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Plans to build electric trolley on campus by 2016 confirmed

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TECHNEWS' BIGGEST LITTLE CONTRIBUTOR

Last week, the Board of Directors, in a record unanimous decision, finally agreed on plans for their goal of installing a small electric trolley to shuttle students around the campus by 2016.

The new plan will have priority over every other project expected to take place on campus, including even regular maintenance of the campus and its buildings that still remain unfinished.

The updated plan outlines proactive updates to the hitherto almost completely hypothetical electric train idea that was being thrown around since early January, and finally puts an unrealistic price tag of 1 billion dollars for the project, although all members concur that such an insane scheme will no doubt far exceed that prediction.

The new plan lays out that for safety reasons, the train is expected to go only four miles an hour, which is marginally faster than the speed the average student walks but will make no difference over the short distances expected.

The trains, which will run on ten minute intervals, are expected to hold up to

twenty people and will make periodic stops along a pre-designed track at each building similar to the L. Each will be emblazoned with student submitted designs for the logo of the school so they can save money on the designing of the trains while simultaneously qualifying for federal grants for promoting creativity among students.

The students will not be reimbursed in any way.

For the most part, the board tried to make sure they could carry out this project without the backlash of the students, so they buried the news in places where the students would most definitely not see it.

When told of the project by TechNews' on-the-street reporters, students on campus were unsurprisingly confounded with this revelation of what the school is putting their tuition money towards, especially with the infuriating knowledge that tuition is expected to raise. A record 90 percent of our sample size of ten was against the project, while 10 percent was undecided.

"Really?" questions IIT senior Tricia Tagney when this new development was revealed to her. "Why?"

Tagney continued her puzzled look until deciding she didn't care all that much because she was graduating this year anyway, shrugging, and walked away. She was the un-

decided vote.

"This is a relatively new plan, really it just came to us a few weeks ago, so we decided to put many of the other plans on the backburners to really focus on this one and get it done as soon as possible," said our source within the school's decision making hierarchy, who would like to remain under the alias "Thep Resident."

"We know how much of a hassle it is to walk around campus, and we are doing this for the benefit of our students," continued Resident. "We want them to know that we hear their concerns and are up to date on the newest technologies, even if we have to make up either the technologies or the concerns themselves."

When questioned about the still unclear question "why?"

"Well, we think it will attract new potential students to our school and thereby increase our status as a university as well as the community atmosphere; who doesn't want to go to a school with a miniature electric train on it?" Thep responded. "We also think it will persuade more students to live here on campus as it will be a total waste of their money for commuting students, as most projects at IIT are. As we enjoy pointing out, the IIT community is in a constant state of growth and opportunity and equality, and we want to foster that for our students; it is all for the students; everything

we do is for the students."

In addition to the benefits, there are many concerns that some take to the building of the trolley.

For one, there is little hope that it will function during both the freezing winter months as well as the excruciating summer months that are predicted for the Chicago climate.

"We are kind of hoping that the weather here just stops being so predictably brutal," said the leading engineer of the project. "If not, I guess we'll just have to deal with those bridges when we come to them."

Also, the engineers tell us that the plans for the trolley are expected to maximize the disruption of traffic to provide additional incentive for potentially commuting students to not even bother.

Due to the costs associated with the extremely expensive project, as well as compatibility issues between the campus in its current condition and a small electric train, the trolley will not be going through or anywhere near the Quad, who ironically, based on our research, seemed to be less angry about it than most other students.

There are also rumors that—just to rub it in all their smug Greek faces—all students living on the Quad will be asked not to use the trains at all.

IIT plans 'Divergent' makeover

Katie Peter Peter
PUMPKIN EATER

In an effort to increase enrollment and change the image of the school, IIT has jumped on the post-apocalyptic young adult fiction bandwagon.

After the school's recent appearance in Veronica Roth's "Divergent," and the success of the film, administrators have decided to begin incorporating the "Divergent" theme in the school in order to attract "a younger hipper crowd."

One of their changes includes new lettering on the school sign announcing the

school's participation in the wildly popular trilogy.

In addition, they are literally taking a page out of Roth's book, and new students must declare a major by dripping their blood onto their chosen department's bowl of symbolic objects.

The bowls include a bucket of bolts for the Engineering Department; luminol powder, hydrogen peroxide, and a hydroxide for the Chemistry Department; and a copy of '1984' for the Humanities Department. Any questions about the new promotion can be directed to dauntless@iit.edu.



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TechNews exclusive

Russia invades Ukrainian Villiage

Austin, Texas Roadhouse
BLOOMIN' ONION EDITOR

As is the tradition with TechNews, we are here to bring you breaking news, happening now. We have confirmed reports that Russia has invaded the Ukrainian Villiage over spring break and now occupies the local Starbucks.

Residents have responded by mobilizing their reserve forces. Ethnic white girls are the hardest hit, by the turmoil and are swiftly being moved out of the region by the Ukrainian Villiage Guard. The Ukrainian Villiagers are known for their resilience, but it appears there is little they can do against the crushing might of the entire Russian conscripted army.

Chicago's Polish community has pledged solidarity with the Ukrainian Villiage residents and has begun to send food aid in the form of sausage carts and paczkis. They are rapidly accepting many of those displaced by the conflict, promising more aid in the future.

I am writing that there is pillaging and even acts of public cannibalism in the Ukrainian Villiage. To be clear I haven't seen any of this, but I am writing it. The Ukrainian Villiage has turned from a place of

beauty and Ukrainian-ness into literally the exact same thing but with Russian tanks in the street.

The Ukrainain Villiage has experienced a lot of tension recently as it was deciding between accepting trade agreements with the Little Italy and the Tiny EU or closer ties with Russia. The U.S. Government had hope for EU leanings, but sought to stay out of the situation. After the Ukrainian Villiage's administration's decision to stick with Russia, revolt has been nonstop and the aftermath is almost unbelievable.

Considering that there are now troops on Ukrainian Villiage soil, things certainly have escalated quickly. Putin has declined to comment on the situation other than noting that he is acting in the interests of the Russian population living in the Ukrainian Villiage.

The houses on West Haddon Avenue have at this point passed a referendum to join Russia.

The Ukrainian Villiage is now a mess adding to the list of communities in Chicago that have been affected by recent turmoil including Little Syria, Tiny Libya, Minuscule Egypt, and, of course Small Georgia.

We will be sure to keep you posted as the situation progresses.

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Restaruant Review: Sodexo services objectionable

Kyle Stanevich
BUSINESS MANAGER

When you go to Sodexo, you do not expect to have gourmet food or the atmosphere of a five-star restaurant, just food that you can live off of. IIT's Sodexo, does not even meet that expectation.

The first problem is that there are too few choices. There are always consistent options, pizza, burgers, hot dogs, and cereal, but this is not enough to live off of. Even these choices have their drawbacks, like the buns of the burgers being stale or the pizza being too oily and salty.

The other options students have are the sandwich line, vegetarian option, international cuisine, and the entrée option. The vegetarian options are not diverse enough. Rice, sweet potatoes, and variations on eggplant become boring very quickly. I am not a vegetarian, but many friends of mine are, and they always complain about how few vegetarian or vegan choices there are at Sodexo. The entrée section usually has some meat, potatoes, and vegetables, but half the time the meat is overcooked and dried out, especially when there is chicken. The vegetables at the entrée line are usually on the other side of the spectrum, undercooked and crispy, not soft like cooked vegetables should be. If I wanted crispy veggies, I would eat from the salad bar instead.

The international line is generally good, but not everyone likes all the international food options. That leaves just one option left, the sandwich line. The sandwiches are fine, but it is a sandwich, something I could have made at home very easily, and much cheaper that entering into IIT's Sodexo-run Commons. I could even stop off at Jimmy Johns or Subway and get a filling sub sandwich for less money

than Sodexo, while still being just as quick and convenient as going to the Commons.

This brings up the next big problem, cost. IIT forces students to buy a meal plan, but at more than \$8 per meal for the 19 plus plan and \$10 per meal for the 14 plus plan, this is not a good deal for the students. It is quite easy for a person to live off of \$5 a day by making their own food, less than the cost for just one Sodexo meal. IIT should allow students to opt out of a meal plan to save them money. We all know that college costs a lot, so by doing this IIT will help students avoid future school debts. This issue was brought up briefly during the president and provost forum, and has been a topic of discussion many other times. The response is always the same. Some students are not able to feed themselves; therefore, we have mandatory Sodexo meal plans.

However, there are hundreds of students on campus that can feed themselves and are responsible enough to buy their own food. The incoming inexperienced freshmen should not be the reason to force everyone to buy a meal plan. If there is an incoming student that does not know how to cook, then it should be obvious to them or their parents that they need to buy a Sodexo meal plan.

IIT could even include some informational literature in the packets for incoming students so that they and their parents can better decide whether or not to pay for one of these plans. Even if students know how to cook for themselves, some will still buy meal plans, either for the convenience, or because they do not have the time to cook every day.

Sodexo will still make money off students without meal plans since every so often they will stop into a Sodexo location on campus, whether it is for convenience, good

prices, excellent food, or just for a quick snack after class.

What makes Sodexo so different than any other restaurant? In traditional high school, students are not forced to buy meal plans; they have the option to bring their own lunch. Outside of academic life, restaurants are not making to buy their food, let alone forcing anyone to buy a subscription to their food. Sodexo essentially has a stranglehold around the students, squeezing out all the money they can. If they are worried about students not buying meals, then they need to analyze what is wrong with the services they are offering, and figure out how they can make their customers happy so they will use their services again. That is fundamental economics. The monopoly Sodexo has over IIT students should be put to a stop by making meal plans optional.

At the prices Sodexo is charging, we the students should get better overall quality. Sometimes, typically during the weekend, they run out of very basic foods like ketchup, milk, sodas, cereal, salad dressing, granola, and many more. Why are we paying so much if basic problems like this are always happening? Maybe Sodexo should run out of bad food and replace it with good food. But even this will not make Sodexo good. There need to be major changes to the current food system at IIT before I—and many other students—will be okay with Sodexo.

Sodexo (Commons)

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Scale (1-10): usually meh, sometimes eh

Cost: way too much

Oddities: no ice cream machine, very limited hours
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'I Am Malala' proves inspiring, relatable, terrific

Shireen Gul
COPY EDITOR

IIT Office of Spiritual Life and Services Learning, hosted a book club for "I Am Malala" during The Women's History month. In Malala's honor, they also launched their book drive to benefit Open Books, a Chicago-based award-winning nonprofit that operates an extraordinary bookstore, provides community programs, and mobilizes passionate volunteers to promote literacy in Chicago and beyond.

Malala Yousafazi, 16, was shot by the Pakistani Taliban, 2012, for lapsing their restrictions in Swat valley on girls' education. She openly campaigned for the reconstruction and reopening of more than 400 schools destroyed and closed down by the Taliban.

The Taliban ruled Afghanistan until ousted by a U.S. military invasion ordered by President George W. Bush following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. But its roots are in the remote tribal areas of northwestern Pakistan, where Malala's family is from. Where it can, the Taliban has imposed rules forbidding girls from going to school, listening to music or taking most jobs.

"I Am Malala" is not only the autobiography of a dauntless girl who was shot by the coward Taliban but it also uncover the deep-rooted connections of Pakistani state with fundamentalist Islamists and our so-called social and cultural norms which unfortunately leads us to discrimination against women. The book tells us the story of any other normal Pashtun girl who is intensely agitated by increasing radicalization of the Pakistani society which consequently restrains women's freedoms and access to education. She explains how a young generation of Pakistanis is deeply disconnected from the rest of the world because their biased text books distort history and glorify wars in the name of Islam. Malala offers her unusual sincere opinion and condemnation on several issues which are still considered as forbidden for public debate in Pakistan. The way she has discussed Pakistan's internal policy failures and the army's acceptance, reinforcement and fortification for the Jihadist elements, she has

really distressed the node between the military and the mullah (clergy) in Pakistan.

