

YELLOTT, FOUR PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS URGE IIT INDUSTRIAL SAFETY COURSE

A unique appeal, emphasizing the extent of national unity in the present emergency, was made recently to Chicago's defense industry by three local and one national organization. The appeal urged plants in the Chicago area to send responsible employees to a tuition-free defense training course in Industrial Safety Engineering under the auspices of the United States Office of Education.

This course in Industrial Engineering is designed to decrease industrial accidents in Chicago manufacturing plants. Enrollment, which is purely voluntary, will be held during the week of January 12 to 16, 1942 and classes will begin January 19, 1942.

The appeal was made by Professor John I. Yellott, chairman of the Defense Training Committee at Illinois Institute of Technology, the only school selected to carry on this training work in the Chicago area. Cooperating in the project are the Chicago Board of Education, The Greater Chicago Safety Council, and the National Committee for the Conservation of Manpower in Defense Industries.

Professor Yellott said: "Since the tragic morning of Pearl Harbor, industry has taken on a

new responsibility to the nation. The future existence of a free America depends upon our ability to produce more of everything that victory requires . . . more ships, more tanks, more planes, more guns, more munitions."

"Unless we reduce accidents in 1942, 100,000 fighting planes will not fly . . . 500 destroyers will not sail . . . 260,000 tanks will not roll." (Quotation based on authoritative figures supplied by the National Safety Council for lost time accident estimates for 1942).

To combat these inevitable industrial accidents, the Department of Labor has outlined and approved a program for industrial safety training throughout the United States. In Chicago, and its environs, Illinois Institute of Technology, under authority of the United States Office of Education, has been selected to administer and carry out an industrial safety training program that will enroll 1800 supervisory employees selected from local manufacturing plants. In cooperation, the Chicago Board of Education has placed at the disposal of the Institute seven National Defense High Schools, wherein classes will be held . . .

Alumni Secretary Post Awarded To Arthur E. Wright

Arthur E. Wright, Illinois Institute of Technology '41, has been appointed executive secretary of the Alumni Association of Illinois Institute of Technology. This announcement was made today by President H. T. Heald.

Mr. Wright, at the time of his appointment, was associated with the Young Men's Christian Association in Indianapolis, Indiana. His office for the present is at 79 West Monroe street, Room 400.

In his new position Mr. Wright will act as liaison officer between the Institute and the alumni. His duties will include giving assistance to officers of the Alumni association by maintaining a permanent alumni office which will serve them by performing all routine office duties. He will administer the alumni program and form contacts with alumni clubs and divisions.

A comprehensive alumni program is being projected which includes the organization of alumni clubs in principal cities throughout the country. The new secretary plans to inaugurate a plan for the cooperation of the alumni in a new student program and to put into operation an annual plan of alumni giving.

FACULTY BRIEFS

Among the faculty of Illinois Institute of Technology who attended the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association held in New York during the holidays, were Professors J. D. Larkin and Victor Jones, both of whom were on the program.

Dr. Jones appeared on the program devoted to public law. The general subject of this panel was "Federalism: Centralizing and Decentralizing Tendencies." His paper was on "The Supremacy of The National Bureaucracy: Bases and Constitutional Implications."

Dr. Larkin took part in a roundtable discussion of curriculum problems and in a special breakfast conference on the teaching of administrative law. Others of Illinois Tech's staff who appeared at the political science meetings were Doctors Vell B. Chamberlin and Harold W. Davey.

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Professor D. Roy Mathews attended the American Historical Association's fifty-sixth annual meeting here in Chicago at the Stevens hotel. Professor Mathews was a member of the committee on local arrangements.

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IIT's professors of mathematics have been busy over the Christmas holidays. Professor W. C. Krathwohl attended the meetings of the Mathematical Association of America, the American Mathematical Society, and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, at Lehigh University, at Bethlehem, Penn. Prof. Krathwohl was present in his capacity as a member of the board of governors of the Mathematical Association of America.

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NEW ASSISTANTS AID GAS RESEARCH

Again enlarging their personnel the Institute of Gas Technology made known last week the addition of two men to its research staff. President Harry Heald and Mr. Harold Vagtborg, director of the Institute, made this announcement.

Both men, Dr. R. Lowell Hicks and Dr. Charles H. Riez, have only recently completed their graduate work. Dr. Hicks studied as an undergraduate at the Southern Illinois Normal University at Carbondale, and received his Bachelor of Education degree in 1934. For a year he taught twelve freshmen and sophomore students at the Pomona, Illinois, high school. In 1935 he went to the University of Illinois, received his M. S. degree in 1936 and his Ph. D. in organic chemistry in 1939. While at Illinois he served as a part-time graduate assistant in the inorganic department. Since then, Dr. Hicks worked for the National Ammonia and Chemical Company at Buffalo, N. Y. His work at the Gas Institute will be with Dr. Kintner on the subject of absorption.

