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Greetings, Students of I.I.T.

We of the Technology News staff present to you with considerable pleasure this first copy of the "World's Greatest College Newspaper." We hope that you enjoy and will continue to enjoy the material included in these pages.

Our aim has been to effect a merger (patterned after a larger one) of the material, spirit and staffs of two outstanding college newspapers—the Armour Tech News and the Lewis News. If we have not succeeded we would like to know about it. A signed letter to the Editor-in-Chief or to your Managing Editor will receive immediate attention.

Since it is customary in a first issue to include a statement of policy, we present the following planks of the Technology News platform:

(1) Contrary to the practices of some "World's Greatest" publications, the Technology News will confine editorial thoughts to this page and will endeavor to present all the news of interest to the students of Illinois Institute of Technology in a straightforward and unbiased manner.

(2) Editorials printed in these columns will be written on the basis of constructive criticism (favorable or unfavorable) of Institute and national affairs as suggested by student spokesmen—"blowing off of steam" will be discouraged. Students will be encouraged to write their own editorials in the form of signed letters to the editors.

(3) Our feature material will continue along the lines developed in the Armour Tech News and the Lewis News in presenting "The Most Copied Humor Column in the Middle West" as well as complete gossip coverage of Armour, Lewis, and Art Institute divisions.

(4) The Technology News will continue the policy of its predecessors in welcoming to its staff all students of I.I.T. interested in journalistic work.

We regret that we were unable to place immediately all those that applied for staff positions last week. However, every person who registered with the Assignment Editors will receive appointments within a very few days.

As they have in the past, students at Armour College will pay the subscription price for this newspaper in their regular activities fee. However, since Lewis Institute has not as yet developed such a compulsory fee, the Technology News will be distributed to Lewis day school students at no cost to them for a few issues and until some arrangement is made for a regular subscription.

Draft Exemptions—

Best news of the month to college students throughout the nation is their exemption until July 1st, 1941 from the peacetime draft. The Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 provides, in substance, that any student enrolled in a recognized college or university for undergraduate or graduate work during the school year 1940-41 will at his own election be exempt from the training program until the end of the school year. However, it is to be noted that all persons in the age group 21-35 must register on the day appointed (October 16, 1940) whether they believe themselves exempt or not.

The section of the act which applies to college students is as follows:

"Any person who, during the year 1940, entered upon attendance for the academic year 1940-41—

(1) at any college or university which grants a degree in arts or science, to pursue a course of instruction satisfactory completion of which is prescribed by such college or university as a prerequisite to either of such degrees; or

(2) at any university described in paragraph (1), to pursue a course of instruction to the pursuit of which a degree in arts or science is prescribed by such university as a prerequisite; and who, while pursuing such course of instruction at such college or university, is selected for training and service under this Act prior to the end of such academic year, or prior to July 1, 1941, whichever occurs first, shall, upon his request, be deferred from induction into the land or naval forces for such training and service until the end of such academic year, but in no event later than July 1, 1941."

While it is not implied here that the cross-section of college students disapprove of peacetime selective service, most of them will without doubt be grateful for this opportunity to complete the college year in which they are now engaged.

Faculty Briefs—

By Pat Arns

Instructor in Physics and Electrical Engineering in 1896—Assistant Professor in Physics and Electrical Engineering in 1902—Professor in Physics and Electrical Engineering in 1908—Dean from 1932 to 1940—Co-Director of Lewis Institute from 1938 to 1940—Member of Western Society of Engineers—American Institute of Electrical Engineers—Illuminating Engineering Society—Fellowship American Association for Advancement of Science—Member of the Physics Club of Chicago—Chicago Engineers Club—Society for Promotion of Engineering Education—Listed in Who's Who in Engineers—In American Education—in American Men of Science.

"Pop" Rogers retired from teaching August 31, 1940 from Lewis Institute. At present he is consulting engineer affiliated with the Armour Research Foundation.

His young spirit—his sparkling eyes—his keen wit—joyous sense of humor—and helpful advice will not be forgotten by his friends and students at Lewis.

