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Office of Campus Life prepares 2014 Welcome Week

Kori Bowns
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Every fall, to kick off the new school year, the Office of Campus Life (OCL) organizes Welcome Week, a week of fun events that help new students get a taste of what Illinois Tech has to offer and helps returning students rejoin the IIT community.

This year's upcoming Welcome Week schedule was recently announced, including a whopping total of more than 30 events in the span of just a few days. Events this year include new events, such as a resident advisor vs. orientation leader soccer match and a pep rally to pump up some scarlet hawk pride, as well as some favorite events from previous years, such as Fresh in the CIITY, a city-wide scavenger hunt, and Playfair, a collection of icebreaker games played at a huge scale.

Ryan Miller, Associate Vice Provost for Campus Life, had a few thoughts to share regarding this year's Welcome Week. "The goal

of Welcome Week is just what it sounds like. We know that coming back to classes isn't always the most fun thing in the world, but our goal is just to make everyone feel welcome at IIT," said Miller. "We hope that by providing a few fun activities mixed in with some official ones, we can get everyone acclimated to campus and making a friend or two before the grind of class starts up."

The theme of this year's Welcome Week has been announced as #TeamTalon, alluding to Illinois Institute of Technology's athletic mascot, the IIT Scarlet Hawk named Talon. Miller says this theme aims to bring awareness to and reinforce the important role of school spirit in our campus community. Miller also says he hopes to see more people engaged with IIT and Campus Life through social media. "We are hoping to have students develop more pride for IIT, especially surrounding our athletics," he said.

Even more than with years past, this year's Welcome Week events aim to kickstart

the formation of the IIT community that we all love. All students who participate will have the chance to make some great friends, learn something new, and maybe step a bit outside of their comfort zone.

When asked what part of Welcome Week he is looking forward to most, Miller said, "My favorite day of Welcome Week is Friday. We start off with the academic breakfasts where people get a chance to meet specific faculty members. We then go into Convocation where everyone gets the official welcome from the president and provost. My favorite activity of the day is the student involvement fair immediately after Convocation. That's when we get to see all of the student organizations shine and show all of the new students why they should join."

After Welcome Week concludes and classes begin, be sure to expect a variety of fun things happening on campus, many of which are thanks to the efforts of OCL staff.

Stuart students apply business and finance skills in industry competitions

Kayla Portillo
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Each year, students from IIT Stuart School of Business enter a variety of industry competitions, applying the skills they learn in the classroom to real-world business situations. Here are just a few highlights from the 2013-2014 academic year.

A team of IIT Stuart students placed first in the Chicago local-level competition of the Chartered Financial Analyst Institute Research Challenge in February 2014, besting teams from seven Chicago-area finance programs. At the Chicago-area final, competitors presented their equity valuation research to top executives at the featured company, Littelfuse, Inc., which is based in Chicago.

This year, over 385 teams from around the globe participated in the 2014 CME Group Trading Challenge, and a team from IIT Stuart finished in the top 10 percent of all competitors, advancing to the championship round. Student teams used a simulated trading environment to trade CME

Group products over the four-week electronic trading competition.

In addition, three M.S. Finance students from IIT Stuart School of Business were recognized as top performers in the 2013-2014 All-America Student Analyst Competition, sponsored by Institutional Investor magazine. One student was recognized as a top performer in the sector performance competition, ranking both 3rd in the Energy sector and 5th in the Capital Goods/Industrials sector. Another student ranked 18th in the long alpha ranking and 78th overall of the top 100. The third student finished 24th out of the top 100. More than 2,100 students from 82 schools participated. Illinois Institute of Technology was also recognized as one of only 30 schools with more than one student in the top 100.

IIT Stuart undergraduate students also can put their investing skills to the test in the student-run Undergraduate Business Council Online Investment Competition. The month-long stock trading challenge was designed to help undergraduates apply their financial expertise in a simulated, student-run competition. More than 20 students

entered, and three sophomores took home first, second, and third place prizes.

Students are also rewarded for their efforts. In a joint initiative with Chicago Innovation Awards, more than 100 IIT Stuart students entered to win \$10,000 in scholarship prizes for their innovative business ideas. Top winners were enrolled in IIT Stuart's dual-degree M.B.A. and Master of Design program, with additional prize winners representing the M.B.A. and M.S. Marketing Analytics and Communication programs. "When my team won the Rotman Design Challenge last year, I started thinking that the combination of the Institute of Design program and Stuart M.B.A. is more powerful than I thought," commented Thomas Gaskin, part of the team that took home the Gold prize. "This win reinforces the impact of design strategy and business." The awards event also featured a panel of entrepreneurs and innovators, including several former winners of the Chicago Innovation Awards annual business competition.

To read more about Stuart students and hear about upcoming competition opportunities, visit stuart.iit.edu.

SGA President welcomes new students to IIT

Congratulations on being admitted to Illinois Institute of Technology!

Welcome to a unique college that offers an incredible experience embodied with students that question the status quo, students interested in innovation, and, most importantly, students who will change the world.

Welcome to carnivals, midnight breakfasts, citywide scavenger hunts, multicultural parties in basements, and just general run-of-the-mill awesomeness.

I'd also like to welcome you to the Student Government Association (SGA) of IIT. We are the light before the darkness--the guardians and preservers of all that is good and just. We are the governing body of all students at IIT. We assist in distributing appropriate funding for all student organizations, settling disputes, also representing the student body and working on projects that define and will continue to define the university's student experience.

The efforts of SGA over the past few years have brought about 24/7 library schedules, The Bog, Spanish language courses and a myriad of changes that have benefited IIT.

We are the bridge that connects the university administration to the students of IIT. This means that at any point we are an open book on which you can write whatever suggestions or improvements you have for the university. We are committed to doing all that it takes to make IIT an even better place. We are also a platform for connecting the students of IIT; we seek to foster collaborations and share memories within the student body. We want to make sure you have the best version of a student experience.

Join us in making IIT a better place. Run for a position on senate in the upcoming elections, stop by our meetings on Tuesday nights, or shoot us an email or even stop by our office in the MTCC. We are always looking to add the incredibly talented students and leaders of IIT to our ranks.

Congratulations once again on becoming part of this incredible university. We look forward to being part of your time here at IIT.

Sincerely,

Akinade Aderéle
 Student Body President



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Letter from the Editor:

Welcome to IIT!

Illinois Tech is a pretty interesting place. We have the benefit of having a small local campus-community, but we're also located in the middle of one of the largest cities in the United States. The environment our school provides is a unique one. Our campus also provides many opportunities for IIT students to learn both in- and outside the classroom.

IIT is a wonderfully unique place, and every student who takes the opportunity to get out and experience what it has to offer is guaranteed to have an excellent few years here.

TechNews is all about promoting and supporting this IIT community. TechNews,

the student newspaper of Illinois Institute of Technology since 1928, began printing a summer issue in 2012 to serve incoming and returning students as a resource to help them get to know about things happening on campus and around the city. This issue has everything you need to catch up on campus life, experiences on campus, and some cool things to do in the city before classes get started soon in August. New students will benefit greatly from checking out a few of the tips and suggestions offered within.

The information in this issue will also help those returning for another year here at

IIT. Hopefully, this issue will keep you up to date with new developments on campus and in the Chicago area.

So, on behalf of all of the staff here at TechNews, I'd like to welcome you to Illinois Tech. I hope your fall semester goes well, I hope you learn more about yourself, and I hope I get to see you around campus this semester! See you soon!

Sincerely,

Kori Bowns

Editor-in-Chief, TechNews

International Students in for learning experiences at Illinois Tech

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COPY EDITOR

Illinois Institute of Technology is a home for many international students. We leave our homes and families and come this far to begin the journey of knowledge for a better future. But how does it feel to be an international student here? It's way better than what you might have thought. I know when you are getting on the plane here you have many questions on your mind: What kind of place is it? Is it safe there? Will I be able to make new friends? Will people accept me for who I am or I will have to change myself?

So, I have a simple answer to this question: IIT is what you make it for yourself. I am saying this because if you socialize and work hard, then you will never find a better place than IIT and if you don't, you might not like it as much as you should. I have been living in America since 2011 and I have been to many places around the States but I never knew that I will end up here in Chicago for my final degree because I simply didn't like the harsh weather here. But when I started living here last year, I became one happy girl.

