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President & Provost Forum responds to student concerns

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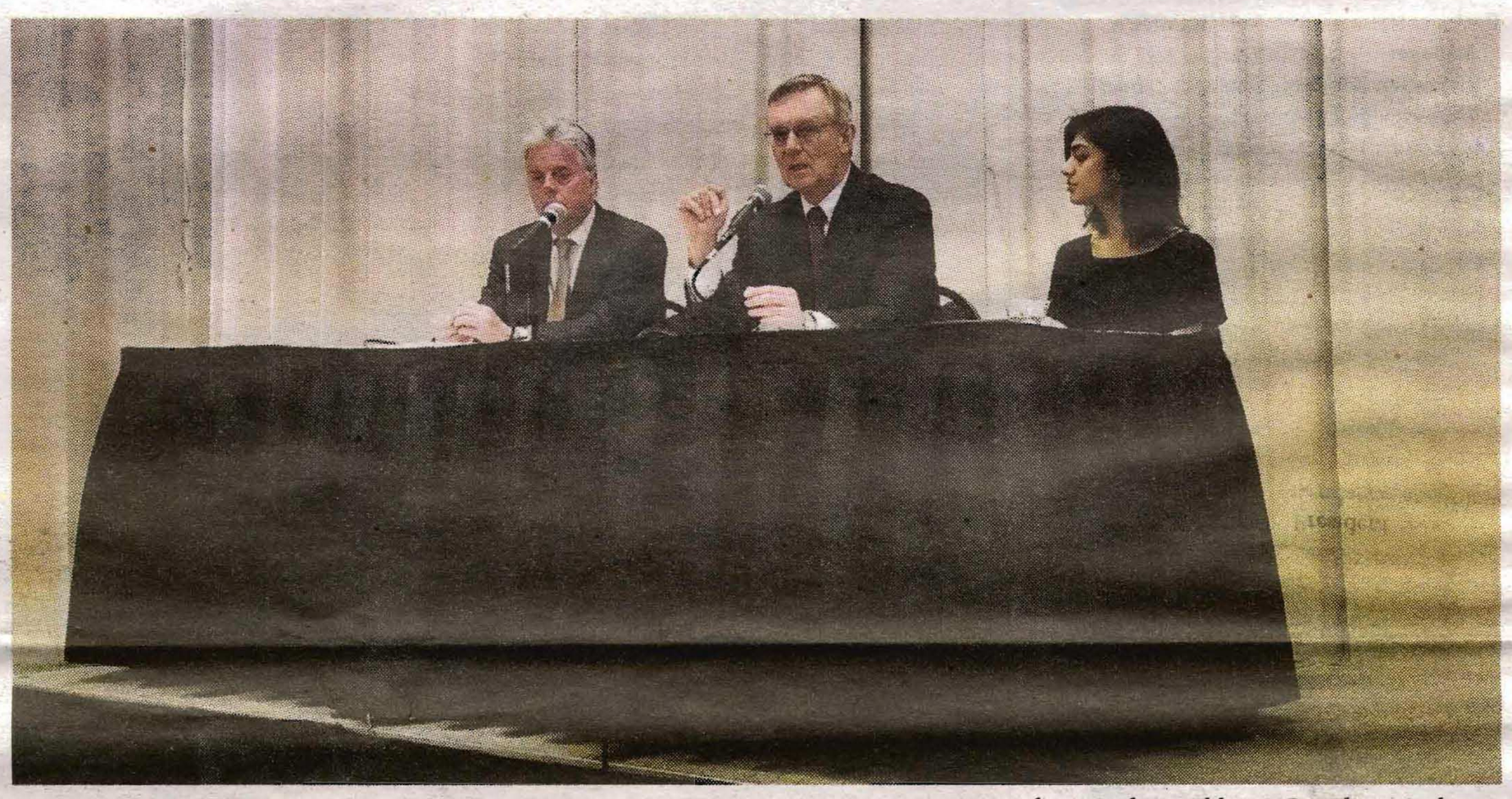

With lots of changes coming to the university in the future, including a new Innovation Center, a solidified transition to National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division Three athletics, and a recently-announced 3.8 percent tuition increase, there are plenty of actions being made by university administration that have the student body asking questions. Luckily, each semester, the students, staff, and faculty gather to hear the answers to these questions with the President and Provost Forum.

Members of the university community came to the Hermann Hall ballroom on Tuesday, March 4 during the lunch hour for the Spring 2014 President and Provost Forum hosted by the Student Government Association (SGA). In what SGA President Rani Shaw called "one of the most well-attended President and Provost Forums ever," the Forum aimed to increase transparency of Illinois Tech's administration by giving students an opportunity to ask questions of university President John Anderson and Provost Alan Cramb.

Akinade Aderle, SGA Vice President of Academic Affairs introduced this semester's President and Provost Forum. Aderle explained that the format of the forum would be to follow certain categories for questions to shape the conversation. As with previous years, SGA offered students the opportunity to submit their questions ahead of time through an online form.

The first set of questions focused on the upcoming Illinois Institute of Technology Innovation Center. The first question, received via the online form, asked the administration what the general plans for the Innovation Center would be, including where it will be located, when it scheduled to be completed, and how much it will cost. President Anderson responded that the innovation center will be a new building on campus that will allow students to focus on application of what they know and allow them to come up with new ideas. He explained that the Innovation Center does not yet have a solidified location, but that it will be on-campus. The President went on to clarify the timeline for the new building, saying that the building will be designed by late summer of 2015 with construction beginning by 2016 with a two-year construction period. The building will house Illinois Tech's Institute of Design, IPRO classes, Entrepreneurship Academy, Leadership Academy, and the Idea Shop, which will be moved from its current location in Tech Park. President Anderson closed the question by talking about money; the goal for construction is $40 million dollars, and we are currently at the $30 million dollar mark.

A follow up question was asked by a member of the audience, inquiring as to how all members of the IIT community—not just those in engineering majors—will be involved in activities in the Innovation Center. Provost Cramb answered the question, mentioning that the Innovation Center will be something

used by all, where students of all backgrounds can work together to use each other's strengths. President Anderson added that the new building will allow more people of different backgrounds to be brought together under one roof to further collaboration and innovation.

The second category for questions was related to the university's change from being a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics to the NCAA. The first question in this category—submitted via the online form—asked the President about some restrictions being placed on athletes during the transition between the two organizations. President Anderson verified that students who received 4-year athletic scholarships will retain those scholarships until they use up all of their eligibility, and that after that time no more athletic scholarships will be offered to incoming students.

An additional question on the topic of athletics came from the audience; a student asked how IIT intends to incentivize students to compete in sports at the college level without rewarding athletic scholarships. President Anderson responded that the incentive of athletics should not be payment, but the experience and character-building that comes along with playing a varsity team sport. He and the Provost also mentioned that expanding athletics facilities is something that the university is looking toward as our athletics program expands and grows.

Annother question, still on the topic of sports, was asked as a follow up from the audience; it noted that student athletes need to be supported more and asked if the administration has any plans for further supporting their student athletes. President Anderson suggested that faculty attendance at athletic events would help facilitate further support, and recommended that student athletes invite their professors to their competitions. Provost Cramb also says that he appreciates the support that the student community has given athletes so far and thinks that even more can be done.

