Students' Bookstore Problems
Not Committee Concern

"Overpricing is not the committee's concern," said Gerald Stel-
letta, head of the faculty committee on Bookstore evaluation. He defined
the committee's purpose as opening
channels of communication between
the departments and the bookstore.
To this end a "brainstorming"
meeting was held Feb-
uary 12 between Mr. Paul Fox
and Mr. Bill Biedenwicz of the
Bookstore, Mr. Robert H. Jarrett
(ITT Business Manager), and the
faculty committee consisting of Dr.
Saletta, Dr. Frederick Ernst, and
Dr. Paul DoForest.
Dr. Saletta said that, right now,
part of the problem is poor com-
munication between the depart-
ments and the bookstore. The orders from the departments go in,
late, are ordered in insufficient quanti-
ties, or are incorrectly ordered.

He said that others could be
used which are retailed to other
products. The problem is that figures
could be used by many students
in a manner which is not
understood how the students do.
The bookstore bears the responsi-
ibility of ordering books.

The other alternative is to order
the books by air freight, adding
the orders on the order list. It
stimulated

UB's 'Riverview Reminiscences'
Scheduled for Early March

by Dan Mayer

"Riverview is and always has
been" is this year's theme of a
very unusual piece of art whose
vignettes will take place in the
room next month. Called "an
environmental sculpture" by its
creator, Joseph LaSala, it is a
huge walk-through collage 31 feet long,
20 feet wide, and 16 feet high.

Riverview's main
part is the north side of
Chicago. Although it had many
atmospheres, including a river-
pound, ferris wheel, and fun-hours
found at all amusement parks,
its famous draw was Allens' Castle and the Bois. Allens' castle was also a funhouse, but it had one special feature: the front was an instant family affair, which numerous moving eyes
followed past-by. The Bois' Riverviews turned rain into
particular-ness, especially when
passengers were thrown out of the bus.

People were won to
hold on, but to show they weren't
scared, came waving their hands in
the air, and the like.

Included in the sculpture are
all of Riverview's most memorable at-
morations: the rain, the en-
teasure is thru Allens' open mouth.
Side is a wild hose which runs
beyond the castle and the
 Tunnel of Love, merry-go-round,
the bell, and the rest of the

The first eight chapters of the
story will be shown outside the
sculpture. The second nine
artwork is intended by the fact
that it has been constructed in a
separate site, so Allens' turban
required 43 yards of cloth.

"Riverview Reminiscences" will be on display in the
hallway March 1 from 16. The opening on
March 1, where another
will be held to discuss the
recommendation.

The recommendation on improving
the bookstore will be presented to the
faculty committee by the
bookstore. When asked if the recom-
dandation would be rejected it
was pointed out that the "spirit of the
meeting" held Feb 12, Dr. Saletta
sacl told in an interview. "It is
important to consider the
advisability of any suggestions."

The recommendation is due.
March 1, when another
will be held to discuss the
recommendation.
EDITORIALS

A Break in Policy

It is not the policy of this paper to answer letters to the editor; since we have completed the printing deadline, it would be too easy for us to have the last word — even as we could simply leave out letters which oppose our viewpoint or contest the content of our material. But, herewith, this practice will be bent somewhat; the letter from Mr. Paul Fox, Manager of Retail Services and the man responsible for the IIT bookstore, appears elsewhere on this page, and it was decided that immediate dialogue should take place, since this is a weekly publication and delays are not a way of life at IIT. We go on record as taking advantage of our last word position in this case, we feel that to do otherwise would be denial of the end of this editorial as the end of the discussion, by any means.

Mr. Fox pointed out that books in Print, is meant only as a guide; even so, some books mentioned in last week’s survey were compared to current prices at Kroch’s and Brennato’s — which priced books in line with BIP, lower than the IIT Bookstore. Mr. Fox states that BIP is not always a reliable source, but goes on to say that “the IIT bookstore prices agree with the Publishers’ current prices.” I invite Mr. Fox to elaborate: are these prices quoted now, by the Publishers themselves? Or were they quoted last fall by the Publisher when these books were on sale in the Bookstore at the prices stated?

The discussion is definitely not over. The Faculty Bookstore Evaluation Committee intends only to facilitate ordering thru the Departmental level, but if even that is all that comes of the current storm over the bookstore, these attempts to keep the bookstore — and retail services in general, including the apparent failure of the “Campus Mart” to economize and cut prices — in focus are not in vain.

Even if there were no inconsistencies whatsoever in the pricing policy of the Bookstore — even if textbook publishers didn’t charge ridiculously high prices — there would be plenty that needed doing (or at least made public) concerning retail services. Mr. Fox has every right to be indignant about this “answer” — he didn’t submit the letter, thinking it would be used as a touchscreen for a one-sided argument. We apologize for this unprecedented behavior — but remain firm in our convictions on the copy we ran, and the stand we take.

