy to tell students not to go south of 35th street, explaining that the South Side is just as much a part of the city as any other part of the city, and not an area to simply ignore. The Provost took the lead on the question, explaining that this was not the official opinion of the University, and that the idea in and of itself is an old mentality, born 20 or 30 years ago and not relevant any more. The Provost advised students to stay smart and safe

no matter where they are traveling since IIT is in a city. He also brought up how many students at IIT give back to the city of Chicago in all of its communities, both north and south of 35th street.

The next question posed regarded many of the changes happening at the University currently, and whether or not the University had a roadmap for its future as all these changes were occurring. The President stressed that one of the biggest goals of the University for the future is to further improve its financial status, explaining that, "if your finances aren't in order, it's hard to do anything." The President also mentioned that goals for the future included increasing the total enrollment of undergraduate and graduate students to 9,000, and building a new recreation center for students, although he caveated that the recreation center was a very long term goal. The Provost further expanded on what the President said by mentioning that the University is working on becoming internationally known for what it does, and that it is investing in tech centers both on campus and in the city of Chicago in order to open up possibilities for students. The President closed by saying that the main goal of the University for the future was to take the advantages afforded to the University since it is small, and mitigate the disadvantages brought to the University by being small.

A follow up question was then asked by an attendee, who was wondering if newly renovated buildings would be made compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The President and Provost deferred to Bruce Watts, IIT's new head of Facilities and Public Safety to answer the question, who explained that all new and renovated buildings would be made ADA compliant, and that the University had hired one of the top firms in the city to do this. Watts also mentioned that capital funds were currently being spent to repair the crumbling handicap ramp into Hermann Hall in the upcoming weeks.

The next question again dealt with the upcoming renovations of campus buildings, asking if there was a timeline in place for these renovations. President Anderson explained that the first phase of the Engineering One renovations had already begun, and that they would be completed by August 31, 2014,

at which point in time the building will be renamed the John T. Rettaliata Engineering Center. He also mentioned that the renovation of the Life Sciences building was staggered a year behind that of Engineering One, so it would be complete by August 31, 2015.

One of the final questions was posed by an architecture student in attendance, asking how the administration could help with the frustration felt by many students in the College of Architecture regarding the many changes brought about by the new Dean of the College, Wiel Arets. The Provost answered the question, explaining that it was his belief that much of the concern felt by students within the College was due to lack of communication. The Provost stressed that, contrary to the belief of some architecture students, the Dean of the College was being held to the same standards as other Deans on campus, and that students should talk to the Dean and the Associate Deans of the College to learn all that is happening, which would help solve the communication problems that exist and alleviate student's concerns.

The final question posed was in regards to the IEEE Great Lakes Symposium, which was held on campus in September. The student talked about how exciting it was to have so many industry professionals on campus during the symposium, and asked if it was possible for things like this to happen again. Provost Cramb responded to the question by explaining that it isn't IIT that organizes conferences such as the Symposium, but the hosting organizations themselves and the departments at IIT related to the conference topic, ultimately saying that there is little we can do to decide whether or not a conference or symposium is to be hosted on campus.

With the end of the lunch hour approaching, the Forum was then closed. President Anderson finished the event by taking an opportunity to talk about the upcoming speakers that were a part of the Presidential Lecture Series. The series is currently focusing on the topic of Immigration, and the President shared that professors from both Princeton and the University of Washington were being brought to campus to speak, with the first lecture taking place on November 14.



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Fall Cleaning’s e-waste brings in scavengers

Kyle Stanevich & Austin Gonzalez
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Illinois Tech’s Office of Campus Energy and Sustainability’s Fall Cleaning is a great event to help properly dispose of the e-waste (electronic waste) that is filling most homes and businesses. This recycling event also allows an interesting and fruitful opportunity for enterprising individuals to salvage parts and accessories. Two students could be seen wheeling around an abandoned shopping cart as they ferried old servers and network arrays to and from their dorm. A somewhat unexpected result from this event is an insight into possibly a root cause of many problems seen on campus.

Not more than 24 hours after the first stack of computers were left in Stuart Building did the buildings front entrance look like an area in need of natural disaster

relief aid.

What seemingly occurred was a piranha-like feeding frenzy as people grabbed and destroyed old computers boxes, and other equipment to get theirs. Seeing others take something, people immediately propagated on the idea of free electronic goodies (regardless of the fact that the 7-to-20-year-old equipment would only ever be useful to the geekiest of geeks.)

What probably started as a thoughtful reuse became mindless grab and dash; 75% of what was taken will more than likely end up back in the trash, this time to be hauled to a landfill instead of being rightfully recycled.

This is only a hypothesis of what could be seen from the aftermath of the event.

The scene of mangled carcasses of what used to be technology strewn about

was one of careless disrespect towards the campus and quite saddening. There are certain problems around campus where administration is confused about how to make things better. There is a vicious cycle of expectation whereby the students expect to be catered to, and administration expects nothing but excellence and pride, but no one is willing to start it positively.

Solving it is no small task, but one side has to start. There are those who did their part and cleaned up the train wreck of computer parts in Stuart.

The intent of the event was great, but things got quickly out of hand; greedy and disrespectful actions, such as those brought out during the fall cleaning, are the reason events that could make the campus better sometimes stall.

Everyone can stand to be mindful of how our actions can be disruptive of the campus, that we all want to improve.

Tales from the Victory Lap:

Student fees fund campus activities

Miriam Schmid & William Syvongsa
TECHNEWS WRITERS

The last time you were billed from IIT, you may have noticed a line reading Activity fee, \$110. You probably paid your bill including that random fee and didn’t think much about it. That \$110 may not seem like too much to you, but multiplied by the current student population of IIT of over 7,000 students, this sum of money is quite significant. Now you are probably interested what happens to this money. Each semester, it is deposited into the SAF, Student Activities Fund, that is, in turn allocated to student organizations.