After these questions, the floor was opened to students, allowing them to ask any remaining questions before moving on to the final category of questions. A question came from the audience regarding underutilized spaces on campus, including Main Building and a few uninhabited residence halls. President Anderson answered that Main Building needs to be modified such that is safe before being used fully again. "The building only has 35,000 feet of space to use, and it would take a fortune to fix it. There's no reason to use donations or tuition money to renovate the building; it's not something we need right now." Provost Cramb answered the half of the question regarding residence halls. He mentioned that we have a growing student body and are approaching maximum occupancy in student housing. The Provost says the two buildings should be back and being actively used by students within a few years as our student population grows.

The final category for questions for the event regarded tuition. A question submitted from the online form asked the President and Provost what the causes for an increase in tuition are, and what steps are being taken to ensure that IIT remains affordable to students. President Anderson said, "What's listed as tuition and what's paid as tuition are very different things. Nearly all of our students received a substantial amount of financial aid." He also added that tuition increases are also used to improve the university: "We don't want to stay stagnant; we want the university to become stronger and more visible."

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Tricia Downing: an inspirational woman

Shireen Gul
COPY EDITOR

It was a regular Thursday evening and I was working on my assignments when I suddenly realized that Tricia Downing would be here for Women's History Month but I didn't want to go alone on this cold evening. So I asked my few friends if they were willing to come along with me but they refused to accompany me, as they were tired. Because I really wanted to go there, I got dressed up and went there with the intention that I will come back in 10 minutes but who knew this event will be so inspirational.

I got some free food (which is always awesome) and entered the auditorium. The moment I the entered the room, I saw this beautiful lady sitting on her throne (calling that a wheel-chair for her would be an insult) with her head high and smiling face, spreading her positive vibes around every corner.

The moment I saw her all I could think of was that how blessed I am. I realized that how easy it is to be thankful when we are being blessed, but the challenge is to be thankful when times are tough. A moment before I was complaining about The Commons food but she made me realize that just remember it could be worse than what it is now.

Tricia Downing, a passionate cyclist was living a perfect life 14 years back. That time she was only 31 years old and she already had everything she could have asked for. It was in the summer of 2000, when she drove across the country in 23 days and completed 18 races. She returned from her adventure and was all ready for a new beginning: her dream job awaited for her, and, was steadfast to make the next summer the year when she would make another world record in cycling. But who knew what the future is holding for her.

It was September 17, 2000, one sunny Colorado afternoon and like always she started her day with what she loves the most. She was training on her bicycle with her friend Matt, when not only she but her complete life collided with a car. It was that dark day in this athlete life when everything changed in a minute, and in a blink she becomes paralyzed from the chest down.

As mentioned on her website, "a competitive road and track cyclist and lifelong athlete, losing the use of her legs is devastating on all accounts.

As she re-learns to do everything from sitting straight up to navigating through her house in a wheelchair to returning to work and operating a handcycle, her grueling recovery takes her to the very core of her athletic mettle."

Sitting in that room and listening to her that how each day she struggled with her life made me feel so small in front of her. I just kept on thinking about all those times when I would complain about every useless thing, which can be changed and even if it didn't, it would have not made a difference. I kept looking at her shining face and thought, what if I could not walk or was bed ridden for a while? Would I be able to have same positive energy within me or I would have died from depression. I just looked down and said, "I am a healthy person who can walk," so I have no rights to complain about my life.

Trust me, it's not that easy to face this society with a wheelchair, no matter how hard you try but somewhere in your heart you know

Photo courtesy of Shireen Gul

that people are looking at you with pity. They feel bad for you. Downing was once walking, not only walking but was an athlete and she knows exactly how it feels to walk on your own feet. It's not easy to overcome this feeling but this lady did it.

When she was sharing her experience of the first triathlon, I was amused to see her passion for sports. I was listening to her single word and was watching her single movement. As a communication student I could see that she is doing everything as a normal person would do while giving presentation.

She was moving back-forward, moving her hands, having eye-contact with her audience, cracking jokes to give some comic relief and smiling after every few minute, just to make sure that we are not sad but happy to see her. I can still hear her voice when she said these golden words about her experience, "When I entered the field, all people could see was my disability but when I finished the race all they could see was my ability."

Yes, these words made me think about my abilities and give me inspiration to be better every day. When she was telling us about the time when she moved from rehab to her own house and her all family left her all alone there, that was the moment when my heart broke into thousand pieces. I so badly wished that I knew her that time so I could have helped her. But before my this feeling could go further she looked at me and smiled and said that this was the time which made her stronger, because she ignored the little demon on her shoulder and promised herself that she will do something remarkable in her life.

Yet, she did and till now she has completed over 100 races, including marathons, duathlons and triathlons. She was the first female paraplegic to complete an Ironman triathlon and qualified for the Hawaii Ironman World Championships in 2006 and 2010. And another great achievement for her was when in 2011, she competed as part of the U.S. Rowing team at the World Championships in Bled, Slovenia.

What a true inspiration you are Tricia Downing. I am so glad I attended your inspirational speech and learnt how to be thankful. I thought I am strong but I was wrong, I am not an inch as strong as you are. You are a living role model for all those women who think they can't do anything. I am blessed to meet you.

Thanks to IIT Office of Spiritual Life and Service Learning and IIT Campus Life for bringing her here. Trust me we all should really start being thankful for things we have in life, and what happens, because tomorrow - what we have, could be gone.

If anyone is willing to be inspired then you must order her book Cycle of Hope , which chronicles Downing's journey from the first terrifying moments of impact with the car through rehab and her emergence as a world-class athlete. Please visit her website for more information trishdowning.com and you can also email her at: trish@trishdowning.com

A letter to my fellow students

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Dear fellow students, I am Timi. Olurotimi Akindele: a third year student-athlete studying political science. I humbly write to you, as I have now announced my candidacy for the Student Government Association (SGA) Presidency.

My reason for running is purposeful. My aim and objectives are sound, good, and detailed. I have a hope and passion to see a well-rounded IIT community. A community where friendships are built and enriched, a place where education remains valued, and a realm where the hope of a better tomorrow is continually realized through an attentive and responsive Student Government that is a vibrant, productive clear voice for all IIT students.

It is my intention to make those of us who are unaware of the SGA's positive influence on campus aware of its activities. Besides, the positive aspect of every SGA is that it has the means and ability to affect the well being of every student for the better. It is every student's classical medium. And if I were to be elected President, I intend to utilize the power of the SGA Presidency to improve our overall IIT experience; yes, for you my fellow student.

I seek to use great care, effort and efficient coordination, in every SGA idea, operation, and plan that benefits us students: plans to create more collaboration amongst organizations, plans to improve athletic enthusiasm and participation on campus, plans to connect IIT organizations with other universities and possibly co-host events together, plans for professional development days, and plans to invite elected officials for civic engagement interactions and thus foster community service outreach.

Most importantly, one of my proposed plans is to have a supplemental transcript for IIT students. This transcript will be an addition to our current academic transcript. We shall move to call the proposed transcript, the "ECA" or an "Extra Curricular Activities Transcript."

The need for this type of transcript is that it complements a student's academic progress and resume. It is a concise transcript that entails and highlights a student's non-academic success, growth, and competency during their time here, at IIT. Basically, it serves as a portfolio that I hope the IIT administration will use to authenticate and assist students in documenting their leadership roles, professional activities, athletic awards/participations, and any outside of the classroom attainments. It is important to create such a transcript because it will convey and shape IIT students holistically, show how well rounded the student is, and it will enhance the student's application for jobs and scholarships.