…I MEAN IT.

LETTERS

Embrace

This is relative to your article in February 1971 issue of Tech News regarding the IIT Bookstore. I would like to point out that the 1970 Books in Print does not list the current book prices.

On the second page of the book it is stated: “Every effort is made by most publishers contributing catalogs to the Publishers Book List to assure that material is approved for public use.” The statement is accepted by the students and is a key component of the IIT Bookstore. However, this does not mean that all publishers are equally careful.

I have checked every example quoted in the Tech News article and found that the IIT bookstore prices agree with the Publishers’ current prices.

Embrace

(RJ M)

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IIT Stage Band Struggles for Acceptance at IIT

by Mark Mueller

Gaining an acceptable reputation is a burden to any organization, and especially in one in the performance arts. IIT's Stage Band is plagued by both. To most students, the group is nothing more than a few forgotten lines in the bulletin or another aspect of Tech susceptible to their disdain. Due primarily to the lack of exposure of the band on campus, this leads to the many misconceptions that exist about it.

Many years ago Tech had a strong music program which included some choral groups along with the band. But for some reason that program has not really been on the rise. The music organizations until only the Stage Band is left struggling for its existence.

About seven years ago, Dr. H. E. Nutt, now teaching at Vandercook College of Music, was director of the stage band and Concert Band; however, his musical performance declined. Due to the lack of interest from some of the members of the Stage Band, Dr. Nutt preferred the more traditional "classical" big band style. As a result, the band went to a more experimental style, which broke away from the official organization; however, in becoming less of a traditional band, it forfeited the financial allotment supplied by IIT and was forced to pay its own expenses and order its own woodwind and percussion instruments. Two years ago a new director took over and the stage band beginning to be an officially recognized group; but its budget of three hundred dollars this year is only a fraction of the one thousand dollars budget they once had. Tom Prange, the new director, was formerly in the band and is presently an Electrical Engineering instructor here. He has recently been working with the band, but is available to handle administrative duties. He had had no directing experience when he took the job but is talented enough to help the band and offer suggestions when it needs them.

--Queen Elizabeth

Vortex

At one time it was usually hard for IIT's social functions, such as Homecoming and Spring Thang, but this time's prom with rock and roll left the band with a tight schedule. The band was willing to offer its services without charge but still finds it difficult to acquire opportunities to play on campus. Last year it wanted to give a free performance in the Bog, but Union Board turned it down because it didn't fit into last year's coffeehouse program. Last Wednesday the Stage Band performed in the dormitory cafeteria during supper. The dining room was about twice as crowded as usual, which would indicate that the students were at least curious -- although it was also early and if nothing else, the show showed that the "Glenn Miller strain of group which is a pre-constructed image that many people have. Now that the more experimental groups, notably Change, have been left, the Stage Band may be able to survive without being dismissed as "irrelevant." In addition to lack of interest from the students' end, the Stage Band has trouble finding enough musicians to keep itself alive. The band presently consists of 18 members and is always looking for more. Anyone interested in the band is encouraged to contact Dan Lucas, 122 North, or Tom Prange, the IE Dept. The band members are presently thinking of forming a second band to accommodate the excess of certain instruments. For instance, the band can only play one drummer, but would like to give others an opportunity -- and this can be done through a second band. A 40-member concert band is also envisioned; however, there is extreme difficulty in recruiting people for a second band in opposition to the present band. Last year a concert band was formed, but by the second rehearsal only eight persons remained. Consequently, that group was dropped.

The IIT Stage Band rehearsing in the AUB building.

The spring the Stage Band is planning a concert to raise some money. Also, the members of the IIT's honorary music fraternity, Iota, has been invited to Philadephia to visit some club there.

As a creative outlet for a few students the Stage Band is a meaningful organization, however, much of the feeling of accomplishment comes from performing before an audience and not too many people around IIT are willing to lend an objective ear. Live music is something much more stimulating than the "sterio-cut-out" environment that most of us live in and it is something that the Tech band can offer.

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A parade of poodles from 1 READ TECH NEWS (we gave you a sample last week, on page four)!

**Placement**

**Assume, Get it Right!**

The Student Section of ASHAE will hold a first sectional meeting on Tuesday, February 2 at 1 pm. Featured will be two color films: "Fury of the Winds," a film of applied engineering showing how steel structures can be built to resist the destructive violence of hurricanes, and "Principles of the Optical Mower" which explains how an optical mouse (after all) works.

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Surging Hawks to Basketball Tourney?

by Harvey Shultz

The Tech Hawks' season culminated in a 75-72 victory over the 6-15 Elon Panthers in the NCAA Division II Basketball Tournament.

The game was a continuation of the team's recent success, as they had won their previous five games.

Head coach Greg Parker praised the team's努力 and determination, stating, "This is the best team we've had in years. They're strong, they're fast, and they play with heart."