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TEDxIIT makes big 'Impact'

Nirja Shah
TECHNEWS WRITER

The 4th annual TEDxIIT took place April 5, 2014 in the IIT Tower Auditorium. This was one of the rare occasions when the IIT community could share the same platform at the same conference, receiving equal attention and interest. That's the core value of TED: everyone can have a special idea to share no matter who they are. As in previous years, it was another sell-out event with 370 applications for 100 tickets. An estimated 200 guests showed up throughout the day. A number of them were on the wait list. The event was also broadcast live worldwide. An overflow area was set up in the lobby for those who were waiting for a seat or needed to leave during a session. The audience was requested to remain seated during each entire segment which lasted between 60 and 90 minutes.

TED is a nonprofit event devoted to ideas worth spreading. It started out in 1984 as a conference bringing together people from three worlds: technology, entertainment, and design.

Since then, its scope has become even broader. TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. IIT's event is TEDxIIT, where x indicates an independently organized event. TEDxIIT is a university event organized by the student organization, working with Amy Lee Segami, IIT alumna.

Segami is a former TEDx Speaker at TEDxPeachtree and the founder of TEDxIIT in 2009. This year, she served as the co-organizer, advisor, and curator of the event. The theme for TEDxIIT 2014 was "Infinite Impact".

TEDxIIT 2014 reached the heights of success only because of the IIT community and the students of IIT who worked to plan the event. TEDxIIT 2014 consisted of diverse group of students in the team working for one goal: the success of the event. Students coming from 12 different countries came together to make this all happen. Isabelle Romero, President of TEDxIIT, and Yoetzin Diaz, Vice-President of TEDxIIT, did an outstanding job in bringing the team together and working for the big day. The speaker buddies (who accompanied a particular speaker for entire day) were a great help. Hours of time were spent at rehearsals in auditorium with speakers, board members, and volunteers. It was a great moment of joy to see that all the hard work was finally paying off.

The speakers talked about the inspirational stories which captivated the audience. Dr. Hamid Arastoopour, a faculty member of IIT and a well-known scientist,



Above: TEDxIIT's speakers for the main event.

Below: TEDxIIT's organizers.

Photos courtesy of Nirja Shah & TEDxIIT's Facebook Page

shared his experience with the multiple applications of energy as a source. Carol Ross Barney, also a faculty member and renowned architect, shared her experience as an architect to improve and work on the Chicago transit system by introducing boats for transport. Ian Beacraft of Leo Burnett emphasized one of the most important things of the 21st century, the cell phone, and its immense use in our daily lives and how today's generation is obsessed with taking their own pictures of themselves. Katherine Darnstadt, an IIT Alumna, brought the idea of innovative design to those in

resource- or budget-limited environments through a holistic, creative approach to design driven by community needs that leverage other partners and assets to address project challenges. Jessica Ann Hubert, whose parents are both IIT Alumni, received a standing ovation from the audience.

Despite being paralyzed, she shared the idea of never losing hope in life and having the belief in oneself to make things happen. There is only one thing that can keep you motivated, telling yourself that "you can do it." Andrew Little shared his ideas of

things to discover in space, and motivated students to pursue opportunities in space exploration. Sanjib Sahoo encouraged the audience to use amazing technology and collaborate it with the stock market. Read Tawil, an IIT student, talked about his work on project of designing drones and bringing revolutionary change in 21st century. Monica Weila, an entrepreneur, shared the idea of reusing the boxes received from online shopping for charity, thus closing the loop from shopping to giving. Xi Zhang, another IIT student, shared her story of changing her career direction at the age of 28, sending the audience the message that it's never late to pursue your dreams.

The diverse backgrounds of attendees were an excellent mix of professors, students from different majors, as well as alum; they were handicapped to represent the best of the IIT community. Despite their diversity, they all had one thing in common—a love for inspiration and new ideas. Many of the attendees and speakers expressed how much they had enjoyed themselves and how much they were already looking forward to TEDxIIT 2015!

It was a very rewarding experience for everyone who attended. Breakfast, lunch, and all-day refreshments were provided as well as a networking reception.

People exchanged business cards, shared insights, and discussed the ideas learned from the conference. Improv workshops were held to involve the audience which encouraged them to speak up and share their skills in speaking spontaneously and developing leadership qualities. The workshop was a great success with many laughs and much entertainment.

The flow of the speakers was excellent. Intermixed with TED Talks video, the audience experienced a rich variety of emotional and intellectual journeys.

It is apparent that the organizers had put in a lot of thought to design the program. In fact, the whole event was well-planned, well-organized, and professional.

TEDxIIT thanks President John Anderson, Provost Alan Cramb, Vice-Provost Jerry Doyle, Dean of Students Katherine Murphy-Stetz, and Alex Carlson of Campus Life for their continuous support.

TEDxIIT 2015 will be even better when you are a part of it. To know more about TEDxIIT, sign up for the mailing list at www.tedxiiit.com.

If you missed the event and the talks of the inspirational speakers, go to: <http://bit.ly/txi14live>.

SGA Elections today, TechNews endorsements below

9AM to 7PM

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Log in using your myIIT information, & under the "Elections" tab, click the one labeled "SGA Executive Board Elections" to cast your vote!

The following endorsements were compiled during a roundtable discussion, consisting of various members of TechNews staff. They represent the opinions of TechNews as a whole, and as a student publication.

President Candidates:

Olurotimi Timi Akindele
3rd Year Political Science Major
Akinade Aderede
3rd Year Architecture Major

Perhaps the most contentious race (besides VP of Communications, which appears at the end) is always the slot of President. This year, Timi Akindele and Akin Aderede have stepped up to compete for a spot as SGA's director.

Akindele, a third year political science major came across professional and prepared during the SGA Executive Board Debates last week. His soft-spoken manner got the point across. Akindele runs on a platform that emphasizes extra-curricular activities on the same level with academic ones. Thought Akindele does not have IIT SGA experience, he did serve as president for Harold Washington College's student body. As part of the soccer team, and based on answers given during the debates, it's clear that Akindele would put Athletics in a more immediate position it has been in the past. Akindele was also the only presidential candidate, and the only other candidate for the Executive Board elections to offer a sincere criticism of SGA

and their initiatives. Because of his peripheral vision of SGA and IIT, as a transfer student and student-athlete, Akindele would offer a new perspective to the old conversations TechNews is sick of reporting on.

Aderede, a third year architecture major, relied on his extensive SGA experience (he is currently the VP of Academic Affairs) and knowledge of the school's red tape to remain cool and collected during last week's debates. Aderede stresses the importance of improving the internal communications between the school's various departments, as well as Vandercook College and Shimer College. In addition to his involvement in SGA, Aderede is also involved in several student organizations, and con-

sensus agrees that he is popular on campus, and is well known by most, if not all. Several real quotations used to describe Aderede include admirations of his likelihood to "get things done" with a "believable plan" as a strong "leader."