This is one of my ideas for the IIT community, and a priority objective. I intend to passionately campaign for it.

Please note that if you have questions, let me know, and if you have ideas, send them to me. They are welcome and will be further developed if necessary. I promise dignity, productivity, vibrancy, and professionalism; along with a good and steady stride. These are fair and doable ideas. So let's do it.

SGA will grow towards efficient pathways, and I intend to invite and include various minds to make better the operational ends of the SGA to form a merged consensus. I aim to revamp, refocus, and renew SGA so that campus life can be improved.

A place where friendships are formed, where partnerships are built, and where great ideas are nurtured for future times. This new SGA will move to be a propellant for these pathways. Let's make IIT better. I humbly seek your support and vote. Tuesday, April 8, 2014 is Election Day. Come out and vote. Thank you very much for reading.

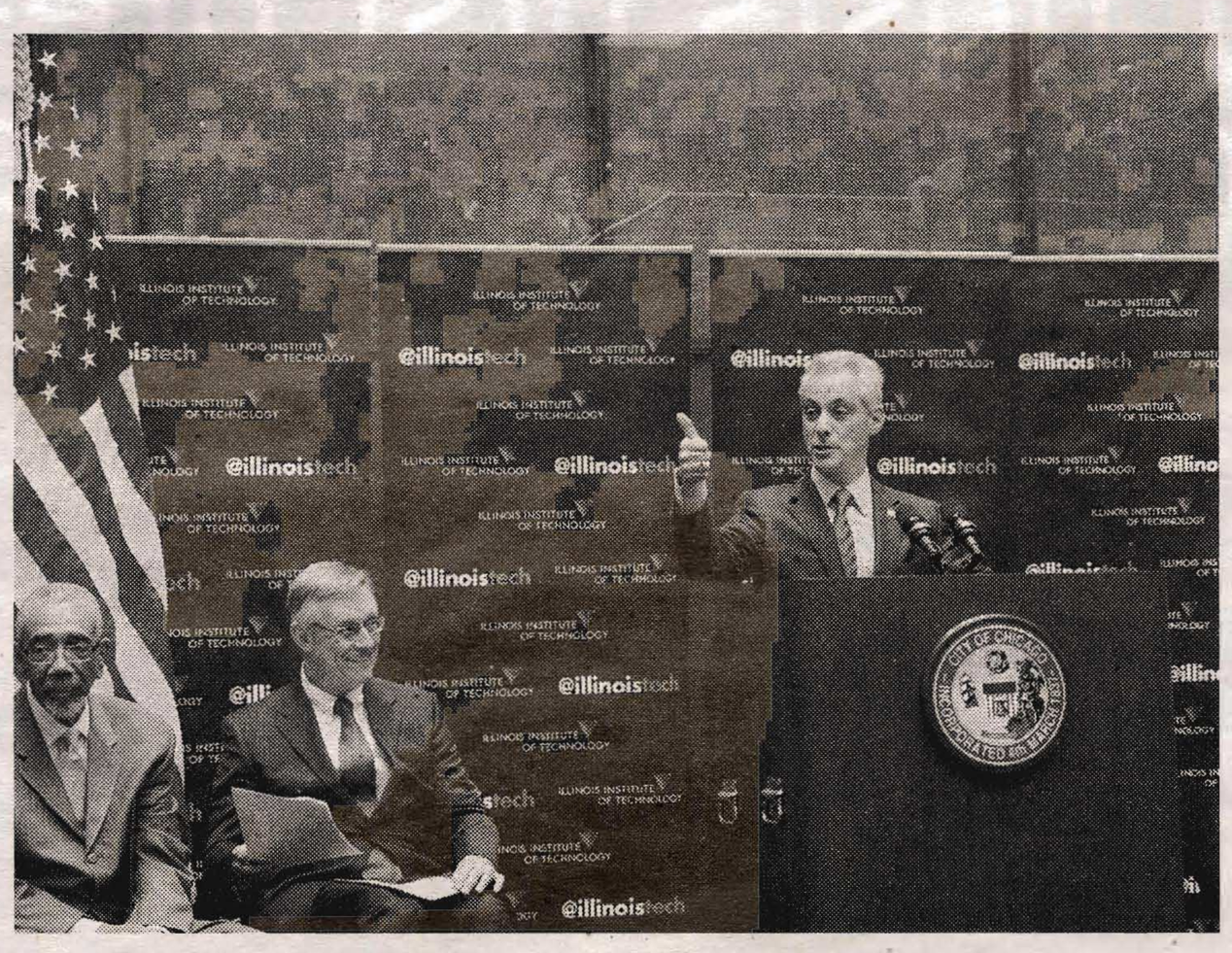
Illinois Tech names architects for Innovation Center

Kori Bowns
EDITOR-IN-CHEIF

"Under leadership of Mayor Emmanuel, Chicago has embarked on a major mission to build a robust innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem. I am pleased to announce today the addition of a revolutionary academic building that will advance the agendas of both IIT and Chicago," said IIT President John Anderson as he introduced the formal announcement of the planned Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship on Friday, March 4 in the Atrium of Tech Park.

After announcing the $10 million challenge gift toward the university's planned Innovation Center from IIT alumnus Ed Kaplan and his wife, Carol, last week, President Anderson was excited to announce the progress toward IIT's newest academic building since 1968 to the Chicago community, including an announcement of the two architecture firms that will be developing the design and programming for the new building.

IIT's planned Innovation Center, to be called the Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship, will be a 100,000 square foot facility that will house IIT's Institute of Design, IPRO program, Idea Shop, and other offices from the university. The new building will be located on Illinois Tech's Main Campus and has an anticipated completion date in 2017.



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President Anderson was joined by a few others in making this announcement, including U.S. Congressman Bobby Rush, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, IIT Trustee Thomas Lanctot, and two current Illinois Tech students, Dane Christianson and Cleo Richard.

Congressman Rush said, "IIT has opened its doors in remarkable ways throughout the years; I'm proud to witness another step in the right direction, and I'd like to thank this university for helping to create a great nation and including this local community in your endeavors."

"The new Kaplan Institute at IIT further establishes Chicago as the place where the greatest 21st century innovations begin," said Mayor Emanuel. "This center will help today's students become the innovators of tomorrow, providing businesses with a pipeline of new products, processes, and talented graduates to hire."

After these remarks, President Anderson was pleased to announce the two architecture firms that will be taking on the new building. John Ronan Architects, a firm based in Chicago, will be designing the Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship. The firm became nationally recognized with two American Institute of Architects National Honor Awards for two buildings in Chicago and is currently ranked as the number 3 design firm in the United States by Architect Magazine.

Shepley Bulfinch was announced as the programming architect for the Kaplan Institute. Shepley Bulfinch, based in Boston, has several connections to the City of Chicago dating back to 1892 when the firm designed the Art Institute of Chicago. The company is ranked as a top firm in the country by Architectural Record.

The Ed Kaplan Institute for Innovation and Technology Entrepreneurship will being an exciting addition to Illinois Tech's campus, and its impact will be felt on campus and beyond as it is seen to fruition.