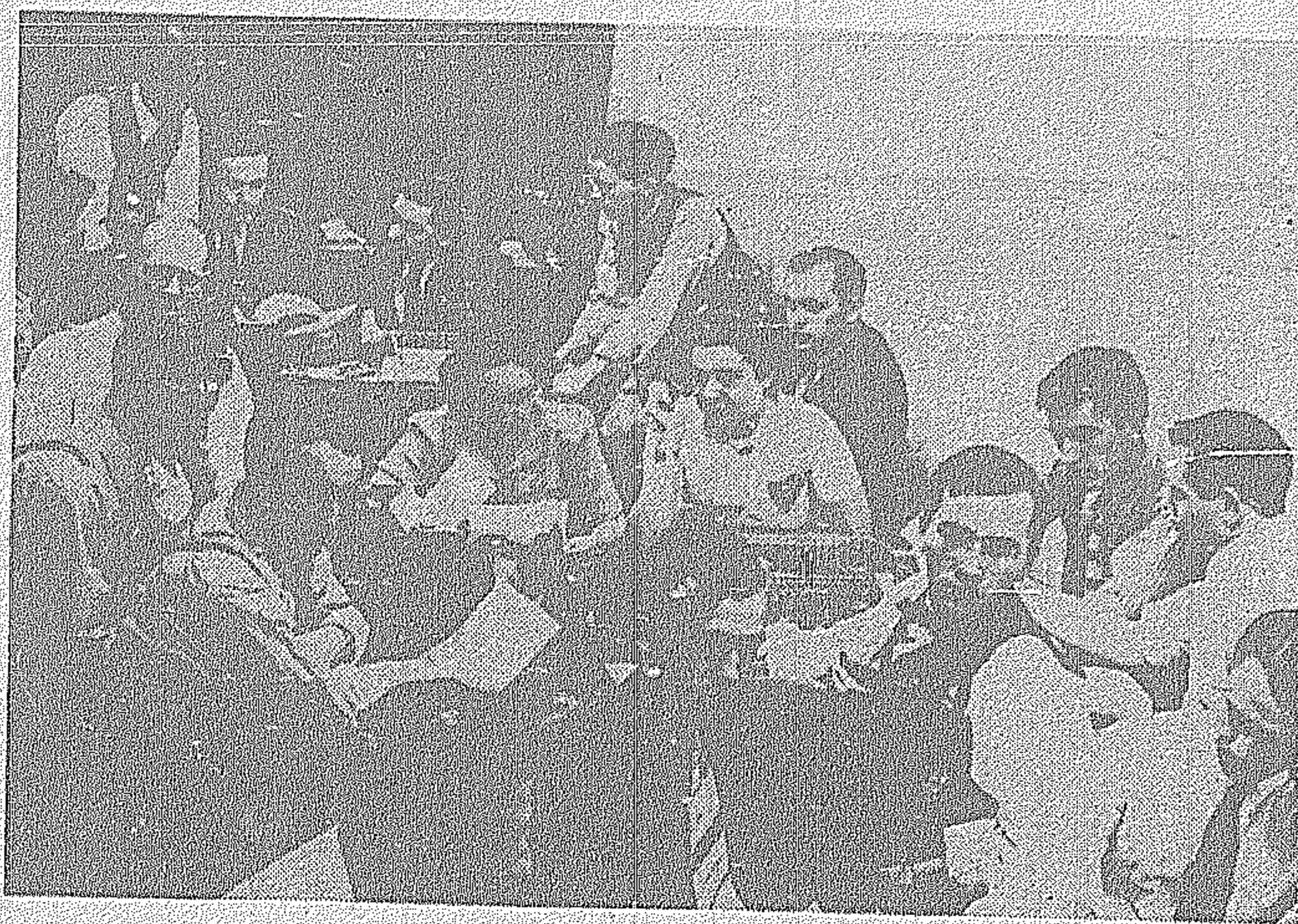
PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Last spring the Encyclopedia Britannica contacted Cornell and Harvard Universities, asking for suggestions with reference to the chapter on experimental psychology for the new edition which is to appear next fall. The members of the psychology departments from both schools, Dr. Dallenbach of Cornell and Dr. Lashley of Harvard suggested Dr. Boder, of Lewis, in view of his experience in this field as the Executive Director of the Psychological Museum, to be selected for this task.

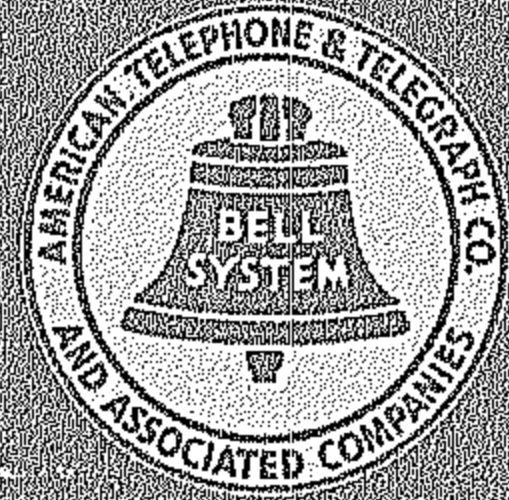
After examining the present text, Dr. Boder requested the editors for more space, and this was granted. Instead of limiting the material to that from the laboratory of the Illinois Institute of Technology and the Psychological Museum exclusively, he wrote to the psychology departments of Cornell, University of Kentucky, University of Chicago, Purdue, and the Michael Reese Hospital for pictures of the experiments for which they are most noted. These new illustrations are of animal and human subjects instead of consisting merely of intricate machinery.