Too Long; Didn't Read (TL;DR): Akindele would be a breath of fresh air and might be the better choice, while Aderede is more likely to get elected based on his popularity and knowledgeability.

Executive Vice President Candidates:

William Bafia
3rd Year Computer Science Major
Ajay Johnson

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Turkey bans YouTube, Twitter

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"The Turkish government banned YouTube on March 27, less than a week after Ankara made a similar blackout of the social networking site Twitter, which is estimated to have more than 10 million Turkish users" reported CNN.

The shutdown came into being just a few days before the municipal elections were taking place nationwide. According to the Turkish government, they have blocked YouTube as a response to the leak of a confidential conversation which was taking place between top government officials discussing the probability of attacking their neighboring country Syria. The leak is "a despicable attack, an act of espionage," the Foreign Ministry says.

However, Turkey's Twitter ban is still going on, and it has affected the social life of many people as they were connected through Twitter. Although, the good part is that the block has actually attracted many people in the country to use Twitter than ever before. NBC reported that "while Turkish residents were originally getting around the Twitter ban by changing their Domain Name System (DNS) settings, recently the Erdogan government has been cracking down, forcing Twitter users to download mobile Virtual Private Network (VPN) apps or tweet via text message."

The Christian Science Monitor explains this ban thusly: "Turkey is a complicated country, largely split between a secular, liberal youth, and older, more religious conservatives."

Overall, Turkey is a very digitally-connected country: Pew Research found that 80 percent of Turkey's 34 million Internet users are on social networks. It remains to be seen whether banning social media weakens opposition or fuels the flame.

On March 20, after Twitter was banned

in the country, it offered a work-around for Turkish users which uses SMS messaging. Within less than 24 hours, Twitter use in Turkey rose 138 percent, according to social media firms Brandwatch and WeAreSocial. According to Turkish research group Gonzo Insight, there were almost 2.5 million tweets from Turkey from when the ban was put in effect to the next morning, setting records for Twitter use in the country. #Twitterisblockedin-Turkey also became a global Twitter trend. Google also offered its own Twitter access backdoor: DNS addresses that went viral online and on the streets. Immediately after the ban, searches for "DNS" in Turkey boomed. But soon, the telecommunication department executed a tougher IP-level block, and searches for DNS fell off. This social media ban can be called "the Streisand effect," which means that when we try to control access to something, there are high chances that we end up bringing more attention to it.

The move triggered additional public outrage toward the government and it made them move towards international condemnation. It is said that this scandal has grown into the biggest challenge of Erdogan's 11-year rule.

It has affected the behavior of the public in the way that they have become aggressive towards their government's continuous ban on their social life. Earlier, they had banned the use of alcohol, then threats were given to ban Facebook, and YouTube was once banned which caused educational and entertainment blockage to many people. People have started to feel helpless and have come out to the streets to protest against this imposed law. The issue has become a tug-of-war between Erdogan's administration and Twitter.

Some 2.5 million tweets were posted within three hours of Twitter getting blocked in Turkey. Just before midnight on Thursday, March 27, 2013, over 10 million users started wondering why they could not access the site. Twitter users

were able to continue posting by changing their DNS on their computers or downloading certain VPN applications on their smart phones.

Most people think that the Prime Minister did this on purpose because in the recent weeks, almost daily anonymous internet tapes of telephone conversations were released which clearly highlighted that Erdogan was involved in corruption.

The controversy over the ban has added to an already febrile atmosphere ahead of elections, with some rival candidates even warning of armed provocateurs and possible assassination attempts during the polls.

Within less than 24 hours, Twitter use in Turkey rose steeply to 138 percent which is a beneficial effect for the Twitter Company but not for Erdogan because he wants to disconnect the public from the world, which is, of course, not possible in today's situation where everyone is well-aware of their rights.

Erdogan has decreased his chances of coming back into power, and by making this move, he has increased his chances of being caught by the forces for corruption.

The people, especially the youth, are highly affected by this ban because in this age, when they are told not to use something, they tend to use that more. People have left their houses and are on the streets protesting against the government.

They are being abused by the forces as well as mentally by themselves thinking what might happen next.

Their daily and personal lives are affected by this move; they don't get to eat, sleep, or socialize the way they did before. This may cause depression to many people and it may also hit the economy of the country because when people come out to the streets to protest, they won't work.

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TechNews election endorsements

3rd Year Architecture Major
Chrissa Lugo

4th Year Biochemistry Major

A three-way race between Bafia, Johnson, and Lugo may be a tough decision.

Bafia is currently a senator for the College of Science and sits on the Food Advisory Board (FAB), and has more experience within SGA than his two running mates. His answers during the debate were concise, and offered realistic solutions to big issues.

Johnson is currently a Resident Advisor (RA) in MSV, and cites his time as an RA as sufficient experience to assume this position, as well as involvement with other student organizations. He seeks to improve the communication between the administration and SGA, and hopefully the students as well.

Lugo is also an RA in SSV, and is running on the platform of improving response time in terms of facilities, and cites the Admitted Undergraduate Facebook group as a direct line of feedback from the students on this issues.

TLDR: The Executive VP's strength is not in their experience but their ability to work well with either presidential nominee, while Johnson and Lugo would be dedicated professionals for SGA. Bafia would be more likely to spearhead more initiatives and ideas. Whether you want that desire in an Executive VP is where your vote lies.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Candidates:

Thimmatah Honaganahalli

2nd Year Engineering Major

Manoj Penmathisa

1st Year Engineering Major

Rahul Wadhvani

2nd Year Engineering Major

A diverse set of candidates, at the debates we learned that all of our candidates for this position are from India, for your fun fact of the day.

Honaganahalli and Penmathisa were the only candidates bold enough to wear casual clothes to the debates, but TechNews won't hold that against them.

Honaganahalli, currently a Senator for Armour College, and is running on the platform to create an introductory class repository, where the first class session of every class offered would be available to IIT students to peruse. TechNews, after extensive debate, knocked down this idea based on the attitudes of students and faculty during syllabus week, but with the right manipulations, it might become something realistic. We did champion Honaganahalli's idea of improving instructor feedback and knowledge thought.

Penmathisa is running on a transfer credit policy reformation. While TechNews sees this as an important issue, there are far more important issues plaguing the Academic Affairs VP's list of concerns.

Wadhvani's suit was particularly memorable, but whether that was due to the stark contrast between him and his running mates has yet to be decided. Wadhvani is a former senator, and when TechNews inaccurately primed his information last week (oops!) he was extremely understanding, so he's got that going for him.

