Pres. Rettiatiata Analyzes IIT's Academic Climate In Speech To Freshmen

The following is the text of the remarks delivered to Freshmen parents and students on Sunday, September 7, by IIT President John T. Rettiatiata. It is again my pleasure to welcome our students back to the campus and to extend good wishes to all of you for a rewarding academic year.

IIT students take their educational opportunities seriously. It is well that they do, for today, as it was yesterday, is a deadly serious business. The university as a whole contributes not only to the feeling of the faculty, who must be made to see that their faculty are useful to the world of tomorrow in which they will live, but as a rule, to their own.

Today's student is less interested in his predecessors were in purely social matters. He does not want a college diploma simply to serve as a ticket to economic and social security for himself. He wants to learn in order to serve mankind. And this attitude on the part of the university is the greatest, perhaps the only hope, for the betterment of the world. This means that an institution which will enable students to be of significant service to their fellowmen is not true of students at IIT as it is of any others. Perhaps one of the reasons that student union has been more successful at IIT than at any other institution is that our students can see the general and specific importance of what they are learning. Certainly this is not easy.

Another major cause of discontent among college students is institutional rigidity, the failure or refusal of the university to change in a changing world. I make no claim that IIT is perfect in this regard, but I want to express what one of our students has written in a story which appeared recently in the Chicago Daily News: "Our experience at IIT," he said, "has been that the attitude is "I say so you have to do it.""

John Assumes Assistant Dean's Post

E. Martin John has accepted the position of Assistant Dean of Students at IIT. He succeeds James Burns, who resigned the past last March 31.

Dean John holds the new job with enthusiasm and experience in dealing with students and student problems. Upon graduation from Northwestern University with a B.S. in Economics, he obtained a Master's Degree in counseling and psychology. He then assumed the position of Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Housing at Valparaiso University, and in 1948 he held the post of Assistant Dean of Men and Director of Men's Housing at Northwestern University.

Dean John transferred to IIT for a number of reasons. He feels that his attitude towards students are being a small school, he will have the opportunity to work personally and directly on a more personal basis with the students. He says that as an administrator, he feels that he has a dual responsibility to both the students and the administration. He explains that his role is to be a communication link between students and administration. It is not his intention to give the interests of the group a higher priority than the other.

In an interview, Dean John commented that, in dealing with students, one must not rely on past practices, but rather must recognize the present student as an individual with unique characteristics.

Dean John holds that knowledge of IIT's history is important to students. He was present at the 1951 dedication of the O'Hare Building, and he was a member of theised students.

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Entering Freshmen Urged Toward Total Involvement

This week approximately 600 new students will arrive on campus to enroll at their new university, IIU. For the freshmen, the members of the graduating class of 1983, the next four months prove to be the most challenging, and the most confusing days of their lives. Despite the tight schedule, they'll understand that the impressive credentials that they have presented (see page 3). Only a few will fail because of inadequate preparation in high school. The most frequent causes for failure are emotional instability and lack of a sense of direction. Such failures are not inevitable, however, and for this reason we are offering a small amount of advice that might help to save an academic career.

The wisest move a freshman could make would be to structure his college time, from the beginning of the fall semester. Establish a regular pattern of study, recreation, and sleep, that will enable him to make the most effective use of your very limited time. This schedule should be flexible enough to allow for unexpected occasions.

Most freshmen are aware of the importance of good grades, but only hard work can earn them. Few are aware that many of the best students are also deeply involved in campus activities or hold part-time jobs. An old saying suggests that if you have work to do, ask a busy student to do it. Somehow a busy student has a class idea of what he must do, and utilizes his time efficiently. When it comes time to study, a busy student studies diligently, with few interruptions.

Investigate student organizations at IIU. There are ample opportunities for both resident and non-resident freshmen to play an important part in campus activities. In fact, most organizations are in desperate need of new members.

As the warm days become swamped with activity, frequently assess your progress toward the goals you have set. Are the many campus activities or intra-seasons preventing you from doing your very best?

Total involvement in your own activities and socially. Perhaps if you look hard enough you will find that college is not merely on education, it is an educational experience.

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New Class of '73: 73% Engineers

Preliminary statistics have been released concerning the incoming Class of '73. The freshman class will be slightly larger than the preceding Class of '72, but it appears to be highly qualified, more diverse with respect to major fields, and well representative of many states and foreign nations. Figures show that the incoming class will number approximately 625 to 650 persons, of which about 100 are college transfer students. Included in the group are only 13 women.

The Class of '73 boasts an impressive scholastic record. Nearly 70% of the freshmen are from the top third of their high school class. Nearly 20% come from the top 10% of their secondary school graduating class. 84% percent come from the top quarter and 33% percent come from the top one- tenth. The group's ACT average is 33 for verbal and 644 for mathematics. Thirty-three states and 19 foreign countries are represented by the freshmen. They come from 525 various high schools, of which 43 are foreign and 309 American. Illinois' number 65 percent of the class with 31 percent coming from Chicago and 29 percent from the suburbs.

Only 73 percent of the newcomers have consistently chosen to major in the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences, a significant drop from previous years. Architecture and planning students comprise 12 percent of the class, liberal arts majors 8 percent, and design students 7 percent.

The freshmen were chosen from more than 1000 ITT applicants.

- Freshmen Needed To Serve On Many ITSA Committees

Morrin Fills Editorial Board Positions; Help Still Needed

J. R. Morrill, Technology News Editor-in-Chief, has announced the appointment of Louis King, Gary Wors, Dan Dursztch, and Bob Nickson to the paper's Editorial Board for the fall semester. The Editorial Board is responsible for the content and policies of the paper. In the past, the paper has been run by faculty and staff, but in the fall, the board will be run by students and faculty.

The new board members are:
- Louis King
- Gary Wors
- Dan Dursztch
- Bob Nickson

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