I still remember my first day on campus; I was a short girl with a high ponytail and turquoise dress, carrying two big bags, one backpack, and a tired and worried face. I was trying my best to enter Herman Hall. Someone saw me and opened the door for me to guide me to the check-in point for orientation. After someone offered to help me with my bags, I checked in and got my HawkCard. Then the real struggle started for me; I had zero knowledge to help me navigate around campus. I had to go to MSV from Herman Hall and I seriously got stuck in MTCC for 10 minutes while looking for an exit.

As an international student, there are many rules and regulations that are different and unexpected. One thing that became irritating was the rules regarding working off-campus and volunteering; it is sometimes difficult

to navigate. There are many immigration procedures that become barriers. You can, however, work as a student assistant on-campus which is really fun. Sometimes it's a bit of a struggle to get an on-campus job, but if you will work hard and show your leadership skills on-campus, you'll be rewarded.

Since for most of us English is not our first language, we might face some problems in getting used to the environment where we have to speak in English most of the time. You should not feel bad about not speaking like others because we all are learning here. Trust me, there have been times when I made so many silly mistakes while speaking English that I opted not to speak. There are many phrases which don't make sense in English but are funny and common in my native language. If you come across the same situation, please don't panic or give up; it's normal. Although I have been speaking English since I was three years old, at times it is difficult or I am just too tired to speak English.

Now comes the most sensitive issue for me. Yes, this girl is talking about food. When I came here and I would see people eating the food served at the Commons (which I wasn't a fan of at first) I felt guilty thinking about all those times when I skipped any meal back home or would leave some food in plate because I was too full to finish it all. But guess what? Now our this problem is also solved because the staff of the Commons make authentic ethnic food every day! You'll get used to the food on campus and grow to love it in no time.

When any international student comes here they face a lot of problems adjusting to the educational system here because it's quite different from most of the countries. I would personally suggest you to talk to your professor beforehand to get an idea of what his grading criteria and his expectation from his coursework. Another thing that amused me is the practice of not addressing your professors as Madam and Sir. In fact, you generally call them by their last name; some might ask you to call

them by their first name. As I said earlier it's all about time and soon you will get used to it.

It will also take some time to get to know the neighborhood and make new friends but it won't take a lot of time because 46 percent of the students here are international students. Soon you might meet many people from your own country. I would still suggest you make as many international friends as possible because that will not only make you a global citizen, but it will also give you a better vision of the world we are living in. It will help us to compare and contrast different cultures, religions, and traditions and bring us to the conclusion that we all are not that different.

Remember, there will come a time when you will feel homesick and might feel like quitting, but remember that it can be the same time you will learn how strong you are and how far you can go. Skype with your family or call them; after you are done with talking to them, go out and meet your friends from school. Your friends here can be your family here. I remember when I was ill last semester and was laying alone in my bed thinking of how lonely I am here and how I have no one to look after me—suddenly there was a call on my cell. I picked it up and my friend heard my voice before I could tell him that I am not feeling well. He came along with my other friends to my room with hot tea, cookies, and medicine. They were there with me until I fell asleep and would keep a check on me every few hours. That was the time when I knew how blessed I am and how much I am loved by my friends here.

There are many other stories that I would love to share with you about my positive experiences as an international student at IIT. If you ever need any kind of help or support please don't hesitate to contact me at sgul1@hawk.iit.edu or email the international center at icenter@iit.edu for any challenges you might face.



Many resources available to students at Illinois Tech

Shireen Gul
COPY EDITOR

There are going to be a lot of things to enjoy while at Illinois Tech, and many things you will come to know by the end of the academic year. There's some important information to share about the resources that we have around campus. The best part about these resources is that one can access most of them online; you don't have to go to their office to get any kind of information.

The first and most important resource is the Academic Resource Center, mostly known as the ARC. IIT has really great tutors there who are ready to help students throughout the day. To look for the subject or tutor you want, all you have to do is visit www.iit.edu/arc and look up the subject you need help in and the schedule will pop up.

If you need help in your research paper or any writing, then you will can visit the writing center; it is located in Siegel Hall room 232 and 233. For this you will have to go there physically and sign the sign-up sheet for an appointment.

A second important resource a student should be aware of is our awesome library, Paul V. Galvin Library. This is a place you can find most of your books, and, just in case it's not available, you'll have the ability to check it out through I-Share, a book-sharing program that our library participates in. To

find out about book availability visit www.library.iit.edu and click on find books.

If you are looking for some research articles or journals, there's also a great database server where you can find most journals and research papers for free. In case you are not sure how to use them in your paper, there's a research office available throughout the day.

After academic safety comes your own personal safety. For that, all students should sign up for IIT Alert, a service that will notify you via text or email if an emergency occurs on campus. In order to do that, simply visit www.iit.edu/iitalert/signup and get yourself signed up for all the important alerts.

Then, make sure you know how to contact IIT's Public Safety Department if you need their help. If you are on Main Campus, the non-emergency number is 312.808.6300 and the emergency number is 312.808.6363. If you are on IIT's Downtown Campus, then the non-emergency number is 312.906.5030 and the emergency number is 312.906.5030.

Lastly, if you are living on campus and have a meal plan, then you can always keep a check on your remaining meals and bonus points on www.get.cbord.com/iit/full/login. If you want to check out the Commons menu in advance then you can always find that on www.dining.iit.edu. You can also find much other information regarding the food provided around campus.

First Year Experience Program welcomes new students to campus

Kori Bowns
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Attending college can be one of the most exciting experiences that a person can have, but it can also be a time that is a bit confusing or scary. College students often gain more independence when attending a school away from their parents, and there are a ton of new things that students get involved with in college. There are so many new people to meet and ways to get involved on campus. While combating all of these new experiences, IIT students also take on a challenging courseload and many acclimate to living in a large city for the first time in their life.

All in all, a first year at college can be just as intimidating as it is exciting. In order to assist with the often-difficult transition to college, the Office of Campus Life (OCL) created and implemented the First Year Experience Program (FYE) in the fall of 2012 with the goal of helping new students.

Katie Stango, Coordinator of Campus Life, adds, "The First Year Experience program (FYE) is designed to help students find the resources and support they need to succeed at IIT through two components: the Peer Mentor Program and the Freshman 15. Your Peer Mentor is an upperclassmen student that will serve as guide throughout your first year at IIT. They'll plan events for your group, notify you of Freshman 15 programs, and make sure you're on track to make the most out of IIT. The Freshman 15 program highlights some key events throughout the semester that you should check out! By 'checking in' at these events, you'll be rewarded with fun prizes throughout the semester!"

By getting to know an upperclassman student early on at IIT, new students will have the chance to ask questions and receive advice from someone who has recently experienced many of the challenges that they will soon face.

Freshman 15 events also encourage students to get involved early on in their experience at IIT. "This diverse group of programs will help new students acclimate to life on campus and start to see IIT as a home away from home," said Stango. "Plus, the more events you attend, the more prizes you can win!"

When asked about which Freshman 15 event she is looking forward to most, Stango said, "They're all really great this semester. Personally, I'm really excited for the Peer Mentor Meet and Greet this fall, which is our first Freshman 15 event. It's a great opportunity to not only meet your Peer Mentor who will be valuable guide during your first year, but also a chance to interact with a new group of incoming students. It's a great way to get your first year started on the right foot."

Stango also offers the following advice for new students: "Whether you're a residential or commuter student, being placed in a new environment always bring new challenges, but that doesn't mean you have to figure it all out on your own. Ask questions of other students, especially student leaders like your Resident Assistant, Orientation Leader, and Peer Mentor. They've all been in your shoes before and remember what it was like being brand new to IIT. Also, take advantage of all the activities during Welcome Week and get involved with student organizations—they're great for meeting new people and developing your leadership skills!"

THE FRESHMAN 15

1. Peer Mentor Meet & Greet

2. Study Abroad Fair

3. Sustainability Resource Fair

4. Soccer Double Header

5. Homecoming Carnival

6. LGBT History Month

7. Comedian Aaron Kominos-Smith

8. Information Fluency

9. 10th Annual Pumpkin Launch

10. Leadership Summit

11. Solly the Therapy Dog

12. iPlan

13. Chris White Lecture

14. Holiday Mail for Heroes

15. IPRO Day

Learn more!

tinyurl.com/IITFreshman15

IIT SAE projects develop student skills

Charles Currier & Austin Gonzalez
TECHNEWS WRITER & OPINION EDITOR

We've all heard it time and time again - college can be the time of our lives. For me personally, it was a combination of the international culture at IIT, and the fantastic interdisciplinary projects that students can get involved in. Our collegiate chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), and its auto racing team, IIT Motorsports, supports one of these mammoth projects: Formula SAE (FSAE).

