Frosts Told: Depledge 45; Housing Is Desperate To Fill Residence Halls

The campus chapters of 9 national fraternities were notified by the Housing Administration this week of the intended removal of 5 pledges from each chapter's membership roster. This action will result in the effective forced de-pledging of 45 young men as they are moved from their chosen place of residence in the Institute's residence halls. The action came after the fraternity's notice in the prospective pledge list to the Housing Administration on September 30.

The motive behind this manifesto, according to Charles Owens, Housing Director, is to keep the residence halls filled. The action merely means that "the fraternity can't take all the pledges they expected."

The fraternity's, of course, are fighting this arbitrary interference with internal affairs in the houses. In a call from the Technology News staffroom to one of the houses, we asked how many pledges the fraternity was actually de-pledging at the moment because of the Housing Administration decree. The answer came back, "None. How many has the Housing Administration asked to be removed from the pledge list?" "Four," was the reply. Says Joe Kramer, chairman of SAFAB and an Alpha Epilson Pi brother, "The school is depleting the student of the financial right where he wants to go."

The fraternity's also are understandably upset with the Administration's pronouncement. Their representatives have met with the Inter-Fraternity Council, Dean Bonham, and a Vice-President of the student government. Mr. Tracht presented the Administration's view of the matter; the 45 students will be moved to the dorms in order to insure full occupancy.

This incident runs counter to a 1961 "gentlemen's agreement" between the Administration and the fraternities. Under this pact, fraternity occupancy would be an equal percentage of dorm occupancy based upon enrollment. This agreement also allows the Administration to house dormitory overflow students in the residence halls. Normally, the overflow students are banished to the dorms balance out the students leaving the dorms and moving into the fraternity houses.

The fraternity is asking for a compromise of four members selected by the fraternity to a joint committee to work out a compromise agreement with the Administration. Several questions are being posed also by the chapter members: Will the student government do the Institute have to the fraternity To what extent can the school intervene with the internal workings of the house, specifically, can a new November actually choose his place of residence?


Larry Strain, ITSA Vice-President and Engineering representative, has announced that he will be unable to assume the ITSA presidency in lieu of the resignation of Conrad Mocarel.

As reported elsewhere in this page, many ITSA members are either unable or unwilling to work or are entirely unaccounted for. As soon as time approached, Technology News learned that, though Strain will not become ITSA president (by the resignation provisions of the ITSA constitution), he may be able to stay on as Engineering representative — contrary to the statement in the other article that he would resign altogether. On the advice of his doctor, Strain is cutting down on all his school activities.

When asked if he had any advice for the remaining ITSA members, Strain was said to have said, "Just good luck, guys." He also commented on the state of flak that the student body and the student government structure are currently in, hoping that planners of a new system can improve on the old one.

"Work Week" Rejected Referendum Defeated

by Mitch Murckow

In voting which completed early this week, ITSA students rejected a "Work-Week" referendum proposal. The voting, by an estimated 75% to 25%, was held Saturday afternoon in the Union. It is the third attempt by the students to bring the Work-Week question before the students in the last 2 years.

The original idea for a referendum on Work-Week at ITT was proposed by a group of students which met last spring. They met with ITSA and ITT students, and decided to hold the referendum. The idea gained steam during the fall semester, and the ITSA Executive Committee put the question on the ballot for the November elections.

The Work-Week proposal was defeated, with 53% of the students voting against it. The ITSA Executive Committee will now have to decide whether to bring the question to the ballot again in the future.

HELP!

Due to the holes that appear in our layout every week, Technology News again sends out an urgent appeal. We do accept student literary and visual contributions and other good ideas. Writing an article does not mean that you are committed to a full time position. This privilege is reserved for the editors and other salaried staff members. All we ask is that you provide us with your written work, pictures, drawings, etc. Anything else is also welcome. All work is welcome, so please try to help us.

Deadline for articles is 8 pm on Mondays, and photos and graphics is 8 pm on Wednesdays. If you are interested in working with us, please contact Matt Davis at 322-9300 ext. 520.

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Remember Last Man's Election Results? ITSA has made available its past election results, and for each candidate's report, you can see how the vote went in that election. Visit our website for more information.