In a 1932 issue of the Armour Tech News, we first find mention of the activities fee. Since that time, the fee has fluctuated but as far as can be told from TechNews archives, the student activities fee has been collected consistently over the years. Currently, this fund is allocated through a branch of the Student Government Association, Finance Board. According to the Finance Board Guidelines, “Finance Board aims to fairly allocate the [SAF] to promote student life and increase student involvement at Illinois Tech.”

According to the SGA constitution and bylaws, “Finance Board shall consist of the Chair of Finance Board and nine members. Each member shall serve as an advisor to a number of student organizations, and shall advise them during the budget process of requesting funds from the Student Activity Fund.”

This board of students is chosen after they are “nominated by a member of the student body, recommended by the Finance Board Selection Commission, and approved by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.” The selection commission “shall consist of the Chair of the Finance Board, SGA Advisor, current members of Finance Board, and two to five student representatives, to be elected by the Senate.”

This is a lot of information but we want you to fully understand the importance of both the Student Activities Fund and Finance Board. Because of the two, your college experience can be a rich and diverse journey.

From the Outside: Will

Unlike Miriam, I have not really dealt with Finance Board too much in my time here at IIT. I’m more familiar

with the SAF and what it could do for me. From my various roles in different student organizations, I have come to rely on the SAF as a way to enrich my student organizations’ mission and goals as well as provide something to IIT’s campus and students. The SAF can be used towards four categories for student organizations. Those are programming, conferences/competitions, operations, and capital.

Programming is the most important one; it is the one that students see the most. Did you know that Homecoming is funded mainly through the SAF? Or that Taste of IIT can happen because of the SAF? That Bill Nye was able to come to our campus because of the SAF? Even if you are not involved, student organizations are able to program events that appeal to you and hope that you will attend.

Conferences/competitions is the next category. Students organizations are able to fund some of the costs for heading to conferences or competitions. This means that professional organizations are able to attend networking conferences or career fairs. This also means that some student organizations are able to partially fund trips to compete against other schools in big competitions. As financially conscious students, this opportunity to travel without shelling out the full cost is underutilized but also something we need to be careful of; we need to advertise better these opportunities since everyone is paying into the SAF.

Operations is a category that funds printing money or supplies that will expire after a year and are needed to keep the student organization running.

Capital is a category that funds permanent item that other students will then have access to after purchase. For example, a grill has recently been purchased through a student organization and other student organizations are allowed access to this capital item per stipulations created under the capital category outlines.

Through the SAF, we have access to a lot and I wish the general population of IIT students would use it more. You don’t have to get involved necessarily but attend events hosted by the school. There are so many that are free because of the SAF. You’re paying \$110. Why wouldn’t you want to make sure you’re getting your money’s worth?

The Insider: Miriam

I have learned a lot about Finance

Board. I started out as a Finance Board representative giving three Saturdays a semester to 14 to 16 hour hearings and deliberations to allocate funding. I became President of Union Board, which receives significant funding from Finance Board. I then spent two years on Judicial Board (one as Chief Justice) hearing more than 25 petitions regarding Finance Board and SAF funding. I have allocated SAF funds, I have received SAF funds, and I have made decisions regarding contested allocations.

From these experiences, I have come to realize is that Finance Board is the most important piece of student life at IIT. While some may question the rationale of allowing a board of students to manage this amount of funding, I believe that is exactly why student life continues to grow and reflect the interests of the students at IIT. This allows for more flexibility, adaptability, and investment of the students into student life.

As Chief Justice, I spent hours hearing from student organizations, which were dissatisfied with Finance Board, their processes, and funding decisions.

While I believe that there are Finance Board has room to improve, I believe the best way for organizations and students to work effectively with Finance Board is through a greater understanding of the history and role of Finance Board, but more importantly playing an active role in the selection of new Finance Board representatives. In order for Finance Board to function at its best, students like you have to take an interest into ‘who’ is placed on the board before complaining about Finance Board.

The next time that you meet with your Finance Board representative, take some time to thank him or her for all of the work that he or she puts in. From experience, Finance Board is likely the most underappreciated position a student can have at IIT despite being one of the most critical to student life on campus.

My challenge to all students is this. Next time nominations are open for Finance Board, make sure that you are nominating strong candidates who are responsible and can fairly make decisions in the best interest of all the students at Illinois Tech.

Working together we can ensure that this awesome opportunity of funding from the students, by student, for the betterment of student life is maintained at Illinois Tech.