IEEE@IIT hosts national information session

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COPY EDITOR

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) at IIT hosted an information session at the Siegel Hall Auditorium on Friday, March 7. The speaker of the event was Jalyn Kelley, IEEE Client Services Manager, who works with IEEE customers located in the southern and central United States and internationally.

Mehdi Ganji, President of IEEE @ IIT introduced the speaker to the audience and expressed gratitude to IEEE in its consistent support and faith in the student branch at IIT.

Kelley started off the presentation by giving a brief introduction about IEEE, its core areas of activity and its mission "To foster technological innovation and excellence for the benefit of humanity." She described the history of IEEE and how it came into existence on the emergence of two organizations in the past, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers (AIEE) and the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE.) She also spoke about the various IEEE societies and how each society represents its area of technical interest. She mentioned about the benefit of being an IEEE member and being able to network with peers through various conferences and informative meetings.

"The benefits of being a member are plenty," Kelley said, speaking about the IEEE job site, career alerts, career development webinars, awards and scholarships, and Microsoft software for students. IEEE members can access resources regards to building their resume at ieee.org/resumelab. She also mentioned about the events within IEEE, such as, Xtreme Programming Competition, and Presidents' Change the World Competition where students and professionals can compete and the various fellowship/scholarship provided by IEEE. Students and professionals can stay technically current by subscribing to the IEEE Spectrum Magazine, and the Institute Newsletter and also access information from the IEEE Xplore Digital Library and IEEE.tv by becoming a member.

Her presentation included in detail, the process involved in publishing papers and journals within IEEE. She explained about all the aspects of being a successful author within IEEE, places and means to look for to gather resources, parts that have to be included in a scientific paper, how to submit it and monitor the status of its approval and it being published. Interested students who are looking to become an IEEE author can visit www.ieee.org/go/authorship. Resources and reference papers can be accessed from the library at www.ieee.org/ieeexplore.

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Red Cross IIT sponsors month of events

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Everyone can recognize the symbol of the Red Cross when they see it–the emblem of the American Red Cross.

This influential organization is especially active during March, so our student organization, Red Cross IIT, is also prepared to celebrate all the great things about the Red Cross this March and early April.

From March 3 to March 7, Red Cross IIT was on the bridge in MTCC during lunch hour giving out cute little paper houses with simple disaster preparedness tips printed onto the sides of the houses. If you did not stop by, then you also missed out the surprise piece of candy hidden inside the little house. March 9, we also held a bingo night off campus at the Boulevard Care Center, which was a lot of fun.

With Spring Break coming up on our heels, Red Cross IIT is concerned for your safety. Therefore, we have decided to be on the MTCC Bridge again on Wednesday, March 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to give out Spring Break safety tips. We know that safety tips are not that exciting, but they could be if you stopped by our table.

You should definitely join our club at the Perlstein Auditorium on Wednesday, March 26 from 1 to 1:30 p.m. for an International Film Series showing. It will only occupy 30 minutes of your day, and you will be able to walk away from it with so much more knowledge about the American Red Cross and the organization's work throughout the world.

On Saturday, March 29, a group of students in Red Cross IIT will be walking through Chicago from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to make Chicagoans more aware of the threat of fires in the city. This activity, called Fire Canvassing, is a program sponsored by the American Red Cross where volunteers walk around hanging fire awareness and preparedness tags on the doors of residences in the city. The tags encourage people to become conscious of the great amount of fires in the area of Chicago, and hopefully prevent one in their household.

Red Cross Month will be culminating on April 6 with our DJ Competition. This awesome event will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the MTCC Ballroom. The competition is a fundraiser for the American Red Cross campaign to battle measles and rubella around the world.

In developing countries, the vaccine still has not become important, even though measles and rubella are deadly yet easily preventable. Less than a dollar vaccinates one child, so the entrance fee for our special event will be just one dollar per person. You will definitely want to come to this event so you can make an impact on the world while listening to your friends battling against each other on the turntables.

Any student at IIT, Shimer, or Vandercook can be a DJ by signing up at tiny.cc/DJcompetition to represent a student organization, Greek house, or residence hall! There will be dance in addition to the DJ battle, so it will be an amazing fun fundraiser. Hope to see you there!

Sharing Table honors women athletes

Shireen Gul
COPY EDITOR

IIT Student Center for Diversity and Inclusion (SCDI) organized their amazing event called "The Sharing Table" last Thursday. 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.

This time we had our female athletes in the spotlight. They shared with us their contributions on-campus as an athlete and also told us that if we are interested in joining a team, so what could be the process of joining it. It was so amusing to know how much hard work and determination is needed in these sports, which apparently seems to be easy.

Kirk Lamitie, the Head Women's Lacrosse Coach joined us for the event as well and encouraged all of us to join his team. The Illinois Tech Women's Lacrosse team's home opener against Loras College was on last Saturday, at Stuart Field. It was great to be a part of IIT history and cheer leading for our Lady Scarlet Hawks.

Usha Gilmore, the Head Women's Basketball Coach was a part of this event as well. We were lucky enough to hear about her journey as an athlete, which was of course not an easy task. But as Charlotte Bronte mentioned in her book "Jane Eyre" that, "I am no bird; and no net ensnares me: I am a free human being with an independent will." So when you are determined enough for some task, nothing can stop you.

I don't want to sound really feminist by saying this but we women deserve more than what we are doing. As the great author Joseph Conrad said, "being a woman is a terribly difficult task, since it consists principally in dealing with men." So, if we can handle the men, then we can handle anything this world, being it a sport or a job.

So if you are willing to join any women's team here on campus please don't hesitate and send an email to Kirk Lamitie at klamitie@iit.edu, and he will help you in finding the perfect match for you.

Next sharing table will be held on April 4, in the Commons. 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.

TEDxIIT hosts first pre-event, announces two new speakers

Nirja Shah
TECHNEWS WRITER

TEDxIIT hosted its first pre-event for the fourth consecutive year, providing free admission, food, and drinks during the previous week. The event also had a photo booth besides the free stuff. The team played few inspirational videos, talked about the planning of the upcoming TEDxIIT event and had volunteers sign up for the event. The pre-event helped attendees gain a better perspective about TEDxIIT. Yoetzian Diaz and Isabella Romero talked about their experience of working with TEDxIIT and encouraged people to sign up to be volunteers for the amazing event.

With only about a month left for the grand event, the team has finalized all the speakers. As mentioned in last week's article, the team will be providing insight about the speakers every week.

In the spirit of International Women's day and celebrating Women's history month, the team is proud to announce Jessica Anne Hubert and Katherine Darnstadt as speakers for TEDxIIT. These wonderful ladies are coming to TEDxIIT to share their stories and lay an infinite impact within the organization.

Hubert graduated from the University of Maryland's Fire Protection Engineering program in May 2006. She completed her Master's in Business Administration (MBA) in 2010. In 2012, shortly after the birth of her son, her father-in-law was shot by the honey bee killer and her husband began a slow descent that lead a contentious divorce. In July 2013, she was paralyzed while working out at a gym. Now she is overcoming the odds, learning how to walk again.

She took full advantage of her opportunities as a bright young woman with supportive, and well-educated parents. She earned a degree in fire protection engineering prior to her MBA, and started a promising career and family before everything fell apart. Instead of being a victim, she is making her way with grace and persistence.

