

Enrollment In Tech Courses Breaks Record

by Bill Laube

"Well, they straggled in gradually until the sixteenth—and then they came in droves." Such was the comment in retrospect, as it came from the registrar's office last week, concerning this semester's registration. Even before that, remarks could be heard floating around the campus, such as:

"Man! I waited THREE hours in that line!"

"HHHHHHH! I'm glad that's over!"

"MUST I go over there? They're lined up from one end of the hall to the other—and back again!"

In the day school alone, the registration at Armour College amounted to 1362, an increase of almost 20 percent over last year's total of 1140. The freshmen have shattered the record completely with 411 members, as compared with last year's 337. This increase was dramatized by the necessity of using three rooms for the orientation tests this year instead of the previous two.

In the other classes, gains are shown also. This year's sophomore class is 310 strong, 14 more than last year's class; the juniors have jumped ahead by 80 members, making 299 the present total; and the seniors have increased by 33, with a present membership of 215. The graduate division shows a spectacular gain of 44 percent with an enrollment of 72 this year.

Departmental gains show the mechanicals to be ahead with 491 members as compared with 370 last year. The electricals stand at 230—last year's membership was 194. Civil engineering students have risen from 95 to 115, while the "chems"—fourth in increase, but second in size, have stepped up from 308 to 323. Next come the architects—81 students last year; 93 at present—and then the fire-protects with an increase of two over last year's 80.

The greatest percentage gain, however, is in the science department. They have more than doubled their number, this year's enrollment being 25, while last year's was twelve. This is due to an increase of graduate students, from three last year to 22 at present.

THIS WEEK AT I.I.T.

October I—Tuesday
Assembly at Lewis, 10:30 A.M.
Orchestra and Glee Club practice, 5 P. M.

October III—Thursday
Student Union H. K. N. meeting in "Sonny" Weissman's office, 3 to 4 P. M.
Wrangler meeting in east dining room at 7 P. M.
Theta Xi Fraternity Supper in Dining Hall at 6 P. M.
Orchestra and Glee Club practice in Student Union, 5 P. M.

October IV—Friday
A. S. M. E. meeting in 305 M. at 10 A. M.
A. I. Ch. E. meeting in 202 M. at 10 A. M.
A. I. E. E. meeting in 2 W. Student Union at 10 A. M.
A. S. C. E. in 404 Main, 10 A. M.
F. P. E. S. meeting in 405 M. at 10 A. M.

STAFF HEARS HENDRICKS



Professor Hendricks speaks as the Technology News staff gathers for its first "get together" meeting. Shown at the speaker's table are: (left to right) Fred DeMoney, sports editor; Lillian Snodgrass, managing editor; Peter H. Woods, editor in chief; and Mr. Hendricks.

Scientists Meet For Final Tests In Record Leap

Armour Research Foundation of Illinois Institute of Technology was the scene of a gathering of scientists from the University of Chicago and Northwestern University on Monday afternoon, September 23. They met in the laboratories of the Research Foundation to conduct final tests, preliminary to the planned 35,000 foot scientific parachute jump by amateur Arthur H. Starnes. Starnes, who has already made two preliminary high altitude jumps at 12,000 feet and 18,500 feet, will make the 35,000 foot leap within the next ten days in the interests of science.

Foundation Experts Conduct Test
These tests, carried out under the direction of Foundation experts with the cooperation of medical experts from the above mentioned universities, were the final stages of tune-up preparations for the jumps which is expected to solve some of the problems of startosphere flying. They were unique in the history of science and aviation in that they simulated the actual conditions which Starnes is expected to encounter when he plunges towards the earth from the dizzy seven mile height.

Primarily it is necessary to determine whether it is possible for the human body to withstand the
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ORIENTATION DAYS INTRODUCE FROSH TO ILLINOIS TECH

Likened to the toe dipped into a cold lake before the final, icy plunge, orientation week is planned to give the new students a perspective of the Institute before they settle down to the hard grind. Bright and early on the morning of Monday, September 18, the new students went through the process of registration and enrollment. After registration various social events were sponsored by the fraternities to interest the prospective brothers.

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Famed Writer To Teach New Courses Here

The appointment to the faculty of the eminent journalist, M. W. Fodor, was announced last Friday by President H. T. Heald. Mr. Fodor will teach two evening courses on the Lewis Campus entitled "War, Peace and the New Europe," and "World War II." At the same time, he will teach two day courses in engineering on the Armour campus.

Eminent Correspondent

Mr. Fodor is perhaps best known to the students of Illinois Tech for his brilliant work as a free-lance foreign correspondent on the staff of the Chicago Daily News. Born in Budapest, Hungary, he received his primary and secondary engineering training in England and Hungary and did post-graduate work in Germany and Switzerland. With such a diversified and thorough training Mr. Fodor is certainly qualified to teach engineering. As further qualification he has several years experience as assistant manager of the melting department of the Frodingham Iron and Steel Works Ltd., of England where he later established and directed the metallurgical research department.

