Visions of a New Term

Homecoming’s Coming

Never in the recollectable history of IIT has a homecoming event package been put together as has been put together this year’s Homecoming ’97. It promises to be an experience not easily forgotten.

The package starts out on Friday, February 4th with a Double Band Mitzvah featuring Silly Putty and One Pound Round. Silly Putty is a Chicago area rock band, one of whose specialties is a full hour set of Led Zeppelin. One Pound Round is a two man band whose bag in a nays, comic type of music. With Frank Zappa, One Pound Round will be baring shortly on a cross country tour with the Tubes.

As always, beer and munchins will be provided. This will be the opportunity to turn in solicitations for Homecoming King and Queen. Tickets are available now at $2 in advance. The price will be $2.50 at the door.

The next night, Saturday, February 5th will see Don McLean in concert at the HUB auditorium. McLean is best known for his hit song “American Pie”, however there are many other masterpieces in his repertoire including “Vincent” and “The Legend of Andrew McCrow”.

On Tuesday, February 8th at 8pm, prohibition will come to the Bog. The St. Valentine’s Day Massacre will recreate the late 1920’s, early 1930’s gangster era.

A ticket to the Bog will be available as well as a few surprises. We want to encourage costumes and special effects for this party. There will be prizes given out for the things such as “best gang”, group with the most violin cases, and similar categories.

A ticket will also be required at a special door entrance to the Bog. This will really be a great event, sort of on the same order as the Spring Thing New Year’s Eve Party, and something you’ll definitely want to attend.

Was the earth visited in ancient times by astronauts from another solar system? Did those astronauts erect the building of the pyramids in Egypt? Erich Van

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New Computer Added

by James Chiodarillo

There is a new addition to IIT’s computer center this semester. At a cost of two hundred thousand dollars, IIT has purchased a PRIME 400 computer to augment the present Univa 110B system. This is the largest and most sophisticated model in the PRIME line of computers. As stated by Ron Hocsprung, “The Prime is designed for time sharing access and that is the main reason IIT acquired it.” Therefore, unlike the 110B, the Prime 400 will allow the user to man a terminal and work directly with a computer. According to Hocsprung, the Prime will initially be free of charge and “will be accessible to anyone who has a right to access.” The intention of all persons with a just cause, including students, will be able to obtain a right to access; however, the exact policies have not yet been determined.

Hocsprung feels the Prime should be fully ready for operation in approximately one month. In that time there will be eight terminals and twelve phone lines installed to allow convenient access to a number persons simultaneously. Also, the school will offer mini-courses in its operation once the system is fully implemented and ready for study.

Since the Univa 110B was designed chiefly for batch operation and not time sharing, the addition of the Prime 400 will greatly aid the students in all areas of study.

The Prime 400 will have three processors: FORTRAN, COBOL, and BASIC. However, FORTRAN is expected to be the language most students and faculty will be using since it is the 400’s most versatile.

The administration will also be taking advantage of this new resource since it has already used it to print last semester’s grades. Also, according to Greg Cook, Assistant Provost, student records, class lists, payroll and tuition billing statements and library information files will be stored on the Prime instead of the Univa 110B.

See picture on page 5.

Artic Cold Chills Campus

by Sue Sohl

The recent icy cold spell suffered by the entire Midwest did not pass unnoticed by those at IIT. No major mishaps were incurred, but the cold had its effect, especially in the area of fuel and electricity cost.

 Hank Wardt, Director of IIT’s Department of Buildings and Grounds, explained in terms of degree-days a degree-day is a unit representing one degree of deviation from the standard temperature, in the average temperature of one day: “If last year Chicago had 1007 degree days for the period ending December 30th of last year, we’ve had 2951. This adds the amount and also the costs of the steam and electricity.” As an example of the weather’s toll, Wardt says that so far this winter, he has calculated a 50% increase in the number of points of steam used by the Institute.

The biggest concern this winter has been the increased cost of

A 10% increase over the past year. This, coupled with the extra fuel that has been consumed to ward off the arctic air, accounts for the worried eye Wardt and other administration officials are keeping on the budget.

