

campus COMMENTS

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Letter to the Editor: Our Cafeteria

First of all, may I congratulate you students on the wonderful way in which you have co-operated with our new policy. Bringing your trays and dishes to the loading stand and cleaning your tables after they have been used, has aided us in serving more than four times the capacity of the cafeteria. We want you to know we appreciate this very much.

Now I would like to answer the inquiries of the students on just how the cafeteria is operated. The cafeteria is operated for the purpose of serving the students and employees of IIT with the condition that it be self-supporting. In the past it has not covered expenses, so we have had to raise the prices on some of the items. We shall try to keep the prices down as much as we possibly can and will only raise them when we are forced to do so.

Naturally we too are being hit very hard by the present critical food situation and we are not able to purchase everything we would like to serve. However, we are trying to give you as great a variety as we possibly can under the circumstances.

We shall be very happy when normal conditions are resumed, so that we may serve you as you would like to be served.

(Signed) Andy Keeney
Cafeteria Manager
PUBLIC SPEAKING—

The letter signed A STUDENT in Oct. 16th issue of *Technology News* interested me a great deal. I am also one of many who feel that the courses in Speech as listed in the catalog (Engl. 209 & 210) should exist in reality and not merely as listings in the catalog which are never offered.

I leave it up to the student body. Which is more important to an engineer, the ability to speak well before groups or a knowledge of English literature before and after 1800, surveys of American literature, Shakespeare, and the like. The latter are important for a well educated person, but they are something we may pick up after we are out of school. Let us study while in school studies that will bring us butter on our bread.

Next semester I hope the English department gets on the ball and offers the above courses as English

electives. A reply from the English Department would be appreciated.
(Signed) Another Student

AVC
The committee for authorization of the American Veterans' committee (AVC) met with President Henry Heald last Thursday. Authorization was not granted nor was it refused, but it was taken under consideration.

The crux of the question lies in the fact that the administration's policy states that national veterans organizations do not fit on the campus as student organizations.

Students wanting an AVC chapter on the campus think this policy should be changed because:

(1) There are a great number of students who are already members or want to be members if the student chapter is authorized. We have a potential membership list of 125 with only two meetings held.

(2) This organization would derive its energy from the common bond of mutual experiences and sufferings of the members during the war. Capitalizing upon this feeling of comradeship, organizing it, throwing it behind all school activities would see a spirit on the campus which will not be there if authorization is denied.

(3) In order to attract the adult mind to school activities, those activities must hit a note of interest in the minds.

(4) The AVC interests a great number of students, many of whom would be inactive otherwise. AVC can direct their energies toward school activities.

(5) The organization interests a great number of students mainly because AVC is not controlled from the top, but is democratically organized with each local chapter forming its own policy. The national organization advises and directs, but all decisions on policy of the local chapter are made by the local chapter.

(Signed) AVC Committee Member

INFORMATION FOR FREE

Tucked away in remote spots on the daily sports pages last week were the results of the latest clash in the Lipstick League.

To the tune of wolf calls of more than 4,000 members of the University of South Carolina student body, Phi Gamma Pi sorority walloped Delta Delta Delta sorority, 20-0, in a knockdown, drag-them-hair-out-by the roots football game.

Maybe our Mr. Ed Arends who, as sports editor, is trying to promote a long-dormant school spirit with a shot in the arm to athletics, might do well to give a second glance at the situation.

Despite the heroic efforts of Mr. Arends, a "big Thanksgiving football game" involving Illinois Tech might be a long time in coming. Considering the opposition to intercollegiate football in some quarters, a Powderpuff Bowl seems just as feasible.

The fact that football is largely a game of brawn would be of no hindrance to the coeds and secretaries at IIT. Indeed, many a lad who has dated Illinois Tech beauties has found the latter quite competent in the clinches.

For instance, only two weeks ago Shirley Langill rose to new pugilistic heights while trading blows with the male ego in the inspiring atmosphere of a fraternity house. She emerged with a physical, if not a moral, victory.