Rock Climbing Club rocks fall semester

Dan Zweig
STAFF WRITER

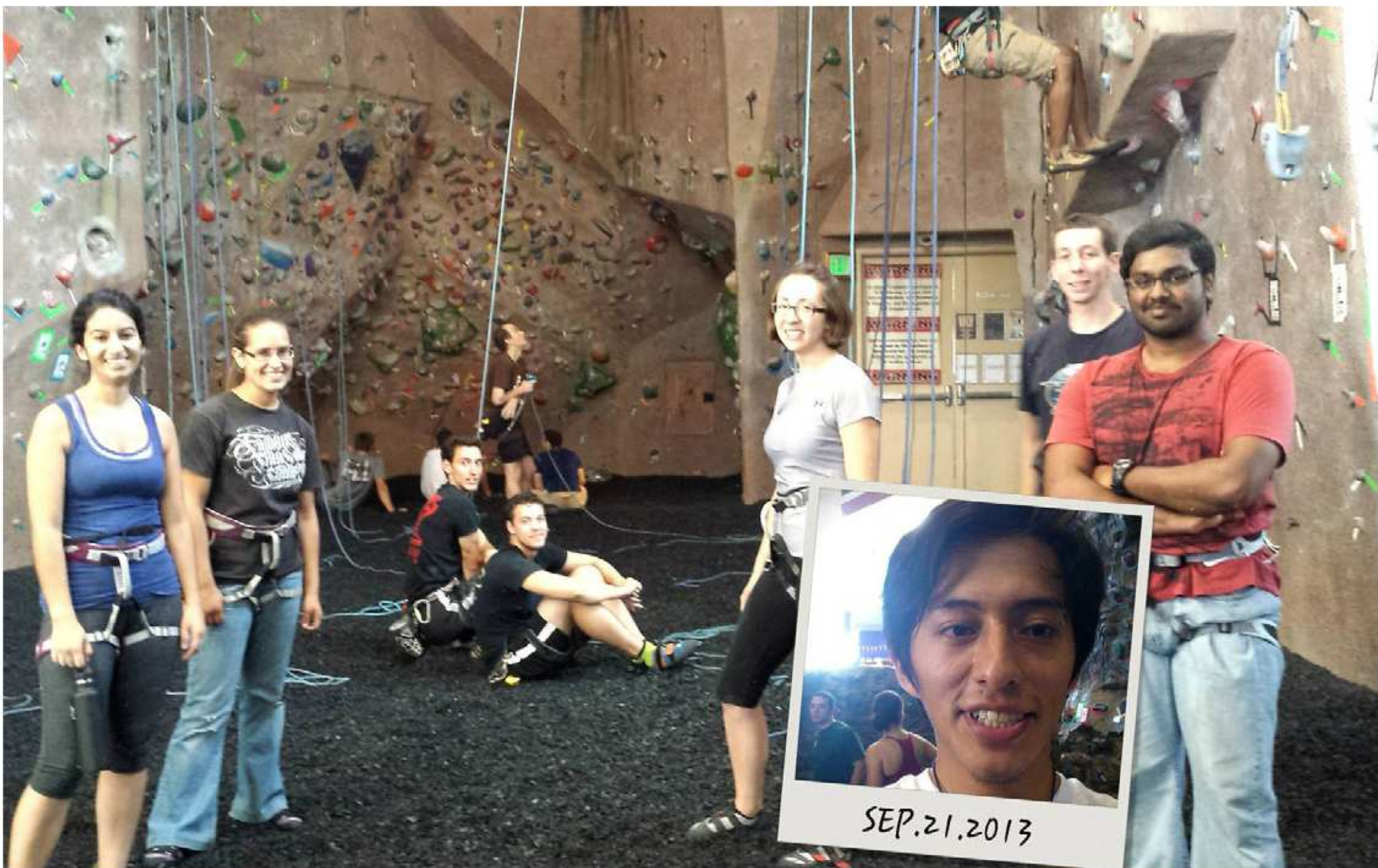
Under new leadership, the IIT Rock Climbing Club has been up to a lot this semester, with events every week and bigger events planned for the future.

The group started the semester with weekly indoor trips to local gyms, Climb On in Homewood, Vertical Endeavors in Warrenville, and Hidden Peak in Chicago's West Loop. In September they brought the rock climbing wall to campus, letting all IIT students get a taste of rock climbing, and encouraging students to get more involved with the club and they hosted a BBQ social on the quad which offered students a chance to meet other club members, enjoy the beautiful weather, and even try out slack-lining.

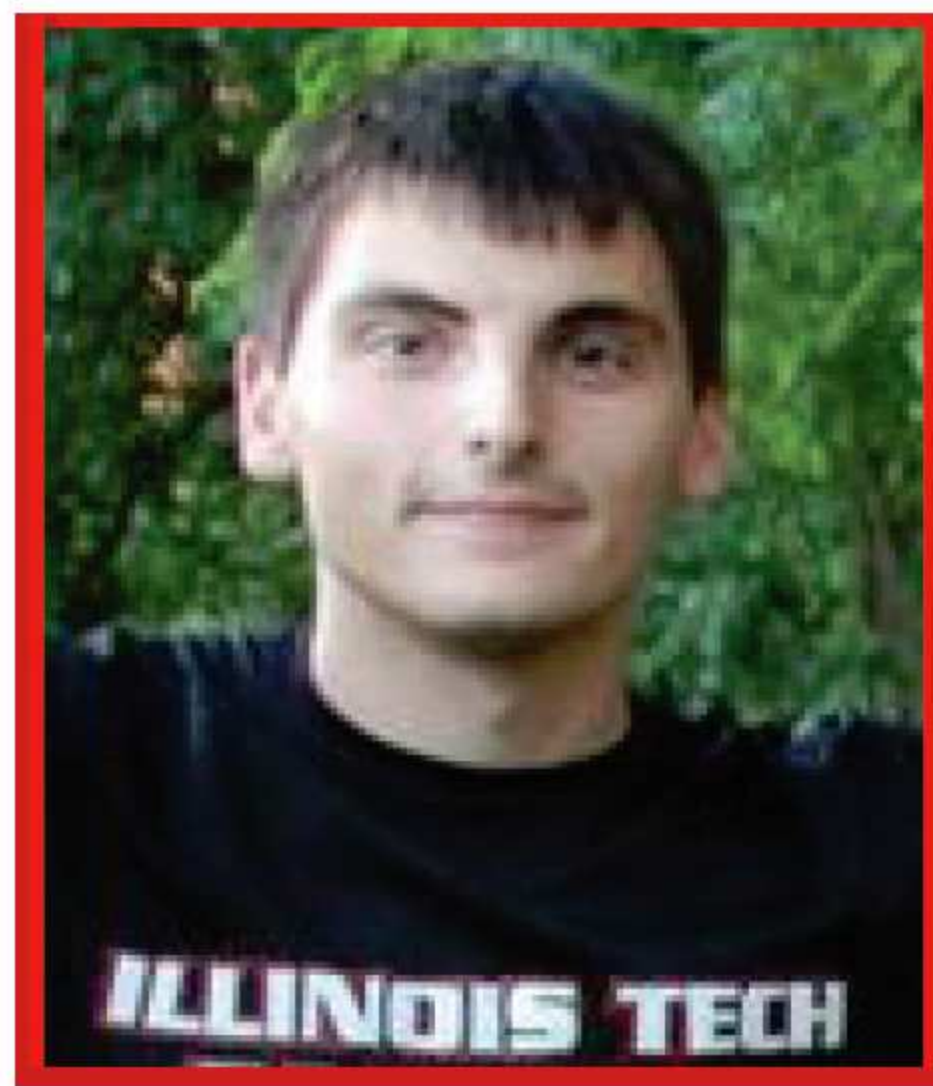
This semester the club offered "beginners only" trips as an opportunity for people with no rock climbing experience to learn about basic techniques from more experienced club members. Beginners and climbers of all levels are welcome and encouraged to attend every trip, but these beginners trips aimed to reduce any intimidation or nervousness experienced by those new to climbing. More beginners only trips will be happening next semester as well. The first alumni trip in which the Rock Climbing Club teamed up with Alumni Relations to offer current students a chance to meet some alumni while climbing also occurred in September. The event was a fun, new way to interact with alumni.