Every year the students in SAE design, build, and race their own formula style, open-wheeled, electric race car for the FSAE competitions held around the world. The team has been working feverishly to complete it's latest design. They've put in hundreds of hours this summer completing our carbon fiber chassis and brushless hub motors. The ThunderHawk, their last car, weighed a scant 604 pounds while pushing out 180 horsepower and 1000 foot-pounds of torque. This year, the team looks to drop the weight, but maintain performance to really blow away the competition.

This year a new project was introduced: a gas-powered off-road vehicle

for Baja SAE. The Baja vehicle is all about reliability through simplicity with its single cylinder motor, steel tube frame chassis, and long travel suspension. It also serves as a perfect introduction into competing as part of a racing team. The FSAE project, on the other hand, utilizes lightweight carbon composites, complex control circuits, and high-voltage electric hub motors.

Through this project, team members and those that preceded them have acquired incredible expertise in their areas of focus and have gone on to work for companies such as GM, Chrysler, Honda, Dallara Automobili, and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. However, it all starts with incoming students. No matter the major or what experience one has, everyone can contribute. There is a niche for everyone from those in the fields of business, to computers, to engineering of all types, the artistically inclined, and anyone who loves cars or racing. Every facet is needed to build a team that can create and field competitive vehicles.

To take advantage of what IIT has to offer, grow an invaluable skill set, and have the time of your life doing it, contact SAE today at sae@iit.edu and visit their shop to check out what they do when you're on campus.



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KEEP CALM
AND
BOG ON

The Bog provides a fun environment for IIT students, faculty, staff and the greater Chicago area. Visitors to The BOG can enjoy a game of bowling, pool, table tennis or just grab a drink and food with friends. The Bog also regularly hosts magicians, hypnotists, live music, and karaoke.

