Clean Air Race Entry Never Makes Starting Line; Gas Company, Institutional Development Back Down

by R. Michael Blake

The ITT entry in the cross-country Clean Air Race, promised support by the ITT Administration, Alumni Association, and Chicago area gas companies received none of that support and thus did not enter the race.

Rick Brimmah, an ITT student who headed the Clean Air Car project, related the details of the story. Last spring, with the project in its early stages, Brimmah appealed to Union Bank for financial support. UBB, however, was unable to provide the needed funds. Assistant Dean of Students, R. Martin Jolin, then advised Brimmah to present the idea to the Institute of Gas Technology. In May 1970, ITT considered sponsorship of the project, but finally decided that it couldn’t devote the time or money — however, ITT helped Brimmah make contact with Peoples Gas of Chicago, who did promise equipment to build the car and natural gas to power it. Further help was forthcoming from the Alumni Association, which offered interest, and Mark Bates, ITT Vice President and Director of Institutional Development. Brimmah estimated that $1,000 would be needed from ITT to supplement the Peoples Gas commitment.

Once all things were going, interest mounted from several sources — since the ITT entry would be the only representative from a Chicago area college. CHICAGO TODAY did a preliminary article on the project to aid publicity and promised more coverage when the car was ready. WLS-TV planned to cover the progress of the car on news film.

However, there was a deadline to meet: all entries had to be in Detroit by July 30 to be tested and certified — and the car still wasn’t ready as July began. Brimmah continued to work, finally getting the car ready to take the Shreveport trial.

The last straw came when, in the latter part of July, Brimmah attempted to get the promised $1,000 from Vice-President Bates — only to learn that Mr. Bates was suddenly away on vacation. That ended it. Thanks to some sudden backfiring and administrative snafu, the entire project fell apart. Promises were reneged twice as fast as they had been gathered. The entire summer for Brimmah and his crew — the project had kept them unable to find summer jobs — was a financial debacle. If the Clean Air Race turns out any useful results on the performance and effectiveness of a Natural gas-powered vehicle, it will be no thanks to ITT and the Chicago area gas companies.

Commenting on the entire episode, Brimmah said, "It’s handling of our entry didn’t surprise me, but certainly left a lot to be desired."

O-Week Big Success; Comments Asked - Chmn.

by Chuck Hans

The Class of 1974 is more responsive to the campus than any other in recent memory, according to SAAH chairman Joel Kramm, who was instrumental in getting this year’s O-Week program off the ground. In addition, he feels that the past O-Week was the most successful ever.

In talking to many student advisors, incoming freshmen, and other ITT students, the general outlook is optimistic for ITT’s new freshman class. Being hopeful, however, many are quick to see the need for even better planning of next year’s Orientation Week.

In spite of the necessity of student participation in O-Week planning, many students are still typically apathetic about all such campus activities. The lack of this participation forced many parts of the program which would be student-run to be done by the Dean of Students Office.

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The 'Either/Or' Referendum

The referendum at Registration read as follows:

"The IIT calendar should be changed so that no classes are held during the week of October 30 to October 31, 1970, thereby permitting any students who wish to do so to work on behalf of candidates of their choice in the November elections. The semester would thus be extended to the week following Christmas vacation, so that final examinations would be January 4 to January 8, 1971. Instead of December 17 to December 22, 1970, and commencement would be January 8, 1971, instead of December 22, 1970. The last day of classes would be Wednesday, December 20, 1970, instead of December 19, 1970."

In other words, to get a week off to work for the candidate of one's choice, one must sacrifice a week of Christmas vacation. On the surface, it would appear that Robert J. Bonthron, Dean of Students, has been dealing from a stacked deck.

Indeed, this entire maneuver has the look of an administrative manipulation, a week off from classes must ultimately be made up — and it's far too late to cancel the school year a week early. Thus we were given a choice: be active politically, or get finals over with early and really relax over Christmas vacation for a change.