Once the semester was underway, the group started climbing outdoors every other weekend, in addition to the regular indoor trips. In September they went to Barn Bluff, Minnesota, and Devil's Lake, Wisconsin, to camp and climb for weekends away from the city. In October the group went to Red River Gorge, Kentucky, and Mississippi Palisades State Park in Illinois for weekends, mostly with beginners who had never climbed outdoors, to teach them about outdoor etiquette and technique. As the weather cools, the group plans for more exciting climbing adventures. In the beginning of November a Climbing Lock In will be held at a local gym for IIT students only, letting them climb and hang out all night, courtesy of UB and the Rock Climbing Club. Contact the club if you're interested.

Another solution for cold weather is to go further south. Over the long Thanksgiving break 12 students will be traveling to New River Gorge, West Virginia, to climb in slightly warmer weather. Immediately following finals, the club will be traveling even further south to climb, in Arizona, California and Nevada. Twenty students who are brave enough to travel this far by car have already signed up and will be climbing across the country this winter break. Next semester holds even more exciting events, with budget proposals being submitted for a camping only trip, ice climbing, multiple indoor and outdoor rock climbing events, and maybe even some more extreme outdoor trips if Finance Board and the school approve these events.



Photos by Dan Zweig



GREEK of the WEEK

Meet John Rotella.

"Courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway."

Year: Fifth

Major: Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering

Greek Affiliation: Delta Tau Delta

Hometown: Sugar Grove, IL

Leadership Positions at IIT: Order of Omega VP Membership, 2012 VP of Operations of Delta Tau Delta

Hobbies: Sports with balls

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

It has taught me that things rarely pan out the way you plan them and to always have a Plan B.

What would be your advice for an incoming student?

1. Get a planner
2. Write things in your planner
3. Do those things
4. Have fun, let loose
5. Repeat in order for best results

What has been your favorite experience at IIT?

My best memory at IIT was being apart of the IIT baseball team.

Through my time here I have made great friends and gotten to travel places doing something I love to do.

If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Italy and Ireland, That's where my families come from and I think it would be cool to go and see where they came from.

What's something most people don't know about you?

I'm terrified of things with 8 legs.

What's one of your favorite questions to get a conversation going?

What's your name?

Questions? Email orderofomegaiit@gmail.com


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Pumpkin carving



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Chin Curtain



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Source: <http://www.therooster.com/blog/beard-implants-so-hot-right-now-beard-implants>

No Shave November is On!

Put away those Razors and start
growing your facial hair!



Health Fact: In the US, one in six men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime making it the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men after skin cancer. In 2013, over 238,000 new cases of the disease will be diagnosed and almost 30,000 men will die of prostate cancer in the US alone.

Source: <http://us.movember.com/mens-health/prostate-cancer>

responsibility.

The greatest
threat to our
planet is the belief
that someone else
will save it.

Robert Swan

(the first person to walk to both Poles)

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Vi’Paino’s Italian cuisine complements atmosphere

Shireen Gul
COPY EDITOR

Since winter is here, Chicago won't be treating us friendly anymore. It can get angry and start weeping (raining) like a teenage girlfriend anytime it wishes. So we'd better be prepared for rain anytime. Last Wednesday was a fateful day when I was telling everyone around me to carry an umbrella as it will rain, but I forgot mine.

I was one happy girl, doing her winter shopping when all of a sudden rain started to pour. The nearest place for me to rescue myself was this Italian and German restaurant Vi’Paino. I am glad I didn't bring an umbrella along or else I would have been never able to come across this little wonderland in the town.

I have been around the city and tried many restaurants, but for me currently this is the coolest restaurant in town. A hip, interesting atmosphere with great tasting but inexpensively priced food. It's a self-service style place, which means you don't have to give tips. They make everything fresh, right in front of you, and then buzz you on a beeper when it is done. The bar is also self-serve and has everything any normal bar would, it's nice, but a little troubling how fast you can get a drink. If you don't drink then they also have lemon-mint fresh water, which is also self-serve. They have it in a big glass cooler, the only drawback about this complimentary drink is that there is no ice and a slow pour on the water.

I was there with a friend. I ordered Chicken Alfredo Pasta (\$9.95) and my friend ordered a Chicken Barbeque Pizza (\$9.95). The

pasta bowl was gigantic and cheesy and creamy and what-not. It was really tasty, had lots of fresh flavors especially the taste of garlic and green chili. It was 'happiness in bowl'. The pizza was okay, I would rate it 3 out of 5 because there was very little cheese and the sauce was too sweet for pizza-I thought would be a bit spicy. They have only one size for pizza and you can take your leftovers in a bag.

