



Urges use of beanies

To the Editor:

School spirit at IIT has been in a state of definite decline. At first, there were very few traditions but gradually even those were destroyed—freshman hazing was stopped. Immediately following the war, there was an influx of veterans who were interested mainly in attending classes. School spirit, again, suffered a relapse.

Now, there is a younger group of students at Tech. They want book learning, but along with it, some "Joe College" life. For incoming freshmen this means wearing an identifying badge. Here at IIT, the ideal badge would be a crimson and gray beanie worn while the student is on campus.

Toward the middle of the semester, there could be an athletic contest between the "freshies" and the second termers to determine whether the beanies would have to be worn during the remainder of the semester or not. The contest could be a push-ball contest or tug-of-war to allow many students to participate.

This would instill school spirit in the freshman classes; this spirit could easily be maintained during the remainder of their years in school.

Student Admissions Advisory Board

To the Editor:

Even though I often read *Technology News* with interest, I am almost always disappointed by the exclusion of important off-campus news. The obvious fact that local and international events might easily monopolize the entire contents of a college newspaper does not justify a complete omission of these events.

Man does not live by bread alone, and engineers do not live by science alone. Engineers too, face the problems of economic security, of rearing a family, of living in a hazardous age. Often it is the engineers who build the machines which threaten their own existence.

Alan Platt

Let me cite one example of news upon which *Technology News* might have commented. It is the near riot which took place recently on Chicago's southwest side. An event of this kind could easily have more influence on the future of the graduating engineer than could all of his schooling and all of his experience.

To completely ignore problems of this kind is a serious indictment of an organ which considers itself a university newspaper.

M. S.

To the Editor:

A certain fourth-term candidate has main policies against our cherished fraternities and Junior Week.

Fearing the press, he declines to air his intentions of having ITSA investigate publications and Nu Chi Sigma. He must be stopped.

W. T. Dorr

We're proud of our prexy

The Chicago Daily News editorialized Tuesday, that Chicago in general and Techawks in particular should be very proud of Henry T. Heald, president of Illinois Tech.

Recent passing of the revised building code for Chicago was a major victory for those people who engaged in an embittered struggle to lift the restrictions on the small homes' construction practices. President Heald led the fight on behalf of the Citizens' Building Code committee.

Passing of the law has wide ramifications. Techawks may soon find that it will be possible for slum areas to disappear with greater rapidity than was previously expected. With less restrictions on the building of small homes, the blighted area around the present campus may be rehabilitated with greater ease, giving way to neat rows of apartment buildings and private homes.

The Daily News implies that President Heald is a great guy. We knew it all along.

Jim scans past year

Since this is my first column of the year 1950, I suppose I should be very reminiscent and follow the line of radio and press and review all the hit songs or all the big news events of the past year. But I imagine that after the surge of this malarky in the past two weeks, you're as sick of it as I am.

Instead, let's glance at the year ahead and see what we have to look forward to. Finals, homework, quizzes, the Canasta craze, the threat of war, nine cent coffee, another battle with my jeep about NSA and conflict in programs.

But let's not be too pessimistic. There's the good side also. Passing, a bridge, another year of peace, the return to dime beers, a World Series in Chicago, another November 24, and no Saturday classes. (I hate to say it, but the first list looks a lot more probable.)

It's hard to realize the semester is already drawing to a close; seems like only last week when I stepped into George Bowman's shoes. Already the heels are worn down.

I have quite a few misgivings about the little that's been accomplished in the past year and how much more there is to do in the year to come, but I also have a better idea about what my predecessors were up against when they tried combining schoolwork and politics.

I'm not complaining, because it's very gratifying to know that in some small way you are helping to determine student policy. The frustrating thing is that it is impossible to devote your full time to it, especially when you can't work a slide rule.

In a few weeks we'll have some new people taking office, so while I have the chance I'd like to extend my thanks to all the outgoing officers for the cooperation they gave me. To the incoming officers, whoever they may be, let me say, we've got a job cut out for us, let's give it all we've got.

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as I see IT

By ED MICHELEC

ELECTION TIME is drawing near, and it's time to clear away the slide rule smoke and consider seriously who is about to seek class office in your term.

It may be hard to convince some of you to take an active interest in your candidates, to discuss them and, by all means, to vote for them. You have been preached at enough in your life about all the abstract ideals in elections, our American heritage and all it connotes; I don't think I have to remind you of them.

You should be interested in the effects of your voting. Your elected representatives determine how your money



is to be spent (or possibly mis-spent) and what level of student morale will exist. They decide how many school dances are to be held and how much is to be spent on them, who shall manage student publications and Junior Week Open House programs, and how well the various student groups on the campus cooperate as a smoothly working whole.

I'd like to compare the quality of officers you elect to the quality of the clothes you wear when you are trying to look your best. Students who represent Illinois Tech as a whole reflect your character like clothes do for you when you are out with your sweetie or when looking for a job.

You can avoid your responsibility to determine who are your school leaders and, indirectly, what are their policies, but you cannot escape the consequences. Your life now as a member of our student family and your life out of school is dependent on the recognition that Illinois Tech achieves and maintains in student affairs as well as how careworn your slide rule becomes.

GOOD WRITERS are precious souls, and it warms an editor's heart to give them recognition. Hal Bergen of our feature staff has written eight articles, the last of which appears in this issue.

This series has done much to make Tech students conscious of the importance of effective placement procedures.

Being conscious of them is not enough. It remains for Illinois Tech students to be so active in undergraduate placement activities that we gain the national reputation for the best placement of our graduates. This reputation will have to be earned.

Present placement programs, and broader ones too, will have to be pursued with untiring efforts before we win such a reputation and reap its benefits.

Slipstick

Working on a crossword puzzle, Mrs. Clark asked, "What is a female sheep?" "Ewe," replied Mr. Clark, and the battle was on.

A couple of newlwyeds got into the elevator of their hotel. The elevator operator, a cute little gal, looked at the groom.

"Hello, darling," she said. There was an icy silence until the couple got off upstairs. Then the bride exploded.

"Who was that woman?" she demanded.

"Look honey," replied the groom, "don't get excited! I'm going to have enough trouble explaining you to her."

"How did you get the black eye?" "From a cough." "A black eye from a cough?" "Yeah, I coughed in a clothes closet."

Carabelle Gussie

A minister, leaving his church one day, noticed three small boys sitting on the steps. One had a toy airplane, one a racing car, and the third a copy of *Esquire Magazine*.

He asked them what they would like to be. Quickly two answered with "An airplane pilot" and "A racing driver."

Turning to the third boy, questioned, "And you?" The boy dragged his eyes away from the magazine pages and replied, longingly, "Grown, sir, grown!"

Heading on a column of Census figures: "Population of U. S. Broken Down by Age and Sex."

A college senior was rushing a pretty coed. "Don't you get it?" he urged. "I want to marry you. I want you to be the mother of my children." "But how many do you have?" asked the girl.