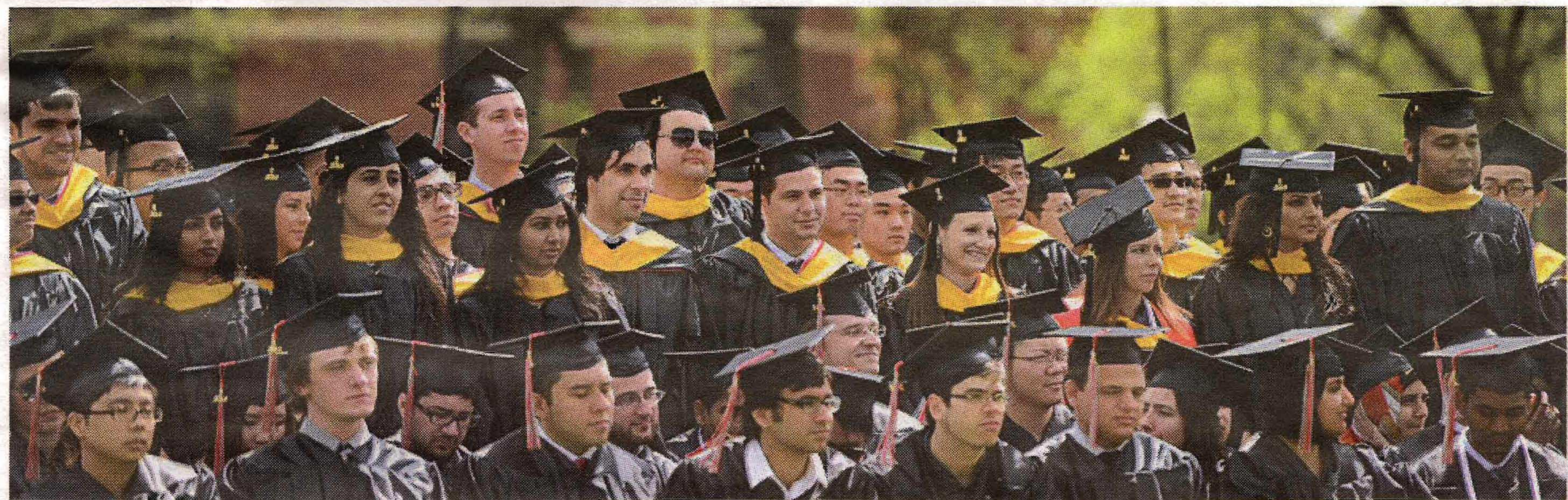
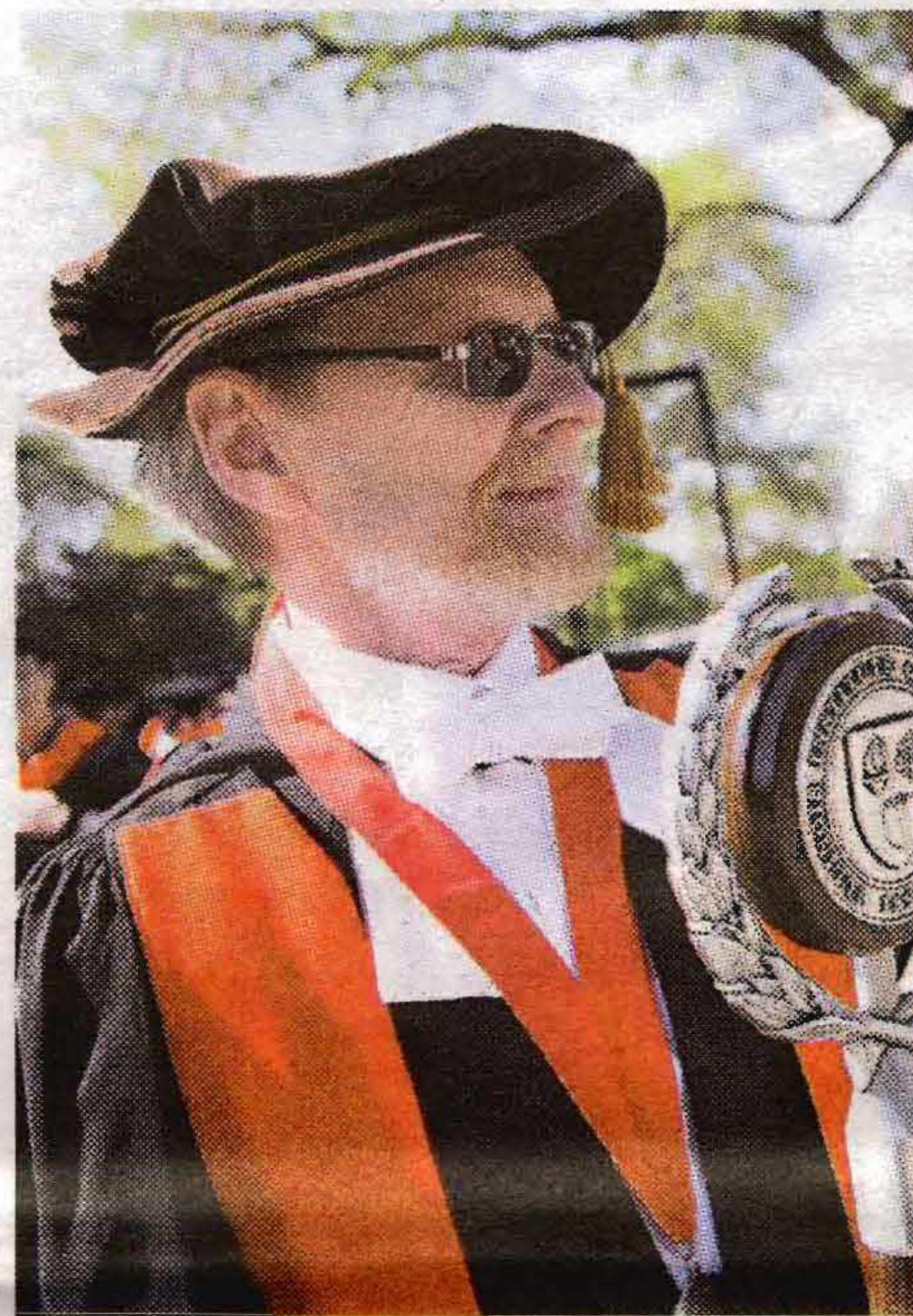
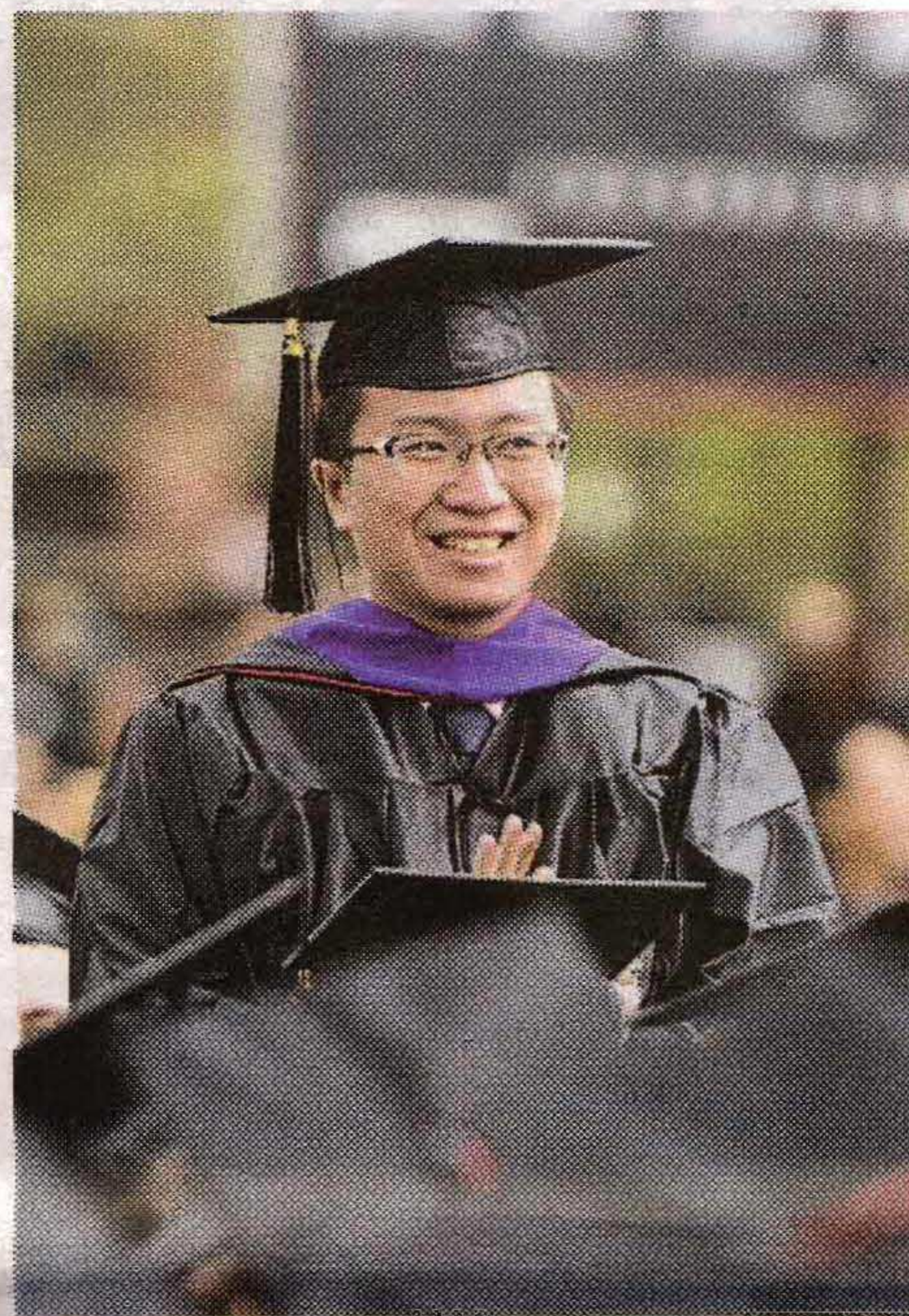
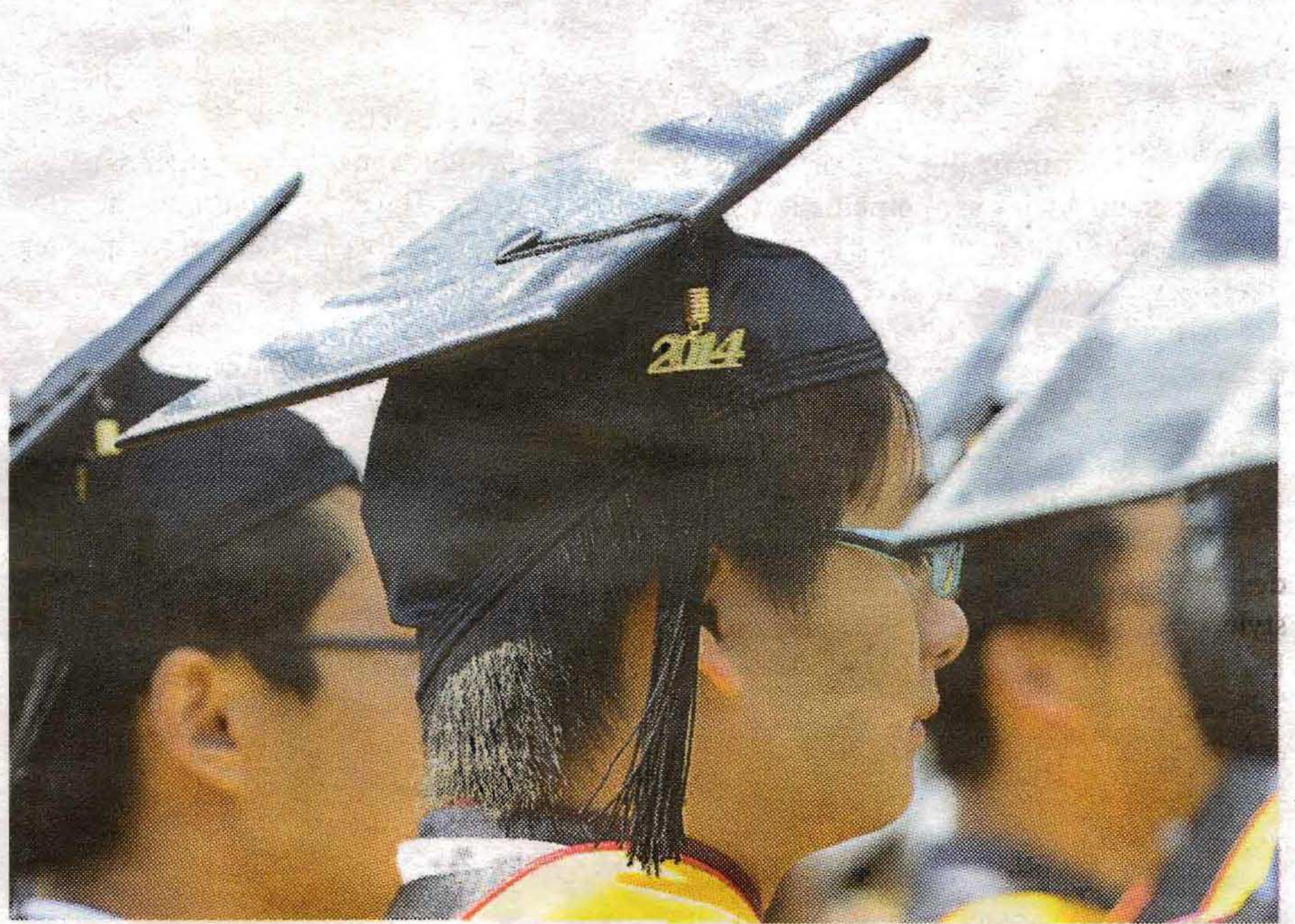
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Did you know The Bog is also the commuter lounge?
Hang out, do your homework, play games, watch a movie or eat a meal!