TLDR: Each candidate has their own strengths, but seem to approach the solution to these problems in different ways.

Vice President of Student Life Candidates:

Sonia Kamdar

1st Year Biochemistry Major

Hamze Sukkar

2nd Year Architecture Major

Kamdar is a first year student, but has really made a name for herself as a student leader; she headed the EI transformation, and other various SGA committees, which she made special note to promote and allude to their importance in SGA, as well as their importance to students who do not hold a position in SGA. Kamdar also (cleverly?) planned an SGA Smoking Forum directly after the debates, in which she further demonstrated her ability to gather opinions and make informed decisions.

Sukkar has participated in previous SGA elections, and has held various on-campus leadership positions. Sukkar does not outline any specific platform for which he is promoting, but has chosen to stick to broad ideas, like promoting the involvement of on-campus students. Not to influence your decision, but he did defend the Sodexo prices, which may be honorable, but is a stupid campaign move to side with a widely unpopular campus staple. TechNews acknowledges the operations costs and varying factors that keep our campus moving, but politics isn't about the facts, it's about the voters, baby.

Vice President of Communications Candidates:

Daniel Lopez Morales

2nd Year Computer Science Major

Elvin Moy

1st Year Engineering Major

Neesha Narayanan

2nd Year Architecture Major

Kyle Stanevich

1st Year Engineering Major

A four-way race between candidates who are current and former senators, and all are deeply involved with SGA. This (aside from the president race) will be the most heated.

Lopez Morales stressed the importance of improved communication between SGA and other student organizations. Lopez Morales was assured in his answers and solutions, but not knowledgeable of the specifics.

Narayanan emphasized the poor communication between not only the administration

and the students, but rather between the students themselves. As a former TechNews writer, Narayanan is an effective communicator and has an established and friendly relationship with TechNews (and we wouldn't hate to have someone in a position of power like SGA's Executive Board to access all of the wonderful opportunities TechNews has to offer.)

Both Lopez Morales and Narayanan have sufficient experience and drive to complete the job and would do well if elected, but based on their intended voter base alone, the race between Moy and Stanevich will be quite vehement.

Stanevich approaches his role as a member of the SGA executive board as a bipartisan, and even keeled member willing to let the students decide the topics they want to see changed. Stanevich's minimalist approach to the SGA Candidate Biographies (fully available online through SGA) make it clear that he is able to put aside personal conflicts in favor of purely ethical decisions, based solely on student voices, rather than SGA voices. (Full disclosure: Stanevich is currently TechNews' Business Manager, and has done an efficient job in his time as part of TechNews' executive board, and is a dependable content contributor.)

Moy, a current senator and a member of the FAB, has run on a platform of creating a bi-weekly video series to display around campus. During his time on campus he has shown himself a proactive and (overly) driven student leader.

Moy has been outspoken against TechNews' role on campus, and with the video idea, we can't help but to feel a little threatened, especially considering Moy has been one of the few senators featured on our occasional feature, "Senator of the Week." While we commend the idea of a video production entity on campus, the realistic probability is low without a large anonymous or alumni or scholarship donor. The use of funds or effort towards the idea is futile and short-sighted, when there are more immediate goals and hurdles to jump over.

Union Board exists to program for students, SGA exists to serve the students' needs, and TechNews exists to inform. The ideology of the "Big Three" has become a bit lax in the current campus climate, but TechNews is behind any candidate that will make an conscientious effort to improve communication between the groups that already exist, rather than creating a new group to circumvent a previous one. We endorse Narayanan and more so Stanevich on this issue, and believe that Stanevich would be the first person in the memorable history of SGA and TechNews (within this editor's time at IIT) to repair the chasm that has separated SGA and TechNews, and SGA and Union Board.

TLDR: We're biased against Stanevich, but vote for him anyways.

SGA sponsors Smoking Forum

Utsav Gandhi
CAMPUS EDITOR

Immediately following the SGA Executive Board Debates, Sonia Kamdar, current Senator from the Lewis College of Human Sciences and candidate for VP of Student Life, hosted a forum debating a hotly contested and passionately debated topic on the IIT campus: smoking regulations and enforcement policies.

Second hand smoke and dirty sidewalks do impact others' health and the workplace. A question-answer and suggestions session followed the panelist presentations for students and faculty to share concerns or offer

suggestions.

Rather than be a one-sided discussion against campus smokers, the purpose of the forum was to raise awareness of issues regarding smoking on campus, cigarette butts and smoking near entrances.

The issue was first brought up on SGA's online suggestion box page, VoteBox. Around 150 votes were received on turning IIT into a smoke free campus, as students were fed up with violations of the 15 feet rule and problems because of secondhand smoke and cigarette butts lying around everywhere, making our surroundings look unappealing and unsanitary.

This introduction was followed up by two speakers, who had their own unique

perspective to share on the issue of campus smoking.

The first was Kirsten Pelka from Health and Wellness Center; and the second was IIT alumni, Steve Falk, who graduated in 2011 with a degree in materials science and engineering.

LEED certification recommends 25 feet around all buildings, not just entrances to be smoke-free to ensure that any building air intake areas and operable windows are more environmentally friendly.

Discussing the possible next steps, markers around campus and designated "smoking-zones" away from entrances were offered as suggestions, along with discussing/working with facilities.



Photo by Sonia Kamdar

Better Together Day returns to campus

Lynne Meyer

DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF
SPIRITUAL LIFE & SERVICE LEARNING

People across the country will wear blue on Better Together Day to raise awareness about the importance of interfaith cooperation, on April 10, 2014. People of different religious and non-religious backgrounds will mobilize their campuses, communities, and companies to show the world we are better together, and here at IIT, we will too.

The Office of Spiritual Life and Service Learning and IIT's Better Together student organization are hosting a three-day long Better Together Day celebration.

Better Together Day was created in 2013 by the Interfaith Youth Core, a Chicago-based organization that has, since its incorporation in 2002, worked on five continents and with over 200 college and university campuses, trained thousands in the principles of interfaith leadership, and reached millions through the media. IFYC has worked with partners including the Tony Blair Faith Foundation, the White House, and the Office of Her Majesty Queen Rania of Jordan. The IFYC's goal is both simple and profound; "To change the public discourse about religion from one of inevitable conflict to one of cooperation."

IIT participated in that first Better Together Day last year, and I am proud to say that out of 235 campuses to take part, we were one of only six schools to have more than 50 students, staff and faculty take the Better Together pledge! Think about that - IIT had more participation than at least 229 other schools in the United States. You should all be extremely proud. I know that I am. As someone whose life and work are all about building bridges between people of diverse beliefs, and about making the world a better place through respectful cooperation for the greater good, being part of the IIT family is a dream come true. Clearly, our diversity is something that we as a community value.