I will recommend you to go there and try their pasta and salad, as they are so delicious. I read many online reviews about it, they said the taste is bland and uninteresting, but again, they make your dish the way you ask them to make it. If you will ask them to put more flavor in it they will do it without taking extra charges.

For those of you who haven't been there yet, this is how it works: upon entering the front door, the host gives you a card and asks

if you have been to this place before or not. If you say “no,” then the host will explain how it works. Then you go to different food stations and tap your card to purchase what you want: Salad, Pasta, Pizza, Soup, Dessert, etc. Then you go and sit, and wait for the buzzer to beep (which hardly takes 6-8 minutes.) When you are done eating, someone comes and takes your dirty dishes with a smiling face. You pay your bill, which has been charged on your credit card and you are good to go with free gummy bears waiting for you next the cashier.

Two things I really enjoyed, the flavored water and the gummy bears by the cashier. I LOVE gummy bears and fresh water! The restaurant is located on 2577 N Clark St. Chicago, IL 60614 and the times are 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and 11:00 a.m. to midnight on weekends.

Retro Review: Find an honest-to-goodness romance in ‘Before Sunrise’

August Lysy
STAFF WRITER

The best of movies remind us of life's beauty: they not only communicate the human condition but lift our spirits above the morass of daily life to show us a glimpse of hope and love. Richard Linklater's "Before..." trilogy—"Before Midnight" being the latest—are exceptional examples of just such movies, and over the next three weeks I will review each in turn.

"Before Sunset," the first of the trilogy, premiered in 1995. It follows Jesse and Celine (Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy) over the course of less than a day: from their first meeting on a train in Europe, to the early

morning the following day. The story itself—as "plot"—defies concise synopsis because the story is not a "happening" or series of events, but merely an extended encounter between these two strangers. Ordinarily, this might raise concerns, on account it leaves a tremendous burden upon dialogue and character development—two elements most Hollywood films notoriously lack serious concern for.

Fortunately, "Before Sunrise" is not a "Hollywood" movie. Linklater and Kim Krizan—the screenwriters—craft an exceptional script that translates beautifully in Hawke and Delpy's performances. The movie is virtually 90 minutes of Hawke and Delpy on screen talking and walking around Vienna—and, yes, they're falling in love (more on this below).

What do they talk about? Everything: life and death, sex and marriage, gender and identity, the past and future, family and friends—their conversations lack nothing of substance. The remarkable part of their conversations is that they are sincere and heartfelt—totally absent of the typical superficial Hollywood tropes and clichés. And what this amounts to is absolute committal on the part of the viewer: you fall in love with both of these characters because you actually come to know them—not in a sentimental schmaltzy way, but in a romantic way and with a surprising intellectual intimacy.

Moreover, what truly captivates you is the unmistakable chemistry between Hawke and Delpy. Unlike Hollywood "Romances" where you must abandon reality in a fantasy world in order to believe the "love" between the

characters, "Before Sunrise" requires no such sacrifice; rather, Hawke and Delpy literally woo you from the screen, until, at the end, you find yourself pining—pinning! —For their love and its endurance.

I have never experienced a romantic love, and for long want of it, I dare say many (myself included) doubt its very existence: perhaps it's all but a fancy, paraded before us to capitalize (literally) upon our longstanding fantastic delusions!

But—no! "Before Sunrise" gives me hope. With its honest dialogue and unpretentious portrayal of human interaction, I revive my faith and hold out hope for just such a romance. "Before Sunrise" is romance portrayed in actuo.

Eclectic Theatre’s ‘All My Sons’ a faithful, impressive performance

August Lysy
STAFF WRITER

With a poster exhibiting a grayed-out, bisected apple and three planes as pits, even before their impressive performance, Eclectic Theatre manages to capture the jaded disillusionment of Arthur Miller's "All My Sons."

The war is over for America, but for the Kellers the loss of their son Larry still hovers over their conscious. At least that is the case for Kate (Julie Partyka), who refuses to acknowledge her son's death, choosing instead to desperately put her faith in both astrology and God. Meanwhile, Joe (David Elliott) and Chris (Jeff Kurysz) accommodate her monomania as they try to move on. Three years have passed since Larry's death when the issue is unavoidably raised by a visit from his ex-girlfriend Ann (Tracey Green) and her brother George (Charlie Rasmann). Last night lightning struck down Larry's memorial tree, and this signifies a bad omen for all involved.

Eclectic Theatre's rendition of "All My Sons," to my great surprise and appreciation,

adheres to the realism of Miller's text, eschewing the seemingly all-too-popular trend of "updating" classic texts in attempt to reach contemporary audiences. Artistic Director of Eclectic Theatre and director of the production David Belew, while addressing this issue in the playbill, through his staging shows the audience that the context of a play does not need revision because it is the universal themes of the play that carry its relevancy through time. And who cannot relate to the themes of disillusionment, cowardice, and family lies?

But a play and its themes is nothing without the players to actualize the conception on stage: and Eclectic's cast of "All My Sons" does just that with great success. The star of the show—without a doubt—is Julie Partyka, who plays Kate. From the moment she enters the stage, hounding Joe about her potato bag, we see her haggard appearance weighed down by years of grief and hear that same exhaustion in her weary voice. Her performance is terrifyingly beautiful to behold.

What comes out most in Partyka's performance is just how much control she

wields over the family. Reading "All My Sons," one is inclined to see the orchestrator as Joe (Elliott), but Belew's staging shows him as a hollowed-out husk of a man from beginning to end. David Elliott's lack of dynamic may perhaps be a stylistic choice, but as Joe Keller is a man desperate to keep the past in oblivion, his apparent lack of urgency registers discordance to the piece as a whole and renders his character arc rather flat and uninteresting.

