I.I.E. NEWS.

The Institute for Industrial Education was founded in 1973 by a group of trade unionists and academics in Natal. It is a registered Correspondence College, offering a one year diploma course in trade unionism. The institute will operate mainly in Natal in 1974, but next year it will make its courses available throughout South Africa. Talks are already underway with academics at the University of Cape Town and the University of the Witwatersrand with a view to setting up Academic Advisory Panels to assist students in those centres.

CHANCELLORSHIP.

We were very honoured by the fact that Chief Gatsha Buthelezi has accepted the honorary post of Chancellor of the Institute.

ENROLMENT.

Students began enrolling for the first course in January.
Our target for this year was 100 students. When registration closed on the 4th of February we had enrolled 113 students.

SEMINAR.

The correspondence course is supplemented by four weekend residential seminars. The first seminar was held over the weekend of 2nd-3rd February. It was attended by 45 students. A full report of the seminar will appear in a later edition of the Bulletin.

RUSKIN COLLEGE.

As very little has been done in the field of General education for workers in South Africa, we believe it is very important to draw on the experience of trade unionists and educationalists in other countries. Ruskin College Oxford, one of the oldest and best respected trade union educational bodies in the world, has agreed to act as an external examining body, and to give us advice and support. The Principal of Ruskin College, Professor H.D. Hughes, has accepted in principle an invitation to Durban some time in the course of this year for full discussions with the staff of the I.I.E.