Better Together Day is not really just a day. It's a way of looking at the world, of choosing hope over despair. It's the belief that

we as the human race can be enriched by our differences, rather than destroyed by them. We have a long way to go, but we're getting there. How do we begin to build these bridges of understanding? By talking to each other. By telling our stories, and respectfully listening to the stories that others tell us.

According to Eboo Patel, founder and executive director of the IFYC, in "Storytelling and Social Change" published in Sojourners "Stories are the way human beings understand and communicate our deepest values." Storytelling is at the heart of IFYC's approach to building interfaith cooperation, and for good reason. Stories have power. The narratives that we tell about ourselves and each other can divide us, or inspire and unite us.

And so, to explain why I am such a strong supporter of Better Together Day, I need to tell you a story. On July 4, 1976, the 200th birthday of the United States, a Laotian family of Hmong refugees arrived in Chicago, after a grueling 13 months in refugee camps in Thailand. Mr. and Mrs. Xiong and their six young daughters (who ranged in age from 2 to 12) were fleeing a devastating Civil War and it's even more devastating aftermath, one which would end up claiming the lives of approximately 25% of the Hmong population in Laos. We were introduced to the weary and homeless Xiongs by my mother's aunt, my Great-Aunt Esther, a Baptist missionary whose work was dedicated to resettling and supporting refugees from around the world. Through her work, I would come to know people from India, from China, and more. But I remember the Xiongs because I met them first, and knew them at the best.

"Your church's parsonage is currently vacant, correct?" Aunt Esther asked my mother in a phone call out of the blue one day. My Congregationalist Christian mother said yes, and soon the Xiongs had a safe, if small and simple, place to stay at the United Church of Christ church that she attended. This began a two-year-long relationship between my family, the Xiongs, and my Aunt, during that time my mother moved heaven and earth to help in any way she could as they strove to make a

new home for themselves in a land with very different customs, and a very different language. I was just four years old when the saga began, but I remember two things very clearly; my mother never asked why she should help, and she cared not one bit that the Xiongs weren't Christian. In her view, she and my Baptist aunt were simply doing what human beings are called to do, and that's to help one another.

To describe the many things that my mother and my aunt did in those years would require far more time. I will simply say that as a result of it, our families became extremely close, and we stayed in touch even after the Xiongs became financially independent and moved to another state. The family prospered and the girls went on, one by one, to graduate from college.

Twelve years after we had first met, one of the Xiong girls got married, and my mother and I were invited to attend the wedding. It was a beautiful, traditional Laotian ceremony, and not the least bit Christian. To my recollection, we were the only non-Laotians present, and we were humbled to have been included.

My Aunt may not have lived to see that day, but she was there in spirit. The Xiongs remembered my aunt and my mother and their kindness and sacrifices, and honored them as they would a family member. For me, it was a profound experience; my first true interfaith encounter, it represented the culmination of a lengthy collaboration of efforts between two distinct cultures, and multiple spiritual identities.

I don't just believe that we're Better Together. I know it. And others do too.

Since IIT is a diverse community so we asked them to tell us why they believe we are Better Together: Rachael Affenit said, "when we come together and discuss our differences in values and beliefs, we can begin to accept each other for our differences as well as our similarities."

Another student Christine Kwak said, "like the ways of nature, evolution, and progress, it is in difference, diversity, and change that brings us to moving forward!"

Vanya Yorgova, who is a resident

advisor said, "peace can only be accomplished if we accept each other and work together to manage our disputes."

Utsav Gandhi said, "there is always something to learn from someone who's different than you."

If you believe, like we do, that we're Better Together, come and tell us! Come over to the MTCC Bridge between 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of this week and sign the #BeBlue pledge.

You can also enter to win free stuff such as; two books autographed by Eboo Patel, founder of the Interfaith Youth Core, Mirembe Kawomera dark roast coffee from the Peace Kawomera Cooperative, an interfaith coffee co-op in Uganda, and three bars of Divine Chocolate (one each of white chocolate with strawberries, milk chocolate with toffee and sea salt, and dark chocolate with raspberries.)

We'll even include Better Together swag, so you can strut your stuff and show the world your support for interfaith cooperation. How do you enter?

There are two ways to enter: come to our table on the MTCC Bridge and take a picture telling us why you believe that we're Better Together or anytime between now and 11:59pm on Thursday, April 10, put your selfie skills to work in the name of interfaith cooperation!

Take a photo of yourself WEARING BLUE and show us how you're "going blue" in support of Better Together Day!

Share your photo on Facebook or Twitter and include the hashtag #IITgoesBlue so we can track your entry (yes, Facebook lets you track hashtags!).

There are some rules to enter this swag: photos must be of, or include, yourself, you must be wearing blue, and photos must be interfaith-friendly and appropriate for public viewing.

In other words, they cannot include religiously offensive content, nudity, intoxication, illegal activity or any activity prohibited by IIT's Code of Conduct. Lastly, photos must be uploaded to either Facebook or Twitter, using #IITgoesBlue no later than 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2014.

Last Sharing Table of semester welcomes leadership program

Shireen Gul
COPY EDITOR

IIT Student Center for Diversity and Inclusion (SCDI) organized the final "The Sharing Table" for this academic year 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 the event was made full of joy and knowledge by our leaders from the Pan-Africa Youth Leadership Program. There were 24 high school students from eight African countries: Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Mauritius, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Illinois Institute of Technology is a partner with World Chicago and FHI 360 (a Washington, D.C. partner organization) to host participants in the Pan-Africa Youth Leadership Program under the auspices of the State Department's Office of Citizen Exchanges.

During the students' 10-day visit to Chicago, IIT has been instrumental in providing an entrepreneurial experience where they learned to develop solutions to problems they

face at home.

It is a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, which aims to develop a network of young adults with strong leadership skills, an understanding of participatory democracy, and a commitment to fostering mutual understanding between different ethnic, religious, and national groups.

After their stay in D.C. and Chicago, their next stop is Portland. In Portland, the students will stay with host families and meet with local youth leaders, attend workshops on entrepreneurship and civic engagement, and participate in service projects.

As the group's final stop, the Portland program will focus on planning social impact projects that the participants will implement in their home communities.

The student participants were 15 to

17 years old, English-speaking, and selected by 38 U.S. embassies across sub-Saharan Africa. In addition to the 20 high school students, four adult mentors from Africa will be selected to travel with and support the students. They were very enthusiastic and happy to be a part of this program.

They had wonderful projects which they shared with the audience that show they will bring a change in their country.

The main issues that they highlighted were: sanitation problems, problems in educational systems, women's rights, domestic violence, and economic issues.

On behalf of IIT first of all I would like to thank them for coming here and sharing their wonderful ideas with us and wish them best of luck for their future and hope that they will achieve their dreams.

