A healthy program of extra-curricular activities is a highly important adjunct to an academic program in specialized education. Situated in a great American city, the bulk of Illinois Tech's students are Chicagoans who, upon coming to Technology Center in the morning usually must remain all day for late afternoon classes. To provide a comfortable social center where students may dine, lounge, read, or chat is one of the purposes to be served by the Student Union.

As part of the Institute's aim to train its graduates for social and leadership responsibilities in modern society, it feels that campus social relations are a valuable benefit to the student by broadening his educational background and developing his personality. The Student Union will serve as the hub of all campus social activities. Dances, meetings, luncheons, clubs will be provided for by the facilities of this building.

Combined with the Student Union will be a large Auditorium. At present, the largest meeting hall on the campus will seat only 700 persons, yet the day student enrollment alone is in excess of five times that number.

Large Alumni Reunions could comfortably be held in this new Auditorium. Campus drama groups will find in it all the required theatrical facilities necessary to stage student productions. The Auditorium could easily foster popular public lecture series in keeping with the Institute's constant recognition of its community responsibilities as a good citizen.

Cost of Student Union and Auditorium: \$900,000