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EDITORIALS

Written Laws Are Needed

Few students are aware of the fact that throwing anything into Treece Hall's fountain (including human beings) could bring a fine and/or a visit to the Disciplinary Board. This is an example of IIT's unwritten laws.

The student Handbook provides little help to the students about does and don'ts. It contains ambiguous statements concerning student misconduct which adversely affect the university community's pursuit of its educational objectives.

Take one instance of a group of students playing football on a grassy area. When told by a campus patrolman to stop, they asked why. The patrolman branded them "militants" and threatened to confiscate their balls. Does this constitute an adverse effort on academic pursuits?

Other examples are the fact that shoes and socks must be worn at all times, and the freewheeling campus police tagging and towing anything standing for more than five minutes.

The implications are obvious. The institution could single out any student or group of students, and the results would not be undesirable. They could be expelled on trumped up charges or harassed to the point where life at IIT would be impossible. There seems to be no consolidated set of written institute rules if they do exist they are scattered through various publications.

Technology News suggests a committee composed of Administration, faculty, and students draw up and publish a set of written laws. This could be placed in the Handbook or be separate, and made easily accessible to all students. It could be distributed at registration. The need for these written laws is greater than we think.

Laude Rare Student Consensus

In a rare display of almost complete agreement the IIT student body has had the good sense to overwhelmingly defeat the proposed change in the school calendar that would have permitted a week free of classes to actively participate in the current political campaigns.

This idea was first proposed at the height of the emotional frenzy following the tragic events at Kent State last Spring, and was one of the demands of students strikes leaders both here and across the nation. It was generally adopted at other schools at that time as part of their package of surrender to the activists — but not at IIT. Evidently recognizing the emotion-laden aspects of this and other demands, the school Administration elected to have the idea put to a referendum vote in the Fall — correctly assuming that the furor would die down over the summer.

When the proposal was put to the student body at Fall Registration it was done so in what was admittedly an unpleasant form, one that would appeal only to dedicated, hard-core activists (of both sides). As a result, the measure was soundly defeated, and, I feel, rightly so. I cannot help but suspect that if the proposal had passed, our student body would have used the time for a week-long sleep-in, excepting those previously dedicated individuals. However, that type of student is already putting in long hours on his own, working for those candidates he feels best express his position.

There are many on campus who are accusing the school of having rigged the outcome of the referendum by its choice of dates for the makeup-up period. On the other hand, almost all of us have been that student. I congratulate the Administration for asking only that those who really wanted this idea pass sacrifice something to get it.

All too often in recent months students elsewhere have had their demands accepted to the extent of the whisper from the rest of the student body, even though neither the school would give some sort of reciprocal agreement to guarantee the rights of the rest of the students, nor to mention the faculty and staff. It is to be commended, not condemned, for taking some action to assure its students that a vocal minority would not have the opportunity to quash the rights of the majority.

Coming Next Week,

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If your tired of trying to sell your old couch with notices on the Comms bulletin board, try the Personal Column. If your loved one has run away from home, or your horse and looking for somebody to buy us. It isn't hard at all, just write your ideas on a sheet of paper and bring them down to the Technology News office in the basement of the HUB. If the door is closed, just slip it under the door. Pseudo-intellectual and witty sayings are equally welcome.

The column is open to any student, staff, faculty, or employee of the Illinois Institute of Technology. So help make the paper work for you (we're really not trying to work against you) by patronizing the Student Personal Column.

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Note: My people signed up for The, about twenty-five showed up for the last meeting last Thursday, and all of those heads to it was Monday. But, like, by little, enough bodies showed up in Tuesday for us to get the rest of work. By the way, we are not responsible for the morgue. This is the prelude.

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Results of May Elections, Bill of Rights, Activities Fee Referenda Finally Here

The long-awaited results of last May’s election for the Student Bill of Rights, activities fee and referendum were finally disclosed this week.

Student President John Zeiblitz was unable to distribute the results before this week, when they were finally disclosed to Technology News. The results included the names of the candidates and the number of votes they received. The results were distributed to students via email.

