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Teeth!!

After coasting for more than two months in their smug "what difference does it make it make it" attitude, unparticipating freshmen gym participants will be shocked to discover shortly that their errant wanderings were not unnoticed.

Professor John Schommer promises that the laxity in the gym program, so evident in the past, is very definitely a thing of the past, and in the present and future three absences from duty will constitute a failure in gym. While flunking gym has formerly been regarded lightly, it will not be regarded lightly by the armed forces if and when it becomes necessary for the student to assume relations with them.

One of the favorite excuses for irregular attendance has been the unorganized roll calls and the lack of definite and rigorous program. These excuses will soon be non-existent. For more rapid attendance taking, we suggest that numbers be painted on the floor, every student being assigned to a number. The attendance can then be checked at both the beginning and end of each session with a total time expenditure not exceeding five minutes.

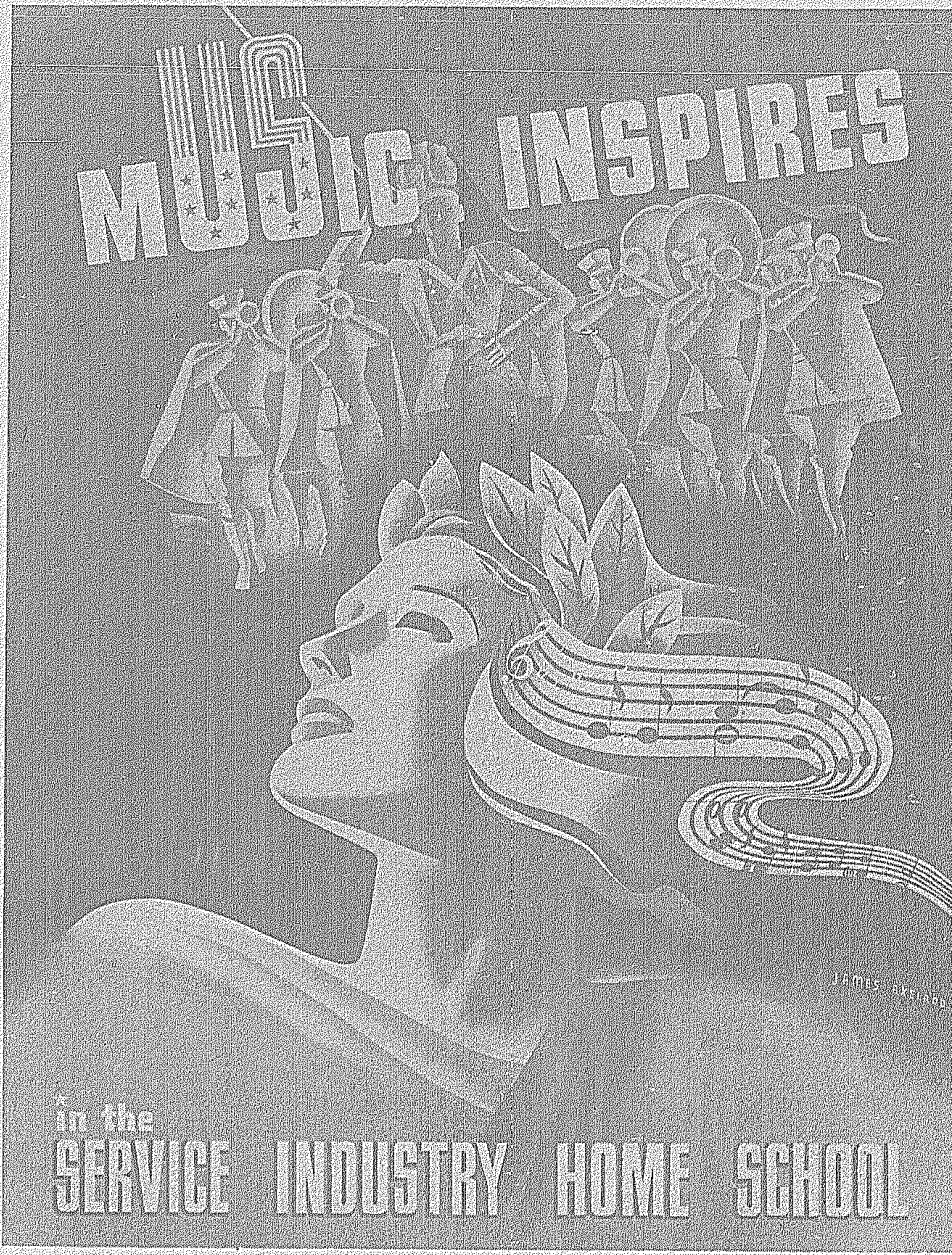
But the greatest bugbear in the advancement of the program has been the condition of the students themselves. That one out of every six students examined to date have been found to have defective hearts is a sorry but strikingly true fact. If strenuous workouts were thrown at these boys or at some of the specimen infesting the campus without previous training or weeding out, serious consequences might have resulted. It will be a huge step forward when entering students will be required to present a certificate stating his physical condition as determined by his family doctor. But it will be only when physical examinations have covered every freshman that the real toughening process can be put into effect.