Architect and educator, Darnstadt is the Founder and Principal of Latent Design, a collaboration of individuals whose projects focus on social, economic and environmental impact beyond buildings.

Darnstadt uses latent design, to make invisible forces impacting a project at local and global levels; policy, culture, climate; visible, through architecture.

Her firm is enhancing existing design practice, and education to pro-actively engage in community based participatory design, as an advocate against the inverse relationship between design and economy.

Darnstadt brings innovative design to those in resource and budget limited environments through a holistic, creative approach, to design driven by community needs that leverages other partners and assets to address project challenges.

To know more about TEDxIIT, visit http://mypages.iit.edu/~tedxiit/. For any questions, comments or concern, email TEDxIIT at info@tedxiit.com.

Shimer, IIT collaborate to sponsor 'Great Migration' lecture

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Shimer College and Illinois Institute of Technology treated the campus and community to a discussion that happened last Wednesday, with three of Chicago's most notable scholars; Carol Adams, CEO of the DuSable Museum of African American History, Timuel Black, Professor Emeritus at City Colleges of Chicago and Richard Steele from WBEZ radio. Their candid conversation about Chicago and the Great Migration gave everyone an insightful view of the past, present and the future.

The program started with a brief introduction about the event and the speakers. Chicago radio personality, Richard Steele moderated the conversation. He is known to support the efforts of the ETA Creative Arts Foundation, and other African American community organizations.

The first speaker was Adams, who has spent most of her career in cultural arts research, analysis and production. Her matchless outlook on Art and its vital role in shaping and defining culture and community is informed by her parallel study of Sociology and Africana history and culture.

The next speaker was Black, who was a high school teacher at Chicago's public schools, a civil and labor rights activist, an oral historian, and a professor and administrator at the City Colleges of Chicago.

Black was born in Birmingham (Ala.) and came to Chicago in 1919 at eight months of age. He attended Roosevelt University and the University of Chicago. His books, Bridges of Memory: Chicago's First Wave of Black Migration, and Bridges of Memory Volume 2: Chicago's Second Generation of Black Migration, can be a good source of knowledge for anyone who wants to study history.

Between 1915 and 1970, six million African Americans left their homes in the South and moved to states in the North and West. This massive movement of black citizens from one part of the United States to another is known as the Great Migration. The social conditions in the South were getting worse day by day. On a daily basis, the migrants were getting several reasons to leave. Dr. Adam said, "We could not go to restaurants or try on clothes, which was very common in the South. You could go and shop but can't try on the clothes," further she added, "Who wants to buy those clothes after you wore them? Our mom had to measure our foot on a piece of paper and take it to the store to shop for us."

There were no reconstructions taking place in the neighborhood, and state legislatures throughout the South had passed laws mandating the separation of races in every area of social life (marriage, housing, education, transportation, healthcare, recreation, and so on.) These laws were known as Jim Crow laws and because of these laws and social customs, southern states steadily developed an unembellished racial caste system. Black said with his soft yet inspirational voice, "nobody would visit the South unless someone dies there. Kids were told, 'don't hang out with those Negros [a different type of word used those days.]"

This caste system was imposed not only by law, but also by extensive campaign of terror, known as lynching. Between 1880 and 1950, mobs of white men tortured and murdered approximately 3,500 African Americans, often before crowds of spectators, to avenge suspected violations of the social and legal code.

African Americans had to step off the sidewalk when a white person approached, they were banished from jobs nobody else wanted no matter their skill or ambition, they couldn't vote, but could be hanged on suspicion of the pettiest infraction.

In 1963, Black went to Birmingham (Alabama) to visit Martin Luther King. The moment he reached, he called his cousin and said, "I am in town," without any hesitation he said, "don't come here or else they would be in serious trouble." The situation was so bad during those days that even in everyday interactions, a black person could not contradict a white person or speak unless spoken to first.

Soon, Chicago became one of the most significant destinations for members of the Great Migration. During World War I, the black population in Chicago doubled to almost 100,000. By 1970, as the Great Migration drew to a close, there were one million African Americans in Chicago, which was equal to a third of the city's population. Most of these new arrivals to Chicago found themselves living in a narrow strip of blocks on the South Side, stretching from 22nd street down to 51st street. The neighborhood was initially labeled the "Black Belt" or the "Black Ghetto," but an African American writer suggested calling it "Bronzeville," a name that many residents found less insulting.

Though Chicago was a new home for many migrants, it still didn't do much to accommodate them. Instead, as the years passed by, many people crowded into tumbledown and high-priced tenements in Bronzeville, where, at times that had to live without heat, light, and running water. Apparently, the city did not have Jim Crow laws, but isolation was imposed through a variety of social customs and residential codes.

Black added, "there were restrictive and contractual agreements among property owners that prohibited the sale or lease of any part of a building to specific groups of people, usually African Americans."

Soon, this candid talk came to an end and the audience was given a chance to ask questions.

There were many good questions but one of them which got the best reply from the speakers was, "what should be done today, for our generation to understand what's valuable for us? What must we take back from here today, for our present and future generation, so that we can maintain the progress today and beyond?"

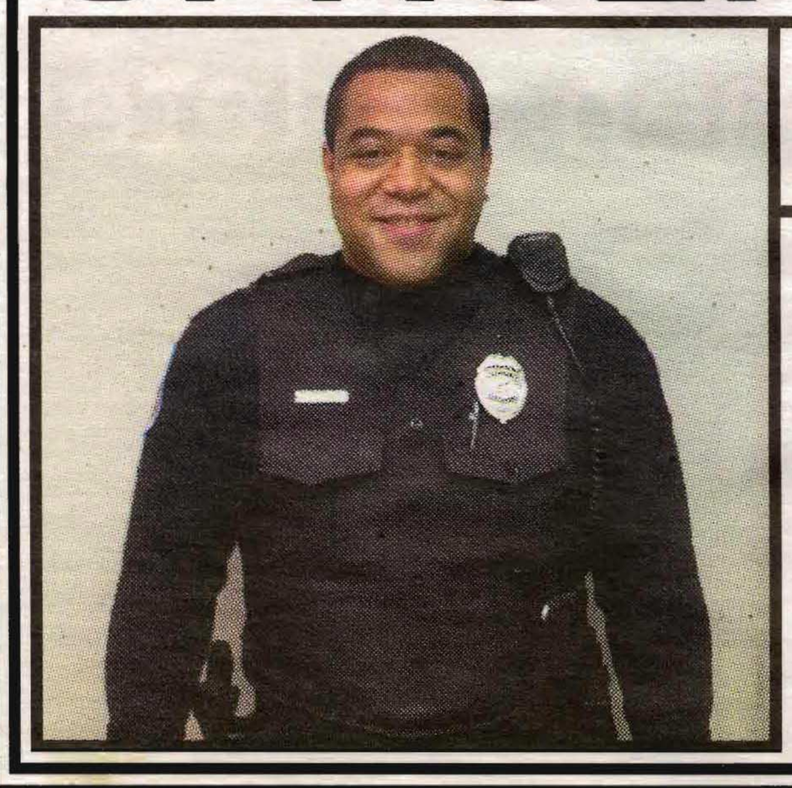
Adams replied to this: "It's not one thing, it's a combination of many things. We have to start another movement based on economics, create opportunities that we need, look for places where we most give our money. We have to start investing money for us by making Black supermarket, stadium type facilities, churches and schools, and keep getting bigger." She added, "look at our forefathers, who came directly out of slavery and pulled their resources. They set organization. Every individual family has to look at themselves differently. It all about mindset and a lot of time that needs to be spent on certain mindsets so that you see yourself in the center of the universe and not the edge."

