



Letters to the Editor

Parking situation under fire; Activities are still on gripe list

To the Editor:

What gives on the parking lot situation?

When the parking lot south of 32nd street between Federal and Dearborn streets was first opened it was available to all on a first come, first parked basis. Before long, the outside row on each side was reserved for faculty and staff members. Later the second row on each side was also reserved, giving the staff half of the parking lot.

Meanwhile the lot north of 32nd street was opened and students who came after 8 a. m. had to park there because closer parking space was filled. Nine o'clock students had to park close to 31st street in the north lot, though the reserved space in the south lot often remained half full all day.

The latest move seems to go much too far. As of October 13, the south lot is entirely reserved for staff members until 10 a. m. This gives them almost as much reserved space as is made available to students. Does this make sense? I don't think so. Are there as many faculty and staff members as there are students? Obviously not. Perhaps a higher percentage of staff members drive to school than students, but the difference in percentage driving still would not mean that as many staff members drive as students.

I live 20 miles from school in Midlothian, Illinois. Riding the Rock Island and GTA takes 80 minutes each way if one makes connections. By automobile this time is reduced to 45 minutes during the rush hour. I feel that automobile transportation is practically a necessity because of the time it saves, but if this parking situation continues, the only parking space available to students soon will be a ten or fifteen minute walk from school.

Something must be done!

John G. McCoy

To the Editor:

Last week Technology News carried an article by Jim Gaffney, president of ITSA. In this article he mentioned that the degree of student freedom on this campus is relatively high as compared to other colleges around the country. Accepting this as fact, students at IIT, it seems, can't appreciate a good thing when it is given to them. For a school where such freedom exists there are probably fewer students en-

gaged in student activity than on those campuses where this freedom is at a premium.

As one gazes through the Integral, he finds few seniors listed with more than their majors beneath their names, and from the recent report on the number of senior photos yet to be taken, one finds that a great percentage of them will not even bother to have their picture taken to include in their class yearbook.

Certainly this campus freedom is of little value if left unnoticed and unpracticed. The time will come when engineers as professional men will want more to remember of their college days than a series of classes and homework sessions.

Don Cumming

To the Editor:

Since the inception of a filing system of old tests, homework, and lab reports at Farr Hall, results have been of great scope. In less than a semester the "file" has developed into a silent tutor that has aided many students and has been acclaimed by all users.

The idea of a file is nothing new. Fraternal groups on the campus have taken such prodigious care in developing their files that it is a matter of conjecture whether the various departments or fraternities have any more material on which to base coming tests.

The only flaw in this benevolent system is that the unattached students (non-frat or non-dorm), who are in a majority, are left to shift for themselves.

Few of our departments have recognized this injustice and have made a file available to all. Yet, the proponents of the "old school" persist in guarding back-number tests as top secret. Why?

Objections loudly raised by some of the student organizations can help to correct this situation. This sounds simple enough, but here is the "gimmick": an overwhelming plurality of fraternal group members serve on all student associations and consequently these organizations reflect their views. Why should these people kick?

Only the interest of all the students can solve this problem. Certainly, muttering in small groups will not do it. What's that saying about "those that help themselves"?

Sam Lane

Dances need bus service

As you've probably already noted on page one, ITSA is now operating at a loss. But don't worry, everything is under control. It's not mismanagement. It was done deliberately.

I hope you are aware of the fact that since some enterprises are year long projects (Integral, Rough Castings, etc.) it is necessary that their appropriations for the entire year be given during this term. This means that our expenses next semester will be a good deal less and it is then that we hope to get out of the hole and even get a little ahead if possible.

Don't get the idea that we're all closed up as far as appropriations go. Since a certain amount of our income for next semester is certain, we can still draw on it.

I will admit though that things are tightening up. Due to the present drop and expected drops in enrollment, student finances are going to start taking it on the chin. This year we had to start cutting budgets and, as much as I hate to say it, I'm afraid it's going to become a long term trend. I don't think you're surprised. The lush years are just about over.

Outside of finances there was one other thing that may be of interest to a number of you. ITSA has instituted a bus service.

We're not running the buses, but we will appropriate money to hire them. Here's the deal.

In the past there have been some complaints about the way our feminine dance guests have been treated, so we're attempting to correct the situation by subsidizing all-school dances to the extent of a transportation fee.

Any all-school free dance on campus can get up to \$30 from ITSA for hiring a bus to pick up guests. This amount is to be returned if the dance is run for profit and if the profit exceeds the price appropriated.

If the profit is less, however, the money made is turned over to ITSA. If the dance is non-profit or breaks even, ITSA pays the entire fee.

The \$30 applies only to organizations holding all-school dances once a year. If the money is requested by an organization more than once a year, ITSA will only pay half the cost, up to \$15, for each succeeding request. Anyone interested can get more information from Don Lynch, chairman of the Social Committee.

Jim Gaffney, ITSA Pres.

as I see IT

By ED MICHELIC

TAKING A BEATING in a quiz is an unpleasant experience, especially in a course that is interesting of itself. I have such a course in theory and organization of management. Running up against an essay-type examination, I did poorly considering the fact that I get plenty of writing practice on this newspaper.

I was not alone in this misfortune. Many of the faces around me fell as the ominous blue books were returned. The instructor then proceeded to bemoan our poor verbal ability as engineers, naming a half-dozen possible reasons why we were as stupid as we are, some of which I am passing on to you.



It might be that we do not learn proper language habits at home or in lower school grades; some may say that our intense training in physical concepts limits our ability in written discussion of social-philosophical ideas. We talk formulas as expressing nature's behavior; our mental images are those of beams deflecting, wire coils rotating and metals crystallizing.

We eventually are going out into industry—industry that must be somewhat efficient in order to show profit. Nothing is so essential to efficiency as clearcut directions and complete reporting of facts in paper work. Organizations are run by directives, letters and memoranda, all composed of words coming to bear on the human personality.

Let's start getting away from strict numerical talk and incessant curve plotting. Let's put more emphasis in courses on verbal interpretation of both physical and social theory.

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Slipstick

We understand that manufacturers of a certain feminine garment are currently making only three kinds: The Russian type, the Salvation Army type, and the American type. The function of the Russian type is to uplift the masses; the Salvation Army type, to raise the fallen; the American type, to make mountains out of molehills.

Jane Russell doesn't cook, according to an article about her and "Mr. Russell" (Bob Waterfield) in Scripps Magazine. "Bob does the cooking," Jane says, "because he doesn't want me to lean over the stove and endanger my career."

The moon was yellow, the lane was bright,
As she turned to me in the night.
Every gesture and every glance
Gave the hint that she craved romance,
I stammered, I stuttered, and time went by—
The moon was yellow, and so was I.

Fashion Note: They're wearing the same thing in brassieres this year.

A true music lover is one who, upon hearing a soprano in the bathroom, puts his ear to the key-hole.

Mrs. Murphy: "What's a jeep? My boy Mike writes that he's running around with one."

Mrs. Clancy: "It's an Army automobile."

Mrs. Murphy: "The saints be praised! I thought it was a female Jap."

There would be a great many more brunettes in this country if so many hadn't dyed.

Mistress: "I'm glad to hear you're engaged, Doty. When are your nuptials coming off?"

Doty: "On our wedding night, ma'am, and not a minute before!"

Carbolic Gus