Unfortunately most Pakistanis have failed to support Malala in her this journey. Where we all should be proud of her, we are finding out ways to disown her. Why is that? That is just because of the way the conservative commentators has presented her image in front of us. Many people in Pakistan were unable to read the book because the Pakistani Taliban have warned bookshops not to sell copies of the book and just in case if they did then they will have to face the consequences. And I believe until and unless you don't read this book you won't know the joy of survival and the pain of being away from you own home. It just feels like a body without his soul.

She was also nominated for 2013 Nobel Peace prize, and if she would have won that, she could have been the youngest-ever Nobel Laureate at age 16. For me Malala is a real life super hero, who is ready to give up everything for the sake of education, not only for herself but for every individual in our country. Being a Pakistani girl and coming from a remote area of Pakistan just like Malala, she has a very especial place in my heart. Not for what she is doing but for how she is doing it.

I can easily related myself with Malala because the relation she shares with her father is the same relation I share with my dad. I personally believe that every human has a duty, a role and a certain function to perform for humanity, for his country and for his people and I always feel that I am lagging behind to play my due role. This I learnt from my father, who taught me the values of fellowship, humanity and hard work. Because of his teachings, I still believe that if we all play our parts in our own communities, towns, villages and cities, one day we will succeed to make this world a better place to live.

Despite the fact that, to be able to read and write is considered a sign of success and prestige in Pakistan but I was not satisfied as I always wished to do something which could have a beneficial and a positive impact on human lives and which could make me internally content.

Though, I belong to one of the remotest part of Pakistan (Baluchistan) but I am still blessed to avail the opportunity to get education. My father actually went against his whole family to educate his daughters, because to him education is the basic necessity. Dreams have no bounds, my parents taught me that, and, that's what made me dream. I am not an intellectual, but, the famous quote by Martin Luther King Jr. "I have a dream..." really changed my life.

Just like Malala I have a dream for my village and people that one day they will also get a chance to taste the sweet fruit of education. I have a dream that one day my country literacy rate will be 100 percent. But my question is that will my fellow being help me to pursue my dream? Will they stand next to me and support me or will I be criticize like Malala too? I was asked during the book club session that after Malala's sacrifice will the parents leave their children to fight for this cause. My answer was maybe not because they fear this thing that their daughters are not Malala and no one will come to rescue to them. And I am giving this statement on this behalf that last June 2013, there was a terrible bomb blast in Sardar Bahdur Khan Women University, Quetta and at least 25 people, including the deputy commissioner of Quetta, 14 students of a women's university and four nurses were killed when a bomb tore through a bus, followed by a suicide attack and a gun-battle in the Bolan Medical College hospital, where the injured students were taken for treatment. The sad part is that the one who survived were not taken care like Malala, because they were not known by many. They were not fighting for the cause of education nor were they writing about their struggle to get educated, they were just any other person who got injured in a blast. But it's not that that I don't respect Malala for whatever she is doing for us. I still hope and wish that one day we all will stand united for one cause and that would be education. I will continue my struggle just like Malala because as she said "I raise my voice not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard."

Night full of fun at rock climbing lock-in

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IIT's Rock Climbing Club held its second Climbing Lock-In on Friday, March 28, with the purpose of providing students with the chance to experience the fun of climbing mixed with gatherings and games. It was held at the local gym Climb On, which also serves as the climbing resort of the club. Like most of the other trips and events held by the club, Lock-In was open to IIT students only and was free of charge to all its participants.

Running from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. the next day, this was an SAF-funded overnight event with 24 students in attendance. Activities included top-rope climbing and bouldering. There were also board games and pizza, in order for the students to catch their breath and fill their stomachs after intensive climbing.

Most participants had been on several trips with the club, while those who had no previous climbing experience also successfully completed a couple of routes with the assistance of experienced climbers and gym staff.

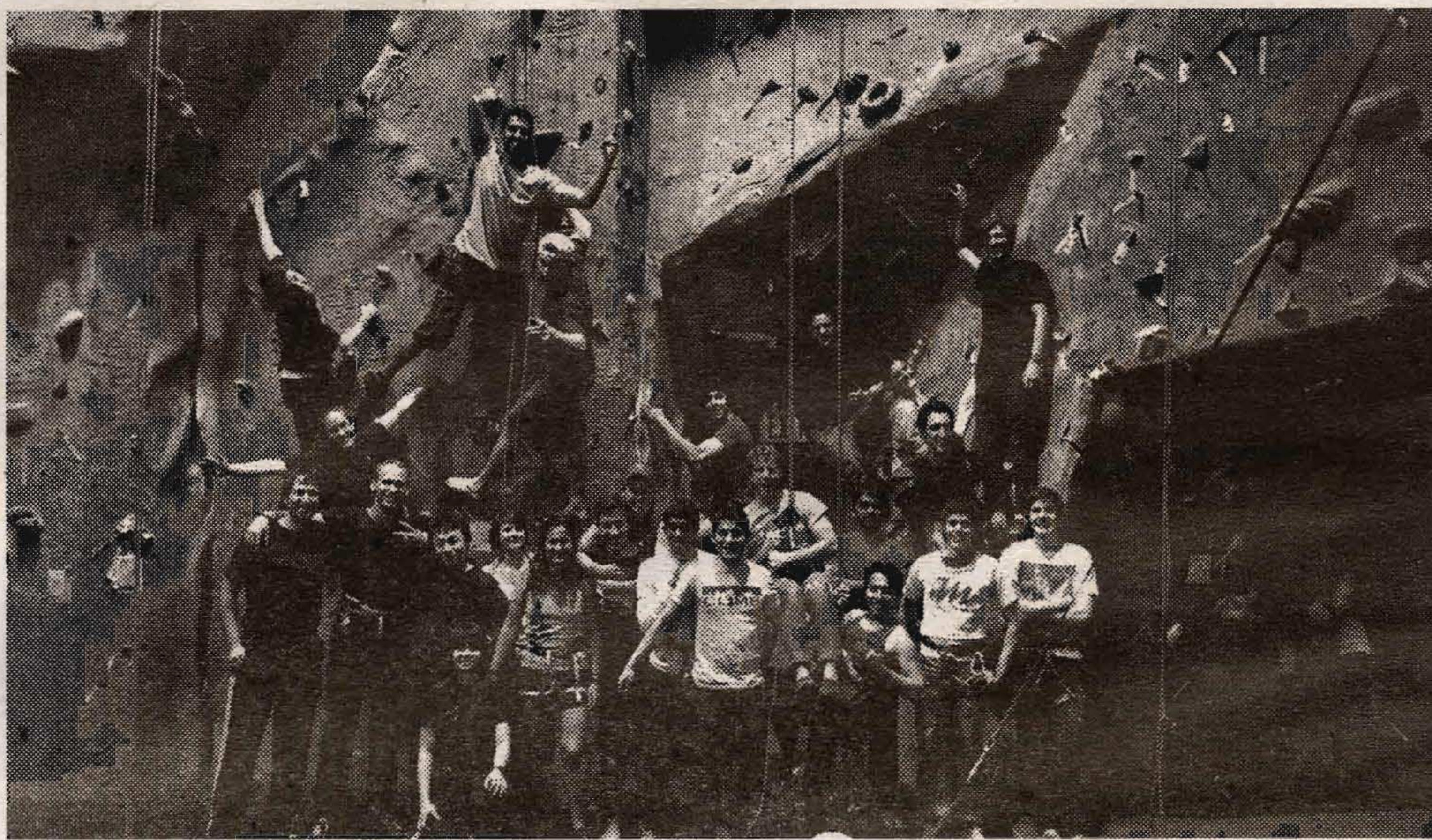
"This is one of those rare events where a lot of people can be active and have fun at the same time," said Michael Lee, a new member of the club and a fifth year student at IIT, when asked about why he would like to attend this event. Maria Garcia Llop, an

exchange student from Spain and an active member of the club, also enjoyed the Lock-In. "People in the club are really nice—they keep encouraging me to challenge my limits and try more difficult routes. I feel like there's more friendship than competition when it comes to climbing," she said.

Mary Kathrine Van Sipma, the manager of the gym, observed the entire event to ensure the safety of all students. "I really look forward to another Lock-In with your club next semester," said Mary, expressing her interest in future cooperation with the Rock Climbing Club. "You guys are enthusiastic and motivated. It's awesome to get to know you all," she added.

Besides Lock-In, Rock Climbing Club has held many other events this semester, including weekly trips to local gyms (Hidden Peak, Climb On and Vertical Endeavors), weekly workouts, beginner's lessons, advanced lessons, Bog social, etc. To further quench the thirst of club members for climbing, the club has led three outdoor trips in the past two months to Sandstone, MN, Jackson Falls, IL and New River Gorge, WV, respectively. Two other outdoor trips to Pictured Rocks, IA and Devil's Lake, MI will take place in April.

Rock Climbing Club highly encourages all registered IIT students to attend its events, most of which are free, as mentioned above. If you are interested, please contact the club at iitclimbing@gmail.com.



Photos by Sijia Wu

Sharing Table sponsors last gathering of semester, this week

Shireen Gul
COPY EDITOR

Within four weeks, we will be done with our semester and this academic year as well. So don't you people think this is a good time to reflect on our journey throughout this academic year and our plans for the summer? Well if you were planning this, guess what? The Student Center for Diversity and Inclusion already heard you and have planned a good event for you, where you can come with your friends and professors and discuss your plans for summer and reflect on your academic year.

The Student Center for Diversity and Inclusion will be holding their last Sharing Table for this academic year on Thursday,

April 3, at The Commons. This time they will be discussing your plans for the summer. They will discuss about our internships opportunities, job offers, joy of going back home, and a lot more.

Just a reminder, 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, and 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.

I know usually students hesitate to

ask their professors to join them for lunch but trust me, all you have to do is to ask them once or just give them personalized invitation cards that we have for you all. I have been part of this table since last semester and I am witness to the fact that how much professors enjoy meeting students out of their majors and sharing their thoughts and experiences with all. Once you come there you will know for yourself what I am talking about. The best part about this event is that the timings are very flexible. Join us anytime between 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. One can't have a good excuse from joining us, so invite your professor today and if they are free and have no other engagement I am sure they would love to join you for a luncheon and share a good conversation.

So if you have no plans for this Thursday, April 3, make sure you join us and share with us, your plans for the summer. 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. Looking forward to see new and wonderful faces along with our old group of students, faculty and staff who join us each month to make our event successful.

Illinois Tech Up to Us attends CGIU

Elizabeth Bement
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Capitalizing on the momentum generated throughout last semester, a group of students from IIT received the "Extended Reach" award during the nationwide 2014 Up to Us competition. During the national campaign, 22 student-led teams from across the country designed plans to educate, engage and inspire action on the challenges the nation faces from rising long-term debt. The students at IIT will receive a prize of \$2,500 for raising awareness of the national debt issues with students beyond their campus.

The University of Texas-Pan American took the top prize for the campaign to inspire action on our national debt. The 2nd Annual 'Up to Us' nationwide college competition was instrumental in giving the youth a voice in our fiscal future. 22 teams from across the country designed innovative plans and were recognized by former President Bill Clinton at this year's CGI University meeting, held March 21-23 at Arizona State University in Phoenix. The annual competition is sponsored by the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, in partnership with the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) and Net Impact. "The Up to Us competition has proven, for the second time, that young people are passionate about raising awareness around our nation's economic challenges," said President Bill Clinton. "As the winning team from The University of

Texas-Pan American has demonstrated, these students have good ideas and a unique perspective that deserve serious consideration." The 2014 Up to Us teams engaged their peers in broad discussions about the nation's fiscal health, holding a total of nearly 100 campus events focused on these issues, including hosting a U.S. Senator or Congressman on campus to address the nation's long-term fiscal challenges, through in-person presentations and videos, convening students on campus to lead civic engagement activities, such as sending petitions, postcards and letters to elected officials, and visiting local high schools and community centers to raise awareness about the nation's rising debt in the larger community. Nearly 19,000 students participated in these events, and the teams partnered with more than 240 other campus groups during the five-week competition. Students used digital tools to enhance their campaigns with over 8,500 students taking a Facebook quiz on the nation's budget and over 13,000 people viewing student produced YouTube videos on the debt.