IIT’s conservation program received a blow when last week IIT was asked to cut back there and by 5-10%. Though this measure is expected to be temporary, Wardt assures the conservation effort, “In order to have fuel (and the students’ tuition money), we are attempting to conserve by turning off unnecessary lights, by using space allotments, and by practicing common sense. For this to work, though, everyone has to help.”
Students

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Graduation Turnout Is Light

Commencement exercises were held December 19th, during which 318 graduates received degrees. The Chicago-Center College of Law will award 77 Juris Doctor degrees on Sunday, January 30th.

Deere & Company "Bill" Brown, Director of Campus Life, said the December 19th exercise disappointments in terms of the number of undergraduates in attendance. "The low percent showing of undergraduates was much lower than expected. I was surprised at this relatively low turnout."

Previously cancelled due to lack of student interest, December commencement was reinstated early last semester—an administrative reaction to pressure from parents and seniors. Brown's disappointment shows in his outlook toward future midyear graduations. "Let me say that I would not pressure President Martin to have one next year. Though the engineering and science field with a new degree offering, I do believe the number of degrees is something to be 3rd under the current employment status of the faculty and grantees."

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Dr. Shackleford has won this theory in his book, "The Goddess of the Gods." His God is the God of the Gods, and he sees God from a different perspective. He claims that when he studies the Bible, he finds evidence scattered all over the globe and he will detail vast amounts of it in his lecture - slide presentation at the HUB auditorium on Wednesday, February 9.

There has been much TV and film documentary evidence "In Search of Ancient Astronauts" based on Von Daniken's books and a full-length feature film "Christ of the Gods," which was a major film event across the U.S. and Canada.

When asked, "Are the Gods of the Gods," which was a major box office hit, it was in the top one of the ratings. Tickets for "Eros of the Gods" presented by Eros of the Gods are at the news stand for $2.50 for students and $5 for others. Tickets for this lecture are also available at all ticket offices.

The Homecoming basketball game this year got the contact of the field. The game, which was held at 8:30 p.m., looked at the cheerleaders.

Student Aid Boosted

Williams Shackleford, Director of Educational Aid, reports that aid is available for a 50% increase in federal student aid for the 1977-1978 academic year. The programs benefiting from this windfall include: the National Direct Student Loans, the Work-Study Program, and the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant.

Of the three, the largest increase will be given to the Work-Study Program, which previously was barely existent. Under this program, student will be created on both on and off campus, using the federal money along with employer's money in the 80-20% same to pay salaries. The student's salary will then be considered as direct aid in the analysis of financial need.

In order to qualify for this program, a student must first subscribe to all the traditional need forms - the ITF form, the Basic Opportunity Grant, and the Illinois State Assistance form. Shackleford is disappointed with the slow response the financial aid office to the students who need to fill out the forms. This, he feels, will prove to their own disadvantage once federal money becomes available as of July 1 and will be used, in part, for full-time employment under the Work-Study program. "Slacken in the relationships and grants take a few months to arrive, there is something to be said for the 'as soon as possible' approach to financial aid."

Present federal grant aid is at ITF levels. The proposed increase will raise that to over $1 million, which Shackleford says will put "financial aid at ITF back at the level it was in 75-76."

Homecoming Briefs

WOUI Finally FM

Beginning last Tuesday, WOUI, the student radio station, began its long-awaited FM broadcasting. Temporarily on the air from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, WOUI will continue its permanent broadcast day of noon to 2 p.m. within the next few weeks.

The current staff of 25 will present a block format of jazz, rock, and classical music to a listening audience of approximately 4,000.

It is hoped that the staff will be doubled through extension recruiting to the radio station can expand its present program to include morning shows.

John "Doc" Casey, WOUI Business Manager, summed up the station's twenty year struggle for FM certification with the statement: "We fought the bureaucratic gear and came out on top."

IT Instructor Dies

Dr. Margaret P. Paknikar, M.M.M., died December 4 of an apparent heart failure at his home at 45, M. He was 35.

Dr. Paknikar, a native of India, joined the ITF Mechanical Engineering Department in 1964 and was awarded a Doctorate in 1970.

After graduation, Dr. Paknikar worked for Purdue Engineering in instrumentation of steam lines. He also taught mathematics at Valparaiso University and in the evening division here.