DIVISION III FACTS AND FIGURES

448 Member Institutions
(439 Active, 9 Provisional/Reclassifying)

43 Voting Conferences

On average, Division III schools sponsor 18 sports.

Division III had 233 member schools and agreed to sponsor 10 championships when it was created on August 6, 1973.

The average enrollment at a Division III institution is 2,620.

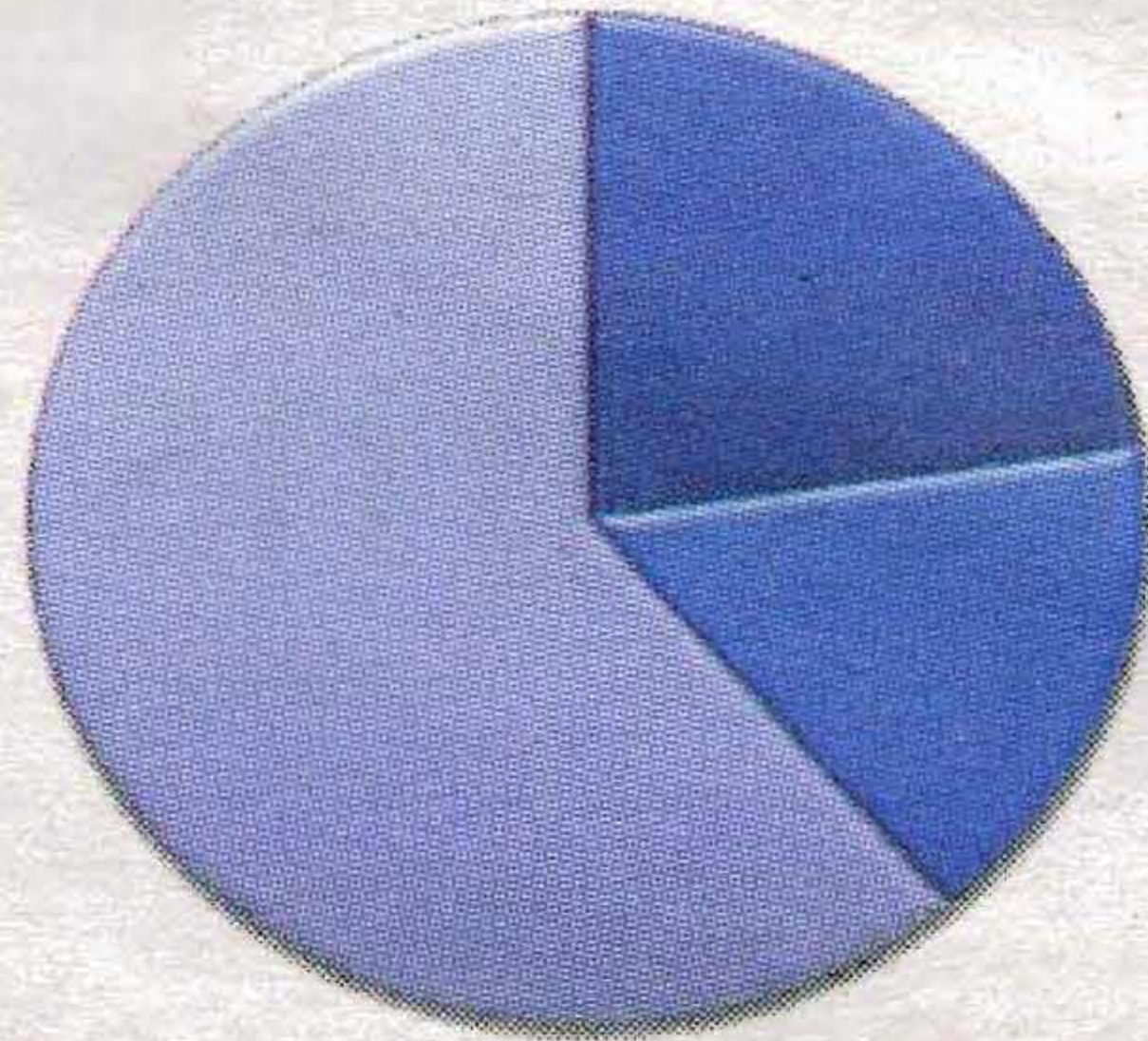
Division III is the NCAA's largest division with **40%** of total membership.

PRIORITY INITIATIVES

Source: NCAA Division III Strategic Plan

- Clarify the values of Division III athletics.
- Appropriately leverage presidential leadership in the Division III governance structure.
- Ensure the division is effectively managing equity and inclusion issues.
- Enhance the well-being of prospects, student-athletes and staff.
- Promote the Division III philosophical principle that the academic performance of student-athletes should be consistent with the general student body.
- Enhance formal accountability of the governance structure.

Athletics Participation



- Division III Men **106,725 (23%)**
- Division III Women **76,775 (16%)**
- Divisions I & II **287,510 (61%)**

DIII-SPONSORED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Source: 2012-13 Division III Manual

- Men Championship Sports (14)** Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Indoor Track and Field, Outdoor Track and Field, Volleyball, Wrestling
- Women Championship Sports (14)** Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Golf, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Rowing, Soccer, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Indoor Track and Field, Outdoor Track and Field, Volleyball
- National Collegiate Championships (8)** Men - Gymnastics, Water Polo; Women - Bowling, Gymnastics, Water Polo; Men and Women - Fencing, Rifle, Skiing

80% of active Division III institutions are private, and 20% are public.



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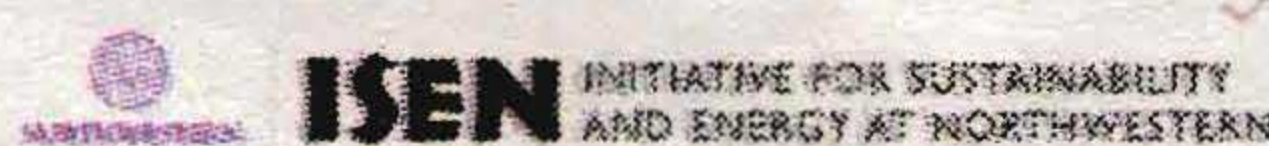


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GREEK WEEK 2014

SUN 3-1-14	SKIT/BANNER/T-SHIRTS 7:00 PM HERMANN HALL AUDITORIUM
MON 3-1-14	8 - MAN QUIZ BOWL 7:00 PM HERMANN HALL 210
TUE 3-1-14	CHICKEN RUN TUG 7:00 PM THE QUAD
WED 3-1-14	EGG TOSS GUEST SPEAKER 7:00 PM HERMANN HALL AUD.
THU 3-1-14	LEG TUNNEL PHILANTHROPY 7:00 PM THE QUAD
FRI 3-1-14	BATSPIN POOL RELAY 7:00 PM CLAYTON
SAT 3-1-14	CART RACE 7:00 PM THE QUAD
SUN 3-1-14	CUPCAKE WARS DANCE-OFF 7:00 PM HERMANN HALL AUD.
MON 3-1-14	AWARDS CEREMONY 7:00 PM THE QUAD

Good Luck to all Chapters participating in Greek Week!