The entries were evaluated by an esteemed panel of competition judges, including Chelsea Clinton, Vice Chair of the Clinton Foundation; Kent Conrad, former U.S. Senator and former Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee; Betty Liu, journalist and anchor of Bloomberg Television's "In the Loop;" Olympia Snowe, former U.S. Senator and Senior Fellow at the Bipartisan Policy Center; and George

Stephanopoulos, anchor of ABC's "This Week" and "Good Morning America." "These outstanding student teams have demonstrated once again that millennials have a critical role to play in shaping our fiscal future," said Peter G. Peterson, founder and chairman of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation. "Their strong voices and innovative ideas are essential, and policymakers should listen closely as they consider choices that ultimately will affect the next generation and the economic opportunities available to them."

The University of Texas-Pan American team members included Fabiola Urgel (team leader), Christopher Villarreal, Luis Basurto, Edna Pulido and Carlos Aguayo. Their most successful events included: a kick-off panel discussion on the national debt with Texas State Senator Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, the Provost of the University, the Dean of the College of Business Administration and the President of the Student Government Association; a campaign to educate area high school students and their parents on fiscal issues through well-attended seminars and classroom visits; and performing an original play about the national debt that was attended by more than 200 people.

Five prizes of \$2,500 each were also rewarded to the following schools for their successful work in several categories, Participant Engagement (highest number of students engaged via Facebook, events and civic en-

agement): University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Creativity: Rice University, Extended Reach (beyond students on campus): Illinois Institute of Technology, Rules & Participation (adherence to campaign parameters and best use of programmatic resources): Northwestern University, Building Awareness (best use of content for fiscal education): University of Texas at Austin. "All the teams involved in this year's competition rose to the occasion and executed fantastic campaigns," said Liz Maw, chief executive officer of Net Impact, a nonprofit that inspires a new generation of leaders to work for a sustainable future. "The conversations they brought to campus engaged their peers on a personal level and brought awareness to a complicated yet crucial issue."

What impressed the judges most about the IIT team was the amazing job the team did in engaging people via online platforms (Facebook quiz and page engagement). The overall variety and breadth of activities that they held on campus and off (from the kickoff party and IPRO project to the community outreach program and round tables and panels) and their creativity (debt castle, flash mob) really impressed the judges. The most impressive thing that the campaign did was really harness the energy and excitement of the student body on social media. In terms of engagement on Facebook, they also got the most students of any school to take the Facebook quiz.

IIT celebrates Women's History Month

Anoopa Sundararajan & Utsav Gandhi
COPY EDITOR & CAMPUS EDITOR

Every year, the month of March is celebrated as Women's History Month in the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia. While in Canada, it is observed in October.

This year, students commemorated the theme of 'Celebrating Women of Character, Courage and Commitment,' here at IIT throughout the month. The Office of Campus Life, Spiritual Life and Service Learning as well as Diversity Initiatives all put up multiple events throughout the month for the campus community to come together and celebrate as well as honor the successes of women in various fields.

Together, the IIT community was able to learn about and appreciate

the contributions of women everywhere in everything they do, personally and professionally. From events that were targeted at women, like the HPV Awareness Week, to events that recognized women's accomplishments, like the "I Am Malala" Book Club and the African Student Organization's Cultural Night, as well as events that were staged by women, like the International Women's Day panel, the Alumnae Panel and the motivational speaker Tricia Downing, IIT offered an assortment of events for students to participate in and educate themselves.

At the panel events, it was especially interesting to observe the similarities and differences in the views of female alumnae and female students who currently attend IIT. Needless to say, it was the common goals and ideologies of all the women that kept every event true to this year's theme. Between students, a 16-year-old Nobel Peace Prize

nominee, and a number of inspiring women from a wide range of career backgrounds, innumerable experiences were shared and countless ideas adapted. The panelists at the women alumna panel were Allison Bagby (ME, EMGT '09), Ranjana Bhargava (M.S. SOC '71), Perri Irmer (ARCH '81), Mariam Kittaneh (CHE '03, M.B.A. '13) and Dawn Schuette (ARCH CRP '92, M.S. CRP '93). They all spoke about their experiences of being a successful student at IIT, how it prepared them for their professional careers, and how they continue to scale successes in their chosen careers.

On Monday evening, the IIT Office of Spiritual Life and Service Learning also brought Kent alumna Reverend Brenda Girton-Mitchell to campus. The Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships at the U.S. Department of Education, Rev. Girton-Mitchell brings more

than 30 years' experience to the Department of Education from her work as a teacher, legal counsel and minister. Rev. Girton-Mitchell spoke about the intersection of women, faith, and education and how it related to this month's Book Club selection, "I Am Malala."

A major part of the credit for the smooth success of this year's Women's History Month goes to the various departments at IIT that collaborated in order to present the student body with such a fantastic range of opportunities for learning, sharing and networking. Credit also goes to IIT's diverse community of men and women who attended all of the events, without whom the events would not have achieved their success. If you are interested in finding out more about the events that took place on campus this March in honor of Women's History Month, check out the Women's Services page on Campus Life's website, www.iit.edu/student_life.

TEDxIIT's 'Infinite Impact' scheduled for this weekend

Nirja Shah
TECHNEWS WRITER

With just a few days left for the most awaited event of the year, TEDxIIT 2014, the board members, the founder of TEDxIIT, Amy Segami, as well as the volunteers are putting their best efforts in making this event a grand success.

Following the previous TEDxIIT event, the theme for this year is, "Infinite Impact." Disruptive technology, drones and design are among the topics that will be discussed at the fourth annual TEDxIIT from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 5 in the IIT Tower Auditorium. The event will spotlight eleven speakers from all over the world, who are affiliated with IIT, and are ready to give speeches which can inspire people globally and lay an infinite impact on the IIT community.

TEDxIIT is an organization of the

students, by the students and for the students of IIT and the global audience. TEDxIIT is organized by a core team of about 20 IIT Students from 10 different countries. They will host a world class event which is live and also will be streamed worldwide. The theme for this event, "Infinite Impact" is about sharing ideas with infinite impact on technology, individuals and society. Disruptive technology, paraplegia recovery, triple win philanthropy, technological anthropology, infinite space resources are just few of the ideas that will be shared. There have been applications from more than 50 people interested to volunteer for this amazing event and the team is really thankful to all the students who have shown their interest in helping out.

Diverse speakers such as IIT's very own energy sustainability expert, Dr. Hamid Arastoopour will be presenting along with IIT Faculty, FIAA, College of Architect Board

of Overseers, Founder and President of Ross Barney Architects, Carol Ross Barney, who will propose using waterway as a transportation system. Monika Wiela, a Polish immigrant turned internet entrepreneur and philanthropist; Ian Beacraft, a superstar of Leo Burnett; Andrew Little of Weather Channel, and award-winning CTO/CIO Shanjib Sahoo of tradeMONSTER. Last but not the least, two current students, Raed Tawil from Syria and Xi Zhang from China, will make their TEDx Talk. This is a big deal for everyone.

It is indeed a great honor to be a part of this organization. The volunteers showed a great amount of interest in being speaker buddies (an IIT student who assists the speaker the entire day.) As Segami said, "Volunteers help us in bringing the IIT community and the IIT alumni together, beyond the borders of IIT."

The team is working hard to get everything organized. Isabella Romero, President of

TEDxIIT and Yoetzian Diaz, Vice President of TEDxIIT have done an amazing job in getting the team together and sharing their previous experience with all the new members in helping them organize things. The entire executive board including the production team, webmaster committee, public relations and treasurer have worked together and are responsible for making this event happen. It is the teamwork that is solely responsible for the success of TEDxIIT.

In the past years of TEDxIIT, the event was sold out and the live streaming attracted over 30,000 viewers globally. It is great pride to have such an amazing event happening at IIT.

TEDxIIT is looking for your participation to sign up for tickets or volunteering opportunity. To know more about the speakers, the executive board members or past TEDxIIT events, visit the website: tedxiit.com.

Re-Imagination Challenge sparks new ideas, creativity for solutions

Utsav Gandhi
CAMPUS EDITOR

Working directly with the support of school administration to inspire creativity among students to implement change from the bottom-up, the Student Government Association partnered with MonkeyBars and sponsored by Google, O'Reilly Books, IIT Institute of Design, and IIT to organize a 24 hour Hackathon style competition, the "Re-Imagination Challenge."

