

Lavish Setting, Novel Bids, Make Up Soph Dance

Attention all hermits! If the Senior Informal has not induced you to dismiss all your vows of celibacy, the Sophomore Snow Ball should give you sufficient reasons to lay aside all your ideas of reclusion.

In the lavish setting of the Empire room of the Belmont Hotel, where even Romeo's and Juliet's "dream of delights" could be fulfilled, this first Sophomore Informal of Illinois Tech will be held. The date, January 24, 1941, has been chosen. This will give the students an excellent chance to relax before those rugged final exams.

Due to the efficient work of the sophomore social committee, "Big Pete" Peterson and little Eileen Robinson, chairman and co-chairman, respectively, have been able to present their novel snow-ball bid for \$1.50.

An orchestra has not yet been selected but, with the capable Lewis representatives, Arns, Knirsch, Marzullo, Nowak, Pellerino, Taglieri and the equally capable Careron, Croon, Gow, Guetow, Hawrysh and Mainhold as Armour representatives of the social committee, the music will probably be supplied by the smoothest rhythm organization of Chicago.

So all you boys and girls who starve yourselves on hungrily gathered crumbs of knowledge come to the Snow Ball and drink from the cup of friendship.

Lewis Class Of '41 In Full Swing

Committees for the Lewis senior class, as announced by Jack Greener, president, are as follows: photography, Lillian Snodgrass, chairman; jewelry, Kenneth Calhoun, chairman, Louis De Krauze and Alda Kairis; commencement, Charles Reinhardt, chairman, and Lloyd Seastrom; announcements, Jane Goelet, chairman, and Ruth Sprague; cap and gown, Jeannette MacLuckie, chairman, and Allen Falkman; prom, Miriam Walker, chairman, Florence Adler, Charles Reinhardt, Bernie Silvers and Tom Cafcas—John Ferraro, *ex officio*.

Keys and rings are now available for inspection in the Lewis lobby. Orders will be taken during second period by Alda Karis and from 2 to 3 by Louis De-Krauze. Both Alda and Louis may be found in the second floor lobby during the periods mentioned.

Night school students may place orders with John Ferraro in the chem store room on the fifth floor.

Xmas Music—

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Meditation Coates
Blossom Time Romberg

New Alma Mater

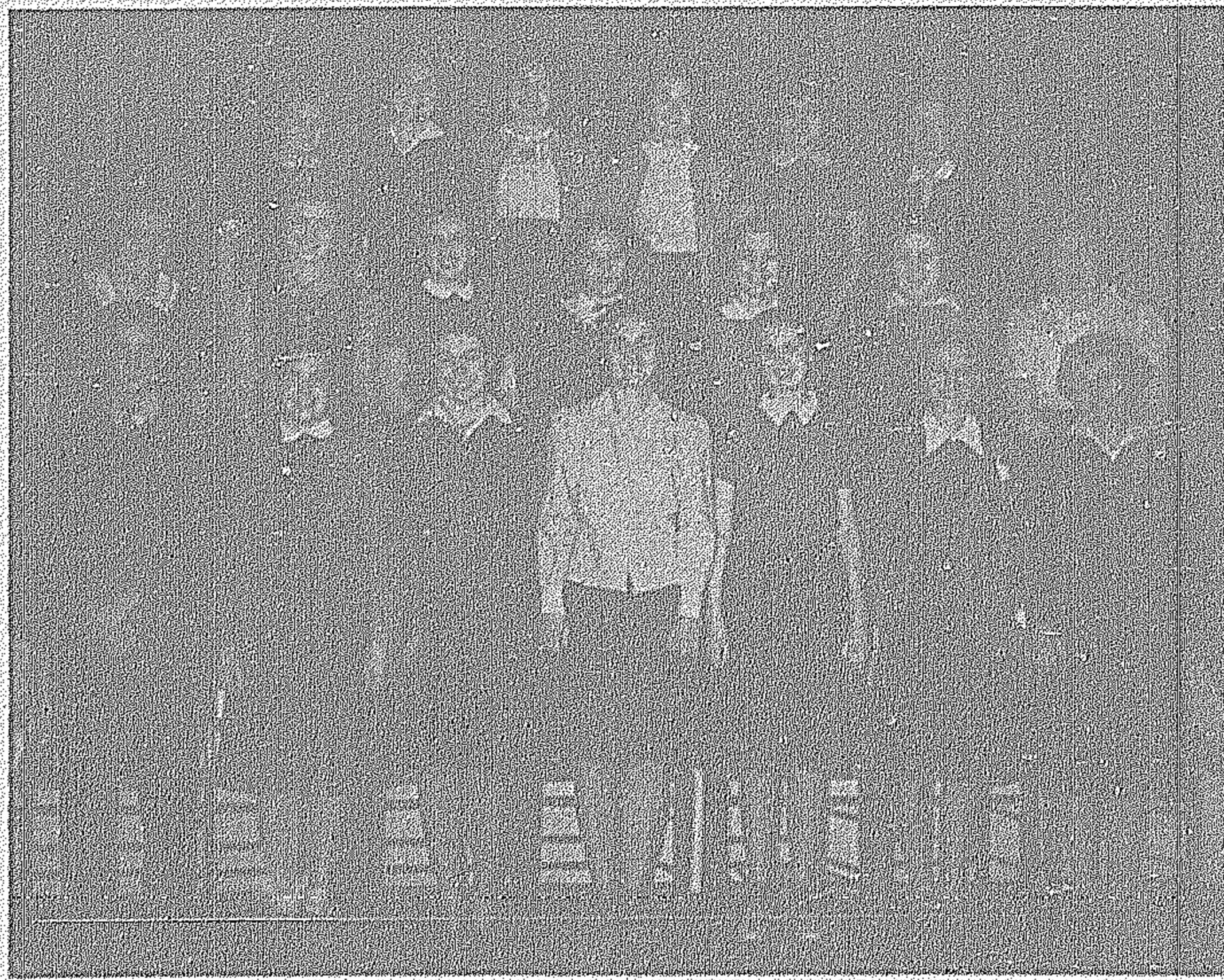
As a special feature, the combined Glee Club and Orchestra will present the new alma mater of Illinois Institute of Technology. The words of the alma mater follows:

To thee our Alma Mater dear with voices clear and strong,

We pledge our faith and loyalty and praise thy name in song. We'll ne'er forget the friendships made within thy hallowed halls;

More glory—honor, thy reward as long as duty calls.

LEWIS GLEE CLUB



The Lewis Glee Club and accompanist were the featured entertainers at the Christmas Concert given last Wednesday in the Lewis Auditorium.

By Paul Leopold, Staff Photographer

Hayakawa To Teach New Public Speech Course Next Term

Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, instructor in English at the Armour College of Engineering is to present a new course in public speaking next semester. The course will include a study of the pronunciation of American English, phonographic recordings of the students' voices to study faults in their speech and a new approach to grammar.

Special attention will be paid to the peculiarities of the Chicago dialect. The course will begin with a study of the pronunciation of American English. Students will be given training in phonetics sufficient to enable them to recognize the respects in which local vulgates differ from standard American. No attempt will be made to impose artificialities and effections of accent. Phonographic recordings of the students' own voices will be used to enable them to study their speech and to remedy faults.

Improve Students' Speech

A fresh approach to problems of grammar, "correctness," and usage will be offered through the study from a modern linguistic point of view of American English. The purpose of this will be to rid the student of self-consciousness about speaking "American." Among college students, more errors in speech are made as the result of self-consciousness than as the result of ignorance.

Study Practical Problems

After this preparation in pronunciation and usage in American English, which will take about half the semester, exercises will be given in the oral presentation of facts, arguments, opinions and plans.

Debate, which is of form of verbal combat, will not be practiced. In its place, the class will study such practical problems as those of testifying before commissions and boards, presenting plans before directors and conducting committees of inquiry where the end sought is not victory in combat, but agreement for the sake of arriving at practical decisions. Such practice, it is believed, is better suited to the needs of technological men than the old fashioned training in oratory, exhortation and verbal tussling.

Illinois Tech is not, after all, a school for the training of lawyers or preachers, but a school for the training of men who will use public-speaking chiefly for the purpose of arriving at practical agreements.

Prof. Louis J. Haga To Talk On Modern Methods In Foundry

Professor L. J. Haga of the Armour College of Engineering will lecture on *Metallography of Cast Metals* on January 6, in the Peoples' Gas Building Auditorium. This lecture will open the foundry lecture course sponsored by the Chicago chapter of the American Foundry Association. Other lectures on steel and gray iron will follow every Monday evening at 7:15 for nine consecutive weeks. Door prizes of books on related subjects will be given at each lecture.

Engineering students will benefit by this course in modern foundry methods. Since accommodations for the course are limited to 300, students will find it to their advantage to enroll promptly. The fee for the lecture series is \$1.00 for members of the A.F.A. and \$2.00 for non-members.