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Office of Campus Life

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!
Join a Self-Defense class on April 8 or 15 from 7:15 pm—8:15 pm in the Hermann Hall Trustee Dining Room (Lower Level)

@IITCampusLife Facebook.com/IITCampusLife

Compete for fame and glory

Conserve electricity from April 7-25 to win a banana split party for your hall or building and prove once and for all your group reigns supreme over the competition.

Would you like to attend a grand evening banana split party?

Do you like putting food in your mouth?

Did you know it takes the energy of 492 bananas to light an incandescent bulb for 1 hour?

If you have answered yes to one or more of these questions:

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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

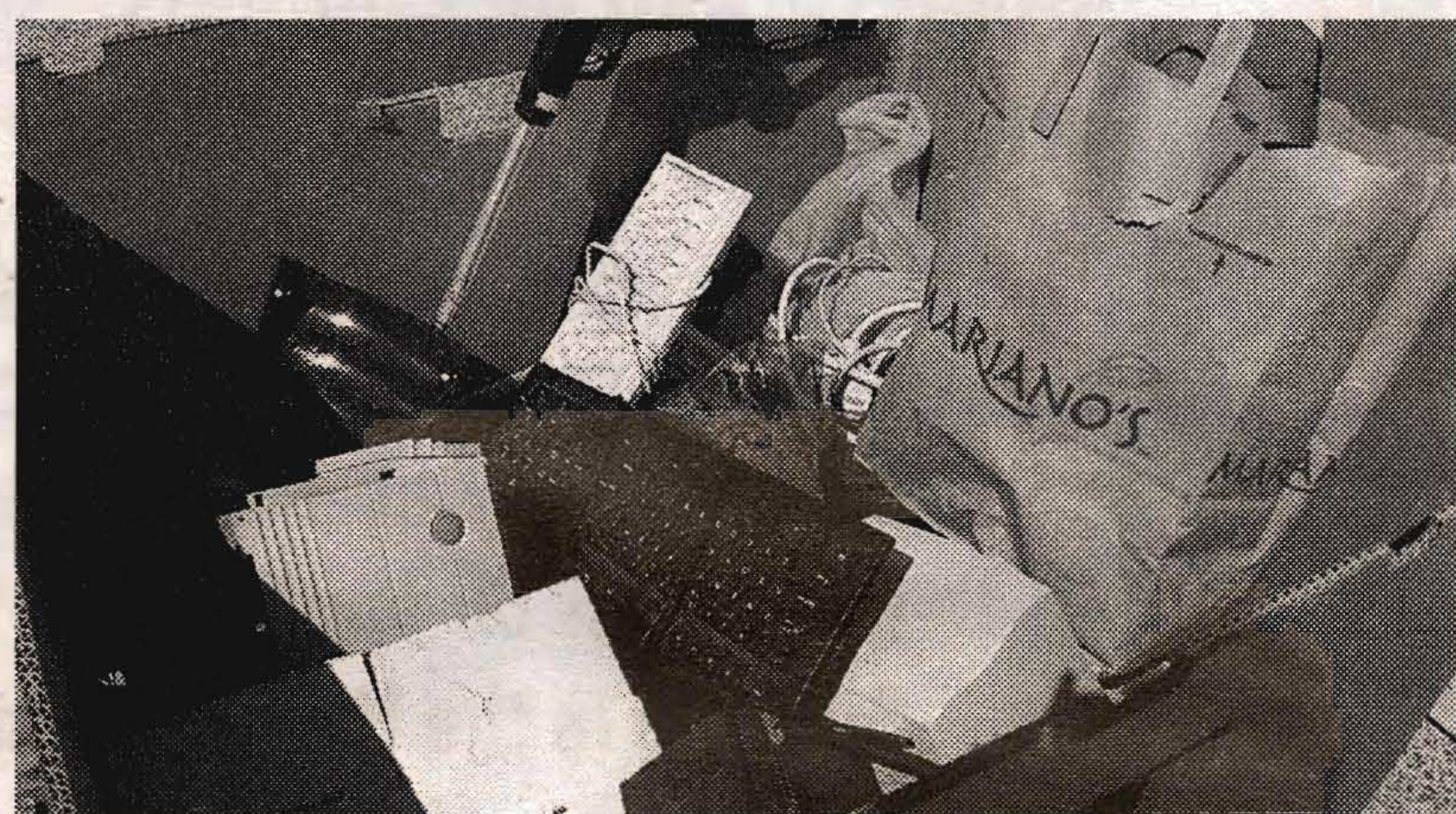
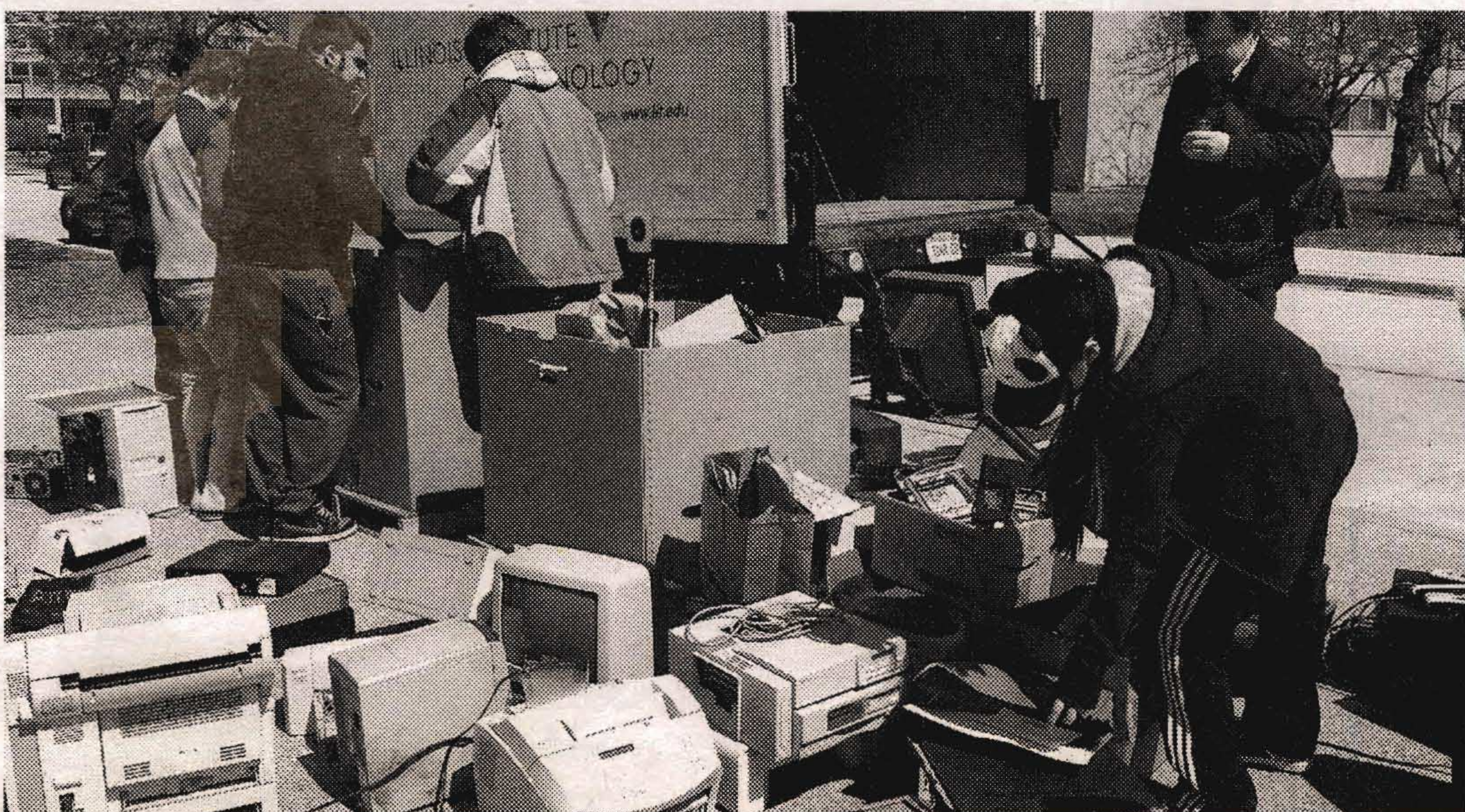
ALL CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED IN LOWER LEVEL OF HERMAN HALL IN THE FC TRUSTEE DINING ROOM

