

TWO Operation Cross Section

Surveys are for big businessmen, statisticians, and political candidates; yet at IIT *Technology News* has initiated an opinion poll too. This poll was started because we believe that an additional means of disseminating student opinion was needed.

Many students may laughingly remark, "Don't tell me average Techhawk opinion is important." Contrary to this widespread feeling, the significance attached to student beliefs and judgments at Illinois Tech is becoming greater with every passing semester.

In at least one department of the Institute a thorough rating of faculty members by the student body was conducted last term with the full approval and sanction of the department head. The results of this survey are being reviewed in an effort to raise the standards of instruction.

Technology News, also recognizing the importance of student views is, by means of these surveys, determining, organizing, and publishing an accurate representation of Illinois Tech campus opinion. These results are not only important to the Institute and other bodies that act as policy makers and advisers but also to this newspaper, a campus publication that would represent the student viewpoint.

Curtain Time

So now we've almost got a university atmosphere—liberal arts courses and "Male Animals."

Criticism of last week's Dramatech production runs the gamut from high praise to something less... It certainly was a regal start and the kind of thing we need on campus. The week before curtaintime saw the cast working almost every day until midnight in spite of classes.

This spirit should be applauded wherever it is found.

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Letters To The Editor

Techman Cheers Drama Group, Points Out Unnatural Handicaps

Dear Sirs:

If a Hollywood casting director were seeking hermitage, I'd suggest Illinois Tech's dramatic society as a likely spot. Here he would find refuge from ambitious high school leading men, tap dancers, snappy blondes who can hit

I don't suggest that IIT set up a spa for ailing casting directors, but I would like to spotlight the mission of Dramatech, Illinois Tech's dramatic society.

A week ago, "The Male Animal" hit the boards at the old Armour Mission, center of IIT's cultural activity. A small but confident group of students who prefer dialogue and grease-paint to stamp collecting put on a show.

A source other than Webster defines "put on a show" in this particular case as selling tickets, building sets, hunting props, memorizing lines, and praying for a hit. The critics complimented the set, liked parts of the play and congratulated certain characters. The reservations implied in the comments were due to the hardships heaped on the shoulders of a few people. The Illinois Tech Student Association has seen fit to underwrite the activity and thereby provide a "play" ground for would-be Thespians.

Admittedly, lab reports and other academic exercises leave no wealth of time for engaging in such activity, but organization of scholastic projects uncover an odd hour here and there.

I recommend the use of these free hours by interested persons in furthering the aims of Dramatech. The nucleus organization, a conscientious, hard-working group, deserves your support.

A first Nighter,
REC

Two Cashiers Suggested

Dear Sir:

The cafeteria certainly has improved! Rapidly cleared tables, room to sit down, less probability of continued wandering with a tray, and, most encouraging of all, an awareness and sensitivity to conditions combined with a spirit and willingness to change.

Confused with all the various cashier systems? Well, at this rate, a system suitable to the concentrated rush at the Illinois Tech cafeteria will certainly be with us shortly.

It seems that the minimum fee has discouraged the use of tables for homework, and yet in the south cafeteria new problems evolved. Now, with a checker immediately

Collegiate World

LOW GRADES TAKE ON ZESTFUL MEANING

By Don Goldsmith

Science has at last proved that ignorance is bliss!

"It has been shown that students who make low grades are generally better adjusted psychologically than honor students." So says Robert H. Schaffer, assistant Dean of Students at the University of Indiana, in a recent article in the university's school of education bulletin. Dean Schaffer asserts that the medium-bright students are generally better adjusted emotionally and socially than the superior scholars.

This tendency is more apparent in English than any other subject. Students entering Indiana with a deficiency in English generally did rather poor classroom work in that subject, but were much less neurotic.

This discovery may well revolutionize the college grading system. The day may not be far away when an instructor will present a student with an "E", and the pupil smilingly say, "Thank you, I've been feeling mighty neurotic lately." Or perhaps, every straight "A" grade card will be accompanied with custom-tailored strait-jacket.

Imagine the happiness that last semester's graders brought!

as I see IT

By Sherwood Benson
Editor-in-Chief

JUST WHAT DOES A BS degree at a technological institute like IIT have as its principal product—technician or engineer? Or is an engineer just a well trained technician? And echoing another almost classical question, "Are engineers educated?"

To attempt to define the meanings of, or try to answer these questions here would be impossible—I don't know the answers anyway. But listening to Dr. Carl J. Friedrich speak at the all-school assembly on Friday gave me a clue to the correct answers.