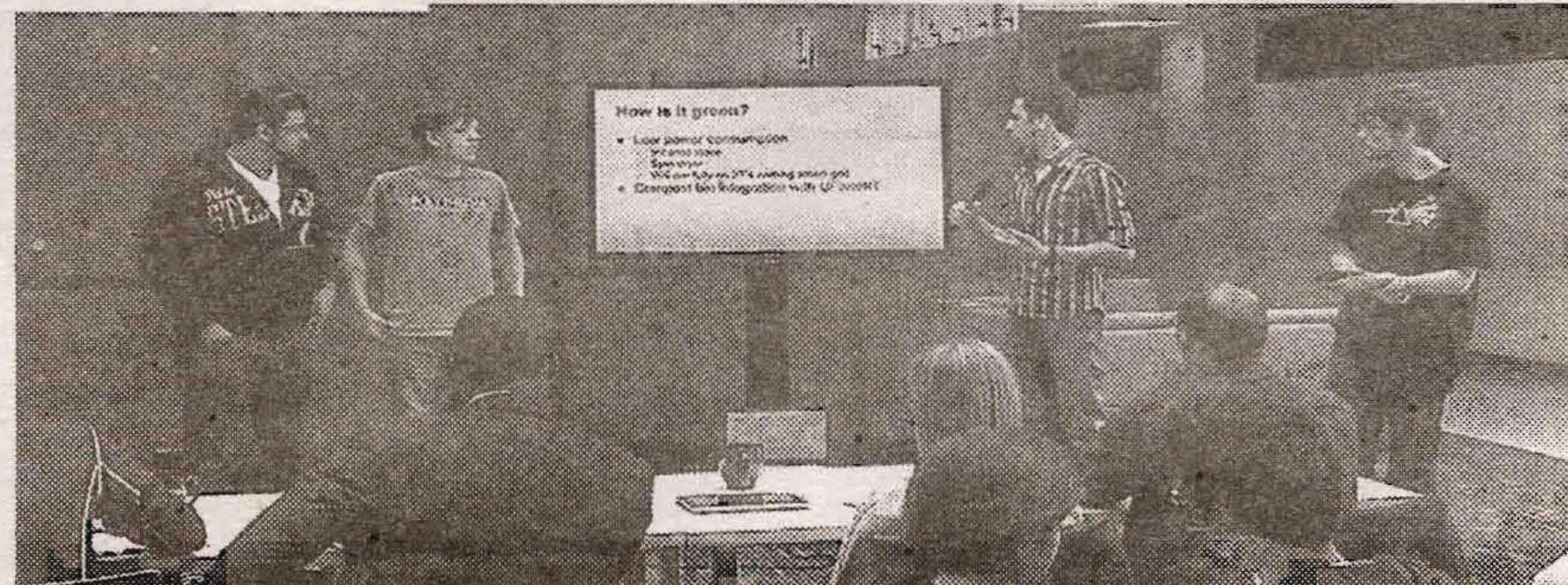
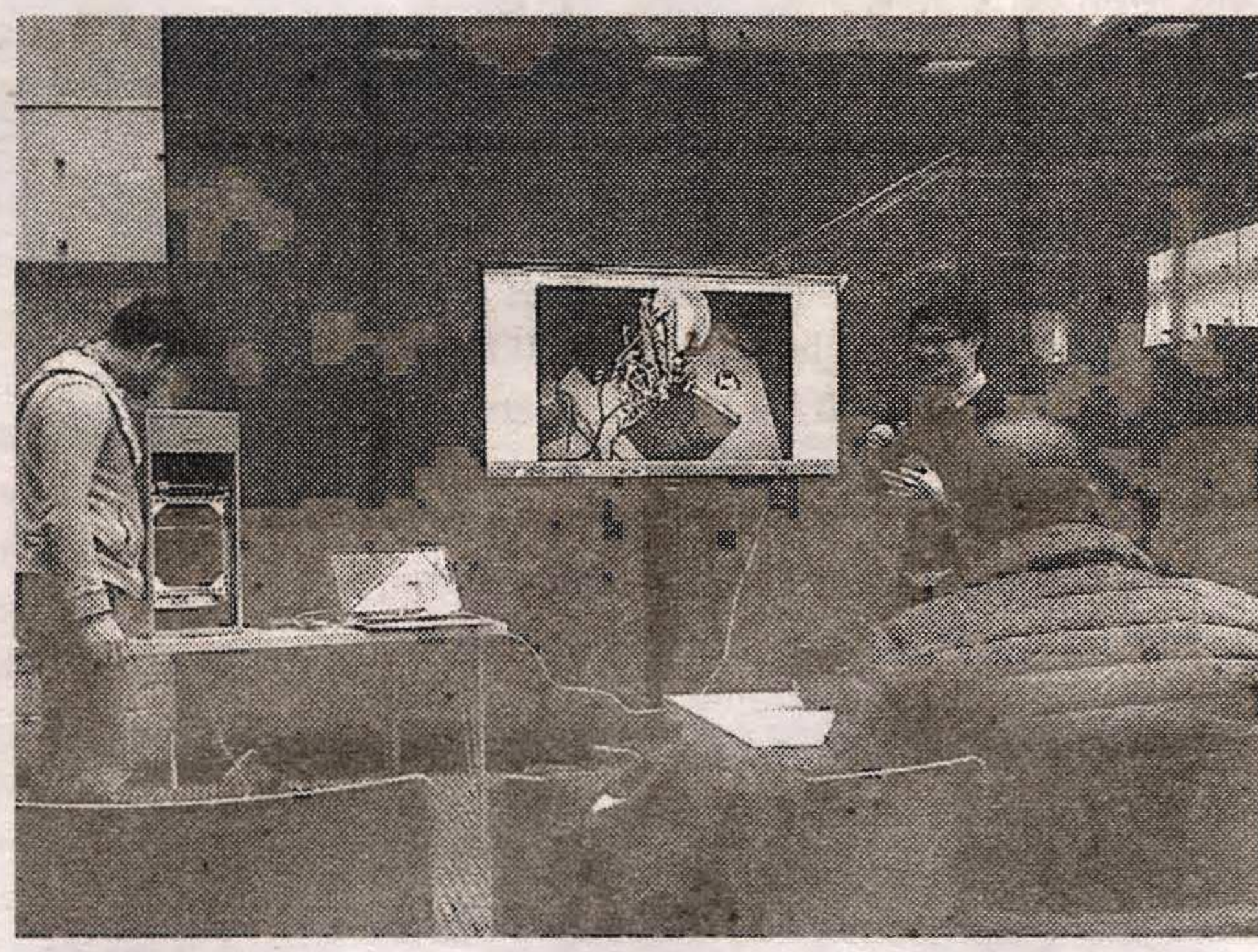
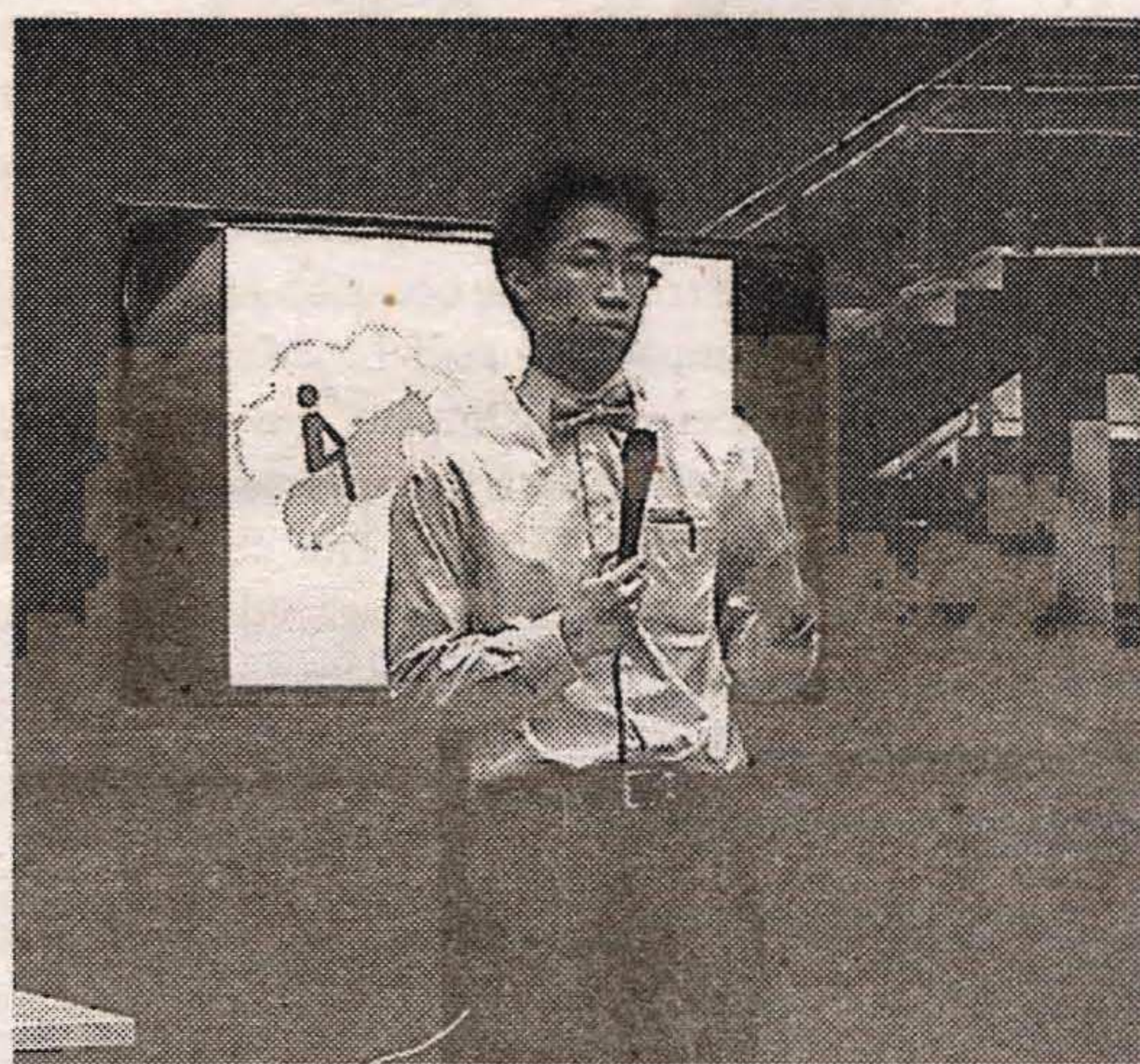
Some of the ideas encouraged while going into the competition were reducing the fire alarms in MSV, the issue of puddles on campus, et cetera. The judges included campus admin and faculty (the Dean of Students, Katie Stetz, as well as the SGA Presidential candidates, Olurotimi and Akinade, were part as well. The three main categories were "Pre-built", "From Scratch" and "Peer Choice."

Sub-categories under Pre-built and From Scratch included long term and short term (can be implemented within three to five years and within one to years, respectively).

The Pre-built criteria was for anything that already has a mock-up, prototype, some code, whereas from scratch was for new ideas that hadn't been pursued before this event.

Judging criteria and guidelines feasibility (based on if the proposed plan can be done within chosen time-frame and is realistic given budget and resources, as determined by judges), efficacy (does this idea realistically solve a problem in an efficient/creative manner?), impact (is this idea large impact and does it benefit the student body for the future in a visible/solid/tangible way?), team strength

(does the team in question have the mindset of implementing and solving this problem in real-time?), as well as response to Q&A (defending your idea and providing thoughtful answers to questions posed, regardless of how challenging the question.) The winning teams were working on projects related to the class registration system, school spirit and increased attendance to campus events/engagement as well as a video production initiative to spread news and awareness about school events. A more detailed follow up article will be published in the next few weeks.





CIVILITY WEEK

March 31 - April 4

MONDAY, MARCH 31

11am-2pm: Spread good deeds across campus and the world! Join the *Actively Caring for People* movement by picking up your bracelet on the MTCC Bridge

9:30pm - Learn about the roots of civility in the US with a screening of *Lincoln* in Perlstein Auditorium. Snacks provided!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

11am-2pm - Tell us how YOU interpret Civility. Stop by the MTCC Bridge and share your thoughts!

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

11am-2pm - Have you witnessed a good deed on campus? Stop by the bridge in MTCC and tell us all about it.

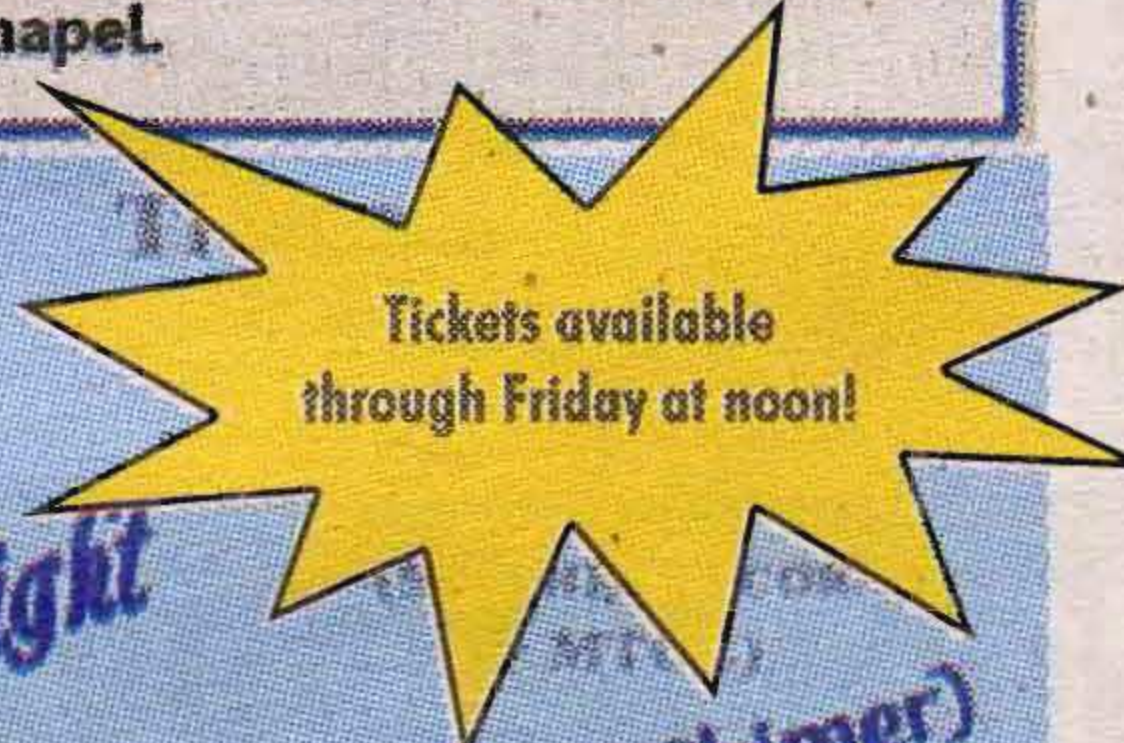
1 - 2pm - End your week with a mindful meditation session. Join us for an hour of peacePractice through guided meditation in Carr Chapel.



