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Innovation Center receives landmark matching donation

Utsav Gandhi
CAMPUS EDITOR

"Today is my second best day as President of the university. The first was when the Fueling Innovation campaign was made public, and today, we are announcing a landmark challenge gift towards the same goal. If someone were to ask me a few days ago, 'what if someone gave you 10 million dollars, I'd probably just ask again—really?'" said, John L. Anderson, the President of Illinois Institute of Technology.

Friday, February 28, was a breakthrough occasion for the course of history this university is charting.

President Anderson welcomed some members of the Board of Trustees, university administration, staff and faculty, student representatives from the Leadership Academy and the Student Government Association as well as many other well-wishers of the university in the Atrium of Tech Park; even as some students were religiously pursuing class projects in the Idea Shop next door.

The occasion was to announce a twelve-month, ten million-dollar challenge gift towards the university's planned Innovation Center, by alumnus Ed Kaplan (MMAE, '65). Emphasizing the fact that 1968 was the last time an academic building was constructed on the IIT main campus; the President spoke about the importance of the 100,000 square foot space that is expected to house the IIT Institute of Design, IIT's flagship IPRO program, the Idea Shop and the Leadership Academy, among other offices. Practitioners from the Chicagoland will be available to mentor stu-



dents to "learn, create and innovate," which will transform the way IIT interacts with the community.

It will encourage students to think big and work on interdisciplinary team projects for some valuable experiential learning.

Dane Christianson (MMAE, proposed graduation 2015) inventor of the X-Cube, was a fitting choice to introduce the illustrious alum making this landmark gift, Ed Kaplan.

Both are mechanical engineers, from Chicago, became entrepreneurs in their early 20s, and are graduating exactly 50 years apart.

Christianson talked about how Kaplan was behind the development of barcode technologies in 1969 ("Zebra technology") which revolutionized the way we did business. Christianson also mentioned how he got to combine his entrepreneurial bug with his love for robotics at the Idea Shop, which is now slowly outgrowing itself ("from what used to be an empty Idea Shop three years ago to everyone getting ideas now")—making the announcement of the gift all the more relevant. The "Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship" was then unveiled with a custom made X-Cube handed over from Christianson

to Kaplan, whose wife, Carol was not able to be present but personally acknowledged by Christianson himself.

Kaplan spoke about his discussions with his good friends, Regent Craig Duchossois and campaign co-chair John Rowe, which impressed upon him the importance of the building they would have. Enhancing the unique skill sets of the students, it would increase their value in the competitive marketplace, making students "flock" to IIT to pursue a variety of career paths. It will stimulate design thinking and methodology across the board of educational levels at IIT, allow more IPRO classes to solve problems, encourage the development of new things and ways of thinking, firmly establishing IIT as the center for technical innovation among Chicago's "tech ecosystem."

The vision is here, the plan is here, the window of opportunity is open—so IIT must act now to move into a leadership position. He stressed on the importance of the nexus between engineering, technology and business – and how this center will place IIT on the map of technology innovation and entrepreneurship. With that, he announced that if within the next twelve months the university will be able to fundraise ten million dollars towards the Innovation Center, he would match that gift, bringing the project goal to almost 75 percent of the target.

"If you can't feel good today, you probably can never feel good," President Anderson remarked.

To read more about the Fueling Innovation Campaign, visit <https://fuelinginno-vation.iit.edu/>.



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Mama Qadeer Baloch breaks Gandhi's civil disobedience marching record after 84 years

Shireen Gul
COPY EDITOR

We all know life's not fair. We all deal with loss and death of a loved one and it's probably the hardest thing anyone in this world can go through. But what makes the situation worse is when your loved ones are missing. You live every day in dual feeling of hope-fear, hope that they will return and fear that they might not. This is the feeling which many Baluch families are living with since 2007.

Writing history, as Abdul Qadeer Baloch (also referred to as "Mama Qadeer") aged 72, under the aegis of the Voice of Missing Baloch Persons (VMBP) set on foot to Islamabad from Quetta three months ago, hoping to raise awareness about human rights violations in Baluchistan and demand the recovery of their missing relatives. The families and supporters of the people reportedly whisked away by intelligence agencies from various parts of the restive Baluchistan province, reached Rawalpindi on Thursday, travelling more than 1,245 miles in adverse weather conditions and intimidation by government agencies.

Many people joined them for the long march. One name which is really worth mentioning is, Ali Haider Baloch, an 11-year-old boy, who stopped going to school and joined the long march with his elder sister,

Saba. Why did he do this? He did this because his father, Ramzan Baloch was abducted in front of his eyes. Farzana Majid Baloch, secretary general of VBMP and the moving spirit behind this historical long march, is not a layman.

In fact, she is a well-educated woman who is well aware of what she is doing. She did her master's in biochemistry from Baluchistan University and has been raising voice for the protection of her younger brother Zakir Majid Baloch since 2009. But when there was no light at the end of the tunnel, she chose the beacon of hope and initiated this long march with her fellow beings.

Recently, Pakistani media has been emphasizing about the thing that Mama Qadeer and Ali Haider Baloch have made history and are unaware of this fact. They reportedly "broke the 84-year-old record of Mahatma Gandhi, who travelled 390 kilometres on foot from Ahmadabad to Dandi as part of his famous salt march. When Mahatma Gandhi started his march to protest against the salt laws of British Government in the colonial India he was 61 years old in 1930, the youngest among the first 80 marchers with Gandhi was 18 years old," according to The News, Pakistan.

I urge all Pakistanis to get out of their stereotype obsession and preoccupation with making stupid world records. This man (Mama Qadeer) did not initiate a long march

to make a world record or to be flattered with such prominence. His young son Jalil Reki, a political activist, was kidnapped and was killed in the custody of secret agencies. He does not want recognition for his so-called "greater-than-Gandhi-record." He needs, and indeed deserves, justice. His sons' (he says all of Baluchistan's thousands of missing persons are his sons) murderers should be brought to justice.

I do not deny the fact that they didn't make history. It's a reality that they did make history but unfortunately our real rulers are deaf and dumb. They are wall-faced and stone-hearted.

Defense Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif, who visited their camp in December 2013 in Karachi, assured Mama Qadeer Baloch that their dear ones will be produced in courts soon. The Defense Minister of Pakistan himself is defenseless. He can't defend either Baluch pedestrian marchers or human rights.

