Tech News exclusive...

IGT announces plan to withdraw from the IIT Center

by Ned Liddell

The Institute of Gas Technology (IGT) has announced plans to withdraw from the IIT Center. This move is expected to have a significant impact on the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and the IIT community.

The decision to withdraw is based on several factors, including the cost of maintaining the facilities and the lack of government funding. IGT officials also cited the need to focus on their core business operations.

"We are very disappointed to see IGT leave," said Dr. John Smith, President of UIC. "I believe this is a loss for the city and the state, and I hope we can find a way to keep the facilities open."}

Relocation plan evokes cold enthusiasm from Pres. Martin

by Jim Sute

"It's not a calamity for either side," said Thomas L. Martin, Jr., President of IIT, concerning the Institute of Gas Technology's plan to leave the IIT Center. "However, it's not something we think it's necessarily a good idea."

The reasons...

The chairman of the IGT Liaison Committee of the IIT Board of Trustees reported to the board on Monday as follows:

Research volume has continued to decrease and there has been a substantial reduction in personnel and use of IGT facilities. It is expected that operations will continue at this reduced level for the next several months. With government funding at a lower level, the primary emphasis is on industry research program development. The IGT executive committee and board have approved notifying the university that IGT intends to terminate the present affiliation agreement and discontinue the support for the gas engineering academic programs which presently enroll 25-30 full-time equivalent students. A review is proceeding on how to handle a phasing out program appropriately for the students presently involved. This program has been a significant financial commitment for IGT through the years. Since it does not represent a long-term potential strength or depth for the university, this appears to be a correct timing for such a decision.

The university is very much aware of the problem and has taken steps to ensure that the students are not affected. A number of alternative programs are being considered.

The impact of this decision is expected to have a positive effect on the IIT Center's overall financial situation. The university is currently looking into ways to boost the center's revenue stream.

The Grubworks

HUB Cafe switches to fast food format

by Ned Liddell

"We've been wonderful, we've great and we're going to beat McDonald's," claims Viva Wachel of Service Systems, the firm which operates the HUB cafeteria. Major changes begin today in that facility.

The cafeteria has been renamed "The Grub Works" and offers a different menu served in a new way. Plates and silverware have been exchanged for styrofoam containers and paperware. Food is now packaged and stacked rather than served individually on request.

Service Systems is a subsidiary of Del Monte and R.J. Reynolds. They operate over 300 food outlets around the country for universities and private concerns. Terry Strickland is their manager for the residence hall dining area and the HUB cafeteria.

Wachel is a troubleshooter sent here a month ago by Service Systems to, as he puts it, "merchandise the food and enhance peoples desire to buy." She will remain until the transition of the HUB cafeteria is finished.

"We have a new service procedure (self-serve), new uniforms and new packaging," says Wachel. "We want to perk the food up, making it convenient to take. There will be no wait, no long lines."

The changes are away from entrees and toward deli and grill items. This is what people want, according to Strickland who analyzed the tapes from the computerized cash registers.

From about 1200 salads in a typical day, 38% were from the deli and 7% from salads and the rest from small items like potato chips.

Some prices are lower and some higher. The cafeteria wants to be competitive with nearby grocery stores, such as the Co-Op store. There will be a special every day.

There are no management or staff changes associated with the new format, although training programs are being held for the staff.

Wachel realizes that the "older" customer may be put off by the changes, but she believes the important customer is a busy person who wants good, hot food in a hurry. Straight emphasized, "I am here to satisfy the customer. Tell me what you need and want." He is available for comments at Food Service, 567-3070.
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The DOSL Office is now accepting applications for the positions of Editor-in-Chief and Business Manager on the Tech News staff.

While we don't want to discourage student involvement in Tech News, the positions of EIC and Business Manager involve a great deal of responsibility, hard work, long hours, and sacrifices of free time. Therefore, students should consider the following points carefully before applying:

1) Tech News has a weekly publication schedule. This means working about thirty-four hours a week, including assignments, meetings (staff and administrative), and production. The newspaper also has a weekend production schedule. This is the only uninterrupted period of time that most students can allocate to production.

2) Prior editorial experience with college or high school newspapers is a definite asset.

3) Familiarity with, and backing of the Tech News staff is important for smooth operation.

4) Meeting deadlines while still keeping quality high is a must. Tech News is a business; it's advertisers expect their ads to be surrounded by interesting articles and artwork in a pleasing format that will be at the printer's office by deadline, and therefore on the stands on time.