JINX DANCE BIG SUCCESS; FIRST OF NEW SERIES

Initiating the season with the Superstition Dance last Friday the thirteenth, the Dance Club is on its way to a most successful season. The strains of the Knights of Armour, coming to the dancers through an atmosphere of eeriness, were thoroughly enjoyed by the dancers.

One of the features of the dance was the novel playing and singing of Charles M. Faris, who was dressed appropriately for the occasion. During the intermission, recorded music was played.

Numerous other socials will be held during the year and a closed social, open only to members of the Dance Club, will climax the year's activities. Membership to the club is still available. To become a member, merely attend the instruction sessions, held each Wednesday evening, and pay the membership fee of 25 cents. From now on, only members will be allowed to attend the instruction periods, which will stress the steps that the members desire to learn.

The year book staff is anxious to purchase informal pictures of Institute activities for use in lay out work. Pictures may be submitted to Lionel Naum for approval at the Cycle office.

Cox Speaks On Flight Program For U.S. Pilots

Plans of aeronautical expansion were presented by Mr. Charles E. Cox, superintendent of the Civil Pilot Training Program in the Chicago district, at an Armour College assembly last Thursday, Dec. 12. Mr. Cox was presented to the students by Professor M. E. Wells, director of the Civil Aeronautics Administration at Illinois Institute of Technology.

With the presentation of a fable concerning the superiority a nation would acquire, if it possessed a million airplanes, Mr. Cox introduced the C.P.T. program. The aim of the program will be to promote more civil aviation among the American people. It was stated that a nation truly air-minded would undoubtedly be much superior in war.

The program outlined by Mr. Cox was to encourage college students to become more air-minded. The government is promoting more aeronautical courses in colleges. The government is also promoting the Civilian Pilot Training Program which is open to men between the ages of 19 and 26. One of the courses offered is the private course or preliminary course. The training consists of a 72-hour ground course and a 35 to 45-hours flight course.

Quota Enlarged; G.E. Hires Eight Armour Seniors

One of the most unusual pieces of news to come from the placement office is that eight Illinois Institute seniors were chosen for employment by General Electric Co. as a result of a series of interviews recently completed.

Each year the General Electric Co. selects five hundred outstanding engineering school graduates to enter their organization. Armour has almost always been well represented in this group of men. This year the qualifications of Illinois Institute students have been fully recognized by the fact that the quota has been increased to eight men.

Selections are not based on scholarship alone, but also for activities, personality and experience. The men selected were Carl Anderson, Ben Cole, Donald Crego, Henry Dryer, Charles Durkee, Raymond Glass, Louis Maze and Robert Peterson.

These men will have the opportunity to train themselves in one of the largest electrical manufacturing companies in the country. The two year training period into which these students are going serves to orientate new men into the vast General Electric system, and to coordinate theoretical knowledge with the practical.

Research Men Look To Mexico For New Era Of Science; Facilities Few

With Illinois Institute assuming outstanding international roles in scientific and engineering fields, the questions of exchange research and major engineering problems become of prime importance. In a conflict which daily increases in scope, Europe backed by Canada, bids fair to stifle pure, unhindered abstract research and engineering. Scientists of North America, and more particularly those at Illinois Institute, focus their eyes on one country for the development of research, Mexico. By a twist of fate the land of the Aztec and peon—once the outlook of the Old World may now be the outlook of the New World in a new conquest—science.

Study Cosmic Rays

Responding nobly to the situation, Mexico is undergoing a rejuvenation. At the National University the young and brilliant professor Alfredo Banos Jr., Guggenheim fellowship holder for three years is gradually reorienting the status of scholarship. At present, under his guidance, Cosmic Ray study is the leading research project at the University. Though hampered by the absence of technical literature, especially periodicals, which are pitifully lacking, the university men are working feverishly with the promise of greater financial backing.

To foster the development of other problems Dr. Banos together with Dr. Lopez invited three outstanding men from the U.S. as lecturers and consultants.

Oldenburger Lectures

From Illinois Institute went Dr. Rufus Oldenburger to deliver a series of five lectures. Presented in Spanish the lectures brought to the University general concepts of modern algebraic techniques and the presentation of classic problems in matrix formation. "Theory of Polynomials of Higher Degree," title of the series, was immediately published in the official scientific publication, "Ingenieria."

To meet the problems inherent with the geography of Mexico, Professor Terzaghi of Harvard—\$100 a day Chicago subway expert, and founder of "Soil Mechanics," was invited. His experience was invaluable in dealing with the silt bed on which Mexico City is built. Engineers find it impossible to

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