

Techmen Talk

By Eugene Stanley

Question: How do you feel about the prevailing five cent minimum effective in the North Union cafeteria?

Robert Hoffman, Junior EE:

"I think the five cent minimum is all right. There are a lot of fellows who do come in only to study. As a result a lot of others come in and cannot get a seat or a table. I have not noticed, so far, that this new turn of events affects the number of people in the cafeteria. Furthermore, I don't think the plan will last because people from the foundation as well as students come in, and they probably won't like the idea."

George Ransch, Junior ME:

"During rush hours there are many students in the cafeteria who are just taking up space doing homework while those trying to find a place to eat cannot find a table. Though the five cent minimum may constitute a partial solution to this problem, it will have to be in use for awhile before a definite statement can be made."

Bob Kowske, Soph ME:

"I think the five cent minimum is a shrewd idea. At least you can find a place to sit. If you do choose the cafeteria as a place to do homework, five cents is not too much. Actually, many students who are now using the cafeteria as a study hall will go to the library. I, myself, bring my lunch from home and usually buy milk anyway. So, I lose nothing."

L. Schneider, Junior EE:

"It appears to me that nickel minimum is designed to discourage loitering in the lunchroom. I don't believe it will, however, because you can still buy a coke and study or hold conversation for an extended time. Perhaps, if the administration provided more centrally located study space and lounges where smoking is permitted, the cafeteria situation would be eased."



Newman Club To Hear Robert Burns Lecture On 'Christianity and Capitalism'

Robert Burns, director of publicity for the Catholic Youth Organization, will deliver the first of two lectures on "Christianity and Capitalism" before the Newman club at 5:15 p.m. today in the Chemistry building auditorium.

Preceding the lecture will be a coffee hour starting at 4:30 p.m. in the Faculty club grill of the North Union. The coffee hour, according to Charles Trost, president of the club, is intended to spur the social activities of the club and, like the lecture, is open to all interested persons.

Burns, a member of the faculty at the Snell school of social studies, is a former representative of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. His second lecture will be presented March 17.

Plan Freshman Honor Society On Campus

Establishment of a Freshman honor society was recommended by the Interhonorary council in a memorandum sent last week to John F. White, dean of students.

The proposed society will be a chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, national honor society for freshman men.

William D. Gauthier, chairman of IHC, stated "The possibility of being elected to one of the existing honorary organizations is too remote to act as an incentive for most incoming students; the prospect of more immediate recognition will encourage these men."

APO Scout Smoker Slated For Friday

Students formerly associated with the Boy Scout movement will be entertained by Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, at a social and smoker 6 p.m. Friday in the North Union lounge.

Sam Curiale, president of APO, stated, "We want to see as many former scouts as possible at this meeting. The plan is to introduce these men to the purposes of Alpha Phi Omega, and in addition give them an enjoyable evening."

The meeting will begin with introductory explanations of the APO principles of service to the school and student body. Officers of the fraternity will explain the requirements for membership and a "question period" is to follow.

Entertainment and refreshments will complete the meeting.

Read about the mechanical failure that made history on page two, column two.

Operation Cross Section

Students Want Finals Run On Section Basis

When asked the question, "How do you prefer the finals to be made up?" 87% of those students polled in this week's *Technology News* survey picked "by each instructor for his own section," in preference to "departmental style."

Members of the *Technology News* survey committee questioned 137 students on various parts of the campus in order to sample a representative group of student opinions on the subject, "What do you think of final examinations?" The poll was taken between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. from Tuesday through Friday. No students were polled who had not taken at least one set of final examinations at IIT.

The frequency and number of examinations elicited the next most positive reaction. A ratio of more than two to one felt that one final a day would be the ideal rate. Numerically, 65% thought one exam a day, while 33% thought that two a day would be preferable. No full day break between finals was desired by 76% of those polled. In contrast to this, a recuperation period of one day was the choice of 23%.

Strong reservation was expressed by many students emphasizing that there were numerous cases where generalization was difficult. Some of these students had had as many as four examinations in one day. The following semester their finals had been spread out over the full week. This random scheduling was deplored by many of those questioned. Others complained that they had all their major courses on one day, followed by a long break before their minor quizzes.

Finals have too great a bearing on the term grade, according to 64% of the students surveyed. On the other hand, 28% thought they were properly weighted. Many of those polled qualified this question by stating that it depended a great deal on the instructor considered.