Whereas Black replied to this, "This reminds me of my own background, my childhood and great depression, where everyone was depressed but we were not, because we had faith, hope and our mamas and daddies, particularly mamas. They had plans for us."

He further emphasized: "now we need the restoration of spirituality of life that is very very important because it carries my ancestors' hope, plans and faith. The future must be embedded which comes from families. We need the accumulation of wealth, the wealth of power, political as well as economical but the first thing is the restoration of the faith. The faith that future will be brighter."

OFFICER OF THE MONTH

CHRIS COKER



Position: Shift Manager
From: Highwood, IL
Favorite part of the job?: I come to work because as many of us, I am also pursuing my career in law enforcement. Working at IIT as a Public Safety Officer has given me insight of what my future holds.
My view of IIT: I enjoy the diversity on campus, learning all about the different cultures and customs. Also, I have the pleasure of working with other IIT Public Safety Officers who I can also include to being my friends. I enjoy eating my lunch at Center Court were a variety of foods can be ordered. The only dislike I have is the parking. I wish it was free.
Cool fact?: During my time at Carthage College I played football. I was a defensive tackler and truly enjoyed playing.

GOOD LUCK ON MIDTERMS! HAVE A GOOD SPRING BREAK!

spring 2014 e-waste collection

IIT students

March 31- April 4

IIT students can drop off and pick up eletronic waste in the MTCC near the post office.

Additionally, a community drop off day on Saturday April 5th from 10am-3pm is open for students to add their own items.

Electronic waste includes:
Laptops, computers, tablets, TVs, cell phones, printers, monitors, DVD players, video game consoles, scanners, computer mice, keyboards, cameras, and more!

It is the responsibility of the parties dropping off electronics to ensure that they have removed and wiped clean all personal information from the devices. IIT will not be undertaking such efforts and assumes no liability for the disclosure of any personal information left on devices that are dropped off.

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Women's History Month

Event: Alumnae Panel
Date: March 11 MTCC Auditorium
Time: 12:45 pm
Sponsor: Office of Alumni Relations

Event: STI Prevention
Date: Wednesday, March 12
Time: 12pm
Location: MTCC Bridge
Sponsor: Student Health and Wellness Center

Event: Women in Computing Lecture
Date: March 12
Time: 12:45 pm
Location: MTCC Welcome Center
Sponsor: Humanities Department

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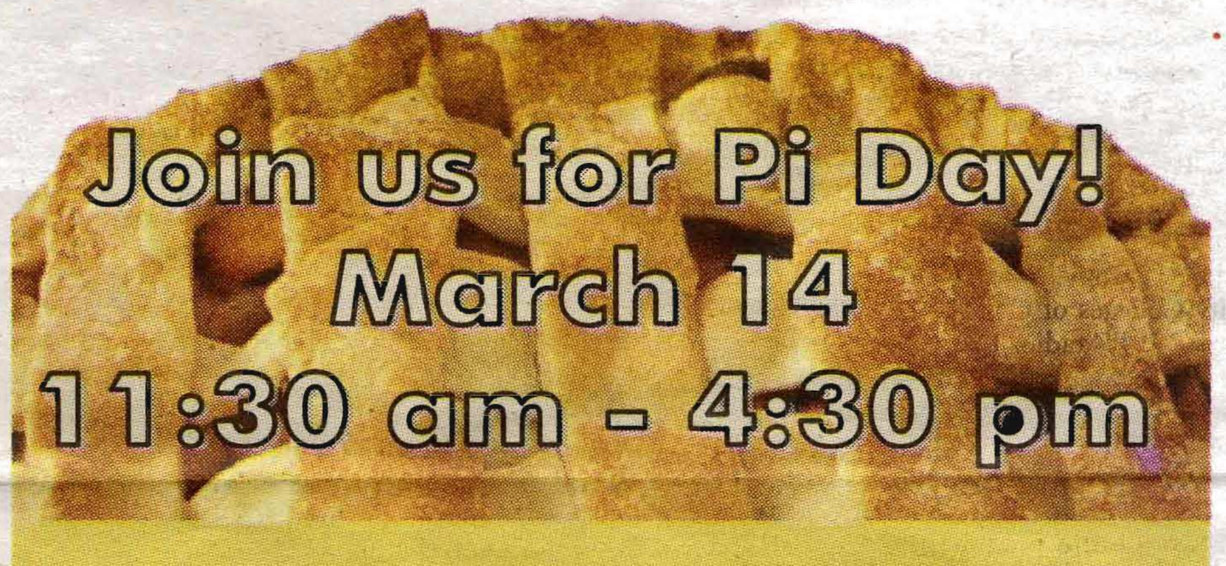

Full-time IIT Undergraduate Students: Enter the 49th Annual IIT Writing Contest

All full-time undergraduate students are encouraged to enter the 49th Annual IIT Writing Contest, sponsored by the Humanities Department. You must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours in Spring 2014 to enter.

Prizes in four categories*	First	Second	Third
Edwin H. Lewis Prize for **Fiction**	$300	$200	$100
Edwin H. Lewis Prize for **Nonfiction**	$300	$200	$100
Freshman Essay Prize	$300	$200	$100
Mollie Cohen Prize for **Poetry**	$300	$200	$100

**Prizes will be awarded as Amazon.com gift cards.*

Deadline for all submissions: 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2014.

Winners announced on the Humanities Website: Wednesday, April 16th.
Reception for all entrants, with awarding of prizes: Wednesday, April 23rd.

For more information, contact us: iitwritingcontest@gmail.com

CONTEST RULES

- Entries may include fiction, poetry, plays, nonfiction (such as essays, reviews, and technical or scientific papers), and essays by freshman. Nonfiction (including essays by freshman) should be readable by an educated person with no special training in the subject of the essay.
- All entries must include an entry form as a cover sheet attached to each entry. Forms are available in 218 Siegel Halll, or you can download the from: bit.ly/1gDlXvw
- All entries must be submitted in duplicate. One should be keyboarded, double-spaced, on 8.5 x 11 paper. Do not put your name on the paper copy itself or any of its pages. Deliver paper submissions to Susan Mallgrave at the Lewis Department of Humanities, 218 Siegel Hall. The second copy should be submitted as an MS Word .DOC or .DOCX file to iitwritingcontest@gmail.com. The file name should be Lastname.Nonfiction.doc, Lastname.Poetry.doc, Lastname.Fiction.doc, or Lastname.Freshman.doc, depending on the category it is to be entered into.
- You may enter several categories, and you may submit more than one entry in a category. Limit of one prize per category to any one student.
- Entries will not be returned, so keep a copy.
- You are encouraged to submit work that has been the subject of a class assignment, but be sure to send a clean copy, free of any comments, marks, or grades.
- All submitted short stories and plays will be considered for the Edwin H. Lewis Prize for Fiction. Submissions must be limited to no more than 25 double-spaced pages.
- All submitted poems or groups of poems will be considered for the Mollie Cohen Poetry Prize, which seeks to honor the effort to master the art of poetry rather than the exhibition of emotions. You may submit all the poems you wish; however, multiple poems by the same student will be judged as a single entry.
- All submitted nonfiction will be considered for the Edwin H. Lewis Prize for Nonfiction.
- All submitted freshman essays will be considered for the Freshman Essay Prize. Freshman is defined as any student who is in their first year of full-time college enrollment in Spring 2014.
- Authors retain all rights to their works, however the authors grant IIT, the Humanities Department, and TechNews the rights to publish their works for one calendar year, from April 4, 2014 - April 4, 2015.