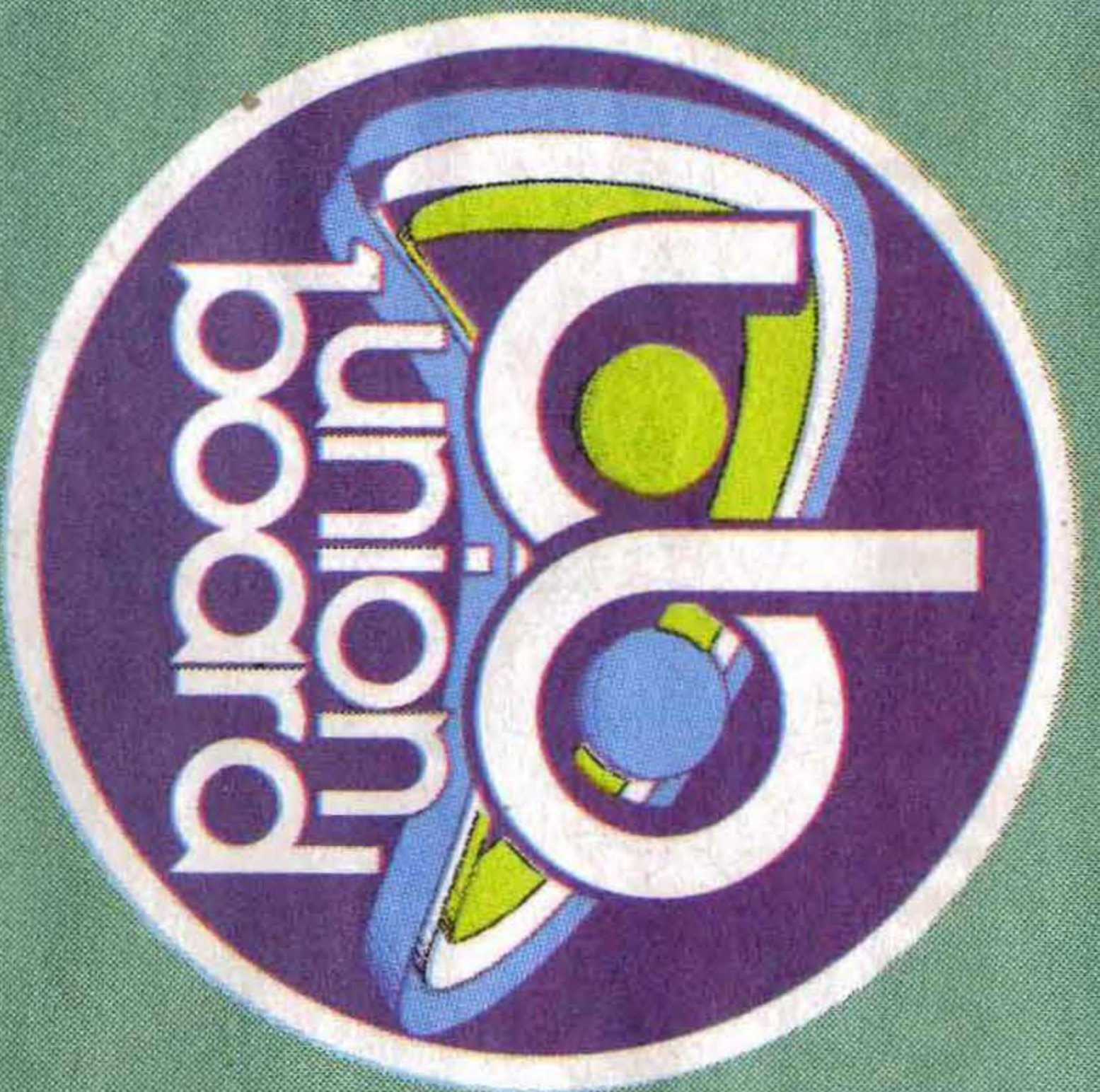


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IIT celebrates graduating students at Commencement





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Homecoming 2014
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Movies and popcorn
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Skydiving
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Got Questions?

Email us at President@ubiit.org

Friday, August 22

11:00am to 1:00 pm

Welcome to the Neighborhood: An introduction to Bridgeport and Bronzeville

Ryan Kamphuis
TECHNEWS WRITER

To many, Chicago is the City of Big Shoulders. A dazzling metropolis on Lake Michigan typified by tall skyscrapers, roaring L trains, and the bustle of the Loop and the Magnificent Mile. While this view of Chicago is an impressive one, it provides only a small glimpse of what makes Chicago so unique and amazing. Chicago isn't just the City of Big Shoulders - it's the city of neighborhoods. Chicago is home to over 200 neighborhoods that house the city's 2.5 million residents. Each of these neighborhoods has a unique culture and history that makes each one like none other. One doesn't truly know Chicago until they take the time to explore the city's neighborhoods and find the hidden gems in each. Luckily, Illinois Tech's location allows it to call two neighborhoods home: Bridgeport and Bronzeville, each with plenty of things to check out. Here's a primer of the must-visit places in each neighborhood!

Bridgeport

Located directly to the West of campus, across the Dan Ryan Expressway, Bridgeport is a sleepy, working-class neighborhood that is home to the Chicago White Sox and multiple former Chicago mayors. Many IIT students call Bridgeport home due to its many restaurants, parks, and affordable apartments. These factors combined have led to Bridgeport growing a lot over the past few years, leading many locals to call Bridgeport 'the neighborhood of the future,' saying that it could be the next big, hip neighborhood in the city.

Bridgeport Coffee Company

Located at 3101 S Morgan Street, Bridgeport Coffee has been roasting beans and serving coffee for ten years. Bridgeport Coffee is consistently rated as one of the top coffee shops in the city, and offers many different drinks and sandwiches that are reasonably priced. The shop is located in a quiet, old storefront that makes a great place for studying and socializing. Bridgeport Coffee has recently opened new shops on

Roosevelt road and in Hyde Park, and while the drinks are just as good at these shops, the environment at these new shops is nothing like the one provided by the original. Website: <http://www.bridgeportcoffee.com/>

Jackalope Coffee and Tea House

Located at 755 W 32nd Street, Jackalope is the new kid on the block in the Bridgeport coffee scene. Jackalope has a large menu with both food and drink options. While their traditional espresso drinks, soups, and sandwiches are delicious, the best part of Jackalope's menu are their seasonal drinks. They contain everything from traditional seasonal drinks like peppermint mochas to unique drinks like maple bacon lattes. Jackalope's shop has a delightfully hip vibe due to its local art, ironic posters, and old-style vinyl seating. Plenty of seating, both indoor and outdoor, ensure that there will always be a place to sit whenever one visits. Website: <http://jackalopecoffee.com/>

Pleasant House Bakery

Located at 964 W 31st Street, Pleasant House Bakery is a small English-pie shop right in the heart of Bridgeport. Opened a few years ago by husband-and-wife team Art and Chelsea Jackson, Pleasant House has received constant fanfare since then. Pleasant House has a small menu of English pies, pub fare, and homemade desserts and pastries. This small menu is supplemented by daily specials that include everything from burgers to noon high tea. All of Pleasant House's dishes feature produce grown in urban farms throughout the city of Chicago. Rated as one of the best restaurants in Chicago, and actually affordable on a college student budget, Pleasant House can't be missed! Website: <http://pleasanthousebakery.com/>

Nana

Located at 3267 S Halsted Avenue, Nana is a family-owned organic restaurant that has quickly become one of Bridgeport's go-to restaurants. Nana's dining room has a cool vibe that makes it a great date spot. While Nana is most known for their brunch, all of their meal services are top notch and offer many dishes that are made from high

quality, local produce, seafood, and meat. Nana also takes its devotion to supporting the local community further than just its produce; Nana has partnered with Benton House, a community center in Bridgeport, to support its food shelf and youth programs. Finally, when you go, make sure to order the avocado fries - they are to die for! Website: <http://nanaorganic.com/>

Bridgeport Pasty Company

Located at 3142 S Morgan Street, Bridgeport Pasty Company serves up fresh-baked pasties to the people of Chicago through its restaurant and food truck. Pasties are handheld savory pies that originated in England and became popular in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Bridgeport Pasty has pies for every taste, all at the affordable price of just \$5. The restaurant also has a selection of home-baked cookies, locally-made craft sodas, and cupcakes. While the pasties are great, Bridgeport Pasty really shines due to their owners. The restaurant's owners usually are staffing the counter in the restaurant whenever one visits, and they are the friendliest people one could possibly meet. The owners have also created what is probably the best outdoor eating area in the city at the restaurant, where you can enjoy your food while relaxing in a hammock or playing lawn games. During the summer they often will have Friday night movies in their outdoor area, to boot! Website: <http://bridgeportpasty.com/>

Zaytune Mediterranean Grill

Located at 3129 S Morgan Street, Zaytune is a Mediterranean restaurant that focuses on authenticity to great effect. Considered one of the best Mediterranean restaurants in the city, Zaytune has a wide menu that is as delicious as it is affordable. Featuring homemade falafel and hummus that could put dishes prepared in the Middle East to shame, Zaytune is a great option for students looking for a great, affordable, healthy meal. The restaurant also has plenty of vegetarian and vegan options, making it a great choice for large groups with many different dietary choices. Website: <http://www.zaytunegrill.com/index.html>

