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KNUCKLING DOWN

The full impact of the war is now gradually beginning to be felt by Illinois Tech and other engineering institutions. School officials think it almost certain that summer vacations will be eliminated, thus shortening the usual four year course to approximately three years.

In a way this is both good and bad.

The student engineer may feel definitely assured now that his efforts to obtain his degree will not be interrupted by any national defense or offense measures. Furthermore, he may feel satisfied that there will be little to stand in the way of his continuing in the engineering profession after graduation whether it may be in the armed forces or in industry.

On the other hand the student engineer is going to do quite a little sweating from now on. The four year engineering curriculum is stiff enough; shortening it to a continuous three year course increases the burden of learning perhaps far past its critical point, that is past the point where the student can efficiently and enthusiastically absorb his studies in his last semesters.

Apparently, however, mass production of engineers is the most important factor, now that the nation is involved in total defense and offense. One thing is sure. Regardless of inconvenience, our faculty and students have shown that they are willing to "Carry on," steadily and cheerfully.

Illinois Tech is doing its share.

One last thought: What a novel thing it will be as in the heat of the summer, we pour over text books and mutter: "Hm, three more formulae to derive tonight. OK, here goes. The first one's for Pearl Harbor." And it doesn't have to be formulae. Every student owes it not only to himself now but to the nation to master whatever material he is majoring in. For there is no class of knowledge that will not be called upon to the last iota of its mastery by man in the next decade.

PROPOSED STUDENT HEALTH PLAN

Complete medical care at five dollars a semester is the proposed IIT Health Plan. This plan covers everything from a consultation with a staff specialist for the slightest ailment to the most serious surgical operation. Students would be free at any time to use the services of 17 specialists, each of them an excellent man in his field.

There has been a crying need for a student health plan for several years. The present plan was decided upon after a survey of insurance plans by a special committee for some length of time. For the identical services the lowest insurance company bid was over double that of the proposed plan.

This plan was offered to IIT by the Civic Medical Center, 20 East Jackson Blvd. The medical centers staff is of the highest caliber and its equipment is considered very excellent.

This week the plan will be presented to the ITSA. If there it is accepted, the matter will be put to student vote. If a majority of the students vote favorably it will go into effect this February.

This proposal is based on an enrollment of 2,000 students, at the rate of \$10.00 membership dues per school year, payable \$5.00 at the commencement of each semester.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The student shall receive complete medical and surgical care, including hospitalization, as outlined below.

SERVICES RENDERED TO THE STUDENT

All examinations, treatments and professional consultations in:

GENERAL MEDICINE

(Internal medicine), diseases of the heart and blood vessels, lungs, digestive organs, glands, blood, allergy, metabolism, etc.

SURGERY

Major surgery (gall bladder, stomach, intestines, appendix, hernia, thyroid gland, etc.).

Minor surgery (office procedures such as minor injuries and infections, removal of small growths).

PROCTOLOGY

(diagnosis and treatment of rectal diseases).

GYNECOLOGY

Including all major and minor surgical procedures in office and hospital.

EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

Including treatments for nasal, throat or sinus infections, tonsil and nasal operations.

EYE

General eye examinations, treatments; refractions for glasses.

UROLOGY

Diseases of kidney, bladder, etc.

DERMATOLOGY

Disorders of the skin and scalp.

PHYSIOTHERAPY

Short wave, infra-red, ultra-violet.

ROENTGENOLOGY

X-Ray examinations: Stomach, intestine, gall bladder, chest, kidneys, bones, sinuses, etc.

LABORATORY TESTS

Urinalyses, blood counts, Kahn and Wassermann tests, gastric analyses, stool examinations, spinal fluid tests, blood chemistry, basal metabolism tests, bacteriological studies, etc.

ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY

CONSULTATIONS

Professional consultations with all members of the medical staff.

HOSPITALIZATION

Semi-private accommodations in a hospital designated by the Medical Group for a period not to exceed 31 days in any 12 consecutive months. This includes general nursing, X-ray examinations, diets, laboratory tests, operating room, anesthetics, drugs, dressings, meals and other adjuncts customarily given in ordinary hospital procedure.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Ambulance service will be provided for a distance not to exceed 10 miles in any one month.

HOUSE CALLS

House calls will be made whenever necessary by staff members or physicians designated by them. A nominal charge for these calls will be made, on the following basis:

Distances from the Center Office

Day calls (8 a.m. to 10 p.m.) within 10 miles, \$1.00.
10 to 15 miles, \$2.00.

Night calls (10 p.m. to 8 a.m.) within 10 miles \$2.00.
10 to 15 miles \$3.00.

Beyond 15 miles and within reasonable distance only, by separate arrangement at special fees.

EXCEPTIONS

Available at the Civic Medical Center at reasonable fees—but not included under the group plan.

All medicines, including drugs for hypodermic injection.

