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IIT Treadmill

The lunchroom has announced the lowering of prices in three items and the institution of a student special lunch. In the same breath it has come out with increases in price on five different items. Sandwiches, which formerly have not been appetizing, nourishing, or cheap, are now to be increased in price, with the claim being made that since they will no longer be wrapped but will be prepared fresh, a higher price is justifiable. Yet no cognizance is taken of the fact that students formerly could buy freshly prepared sandwiches for the same price as those which were pre-packed. If students bemoaned the fact that they were paying too high a price before this, what is to be expected now?

With the statement that the size of sodas will remain the same, students are told that there will be an increase of five cents in price. Bottled beverages will not be sold, but instead such drinks as may be dispensed at the fountain will be sold. Why? At present, the only choice is between Cokes and Green River. They are always warm and possess a foreign taste. While before the student might take refuge in one of the poorer types of bottled soft drinks, he is now deprived of that sanctuary.

For every pint of milk that was previously sold to students there was a profit of two cents; cost price being eight cents and selling price ten cents. Now, those who wish to buy milk in the auditorium must be satisfied with half pints. Quarts and pints have become too great a burden to carry up the stairs. Therefore, if one drinks a pint of milk during lunch, one must pay twelve cents for it. For those who are fortunate enough to eat in the lunchroom, they will be discomfited by the added penny increase in price of quarts of milk, the new price being 16 cents for white milk, 17 cents for chocolate.

The claim has been laid that the cafeteria is not making money. Why should it. It is a non-profit organization that was formed for the benefit of the students. There is no plausible reason why its income should not meet its expenses. Efficient management assures that. Miss Ferguson appears to be an efficient manager.

The point will be quickly made that because of the high cost of help today, price increases are necessary. If the lunchroom is in such dire straights, then let the students bear the cost. But it is not necessary to do it by increasing prices. Instead, let the profits of the Bookstore, another non-profit organization, be used to subsidize the lunchroom. These profits should be used to benefit the students. What could be a better way?

—H. BURKART

Man Of The Week

Farming and Engineering Are Subjects Which Capture Harry Beach's Interest

By DICK KOENIGSBERG

Versatility this week has brought Harry Beach, editor-in-chief of the Integral, the title of the "Man of the Week."

Beach has worked on the Integral since he came to IIT, starting from copy editor and advancing to his present position.

He is better known among his friends as the only student to attend an engineering school to become a farmer.

Harry's dream in life is to work in South Bend and own a small farm in Michigan. He has the experience, for he has raised horses and dogs for many years, and now lives on a Michigan farm when not at school.

Beach is a senior in electrical engineering and will graduate this

February. In recognition of his accomplishments and interest in the field of radio, he was initiated last year into Rho Epsilon, honorary radio engineering fraternity. He is also a member of the AIEE.

A sidelight in his life was recently brought to light. His fellow members of Rho Epsilon, startled by his desire to demonstrate their television receiver, discovered interest ceased when a certain News Bureau employee was not present.

One of the honors of which Harry is very proud is his membership on the Honor Board. He was nominated for this position by the faculty, and elected by the student body.

In recognition of his skill in the assembling of the year book, he has been elected to membership into Pi Delta Epsilon, national honorary journalism fraternity. There, he has strived for a closer relationship between the staffs of the Integral and Technology News.

At the York Community High School in Elmhurst, Harry was on the track, tennis and debating teams. He found no time for varsity sports at the Institute, but has been a valued member of his class teams in several intramural tournaments.

Harry's dream of farming, like so many others, will have to wait until the war's end, because he enters the signal corps as an officer candidate upon graduation.



Harry Beach



Dear Editor:

Two years ago the situation in the lunchroom became intolerable and a strike was called. Once more conditions are approaching this state. Perhaps it can be avoided if the administration can answer these questions being asked by the students:

How many drops of coffee are being saved by serving coffee in tea-cups instead of mugs as was done before?

Why are prices constantly higher than other places run for profit?

Why aren't popular soft drinks sold, instead of the cheapest swill on the market?

What happened to the hot dog and hamburger sandwiches?

Why, with all the help, are the tables never clean?

Why, with all the help, must one spend so much time waiting for service?

Why must one eat in the afternoon with the tables covered by chairs?

Why doesn't the lunchroom hire some good cooks instead of dietitians?

These are only a few of the complaints which can be heard at any time in the lunchroom. Maybe these conditions are not the fault of the administration, maybe they are. The only solution to this problem is: Since the bookstore and lunchroom are ostensibly run on a non-profit basis, why not let both of these be run by the Coop. The efficient manner in which they have run their business for the benefit of the students is evidence they could run the bookstore and lunchroom efficiently.

A Disgruntled Senior
(Not a Coop)

Dear Editor:

Do the secretaries on this campus think they are the only women in the world? This letter is to let them

know that they are not the only women in the city. As a matter of fact I believe there are other women in the city that attract the opposite sex more than any other ten women combined on this campus do.

The secretary who called herself "Fed Up" talks about having to put up with the presence of boys around the campus when she does not want to. But how about the noise the student body has to take from these women.

I think it is just about time the girls around the campus sit up and take notice. The fellows on this campus expect the most simple courtesy that they receive around their homes and from their dates.

If these women think they are so good why don't they go to a co-ed college as secretaries and see how they rate. They would find to their surprise that they wouldn't rate at all.

Equally Fed Up

Dear Editor:

Why does an extra piece of bread cost two cents in the IIT student lunchroom?

At this price there is approximately 500% profit. Yet the school cafeteria is a non-profit organization!

It gripes any student to pay so much for a single slice of bread, when rolls and bread and butter are usually gratis.

The root beer is seldom cold enough. The Coco-Cola tastes better if bought anywhere else. Do they ever clean those faucets?

If the cafeteria is losing money, a statement should be issued as to the financial status so that students will realize that if prices don't go up they may always have to bring their own lunches. How long will we wait for a full explanation?

Hungry, But Poor



The juke box in the Student Union lounge has been played over 3,000 times since it was put in use shortly before Christmas. . . LOUIS RENO of the ASTP unit worked as a grave digger during the summer, before joining the army. . . Prof. NORMAN KHARASCH, together with his two brothers, has operated a drug store on Chicago's west side for the past 20 years. . . SPIRO E. GORDON, senior civil, has crossed the Atlantic Ocean four times. . . During a period of three years before she was nine, SHIRLEY EVENSTEIN, Lewis junior, visited Field Museum over 120 times. . . JOHN BASICH, junior mechanical, had never been outside of Illinois until the basketball team recently traveled to Whiting, Indiana. . . MAX REISS, junior civil, visited the Maginot Line in 1935 while attending an academy at Metz, Alsace Lorraine. . . ERNEST KLIMCZAK, sophomore mechanical, has drunk only three cups of coffee in his life. . . F. K. RICHTER, instructor of German, once traveled from Berlin to the north coast of Germany in a portable rubber boat. . . SATO-SHAI HATA, Lewis freshman, attends IIT on a scholarship from the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council.