5) As Editor-in-Chief or Business Manager, it is your responsibility to produce a newspaper every week, even if you and/or the staff may have important classwork or exams scheduled.

6) It is only fair to point out that the salary for these positions, while adequate, may adversely affect your financial aid contributions, due to ITT's policy of routing student payroll through the Financial Aid Office.

7) Applicants must also, of course, have a good command of the English Language.

If you feel up to the challenge and can meet the qualifications, send a letter of application along with your qualifications to the Dean of Student Life Office in the HUB, by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 29, 1983.

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The Technology News Challenge

Puzzle 5

It is rumored that the city fathers of Reno, Nevada (the "biggest little city in the world") plan to hold the "biggest little lottery in the world" by awarding thirteen million dollars in prizes in honor of the bicentennial. These prizes are to be strictly in powers of 13, namely $1, $13, $169, $2197, $28671, $371293, and $4826809. If each of the prizes is to be awarded fewer than ten times (and possibly not at all), and if the entire thirteen million dollars is to be given out, how many $169 prizes will be awarded?

All entries must be accompanied by your name, phone, and address. Drop off entries at Tech News, by April 29, 1983.

Solve it and you could win a $5 purchase from the Mart.

Answer to Puzzle 4

Al must win game 8 (for $128), since the sum of the stakes of games 1-7 is only $127. A "transfer" of $15 from the $127 remaining will put Al $31 ahead of Bill. Of the possibilities that exist, only 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 = 15. Thus, Al won the first four games and the eighth game.

The Winner!!!  Jim Muraida  (H. Ugly)

The winner should pick up his prize by noon, April 29, 1983.
announcements

Eat and meet

International students are invited to have lunch with American families on SAT on Friday, May 1st at 12:15 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to take a short study break and have good food and conversation, meet new people and have fun. For more information and to sign up see for the International zoom. Room 110, Farr Hall, or call 507-217-3207. This is the last activity of the school year with American families, so don’t delay.

Future computing

The IEEE Computer Society presents Dr. Bowman on “The Future of Computing” on Sunday, April 26th at 12:30 p.m. in Room 308B. Election of officers will follow. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

ATS elections

Attention All Students: The Association of Tech Students, your student government, will hold its elections at the following times: MAY 3RD, and MAY 4TH: The HUB, 11:00-1:00; the Commons, 11:30-1:30; and the Dining, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Elections will be held in a format to be announced, from 5:00-7:00 on May 3rd, and 11:00-1:00 on May 4th. IT IS VITAL THAT YOU VOTE!

AIAA elections too

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics will be having elections for next year’s officers on Tuesday, April 26th. In order to run and vote, local dues of AIAA must be paid. Elections start at 12:10 in Room 102. Members please attend. Next year’s success depends on this year’s elections.

Carnival Day

The winners of the give aways at Carnival Day in the Commons are: Winner of the Bicycle, Hazem Habib, winner of the Dia Camera, Sylvia Smith

Moslem students

The MSA (Moslem Students Association) at IIT invites all interested students to attend a lecture entitled “Islamic Wives: Viewpoints in Current Events” by Dr. Ali Mohal, Chairman of the MUSOFE Foundation, on Friday, April 29th at 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in Ream 304, Hanson Hall.

Automated reason

The Physics Dept. will present a colloquium entitled “Automated Reasoning: An Introduction and a Description of and Application to the Design and Verification of Digital Logic Circuits” by Dr. Anthony S. Wojcik of the Computer Science Dept., on Wednesday, April 27th at 4:30 p.m. in Ream 302B. This will be a pre-colloquium social at 3:30 p.m. in Ream 202D. All interested are invited to attend.

Accelerating tour

Society of Physics Students is sponsoring a tour of Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Thursday, April 28th. We will leave IIT at 9:00 a.m. We will be back before 1:00 p.m. Please sign up in the Physics Department Office (103 Siegel) by April 26th.

ATS Polling

ATS elections for President, Vice President, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer will be May 3rd, and 4th Times to be announced. Petitions and descriptions can be picked up in the DOLC office. Any questions, contact Brian Woodward at x3291.

AICHe-ing Picnic

AICHe Spring Picnic: Saturday April 30th. The picnic will be held at La Bagh Woods Grove number 1, beginning at 11 a.m. Food and beverages will be provided by the student chapter. A nominal fee of $1.00 per person will be charged.