IIT First-Year Students and Graduating Students (Seniors)

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- **HAVE QUESTIONS?**
Contact the Office of Assessment and HEA Compliance at **emmons@iit.edu**.

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Illinois Tech Robotics gears up for Jerry Sanders Design Competition

Kori Bowns
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Illinois Tech Robotics (ITR) is in the midst of preparing for their major competition of the year, the Jerry Sanders Creative Design Competition (JSDC.) JSDC is rapidly approaching and begins on Thursday, March 14, at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

JSDC is a two-day competition sponsored by AMD that ITR competes in each year. JSDC is one of the oldest robotics competitions in America, and routinely draws competitors from schools across the Midwest. This year, approximately 30 robots will compete, representing both the Chicago and Urbana-Champaign campuses of the University of Illinois, College of DuPage, Valparaiso University, Northern Illinois University, and, of course, Illinois Institute of Technology.

ITR has prepared five robots to compete this year, including some veteran robots as well as a few newer competitors. ITR will be re-entering its oldest-running robot, Roslund, who will be showing off some new wheels this year instead of the old Mecanum wheels it once proudly wore. ITR will also be entering an entirely new robot, Modulus, featuring a crab drive system, where the wheels rotate normally as well as spin on a pivot, allowing the robot to change direction at any time with no turning radius. Fenrir, ITR's two-wheeled gravity drive robot will also be making a return and will be sure to be a crowd favorite. Joining these robots will be the highly-powered Goliath and the flying quadrocoptor project designed by members of ITR.

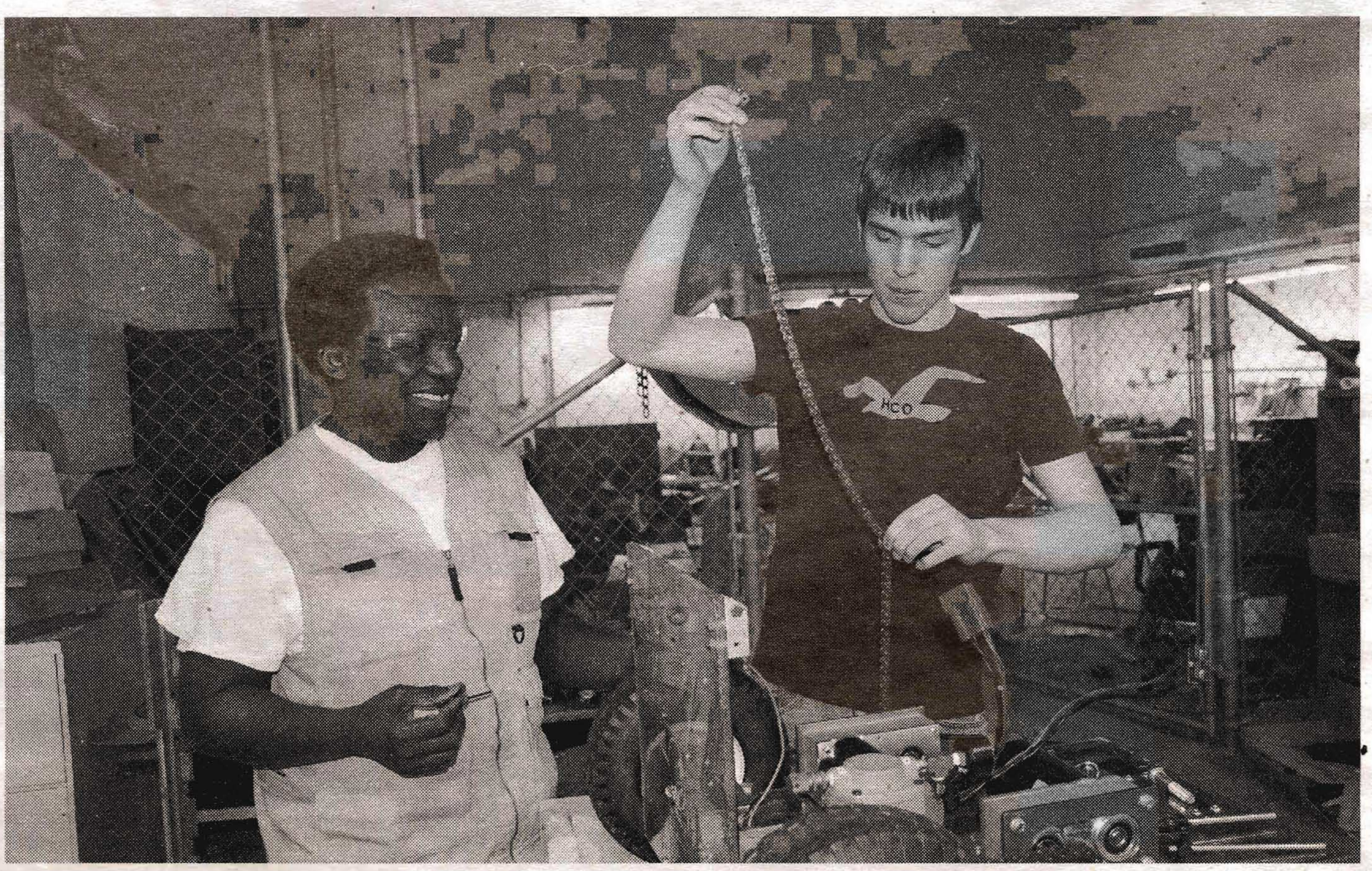
"I loved the whole experience last year," said Nash Kaminski, second-year computer engineering student and captain of the Goliath project team. "I loved getting to know the other competitors so now we can compete with them as effectively as possible. After our club's success with Pumpkin Launch this year, we're really excited to play to win."

JSDC is a robotics competition with a game challenge that varies each year where robots are designed to manipulate game pieces and score points. Each match has four robots facing off against each other for a seven-minute time period where teams compete to have the most points at the end of the match.

For this year's competition, teams have to build robots that are able to pick up and manipulate flexible disc cones that are located in various places around the playing field and place them on pegs around the competition arena. When a robot is able to place a cone on a peg, it becomes in control of the "zone" on the field surface surrounding the peg, and it receives one, three, or five points depending on the location of the zone and how difficult it is to access on the playing field. Robots can also manipulate and place soccer balls in certain locations to unlock more areas of the field in order to score more points.

No matter the outcome of the competition, ITR is proud to have prepared five robots to be competing at the intercollegiate level; they look forward to the heat of the competition, the time spent with their teammates, and the lessons to be learned.

"I'm excited to be able to compete with all of the people I spend so much time with" said Ryan Tan, second-year mechanical engineering student who is competing for the first time with ITR. "I love being able to put together some projects that really look amazing, and I'm pumped for the competition."