Of those surveyed, 56% believed that the final examinations were as inclusive as might be expected. Approximately 23% believed that they were too broad in coverage. One idea emphasized by many of those questioned was that when an instructor makes up his own exam to cover the material he has stressed, it is generally fair. This was brought up by many as being a major point in favor of tailored exams. It was felt, however, that if the courses were properly coordinated, and the material covered properly weighted, departmental exams might be satisfactory.

The question bringing the most comment concerned the amount of time between exams. In the opinion of 53% of those polled, not enough time was provided. Enough of a break has been provided according to another 43% of those queried. It was almost unanimously agreed, however, that more time should be given between the end of the semester and the beginning of the final examinations.

Old Grads From Dayton Area To Form Alumni Club; Twenty-third Organization Of Its Kind

Approximately 40 alumni in the Dayton, Ohio area will meet next Friday to form the twenty-third Illinois Tech Alumni club. This group is being formed under the sponsorship of Earl B. Johnson, ME '24, president of the Dayton Carbide Tool company.

Illinois Tech Alumni clubs have a three-fold purpose: a meeting place for former students, a publicity agent for the school and its activities, and an effective organization to assist graduates in locating themselves professionally and socially in club localities.

The clubs, some of which have as many as 200 members, cover an area from New York city to San Francisco and from St. Louis to Detroit. There is also a group in Canton, China, and one being currently organized in the Philippine Islands.

Dramatech To Produce New Play For Junior Week

"Miracle on 33rd Street," an original play, will be Dramatech's contribution to Junior Week.

Positions are available to anyone interested in acting or helping with the props, according to Prof. Frank M. Hrachovsky, director. Also needed are make-up personnel, carpenters, and electricians.

Casting will begin March 12 at 5 p.m. in the North Union lounge. Professor Hrachovsky requests that all interested students attend or call Ken Turner at Victory 7690.

NEWS IN BRIEF

SENIOR RINGS—John S. Culver, senior ring committee chairman, has announced that senior class ring and key orders will no longer be taken in the North Union lobby.

If a senior wishes a key or ring, he is requested to contact Culver personally.

THESIS LECTURE—Dr. R. C. Kintner, assistant dean of the graduate school, will give a lecture on the writing of theses in 181MC at 8:30 p.m. on March 24.

CHESS CLUB—Winners of the checker and class A chess tournaments, begun last semester, have been announced by the chess club. On top among Chess club players is Edwin Koladodzie, while the checker champ is Clarence Kalenium.

CHEM TEA—"The Place of the Chemist in Industry" will be discussed by Dr. Howard E. Kremors at the meeting of the American Chemical Society tomorrow.

The meeting, to be held at 7 p.m. in the North Union auditorium, will be followed by a tea in the lounge.

TAU OMEGA—Tau Omega, honorary aeronautical fraternity, made plans for the pledging of new men at its first meeting of the semester last Thursday.

Officers elected for the semester are Frank Pospisil, president; Cliff Seidler, vice-president; and Marvin Brown, secretary-treasurer.

AERO CLUB—The Model airplane club's plans to sponsor a meet during Junior Week will be discussed

at a meeting tomorrow at 11 a.m. in 114 Chapin.

NAVY TRIP—Two of Illinois Tech's NROTC midshipmen, John G. Morgan and Donald C. Cummings, will visit the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT—Research is being conducted by the psychology department in certain aspects of color blindness.

Willard A. Kerr, associate professor of psychology, stated, "If students desiring to take these tests will report to room 404C between one and three p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, the aid will be of great value."

NEW APPOINTMENT—The appointment of Stanley Lundin as assistant to the business manager in charge of recruitment and placement of non-academic personnel was announced recently by Gilbert A. Force, Institute business manager.

Mr. Lundin succeeds Leslie E. Jasker whose resignation becomes effective March 15. Mr. Lundin comes to IIT from the Automatic Electric Company where he served three years as assistant to the personnel director.

RIFLE CLUB—The freshman rifle team members are busy this week

shooting a match against the University of Cincinnati. John Butkus, the club sponsor, will witness the shooting in cooperation with Leonard Druian, secretary-treasurer.

SPRING CONCERT—Tickets for the Illinois Tech Spring Concert go on sale Monday at 5 p.m. in the North Union auditorium. All seats are reserved and will be sold on a first come, first served, basis.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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