He won't plead the case of Baluch hushed voices in the torture cells. He made a false promise to them. All I can say to my people is: "don't give up because we still have something to give." Nothing is really over until the moment we stop trying and soon this dark dawn will turn into a bright day where falsehood is bound to perish and truth to triumph.

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IEEE@IIT project team participates in E-Week events at Rice Campus

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COPY EDITOR

The project group "Ardupilot," within IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) were present at E-Week, which occurred at Rice Campus on February 22. E-Week was a fun, free, family interactive event providing children and adults the opportunity to experience and explore many fields of science and engineering, through interactive displays and presentations. The 30th Annual Engineers Week Expo was geared towards children from kindergarten to eighth grade; however, all ages enjoyed the event.

The Ardupilot team built a small game with two Arduinos. Each Arduino was connected to a LED (light emitting diode) Seven-segment display. One Arduino was connected to a button, while a second Arduino was connected to an RFID (radio frequency

identification) scanner module.

In order for the kids to win a prize, they were supposed to hold the plastic RFID tag against the scanner, which changes the number on the LED display; then hold down the button connected to the other Arduino, changing the other LED display's number to match the numbers. Both numbers were randomly calculated, which added a level of difficulty. Another level of difficulty came with the different timings of the random numbers for the RFID side. A new number was generated every 100ms (milliseconds) whilst holding down the button generated a new number every 1000ms (1 second.) For the adults, they tried to match the numbers without having to let go of either the button or the RFID tag which tested their reaction time.

The winners were given a lollipop, but could also choose an IIT button. Some additional games were developed at the event

using a small LCD (liquid-crystal display) screen, but those were not completely successful with the number of parts available.

The current project members of Ardupilot are: Changqing "Shark" Wang, Boyang "Bobo" Dong, Eric Tendian, Ning "Allen" Xin, Weiwei Wu and Shengfeng Tang. They have accumulated experience with using embedded systems such as Arduinos, and so will be using their knowledge to build a UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.)

They currently have the frame parts that are ready to be assembled, and are investigating control systems.

They may end up working with AIAA on their UAV project, or will be joining forces with the quad-copter team to program the quad-copter (as it is using an Arduino as the base) and make it autonomous. Any further info can be found on the website <http://mypages.iit.edu/~ieee/project/ardupilot/>.



Photos by Vijai Baskar

Student Gift Campaign sets high goals for fundraising

Alex Pisconski

TECHNEWS WRITER

This week the IIT Student Gift launched its fifth annual campaign.

Since the introduction of the Student Gift, IIT students have given back to the community by improving the quality of the campus experience. Past student gifts include furniture for the MTCC enclosure in 2010, modular furniture for Galvin Library in 2013, helping to complete the reserve textbook collection in 2011, and new water fountains in academic buildings on campus in 2012.

This year's Student Gift will be new bike racks and bike fix-it stations for Main

Campus. As the number of students using bikes on campus, and for commuting increases, the available spaces to quickly and easily store bikes on campus has been dwindling. Many students find that bike parking disappears especially quickly during peak class times when it is most needed, forcing riders to lock their bikes to other bikes or unapproved places like street signs.

The need is clear and the Student Gift Committee is dedicated to making sure this project serves the student body by increasing bike capacity by at least 30 percent.

Throughout the campaign, the Student Gift Campaign will be looking for your input into potential locations. The committee hopes that by asking for the opinions of the student body, we will be providing the best

service to bike users, and pedestrians as well. This project seeks to create a friendlier commuter atmosphere on campus.

The IIT Student Gift is focused on getting students involved in philanthropy and teaching students that together, small gifts can have a big impact. Last year, the total number of student donors was 780; the Student Gift Campaign is looking to exceed that number this year.

The IIT Alumni Board has challenged the Student Gift Committee to increase undergraduate participation up to 20 percent, graduating class participation up to 50 percent, and to raise \$5,000.

If the campaign meets these goals, we will receive a challenge gift from the Alumni

Board that will triple our funding and provide an extra \$15,000 toward this year's project. This would help us make an incredible impact, but it is only attainable with your support.

The 2014 Student Gift Campaign was launched last week as part of the second annual Student Engagement and Philanthropy Day. This is how we spread the importance of generosity here on campus.

If you want to see change and be part of something that will improve the lives and experiences of future generations of students and alumni, support the Student Gift Campaign!

For more information and updates on the 2014 Student Gift Campaign, please visit alumni.iit.edu/gift-2014.

HawkTalk launches, helps students improve public speaking skills

Anoopa Sundararajan & Khaleela Zaman
COPY EDITOR & STAFF WRITER

How many times have you experienced butterflies in your stomach the morning of a presentation or an interview? There is a new student organization that can help ease those butterflies. HawkTalk is an environment designed from inception to be comfortable and judgment-free. This atmosphere will encourage students to enjoy learning, and improve their public speaking skills among their peers.

All interested IIT, Vandercook, and

Shimer students are encouraged to attend our weekly meetings. Each meeting will only be an hour long, covering prepared speeches, impromptu sessions, and one segment that changes every week. A few people will prepare speeches in advance and deliver them at the meetings. After they present, there will be a constructive evaluation, during which degrading and discouraging comments will be prohibited. Then, the impromptu session will commence.

Random topics will be given to students to give a 30 to 60 second minute-long speech about on the spot. The topics could

get really crazy, and one such topic could even be spaghetti! Where anyone can talk for 30 seconds about spaghetti!

The variable segment of a meeting (which sometimes might be a surprise!) could be anything from a professional speech viewed as a group, a speaker coming in to give a lecture, or an unannounced debate session.

Our aim in all of this is to make every zone your comfort zone. We want to make IIT students able to communicate more effectively and enjoy it too. Not even the officers are great public speakers, but we are extremely passionate about this goal and attaining it for

ourselves and our organization's population.

Anoopa Sundararajan is the wonderful President and Khaleela Zaman is the awesome Secretary of HawkTalk (also the authors of this article.) All of our officers cannot wait to get started with the first activities of our official student organization. Our Facebook page (facebook.com/hawktalkiit) is up and running, as well as our Twitter account @HawkTalkIIT. Check us out on Facebook, Twitter, and HawkLink to stay updated! Our first meeting is officially set for Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. (location TBA) and we hope to see you there!

TEDxIIT prepares for events, releases 2 speaker names

Nirja Shah

TECHNEWS WRITER

There are 35 days left until the fourth annual TEDxIIT 2014: "Infinity Impact." Amy Lee Segami, the founder of TEDxIIT, and the board members are putting their best efforts to make this event another success, four years in a row. The event is going to be held on Saturday April 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the IIT Tower Auditorium.