As a result, the forthcoming edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica will have a more comprehensive and enlivened set of illustrations accompanying the chapter on experimental psychology.

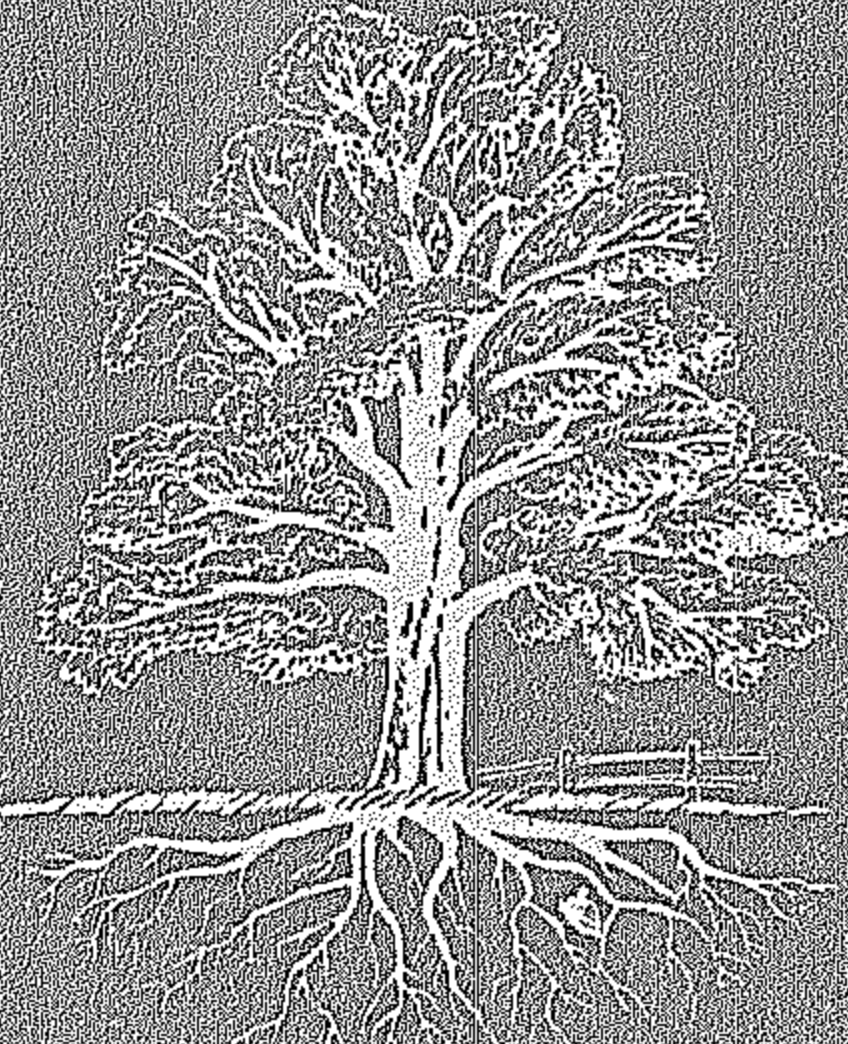
New Staff "Digs In"



Industrious activity is the theme of this action shot of the News office as the new staff struggled with this first issue. At the rear table are (left to right, seated) Dan Brown and Tom Brown, Assignment Editors; John Kucera, News Editor; and (standing) Professor Hendricks, Faculty Advisor and Jim Waber, Saturday Editor. Left to right at the center table are Professor McColley, Guest Advisor; Art Hauswald, Saturday Editor; Bud Murray, Columnist; Alda Kairis, Columnist; Lillian Snodgrass, Managing Editor; Art Minwegen, Feature Editor; and Mike Kunz, Columnist. Seated at the extreme front are Bernard Chertow, Copy Reader; Bob Mead, Copy Editor; Ed Hanuska, Columnist; and Don Knief, Columnist.



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TRUNK

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ROOTS

Bell Telephone Laboratories... whose functions are scientific research and development; Western Electric... manufacturer and distributor for the system; Long Lines Department of A.T.&T.... which interconnects the operating companies and handles Long Distance and overseas telephone service.

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