Did Dean Bonthron hope that the IIT community would reject the measure out of hand? Was the average IIT student cajoled into fighting desperately for the change, only to find that the final week is going to be spent studying for the pressures of Finite week out of the way, rather than have them hang on again this Christmas? Will the Administration now be able to sit Sieck and smugly say, "we offered the students a chance to choose but they turned it down"? Will this be the basis of yet another statement to the effect that "IIT students would rather study!"

To hazard answers at this time would not give the Administration a chance to explain their own motives in the matter. However, political campaigning as stated in the referendum need not be the issue either, or position that Dean Bonthron seems to think it is.

The ideal arrangement would be to make it a freedom-of-choice decision on the part of each student. "Freedom of choice" is a phrase that's taken on another bad connotation from the desegregation problem in the South, but it's the preferable course of action here. With faculty cooperation, classes can be carried out during that one week, with the number of tests given (and the deadline for grade reports) not changed at all — just split into two sections.

Still and all, this plan will have problems. Scheduling, for instance, how would regular classes be held for half the student body if the other half is taking finals? The plan will require a great deal of coordination between students, the Faculties, the Senate, and the Administration. ITSA should consider campaign alternatives such as this as high-priority policy objectives for this term. Perhaps another arrangement, equally amenable to students, faculty, and administration, can be found through such intensive conferencing. In any case, it all better get started pretty soon.

As a suggestion, TECHNOLOGY NEWS recommends that, during the week of October 19-23, all unexcused absences be charged against any student who informs his instructors in advance of his absence. Even if this is the only point enacted, it is probably enough — considering the fact that during campaign week, not even the most committed student is spent campaigning; just as not every minute in a school week is spent studying.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS also asks for an end to the apparent policy of the Administration that sets IIT up as a "showcase" campus in "these troubled times" — a "quiet oasis in an unruly academic world." For better or worse, let us be judged on our own merits.

The Great American Sellout

In approximately six years many Americans will celebrate the 200th anniversary of American independance. In reality we should celebrate the 200 year of a sellout of a great dream.

The spirit of the American Revolution was built on the privileged ruling class that took over the country. They took the slogans, the symbols, and the flag and turned it into a great money making scheme. Today these symbols represent little more than greed and exploitation.

The talk American is one who is lead around by the nose by his privileged ruling class leaders. He hides behind the flags of the flag shouting out the truth of the things which he cannot understand. He lives in a dog-in-fox's existence, claiming his survival over the bodies of those who were not quite strong enough.

He learns that individuality and freedom of thought can only exist in parallel with the thought of the ruling class. Anyone who opposes the norm is considered "undesirable," a bad person, in the perfectly running clockwork of his exploitative relations.

A true American is one who drops crutches as he abandons his affluence, and is angered at the starving as they fight for his droppings. He has no time for thought of his fellow man, he is unable to stop for fear of losing his place on the meek mill.

America's heritage is that of revolution, change. The revolution need not be violent, it first started with a bang in 1776, and after that minor peaceful revolutions did follow. In most cases a revolution of technology. But social revolution has not followed as steadily, in fact it has stagnated. Some people are allowed to move up with the social structure, but many others are "kept in their place."

The true patriots of today, the real Americans are those fighting for that social change. He is a student returning to serve in a colonial war in Asia, the teacher trying to teach the truth, the common man fighting for the betterment of his brother. The ideals are long lost through the years.

These are the radicals of today, the despised boat roakers of mundane America society. School children are taught that radicalism and revolution are foreign to the American way of life. The battles of the Revolutionary War are stressed, not the ideals and values that were being fought for.

The champions of that war have been turned into powdered millions, whipping, little cutting pommous tools. They are too good to be human. The textbook writers have buried the word revolution. It now only exists as a dark word of evil.

We now find the American being led around by his nose, his rulers wish him in the slaughter house, where he will be killed and sectioned.

Dear Editor-In-Chief, Bonthron,

Just read your Orientation Week notice of TECHNOLOGY News. Wonder if you didn't realize you were wishing a year unlike last year.

Dear Mr. Albert:

"If I realized what you would have complained about!