Spring Formal

April 5th, 2014 7pm - midnight
Congress Plaza Hotel

\$20 (IIT • Vandercook • Shimer)
\$30 (Non-Student)



ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Office of Campus Life



spring 2014
e-waste collection
IIT students

March 31 - April 4

IIT students can drop off and pick up electronic 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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HAWK FIT

SPRING FITNESS CLASSES

MONDAYS

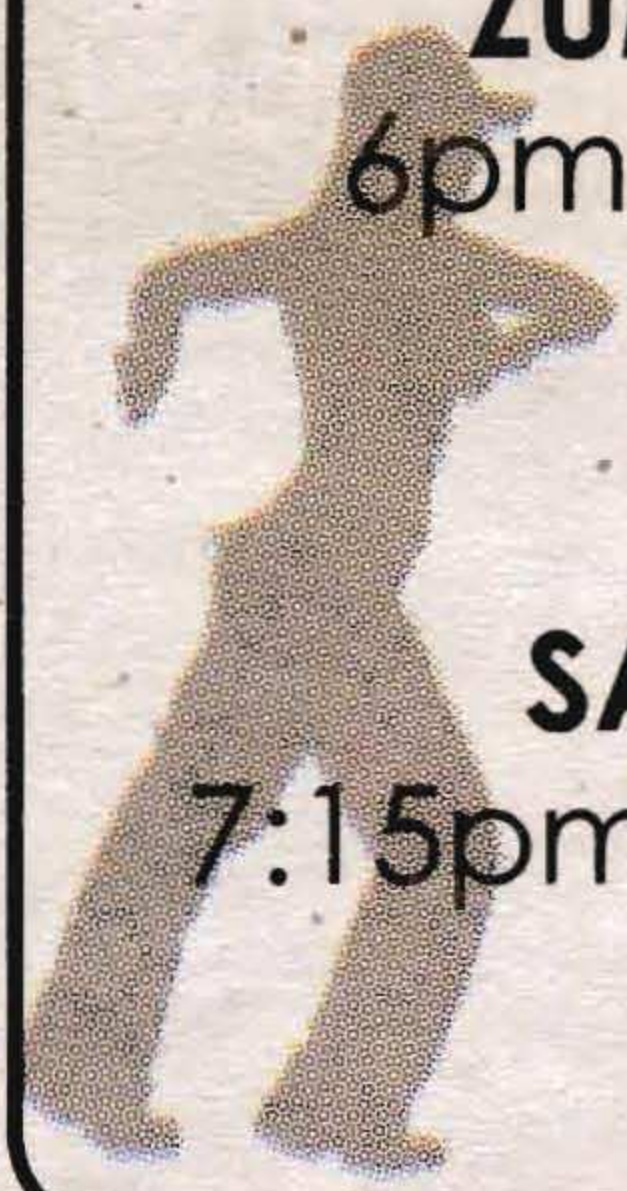
3/24, 4/7, 4/14

ZUMBA

6pm - 7pm

SALSA

7:15pm - 8:15pm



TUESDAYS

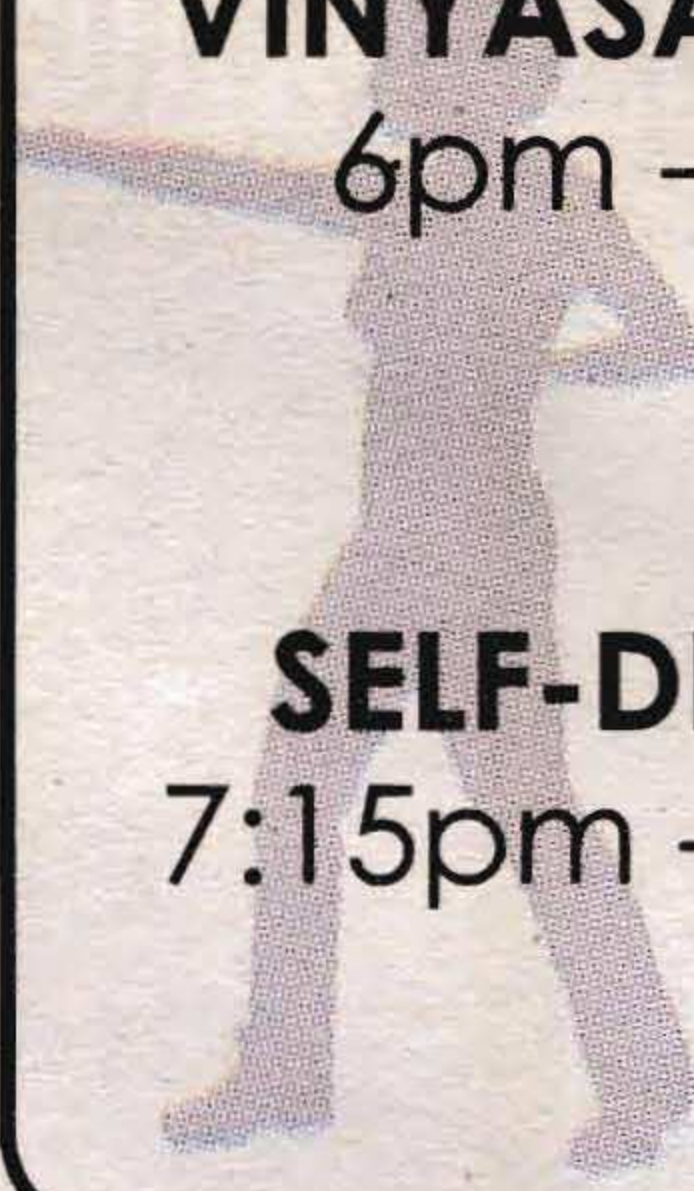
3/25, 4/8, 4/15

VINYASA YOGA

6pm - 7pm

SELF-DEFENSE

7:15pm - 8:15pm



WEDNESDAYS

4/2, 4/9, 4/16

WOMEN'S ONLY ZUMBA

6pm - 7pm

GENTLE YOGA

7:15pm - 8:15pm



THURSDAYS

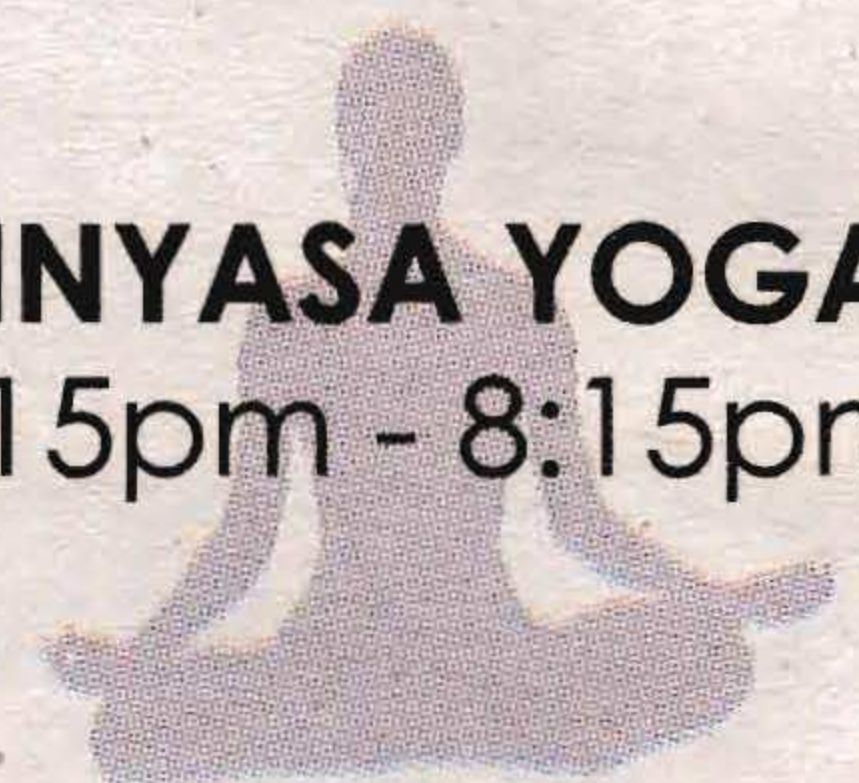
3/27, 4/17

GENTLE YOGA

6pm - 7pm

VINYASA YOGA

7:15pm - 8:15pm



ALL CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED IN LOWER LEVEL OF HERMAN HALL IN THE FC TRUSTEE DINING ROOM

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE. PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR CLASS DESCRIPTIONS.

www.illinoistechathletics.com

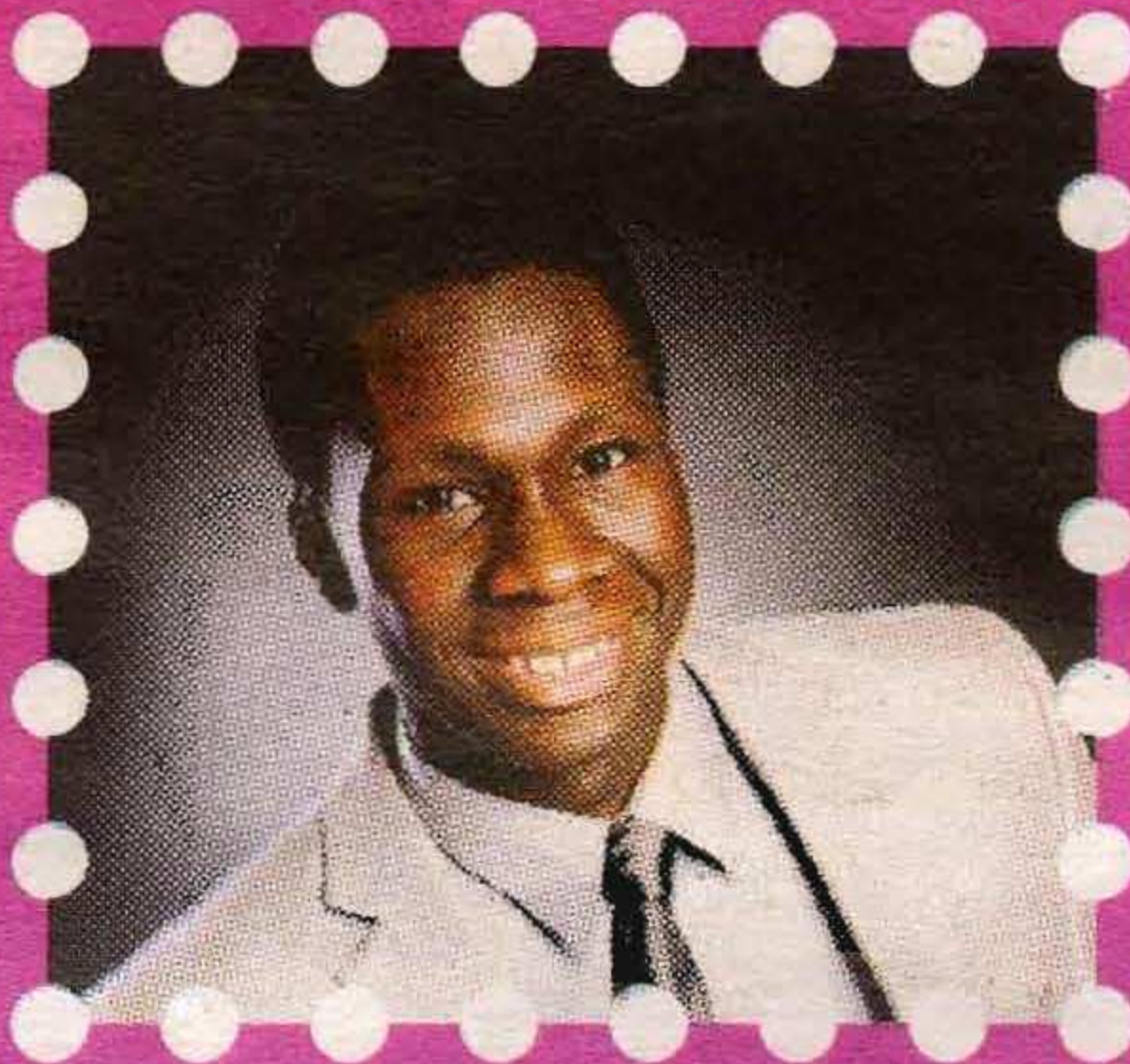
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SGA EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT

AKINADE ADERELE

3rd Year Architecture Major



My goal is to help create a more connected IIT within itself and externally. This would be approached internally by connecting all the various aspects of the student body specifically the student orgs, Vandercook, Shimer, Greek life and residence advisers and providing the means for them to have bigger events that impact IIT greatly.