It would take a forceful quarterback, to be sure, to quiet the yapping in a female huddle. The commotion in a huddle is great enough without having a near-dozen girls comparing notes on the hairdo of the left tackle or the manicure job of the linebacker.

Various rules would have to be altered slightly in a Mascara Mauling. The time to get a play in motion would have to be lengthened considerably from the present 25 seconds. At any moment the lassies might yield to a desire to have a sandwich with their tea-formation.

Competition could be made keen for places on a coed grid squad by following the lead of the University of South Carolina. Morale of the

IIT Men Are Now Sleeping In Ancient Cudahy Ballroom

The IIT Graduate House is probably the only place in the world where you can walk out on a balcony and hear dozens of students snoring blissfully through the night. When John Cudahy built this mansion no possible expense was spared. He probably intended to make this house the center of many social functions as an extravagant ballroom was incorporated into the design. One of the more unique features of this ballroom is a balcony that protrudes from one wall. This was probably where the solemn chaperons sat glaring down at their young charges waltzing on the floor below. But that was in 1885. In 1946 this is the ballroom where 59 IIT students spend their short lived nights sleeping in double deck bunks.

IIT purchased the Cudahy mansion in 1939 and used its facilities to house about 40 students. Then from 1942 to 1945 the navy took over and illustrated the technique used in packing hundreds of men into a "tin can." Wherever there was a vacant space, be it the attic or the basement, a bed and a building engineer was planted and left to grow amid the high ceilings and wide corridors of the old Cudahy mansion.

Then in 1946 when IIT once again controlled the Graduate House it was decided to use the building as a residence for as many students as could be comfortably accommodated. A total of 79 men now make their home here, 24 of whom are graduate students. The only requirement for admission is that the prospective resident be a full time day school student and pay \$60 a month for room and board. All applications are handled through the office of Jack P. White, Dean of Students.

The Graduate House is run smoothly under the guidance of dormitory supervisors, Mr. and Mrs. Matha Miller. When commenting on the cafeteria facilities in the house, Mr. Miller said, "The food is seldom a subject of complaint—we even have meat!"

candidates was bolstered no little bit by including on the program the names, addresses, telephone numbers and other vital statistics interesting to the male population of the brawlers.

helped his girl into the car, "Winter draws on."
Retorted Russ' girl, "Is that any of your business?"
—IIT—

Here lies the body of Casey, A bullet turned him to clay. He was leading the life of Riley—While Riley was away!
—IIT—

A traveler stopped at a hotel and asked for a room. When he started to sign the register a little bug came crawling across the page. The traveler laid the pen down. "I don't care if you've got bugs in this hotel, but when they come down to see what room you take—that's too much!"
—IIT—

Frosh: Who has more fun than people?
Senior: Rabbits do.
Frosh: Why do rabbits have more fun than people?
Senior: Because there are more of them.
Frosh: Why are there more of them?
Senior: Because rabbits have more fun than people!
—IIT—

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Techmen Talk

by Mike Werth

Question of the week: What think-est thou of Illinois Tech's Honor Board?
Richard A. Chase, Junior E.E.

"The honor system works alright though it does have its weak points. I never heard of somebody being punished for the simple reason that nobody would turn in a fellow student. Why if a guy knew he couldn't pass a test and his neighbor was known to be a good student, sure he'd copy off of him. Some of my instructors stay in the room during a test and in those instances I can't see any sense to having an honor system. We are asked to sign on the bottom of our papers: I PLEDGE. I can't see any sense to signing that."
George Brooks, Sophomore E.E.

"The honor system such as it is, works, with little cheating going on; actually, we don't have an honor system in this school. Two of my instructors give tests by seating students in alternate rows. Only one of my instructors asks us to sign the honor pledge. Few instructors leave the class room. Yes, I do think tests should be given on the honor system, but in that case the honor system must be observed. Very few would turn in their fellow students if copying did go on. I bet there isn't a guy in school who goes through without cheating once. I have never heard of anyone being punished."
Wilbur Knobloch, Freshman E.E.