Funeral services were held at the campus chapel December 8.
Can Computers Be Human?

Though one could never guess it, IIT spent $200,000 buying a computer that would supposedly speed up and make more efficient the current grading system. For some reason things just didn't work out - grade reports were later than ever getting out, when they finally appeared they were jumbled beyond recognition and, for the most practical purposes, next to worthless. GPA's were miscalculated, semester hours were dropped, courses and grades were omitted.

A few mistakes could have been overlooked or even tolerated, but when the numbers of errors hit triple figures excuses become difficult. It is true the computer was new and that the help was mostly of the student variety and both are strong arguments for understanding; the disturbing factor was the nonchalance with which the registrar's office received the complaints. They should be reminded that it is because of the students that they hold the jobs they depend on, thus these workers deserve a little courtesy and consideration.

Technology is fine, error toward the end of progress is acceptable, but not at the sake of politeness and warmth. Computers are fast and efficient, but do make mistakes - these working with them should exercise their superiority by avoiding the computer's major fault - lack of humanness.

letters

Speak Out for Editorial Good Taste

Dear Editor:

I write this angry letter to Technology News in November criticizing content in the October 31-31 Federal Street News and Blues, including some choice words for seemingly uncensored opinions on the part of the IIT administration. I was told by the Tech News staff that my letter was not printed because it was too long and did not include my phone number, which this letter seeks to rectify.

My criticisms were directed at the editors' grossly biased interpretation of the new grading system, which I believe to be a major change. I believe the editors were overly critical of the new system and did not take the time to understand it.

I am writing to remind the editors that they have a valuable role in editorial dissection, as they do any other media, in determining moral tone, and that it is not obligated to provide poor taste.

I wish, also, to remind other students that if no one stands up to be counted, this is as good as a process by which society is changed, less by attacks upon it than by lack of response by caring individuals.

I wish to thank the Theology Office, the editors, and the Tech News staff for their fairness in updating this letter with my personal opinions on the issue.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane

Santa Project Participants Laud

Dear Editor:

We would like to express our deepest appreciation for all the individuals and groups, including the IIT Women's Club, the Arts Club, Campus Life, Herman Hall and Publicity staffs, the Black Students Organization, Commuter Students Association, AFO Fraternity, Theatre III, Vandercook College of Music, architecture

letters policy

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Have you noticed any improvement in registration this year?
What changes would you like to see in registration?

BEN BEE (EE '94)

It was way down. I had to wait longer than usual. Registration should be first come, first served, not alphabetically. There should be mail registration for upperclassmen, and only freshmen should be here.

ARYVAD IGNATOS (SMAE '08)

It's as bad as ever. Registration should be more simplified. I don't even know what I'm supposed to do at some stations.

RUSSELL STAB (FPSE '06)

I sure have. There were shorter lines when I registered at 9:15. No changes.

KEVIN CLARKE (EE '96)

It was quieter. They should serve punch and put the right cards in the folder.

DEBBY ANDERSON (EE '96)

It's about the same. They should try to get rid of some of the lines.

Dr. Quesier

Upon returning to school this week, I've noticed a subtle yet significant change on campus. The university's service stations have switched from Mobil Oil to Texaco. What's the story?

John

You certainly don't miss a trick, do you? I wish I could tell you a story of fast action and intrigue, but the dynamics of this case are actually quite straightforward. Service stations not only give service, they also require it. The field reps from Mobil were particularly vigilant in this regard. From June 1st to December 31st, the Mobil rep made only two visits to the campus - and one was to retrieve their credit card machine upon notification of termination. Compare this to the fresh, agressive servicing of the Texaco rep - three times since January 4th.

The IT station averages 30,000 gallons/month. In the days before the gas shortage there were periods where the station would sell well over 1 million gallons a year. Those days are probably gone forever now that IT can't give the percentage of price break they gave when they enjoyed purchasing the gasoline at fleet-rate discounts (up to 5 cents/gallon cheaper than the regular commercial service stations). The decreased volume may be the reason for the decreased service by the Mobil rep.

Texaco apparently feels that the IT account is worth cultivating. They have given the school a 2.5 cents/gallon break which is now being passed on to the IT community. Texaco has also indicated an interest in various promotional deals. For example, starting this Monday, a coupon and any gas purchased will get the customer a free can of anti-freeze windshield washer worth 75 cents.