OLUROTIMI 'TIMI' AKINDELE

3rd Year Political Science Major



I intend to improve the relationship between the IIT SGA & student Orgs and improve senate retention. And encourage more collaboration and mutual eventing amongst Orgs. And foster a more enriched IIT community.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

CLARISSA LUGO

4th Year
Biochemistry Major



If elected, I would want to tackle the issue of response time for things getting fixed around campus. Such as shoveling snow, getting rid of ice, or other maintenance issues in buildings on campus. From talking with students, seeing feedback on the IIT Undergraduate page on Facebook, and from personal experience, the timeliness of maintenance and other offices has been lacking.

AJAY JOHNSON

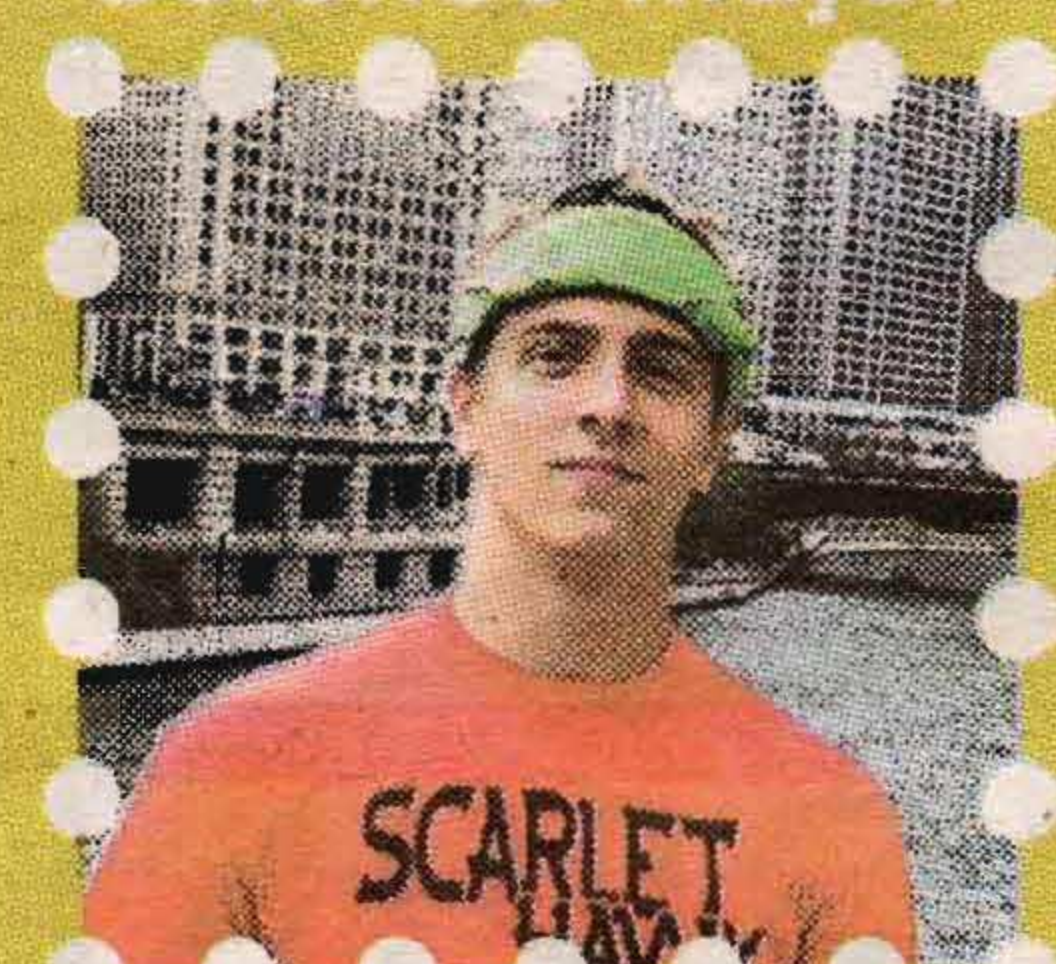
3rd Year Architectural
Engineering Major



While it is beautiful to see how diverse we are as a school, it is painful to see how segregated this makes us. The method of tackling this issue would mainly be by means of encouraging these different student organizations to collaborate on different events within IIT. Programs like iPROs would be highly encouraged as it is a means of bringing students from all different backgrounds together.

WILLIAM BAFIA

3rd Year Computer
Science Major



Currently my biggest focus would be improving the impact and awareness of SGA on campus through various events and marketing strategies. SGA works to improve university functions by listening to students and organizations that want a variety of changes to happen. In order to help students, we must make ourselves louder and more prominent on campus through our Senators and executive board members.

VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

THIMMAIAH HONAGANAHALLI

3rd Year Chemical
Engineering Major



I plan to work with IIT to establish a system where all introductory classes for each course can be recorded, uploaded and stored in an online repository. I believe that this resource will be absolutely invaluable to IIT's student body, allowing them to learn more efficiently and be better students. This will also allow students to know which professor they would like to have before they register for classes, and let them judge for themselves the professor they would like to have.

RAHUL WADHWANI

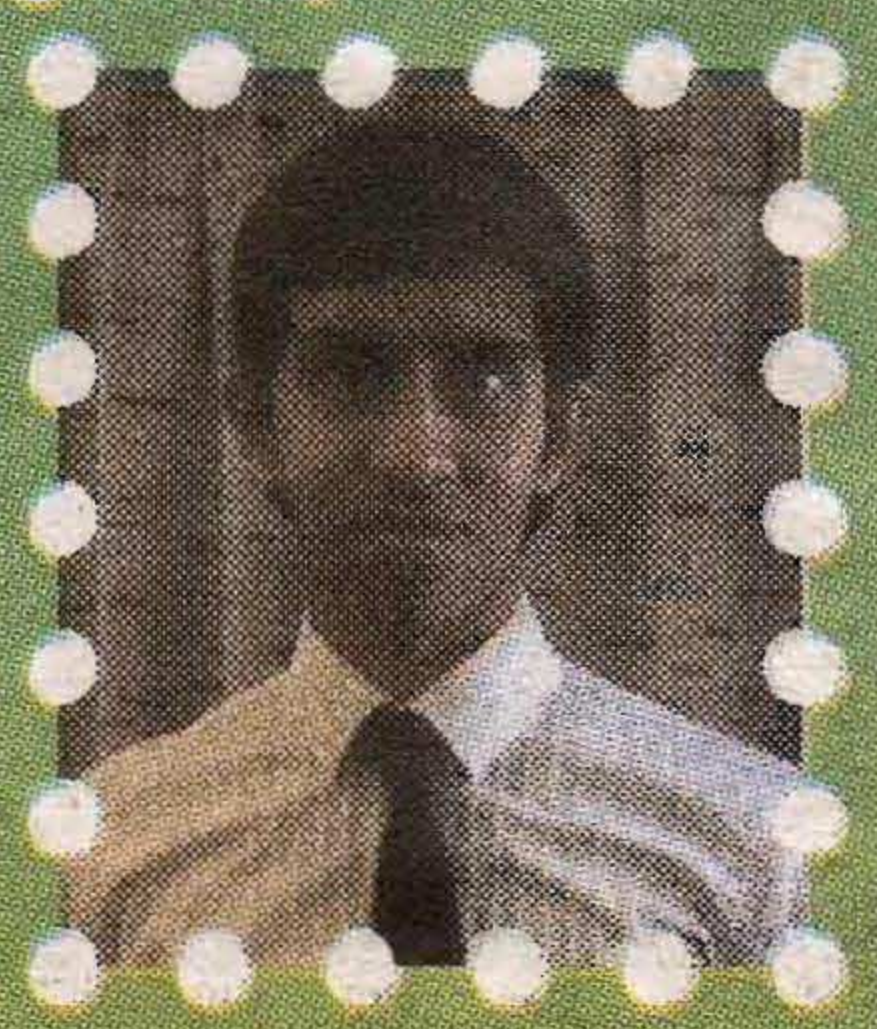
3rd Year Electrical
Engineering Major

I want IIT to become a very proactive community. I have to admit I feel disturbed when I see comments on social media about flaws in our community. Don't get me wrong however, I like to see the fact that people notice these issues. That is the first step to solving the problem and bringing them up in on the internet is a great way to discuss about it.

MANOJ VARMA PENMATHSA

1st Year Electrical
Engineering Major

I want to change the current transfer credit policy. Many transfer students and international students can't transfer some of their credits due to the current policy. Many students have to take some courses again at IIT even though they are very good at that particular course. As a result, students are losing time and money. I would go about this issue by start talking with the office of Registrar.