Jeff Kurysz and Charlie Rasmann as Chris and George, respectively, the most opposing character-types in the play—the all-American golden boy and the emotionally-beleaguered son—capture the antithetical essence of their characters and work well together to turn the plot in the second act.

The supporting cast ought not to be overlooked, either. Beautifully subtle performances abound, especially with Patrick Iven and Kevin Webb; the former delivering the most understatedly poignant moment of the play in his monologue on lost idealism. Amy Gorelow and Nancy Kolton are no less impressive, although their presences are quite

fleeting; Gorelow as Lydia and Rasmann as George share a superb moment in the second act in which Gorelow's facial responses are remarkable in their genuineness. And—one cannot forget little Bert, played by Connor Boyle, who, of course, steals the stage whenever he's on it.

By the end of the second act, I found myself more moved by the expectation of what was to come than by the actual staging, which might be due to Elliott's low emotional arc and how quickly Kate and Chris seem to recover from the shock of the horrifying event. Nevertheless, Eclectic Theatre's "All My Sons" is filled with powerful moments of impressive acting and is well worth seeing: Highly Recommended.

This review is based upon a Preview showing. "All My Sons" is playing from October 25th – November 17th at the Athenaeum Theatre, located at 2936 N. Southport, near the Brown Line Wellington station.

For tickets call the theatre at (773) 935-6875, or go to Eclectic-Theatre.com.

Tech[nology]News: New improvements, issues with Windows 8.1

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Windows has recently unveiled their newest release to the Windows 8 line. 8.1 is an update, not an upgrade. Almost all of the previous features unique to Windows 8, such as the Metro start screen and app store have been updated, and now includes Bing Smart Search. Apps can now be snapped to have up to 4-way multitasking, compared to the limit of 2 from Windows 8. Windows 8.1 introduces many new customizable features lacking from the original Windows 8 release.

First off, I have been using Windows 8 since its first developer's release. It has

certainly come a long way since that first buggy release, but it is still far from what I would consider perfected. Microsoft has done a great job improving the boot time over older versions of Windows. An added solid state drive makes it possible to cold boot in a matter of seconds.

The direction that they are taking Windows is much more mobile, with touch-oriented hardware. Unfortunately though, the shift toward mobile takes away from some of the features appreciated by the desktop crowd. One of the features that desktop lovers could not stand about the old Windows 8 was the lack of the start button, and even beyond that the lack of the Windows 7 style start menu.

The 8.1 update put the start button back, but it only opens the Metro interface and

is thus merely a cosmetic change. On a desktop, this screen is hard to navigate with a mouse alone. The only way to scroll through all the apps on this screen is to either grab the slider bar at the bottom and move the screen over or use the keyboard. For heavy mouse users this is more of a hassle than it should be.

With this new tiled start screen, users lose the option to directly open recently saved documents. Along the same lines, Windows 8.1 has many menus activated by moving a mouse into a corner. However, for multiple monitor setups, this becomes a problem. With multiple monitors, if a mouse is moved toward a corner, then the curser might jump to the next screen and the corner menu won't be activated. For most of these screens, there are keyboard shortcuts, but to be honest,

most people can't recognize shortcuts beyond cut and paste.

This is not to say that 8.1 is without great improvements. The start time is amazing compared to 7. Plus, it is a bit faster overall. This is done by optimizing the operating system, especially because the operating system is also made for lower powered and slower mobile systems.

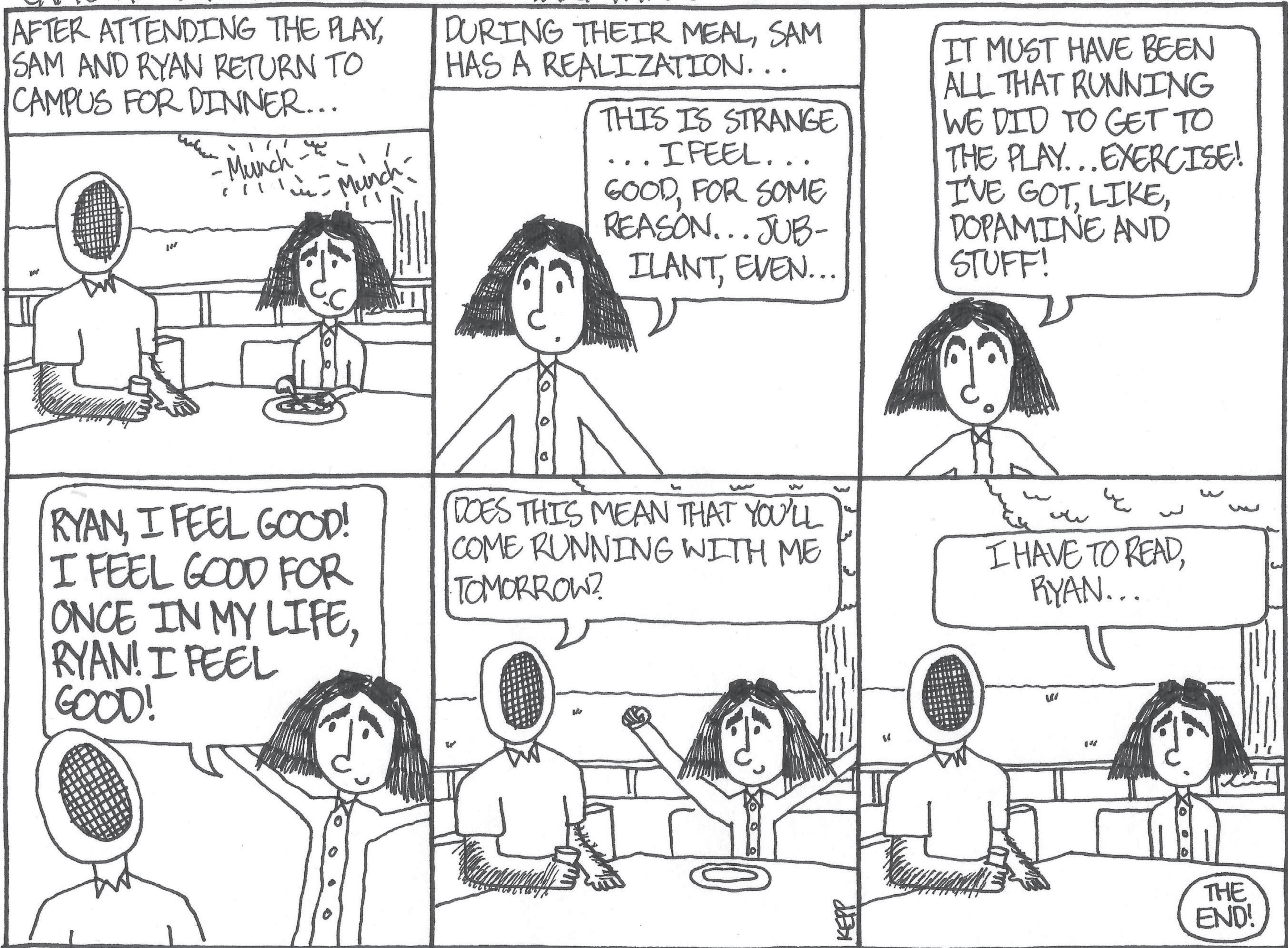
Compared to the initial release of Windows 8, 8.1 has many updates that make it faster and more secure, therefore it is a no-brainer to upgrade.

