Graduation Attendance Is Optional

IIT graduating students will no longer have to attend commencements starting with the June 5 ceremonies, as was the case in the past.

Administration policy towards students, however, is not consistent. The university has changed its attendance policy in the past due to the so-called "bargaining table" agreements, which have been controversial.

The decision to make attendance optional rather than compulsory came about for several reasons. A survey of student feedback revealed that the majority of students expressed a lack of interest in the ceremonies. In the last few years, the attendance has been lower. As a result, Chicago-Kent College of Law students are now invited to the ceremonies.

The deadline for registering for June graduation ceremonies is May 1. Students are encouraged to register by May 1. Graduates from the college must attend. The deadline for registering is May 1.

"Bill of Students' Rights" Urged For New Handbook

The ITSA Handbook Committee, under the direction of Mike Cor- rigan, is presently in the process of reviewing numerous rules and regulations found in the manual. The committee is urging greater student responsibility, safeguarding of the student's right to appeal in certain cases, and expanded freedom of participation in student organizations.

In a general procedure, the seven-member committee plans to take each individual issue and apply it. The seven-member committee members are all in the process of reviewing the handbook. In addition, the ITSA Handbook Committee plans to meet with student representatives and discuss the handbook.

Two New TN Editors

The promotions of two Tech- nology News editors were announced Wednesday by Editor-in-Chief Bob Mielke, filling the vacant News Editor and Features Editor slots.

The new News Editor is Paul Reynolds, a 4th-year UB major who has been on the Technol- ogy News staff for two semesters. His previous work was primarily as a reporter. He also worked on layouts, deadlines, and other as- pects of the paper. Reynolds is a 4th-year UB major.

La, Michael Blake is the new Features Editor. A two-semester Technology News editor, Blake writes numerous features, including a weekly column on John Hancock and a weekly feature on the University computer center. Blake is a 4th-year UB major.

Crime Statistics Disclosed By School

No Significant Increase Shown - Tracht

by Paul Reynolds

In recent weeks there has been a growing concern over crime, es- pecially crime of a violent nature, on the IIT campus and its perime- ter. Dormitory committees have been set up (see Letters to the Ed- itor), crime has become a major subject of conversation among stu- dents, and last week, the Dean of Students put out a letter warning people to be careful.

Technology News decided to in- vestigate and find out just how bad the situation really is. So far, we have not been able to find out much about the situation.

No one who denies that there is a crime problem here. The campus is in a ghetto that has a very high crime rate, in addition to the problems of a predominantly white institution in a black neighborhood, and the problems of a black institution in a white neighborhood.

I interviewed the school's Vice-President and Treasurer, Melvin T. Tracht, who is ultimately responsible for the college's operation.

He released to me some figures compiled as of 5 p.m. Wednesday, starting from January 1, relating to the types and numbers of incidents handled by the campus police in that period. (Ed. Note: In a previous con- version with the desk sergeant at the 21st District Chicago Police Station, I was told that whenever the Chicago police handle a crime or incident relating to IIT Center, they inform the campus police, who may or may not actually come to the scene, depending on what is occurring. I also was told that primary po- lice responsibility rests with the Chicago police, and the campus police are seen as a very valuable auxiliary.

The campus police have been the subject of much discussion and recent articles have appeared in the national news media. The campus police have been described as "police in residence," and have been mentioned as a "second line of defense." The campus police have been praised for their quick response to situations and for their ability to handle situations that may arise on campus.

It is hard to compare or con- trast these figures as there are no other similar figures for the campus or any other university or college in the area. Tracht did say, however, that the percent of reported incidents to total population is not significantly different from the percent of reported incidents to total population at other universities.
**EDITORIALS**

**Symbols, Signs, and Slogans**

Politics is not a game for the masses. When most people decide to play the game, the "political battles" they engage in usually take place on the very shallow level of symbols, signs, and slogans. Buttons, banners, and bumper stickers.

The patriotic citizen who loves his country honors the flag and watches Memorial Day (and Labor Day) parades. He is spiritually disturbed by the sight of an upside-down flag. He is also disturbed by pinkos, those college students with the shaggy hair just creeping over their ears who have learned to flash a "V." And obviously, anyone who can make the peace sign or wear a Monkeetum button is part of the peace movement.