SGA EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES

VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT LIFE

SONIA KAMDAR

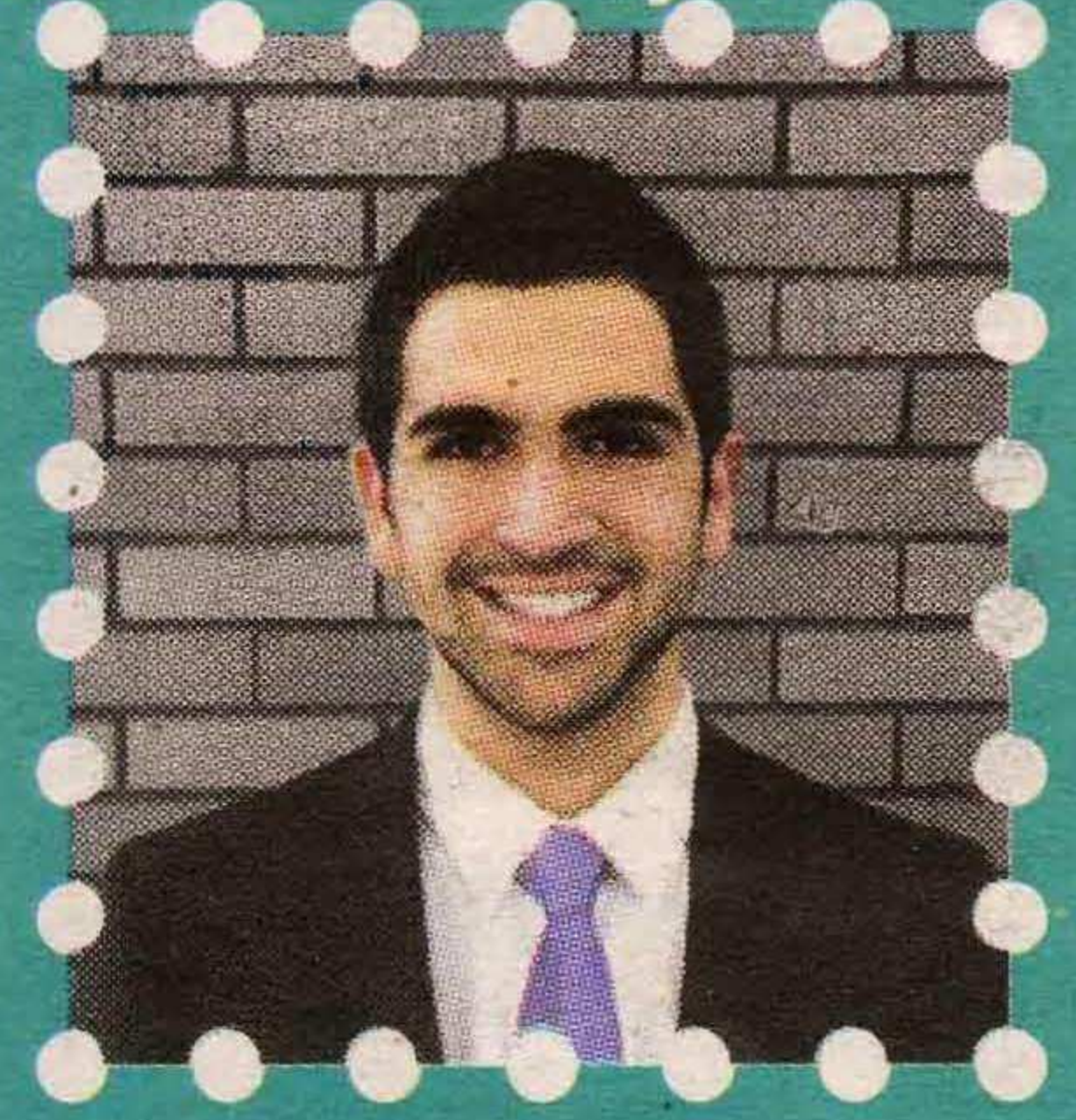
1st Year Biochemistry Major



An important issue I would tackle if elected would be to increase the number of students in the SGA committees, particularly Student Life so that they could work faster on projects such as getting a 24 hour food option. Currently SGA is working on many big projects to address the various concerns of the student body. I think that being informed will motivate students to get involved and help.

HAMZE SUKKAR

2nd Year Architecture Major

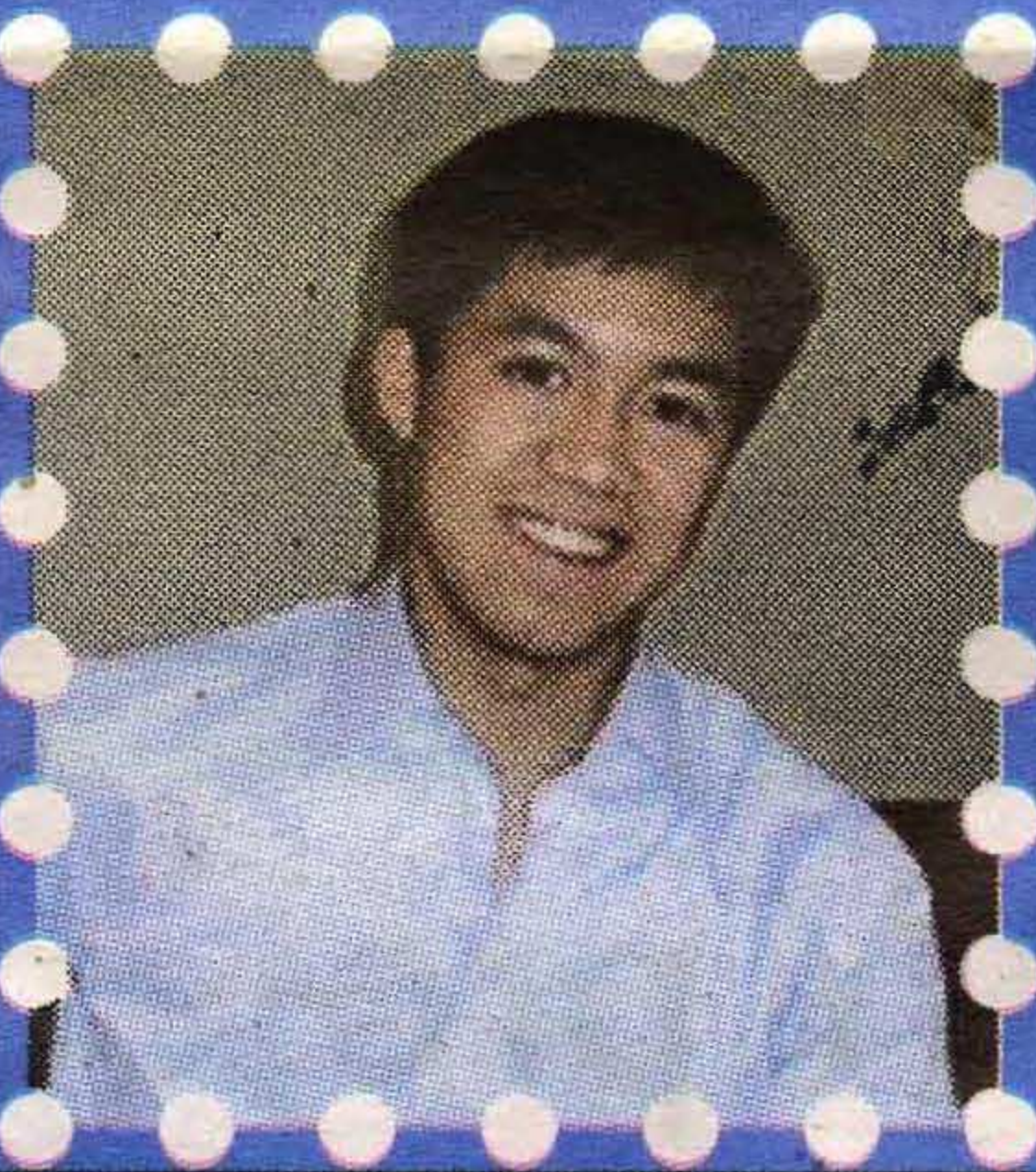


Illinois Tech as a whole is a strong robust institute, however, like any other institute or organization around the world, screws might loosen a bit and things will happen as a result. Our university is well aware of that, and is constantly troubleshooting any issues that emerge to the best they can do. It is our job as students to observe and point out those issues, if existing, and report them to the respective authorities in order to be dealt with. very broad range of activities & happen.

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

ELVIN MOY

1st Year Mechanical Engineering Major

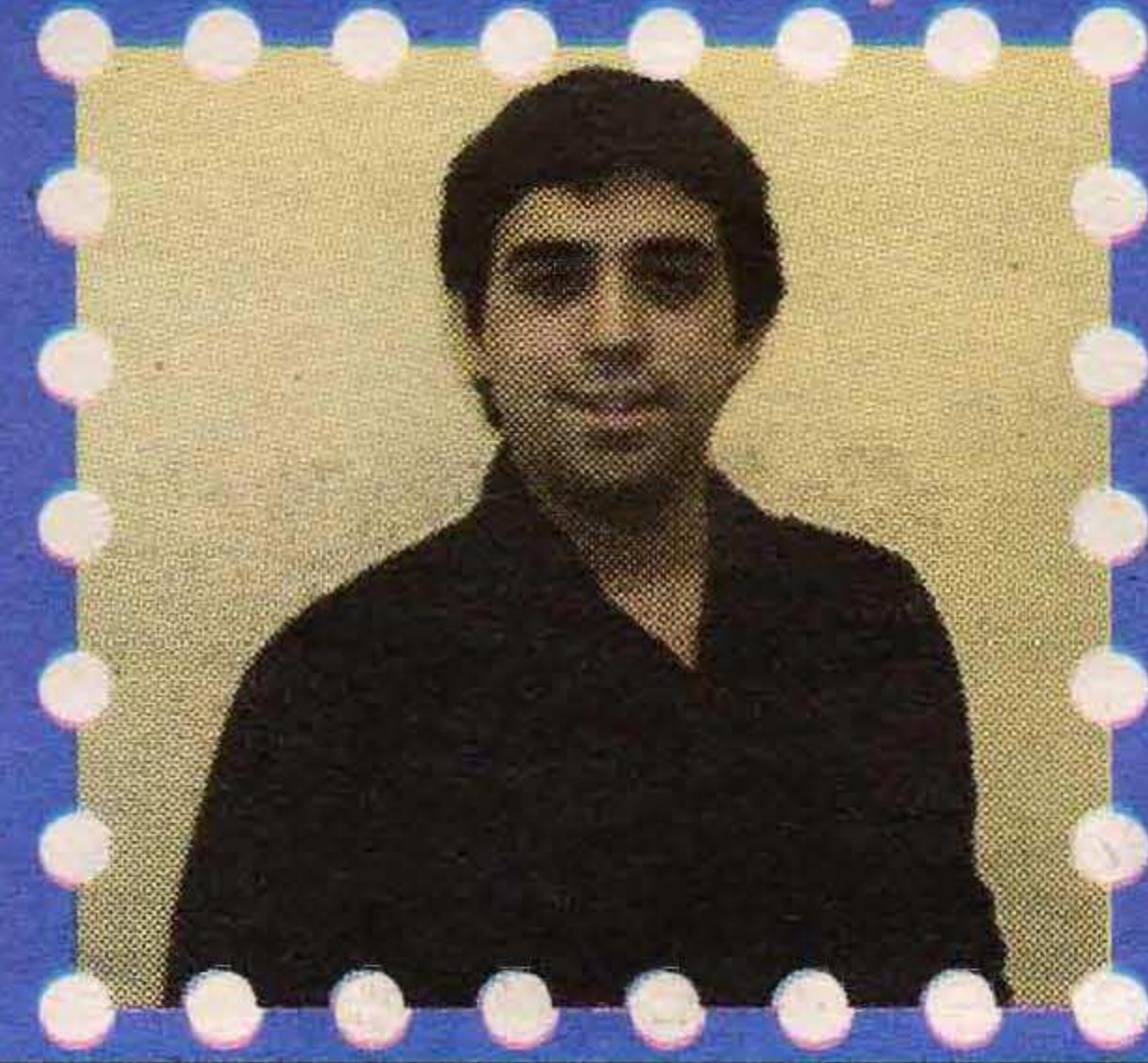


I believe that the most important issue is that students are not being informed in a timely manner of the happenings of campus. While Facebook, Twitter and other forms of popular social networking allow students to get quick responses, sometimes an official response from professional staff and administration takes longer. I'm planning on improving this by creating video updates that will show past IIT events and future events. This should be a way for organizations and athletics to promote their future games and events.

DANIEL

LOPEZ MORALES

2nd Year Computer Science Major



I believe one of the most important tasks to be tackled right away is to create a unified communication between the faculty, the organizations, and the student body. Since there is poor communication between the organization's activities and the students events through campus, there has been disadvantages experienced from the lack of participation from the students.

KYLE STANEVICH

1st Year Aerospace Engineering Major



I can't be the one to decide what issues are important. All I can do is take the concerns of my fellow students and work toward change. Or I could work against change if the students don't want to see change.

I like the idea of SGA, but not how it is carried out. Let the campus do what it does while we do what students suggest should be done. We do a good job with votebox, but we should do even more suggestion based projects.

NEESHA NARAYANAN

2nd Year Architecture Major



There needs to be a bridging of communication not just between SGA, the students and the administration but also between the students in general. I have noticed that even though we have diversity in IIT, there are groups of people who don't feel comfortable mingling with the general student body. This may be because of the language barrier, they don't find it easy to communicate their thoughts and ideas with ease to others and hence they find it safe to be in their own groups. I want to help these students change this attitude.

FINANCE BOARD CHAIR

JAMES MWAKICHAKO

2nd Year Applied Mathematics Major



My experience serving in the board is my greatest strength. I have served under two regimes and hope to take the best of the two worlds coupled with my own ingenuity to create a much responsive board.