The station manager, Charlie Kronenberg, has been with IT since the station was built 16 years ago. He and the staff have continually been able to keep their product and service prices down; maps are free (they cost IT 11 cents), premium oils are expensive compared to commercial stations, and hub jobs are priced lower than most competition. One only wishes that they had the space and equipment to do so.

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Sincerely,

Mimi Jaffe
UNION BOARD PRESENTS

BIG WEEK COMING UP FOR IIT STUDENTS:
IIT HOMECOMING '77

Double Band Mixer.
Friday, February 4th, 8pm HUB Ballroom
$2.00 IIT students advanced sales until 5pm Friday
$2.50 other advanced sales $3.00 for all at the door

Don McLean In Concert
Saturday, February 5th, 8pm HUB Auditorium
$3.00 IIT students advanced sales
$6.00 others advanced sales
$6.00 for all at the door

"Era of the Gods"
Lecture
Erich von Daniken
Wednesday, Feb. 9th, 8pm HUB Auditorium
$2.00 IIT student advance sale
$4.00 others advance sale
$4.00 for all at the door

Hawks vs. Illini
Friday, February 11th, 7:30 pm
Keating Hall FREE
Show Some School Spirit BE THERE!

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Friday February 28, 12:30 Saturday February 29 7 & 9

Soupy Sales coming to IIT Homecoming Dinner Dance

Homecoming Dinner-Dance
$10 (per person) IIT student and date
$15 (per person) all others
Saturday, February 12th, 8pm HUB Ballroom

A Nite At The Races
Friday, February 11th, 9pm HUB Cafeteria
$1.75 advance sales at the HUB newsstand
$2.00 at the door

IIT Carnival Time!
HUB Saturday, February 12th 2-5 pm
Small charge at booths: tickets $.10 each, 15 for $1.00

St Valentine's Day Massacre
Tuesday, February 8th, 8pm
BOG FREE ADMISSION
and for those who can't make it to the homecoming dinner dance:

Hitchcock Thriller
Saturday, February 12th HUB Auditorium
Two Showings: 7pm & 9:30 pm FREE

HOMECOMING '77 IS ONLY 14 DAYS AWAY

January 21, 1977

The Conservative
Intellectual Movement
In America Since 1945
By George Nash

Recently, many people have found an attractive feature in the conservative political platform. The of the conservative position was well revealed by an unpublicized poll taken by CBS and the New York Times of voters returning from the polls. According to that poll, Reagan had won the Republican choice, while he still would have
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Recently, many people have found an attractive feature in the conservative political platform. The theme of the conservative position is well revealed in the euphemisms of politics by CBS and the New York Times. It is often that the polls, Reagan, if he had been the republican choice, while he still would have lost, would have bettered Ford's percentage of the popular vote by one percent; and Reagan did not even campaign. What would the outcome have been if Reagan had been nominated? Judging by the effectiveness of his past campaigns, Reagan would have defeated his democratic opposition. This, of course, is speculation. Various cultural geographers have argued that there would have been a trade-off: some voters voted merely against Carter, while if Reagan had been nominated, they would have voted against him. This is of minor importance now. What is important is that, after being inoculated so intensively by left wing positions and doctrines, does such a massive support of conservatism remain?

The answer to such a question is multifaceted, but it does suffice now to say that the conservative position is one of consistency. The answers which are good for a conservative spokesman regarding a contemporary problem are quite likely to be the same answers which he would favor in any similar situation. In a sense, the conservative position follows from an ideology, not from any consensus political opinion. George Nash's recent book, The Conservative Intellectual Movement In America Since 1945, captures the spirit of the movement against progressivism and liberal counterculture; and in favor of the doctrines originally promulgated in the Articles Of The Confederation. To conservatives, it is these values which represent America, and which ought to be conserved. The conservative movement, as a movement to regain lost beliefs and a lost identity, began with Frederick Hayek's The Road To Serfdom. Hayek believed, in nineteen forty-five, that western civilization was swimming aimlessly and would, if it did not hasten to correct its bearings, end up in the same state as Nazi Germany. Hayek argued against socialism, but more specifically, against central government economic planning. Hayek's classic libertarian work catalyzed a great deal of anti-socialist thought which shortly became outspoken.