The Student Bill of Rights (SBOR) was passed with a vote of 325 to 246, with the yes votes exceeding the no votes by a margin of 89. The SBOR includes provisions for academic freedom, free speech, and student rights.

The activities fee referendum was also passed, with a vote of 395 to 217, with the yes votes exceeding the no votes by a margin of 178. The activities fee will fund student organizations and extracurricular activities.

The referendum on the Student Bill of Rights was passed with a vote of 317 to 234, with the yes votes exceeding the no votes by a margin of 83. The referendum will allow the Student Senate to make decisions on SBOR issues.

Heifitz Sets Budget

The long-awaited 1976-77 ITSA budget was finally approved on Wednesday afternoon at a meeting of the ITSA Finance Committee. The budget includes funds for student activities, a new student union, and a new student center.

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Perforce

Hi — and welcome back, if you weren’t already. I can’t believe how many people have asked me how you’re doing since I’ve been away. I hope you’re all doing well and that you’re enjoying the break.

The Student Senate has approved a new budget for the upcoming academic year. The budget includes funds for student activities, a new student union, and a new student center. The budget was approved by a vote of 15-3, with the yes votes exceeding the no votes by a margin of 12. The budget will be submitted to the Student Senate for final approval.

Guerrilla Theater on Trucker’s Excursion

This past weekend the ITSA tractor-trailer sponsored a three-day event of training in nonviolent actions at the Lake Shore Friends Meeting House. The event was organized by the Non-Violent Training and Action Center (NVTA) and consisted of three major parts.

The first event was devoted to an overseas mission and a discussion of the importance of nonviolent action. The sensitivity session was intended to set the stage for the following two events.

Saturday and Sunday the group of fifteen students gathered in nonviolent techniques and practiced speaking, the acting of guerrilla theater. Prizes were awarded for the best idea, as well as for the most creative idea. The prizes included a $100 gift certificate to a local restaurant, a $50 gift certificate to a local bookstore, and a $25 gift certificate to a local cafe.

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Societal Views of Jesus: Radical or Conservative?

By John Blamey

Jesus: Radical, Liberal, or Conservative?

At a time when so many people are now to recognize themselves and others as conservative, liberal, or radical — and usually stop listening to anyone who is not in another camp from oneself — it might be interesting to try to find the right label for an illustrious Jewish teacher who is esteemed by our culture. Was Jesus a conservative, liberal, or a radical?

Some would argue that he was conservative. According to Matthew, Jesus said:

"Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, all heaven and earth pass away, not one jot, not one letter, shall pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever therefore annuls one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teach them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Histories of religion maintain that Jesus, like Confucius, Buddha, and other great religious leaders, said nothing that was really new, but rather brought together elements of the traditions that were already present. This was powerfully relevant for that time. Thus, Jesus can be seen as one who preserved the best of the Jewish tradition.

Others would contend that Jesus was a great liberal. John quotes him as saying, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." And Jesus seemed to be free enough of tradition to authorize his followers to heal the Sabbath laws, to prevent a woman caught in adultery from being stoned according to the law, and to condemn those who spent their lives upholding the tradition. Some would say that Jesus, like a true liberal, did not discard the whole of tradition, but paved the way for his followers to make significant reforms in the beliefs and practices of Judaism.

And finally, there are those who see Jesus as a radical — one who got to the root of things. Rather than argue about the superficialities of the tradition — and thus evade the sensitive, controversial questions — Jesus differed from many of his contemporaries in that he seemed always to go straight to the heart of the matter. When the rich young ruler asked him about salvation, Jesus put his finger right on the problem — the man's preoccupation with his possessions. He went beyond the ten commandments to the problems of law, love, and greed. Like a true radical, he saw the fullness of solving Israel's problems by working through a corrupt establishment. But he also rejected a military solution, because he knew that at the root of Israel's troubles was not the Roman occupation, but as that was, but Israel's failure to acknowledge what he called God's kingdom, or God's power — that if they would find a power at work which was changing men's lives in very radical ways, and through them the social and political structures — not through violence and political intrigue, but by means of a more radical and subversive force — self-sacrificial love.