In the future, I hope that Microsoft will consider some of the problems brought up, even if they are very minuscule, and that might be enough to get me to make the switch from Windows 7.

And now...a comic!

Sam Kepp
ART EDITOR

SAM'S ADVENTURE IN CHICAGO! PART THREE! CONCLUSION!



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Gunners remain on top in Premier League

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SPORTS EDITOR

After a week of Champions League games the Barclay’s Premier League saw another week of thrilling matches. The Sunderland Black Cats got their first victory of the season in 2-1 fashion over Newcastle United.

This keeps Sunderland in the bottom three, but improves to four points while Newcastle sits in 11th with 11 points. The biggest match of the week was between Chelsea and Manchester City that ended in a 2-1 Chelsea victory. This improved Jose Mourinho’s incredible home unbeaten record in the Premier

League with Chelsea with goals from Andre Schurrle and the winner from Fernando Torres while Sergio Aguero scored for City. Chelsea now sits in second with 20 points while City sits at 7th with 16 points.

Swansea City went up against West Ham United in a 0-0 scoreless draw to keep Swansea at 9th with 11 points and West Ham at 15th with 9 points. Tottenham Hotspur continues to flourish in life after Gareth Bale as they were victorious in a 1-0 win over Hull City with a goal from Roberto Soldado. Spurs now are in 4th with 19 points and Hull City right in the middle of the table at 10th with 11 points.

Crystal Palace’s woes continued in a

2-0 defeat to league leading Arsenal that saw goals from Mikel Arteta and Olivier Giroud. Crystal Palace is in last place with three points while Arsenal remains at the top with 22 points. Belgian starlet Romelu Lukaku and Leon Osman paced Everton in a 2-0 win over Aston Villa to put them in 6th with 18 points with Villa in 13th with 10 points.

Liverpool continues to produce results as they beat West Bromwich Albion 4-1 behind a Luis Suarez hat trick and another from Daniel Sturridge. Sturridge continues to lead the league in goals with 8 while Suarez trails with 6 goals even after missing the first five games of the season.

Liverpool sits in 3rd with 20 points while West Brom has 10 points which is good enough for 12th. Manchester United needed a bit of magic in its 3-2 come from behind win over Stoke City. United got goals from Robin Van Persie, Wayne Rooney, and a game winner from Javier Hernandez.

This puts the Reds at 8th with 14 points and Stoke at 17th with 8 points. Norwich City and Cardiff City played to a scoreless draw that leaves Cardiff in 16th with 9 points and Norwich at 18th with 8 points. Southampton has been a massive surprise as they surge to 5th in the table after 2-0 win over Fulham that drops Fulham to 14th in the table.

Bulls welcome back Rose, win home opener

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The “Windy City Assassin” is back and boy did it feel like something out of a movie. The Chicago Bulls had their home opener last Thursday against the New York Knicks and made for one hell of a game. The United Center crowd roared and shook the building as the starters were introduced, especially when it was #1 making his way to the center of the court. It was a playoff atmosphere from the get-go.

The Bulls still have plenty to work on as they find their rhythm offensively over the next few weeks. There is still rust to wear off and all of the things you would expect out of a team in the beginning of a season where they get one of the most dominant players in the game back in the line-up. After a disappointing and almost blowout loss the reigning champion Miami Heat, the Bulls and Derrick Rose were ready to get their first win of the season.

The game started off great as Carmelo Anthony struggled against a tight Chicago defense which saw the Bulls up by 10

at the end of the first quarter. Chicago stayed in the lead for most of the night and lead by as many as 13. Then came the fourth quarter; Chicago struggled offensively and only made 2 field goals the entire quarter. The Knicks clawed back at the lead and tied the game. Then Tyson Chandler goes to the free throw line with 10.8 seconds left, shoots 1-2 and gives New York a late 81-80 lead.

There was no doubt about who was getting the ball next. Thibodeau calls a time-out and makes a great play call as they inbound the ball, move it across the floor to Rose, who

was standing on the wing near the baseline. He drives and sees Raymond Felton and 7-footer Tyson Chandler make their way towards him. With 5.7 seconds left he rises. He rose and connected on his signature floater, Chicago up 82-81 and the crowd lost it.