I would try to address the issues of providing food

for events, T-shirts for organizations and the amount allocated for conferences.

The changes in the library and BOG hours is a step in the right direction. Advocating for the rights of students seems to have gone a notch higher this year.

Tech[nology]News:

EU in favor of single, universal cell phone charger

Austin Gonzalez
OPINION EDITOR

Editor's Note: While this is clearly an Opinion piece by our fab Opinion Editor, this is also a fitting Tech[nology]News piece, which is located in A&E. Submit Tech[nology]News pieces to editor@technewsit.com.

Remember the days when every phone had a different charger? Well, the European Union (EU) has recently created a draft law that will force all cellphone manufacturers to use the same charger, and has leaned in favor of setting the MicroUSB as the standard.

No comment has been made yet by

Apple, being the only substantial phone maker likely affected by this change in the EU. Most Android phones will see no difference as most already take advantage of the MicroUSB for charge and data transfer.

Most manufacturers already use the industry standard of the MicroUSB without the need of a law regulating that it's now mandatory.

Isn't it an amazing process whereby consumers know what they want, and actively purchase those things?

Even more amazing perhaps are companies' abilities to evaluate incoming market data and translate this into products ori-

ented towards the consumers wants.

This law is coming pretty late to the party; it's the equivalent of screaming "NAP TIME" at midnight when all the kids are already asleep.

For better or for worse, Apple has favored property parts and cables. Boasting its faster data transfer speeds or the first capable of reversible heads,

Apple clearly doesn't want or need the MicroUSB. Apple consumers want to buy whatever Apple is selling and that's fine.

As much as I can appreciate one charger to rule them all, I think this has got to be one of the dumbest laws I've ever heard of.

Years from now when our kids read "Ridiculous Laws from Former Conglomerations" this one will find its way in there.

Of all the things I need a governing body to look after, my cellphone charger is one of the least important. The law has been proposed for (supposedly) the right reasons.

Chargers account for 51,000 tonnes of e-waste every year and proprietary cables can be a ploy to force you to buy more. I can't help but feel that someone has received a large sum of money for supporting this superfluous law.

Hopefully this draft law will be voted out of existence for its uselessness.

Movie Review:

'Monument Men' monumentally unremarkable

Austin Gonzalez
OPINION EDITOR

Bill Murray, Matt Damon, John Goodman, and George Clooney are stuffed into this ultimately lackluster portrayal of the recovery of the Ghent Altar.

Set in the midst of World War II, this movie begins with what could've been a great movie about the value of art, but ends with an audience unimpressed, but not necessarily disappointed.

Flat, inert, boring, unsatisfying, this picture was created for the phrase "it's not bad, but certainly not any good".

This is a movie where the whole is not greater than the sum of the parts. There are pockets of emotions, reasonably enjoyable moments of joy, humor, romance, but nothing to really tie the story together.

The movie is based on historical fact with men on a mission. How hard could it be to sell a story about the Allies (not to mention Americans) being awesome during World War II?

The movie was severely over-casted. This movie could've been much greater, had it featured a cast comprising of rising actors. With so many acting powerhouses

nothing short of greatness was to be expected. As an indie development this could have been an amazing picture, but a Hollywood blockbuster it feels like the flair of a 70 million dollars budget is missing.

Monument Men simply needs improvement on the most critical fronts a film. The locations and cinematography are nice enough, but the plot and characters are never fleshed out. The emotions are stale and hollow.

There is a clear disregard for how an audience would react to what's playing on the screen.

You've started with a classy picture and a classy relatable cast and then there's no follow through. On the whole, Monument Men is a nice detour for the barrage of cynical apocalyptic "the world and everything in it is awful" movies that have been flooding theaters, but there's nothing to I wouldn't recommend seeing this film. Bad movies at least give you some-



Image courtesy of screen-crush.com

thing to talk about.

The only thing I keep thinking of is how there's nothing to discuss in this movie other than the fact that it's so devoid of inter-

esting objects!

There are movies good movies, bad movies, and apparently this is a movie that is the embodiment of meh.

'Hackerspace' in Pilsen promotes DIY projects

Utsav Gandhi
CAMPUS EDITOR

Unbeknownst to many, a small, enterprising group of IIT alumni have initiated some influential change right here in the immediate Chicagoland vicinity of our campus. Combining technical expertise with a passion for community mobilizing and an entrepreneurial flair, a group of "doers" have started a "hackerspace" on the south side of Chicago (in Pilsen.)

They are seeking "hackers, tinkerers, hobbyists, crafters, artists and doers" to help create a social, educational and collaborative space for the benefit of the larger community.

They have reached out to faculty in the Architecture Department, IEEE@IIT, as well as Professor Matt Bauer himself to spread some awareness

Located at the Mana Arts Lofts at 2233 South Throop Street, number 214, they have plenty of equipment for woodworking, electronic and bicycle maintenance, as well as prototyping; but are also currently looking for several common objects: an eyewash station, fire extinguishers, lockers, desk space, a couch, tables, "hacker" magazines, a projector, and an assortment of mechanic tools, woodworking tools, metalworking tools, a mill, a second drill press, lathe, bicycle service stand and tools, sewing machine capable of sewing materials like canvas, nylon and denim.

Their goal is to promote DIY ("do it yourself") projects ranging from traditional (metalworking, woodworking, arts and crafts) to technological (software development, electronics, 3D printing, robotics.) They have three levels of dynamic membership, including working professionals, students, artists, entrepreneurs, and unique self-starters.

The initiative started as a group of



alumni from diverse disciplines (MMAE, Architecture, Computer Science) coming together to replicate another hackerspace that exists on the North Side, 'Pumping Station I', as an outreach space. Most of them come in from Greek, philanthropic and Camras backgrounds during their time at IIT and their professional backgrounds have also enabled set up some promising relationships with Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Public Library system as well as entrepreneurs in the city.

They have also instituted a membership structure with three tiers: a donation level, starting hacker level and full membership.

Anyone is encouraged to check out the space by attending their weekly general body meetings (every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.) at the hackerspace location, to volunteer in many possible roles they have available, to provide monetary donations or even to teach a class provided the interest and resources exist for one of the hackerspace's many activities.

Since March 2012, the group has been forging friendships with innovators all over Chicago, who continue to diversify their membership. In July 2013 they moved into their first space, the 1000 square feet studio in the Mana Fine Arts Building at Cermak and Throop, but have also launched a crowdfunding campaign on Indiegogo. They have envisioned a plan that separates their space into three major areas.

Seeking to improve the surrounding community and inspire young adults to find a safe space to explore and grow, they have big expansion plans and hope to service the greater area of Chicago in the future!

Check out this campaign at igg.me/at/sshchicago, their website at sshchicago.org/, on Reddit at <http://redd.it/20235i>, and on Facebook at facebook.com/sshchicago.

What happens in ASB, stays in ASB

Utsav Gandhi
THE LESSER KNOWN GANDHI

What an extraordinarily successful season for Alternative Spring Break!

The most number of applications ever, the largest team size ever, correspondingly the biggest budget and the most successful fundraising season! This included the annual Pie in the Face with President Anderson himself dropping by ever so sportingly to get pied for charity and a Tamale Sale that was deeply appreciated by all. This was also the year with the first ever ASB Fall Build as well as ASB Chicago, for those unable to attend the spring build trip to West Virginia. Speaking of which, is a starkly beautiful part of the country, there is no doubt. Nestled in the Appalachians, sparsely populated, beautiful scenery all around with endless fields, bubbling streams, trek worthy national parks and snow capped peaks. Serving Habitat for Humanity in this humbling setting was definitely a memorable

experience for many reasons – the homeowners we were serving were so warm, affectionate, and genuinely thankful of our assistance.

Okay, so that's what we were supposed to tell you all. After all, we did enlist heavy campus support in funding twenty nine individuals for an entire week. But honestly, what did you think – we would honestly dedicate the time, money and energy solely to volunteering efforts for an entire spring break after a grueling long winter in Chicago? Of course not – the twenty nine who were chosen to go beat out some really tough competition, and they deserved some non-traditional, off-the-road fun. Our holiday involved more than just the safe activities of hiking and exploring the national parks. Sure, we visited the reputed tourist locations of Seneca Rocks and Blackwater Falls, but our trips also included several dangerous detours, shortcuts, venturing into restricted areas and unexpected encounters with the wild. One of our hikes was interrupted by a terrible snowstorm, and to navigate

the mountain's crevasses, we decided to rope ourselves together. Suddenly, the unthinkable happened. One of our trip members, Omar, fell, injuring his leg. We couldn't continue climbing. We decided to lower him down the mountain, and once he had anchored himself, to climb down. However, after the snowstorm hit, he was left dangling mid-air. In order to survive, we had to do the unthinkable: we had to cut the rope. Miraculously, he landed in a crevice and was able to use the remains of the rope to lower himself down the mountain.

That wasn't the last of our troubles, though. We went hiking on the second to last day, again, and unknown to us no one had ever been down this one side trail we were exploring. At many points, huge trees were down across the trail, which was etched narrowly into a ridge side with a rocky creek 50 to 80 feet directly below. This was extremely rough going. Stranded in the woods several miles outside civilization, for hours without food, water or warm clothing, surviving by drinking

chemically "ambiguous" water and taking shelter in a hollowed out tree, we even had search parties dispatched for us covering a 4-square-mile area. At the first sense of sunlight, we were finally able to flash a signal using the glare off a cell phone screen and a knife blade to a helicopter. On this trip, we also learned that "playing dead" is only effective at discouraging grizzlies – not all kinds of bears, and then only under certain circumstances. For now, I'll say that attacks could potentially be avoided altogether with pepper spray, but you'll have to ask us more in person about this – what happens at ASB stays at ASB, and we really don't want to give out all the details publicly.

In the future, we recommend going forward a little more cautiously if you're considering the application for Alternative Spring Break. Not all our stories are documented, and remember – in the end, you always sign the liability waiver; and more importantly, there really are no rules with spring break. See you next year!



Rare images of "nerdicus geekius ititicus" found in the West Virginian wastelands. This social behavior is uncommon for the nerdicus. This feral display could possibly extend from the recent water contamination by Freedom Industries.*
(*name is not an April Fool's joke)

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April 5th, 2014

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7pm - midnight

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN OCL
(SOUTHEAST CORNER OF MTCC)

\$20 - STUDENT

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

To the IIT Community

Due to high demand and much interest from students the **UNION BOARD** Executive Board has decided to devote all funding to Disney™ related expenses. Frozen™ was the first of many Disney™ movies we are going to show on campus. Beyond just movies, we are going to hire full time actors to play various Disney™ Princesses in the MTCC throughout the week. Beyond the day-by-day fun we are going to provide with this new campaign, we are going to offer discounted Disney™ World tickets! So get excited for the rest of the semester as we give away Disney™ giveaways, show Disney™ Movies, and provide opportunity for the full Disney™ Experience!



Sincerely,
Union Board
Executive Board

In Other News

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

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April 5th, 2014
Congress Plaza Hotel
7pm - midnight

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN OCL
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Upcoming Events

Wednesday April 2nd:
Ball in the House
Live A Cappella
1:00PM MTCC
Center Court

Thursday April 3rd:
What would you do
for a Klondike Bar?
8:00pm - 10:00pm
The Bog

Friday April 4th:
Paper Arts and Crafts
1:00pm - 2:00pm
MTCC Bridge

Bingo Night with
Caribbean Visionaries
8:30pm - 10:30pm
The Bog

Saturday April 5th
Spring Formal
7:00pm - Midnight
Congress Plaza Hotel

Union Board Office Hours:

Impact	- Friday 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Bog	- Thursday 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Traditions	- Mondays 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Scarlet Fever	- Wednesday 11:30am - 2:30pm
President	- Thursday 3:00pm - 4:00pm