Don't say for the highest price possible, WHERE the spirit of fight and change disappeared.

We must see the times before it is too late. Grab hold those symbols of our heritage, rekindle the revolutionary fire in our souls. We must effect the change to take within the society. The revolution need not be with guns and dynamite. It may be one of taking the streets and vocalizing the discontent of the people. The revolution may take many forms. But if the peaceful revolution fails, then we must prepare ourselves for the revolution of the gals.

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Secret Lives of TN Staff

In our seldom-ending crusade to bring the reader private notes to the staff of this periodical, and to fill up this hole in the layout, we proudly present the true story of the TN staff—never before has this story been told to an audience that stayed awake through the whole thing.

GUTS GRABARKIEWICZ, attracted by the lure of big-time journalism, left his job proofreading for Grove Press to do the controversial "Tech Tattle," which appears elsewhere in this issue but too hard to find, since we only get four whole pages this week.

I believe that the only way to cure our society of its sexual hangups is to be frank about everything," Gutman commented in that straight-from-the-shoulder style as he fondled his rubber ducky.

VERN L. EQUINOX, currently in retirement (due next March), is not, repeat not, a Tennessee Swamp Toad. He just writes like one.

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Wild Orgy, Violence Rock “Quiet Oasis”!!

by Cassie Grabowlewski

An orgy of major proportions took place on the ITI campus last Tuesday. The wild party staged by the now-defeated Sun Education Department shear thousands of divisions and drugged students take control of the “quiet oasis” for several hours.

The party started innocently enough with a small announcement in Technology News. The student response was overwhelming: alcoholic beverages and loose women flowed freely for the first few hours of the party. Some students were repeatedly seen smoking roofer zen with LED, police refrained from arresting those students for fear of an outbreak of major violence.

Things started to get rough around 10 PM when the “boost women” turned out in actuality to be Guy Liberation members. The students took their frustration to the streets, setting every major building on the ITI campus on fire. Flames licked thousands of feet into the air, police refrained from arresting the students for fear of an outbreak of major violence.

Running out of buildings to destroy, the demonstrators then vented their anger on the CTA elevated structure, toppling it three miles of the “EL” tracks.

They proceeded next to dismantle McDonald’s Hamburger and Colonel Sanders.

The violence was finally quelled by the Illinois National Guard backed up by tanks and flamethrowers. A valiant effort by the ITI Buildings and Grounds Department put the campus back into regular. It reportedly took one hour to repair the damage, using four pieces of plywood and a power washer. They were unable to repair Chapin Hall, due to the fact that students had carried off all the bricks to the building.

Another sad note is the loss of the Sun Education Department, which folded after the members realized that there is no set at ITI.

Chaplin Hall, scene of Tuesday’s terrifying orgy

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Tech Sports

NCAA Program Here

by Harvey Schmitt

Arthur Keating Hall, site of many a worthwhile project, housed another one this summer, as ITI and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) sponsored a“Black-Out”program for the neighborhood youngsters. Co-ordinators of the program were Ben Kelly and Tony Delgado of the Athletic Department. They attempted to plan a summer which would be fulfilling in not only a physical sense, but a mental one as well. The NCAA funds a series of these programs across the country, and our own Keating Hall and its staff is justifyedly honored to have been chosen as one for the program.

It is a bit obvious to think that a program of this type can be an additive problem solver. But the Monsees, Kelly and Delgado placed the enrichment of the recreational and social lives of the youngsters at the top of their list as a realistic goal. An added feature of this year’s program was the series of talks given by the younger men on education, athletics, opportunities in the labor field, social hygiene, and the drug problem.

The list of distinguished guests who gave the talks included Mr. David Dudley of ITI admissions, and Paul (Benny) From, former major league pitcher, who is a member of the public relations staff of the Chicago White Sox.

Left-Over From Last Season:
The Techawk Soccer Club ended up as co-champions of the Chicago Area Soccer Club League, Capt. Steve Zweng hopes that the team will go very far this year. Anyone interested in the Club is urged to contact Zweng at Ext. 460.

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