Yet, must it be necessary to install some form of fatigue duty as a penalty before an Illinois Tech student will fall in line with an essential program? It will indeed be a sorry day when he is led before a five mile obstacle course and told to go to it if he has not worked toward that end gradually; and it will be an even sorrier day when he is informed that a commission might be withheld for no apparent reason.

LARSON

Alma Mater

To thee, our Alma Mater dear, with voices clear and strong,
We pledge our faith and loyalty, and praise thy name in song.
We ne'er forget the friendships made within thy hallowed halls,
More honor, glory, thy reward, as long as duty calls.
We're engineers, we're architects, we're science students, too.
Where'er we are in all the world, our hearts are warm and true,
With minds alert, ambitions high for future destiny,
We pledge allegiance evermore, to thee, dear IIT.
(Seniors, note; please learn this.)



Behind The Curtains

We have been writing most of the past year about the events and happenings of Illinois Tech. These things do not just happen. It takes planning and planning takes people; therefore, this column is dedicated to those men behind the scenes. The men that cause things to happen.

The two societies that have been handled the best this year have been the ASME and the AICHE. John Cronin and Peter Blasco are the men behind the guns in these two organizations. Bob Duckrow should be mentioned for the way he held down the Treasurer's job for ASME. IAeS resulted from the hard work of Norm Lettvin.

Turning to the sports front this year we have to mention Ken Jacobs, Peter Zemaitis, and Jack Mahoney all in the same breath. The intramural program this year was the largest in the history of IIT. These were the men that built it up and carried it through. Still on the sports front, we have Dick Metcalfe, Bill Watson, and Bob Burkardt who have put across the hockey team. The team came from nothing, three years ago, to an IIT team of today.

From sports we go to publications. Here we are forced to cite Bob Bechtolt for the swell job of managing editor. Bob took over an extremely tough job and really pulled through. Bob was also prexy of WSE. Ed Farrell needs no commendations for his work as editor. The work stands for itself. Few people know of the really hard work which Ed has put in in establishing the Ring and as president of Pi Kappa Phi. Jimmy Ladd, our able cartoonist, is only a freshman, but he has put in more work than many a senior.

Another publication, the Integral, spotlights the work of Ed Schulz and Ray Smith. Ed turned in a swell job on the editorial staff—without him there would be no yearbook. Smith's photography work really expedited the work too. Smith is also chairman of the War Council. This is a good place to bring in the work of Don Keigher. As sports editor of TECHNOLOGY NEWS and the Integral, Don

the ardent promoter of the school calendar, covered two fronts.

Turning now to generalities, we find Earl Mills, the president of the Co-op bookstore. He is the man who really kept it going. Then we find Adam Jemsek and Victor Schell-schmidt, who held down the president's jobs of the B and A Co-ops respectively. We run into Bob Ladevich as the typical EDT executive. We almost forgot one of the better team managers, Larry Ryan of the Swimming team. Larry did so many things, that it is hard to pin him down to any one of them. We cannot over look his work on the two Integrals, however.