The team is thrilled to introduce the speakers ranging from IIT students, faculty members and alumni to some wonderful IIT community speakers. The selected speakers range from renowned architects to engineers to entrepreneurs. These speakers will express their ideas in the areas of design, entertainment, technology, renewable energy,

diversity, interdisciplinary and entrepreneurship education, eco-architectural design, and social development. They will share their story of success which can create an infinite impact on the worldwide audience.

The team is proud to introduce two speakers in this week's issue of TechNews. They are Carol Ross Barney and Howard Stephen Berg.

Ross Barney is one of the most well-known architects here in the city of Chicago as well as a professor at IIT. As an architect, she focuses on water transportation and water systems to improve the city. Ross Barney is a native Chicagoan and became the first woman to design a federal building when commissioned for the Oklahoma City Federal Building, which replaced the bombed Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. She has previously served as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Costa Rica, planning

national parks.

Berg is recognized as the world's fastest reader (according to the Guinness Book of World Records.) His students, at 11 years old, are acing college courses in as little as a week. Berg has discovered brain-based learning strategies for reading, writing, memory, and math that can double the learning rate in just a few hours' time. Berg's Time-Warner book, "Super Reading Secrets," had 28 reprints, and Barrons Books requested him to write, "Speed Reading, The Easy Way," for students. Nightingale Conant has sold over \$65 million of his programs. Berg's work has been featured as a breakthrough in Selling, RedBook, Men's Health, Bottom Line, dozens of newspapers, and on over 1,100 radio and television programs.

It is a great honor to have these amazing people come to IIT and share their story with us. TEDxIIT has made a global

impact in the past few years and will continue to leave its foot steps behind and share a plethora of inspirational stories among today's youth, thereby playing an important role in inspiring young leaders around the world.

The team is also organizing a pre-event at the MTCC Ballroom on Thursday, March 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. streaming some inspiring TED videos, giving out more information about TEDxIIT and announcing a sign-up for volunteers who are interested in helping us organize TEDxIIT.

We look forward to having you there.

Want to know who are the other speakers? Keep checking this section every week for more information about the amazing speakers. For more information about TEDxIIT, visit our website: TEDxIIT.com <http://mypages.iit.edu/~tedxiit/or> e-mail us at info@tedxiit.com.

Sharing Table pays tribute to Women's History Month

Shireen Gul

COPY EDITOR

The Student Center for Diversity and Inclusion will be celebrating National Women's History this month. The first event of this celebration will be The Sharing Table. Let me give a quick recap for any of you who don't know what this event is about.

The Sharing Table is held on the first Thursday of every month during the academic term. It is a special program to help foster personal interaction between undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty. You can engage

yourself in spirited conversation about hobbies, culture, sports, or current events while dining at The Commons. A small group of students are given the chance to learn a great deal about their instructors in this type of social setting.

We will highlight female athletes for Women's History Month in our event this time. The Women's Basketball team and their coach (hopefully) will be joining us for the luncheon, but before we move ahead, let's take a glance at what Women's History Month means.

Before the 1970s, women's history was rarely the subject of serious study. There were very few people who would talk about this

in general public consciousness. "Only one or two scholars would have identified themselves as women's historians, and no formal doctoral training in the subject was available anywhere in the country," said historian, Mary Beth Norton.

Luckily, this field has undergone a huge transformation since then.

Today, we celebrate this day internationally and bring awareness to everyone about how far these women have traveled and what changes they have brought in the society.

If you have no plans for this Thursday,

March 6, than make sure you join us and get to know our female athletes, and discuss with us your point of views for this month. A small reminder; please don't forget we also have personal invitations that you can give to your instructors.

Just send an email to scdi@iit.edu and we will let you know how to get your card. Last but not least, don't forget to follow us on Twitter and Instagram @iitdiversity and like us on Facebook at SCDI IIT.

Remember, we are doing all of this for you, so please come join and acknowledge our group.

IEEE@IIT conducts second General Body meeting

Vijai Baskar

COPY EDITOR

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Student Chapter at IIT conducted their second general meeting of the semester on Wednesday, February 26 in the Siegel Hall Auditorium.

Mehdi Ganji, President of IEEE@IIT started off the meeting by talking about the Student branch's activities and achievements so far in the semester. Ganji also introduced the executive board members whose contributions have made this semester a successful one.

Ganji also mentioned that the IEEE student branch of IIT is the most active one

within the Chicago region and that the Branch Mentor, Robert Burke had commended the branch's efforts in involving students in its proceedings and activities. The redesigned branch website has been nominated as the best website among the Chicago IEEE section. This was made possible by the Webmaster, Eric Tendian who is a vital part in the branch's success.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Martin Schray, Senior Technical Evangelist, Microsoft Corporation, also Adjunct Industry Professor at IIT. He spoke about the recent developments at Microsoft. Schray used quite an innovative technique in his presentation. He used the motion recognition feature in Kinect to sense his hand and then advance through his

slides. Known to all, Schray runs workshops for students to build apps for Windows 8 and Windows Phone 8 from scratch using the X Platform Cloud kit. He ran a couple of sample apps that students were building at his events.

