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Armour, Lewis To Hold Open House In Junior Week

Exhibits Feature Many Technical Feats

This year will witness the first Junior Week of the combined campuses of IIT and indications point definitely to a week of fun for everyone. The opening feature of the week will be the judging of the whisker contest at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6 at which time the "Bristle King" of IIT will be crowned.

There will be no time for runners-up in the beard growing contest to relieve their various types of manes, because at 1:15 the Pentathlon will begin. There will be two divisions—one for the lettermen and one for non-lettermen. Coveted medals will be awarded to those men who score the highest individual number of points in the 70-yard dash, low hurdles, shot put, mile run and high jump.

Tuesday's program will be brought to a close by Open House from 7 to 10:00. At 8:30 Lewis will present its famous skit and varsity show. Wednesday will be entirely taken up by Open House from 1 to 10 p.m., with a second performance of the Lewis skit at 8:30.

Student participation in activities will begin in earnest Thursday morning at 9 with the frosh-soph baseball game following by the junior-senior baseball game at 10. At 11 the interfraternity track meet will be held for the fraternity award. The two winning teams of the morning's baseball games will play for the championship. Each member of the winning team

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Sphinx Pledges Twelve Seniors And Juniors At Formal Ceremony

Sphinx, IIT honorary literary society, conducted its formal pledging ceremony for twelve pledges Wednesday evening, April 22. The meeting was held in the East Dining Room of the Student Union at 5 p.m. This pledging was the second formal ceremony held by Sphinx in the school year 1940-41. The initiates are: Tom Brown, editor-in-chief of the Technology News; Dan Brown, managing editor; Art Minwegen, feature editor; E. P. Hanuska, news editor; Warren Spitz, sports editor; Ed Center, photography editor; Dick Talcott, Gertrude Portugal, Charles McAleer and Leonhard Holmboe.

Joseph Aberer, president of the society, opened the meeting and gave an address on the purpose and scope of Sphinx. He was followed by Fred DeMoney who spoke of the history and past activities of the honorary society. Then the twelve pledges were conducted through the formal pledging ceremony. After the meeting, pictures of the group were taken.

Sphinx is the oldest honorary society on the Armour campus. Its members are drawn from the literary and journalistic prominent of both campuses. Only juniors and seniors may be selected, and their work is judged for quality and quantity.

ARX INSPECT NEW TECH CENTER



Mies van der Rohe (extreme left), head of the architectural department inspects his model of the New Technological Center which he designed. The model was on display at the Hotel Sherman last week. Right to left are architectural students Eugenia Lane, John Weese, and Edward Moore.

Staff Photo by Ed Center

MAY 27 DATE OF ALUMNI BANQUET

Reservations are now being made for the big annual alumni banquet which will be held at the Knickerbocker hotel on Tuesday, May 27, at 6 p.m. Those who have attended these annual affairs in the past will realize what a big event this is.

The menu will include in rapid order: shrimp cocktail, chicken broth, celery and olives, sizzling filet mignon with french fried onions, fancy spuds, new peas, special salad, toasted wafers, and, not ice cream, but frozen French pastry with coffee.

The undergraduate Glee club and the Institute orchestra will present the songs that the up-to-date engineers are yodeling. There will be no tipping and collecting of any kind. Two dollars will cover the whole evening's entertainment.

Reservations should be made with the Annual Banquet Committee, Alumni Office, 3300 Federal street, Chicago. The arrangements are under the direction of Eugene Viola, '25, the banquet chairman.

WALKER DELEGATE AT CONFERENCE

Dr. Ernest T. Walker of the education department at Lewis attended the regional conference for teachers, administrators and parents sponsored by the Progressive Education Association at Northwestern University on April 25 and 26. The meeting, which was a study conference on current problems, classroom practices and teacher development, was based on the theme, "Modern Education for Today's Children and Youth."

Over one thousand teachers, parents, administrators and college faculty members from the region attended. Dr. Alexander J. Stoddard, chairman of the Educational Policies Commission, was the speaker at the general assembly on Saturday morning. He pointed out the problems facing administrators and teachers in improving the schools and offered some methods of solving them.

The future of American education was discussed and the necessity of educating for democratic citizenship was stressed.

Heald, McCormack, Freeman And Grinter Attend Engineers Meeting

Illinois Institute of Technology was well represented at the annual meeting of the Indiana-Illinois section of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education last Saturday at Purdue University. Member organizations of this section who participated in this program were the University of Illinois, Northwestern University, Purdue, Rose Polytechnic Institute, Notre Dame and Illinois Tech.

At the opening session, after an address of welcome by Dr. Edward C. Elliott, president of Purdue University, a panel discussion on "Engineering Education and National Defense" was presented. President Heald represented IIT in this discussion.

In the afternoon, separate sessions were held in the various divisions of engineering education.