Presently, the conservatives have withstood attack from external neo-liberals and nearly self defeating internal dispute, held essentially between classical liberals and the christian faction of the movement, which maintained God as a necessary element of free civilization. The possible internal erosion was sung by Frank Meyer, a former communist who later became one of the most flamboyant crusaders for conservatism with his bastardized "Fascism". It was essentially Meyer, with the help of William F. Buckley's National Review that ended any dissolving forces within the movement, and allowed for a sufficient focus of right wing thought against an alive articulation from the left. Nash goes on to trace the ideological development of conservatism to the present. He provides histories of the many involved with the movement, and their personal disputes with one and another, such as the great conflict over Ayn Rand in the sixties, when Rand published her acclaimed Atlas Shrugged, that won a substantial following for her Objectivism.

Nash's work represents a brief thorough account of a destined to be influential and perhaps, common set of doctrines. More of its type and in good enough to be followed. In a word, Nash has written a necessary text for any student of contemporary political thought. It is indeed very interesting.
By Joe Hughes

After a strong start, winning their first three games, the IHIT basketball team faltered during the semester break. The team's record is currently 6-7.

The Hawks lost four consecutive games before defeating Roosevelt University 77-72 in the second round of the IHIT Christmas tournament. The tournament was won by Northeastern Illinois, which defeated IHIT 87-63 in the first round.

The Hawks opened the season with a game against Bradley University, an NCAA Division 1 team. Although IHIT lost the game by 36 points, coach Rich Swanson felt the game provided the team with an excellent learning opportunity.

IHIT has been hampered in the last three games by the loss of four players, including senior Willie Williams, who had been averaging 20 points per game. Junior Kevin Klein has been averaging over 15 points in the last three games, as has the team's leading scorer, Jack Maddox.

The Hawks opened play in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference on January 7, defeating St. Francis 85-74. IHIT then lost to George Williams 55-53 and to Illinois-Chicago 60-76 in overtime.

Conference play will continue every Tuesday and Friday until the end of February. The Hawks host Northeastern Illinois in a conference game on February 1 at 7:30 PM and play at Lewis University on February 8.

The IHIT varsity swim coach Dennis Mansch announced this week the start of the IHIT swimming competition for all interested members of the IHIT community. The event will run from January 22 to May 20, 1977 in Keating Hall's Elco Pool.

The reason 66 miles was chosen as the distance for the contest is because the distance one would have to swim to cross the English Channel three times. Fifty swimmers have completed a double crossing of the Channel, but no swimmer has been able to complete three crossings at one attempt.

Elco Pool, however, is only 25 yards long and thus must be crossed 464 times. If a participant averages four miles a week, the 66 miles can be completed in the allotted time.

Teachers' Triumph

The President's Challenge Cup Tennis Competition was captured for the second straight year by the Faculty Team, which defeated the Student Team 4-3. The results of the individual matches were:

R. Dix (F) 1 1
M. Rayson (S) 9 8
T. Yassem 13
W. Webber 5 1
T. Hayashi 8
J. Good (S) 5 3
R. Green (F) 8 4
C. Wenberg (S) 4 2

R. Hayashi & Robinson (S) 8
H. Green & Dix (F) 4
W. Webber & Green (S) 5 3
H. Hayashi & Kocha (S) 5
A. Aminian & Larson (S) 12
G. Groesser & Zwicker (F) 5 3

Smaller

Swimmers Strong-Second

Third with 74 points with North Park, Eureka, and Illinois Benedictine finishing well back. At this point in the season, Old Main leads the team in scoring with 50 points. Jack Petlo and Tim White each have contributed 67 points. The rest of the points are widely distributed among the rest of the squad.

The season resumes February 2 when the Hawks host North Park and the University of Chicago.

Sports

Holidays Hard on Hawks

by Joe Hughes

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HOUSING

Homecoming 1977 will be different from the years. Union Board, HOSA chapter, and the Homecoming Committee, are organizing a homecoming that will be a "must see" event. Homecoming will be Thursday, October 20th. The theme is "All About Me." All activities will center around this theme.

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