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Editor's letter

Last week's paper carried a pertinent editorial concerning the past work of the ITSA. Some of the criticisms made were perfectly justified; many may have confused the reader. To clarify the issue and denote the progress of the past, and advances of the present, this editorial has been written. A democratic government always brings forth criticisms. Therefore, the democratic gesture is to acknowledge and correct the faults if they exist.

Three meetings of the ITSA were convened during the summer session. Inasmuch as the seniors were, more or less, the only students present—other classes being on vacation—no functioning of the ITSA as the governing body in manners of general decision was possible without representatives of the freshman, sophomore and junior classes.

To foster class organization and the systematizing of all interclass relations the ITSA Board appointed a co-ordinator of campus activities, Don Keigher. Keigher has arranged a very complete schedule of campus activities for several months hence. A campus calendar covering the activities of the current school year will be posted in the Union lobby this week. To properly orient the freshman and new student in the customs, traditional and general physical plant of Illinois Tech the ITSA published the "Activities Handbook."

Any deferment in the run-off of class elections may be attributed to a conscientious desire for cooperation with the co-ordinator of campus activities. Necessary time was allowed for new students to become acquainted. Each class having held its meeting last Friday is now prepared to nominate and elect efficient officers. To properly familiarize the student with the procedure of class elections as held at Armour the ITSA issued bulletins for the respective classes.

Concerning mass meetings, the ITSA promoted the all important "Health Plan" Assembly during which a plan for student hospitalization and medical care was presented. This plan, subsequently accepted by the

student body in a referendum vote, is now before the Board of Trustees for final approval.

The ITSA in its promotion of interclass and intramural activities carries forth its part in the appointment of an intramural manager, Ken Jacobs, and an assistant manager, Pete Zemaitis, whose duties are to plan tournaments, schedules, etc. Provision of necessary equipment and the awarding of medals or trophies to tournament winners is also a function which is assiduously carried out.

The constitution of the ITSA provides that a budget must be prepared and submitted for approval by the board on or before the 30th day of the school year. Compilation of the budget for the ensuing year hinged upon the decision of John J. Schommer concerning the "War Physical Training" program. That decision was rendered last Friday, October 16, and publication of the budget will follow within the week.

Continuing its program of student service the ITSA's most recent achievements are the acquisition of an office, music for the lunchroom and the construction of new touchball fields. An office at 112 Chapin Hall has been secured for ITSA use. Here students may confer with their representatives on such matters that may require ITSA attention.

The usual noisy clatter of the cafeteria will be muted by the strains of the current favorite orchestra as broadcast over the new public address system. This music will be heard daily from eleven to one; an ITSA appointed student will take care of record changes during this period. The installation of the system is being carried out by Rho Epsilon, ITSA providing the materials.

During the past week the maintenance department has been surfacing and conditioning the area east of Ogden Field for intramural touchball fields, two and three. This action followed a conference with president Heald by a representative of the ITSA.

ITSA HAS ACTED!!!

HUGH STORY,
President, ITSA

Dear Sir:

In the October issue of TECHNOLOGY NEWS one of the students of Illinois Institute of Technology soundly berated the present policy of general assemblies. Some of the facts stated by Mr. Bruce Worcester are correct. But I hasten to add the reasons and justifications of the present policy.

Last June the ITSA board appointed the Student Union Board of Control in charge of co-ordinating the various activities on the south campus as well as handling the campus calendar. At the first meeting of the SUBC the policies for carrying out the program were laid down. In a meeting with Dean Peebles the following policy was evolved for the use of 10:00 a.m. Fridays (weekly free hour).

Each Friday is allotted on a pre-arranged basis to the professional societies, WSE, class meetings and extra special assemblies. It was further decided that the lounge, cafeteria and library should be closed during this hour. Also no intramural equipment is to be allowed out or used during this same hour.

In one way this may seem to be dictatorship to some students. But most of the students fail to understand the reason and privilege of having all classes excused at 10:00 a.m. on Fridays. It was scheduled by the Registrar's Office as the one hour of the week at which all the various meetings could be held without interfering with classes. The hour was given not as a recreational or study hour but as a free hour for all classes to attend meetings. Hence it is justifiable to close all recreational and study facilities to induce or shall I say further swell student attendances at the many meetings each week.

But to further clarify our policy I will state a few points I would like all readers to remember about 10:00 a.m. Fridays.

1. Compulsory attendance is required at the most important of assemblies.
2. All study facilities are not closed. All the many classrooms are still open for use.
3. The cafeteria is only closed for 40 minutes instead of the full hour. For those who must eat during that hour the doors are thrown open at 10:40 a.m.
4. There is no need for sports equipment being given out at 10:00 a.m. The intramural program does not allow for any athletic activities at that hour.

DONALD J. KEIGHER
President of SUBC

Cafeteria Report—

The following is a report of the income and expenses of the Armour Cafeteria for the year ending August, 1942:

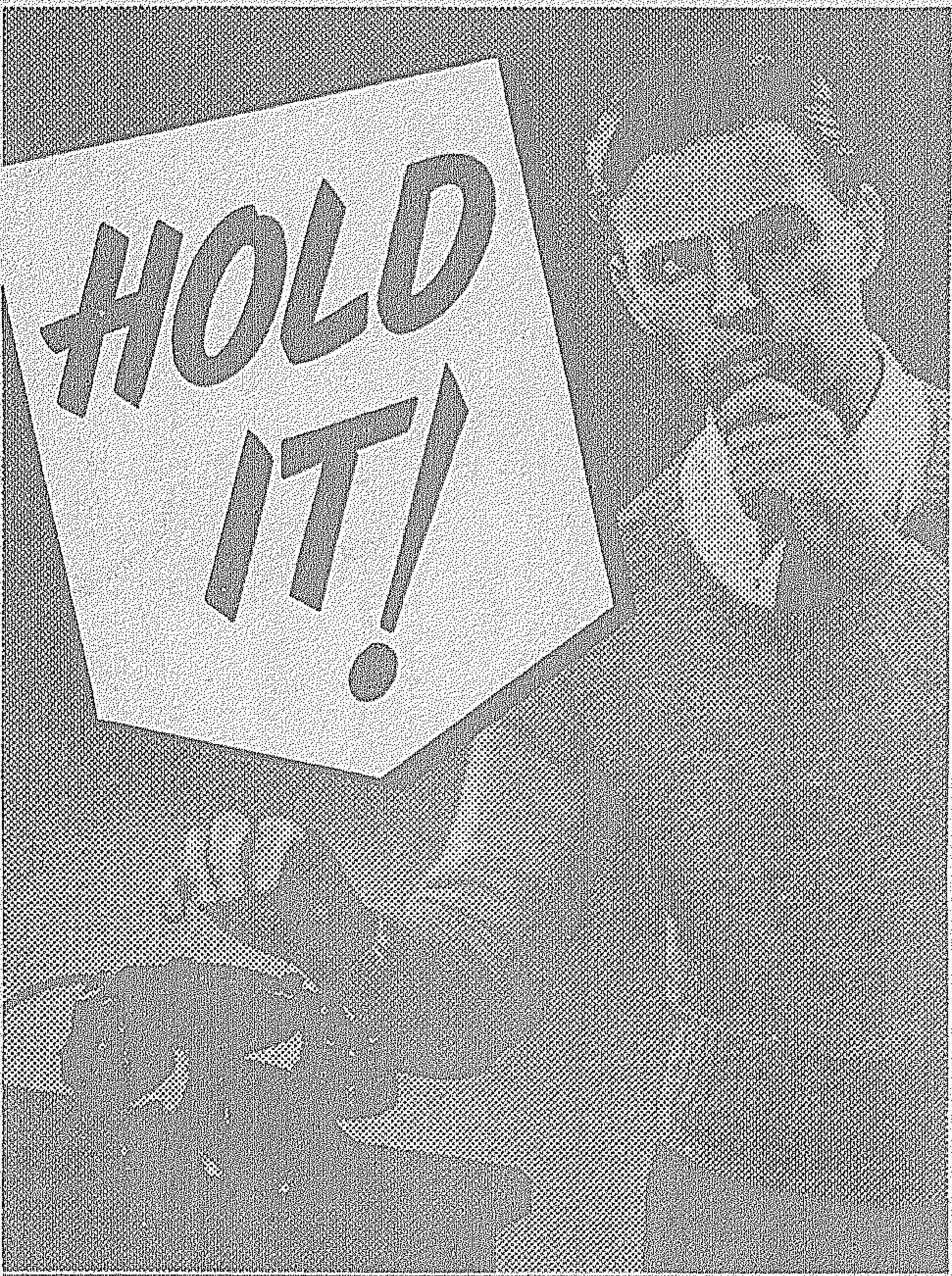
	Amount	Per Cent of Sales
Cafeteria Sales	\$63,146.77	100.0
Expense:		
Direct:		
Food	\$33,779.84	53.4
Fountain	5,307.82	8.4
Cigarettes	3,571.70	5.7
Kitchen supplies	1,868.94	3.0
Maintenance	944.38	1.5
Equipment	2,546.41	4.0
Sales Tax	1,447.22	2.3
Salaries and Wages	14,730.20	23.3
Total direct	\$64,196.51	101.6
Indirect:		
Heat, Light, and Power.....	\$ 1,200.00	1.9
Telephone	100.00	.2
Administration (including buying, accounting, supervision, etc.....)	1,994.40	3.2
Total indirect	\$ 3,294.40	5.3
Total expense	\$67,490.91	106.9
Net Loss.....	\$ 4,344.14	6.9

The Armour Cafeteria operated at a loss of \$4,344.14 for the school year ending August 31, 1942. A study of the above statement will show there was even a loss of \$1,049.74 after deducting the direct costs of food, supplies, and labor.

Since present management has resulted in a loss there was but one immediate solution—raise prices. This was done. There is another solution—better management. This is expected in the appointment of Miss Vivian Lippert as the new Director of Food Service of Illinois Institute of Technology.

Financial statements on the operation of the Cafeteria will be made available monthly. If a surplus instead of a loss results, the following improvements will be made in this order: (1) improve the service, (2) serve better and more food, and (3) reduce prices.

If a more constructive policy of improving the Cafeteria operations is possible, the administration would welcome your suggestions. The increased student enrollment has added a new burden to the cafeteria management. Cafeteria facilities are not adequate to handle satisfactorily the volume. Regardless of that, improvements can be made. Your patience for another two months is requested.



Before you call Long Distance,
please ask yourself:

1. Is it really necessary?
2. Will it interfere with war calls?

TELEPHONE lines—especially Long Distance circuits—are crowded as never before, these war days. Materials to build new lines—copper, rubber, nickel—are needed for the shooting war. So we must get the most out of present facilities.

You can help us keep the wires clear for vital war calls if you will do these two things: (1) Don't call Long Distance unless it's urgent; (2) Call by number if possible and please be brief. Thank you!



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direction of Ken Jacobs, intramural manager. Regular postings will be kept of all intramural programs, game schedules, scores, and standings. So—
Come on, come all
To Chapin Hall
To gripe and smite and criticize.
And make your howls heard to the skies!
What's that racket? Hear that din?
That's Tech's men fighting to get in
To 112 Chapin. Heed the call
And visit our new waiting wall!