Male Showoffs

ATTENTION Young Men! Do you feel you have a great personality? Do you feel you have a sexy body? Do you feel you have great leg or other potential assets? Or, do you think you’re just good looking! If so, I dare you to apply for the 1st Annual Male Pageant which will be sponsored by Union Board. The pageant will be held Thursday, May 5th at 8 p.m. in the Bob. Applications are available at the HUB Director’s Office. For more information, call the Programming Office at x8579.

Gonna graduate?

A mailing pertaining to attendance at the May Commencement has been sent to all candidates. If you have not received this material, please contact us at 507-310, the Registrar’s Office, Room 104 MB.

Free aerobics

Aerobic Dance for Faculty and Staff Women Only! Keating Hall, Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 12:45. Free! Come Dance With Us!

One on one tutoring

Beginning Monday, January 31, Student Counseling Services will be offering one-on-one tutoring in the Career Resource Center located in Farr Hall, Room 102. For more information: DOGSTALK ENTHI. IT’s TOO LATE. Get your questions answered now for BETTER GRADES LATER! Tutoring hours are posted in Farr Hall or contact Susan Russell, Freshmen Adviser; x306 for further details.

Return those surveys

Please return the Transfer Student Survey to Farr Hall, Room 103 as soon as possible. Thank you.

Radio air time

WOUU, 89.9 FM, would like all organizations and departments to send any announcements or activities that they would like to have read over the air. Just send them two weeks in advance to 3300 S. Federal, Main Building, c/o Patricia Houston or Bob Rodgers.

Books for the blind

An invitation to record textbook materials for the blind is extended to all college students by Recording for the Blind, located in the Loop. If interested, contact Chaplain Amado at x8026, or x6080.

Volunteer now!

METRO-HELP will conduct training sessions in February for people interested in volunteering for 24-hour a day information, emotional and crisis intervention HOTLINE. If you’re interested in joining METROHELP, call young people, call 928-2854.

Exec. Board of ATS

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Work in New York!

Get a job with the city of New York! All IIT majors are eligible to apply. Please see the secretary in room 404, Farr Hall for the job description.

If you cannot visit Farr Hall please send your resume and a cover letter stating that you are responding to Mayor Koch's letter to the Director of Professional Recruitment, City of New York, Department of Personnel, 220 Church Street, New York, New York 10013.

Summer crossroads

International graduate students who are planning to return to their home countries before May 1984 are eligible to apply for a week-long pre-departure program called Summer Crossroads. Separate programs will be held in June in Colorado Springs and in Los Angeles. The cost to the student is: transportation and room and board is provided by the program sponsors. For more information and application forms come to the International Office, Room 110, Farr Hall.

S.E.A. Mini Baja video fest

The Society of Automotive Engineering, SAE, will be showing a video on Mini Baja, Mini Formula, and other SAE functions. The video and discussion of SAE by members will be presented to the IIT Engineering Community to inform you of SAE and its involvement for next year’s membership. In order to compete strongly against the other SAE chapters in events such as Mini Baja, a stronger union of members will have to be made right at the beginning of next semester. Preparation for next semester starts now by seeing those who are interested in joining and working on these special projects. This presentation will be on Wednesday, May 4th, at 12:10 in Room 125 E. Refreshments will be served and bring a bag lunch.

New ASME officers plan for next year

The IIT chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers elected officers for the 1983-84 term last week. They will take office at the last meeting of this semester on May 2nd.

The new officers will be: Sury Głowack, Chairperson; John Zagone, Vice-chairperson; John Sobczak, Secretary; John Haggard, Treasurer. Dr. Seraph Kajijkj will continue to be faculty advisor.

Głowack has served this year as chapter secretary and Zagone as vice-chairperson. Steve Budd is currently ASME chairperson and Corniaus is treasurer.

Planning for next year will begin before the end of this semester.

Earn $600 or more each school year. Flexi-hour monthly payment for placing posters on campus. Bonus for successful cases. College, company experience awarded as well. (800) 526-0888.
Sick of a Professor? Florida students send dead flowers

A University of Florida student is hoping to make a little extra money at the end of the semester by helping disgruntled students send dead flowers to their least-favorite professors.

"We figure this will be a big hit for teacher orders," says Ken Farkas, a fast-talking florist major at Florida. "It sure beats filling out teacher evaluations."

For $9.95, Farkas or his partner do a three-piece suit and deliver a bouquet of dead flowers (whatever they happen to find at the local cemetary or from flowers getting rid of leftovers) to unfair graders, inattentive lovers, or whomever the buyer wants.

Since starting the business, Farkas has gotten only a few orders. He's hoping the arrival of grade season will change that. Farkas delivers the boxed flowers and then "I don't stick around," he says.

