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ITSA FOUNDS FIELDHOUSE FUND

Settlement Made In Cafeteria Strike

Student Lunchroom Committee Appointed

Permanent Board To Be Established

By Dan Brown

In protest against the school-operated cafeteria, students at Armour College staged a 4-day boycott of the Student Union lunchroom last week. Although students on the south campus had been known to complain among themselves about the quality, the price and the quantity of food served in the cafeteria, this was the first time in the history of the institution that the student body as a united group attempted to forcibly drive home its point to those in control.

The boycott, definitely organized and unanimously executed, started last Tuesday morning at 9:00 a. m. The plan was simple and called for the "booing" of any persons attempting to make purchases at the lunch counter. Using this procedure, the student body was successful in preventing all purchases except for the few made by some instructors.

Interested primarily in settling the affair to the satisfaction of both sides, a self-appointed group of students met with vice-president Grinter and Dean Peebles, Tuesday afternoon. At this meeting, the demands of the student body were placed unofficially before the school, and it was arranged that the demonstration was to be called off pending official sanction by the students of a proposed general solution of the problem. On attempting to abate the boycott, however, the mediating group found that the student body was unwilling to call off its demonstration without proof of Dr. Grinter's statement that "the cafeteria lost money last year and probably will do the same this year." Since Dr. Grinter was unwilling at this time to present an itemized financial report on the lunchroom, it

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RUSH HOUR!



This photo, taken during the proverbial darkest hour of the boycott, shows plainly the wistful faces of our ladies of the lunch as they await the patter of tiny tootsies and the soothing clangor of tinny trays.

TAU BETA PI CONDUCTS PLEDGING; HONORS NINE NEW OUTSTANDING MEN

Nine senior engineering students of Armour were pledged to Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity, at ceremonies sponsored by the Western Society of Engineers last Friday morning in the auditorium. As he has so ably done in the past, Professor Spears conducted the pledging and gave a brief history of the aims and ideals of Tau Beta Pi in his introductory remarks. As the name and accomplishments of each pledge were read, active members of the chapter accompanied the pledges to the platform and pinned the pledge button on their lapels.

IIT's Oldest Honorary

The Armour chapter of Tau Beta Pi was founded in 1906 as the Beta Chapter of Illinois. As such it is the oldest honorary fraternity on the Illinois Tech campus. Candidates for election must be in the upper fifth of their class

in scholastic standing. While scholarship is the most important item in considering candidates for membership of Tau Beta Pi, extra-curricular activities are also given recognition as well as the amount of his college expenses which a student has earned. Election to Tau Beta Pi is the most outstanding honor which a student can possess.

Outstanding Students Pledged

Nine students had this honor conferred upon them: Richard Norman Bergstrom, senior C.E.; Gunther Paul Griebel, senior M.E.; Joseph Kunst, senior E.E.; Bertram John Milleville, fourth year Co-op; Howard George Pendlebury, senior E.E.; George Theodore Popp, senior M.E.; Bernard Paul Sarasin, senior Ch.E.; Richard Alfred Simonsen, senior C.E.; Peter Frank Vander Ploeg,

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RICHARD NEUTRA, NOTED CALIFORNIAN, TALKS ON ARCHITECTURE, SEMANTICS

For the purpose of becoming further acquainted with the subject of semantics, a group of architects and 101 English students assembled last Friday on the south campus to hear an informative lecture by Richard J. Neutra.

Although Mr. Neutra is one of the world's foremost architects, he might well be classed as a leading authority on the subject of semantics.

Use of Symbols

In his talk Mr. Neutra explained the connection between architectural engineering and semantics by stating that they both are the study of expressing thought; one by drawings, the other through the medium of the spoken word. He also expressed the idea that

the engineer is no different than a horse in the respect that both interpret things as symbols. To the horse, a tug at the right rein by his rider has come to symbolize a change in direction to the right. To the engineer, the Greek symbol, "pi", for instance, brings back all the knowledge he has gathered about the fraction of a circle which it stands for.

Continuing, he disclosed the human fear for language which causes us to diagram many of our ideas for the benefit of ourselves and those to whom we wish to express our thoughts.

Yesterday, Mr. Neutra gave a talk to the architects at the Art Institute on the "Effect of Regionalism on Architecture." After an introduction by Mies van der Rohe

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Dorothy Thompson At Lewis; Finds Familiar Scenes, New Styles

By Patricia Arns

Dorothy Thompson, Lewis alumna, columnist, and radio commentator, addressed the members of Professor Fodor's Political Science classes, as well as faculty and students, in the auditorium last Monday, October 27, at 3:30 p.m. Dean Clarke called the assembly to order and introduced Mr. Fodor, former contemporary foreign correspondent of Dorothy Thompson's. Mr. Fodor summed up the career of Dorothy Thompson with several interesting and amusing anecdotes.