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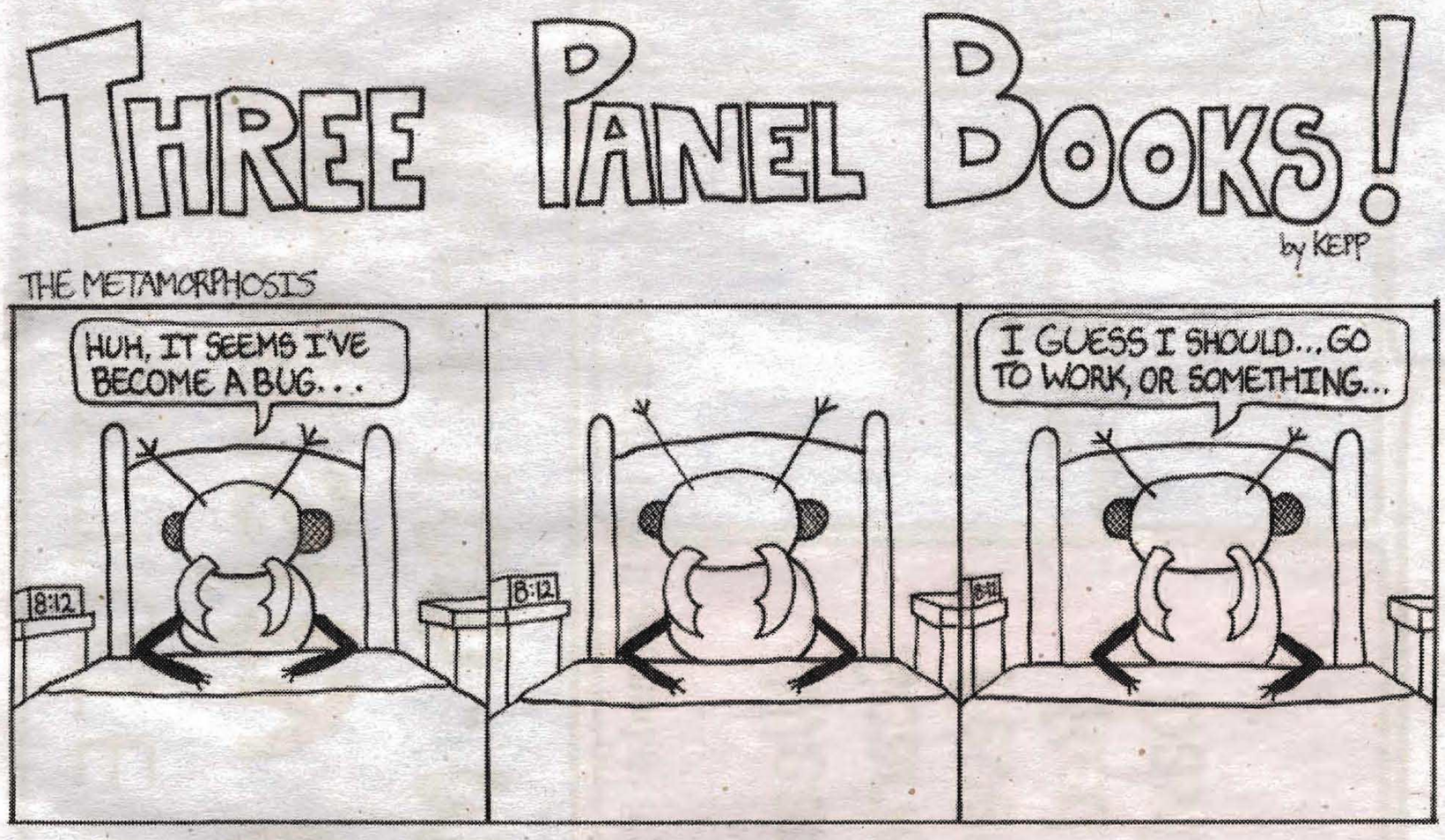
And now...a comic!

Sam Kepp
ART EDITOR



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Liverpool on the rise in Premier League this week

Nathan McMahon
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time in nearly a month there has been movement at the top of the table although Chelsea remains atop the table. Chelsea had a very convincing win behind Andre Schurrle's first ever premier league hat trick.

Chelsea is 4 points clear at the top with 63 points and Fulham is on the opposite end of the spectrum with league worst 21 points. Arsenal on the other hand was not able to keep pace with Chelsea as they surprisingly lost at Stoke City in 1-0 fashion behind a late penalty call. Arsenal has now dropped to third with 59 points while Stoke keeps climbing away from the bottom with 30 points.

Liverpool has now taken control of second place on goal differential with 59 points after thorough 3-0 dismantling of Southampton where the Saints looked dangerous, but could not break through a resilient Red defense. Goals by Suarez, Sterling, and Captain Fantastic himself, Steven Gerrard, paced the Reds as Suarez increased his league leading goal tally to 23. Southampton remains solidly in the middle of the table with 39 points. The last team in the top four is Manchester City who now has two games in hand as their Manchester Derby was postponed to accommodate Manchester United's Capital One Cup final against Sunderland.

Tottenham was also able stay in the hunt for a Champion's League spot with a 1-0 win over Cardiff City and are in fifth place with 53 points although slowly are slipping back. The biggest story of the weekend was in the Newcastle United's 4-1 win over Hull City, but the story was not on the pitch. Newcastle manager Alan Pardew was involved in a touchline incident with a Hull City player where he headbutted the Hull player and was sent to the stands.

The contact was not significant between the two, but the behavior is unacceptable and the FA is sure to come down extremely hard on him for this behavior that cannot be tolerated by a manager. As of the now the punishment has not been released, but it is bound to be a hefty fine and a lengthy suspension at a minimum.

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

Saturday, March 16
Baseball
vs. University of Wisconsin-Superior
@ AZ Invitational
Field 5, Double Header
10 a.m.

Monday, March 17
Baseball
vs. Augsburg College
@ AZ Invitational
Field 4, Double Header

Women's Lacrosse
@ Carthage College
7 p.m.

Thursday, March 20
Baseball
vs. Gustavus Adolphus
@ AZ Invitational
Kino Stadium, Double Header
9 a.m.

Friday, March 21
Women's Lacrosse
vs. Augsburg College
Stuart Field
7 p.m.

Sunday, March 23
Women's Lacrosse
vs. Otterbein University
Stuart Field
12 p.m.

Monday, March 24
Baseball
vs. Finlandia University
Ed Glancy Field, Double Header
1 p.m.

Thursday, March 27
Baseball
@ Calumet College of St. Joseph
Double Header
4 p.m.

Thursday, March 27
Women's & Men's Track & Field
@ North Park University Invitational
10 a.m.

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University Calendar

March 10th - March 14th

Monday March 10

Applied Math Department Colloquium
Professor Dennis Lin
Penn State University
LS 152
4:40pm - 5:45pm

Tuesday March 11

StarHawks Coffeelounge
Union Board
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
MTCC Welcome Center

Wednesday March 12

Wear Scarlet Fever Red Day!

Thursday March 13

General Body Meeting
Union Board
E1 Auditorium
12:45pm - 1:30pm

Spa Night in the Bog
The Bog
8:30pm-11:30pm

Friday March 14

Pi day!

Illinois Tech Robotics General Body Meeting
7:00 pm-7:30 pm

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Bollywood Dance Night
ISA
The Bog
8:30pm-11:30pm

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

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President: Zephan Johnson
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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, Fri11:30am-12:30pm

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