No one's tried to follow him yet. "We were worried that people would take it in a very negative respect. But so far, everybody's gotten a charge out of it."

ROTC programs take advantage of slow economy; increase sharply

LAFAYETTE, IN (CPS)— John Lawrence is a senior engineering major about to graduate near the top of one of the top engineering schools in the U.S., Purdue.

John Lawrence probably wouldn't have much trouble getting a six-figure job in May at or above engineers' $25,000 average starting salary.

But Lawrence is going into the Navy instead, for about $4000 a year.

"It's perfect," he says. "The money is competitive, and I know I was going to have to take care of. From the moment I'm sworn in in May, I'll be financially secure." Lawrence says.

The vision of one of the nation's most elite seniors in a military-industry or anything else—for the military would have been improbable in years past. This year, however, the armed forces are cleaning up among college students.

ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) enrollment has been creeping upward for years, but the Navy is quoted higher and faster again.

"Along with the rise in enrollments, there has been a fast rise in the number of ROTC scholarships—very fast," reports Army ROTC spokesman Wesley Williams. Indeed, the number has almost doubled since the 1979-80 school year.

Some 45,000 students—18,000 more than expected—took Army ROTC courses last year. We've come of age," exults Navy Reserve Commanding Lt. Barry Benton. "All of our recruiters are getting a much better response on campus."

"You don't have the 'anti' people on campus anymore," agrees Kansas ROTC Lt. Col. Don McCarron.

"When I go on campus (to recruit) now I'm in equal footing with Lockheed or anybody," adds Lt. Rich High, a Navy recruiter in Denver. "In fact, for sophomores and juniors, I can make promises that they can't. I can start giving a student money right away, before he graduates."

"The economy is certainly a factor," says Lt. Tom Wyld of the Navy's College Recruiting Center in Washington, D.C. "I think the Navy is more and more an employer of first resort, rather than an employer of last resort."

Money—the static job market, the new opportunities in getting financial aid—seems to be the major reason students are considering increasing numbers this year.

"If I hadn't gotten the scholarship, I doubt I would be able to hold off school for a couple of years," says Doug Coma, a Kansas State sophomore who says he would have needed two years of work to save enough cash to register at K-State otherwise.

"More people go into ROTC because of the money," adds John Keith, also of Kansas State. "It's a major factor. You better believe it."

The Pentagon, in a recent survey of 5600 ROTC cadets, found that 43 percent of the cadets list 'financial demands as a contributing factor in their enlistment.' Sixty-nine percent percent consider the status of 'Another motivational factor.'

The competitive urgency of this year's job market is yet another.

"The recruiting process has been affected by the recession," Lawrence complains. "You sit there in a hallway with the people you're going to be going to the school with, competing for the same job."

"You don't have a plum Navy career on top of this," Lawrence says. "People are coming up with all this money. The Navy also promised us a more supervisory role in the Navy, something he might have to wait a long time for in private industry.

"Used to be the government just wasn't a nice place to work," he adds. "They didn't do nice things. They had wars, and so on. It's taking a while now."
Spiral of Khomeini group blew up Embassy

by Jim Branlt

The power of positive thinking is immeasurable. And, just think, the center of positive thinking is right here at IIT.

For example, recently an IIT campus organization of Iranian Muslims and Khomeini supporters posted an announcement that the Khomeini revolution was announced in both Persian and Farsi and advertised a meeting celebrating the fourth anniversary of the revolutionary activity of the cowardly and murderous Ayatollah Khomeini’s rule. Most important, the announcement of the celebratory event was also written in Farsi, “Death to America.”

Lo and behold, very soon after that Iranian student organization’s “deathful attack” on America, the United States Embassy in Beirut blew up. The facade of the seven-story building was blown off when a pickup truck packed with explosives slammed into the building and blew up. Over forty people, including about thirty Lebanese, were killed.

Several radical organizations, including one group called Islamic Jihad (Holy War), a pro-Iranian group of Shi’ite militants, have claimed responsibility for the explosion, but I know who’s really behind this. I think that the IIT Pro-Khomeini student organization used the immense power of positive thinking to drive the pickup packed with explosives into the embassy and destroy it. I think they all get together at their meetings and inject all kinds of rational thought and filled them back up again with the nonsensical phrase “Death to America.” I think they strategically focused their own powerful mental energies on the U.S. Embassy in Beirut until it blew up.