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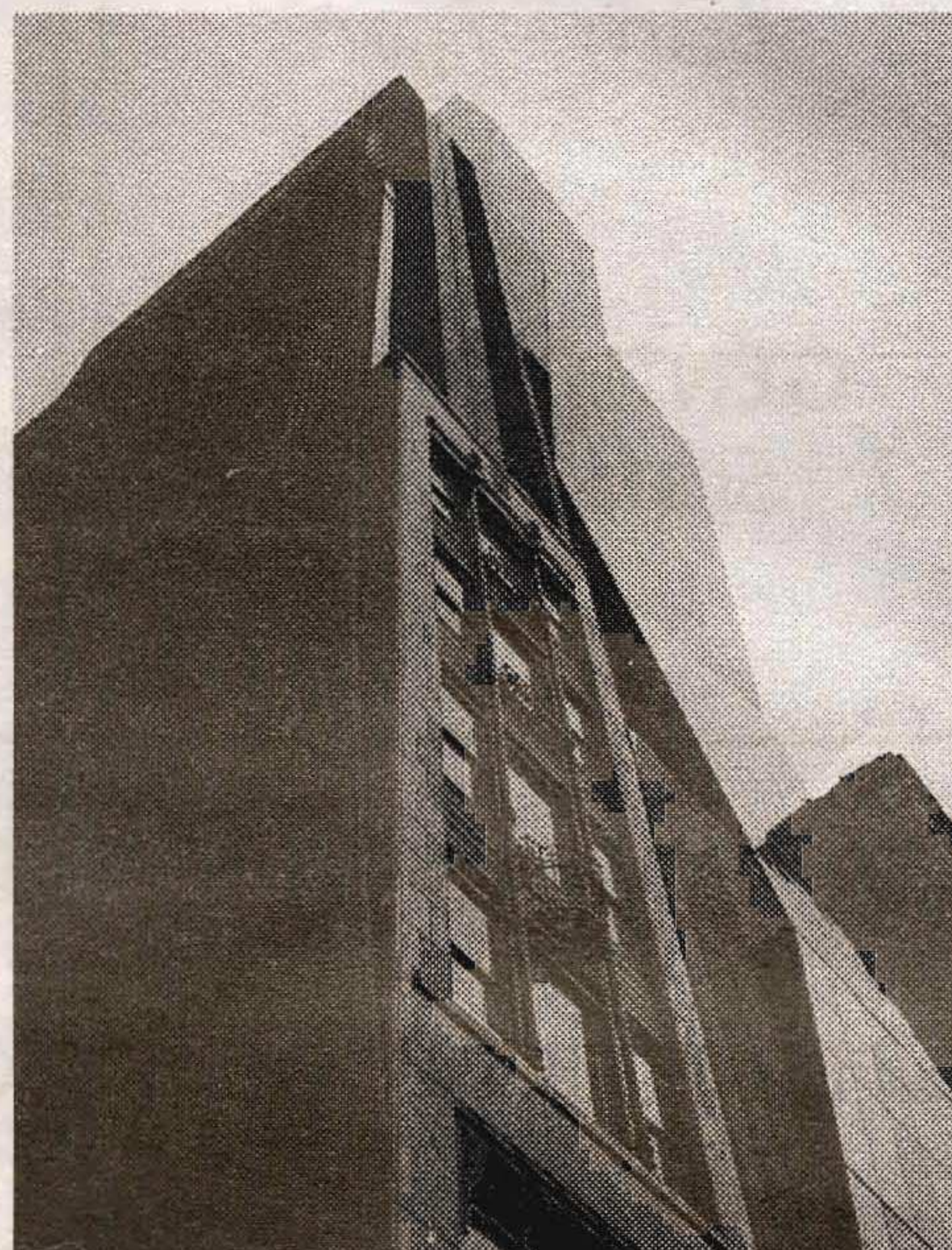
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OCES sponsors E-waste recycling