In the chemical engineering section, Professor Harry McCormack of Illinois Tech and Professor O. S. Knight of Rose Polytechnic spoke on "The Place of Metallurgy in a Course in Chemical Engineering." Dean Linton E. Grinter acted as chairman of the civil engineering section and Dr. Ernest H. Freeman of the electrical engineering.

Improvements in engineering curricula were discussed in all division meetings, and problems of specialization were considered. Especially interesting was the subject of the amount of time a student should spend on the preparation of a lab report. In the field of mechanical engineering "Aviation vs. Aeronautical Engineering" was debated. Student counseling and placement were likewise given careful consideration.

Twenty Seniors, Seven Juniors Pledged To Engineering Society

Shawnee Site Of Junior Informal

Climaxing Illinois Tech's first Junior Week will be the gala Junior Informal otherwise known as the "Good Egg Scramble" which will be held Friday, May 9 the last day of the activities of the most important week in the school year.

The place is the Shawnee Country Club located on the North Shore overlooking the beautiful Lake Michigan, providing beach paths for many of the moonlight strollers.

Directions for getting to the club will be posted on the school's bulletin board.

As a final selection for an orchestra the committee chose "Toasty" Paul and his seven piece Orchestra and girl vocalist. Paul's orchestra is known for its variety having four arrangers in the orchestra and never relying on stock numbers. Carl Schreiber one of the better well known band leaders quotes "Toasty" Paul's orchestra as being "really organized." The orchestra is well known to patrons of Olson's where he is now playing after finishing engagements at various hotels.

Among the many attractions at the Scramble will be the male leg beauty contest at which prizes will be given for the most lovely shaped male leg.

The affair was named the "Good Egg Scramble" to in some way atone for the rotten eggs with which the juniors and seniors will pelt the unfortunate frosh.

Incorporate Nineteen Leading Armourites In Students' Who's Who

From University, Alabama this week comes news of the publishing of the seventh annual "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." The motivating idea behind this book is to supply a reference volume of information on the great of American students. This book will be of untold value to employers contemplating the hiring of graduates. A volume of this kind gives a bird's eye view of a student's ability, interest in extra curricular activities, and personality. Many firms consider student activity of more value than scholarship.

Several Engineering Sections

Student biographies have been divided into various departmental sections. A folder has been made up for mechanical engineers; another for chemicals; a third for civils, etc. These folders are being sent to employers who are interested in hiring these types of students.

The IIT students who have been chosen to be represented in this book are: Joseph C. Aberer, Wm. F. Bauch, Thomas B. Brown, Ben R. Cole, Robert J. Creagan, George E. Dickel, J. L. Donoghue, LeRoy A. Goetz, Edward P. Hanuska, Robert J. Mead, James W. Murray, Lionel Naum, Frank P. Pfeffer, Leo Stoolman, Robert W. Sweeney, Peter Woods, Fred DeMoney, Richard A. Larson and Charles McAleer, Jr.

Tau Beta Pi Ceremony Again Led By Spears

In a brief impressive ceremony held last Friday morning in the Armour Student Union twenty-seven junior and senior engineers were pledged to Tau Beta Pi, national honorary engineering society. As he has so ably done in the past Professor S. M. Spears again conducted the pledging.

Introduced by Robert Mead, ChE '41, president of the Armour branch of the fraternity, Professor Spears opened with a short talk, congratulating the hard-working engineers who had been elected and explained to the assemblage the significance of the meeting. He emphasized that high scholarship alone was not a sufficient criterion to deserve admittance, but such aspects as service to school, willingness to serve and general character were some of the considerations that were carefully weighed before the prospective member was invited to join.

As each pledge came forward to receive his ribbon of recognition and the congratulations of the president, sponsor and members, Professor Spears read off the activities of each.

The students singled out for the honor were: Senior Chemicals John Baer, George Baumann, Richard Grinnal, John Vander Woude, James Waber and Henry Wessel; senior civils, John Donoghue, Richard Hruda and Roy Jacobsen; senior electricals Joseph Aberer, James Brown, Emmett Dryer and Leonhard Holmboe. The senior fire protects were represented by Ben Flood, Robert Harmon and Ed Hass. The mechanicals were present in the persons of Robert Barrett and co-op Martin Kraegel. The other senior pledges were Bernard Rasof of the science department and architect Leonard Reinke.

Representing the class of '42 were mechanicals Robert Sullivan and James Harnach; civils Charles I. Ball and Earl Huxhold; chemical George Orescan; fire pro-

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FOUR REGISTRARS REPRESENT IIT

Representing Illinois Institute of Technology at the twenty-ninth convention of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars at the Drake hotel, April 14 through 17, were President Heald, Miss Agness Kaufman, Mr. William E. Kelly, Mr. William Setterberg and Miss Charlene Hubacek.

Various aspects of college education and problems pertinent to the office of the registrar were presented and discussed. Time of registration, preparation and procedure, as well as other pre-registration difficulties were considered.

On Wednesday President Heald was a member of the panel discussion which was presented before the technical and professional schools sectional meeting. Miss Kaufman represented IIT on the committee on local arrangements and registration.