Imagine, in this hundred of a campus, in a dying city, in a dead state, in a once powerful nation, in a sick and moribund world, in a minor solar system on the edge of one billion of galaxies, perhaps in one of multiple universes, a group of insignificant, cowardly, irrational, soulless, vitiolic and moronic Iranians can get together and destroy a whole building as well as the lives of over forty people and their families. It is truly amazing.

Just think of the great military power a country would have if it could master this destructive technique of positive thinking. Alas, Ronald Reagan’s aids are trying to empirically brainwash and refill it with the thoughts of “Death to Russa.” Personally, I’m having a hard time choosing between the slogans “Death to the goddamned Middle East” and “Death to communism,” although some slogans would probably bring about the same result.

Now, normally, I’m calm and rational and apathetic kind of guy. I was usually just shrug off this whole thing about “Death to America,” but for some reason, it sticks to my craw. Maybe it’s because it raises a lot of unanswerable questions.

For example, if those Iranians who shout “Death to America” are on American soil no less, hate America so much, what the hell are they doing here? Why aren’t they back in Iran with their beloved Khomein? And why “Death to America?” What sort of “A curse on America” or “Fool on you, America.” What’s with the hate? And why not “Death to America” or “Fool on you, America.” What’s with the hate? And why is it that when we American “sharps” take off this slogan?

What advantage does IIT get by allowing foreign students to come here? I’m convinced on page 11.

NATO strong as popular opinion fades

by Robert F. Mullanjan, Jr.

The North Atlantic Treaty states the purpose of NATO: “to safeguard the freedom, sovereignty and indepen-dence of its members, to uphold and protect the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law.”

Few members of the world community have incorporated such enabling language into their constitutions. The North Atlantic Treaty is the result of diplomatic negotiation.

It is obvious that NATO is aimed at only one threat—namely, that the Soviet Union is probably the only threat all the members of NATO have in common. The United States’ motivation for joining NATO doesn’t seem to have been as clear in 1949 as it would be today. Then our military superiority was overwhelming, certainly more so than now. The U.S. had demobilized the Armed Forces immediately following World War II.

The big questions about IGT’s plans to move from the IIT campus is why do it, and why do it now? The explanations publicly given seem altogether too neat. It goes something like this: “There is no call for engineering students and we are an expensive program anyway so let’s move.”

We have been having difficulty attracting engineers and scientists to this wounder city (who wants to fight the Dan Ryan and the Chicago schools?) so let’s move to where the air is clean, the grass is green, and the streets are safe.”

But isn’t it convenient that the education department is now being closed so that a move is unhindered by a student problem? Which came first? And, how many recruiting difficulties can there be when IGT is struggling to avoid laying off the scientists and engineers it already has? Under a new administration, IGT has been strengthened and is on the way up, and the neighborhood is tough, but it is probably better than it has been in the past. In the environment here bad enough to justify the struggle of moving out look, stock, and barrel, especially when IGT’s revenues have been so severely crippled.

We think the students, faculty staff and all others who still support IGT deserve better answers.

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Why not you too?
Exploding the myths of weightlifting

Enjoy the many advantages

by Emile Talarico

Weight training is not only great exercise for men, but also for women. Despite this and the popularity of weight training programs, some people continue to be discouraged by a persistent collection of misunderstandings and false conceptions about it. Hopefully, this article will explain away some myths and determine the facts concerning weight training.

One common myth is that weight training will make you muscular. This happens because the weightlifter trains with heavier weights and tries to become as strong as possible, while keeping his own weight within the limits of his competitive class. A bodybuilder, because he is interested in an aesthetic goal rather than a purely athletic one, doesn't necessarily attempt to work with very heavy weights while shaping his body. Anyone who has done any weight training knows that it indeed makes you stronger.

Another misconception is that weight training will make you fat. This idea, possibly stemming from envy, is that exercise that gives you good definition and muscular shape doesn't really make you strong. The idea probably originated from the fact that competitive bodybuilders are generally not quite as strong as competitive weightlifters. This is because the weightlifter trains with heavier weights and tries to become as strong as possible, while keeping his own weight within the limits of his competitive class. A bodybuilder, because he is interested in an aesthetic goal rather than a purely athletic one, doesn't necessarily attempt to work with very heavy weights while shaping his body. Anyone who has done any weight training knows that it indeed makes you stronger.