"I think the honor system is pretty good. Most of the instructors leave the room during a test and come in only to answer possible questions. I haven't had any classes where I had to sign the honor pledge. Half of my instructors have us take alternate seats. No, I wouldn't turn in a student. The instructor of course should catch him and—Oh yes, no instructor in the room. That makes the Honor Board pretty powerless, I guess. The actual punishment though I think is in the cheating student's not getting the most out of his courses."
Martin Salmon, Senior Civil

"I don't think anybody would get through school by taking advantage of the honor system. My instructors leave the class at the beginning of a test and we sign the honor pledge. No, I wouldn't turn a student in for cheating but if an instructor finds identical mistakes on a paper or other such evidence of mutual assistance they should be turned in by that instructor to the honor board. Basically the honor system is a device for making tests easier on instructors and students, and as such I think it is a good idea."

Faculty Facts . . .

Dr. J. T. Rettaliata, Director of Dept. of Mechanical Engineering
As Director of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Dr. J. T. Rettaliata heads the largest department in this school, consisting of more than 800 students.

Dr. Rettaliata graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 1932 and received his doctor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from that institution in 1936.

While engaged in graduate work Dr. Rettaliata served as an instructor in mathematics and later as head of the mathematics department and as instructor in engineering at the Baltimore College Center. He also worked in the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a laboratory technician, testing domestic oil burners and bottled gas equipment from June to October, 1935.

In 1936 he took charge of the calculation and development division of Allis-Chalmers team turbine department, later being appointed manager of the research and gas turbine development division.

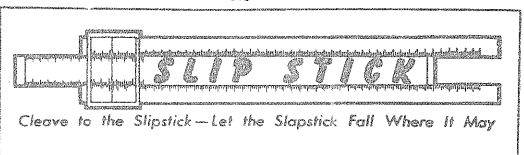
During the summer of 1940, Dr. Rettaliata obtained a leave of absence from Allis-Chalmers to accept a fellowship from the National Academy of Science for a report on special applications of gas turbines.

In 1941 Dr. Rettaliata was given the Junior Award of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for his paper on the "Combustion Gas Turbine." The following year he received the highest award obtainable by a young mechanical engineer, the Pi Tau Sigma Gold Medal Award, for outstanding achievement in mechanical engineering.

In the latter part of 1943, Dr. Rettaliata was sent to England on a special mission involving jet propulsion aircraft and has recently returned from a second mission where he spent some time investigating enemy technical developments, particularly that of German hydrogen peroxide. It is this hydrogen peroxide which is 85% concentrated that Dr. Rettaliata is now investigating for the navy.

Dr. Rettaliata has recently been appointed a member of the newly created Subcommittee on Turbines which has been established under the Committee on Power Plants for Aircraft of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

The author of 14 publications and numerous papers on gas turbine and other technical subjects, Dr. Rettaliata is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Society of Naval Engineers, Sigma Xi, and is also an honorary member of Pi Tau Sigma.



If this were a law school we could start out with the student who was asked if he was a pre-legal. Of course he claimed he was the youngest in his family. But . . . this isn't a law school, so we'll begin with the old statement that you can lead an engineer to water, but why disappoint him?
—IIT—

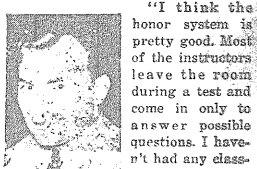
There is nothing strange about the saying: "The modern girl is like a live wire . . . she carries practically no insulation."
—IIT—

A British sailor dancing with a young thing in a very low-cut gown blurted out politely, "Beg pardon, Miss—is the V for victory?"
"That's right," she said sweetly, "but the bundles are not for Britain."
—IIT—

Especially for APO—
Up to 16 a lad is a boy scout. After that he becomes a girl scout.
—IIT—

Figures may not lie but girdles keep a lot of them from telling the truth.
—IIT—

The snow was softly falling. Poetically, Russ spoke as he



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