Left- and right-wing (if there are such things) propaganda is displayed proudly as a sign of support for certain political positions. But a button or bumper sticker is just that -- a sign of support -- a statement of inclination which does not entail active participation. And the "political position" is not always so certain.

A slogan is quite a petition, such as the one recently floating around campus the Conspiring the Conspiracy trial. Offering only a general position, a petition seeks to capture as many signatures as possible from those who roughly agree with it.

Similarly, a political figure who holds a detailed position on an issue can generalize his opinions into a slogan and sometimes collect a large base of endorsement.

Obviously, the smart politician is one who can use people to further his own ambitions. Most easily used are those who can satisfy their need for involvement by waving flags — whether American or Viet Cong. RJN

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**"Muggings"**

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**Where Is The Understanding?**

A dissident crowd was struck during IIT's pseudo-revolution of last fall. It was brought out that the administration cannot relate to the students and their concerns. These men cannot seem to comprehend the wants and needs of those who work here.

Beer in the Bog, which has been kicked around IIT for many years, came out as a strong demand last fall. After demanding notho, it was presented to the administration in the form of a proposal. The proposal was literally absorbed into the darkness of administrator's red tape and now lies gathering dust.

Next came parietal hours, where less than an equivocated solution was given to the students to placate them. The students want increased pardials (and abolition of Women's hours), but with each new request the administration builds tighter its seemingly unscalable verbal precipice.

Campus security is another very real concern of the student body. The problem of placing all security is being questioned by many students. There are many solutions to the problem, not excluding established community relations and mutual understanding. But all that is shown is total disdain for the students well-being. The administration is content with telling the students that they are the ones placing themselves in jeopardy.

Until now the IIT community has been far to the administration in being content with being pushed on the side. But what happens when the students tire of turning to the other check? The administration will have what it vainly tries to prevent — Open student dissent against the system.

**Anti-IIT Groups**

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Where were they — sleeping? On Monday afternoon, February 23, a man suggested by IIT's Michigan Avenue Community Center, bleeding profusely from a head wound. A secretary called the campus operator to ask for help, and the student was quickly bled to death. The student was a member of one of the two attacks, called for an ambulance, and rushed the victim to the hospital. Now here is the frightening fact. The story goes that Campus Police simply stood by and watched every corner of the campus at least once every five minutes. At that rate they supposedly passed the scene of the stabbing and Chicago Police investigation once or twice. Didn't they see the Chicago Police car with blue light flashing? Or, seeing it, did they just avoid the situation?

**Letters to the Editor**

**March 6, 1970**

**Symphony**

by UB Pahil

Tonight the University presents the Chicago IIT Symphony in a once-in-a-century concert at the HUB ballroom. The IIT ballroom is one of the few places in this city that is the mainstay of the student body. The IIT ballroom is the mainstay of the student body. The IIT ballroom is the mainstay of the student body.

The concert took place at 8 p.m. and was in anticipation of the HUB ballroom. Tickets for the concert will be $2.50 and $4.50 at the HUB ballroom. The concert featured a range of music, from classical to contemporary. The audience enjoyed the performance, and the event was a success.

**String Quartet**

by Shubert

String Quartet No. 9 Opus 95 "Serioso" by Beethoven

String Quartet No. 9 by Beethoven

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Symphony String Quartet Here Tonight

by UPI Public Relations

The University of Illinois Symphony Orchestra announces that the strings of this ensemble stand on the Chicago Symphony at 8:30 pm in the auditorium this evening. There are some reservations for the performance which are only $2.50 and $3.00 at the door. Tickets for the performances are only $2.50 and $3.00 at the door. Or ticket reservations may be made by calling 225-9800.

Concert Program

String Quartet No. 1, Opus 49, by Beethoven
String Quartet No. 11, Opus 65, by Brahms

INTERMISSION

Saturday, March 7, 8:30 pm, HUB auditorium, 75th: Pretty Polonaise — Tuesday Wurlitz, Anthony Perkins

Mr. Black and Mr. Matura are giving a free concerto for a string quartet during the intermission. The band is composed of some of the best students in the orchestra department.

FINALE

Fantasie Voxtone: Watch Raccoon


get attacked by the band of the University of Illinois. You can hear the music from your dorm room for a few years ago.