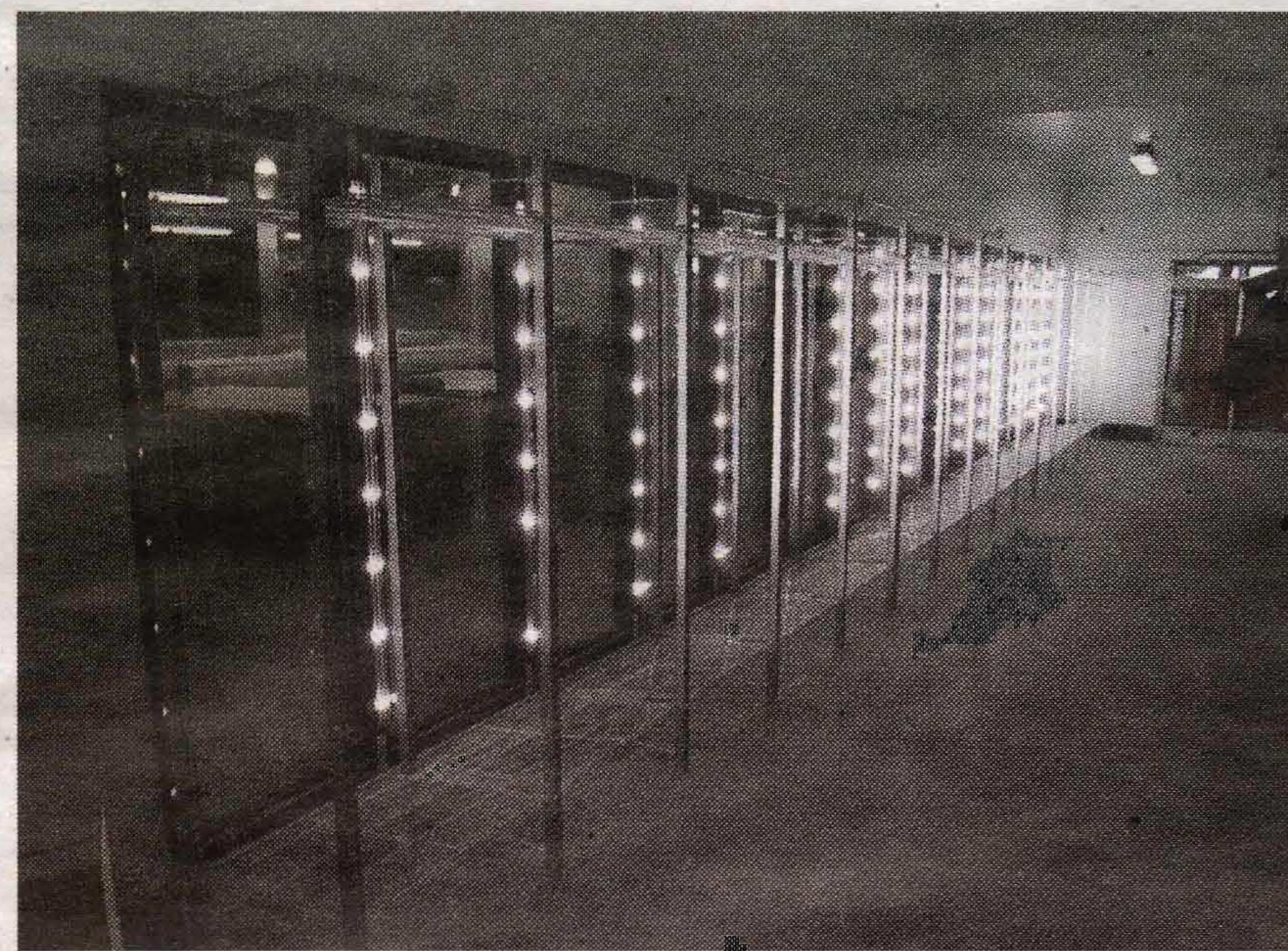
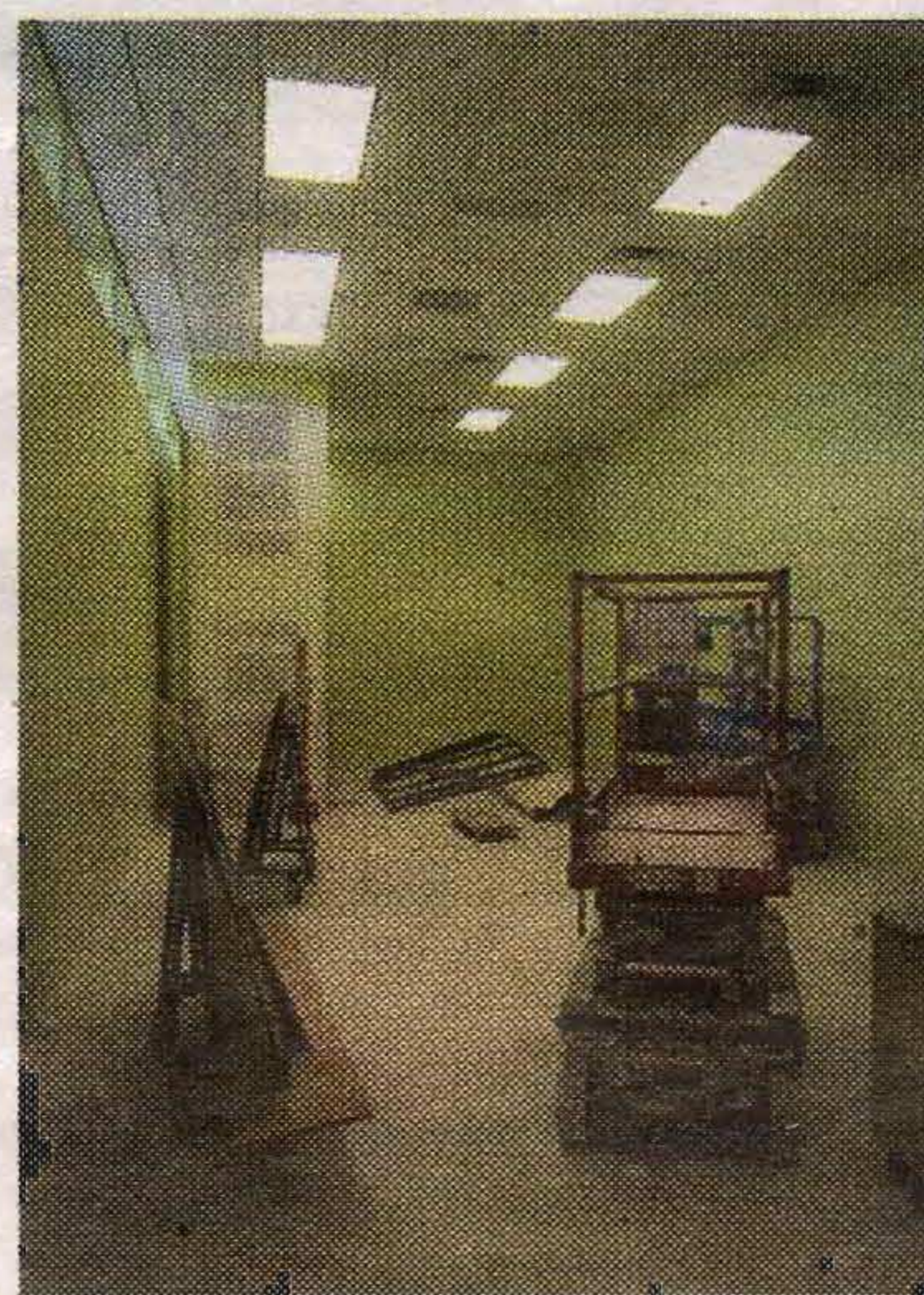
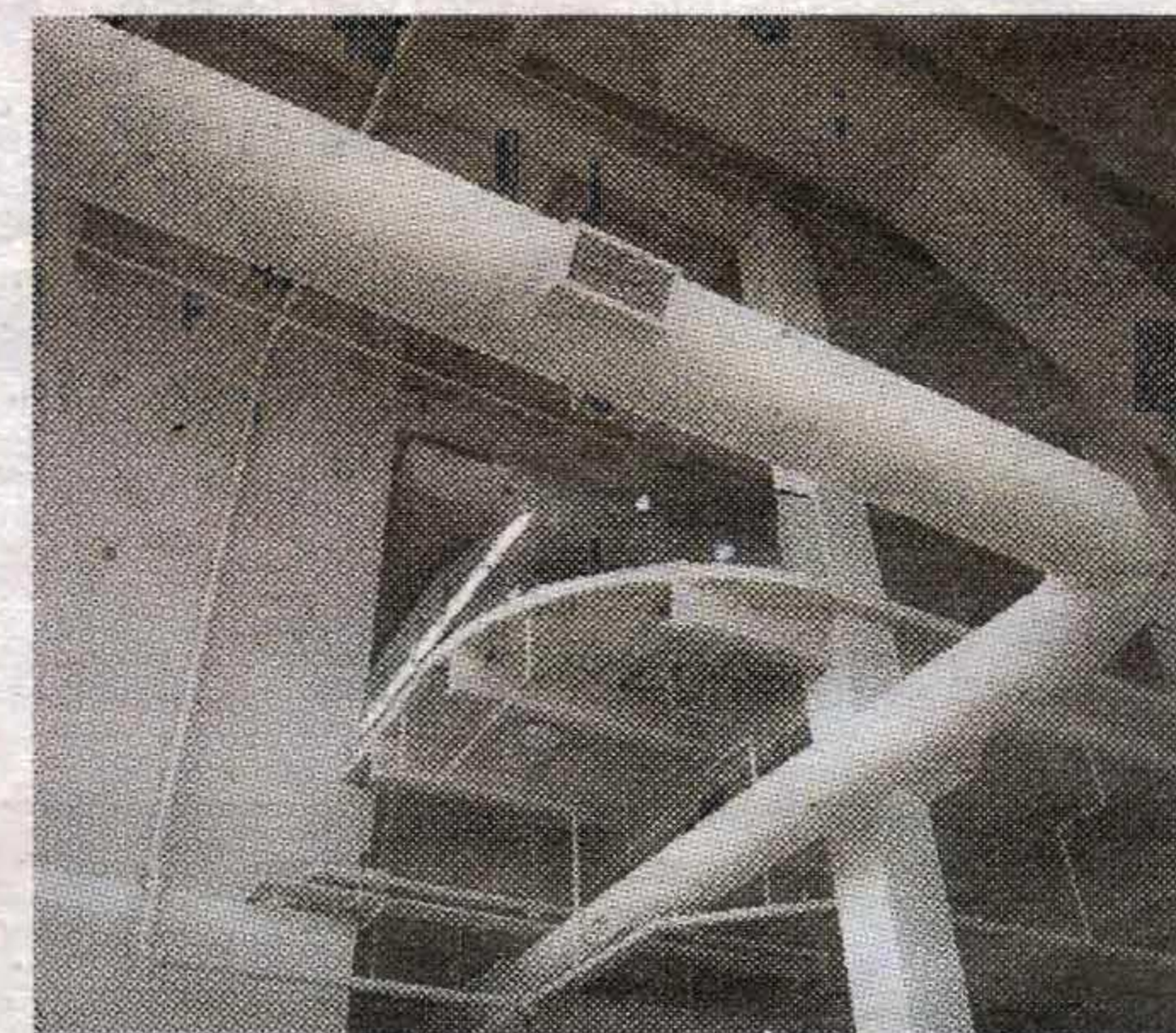
Schray is also conducting a workshop to build projects using Kinect on April 4 and 5 at the Idea Shop. For this event, students can bring their own cool stuff and learn a lot of other things. He also mentioned that there were a number of Kinect devices at the Idea Shop which can be used by students to build projects on their own. They can check them out using their student ID.