A question often asked is, "If I stop training will my muscles turn into fat?" Perhaps this misconception is reinforced when people see athletes who are now fat, flabby, and go to see what happens usually is that an athlete who has been active all his life suddenly finds himself retired and fails to modify his diet to his new lifestyle. He keeps eating and gains weight. When you stop being active, you have to eat less or you'll get fat. Muscle tends to lose bulk when you stop training, but it doesn't disappear entirely. Another misconception is that weights can't improve women's strength, because weight lifting is not a good form of exercise for women. This is not true for overall body strength. Looking at specific parts of the body, strength is almost the same in women as in men and, taking relative weight into consideration, women are often stronger in upper-body strength, men can easily be twice as strong as women.

Does weight training make one heavier? There are two ways to understand this. "Heavy" is a subjective term. Why are you burning off fat and gaining muscles. Most people lose a few pounds and maintain their overall body weight no matter what when they weight train. Some will weigh more, but in all the places. Weight training enables you to put on muscle where you want it and eliminate it where you don't. This is not just the number on a scale, but the shape, definition, and proportion your body to have.

You can get firm, tight, a slim waist, and lean athletic thighs, you can throw the scale out the window.

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Philosophy: Who Needs It


Reviewed by Robert F. Mulligan, Jr.

Ayn Rand, noted author of The Fountainhead and Atlas Shrugged, has published her book posthumously. At the same time, her intellectual follower Leonard Peikoff has published his first book, the first scholarly study of the philosophical basis of Nazism and Hitler's rise to power which identifies the same forces at work today in America.

Objectivism, the philosophy Ayn Rand created, views man as a heroic being by virtue of his ability to reason and thereby master his existence. In her works of fiction she praised the efficacy of the rational man, and her philosophical heroes are embodiments of her philosophical principles. Her heroes are expressions of her own objectivity and project her vision of the ideal man. In this sense, all villains are all adherents to one or more of the cults of the irrational.

In Philosophy: Who Needs It, Ayn Rand observes the fact that while few people acknowledge any influence of philosophy on their lives, few are able to identify, much less, define, what it is they think, write, word, and deed can be traced to an otherwise obscure philosophical premise. As she points out, to be ignorant of the philosophical principles your actions are based on, is to court disastrous results, and to recognize that is how most people live today.

The title essay establishes the importance of philosophy in human existence. It was given as an address to the graduating class of the United States Military Academy and is reprinted with its companion, "Philosophical Detection," which shows how to identify the hidden philosophies in people's everyday words and actions, and thereby to understand their behavior.

The second essay, anti-conceptual mentality in "The Missing Link." Such a person is unable to comprehend abstract concepts. For example, "freedom," "democracy," or "true freedom," he refuses to build a concrete image as that of a prisoner being let out of a cell. "A person of this mentality may uphold some abstract principles...but if one asks him what he means by a given idea, he will not be able to tell you." She criticizes Judeo-Christian values and explains her own morality by quoting Atlas Shrugged: "All that which is proper to the life of a rational being is good, all that which destroys it is evil. Man's life is the standard of morality, but your own life is its standard, which is pure bluff." He who has a higher standard of morality than himself must choose his actions and values by the standard of that which is proper to his nature, that is, by the life-giving, fulfilling and enjoying the replaceable value which your life is." (p. 90)

With the case of Immanuel Kant's (1724-1804) philosophy and view of "ethos," "From the Horse's Mouth" explains Kant's approach of reasoning with faith. Kant proposed that reality possessed an "analytic-synthetic dichotomy" dividing the universe into "noumenal" and "phenomenal" dimensions. The "phenomenal" world is the only part of reality that really exists, but is unknowable to man because we experience it. Kant says, "reasoned our analytic organs." We live in a shadow world, the "noumenal" universe, which is basically imaginary. Kant's relationship amounts to the exhortation: "Be rational, except when you don't feel like it." (p. 98)

"To set philosophy against reason, i.e., against man's power of cognition, to turn philosophy into an apostate for a period of experience of godhead, and to turn against that humanity of no holy scrutiny can equal it: it is a cause of modern atrocity." (p. 99) Dr. Peikoff expands on this theme in The Ominous Parallel.

"Causality versus Duty" criticizes Kantian moral principle that the self-sacrificer is "moral imperative," i.e., that a moral duty constitutes a virtue because there is no reason why one should sacrifice. According to Kant, perfect virtue consists of the maxim of the good to the world-at-large, and perfect virtue is unattainable. Only by correcting, if one made sense, man would have an ulterior motive in pursuing the good and, says Rand, his virtue is to be pursued for its own sake.


These and several other brilliant essays make Philosophy: Who Needs It a brilliant and spectacular affirmation of rational values. It is especially meaningful in the late twentieth century, when books so significant are ever published.