Lady in Confection: The music begins at 8:30 tonight. You can hear it from your dorm room. 

This movie has been rated "R" — maybe it is what you have been looking for. 

Also starring Frank Sinatra.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The IIEE Student Chapter presents Mr. Jack Bridges, noted engineer and engineering advisor at IIT, who will present a program of discussions on techniques to reduce communications channels. It will be held on Thursday, May 13, 7:10 pm in the auditorium. 

The EEE's third meeting has a Pi Gamma Forum at 8:00 pm in the auditorium. Invited guests will be R.A.C's, the Fred 110 and IFC, and, if possible, Dean Bohnett. They will be discussing the extension of the university and the effect of the United States. 

The ASCE will hold an important business meeting Tuesday, May 10, at 12:30 pm in the ASCE room, north end of the E&M building. Plans for a road rally and smokeshell will be made at all ASCE meetings.

The IIT Woodstock Ensemble will rehearse Monday night, March 9, at 2:00 pm in the IIT auditorium. Plans for a road rally and smokeshell will be made at all ASCE meetings.

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Prison Conditions Found Unfit for Queen

Dear ECC:

I am one of perhaps many girls living in the Women's Dorm at HUT. I have lived here since September of 1967 — I have to choose. It has been my experience (and my experience is not unique among the residents of the dorm) that no just system exists here. I exclude Dorm Council, which does an honest job but is limited by the system as it is now set up.

I refer to "the system" — I mean the system by which this dormitory is run, a system composed largely of intimidation tactics. Every dormitory has a resident advisor. I can see the necessity for and the wisdom of the presence of these resident advisors. In the Women's Dorm, however, the purpose of the advisors seems to be wardship, not advice. I am twenty years old, on the Dean's List, and active in extracurricular work, I resent being treated as a criminal.

For two and a half years I have observed the system. By this system, arbitrary judgments are made and the resident advisor decides which of the girls she likes, which she is capable of listening to, and which she dislikes. On this basis it is decided for whom the dormitory is suitable or not.

The resident advisor also hires the receptionist for the front desk in the dorm. I happen to be one of those who is disliked — for what reason I honestly cannot say. I did work as a receptionist, but I was fired — because the resident advisor did not like my "attitude."

Since then several other girls have been fired for the same reason.

Residents of the dorm are never sure when visitation and parietal hours will be possible. If there is no receptionist, the lounge is closed and there are no violations or parietal hours; our own curfew is moved up to, usually, 11 p.m. I did complain to the Dean of Students Office, where I was told to do my best to get along under the admittedly unfair and discriminating system.

For about two years I have been treated suspiciously, and a little nastily. My room has been entered by the resident advisor in my absence; my neighbors will attest to this. Signs have been torn off my door and thrown inside "because they were posted with so much tape." Why, then, do taped signs on other doors remain? The resident advisor has been barely civil to my parents; I have already said that life here has been difficult for me. I do not exaggerate. It would seem that, in a situation trying to encourage entrance by girls, a little more effort could be made to make things more pleasant for us. Indeed, since no apartments within walking distance are available except in questionable neighborhoods, and girls undergraduates are virtually forced to live in the dormitory, we would think that every effort would be made to provide the girls with a friendly, liberal atmosphere. Instead, it seems that the opposite effort has been made.

I write this letter now because at this point I have nothing to lose; a letter breaks no rules. My final

Boob Tube Takes the Tube

by Wayne Bernath

Did you ever have a secret desire to watch someone stump Dorsa Day? Does Julia usually bring on an attack of diabetes? Did you ever have unspoken thoughts about the Doublemint twins? In fact if you are suffering from any of the symptoms of terminal commercial television, you should see Groove Tube. It is as refreshing as a good dose of Diastax and non-adhesive. Currently playing to capacity crowds each weekend at the Chicago City Players Theater, 615 West Wellington (phone reservations 943-5563), Groove Tube takes an angry and irreverent view of commercial television in all its ugliness. Presented via closed-circuit television, the show, which might be subtitled "Boob Tube Takes the Tube", is witty, funny, strange, funny, and obscene.

Through a series of "programs," Groove Tube goes to commercial television with the finesse of an ax murderer and with equal effect. Under these circumstances it is impossible to make sense which counts, and on this basis it rates as a winter. If you have ever set through one of those dreary miracle-meal-in-a-minute commercials which tell you to do downright revolting things with mayonnaise, hamburger, beans, and toaster-rolls, you will enjoy the Kump Kitchen episode.