Varied Experience

In 1919 he began his career as a European correspondent, traveling to Central Europe as a reporter for the Manchester (England) Guardian and in 1921 was appointed staff correspondent for that paper. During 1921-22, he wrote articles under a joint by-line with Miss Dorothy Thompson in the London Nation and the New York New Republic.

With the advent of the tense international emergency, Mr. Fodor became a special foreign correspondent for the Chicago Daily News in 1936 and held that position until just recently when his presence in Europe became undesirable to the dictators. As special correspondent for the Daily News Mr. Fodor traveled extensively and wrote especially direct and revealing articles about Central European and Balkan affairs and

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New Publication Heralded At Technology News Dinner

Merger of Two Schools Finally Consummated

by Dan Brown

Illinois Institute of Technology, a consolidation of two great technological institutions of learning, Armour Institute and Lewis Institute, officially opened its doors on Monday, September 16th, 1940. The new school, with its expanded curriculum, its larger faculty, its increased capital and its enlarged all-around facilities, promises to be the greatest technological institution in the country — second to



Henry T. Heald

none—and certainly among the top-ranking schools in the teaching of the arts and sciences.

Heald at Helm

The administrating staff at the new school will be headed by Henry T. Heald while Linton E. Grinter will take over the duties of the vice-president. The dean of Lewis Institute will be Clarence E. Clark, and Charles A. Tibbals will continue his deanship at Armour College. James D. Cunningham will head the Board of Trustees, and Alex D. Bailey will act as vice-chairman.

For the present, Illinois Institute will function as a university made up of two colleges, Armour College of Engineering and Lewis Institute of Arts and Sciences. Approximately 60 of the freshman engineering students are now attending Lewis, and the remaining freshman, numbering over 300,

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Co-Eds Conduct Armour Visit To Lewis Campus

By Lillian Snodgrass

"Blitzkrieg"! A group of Armour fellows invaded Lewis. Armed only with a camera, they were accompanied around the Lewis "campus" by several Lewis coeds so they might see the many interesting places of which we are justly proud. And did we show them the spots? Indeed we did. From the catacombs of the basement to the sixth floor where the boys were privileged a glimpse of the sorority apartment; from the office of Dean Clarke where Editor Pete Woods chatted with the Dean to the farthest engineering lab. From the top of our school to the bottom, nothing was missed.

Ceramic Department Interesting
The boys were obviously interested in the Lewis Ceramic department and, perhaps, as interested in the coeds working there. Lewis is one of the three institutions in

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Two Former Papers Now Fully Combined

by Tom Brown

It was at this quiet dinner in the faculty club of Armour's Student Union, Friday night, Sept. 20, that a new voice and a new spirit were christened and the last vestiges of separate newspaper management of Armour and Lewis colleges slipped away into oblivion. The result—this, the first issue of Technology News, replacing as channel of student expression, the old Armour Tech News and Lewis News.

Paper Gets Its Name

For those of us present, who had worked on the old staffs, the event was an exciting one, filled with expectant promise, yet colored somewhat by the pleasant, perhaps poignant memories of our past associations and pleasant hours of effort together. This was, so to speak, a "New Year's Eve", with the unsung haunting strains of "Old Lang Syne" intermingling with the exuberant cries of "out with the old, in with the new". We were presenting you then, please, with your kind permission, a different journalistic philosophy, and unqualifiedly sincere promise of effort, and a volume of enthusiasm. Call it what you will . . . we called it TECHNOLOGY NEWS.

New Staff Announced

Peter H. Woods, Editor-in-chief, filling the position of master of ceremonies, spoke first, after the material spirits of the assemblage had been duly soothed with halibut and roast beef. Woods first introduced the representatives of Lewis College, namely Lillian Snodgrass and Alda Kairis. Discussed immediately were the various staff members who will serve in guiding the new paper on its course. Two staffs have been created, one at the Lewis campus, and the other at the Armour campus. Each staff is headed by a separate managing editor. The managing editors are in turn under the supervision of the editor-in-chief, the
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The first assembly of Illinois Institute at Lewis will be held today at 10:30. At this assembly the following faculty members will be presented:

President Heald of the Illinois Institute of Technology
Dean Tibbals of the Armour College of Engineering
J. J. Schommer, Director of Physical Education
G. N. Stenger Instructor in Physical Education
Bernard Weissman, Coach in Physical Education
Samuel Bibb, Coach of Golf
Norman Root, Coach of Track
E. W. McGilivray, Coach of Swimming
Meyer, Coach of Basketball
O. Gordon Erickson, Musical Director
Mrs. Olive Pierce Hazel, Director of Physical Education for women.