One of them is The Ominous Parallel. Dr. Peikoff observes that the causes of Nazism are addressed only in terms of concrete, random incidents like the Treaty of Versailles, and the Great Depression. By examining the historical details as a philosopher of history, Dr. Peikoff shows that his thesis that there was the inevitable consequence of the german philosophy written by Kant and his school, the philosophers of Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (1770-1831).

He examines this philosophy in terms of its essentials. His treatment is more detailed, but similar to Ayn Rand's. He demonstrates that every detail of the Nazi era was simply the logical consequence of the german philosophy, once it had permeated every part of the German society, there was no alternative to Kant. Dr. Peikoff details how every successive event in its political, social, cultural, and economic was a merely a consistent application of the german philosophers.

Wherever the Germans turned—to the left, to the right, to the center, to the decorous voices in parliament or to the gutter gurgling with blood—he heared the same fundamental ideas. They were in the same politics, in the same ethics, in the same "philosophy." (p. 146)

The Kanzian influence was more frustrating to the Germans the more sincerely they tried to adhere to its impossible ethos. Eventually, as an act of self-preservation, they abandoned ethos entirely.

"The Nazi's promised every group amelioration, the amelioration of that which is harmful as Hitler outlined Germany a synthesis of ideals, so, appealing to the hunger for achievement of something new, be offered the voters a synthesis of hatred. In the end, this combination was what the voters bought.

Dr. Peikoff's chapter on the concentration camps is one of the most moving works of prose I have ever read. First he describes the camps and the lives and deaths of its prisoners in clinical detail. Most of these ameliorates its philosophical significance.

It is difficult to fully appreciate the impact of a philosopher of history impassionedly expounding on the basest horrors in human history in terms of philosophical essentials. He relates that prisoners witnessed senseless atrocities so terrible, that they represented all memory of them. . . .Gigantic flames. [The Nazis] were burning something. A lorry drew up at the pit and delivered its load—little children. Robert? Yes, I saw...to saw it with my own eyes...Was I awake? I could not believe it." (p. 270, quoting Hannah Arendt. The Origins of Totalitarianism.)

The Nazis sought to artificially produce a Kanzian reality. This is the emotional climax of the book. It is the most powerful demonstration of the impact of philosophy on history I have ever seen.

But what about philosophy in America?" Dr. Peikoff shows that the most dominant american philosophy is Pragmatism, written by John Dewey (1859-1952) and William James (1842-1910). Pragmatism is nothing other than second-hand second-rate german philosophy. It isn't even as convincing as Kant or Hegel. The theoretical foundations of the literature, which Dr. Peikoff quotes freely, is so meaningless and absurd that the American people could never accept it explicitly. But it is accepted implicitly. It is considered a positive quality if a politician is pragmatic. We have our own "Weimar culture," whose influence on us is as decadent as it was on the Germans.

..."Cures," Dr. Peikoff says, is an alternative philosophy. Objectivism is that philosophy. It is necessary to identify the principles of "Weimar culture," and our own recognition of totalitarism in U.S. society can safeguard the freedom of the "Nation of the Enlightened."
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Major Concerts Selection Survey

Below is a list of performers for next semester's concert's. Give it some thought, circle your choices, and turn in the end result to the Hub director's office, and we'll see what we can do....Thanks!

Kenny (Betty) Matthews
Major Concerts Director.

COUNTRY
Loretta Lynn
The Bellamy Bros
Alabama
Oak Ridge Boys
Outlaws
Jerry Reed
Don Williams
Charlie Daniels
Band

R.& B.
Stephanie Mills
Shalamar
Crosby Stills & Nash
Atlantic Starr
Carly Simon
Kool & the Gang

ROCK
Elton John
Fleetwood Mac
Duran,Duran
Billy
Billy Joel
Quarterflash
Donnie Iris
B-52's
Survivor
DEVO
Soft Cell
J.Geils Band
Asia
Saga

JAZZ
The Crusaders
Manhattan
Manhattan
Transfer
Weather Report
Grover
Washington
Spyro Gyra
Avg. White Band
Ronie Laws
David Sanborn
Chuck Mangione
Herbie Hancock
Jean-Luc Ponty

OTHER
SUGGESTIONS...

Circle times when you can attend concerts:
1. Friday (6pm-8pm)
2. Friday (8pm-10pm)
3. Sunday (6pm-8pm)
4. Sunday (8pm-10pm)
UB Goes to NACA Conference

NACA Conference...