We turn now from the students to the faculty members who will long be remembered in our minds. Probably the most important person in the students' mind is "Uncle John" Schommer. He will be remembered for years and years for his work on the draft situation in our years at school. The seniors will remember this gentleman for his job in placing them.

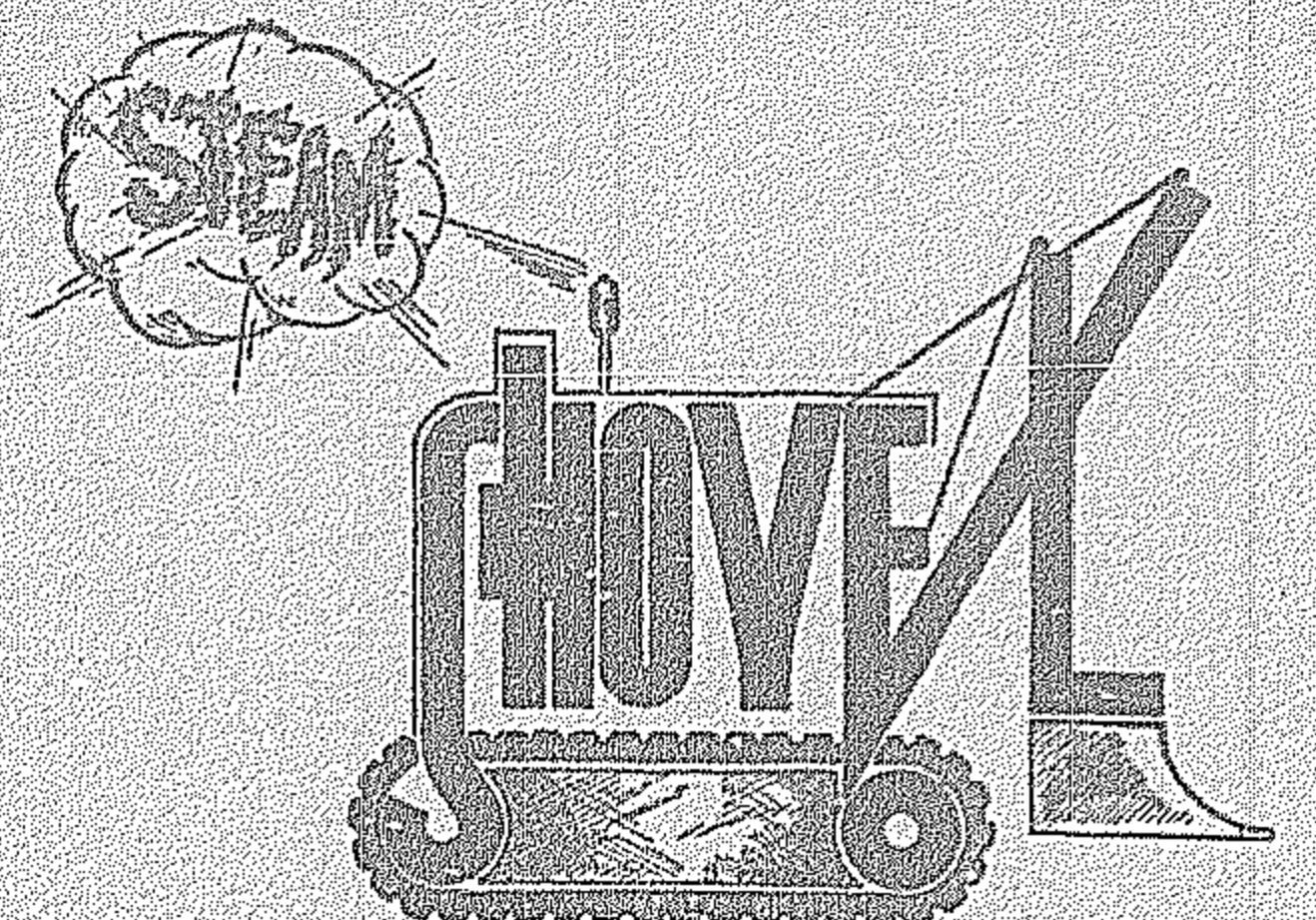
Coming down the line, we run into the twosome of Yellott and Weissman. These two boys have done most of the work in putting across the ESMWT program at IIT that has become known across the country.