If you have turned down the volume on Wide World of Sports in order to escape the pompous commentary, you will enjoy "Olympics.

If you have watched in colored silence while a public service message warns of the dire consequences if you continue sniffing dill weed, you will appreciate "Safety First.

One word of warning: these episodes are episodes not likely to be seen on your favorite local television station. Groove Tube is about as subtle as a pea snarling you in the face. And Groove Tube is funny.

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Cadets See Daily Life in Missile Silo

by Don Heise

Northwest Air Force ROTC cadets visited Whiteman Air Force base, 70 miles southeast of Kansas City, Missouri, recently. Traveling by a C-47 airplane, the group arrived at Whiteman late Saturday morning and started their tour. One of the base officers explained the general connection of the facilities. Whiteman is the ballistic missile center of its area. The launch complexes are scattered throughout the area, some being over a two-hour drive by car from the base. Individual missile complexes consist of two main parts of the Launch Control Facility (LCF) and the Launching Facility.

The LCF houses the living quarters of the two-man crews during their three-36 hour stays per week. A crew works for 12 hours, sleeps for 12 hours, and then works for 12 hours. Crews work in a small capsule underneath the LCP Living quarters. Most of their work is done by watching and listening for warnings of faults in the system from a second generation computer. A missile can be fired when (four men or two capsules) turn their igniter keys within 2 seconds. The distant Launching Facility contains the solid-fuel Minuteman missile. Computers in the missile site feed information from the launching site through underground cables to the control capsule. An electronic security system ensures knowledge of when the system is being tampered with.

The AFROTC cadets were able to tour the above facilities, and found precautions taken most complete. The security at the LCP makes attack on the capsule almost impossible without the crew's knowledge. Each life support system in the capsule has at least two back-up systems. The cadets also toured base facilities not directly connected with national defense. They heard about the unique program in Business Administration set up for missile crew members and tried out a flight navigation trainer.

Well, anyway, if she did, it would probably leave her a bit flat. Actually, this is Bonnie Bedelia, who stars as Ruby in ABC Pictures "They Shoot Horses, Don't They?"

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Invitational Swimming Championship at IIT

A host of Rick Poole swimming records are expected to be broken in the 26th Annual Chicago Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Championship, the first time at the Illinois Institute of Technology, taking place on Tuesday, March 7, 1970. Seven schools are competing: George Williams College, Northeastern State College, University of Chicago, University of Illinois Chicago Circle, Wright College, and Illinois Tech. There will be time finals in all events in a morning session, beginning at 9:30 am, and an afternoon session, beginning at 2:30 pm.

Finishing with a 3-vln, 8-lane, 25-yard record, the team broke two 20-year-old varsity swimming records (among others) in very tough competition. Kurt Kiefert shared Harman's 1945 record in the 200-yard Breaststroke of 2:37.6 to an impressive 2:36.1. The 400-yard Freestyle Relay record of 3:31.8, set in 1946 by Madsen, Schmidt, Mitchell, and McNamee has been cut to 3:44.6 by Tech transfers Jeff Rockman, Bob Bucelas, Bill Hasford, and Arne Large. In addition, Lange lowered all previous marks for the 200, 500, and 1000 yard freestyle events.

Other swimmers who are expected to deliver their best performances of the year at the invitational include Steve Conover, Jack Toren, and Bill Bialeski. Keith Evans, a newcomer to the squad, will be competing for the first time at a Tech championship meet. He is expected to further strengthen the Freestyle Relay and individual medley events.

Bad Breaks Mur Wrestling Season

The '69-70 Wrestling Team brought their season to an end on Tuesday, March 3rd against Milwaukee Tech, losing their 10th match for a season total of 4-5. This is mainly ascribed to the loss of some of their best wrestlers due to injuries.

These receiving Major Letter Awards for their efforts with their season totals as follows: Foster (high with 33 pts; total), DeGraaf (29); Bred and Skowinski (25); Robroek (23); Maeld (best in mid-season; 14 pts); and Williamson with 19 pts. Total for the season. Minor Awards are as follows: Snyder, Krius, and Lee.

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