Bronzeville

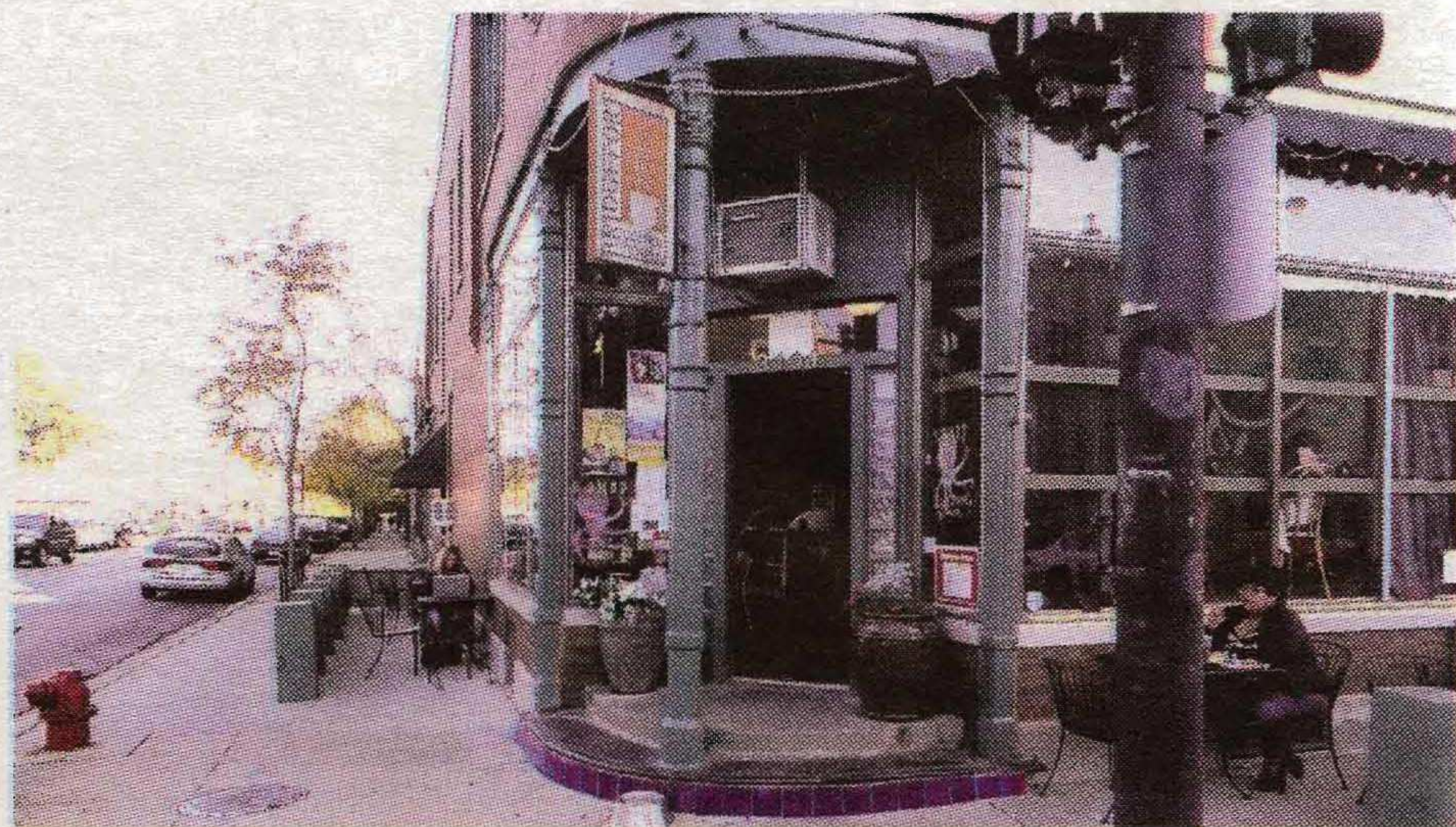
Bronzeville is the neighborhood surrounding IIT to the South and East. Bronzeville has a rich history as a center of African-American culture in Chicago, being referred to as the "Black Metropolis" in the 1920s due to it being one of the nation's most significant landmarks of African-American urban history. While Bronzeville fell on hard times in the second half of the 20th century, it is currently enjoying the beginning of a period of revitalization due to many new businesses moving into the neighborhood.

Chicago's Home of Chicken and Waffles

Located at 3947 S King Drive, Chicago's Home of Chicken and Waffles serves up some of the best chicken and waffles in the city. Why chicken and waffles go so well together is unknown to most, but the chefs here have figured it out and used the knowledge to craft a menu of many different, delicious chicken and waffle pairings. This restaurant also has several soul food dishes that are fantastic. If you go, make sure to check their website and go when they have live jazz being played at the restaurant. Website: <http://www.chicagohomeofchickenandwaffles.com/index.html>

31st Street Beach

Located at 3100 S Lake Shore Drive, 31st Street Beach is Bronzeville's very own beach! One of the best things about Summer in Chicago is the many beaches that line the coast of Lake Michigan. One of the city's best beaches is 31st Street Beach due to it being completely remade when the city built a harbor next to the beach. This leaves the Beach with more than just a great swimming area. 31st Street Beach also has community grills, access to the Lakefront Trail, a snack shop, bathroom and shower facilities, a full harbor to explore, a playground, and a skate park. The beach also has a great view of the Chicago skyline, making it a great place to visit regardless of the season! Website: <http://www.cpdbeaches.com/beaches/31st-street-beach/>



X-Men: Days of Future Past impresses

Kyle Stanevich
BUSINESS MANAGER

Forget about the plot discontinuities from the past X-Men movies. X-Men: Days of Future Past is not the mindless action movie that we have come to accept, but instead follows a well managed plot, sticks to the comic book characters, and corrects the mistakes of the older X-Men films.

The movie opens to a bleak future, where mutants are undoubtedly being eradicated. In a last effort to save all mutants, Wolverine must be phased through time in order to correct events that lead to the downfall of the X-Men. Not much more can be said without spoiling the movie, but as with most movies, the hero comes out on top. But don't let that discourage you; the journey is filled with plenty of twists leaving viewers on the edge of their seats the entire time.

Because of the time travel element, any of the holes from older movies are able to be patched up by just recreating a new timeline. At first, this seemed like the easy way out, but with a fresh slate, there are more possibilities for new movies and the ability to bring back old characters that we didn't want to die. With all these new characters and new

possibilities, I look forward to the future of the X-Men series.

In addition to the plot, the cinematography was fantastic. The action scenes were not too fast, unlike many recent superhero movies, and the CGI was very realistic. There were plenty of stunning scenes, but the one that stands out to me the most is a slow motion scene involving Quicksilver in the basement of the pentagon. His ability lets him move extra fast, so much so that he can defy normal physical limitation. Not only does he break out an important character from the pentagon, but also takes out a bunch of guards and saves the lives of the X-Men.

X-Men: Days of Future Past proves that a modern action movie can slow down the action and inject humor while still remaining a cohesive and enjoyable movie. Plus, it injects a bunch of new characters and rewrites the timeline, something that X-Men comic fans will love.

If you do go see it, which I strongly recommend, make sure to stay for a bit during the credits. There is an additional scene foreshadowing another X-Men movie involving Apocalypse, a seemingly invincible villain. This movie was so great that I can't wait for the next one.