The new 1983-1984 Union Board departed from IIT on the fateful evening of Wednesday, April 6, 1983. We then headed toward the NACA conference at the University of Wisconsin, Parkside. The weekend would prove to be filled with workshops, new people, partying, and fun. It was our first weekend together. We became involved in various group exercises and in one of our first exercises we traveled into space... and so did our Vice-President, literally. It all started when Fed betrayed his team for a roomful of gorgeous girls (twelve, I think). He managed to hang-out the window and call down to Kenny for help. For help? Anyway, Kenny managed to run up in 15 seconds flat! (It takes the elevator or one whole minute!) Talk about teamwork!!

As the weekend progressed, many strange things occurred, Betty/Louise/Cathy couldn’t remember his name and became infamous throughout the conference. Angelo took a swim and had ‘little groupies’ follow him. Sylvia made passes at the receptionist. Ned had an affair with Linda Black. Greg got excited and had to change his pants. Russeive left the conference. Eric became a conductor. Valerie wanted to pose and have her picture taken by the pool. Mama Cole didn’t like her name. We went out for pizza one night, and Big Daddy refused to pay for the tab so one of the waitresses (who likes Greeks) asked Simos and Angelo to turn around for inspection. Phyllis has some relative named B.B. King. (She also eats liver and onions!) and O.D. had such a great time that he slept through our last meeting but managed to wake up for brunch!*

* If this article was confusing to you, ask one of your local UB members to explain!

Greeks and Dormies enjoy spring

A long, long time ago (about one week), on a campus not so far away, an event occurred that would change the participants' lives forever... Greek Week!

Greek Week is an event somewhat similar to the Greek Olympic Games. As the proud athletes marched towards the Olympic Stadium, so the initiates and sorority members of the fraternities and sororities staggered to the IIT parking lot.

Greek Week began on Sunday, April 17, with a judging for a King or Queen to reign over Greek Week. Pete Schmitt from Pi Kappa Phi fraternity was the chosen one.

The first event of the week was Lurch: the obstacle course. Above: the women put muscle into it.

Below: Dorm food gone down better outdoors.

Below: Dorm residents laugh it up as they wait in line.

Lurch: the obstacle course. Above: the women put muscle into it. by David Weisley and Linda Urzendowski

A gripping tug of war between the fraternities and sororities, which was eventually won by Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Throughout the week, other fun-filled events were performed, in which the fraternities and sororities members attempted to display their coordination, stamina and liquor tolerance. These included a hot race, an egg toss, a pizza-stuffing contest, and a bed race (no, this was a clean contest! Also included was the leg tunnel, cart race, 8-man race, pajama race, and the pentathlon. The pentathlon was one of the bigger events of the week, in which the contestant would run across the quad with an empty beer keg, cut one quarter of a cream pie, chug down a can of beer, spin around a bat seven times, and then run back to where he started.

The final event of Greek Week was held on Friday night. This was where real champions showed off what they've learned at IIT. If you haven't guessed already, it's the beer-chugging contest. Following the contest, the winner was announced: it was Sigma Phi Epsilon. All the participants then gathered around a campfire and listened to a band while they relaxed and enjoyed the beautiful evening.

Greek Week is judged by the appropriately chosen committee, composed of Beta Theta Pi, which is the beer drinking organization on campus. Greek Week was originally started to give students a break from the monotony of classes. It also prepares them for upcoming finals.

Below: Greeks enjoying themselves in the traditional manner.

Men's tennis team may win Conference

In a year in which North Carolina State won the NCAA Basketball Championship, it's only fitting that IIT should have their own Cinderella Team. The Hawks Men's Tennis Team is just that.

After losing two of its top two players from last year, the tennis team was supposed to be "mediocre at best." But, after winning six of their eight last dual meets, the Hawks are in excellent position to win the CCAC Conference Championship. Their latest victim was the defending champion, St. Francis College, IIT defeated St. Francis on Wednesday, 6-3.

Victorious for the Hawks were: Tony Borsotti, Tony Frierson, Brett Bothwell, Jim Mizella, and Tim Clancy in singles, and the doubles duo of Bothwell and Can Torki.

Earlier in the week, the tennis team defeated Chicago State University and North Central College, both by the score of 5-4.

The remainder of the Hawks schedule is as follows: dual meet with Lewis at 3:00 p.m. on April 20th, and CCAC Tournament on April 29-30.

With strong performances in these matches, the tennis team will enjoy their first CCAC Championship since 1975.