Many of us have wondered where President Heald has been this year. He has been in Washington advising the Navy on their educational program. He has well represented IIT in this territory.

The Electricals will not let us forget Jesse Hobson for his work on the Signal Corps program and his reorganization of the Juice department.

These are all people that have made IIT a better place to go to school. We realize that we have missed some men in this resume; to those men we sincerely apologize. We use the old proverb as a consolation—"your friends know all about you and the rest of the people don't care."

Next week is the last paper of the seniors during their last days at ye olde IIT. Read it; it will be good!



"The moving finger writes and having writ, moves on."
—Omar Khayam.

These words from the "Rubaiyat" of Omar Khayam reflect clearly the spirit of the Steam Shovel. The secret operatives conducting this column have, by intimidation and coercion, secured fifth column workers in every class. There shall no longer be privacy for anyone—it may be that the very person sitting next to you will "put the finger on you"! Then—all will be told!

War Dance Previews

This column went "to press" before the all-important "War Dance" was held and, as a result, the informative bits of news normally gleaned from such an affair must be saved till another day. The "League of Armour Wolves" was frantically on the search for dates for the dance at the latest reports, but were meeting with increasing success. Norm Lettvin phoned his "honey" Wednesday night and secured a date after four phone calls. The other three were down with the measles. . . . Mike Coccia, junior social chairman, downcast because Jean had to visit her ailing grandmother in Urbana over the week-end, promptly garnered another date after consulting innumerable "files" and "little black books." . . . Nat Ratner, another junior social committee member, was having date trouble. . . .

Fitch Dates by Proxy

Morgan L. Fitch, one of the busiest men on the Armour campus, phoned Nancy Gentleman for a date, for Saturday night. As luck would have it, the line was busy and Mickey, of course, had to dash off to a meeting of some sort. Obliging, Don Keigher, Bob Kirk and Larry Ryan phoned the aforementioned young lady, explained the situation and made the date. The following night, Mr. Fitch casually phoned and confirmed the girl's affirmation. Seniors de-Moustache Underclassmen

On Wednesday, January 13, an ultimatum from the "Senior Enforcement Committee" was posted, not too prominently, indicating that henceforth moustaches on underclassmen were outlawed. George Martinek, Ed Ozimek, Bob Ladevich, Pete Zemaitis, Chet Swan, Jack Byrne, Al Dambros, Bob Johnson and Jack Mahoney formed a nucleus of active seniors who performed superbly in the practice of the tonsorial art. The first two hours, 11 AM to 1 PM, netted the lads some twenty violators who were dealt with in the manner of the code. . . . President Heald and Dean Peebles, neither of them wearing "hirsute facial adornments" were wont to smile at the well-mannered, sedate and gentle dispensation of the violations. . . . Freshmen and sophomores, who are taking advantage of the benevolence and kind-heartedness of the seniors, by riding the elevator in Main building are next on the list of the "Enforcement Committee." . . . These underclassmen must be put in their lowly place: tradition lives on!

Incidentally Speaking—

Bob Ladevich, recently hired by Chrysler Corporation, wore his Sunday suit, a big cigar and his best manners in looking important at the ASME smoker. . . . Boysie Jones, freshman touchball all-star, and June Cox, petite red-haired secretary, have formed one of the more constant two-somes on the Armour campus. . . . Our effervescent female freshman, Shirley Sexson is concentrating her affections on the book-store's number one boy, Ralph Gulczynski. . . . Marge Mahoney, personable St. Xavier sophomore, was accosted by three Armour wolves at last week's Dance Club session. They all wanted to date her for the War Dance but Frank, the lucky dog, was one week earlier in making his bid. . . . If you wish to "incite a quiet lad to mayhem, address Earl Mills as "Shorts." I. L. B. Anonymous