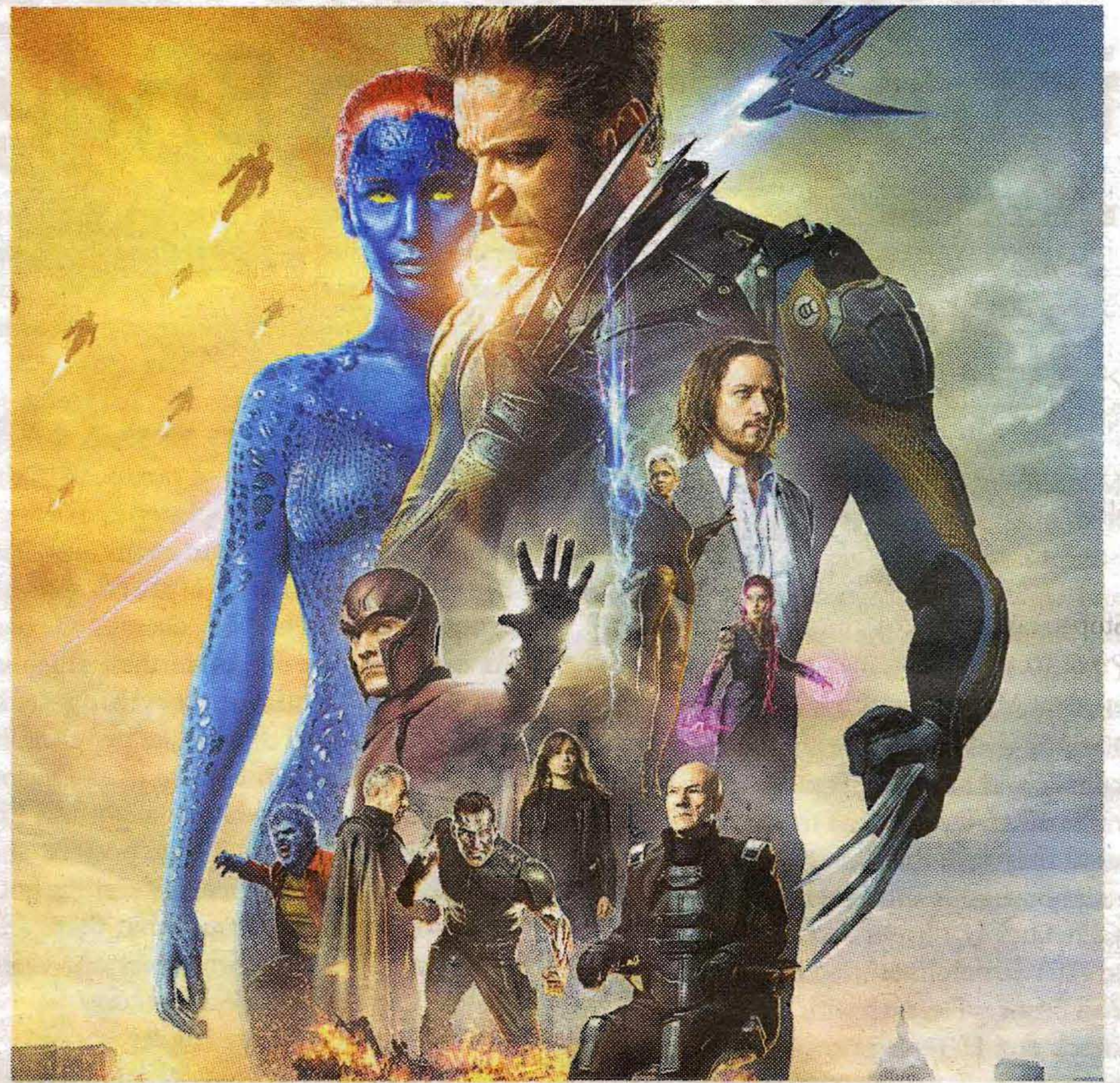


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Pequod's Pizzeria worth the commute

Kyle Stanevich
BUSINESS MANAGER

Pequod's Pizzeria is a bit off the path from Illinois Tech, but is what I would crown as the best Chicago deep dish. I had the opportunity to go there at the start of this summer and I was quite impressed. Before coming to IIT, I did not eat a lot of deep dish, but after touring the city and trying lots of the mainstay places, I can definitely say that Pequod's was the best.

The restaurant is nothing flashy, just a 2 story building on the corner of Clyborne and Webster in Lincoln Park, not too far from the Lincoln Park Zoo. There is no parking lot,

so just find some street parking not too far away. Luckily, I was able to find a spot right on the street in front, plus the area does not have parking meters, making the experience that much better. They do have a priority seating system set up, more like a virtual line than making a reservation, but the lines should not be too bad if at all. I called ahead but found out it was unnecessary.

After being seated, I started off with a few sides, jalapeño poppers and wings. Both were good, but nothing to write home about. The pizza is what was amazing. I got a medium 12" with sausage for 3 people and it was too much. We had enough leftovers for a fourth person. The crust was crunchy on the outside and soft on the inside. The cheese

melded into the crust making a soft chewy blend that was fantastic. The sausage and sauce were prepared to perfection, spicy but not overbearing.

Pequod's features a bar on the first floor and regular seating on top. The atmosphere is modern and laid back. There were some TVs around the place playing the current Chicago sports games, but not enough to consider it a sports bar. It is casual dining, so don't put on anything fancy to come here. The service was quick and efficient with the pizza arriving just as the final appetizers were finished.

To top that all off, the price was just right. Unlike most Chicago pizza places, Pequod's prices are very reasonable. We paid

just under \$17 for our pizza, easily beating most other places in value per person.

I strongly recommend a visit out to Pequod's. While it might be out of the way for most IIT students it is defiantly worth it. They do deliver, but IIT is not within their delivery zone. However, if you own an apartment a little further north then you might just be in luck.

Pequod's Pizzeria
2207 N Clybourn Ave
Chicago, IL 60614
Scale (1-10): Best pizza ever
Cost: 5-10 per person
Oddities: the bathroom murals
pequodspizza.com

Godzilla returns to big screen

Austin Gonzalez
OPINION EDITOR

Godzilla, the king of monsters, crashes once again onto the big screen. After the disastrous 1998 rendition, this movie had nothing to lose and everything to gain. Godzilla is a fantastically good monster movie, but those unprepared for what they have signed up for may leave with a sour taste in their mouth.

This Godzilla is a classic monster movie, having more in common with Jaws than with Pacific Rim. With a run time of 2 hours and 3 minutes, Godzilla features the right amount of buildup and suspense.

This is not a monster-punching-movie. This is the type of movie that will set us up for a series of titanic clashes for years to come.

The movie is well-balanced and visually striking, but comes with some shortcomings.

The main character is awful. Aaron Taylor, who you might recognize as Kick-Ass, could not have been a more bland and lifeless character. I always used to think that the people who commented on the acting of a movie were just snobs whose noses were so high in the air they couldn't see the film, but today, I have become one

of those snobs.

The father, played by Bryan Cranston from Breaking Bad, was so filled with emotion. His character really moved you, but the film focused instead on beef chunk soldier boy, dolting around and being a drain on the picture. In the end, the human characters simply serve as an anchor for the monster mayhem and lore.

One common complaint is that the movie doesn't give Godzilla a major role in his own movie until the second act. For better or for worse, this movie is not going to be your generic summer blockbuster and that will confuse some. The setup for a great classic Godzilla movie, or any great monster movie, takes time.

I enjoyed it. It has flaws, but ultimately its great and I expect to see more. The lead killed it for me, if anyone else had been chosen, they could've been better. Kick-Ass was just a big bowl of hyper blandly flakes. I want to see the director make a sequel, but be reflective in his practice. Take a new family, a new lead, and go somewhere else in the world as the king of monsters affects the globe, and make another great Godzilla movie. I will not rest until we see Godzilla versus MechaGodzilla on the big screen once more!



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9 things to try before Chicago's winter

Marc Sednaoui
LAYOUT EDITOR

Chicago is one of the most exciting places to live in the United States--from exploring downtown, to startup companies, to deep dish pizza, museums, blues music and architecture. But let's face it; Chicago has a harsh winter that Alaska couldn't even compete with last year. That's why you should try at least once these summer activities before the winter season strikes again:

1. Bike Downtown Chicago:

Get lost by bike in downtown Chicago. Stop to take selfies, eat some famous Deep Dish Pizza (totally recommended) and stop for a break at Millennium Park. If you don't have a bike yet, Chicago has Divvy Bikes, a bike sharing system that gives you unlimited 30-minute rides per day for only seven dollars.

2. Enjoy the Beach:

Yes, Chicago has miles of beach. You can swim in the lake and enjoy getting tanned on the sand. It is a different feeling from swimming in the sea. It is not salty; it is as if you are swimming in pure water. The beach is a must-go before winter, because the lake gets cold quickly and freezes. Cost: Free!

3. Eat from Food Trucks:

Food Trucks are not available all year long. They are all over Chicago during the summer since people are more likely to be on the street. Food Trucks range from the ones that offer delicious cupcakes to the ones that make you tasty sandwiches you've never tried before. You can track the food trucks online on this website: www.chicagofoodtruckfinder.com Cost: \$2-7

4. Attend Festivals:

Festivals are packed during the summer in Chicago. Since it's already August,

you are right on time for the most awaited festival in Chicago: The Jazz Festival. It runs from August 28 to 31 at the Cultural Center in the Millennium Park. Cost: Free!