Men that study science or technology without heeding other conditions around them are missing part of their education. Dr. Friedrich brought some of these "other" conditions to Illinois Tech when he talked about European reconstruction. Students exposed to this type of information not only garner a certain amount of specific knowledge but their perspective tends to broaden; they see technological problems, not as the world itself, but as a small part of the whole.

LAUNCHED ON ITS FIRST full scale venture into polling, *Technology News* found itself confronted with a great deal of "extra curricular" work. One of the most interesting things brought to light by the survey thus far is the sincerity and honesty with which most students answer questions.

Applications from students who would like to join the staff of *Technology News* in order to aid in this survey are still being accepted. The work calls for about one and one-half hours per week from each member of the survey committee.

TAKING A MUCH NEEDED haircut the other day, I noticed a calendar on the wall of the local barbershop. The calendar was advertising gasoline and displayed a picture of a woman and a horse. It seemed aimed at a soft spot in the heart of American manhood—sex.

That soft spot must be the reason why 25 per cent of Irv Rebeschin's cartoons never get by the editor's desk. Irv, one of the talented cartoonists recently added to the staff, has an affinity for drawing woman in bloom. He scoffs at the "new look," commenting that, "Tight, short dresses suit me fine."

Irv draws some consolation from the fact that his "rejects" are decorating the walls of the *Technology News* office...No charge for admission.

I RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS letter recently which derided "Wild" Bill Furlong's last "Information for Free." The gentleman thought Furlong implied in his column that a \$5 fee must be paid regardless of who is responsible for a class program change. Bill said he was sorry if this reader had drawn that conclusion from his article, but added, "At least I signed it."



Information For Free

Trocadero Air Fades At Tech

By "Wild" Bill Furlong

It was a brief, colorful, but financially disastrous fling that Illinois Tech's Kafeteria Klubbe had in the amusement world. Downtown agents were making bookings for the klubbe when they learned of the minimum charge. The makings of an old-fashioned gang war over what outfit would garner the graft was in the embryo stage.

In a treasonable effort to curb studying—imagine people at Illinois Tech trying to curb studying—in the cafeteria, the management decided to charge five cents (cash) to anybody who wandered in to look for a frieff or a place to rest. Contrary to the anticipated anti-social movement, most students continued to look for friends but were stricken with an unaccountable blindness when nearing the cashier-guarded door.

However the minimum charge and dueling at the door lent an aura of color to dining in the Kafeteria Klubbe. Students could afford large dinners as long as they could walk past the cashier with a look of bland innocence.

The experiment died a hasty and violent death when the Klubbe absorbed a financial beating at the gate. The most useful epitaph was uttered by one sage who observed, "Floor shows daily—until they put on a carpet."

followed by a money taker, there is a double stoppage in the line. Do the advantages of the division of labor here warrant an additional employee? How about using both as combined cashiers and totallers, (the old system) but instead in a "T" formation at the end of the line?

With the improved clearing service brought about by additional employees, will the prices bear the difference? Better service is worth its cost to me.

A place equipped to give an enjoyable meal is a highly desired and necessary feature of my school program. All efforts toward this goal are greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work!

Jerry Delson

Slipstick

The door to the Humor office is barred against callers. We're expecting Federal investigators — they're checking on grain speculators... (I've been dealing in corn).

Overheard on the Kenwood "L":
Lana: I've been out with a lot of Tech men but I haven't kissed one yet.
Hedy: Which one is that?

Two friends were sitting together on a crowded bus and one noticed that the other had his eyes closed. "What's the matter Mike?" he asked. "Don't you feel well?"
"I feel fine," Mike replied, "but I can't bear to see a woman standing."

There's one consolation in this busy life of ours—when we get out our salaries will run to four figures: \$27.50.

In between halves of last week's basketball game I overheard Coach Glancy finishing his pep talk: "Basketball is a sport that demands initiative, self-confidence, and individual thinking. Now get out on that floor and do exactly as I tell you!"

A neighbor of mine, passing the cabin of a mountaineer, had the bad fortune to run over and kill the mountaineer's favorite dog. He went into the house and told the man's wife what had happened and how sorry he was. The owner of the dog was out in the field and the motorist decided he had better go out and tell him.
"Better break it to him easy like," said the wife. "First tell him it was one of the kids."

Oh, well, I'd better be getting home now. My wife will probably hit the ceiling... she has a terrible aim.

Carbolic Gas

So You Got A degree
That's nice. Well son how
you need EXPERIENCE