So, was Jesus radical, liberal, or conservative, or all three? Let the reader decide.

The Trusters will meet on Monday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the chapel. All are invited. Also, there will be a coffeehouse on Friday in the chapel starting at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments are free and adoration is in a 25-foot cube.

Skyjackers: Booming Biz

By Joe Scoueates

(Note: the opinions expressed in this column are necessarily those of the Columbus, Ohio chapter of the Flat Earth Society. This contributor, who had the audacity to think up his own pen name, maintains a flat earth and denies the existence of the passengers' choice, whose compliances and idle threats hold the occupants for an additional two weeks. The only problem is that TWA is being too many employees, who are forced to help him return the plate if the scheduled hijacker doesn't show up.)

Not everybody takes this little seriously. Last week, for example, a group of businessmen were arrested at O'Hare Field for conducting an unauthorized lottery to see who'd go where. On the other hand, some people are taking it more seriously — indeed, some airlines no longer allow anyone on a plane who smokes Havana cigars. Other airlines have discontinued the practice of serving caviar, smelling foods, fearing that they may be used as weapons. A third airline, in a very picturesque and aggressive manner, has introduced strictures trained in silence and solitude. The combination of the last two innovations has had the result of having no passengers getting their palms hands on the American Way? Can't you just imagine a McDonald's or a Burger King constructed in the Jordanian desert especially for skyjacker hooligans? Or, better yet, a Lazar's Knish but dog stand in Caro?"

Another innovation spawned by the recent rash of radical rebellions is TWA's new "extended businessman's vacation." This is a special first-class flight which gets hijacked on schedule and then to the destination of the passengers' choice — whose compliances and idle threats hold the occupants for an additional two weeks. The only problem is that TWA is being too many employees, who are forced to help him return the plate if the scheduled hijacker doesn't show up.

Not everybody takes this lightly. Last week, for example, a group of businessmen were arrested at O'Hare Field for conducting an unauthorized lottery to see who'd go where. On the other hand, some people are taking it more seriously — indeed, some airlines no longer allow anyone on a plane who smokes Havana cigars. Other airlines have discontinued the practice of serving caviar, smelling foods, fearing that they may be used as weapons. A third airline, in a very picturesque and aggressive manner, has introduced strictures trained in silence and solitude. The combination of the last two innovations has had the result of having no passengers getting their palms hands on the American Way? Can't you just imagine a McDonald's or a Burger King constructed in the Jordanian desert especially for skyjacker hooligans? Or, better yet, a Lazar's Knish but dog stand in Caro?"
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The ITT baseball team, attempting to set the foundation of a winning team, is working on practices, under a stormy sky, Sept. 15, when pitcher Don Luchetti and first baseman Bob Steinau were injured at the new baseball field during a practice. The two were chasing a fanged pop fly and collided heavily. Both men suffered some facial damage, but at press time, no further reports were available. Technical manager Larry Strickland is currently out of action because of illness. A preliminary look at the Techhawk baseball team will appear in next week's issue of TN.

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Then why do I bring it up? Is Perforce to become a Tech Thirty column? I hope not. The whole point of this real, but not overly significant illustration is that the ITT administration has not been widespread and arbitrary control over your life. In things so minor as removing protruding air conditioners because they "destroy the symmetry of the quad" or so major as the discrimination in housing and treatments against women on campus, the administration acts impulsively. You can let the issues slide till you need help, then you have nowhere to run. It can happen to you, not some of the injured students. But if you're not where someone else needs a solid front of help, there'll be no one there when it's your turn to be put down for individuality. It's as simple as that.

Skyjackings

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night, and I've never known a happy, smug sports writer who lived to tell about it. Saturday's game was a tough one for me, and when the game was over, I found myself without a hat. It was a cold night, and I realized that I had nothing to keep the wind from blowing my hair back. I decided to get a new hat, and I went to the store. The store was crowded with people, and I had to wait for a long time before I could find a hat I liked. But when I finally did, I bought it and took it home. It was the perfect hat, and I wore it all day Sunday. I was glad I had bought it, and I hope you'll enjoy your new hat as much as I did.