There is an upcoming IEEE conference on Transmission and Distribution on April 14 to April 17 at the McCormick Place for student

members. Those who are willing to volunteer can attend this conference for free. Even more, the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department will also sponsor interested students to attend this conference.

The S&C Electric tour which had been cancelled earlier is expected to be rescheduled sometime during late March. This tour will involve students being exposed to all of S&C Electric's equipment and operations, and interested students can also submit their resumes for opportunities within the company. There is also a Clean Energy tour conducted by IEEE coming up in April. The student branch is also planning a barbecue event in late April when the weather is warmer. Stay tuned to IEEE@IIT news for more details on the event.

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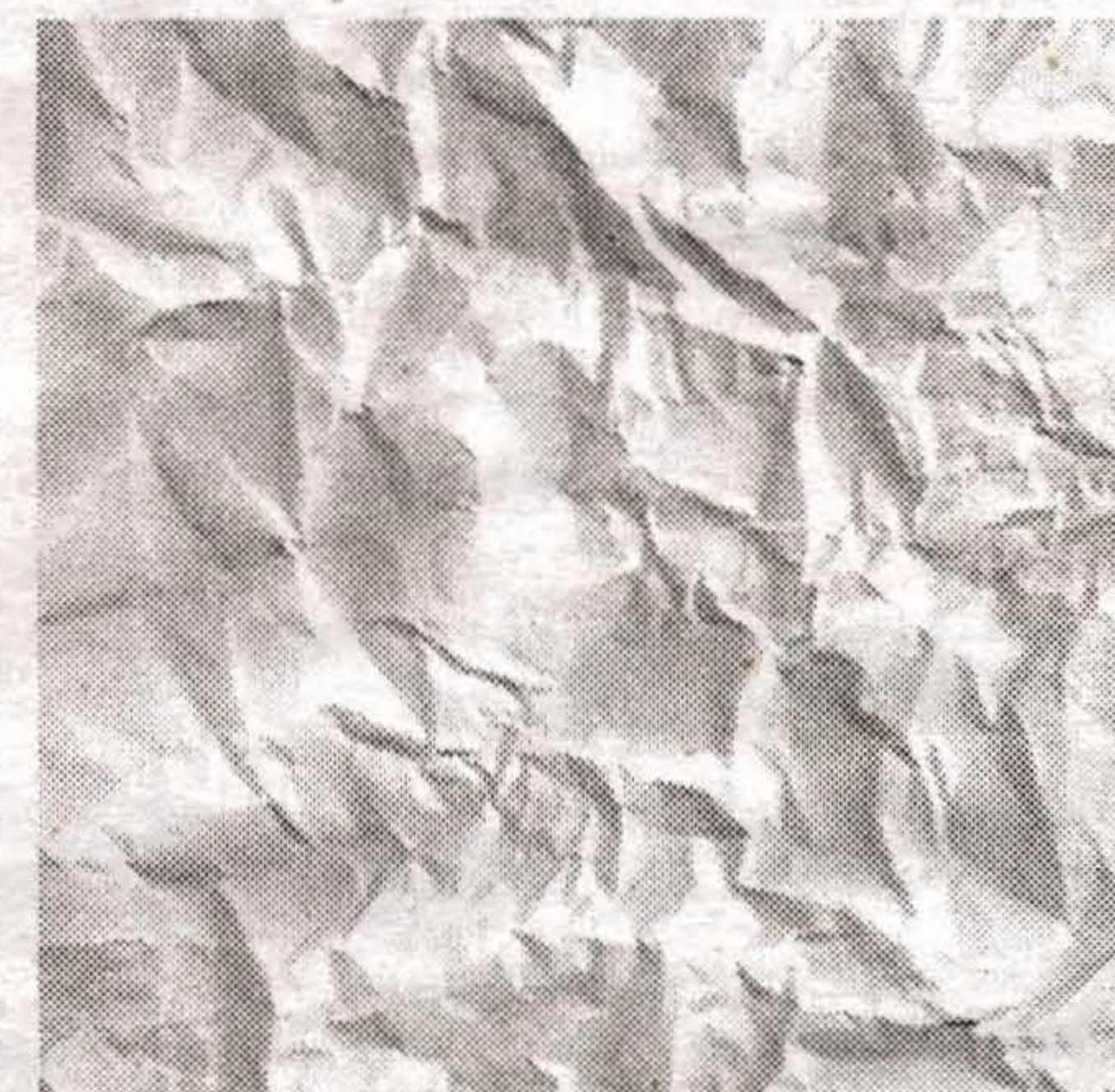
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Similar sausage joints battle in University Village

Kyle Stanevich
BUSINESS MANAGER

Around Illinois Tech, there are very few exceptional restaurants, but take a short trip over to UIC and everywhere there are good places to grab some grub.

Two that stand out are Jim's Original and Express Grill, both are polish sausage joints. Oddly enough, these places are located within feet of each other, featuring identical menus, prices, and color schemes. Between the two, there is some fierce competition, both grabbing for the title of best Polish sausage. Many people have tried to convince me one is better than the other, so I took it upon myself to taste test them both.

My roommate and I ventured out to try both places one cold Tuesday afternoon. After fumbling around the city to find an ATM, we headed over to Maxwell street to grab some food. In celebration of Black History Month, both Jim's Original and Express Grill held a sale that could not be beat; one Polish sausage and fries for only \$2, making this block the cheapest place to eat in Chicago. Neither place offers any seating, only a metal ledge on the outside of the buildings to rest food on. Forced inside by the bitter temperatures, we retreated to the warmth of a Cold Stone Creamery to enjoy our sausages.

The sausages were alike in almost every way. They looked the same, tasted the same, were wrapped the same, and both came with the same toppings, onions, mustard, and hot peppers. They were both big juicy sausages, and along with fries is enough to fill anyone up. Because the sausages were practically indistinguishable, the service and fries were the only distinguishing features. At Jim's Original, the staff was lively and energetic; Express Grill, not so much. However, Express Grill did have

a Polish man serving the sausage, adding a bit of authenticity. Jim's Original's fries were crisp, but Express Grill had a larger quantity of fries. Whether one is better than the other is still a mystery. Both have positives and negatives, but they are so closely related to each other that it is practically impossible to distinguish between the two.

Their menus do not stop at Polish sausage, and also include: pork chop sandwiches, hot dogs, fish sandwiches, burgers, and chicken. I have not tried them all, but after my experience with the sausages, I would guess that they taste exactly the same. The food at both places tastes amazing, but be warned this is not healthy food with all the grease, and there are no vegetarian options.

These two places are fantastic. The winter temperatures this time of year make it difficult to eat here without a car, but there are plenty of other restaurants and UIC buildings around to provide protection and warmth. If you want a good place to eat for less than \$5, can't stand what Sodexo has for lunch, or are craving some sausage at 4 a.m., head on over to Jim's Original and Express Grill to see which one you like better.

Jim's Original

1250 S Union Ave
Chicago, IL 60607

Scale (1-10): Best sausage around

Cost: less than \$5

Oddities: 24/7 and instant food
jimsoriginal.com

Express Grill

1260 S. Union
Chicago, IL 60607

Scale (1-10): Best sausage around

Cost: less than \$5

Oddities: 24/7 and instant food
expressgrillinc.com



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Note: These photos are of Jim's Original & Express Grill (top to bottom) though they are remarkably similar.

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...AND YOU PICK THE
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MARCH 7 (7:30 PM)
MARCH 8 (7:30 PM)
MARCH 14 (7:30 PM)
MARCH 15 (2:00 PM)

And now...a comic!