In her opening words Miss Thompson touched on a subject that is close to the alumnae as well as the present student body. With the words . . . "the same old oak—the same open lights—and the same front entrance," she succeeded in bringing a smile to the faces of the audience, but with the comparison of the dress, hair-dos, and behavior of the present coeds to those of her class Miss Thompson brought forth a laugh from the audience. The chief topic of Miss Thompson's discussion were the impressions that she carried from Lewis. Dorothy Thompson stated that "An educational institution in her day was not a campus, nor a building, nor is it now." Tribute was paid by the speaker to three of her former teachers, Kate Miller, Dr. George Tenney, and Allen C. Lewis.

"Nothing I have ever done, but that it has helped me to do something else," said Miss Thompson in warning the students not to be satisfied with the obtaining of a position and in so doing sell their

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Musical Clubs Meet; New Officers Elected; Plan Winter Program

In previous years the musical clubs held their first program just before winter recess, but this year they are going to work overtime. Instead of only one performance there are going to be two performances in addition to the regular Christmas Concert.

One engagement is with the Sunday Evening club of Gary, on Sunday evening, Dec. 14. Another appearance is planned at the Art Institute, on the 17th of December. On Thursday, Dec. 18, the Christmas Concert will be held in the Armour auditorium as usual.

Recently the clubs elected their officers. In the orchestra Herbert Hansen was elected president, Wesley Pipher became secretary-treasurer, and Richard Hameister was made manager.

The Glee club officers are: Jim Walker, president; Melvin Johnson, secretary-treasurer; and Don Ely, manager.

Officers for the combined clubs were elected last year. Joseph Kunst, a French horn player in the orchestra, was elected president, and Melvin Johnson from the Glee club was elected secretary-treasurer.

CONTROL BOARD SETS UP \$10,000 INITIAL FUND

Schommer Active In Aiding Drive

By Warren Spitz

By a unanimous ballot, the ITSA Board of Control, last Friday, passed a resolution voting \$10,000 for the establishment of a Fieldhouse Fund for the Illinois Institute of Technology. This money is an accumulation of excess funds over the past years and represents a contribution of the student body to the development program of a greater Illinois Tech.

Resolution Presented

Earle Huxhold, president of the group, presented the proposal, which forms the initial official step towards the attainment of the fieldhouse. The resolution was passed under the clause in the newly-adopted ITSA constitution which states (Article VI-Section 2) "Any balance left remaining at the end of the school year, after all bills have been paid, shall be placed in a fund to be paid at the discretion of the Board for any purpose contributing to the general welfare of the student body."

Tech's many-fold needs for a fieldhouse have been exhorted through several years of athletic competition. The general efficiency of teams and the recreational activity of the whole student aggregation have been felt to be very seriously hampered by the lack of any proper facilities to accommodate the demand.

Schommer Acts

The necessity for the formation of this fund has long been cited by Director of Athletics, John J. Schommer, and he has worked vigorously to bring about the present move. Mr. Schommer is to be very active in the promotion and perpetuation of donations to the fund and is to be joined by the students, faculty, officers and alumni of Illinois Tech in its support.

Recipient for all monies donated and to be contributed to the Fieldhouse Fund is the ITSA Board, and the structure is to be built upon the order and at the discretion of the Board at such time when it deems that the contributions have reached a proportion sufficient for the commencement of the building. Donations are receivable from any and all sources and will be acknowledge by the ITSA through the Technology News.

Has Everything

When built, the new fieldhouse will house or make provisions for future expansion to include basketball courts, an indoor track, swimming pool, tennis courts and all other components of a fully equipped modern building.

With the impetus of the ITSA resolution, it is expected that other individuals or groups, whether connected to the institute or not, will provide additional finances for a continual growth in the amount of the fund. (See resolution on editorial page.)

THIS WEEK AT IIT

TUESDAY

General Assembly, 10 a.m.
Orchestra, Aud. 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Dance Club, Armour Aud., 5 p.m.
Lewis Chorus, Aud., 3 p.m.
Bowling organization meeting, Armour gym, 122 noon.

THURSDAY:

Glee Club, Aud., 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

ASCE and ASME combination meeting, Armour Aud., 10 a.m.
AIEE—2W, SU, 10 a.m.
Bowling organization meeting, Armour gym, 122 noon.
Armour Eye, clubrooms, 5 p.m.