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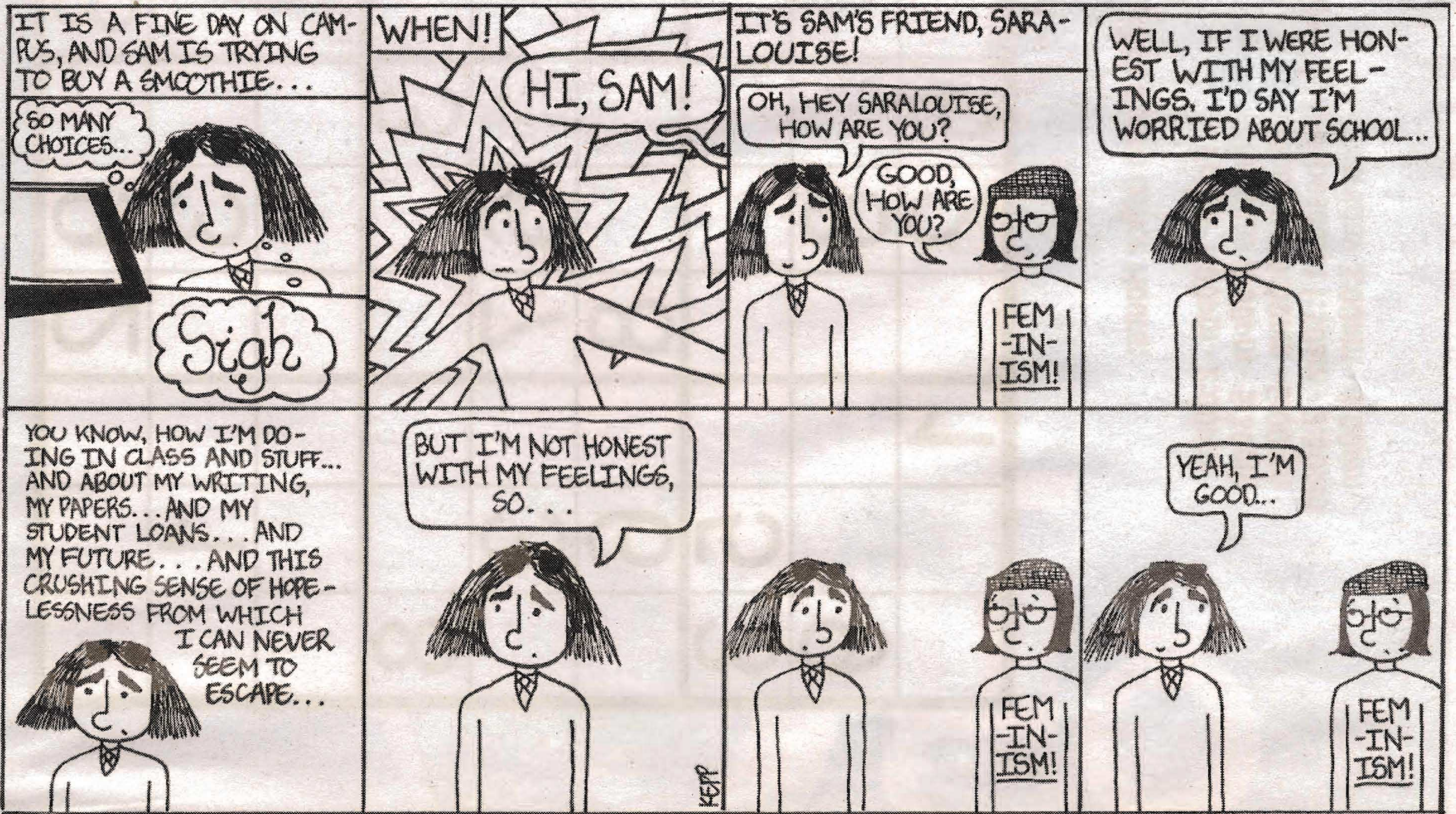
Tour of Roosevelt University @425 S. Wabash



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And now...a comic!

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SPORTS

Track & Field breaking school records during indoor season

Philip Cano
STAFF WRITER

It seems as if every week, another school record is being broken by a member of the IIT Varsity Track and Field Teams!

For instance, junior Tyler Haag who ran the 55 meter and 200 meter with times of 6.93 seconds and 23.97 seconds respectively, senior Phillip Cano who ran the 400 meter in 53.24 seconds, senior

Andrew Montague who ran the mile in 4:28.09, freshman Teva Venet who performed in the Long and Triple Jump with distances of 6.34 meters and 12.67 meters respectively, and freshman Joseph Yassin who set new Shot Put and Weight Throw records of 13.76 meters and 12.01 meters respectively.

Not to mention, Phillip Cano, Mitchie Martyr, Tyler Haag, and Ethan Montague are consistently breaking the

4x400 meter relay school record at almost every meet they compete in!

All of these performances are the results from hard work put in during the off-season and the student-athletes are now reaping the benefits.

It's been an exciting indoor season to watch and the athletes are eager to see how much they will improve this outdoor season. "I feel very good about how things are going so far," said one

member of Illinois Tech's team. "Although short, we improved 17 school records this season.

"Our track and field program has seen improvements during this indoor season," they continued. "We are looking forward to continuing this momentum in the outdoor season."

This is becoming one of the most dominant generations of track and field student-athletes that IIT has ever had!

UEFA Champions League pits Chelsea against PSG, Madrid against Dortmund

Nathan McMahon
SPORTS EDITOR

This week saw the first leg of two quarterfinal matchups, both ending in very intriguing results.

The first leg match between Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) and Chelsea was played in Paris where PSG came away with a definitive 3-1 result.

It was a very equal match for 90 minutes where it was 2-1 with Chelsea

looking hopeful with an away goal to take back to Stamford Bridge.

Sloppy defending was the problem as both of the Chelsea goals could have been prevented. The same can be said about the final dagger goal as Javier Pastore split two Chelsea defenders on the end line and slotted a smartly hit finish on the near post from a tight angle.

Jose Mourinho was very unhappy with his side's performance and called the last goal a joke.

Chelsea looks unlikely to advance

to the semifinals with a two goal deficit if their defense cannot slow down a PSG that did not even have Zlatan to add to the attack.

The other quarterfinal of the week was between Real Madrid and Borussia Dortmund with Madrid looking to avenge last season's semifinal defeat to Dortmund.

Madrid has sprinted to a 3-0 lead after the first leg and will head to Germany for the second leg.

Dortmund was missing their top striker Lewandowski, but Madrid

was not to be stopped. Gareth Bale continued his scorching form with a goal in the third minute followed by Isco scoring again in the 27th minute.

Cristian Ronaldo was not to be left off the stat sheet with a second half goal to finish off the scoring as he tied Messi's single season record.

This is another result that is unlikely to change in the second leg as Madrid continues its dominating Champions League run this season and looking like a favorite.

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Union Board

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

Upcoming Events

Tuesday April 8th

Starhawks presents: Budway Ferris Trio!
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
MTCC Welcome Center

Thursday April 10th

BCPGSA Bowling Tournament
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
The Bog

SWE Pool Tournament

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
The Bog

Relay For Life Event

9:00 pm - 12:00 am
The Bog

Friday April 11th

South Indian New Year Party
9:00 pm - 12:00 am
The Bog

Saturday April 12th

Union Board-Thank you
General Body Retreat
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
The Bog

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