Sam Kepp
ART EDITOR



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SPORTS

Two brothers, same dream, 1 record

Phillip Cano
TECHNEWS WRITER

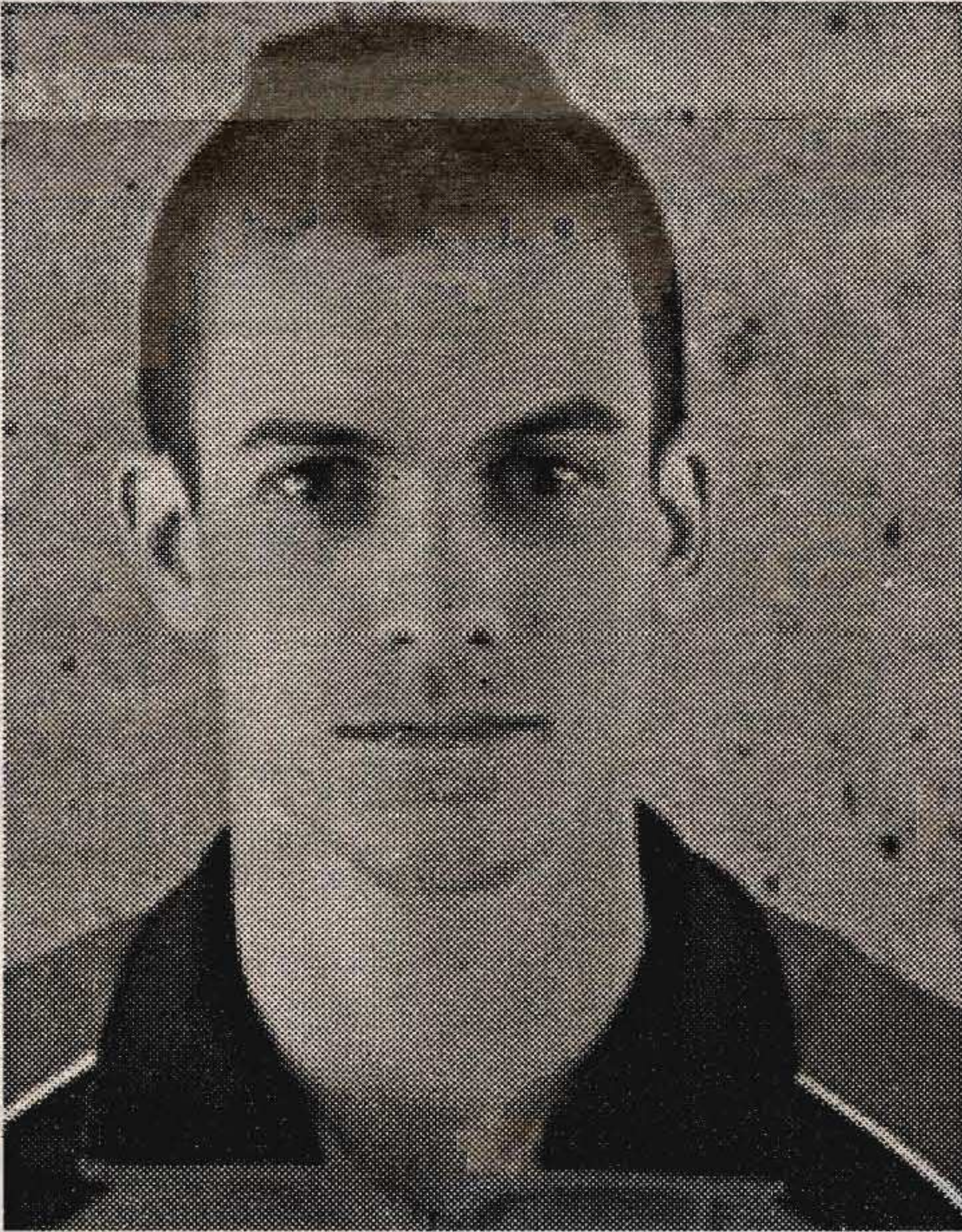
Family is the most important support group you can be a part of because it is filled with people who always have and always will be there for you in times of need, like when you decide to pursue ambitious goals that may seem impossible to others. Family will be the ones to tell you that you can do it! It is this loving environment that allows you to persevere and eventually achieve your dreams. But what if two members of the same family have the same exact dream?

This is the case for the Montague family, where two brothers are both striving for a shared goal of breaking the IIT Indoor Track Mile Record. In high school, Ethan and Andrew competed on the same cross country and track

teams. They would train together and push each other to reach new benchmarks. After high school, an opportunity arose for them to attend the same university. This allowed them to compete together once more as members of the Illinois Tech Varsity Track and Field Team.

To add to the unique situation, these young men are both highly competitive and specialize in middle and long distance events. This competitive spirit is what will be driving them on Friday, March 7 at the Gill Athletics Final Qualifier Meet hosted by Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. "We are looking forward to seeing them join forces and attempt to break the mile record," said fellow teammate Peter Lau. It will be an exciting race to watch as the two brothers work together, as a family, in an effort to bring home the record!

Photo courtesy of Phillip Cano



Top 4 on the run; 12 games left of season

Nathan McMahon
SPORTS EDITOR

The Premier League is nearing the home stretch of the season with just 12 games left until a champion is crowned. This past week of games saw the top four continue their blistering point pace with all taking three points in their matches. League leading Chelsea had a signature 1-0 win over Everton with a stoppage time goal from none else but

Frank Lampard. This gave the Blues 60 points whilst Everton is further separated from the top four with 45 points. Arsenal avenged an embarrassing midweek Champions League loss to Bayern Munich by demolishing Sunderland 4-1. Amidst all the controversy of his infidelity, Olivier Giroud scored two goals to keep him third in league scoring and gave Arsenal 59 points for second place. Sunderland remains a point from escaping the bottom three with 24 points.

The usually high scoring Manchester City struggled in their match against Stoke City who does not concede often. In the end, a moment of brilliance from Yaya Toure gave City the three points to keep pace with the other top sides. City remains three points off the pace with 57 points while Stoke continues their fight to avoid relegation with 27 points.

By far, the most anticipated match of the week was hosted at Anfield between Liverpool and Swansea City. Swansea looked

the better side for a large amount of match, but Liverpool's quality of attack would not be denied as they took the points in a 4-3 win behind a pair of braces from Henderson and Sturridge. Liverpool keeps their title hopes alive with 56 points while continuing to stay in the top four, six points above Tottenham. Tottenham surprisingly lost vital points in a 1-0 loss to Norwich City and now has 50 while Norwich received a vital point boost and has 28 points on the seas.



Friday, March 7
Men & Women's Track & Field
Gill Athletics Final Qualifier
@ Carthage College
3:30 p.m.

Saturday March 8
Women's Lacrosse
vs. Loras College

3 p.m.
Sunday, March 9
Baseball
vs. Goshen College
Covelski Stadium, South Bend, IN
12 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse
vs. Lawrence Technological

University
4 p.m.
Stuart Field

Tuesday, March 11
Women's Lacross
@ Benedictine University
7 p.m.