Dr. Charles Riez received all his college training, both graduate and undergraduate, at Armour Institute. He secured his Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering in 1935 and his M. S. degree in 1937. He also has the honor of being the first student to receive a Ph. D. from Armour, in 1939. The petroleum industry has been the scene of his endeavor since finishing school. He has been employed by the Sinclair Refining Company, Universal Oil Products, and Golf Research Development. Dr. Riez will work here with Prof. Komarewsky on problems of catalysis in the gas industry.

ILLINOIS TECH STUDENT ASSOCIATION TRIAL BALANCE—AUGUST 31, 1941

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Cash	\$11,688.50	\$
Included in above, as follows: Senior Class, \$96.38; Junior Class, \$797.29; Sophomore Class, \$867.28; Freshman Class, \$733.72; Co-op Class, \$428.85; Polygon, \$914.90; Engineer and Alumnus, \$230.50; Tech News, \$304.26.		
Petty Cash	50.00	
Due from Illinois Institute of Technology	2,457.11	
Due from—Activity Fees due	\$ 2,586.50	
Due to—For Supplies furnished	129.39	
	2,457.11	
Advance from Student Loan Fund	2,872.50	
Graduate Club—Receivable	33.16	
Due to Other Funds		1,449.66
Polygon	914.90	
Engineer and Alumnus	230.50	
Tech News	304.26	
	1,449.66	
Class Balances:		
Senior Class		96.38
Junior Class		797.29
Sophomore Class		867.28
Freshman Class		733.72
Co-op Class		428.85
Accounts Payable (Jarvis & White)		64.68
Surplus		11,280.34
Student Activity Fees		28,062.00
Interest Student Loan Fund		16.88
Baseball Expense	1,848.93	
Basketball Expense	1,454.58	
Blanket Expense	189.84	
Board of Publications	10,795.73	
To Polygon	4,645.38	
To Tech News	3,531.60	
To Engineer and Alumnus	2,618.75	
	\$10,795.73	
Boxing & Wrestling	823.64	
Dance Club	30.00	
Directors and Coaches	4,848.00	
Exchange	.41	
Fencing	51.21	
General Expense	1,251.55	
Including share of Student Hand Book; share of hot water agitator; lockers; athletic director's traveling expense; annual dinner.		
Golf	403.02	
Intramural	468.76	
Musical Clubs	716.88	
Radio Club	156.67	
Rifle Club	239.30	
Swimming	707.76	
Tennis	665.92	
Track	930.51	
Track Relays	878.09	
Hockey	176.17	
Yacht Club	58.84	
	\$43,797.08	\$43,797.08

THE HAIRY SHIRT (If It Fits Wear It)

By Mister X

If you haven't guessed it already, the writer of this column is a newcomer to the campus this year. This explanation is necessary in order that you be able to appreciate that, not being thoroughly adjusted to the environment, he is in a position to observe with a considerable degree of objectivity.

Several weeks ago the writer was engaged in an earnest conversation over a cup of coffee with a member of the faculty in the cafeteria. During the course of the conversation he was rudely interrupted by *not one* but *five* students. Each one came up to the table and abruptly started talking to the faculty member without asking our pardon or waiting until the writer or the faculty member had finished the statement he was making.

It is true that the faculty member is a very popular young man who is quite willing to overlook such rudeness. It may be true, as he said, that "students here do not know any better." To the writer, this latter statement is almost incredible. That anyone should graduate from an accredited high school without knowing that it is rude, inconsiderate, and ill-mannered to interrupt a conversation seems very unlikely. That they should habitually fail to remember it is not so unlikely.

This particular breach of good manners is not a crime or a sin. It is, however, against the customs and the traditions of the people, and marks a man as being uncourteous and thoughtless. The kind thing to do, the helpful thing to do, the thing that you would appreciate other people doing, is to apologize when you find it necessary to interrupt their conver-

sation, and not to interrupt such a conversation unless it is absolutely necessary.

The number of members of the female sex on the Armour campus is very small in comparison with the number of males. It would seem, therefore, that they should be in an envious position. But are they?

Society prescribes some very sensible rules for the accidental contacts between sexes. These rules are based on the simple comparison between the average strength of the female as compared with the average strength of the male, and on the age old doctrine of chivalry, viz., "Ladies First."

One of the ladies on the faculty almost fainted the other day. She was climbing the steps of Main with her arms heavily loaded with books and someone offered to carry them for her. Later she discovered that the man in question was a visitor to the campus and she recovered her equilibrium. Upon being questioned she admitted that the times a student has opened a door for her could be counted on the fingers of one hand, and in two years on the campus the above instance was the only time she could remember when anyone had helped her with her books or briefcase.

There could be a number of reasons for this. For example, all of the students at Armour might be blind; or they might be unable to distinguish between a man and a lady; or they might not know that it is a discourteous and ill-mannered act to omit helping a lady through a door. But the most logical explanation is that the students are unforgiveably thoughtless and as a result habitually ill-mannered.