Rose maintained his stern demeanor and quickly got back on defense as him and the Bulls hold out for a last second attempt by Anthony that goes wide. Chicago wins, Rose with the game-winner. “MVP” chants were heard non-stop. The city sure is glad to have their closer back. Welcome back Derrick Rose.

Women’s soccer falls short to Olivet, St. Xavier

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The Illinois Tech Women’s Soccer team came out on the unlucky end of two tight fought matches during the past week. The Hawks suffered a 1-0 loss to both Olivet Nazarene University and St. Xavier University.

Traveling to Olivet, the lady Hawks knew they were going to have their work cut out for them playing against the previous year’s NAIA national runners-up. However, the team

was up for the challenge, and that is exactly what they proved. With a more defensive tactical approach, the Scarlet Hawks were able to hold Olivet to only one goal over the 90 minutes. Goalkeeper, Roxanne Myers came up big with 18 saves on the night, while the rest of the squad defended relentlessly to keep the score at bay.

Illinois Tech then added some offensive pressure of their own late into the match but it was too late. The Hawks had a few chances to equalize but the Olivet keeper was able to maintain the shutout.

Coming off that strong performance, the result against the St. Xavier Cougars was more disappointing.

Despite dominating possession and having the more threatening opportunities at goal, the Scarlet Hawks were unable to come out on top.

They kept constant pressure throughout the game but just couldn’t manage to find the back of the net.

Unfortunately for the Hawks, a miscommunication cost the team an own goal in

the 39th minute. Nevertheless, they continued to take it to the Cougars flooding them with attack.

Tech striker, Anida Phetchanpheng had a golden opportunity late in the game to find the equalizer off a through ball from Hailey Kunkel, but the ball was just shy of the post. Poor finishing proved to cost the Hawks dearly as they were visibly the better side in the defeat.

Illinois Tech looks to finish the season strong with final games against Calumet College of St. Joseph and Cardinal Stritch University.

Men’s soccer loses against archrival, St. Xavier

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Illinois Tech looked to knock off conference rivals, St. Xavier which would have been their first win against St. Xavier in their last five meetings throughout the last four seasons. With a winning mentality in the place, the Hawks came out with fiery passion and intensity despite a rainy evening, as the first half kicked off.

The first half provided an exhilarating

string of sequences in which Illinois Tech found themselves on the offensive sides of the ball. However in the 4th minute of play, St. Xavier found the back of the net on a poor clearance by the Hawks defense.

The Hawks were found down 1-0 and still 86 minutes left to capture their fourth conference win. Their best chance came of a beautifully played through ball by midfielder Brandon Ramirez to Bart Grabowski. The ball just sailed over the crossbar and Illinois Tech went into halftime down 1-0.

With their rivalry on the line, Illinois Tech proved to be a much ferocious team in the second half. Defensively, the Hawks managed to hold the Cougars to just six shots compared to Illinois Tech’s 14.

IIT’s best chances came from senior midfielder, Robert Rixer. A streaking Rixer found himself splitting two defenders and having a nearly one on one with St. Xavier’s keeper. The laser shot hit the crossbar and was in disbelief. However, the Hawks continued their relentless attack with key chances

from Nordine Amlaiky and Timi Akindele just inside the box. The Hawks failed to convert their chances and went on to lose a heartbreaking 1-0 loss.

The Hawks look to bounce back and finish their conference play with a win against Cardinal Stritch on Wednesday. Illinois Tech will also be hosting their NCAA Provisional Tournament Championship this Saturday against Nebraska Wesleyan University. The Hawks are now 5-8-3 overall and 3-6-1 in conference play.



Tuesday, November 5th
Men’s Soccer
vs. Cardinal Stritch University
7pm, @IIT, Stuart Field

Volleyball
vs. Judson College
7pm, @IIT, Keating





Wednesday, November 6th
Men’s Soccer
vs. Cardinal Stritch University
7pm, @IIT, Stuart Field

Thursday, November 7th
Volleyball
vs. Roosevelt University
7pm, @IIT, Stuart Field

Friday, November 8th
Women’s Soccer
vs. Southern Virginia University
5pm, @IIT, Stuart Field

Saturday, November 9th
Women’s Soccer
vs. Nebraska Wesleyan University
7:30pm, @IIT, Stuart Field

ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY University Calendar November 4-10

Monday	Class Registration Begins	3-D Printer Experience Entrepreneurship Academy MTCC Ballroom 12:50 PM	Jazz Social and Chocolate Fountain Residence Hall Association McCormick Lounge 6:00 PM
Tuesday	General Body Meeting  Union Board MTCC Auditorium 1:00 PM	Tuesdays with Solly SHWC 3rd Floor Tower 2:00 PM	Coffeehouse Series  Union Board Welcome Center 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Proposal Writing Workshop Armour College of Engineering Perlstein Hall 12:50 PM		Open House Institute of Design Institute of Design Campus 6:00 PM
Thursday	General Body Meeting AIChE Perlstein 208 12:50 PM	Adult Faith Formation Catholic Campus Ministry MTCC 109 12:50 PM	Syrian Bowling Social and Video Game Tourney  The Bog 9:00 PM
Friday	30 Mosques in 30 Days IIT Study Abroad MTCC Auditorium 2:15 PM	CTA Train Party ISO Meet at Colored Rooms 6:30 PM-10:00 PM	Bhangra Night Bog Events  The Bog 9:00 PM
Saturday	Headquarters Tour IIT Red Cross 2200 W Harrison 12:00 PM		Sunday Mass at St. James Catholic Campus Ministry 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Upcoming Union 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

Coffeehouse Series
featuring our very own
Lisa Stump and
Toast and Jam!
Welcome Center
Tuesday at 7 PM

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Come join us for our General Body Meeting
in the MTCC Auditorium, Tuesday at 1 PM!
Come enjoy Indian food to celebrate Diwali!