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University Calendar

March 3rd - March 7th

Monday March 3

Disaster Preparedness
Week: Snowstorms
Red Cross IIT
MTCC Bridge
11:00 am-2:00 pm

Intro to Co-Ops and
Internships Workshop
CMC
MTCC Executive
Conference Room
12:50pm-1:50 pm

Tuesday March 4

Disaster Preparedness
Week: Floods
Red Cross IIT
MTCC Bridge
11:00 am-2:00 pm

Tamale Sale
ASB
Engineering 1
11:00 am-3:00 pm

Wednesday March 5

Disaster Preparedness
Week: Tornadoes
Red Cross IIT
MTCC Bridge
11:00 am-2:00 pm

Sweet and Sour
Banquet Hour
Union Board
MTCC Bridge
1:00 pm-2:00 pm

Thursday March 6

General Body Meeting
Union Board
E1 Auditorium
12:45pm - 1:30pm
SWE Pool Tourney,
BMES Social,
NSBE Bowling Social
The Bog
5:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Quidditch Club
Activity Night
The Bog
9:00 pm-12:00 am

Friday March 7

International Women's
Day Panel
MTCC Welcome Center
12:45 pm-1:40 pm

Nitrous Oxide Nights:
Adam Grabowski and
Chris Jones, Hypnotist
Union Board
The Bog
9:00 pm-12:00 am

UPCOMING Union Board Events

Bog Open for Dinner!
The Bog
March 1, 8, 29, April 5
5:00 pm-1:00 am

Perlstein Premieres
TBA: possibly Frozen
Perlstein Auditorium
February 28th
6:00pm & 9:00 pm

Second City
Ticket Sale
Mid-March

Spring Formal
April 5th

UPCOMING Campus Events

TEDxIIT Pre-Event
March 6th

Greek Week
April 6th-13th

TEDxIIT
April 5th

Relay for Life
April 26th

Have an event that should
be included on this list?
email us at ub@iit.edu

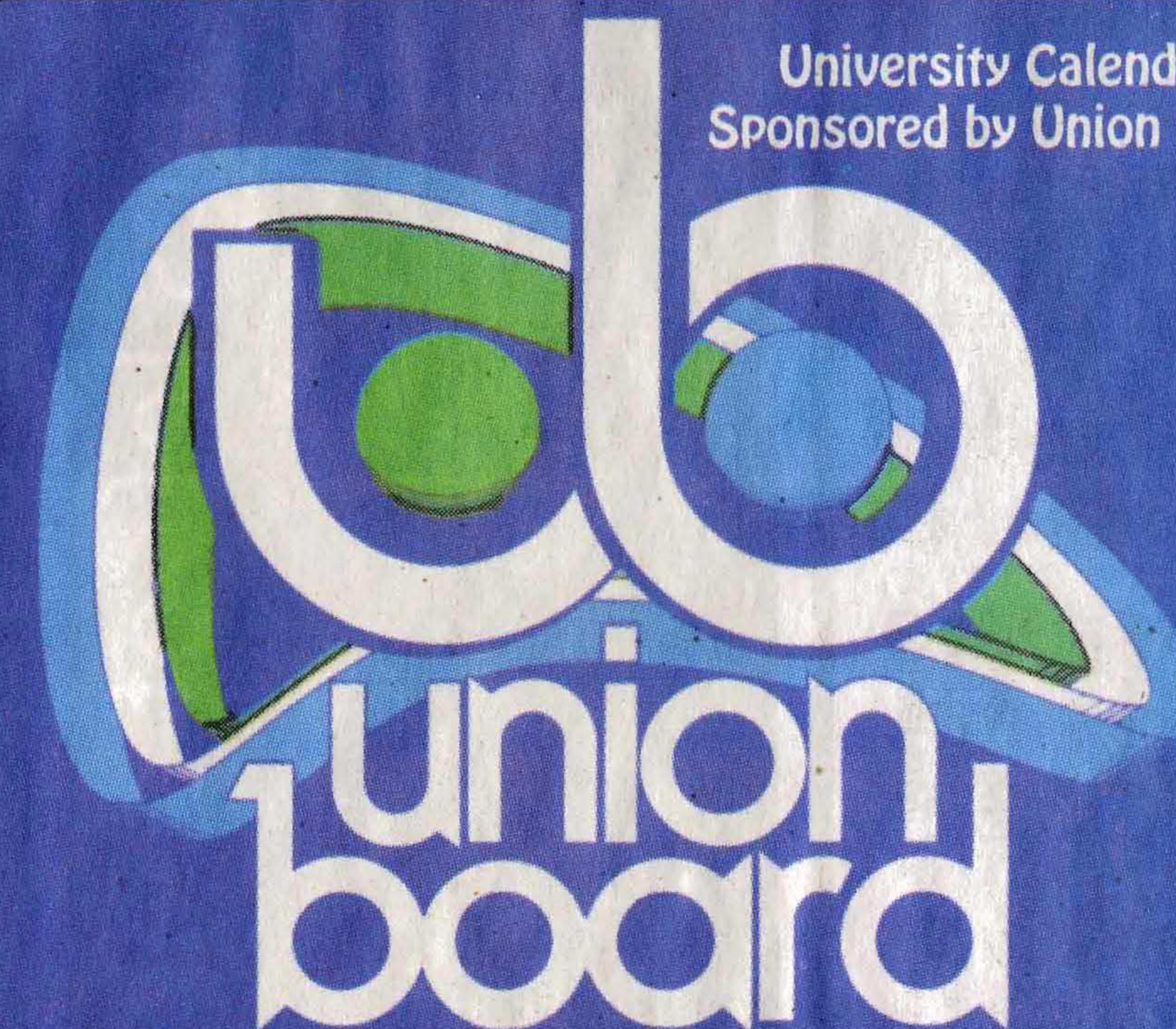
Congratulations to our new Exec Board!

President: Zephan Johnson
VP Impact: Margaret Lee
VP Bog Events: Jeli Fiol
VP Traditions: Srishti Mehra
VP Scarlet Fever: Shawn Spain
VP Operations: Irewole Akande

Union Board meetings are every Thursday at 1pm
in the E1 Auditorium. All committees all at once.

Union Board Office Hours:

Impact	- Thurs 2:00-4:00pm
Bog	- Mon 3:30-5:30pm
Traditions	- Wed 5:00-6:00 pm, Thurs 10:00-11:00 am
Scarlet Fever	- Thurs 10:00-11:00 am, Fri 11:30-12:30pm
President	- Thurs 11:30am-12:30pm, Fri 11:30am-12:30pm



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