Eye glasses and other appliances.

Radium and deep x-ray treatments.

Special nursing, oxygen, blood for transfusions.

Dental care

Dental x-rays—\$1.50 (Regular fee \$3.00)

A student may sustain an injury or illness through the act of another person. If in such a case

. IT'S THIS WAY .

CLASS JEWELRY

The class of '43 on the South campus has chosen a jewelry committee to cooperate with the West campus in bringing about a unification of the students' opinion in regards to a class ring.

IIT is one school; it was made so in the belief of making it a greater and more distinguished institution. The class of '43, as a part of this great organization, should avoid that which terminates a black eye. We should, as quickly as possible, bring about a decision in regards to this class ring business.

At the present, one campus is of the opinion that we ought to have an entirely new design for the ring, something that will stand out and mark us as the class of '43! This is all well and good in so far as distinguishing the class in the immediate present. Consider however, the fact that it is not for the present that we want these rings, but rather for a lifetime. They are an emblem to remind us in the future about the good and bad times we had in school and also a means of identification to all who attend IIT, past, present and future.

How nice it is to have a ring utterly different than any class in the past, but did you ever stop to think how completely satisfying it is to meet someone in the years to come, whom you have completely forgotten, or who you have never met before. Immediately you strike up a friendship, due mainly to the recognition on his part of the traditional IIT ring. "Shucks! I went there myself, back in the days of the second World War. What class were you?" "43." "Yeah? Well, I was in the class after you, etc." And so it goes.

Here are two people, meeting somewhere sometime in the future, and having one thing in common that puts them on common speaking grounds; something tangible that reminds them of their college life. What is it? Well, you know—need I say more?

Three years ago the graduating class made an attempt to bring about the establishing of a traditional school ring. Up until now each succeeding class has thought it worth continuing. It is now up to the class of '43 to decide. Certain quarters feel that this is the critical point. That is, if our class decides for the traditional ring, it will naturally follow as the rule in years to come. If we decide otherwise, well . . . we will simply resort to the old system of "nothing sacred."

We must not forget that we are but a part of a whole and as such we should establish some-

DEATH CROSSING

One of the greatest hazards confronting the students at the south side campus is the "Death Crossing", at 33rd and State streets. Every day between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 10:00 p. m., trucks and automobiles speed by that intersection at rates up to fifty miles per hour. Since State street is very wide and unusually well traveled at this particular point, it is almost impossible for pedestrian to see a clear opening. Usually a student is in a hurry when he approaches the crossing and, unable to wait for the heavy traffic to subside, he recklessly "dodges" his way across the street guided mostly by instinct. In the past few weeks alone, there have been two serious accidents on that corner which fortunately did not involve any of our students. However, that is no guarantee that nothing serious ever will happen. Anyone who dares watches Tech students make that crossing, will concede the unpleasant thought that one of these days the law of averages is going to catch up with some IIT student. Several years ago the Armour librarian was killed on the same intersection.

There has been no attempt made to warn the approaching motorists of the impending dangers, except by means of a universally ignored "Slow" sign. "Stop" signs are posted at crossings a short distance north and south of 33rd street on State. Also, 33rd street is a "through street" at Indiana Avenue, east of the Institute, and at Wentworth Avenue, on the west. These intersections are comparatively quiet compared with that at State Street, which thousands of students must cross in order to get to school. Almost four years ago, Dr. S. M. Spears, associate professor of civil engineering, advocated having traffic lights placed at the crossing, basing his opinion on a scientific study of traffic conditions.

I appeal to the president of Illinois Institute of Technology to demand of the City of Chicago the installation of traffic lights as soon as possible at 33rd and State Streets. Let us not wait for disaster to make us aware of the urgency of this project.

—Ira M. Lifschutz, Arch. 2.

thing for the "whole" rather than being selfish and wanting something for our own satisfaction.

Think it over, students, and if you are in the least bit moved one way or the other, won't you please voice your opinion? Write them out and leave it in the Tech News box either at Lewis or here at the South campus.

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the student makes a claim against that person and receives compensation from him, the Civic Medical Center shall be paid for its services to the student.

PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

Pre-existing or conditions existing at time of enrollment shall be included in the plan—except that:

1. A charge at one-half the regular fee of the Center will be made for x-ray studies.

2. In case of hospitalization, the customary services rendered by the hospital such as bed and board, operating room, anesthesia and other incidentals will be paid for by the student.

SERVICES NOT AVAILABLE

Neuro-surgery, neuro-psychiatry.

Treatment of tuberculosis, and the contagious diseases at the stage where confinement to an institution is necessary.

SUPPLEMENT

(A) This proposal is based on the membership of the entire student body.

(B) The services enumerated in the plan will be rendered only during the two semesters comprising the school year.

(C) Methods of application, collection and other procedures to be determined after proposal is accepted by the student body.

FOR DEFENSE