5. Visit Navy Pier

Navy Pier is Chicago's number one tourist attraction. You can't come to Chicago without at least checking why Navy Pier is on top of the list. Go with your friends and enjoy a walk all the way to the end. Cost: Free!

6. Go to the Zoo

Chicago has two Zoos: Lincoln Park Zoo & Brookfield Zoo. Some of the animals come out only in the summer. You have to catch them before they hibernate inside their cages. From polar bears to gorillas, you will definitely find them all. Cost: Lincoln Zoo (Free) & Brookfield Zoo (\$16.95)

7. Rock Climb Outdoors

Rock Climbing is one the most

exciting sports you can try. With good weather, you can climb outdoors in Chicago without a jacket. The Rock Climbing Club at IIT can provide you gears, places to climb, transportation and an amazing experience. Email iitclimbing@gmail.com to join.

8. Play Ball Outside

Volleyball or Soccer! IIT has a Beach Volleyball court that can only be used in the summer! If you a soccer fan, enroll in the IIT Soccer league outdoor open to all students. This is a must do before the winter comes as you will only enjoy outdoor sports during the summer.

9. BBQ at the Quad

Grill up some grub at the Quad, or attend Rush week. They have plenty of good BBQ and you will definitely enjoy the welcoming atmosphere from the Greek students.

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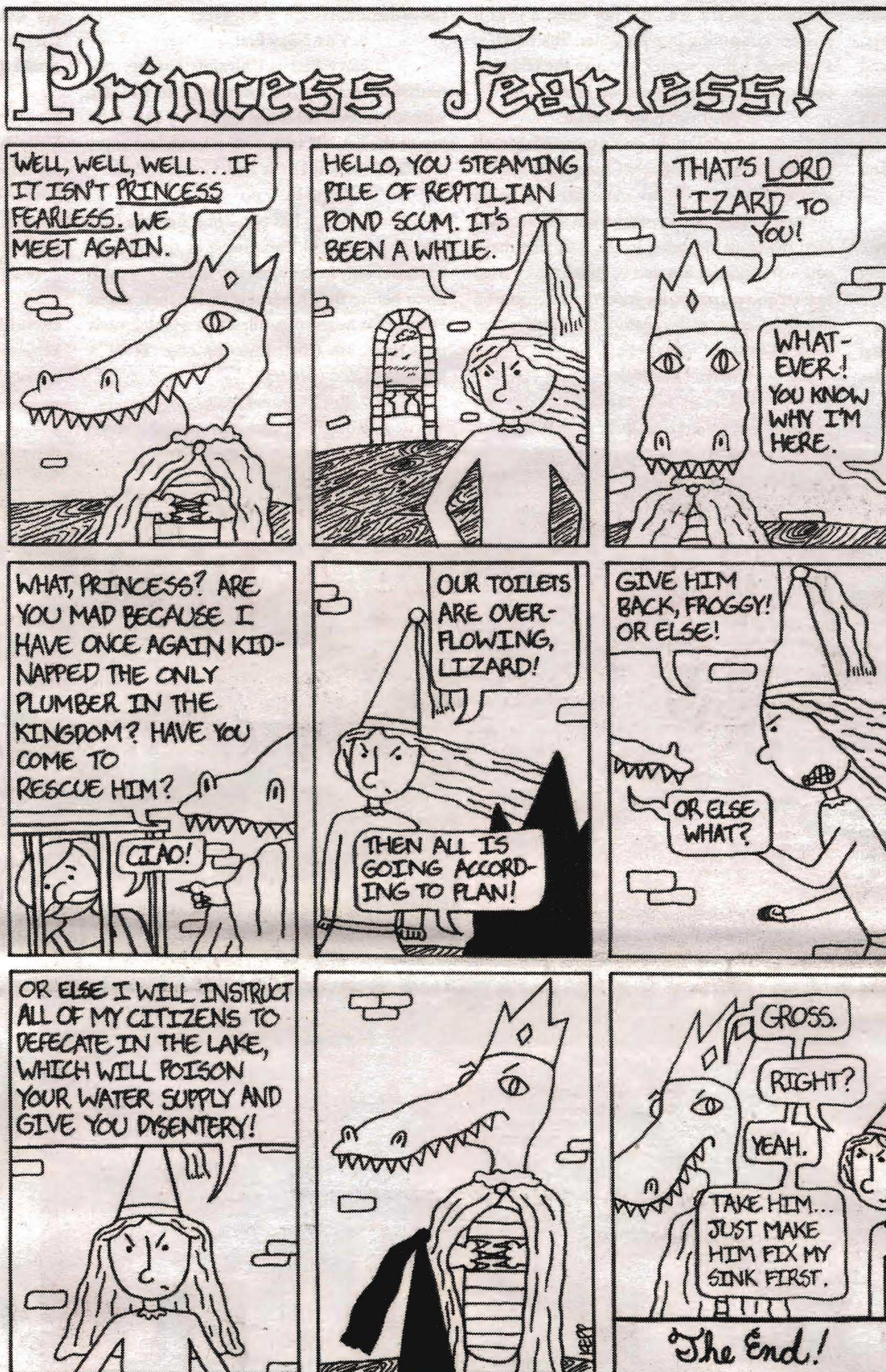
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Windy City Sports offer fun pastime

Nathan McMahon
SPORTS EDITOR

Chicago has a rich history with its sports teams, with some more successful than others (Looking at you, Cubs). Between the 8 professional sports teams who call Chicago home, there have been a total of 26 championships won spanning the 144-year history of sports in Chicago.

Right now, the most popular team in Chicago is the Blackhawks, the professional hockey team of Chicago. They have won two Stanley Cups in the last four years and worked hard this season, falling just a few games short of another. They play at the United Center, also known as the "Madhouse on Madison," along with the Chicago Bulls, the professional basketball team here in the Windy City.

The Bulls, after struggling in the post-

Michael Jordan era, have flourished under head coach Tom Thibodeau and are led by stars like Derrick Rose and Joakim Noah. The Bulls were knocked out of the first round of the playoffs, but are early NBA Championship contenders for next season.

The Chicago Sky is also a professional basketball team in Chicago and play in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). They play at the Allstate Arena out in Rosemont, but represent Chicago as well as any team as they are inching closer to their first WNBA Championship.

The Chicago Bears are the professional football team in Chicago and can be found on many Sunday afternoons at famous Soldier Field just down the lakefront from IIT. Da Bears are a team of new talent and coaching and look to reassert their title as the Monsters of the Midwest with their always stifling defense. Jay Cutler and Brandon Marshall are the stars of the offense

while Charles "Peanut" Tillman is a constant menace on the defense. Look for the Bears as they begin their search for a Super Bowl title next fall.

The Chicago Red Stars, whose name comes from the red stars on Chicago's flag, are the professional women's soccer team of Chicago and were only formed within the last 10 years. They have done a great job carrying on Chicago's traditions and are a fixture in the playoffs year in and year out.

The other professional soccer team is the men's team, the Chicago Fire, who play at Toyota Park as a part of Major League Soccer. The Chicago Fire has had legends in their past like Eric Wynalda and Brian McBride along with rising stars, including reigning MVP, Mike Magee. They are just a train ride away from IIT and a great experience to watch in the world-class confines of Toyota Park.

The two baseball teams in Chicago

are fierce rivals as demonstrated every year in the Crosstown Classic between the two sides. The Chicago Cubs reside on the Northside in Wrigleyville and play at Wrigley Field. They have not won a World Series since winning two in 1907 and 1908. The club is believed to be cursed and is known by their supporters as the lovable losers.

Just across the highway from IIT are the Chicago White Sox and US Cellular Field. They are the team of the Southside and the adopted team of many IIT students. It is very common for the Office of Campus Life to put \$5 tickets on sale for White Sox game many times a year. The office also often sells discounted tickets for other Chicago-area sports games. IIT and the Office of Campus Life are proud to continue Chicago's support of sports teams through the passionate students of IIT.



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vs. Benedictine University
6 p.m.

Sunday, August 24
Men's Soccer
vs. Concordia Illinois
1 p.m.

Saturday, August 30
Men's Soccer
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1 p.m.

Women's Soccer
@ College of Staten Island
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