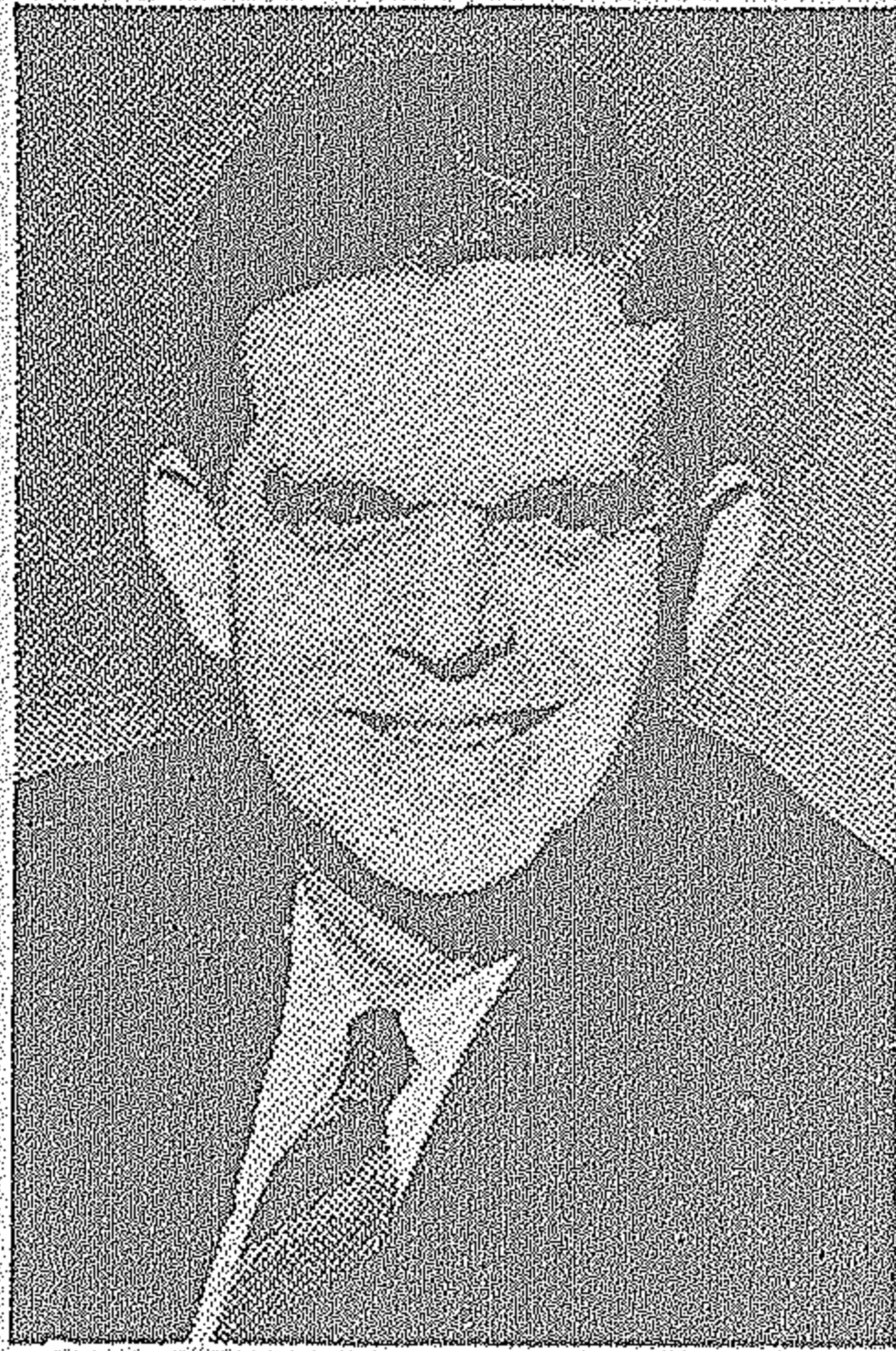


War problems discussed

The men who have the responsibility of doing something about the nation's most critical wartime manpower shortage—engineers and technicians—met Monday, October 26, in Chicago to discuss their problems. They are the administrative officers of the nation's engineering colleges. Approximately 125 of these men from the nation's 160 engineering colleges—the nation's best engineering brains—met at the Drake Hotel. They were in session there from 9:30 a.m. Monday throughout the day.

President Henry T. Heald, who is currently serving as the president of the national Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, called this meeting to discuss the engineering colleges' wartime problems and services. With the nation short some 80,000 engineers, the most vital men in this technological war, according to conservative estimates by the War Manpower



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Commission, and with the nation's engineering colleges graduating only about 13,000 engineers per year, the engineering shortage is a critical one.

Indicative of the national scope and the seriousness of the meeting was the fact that reservations were made from the far corners of the union. Dr. Karl T. Compton, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who recently headed the president's rubber committee was among the prominent engineering educators who attended the meeting.

Freshmen plan dance, policy

The first regular meeting of the freshman class was held last Friday morning in the auditorium. Following the introduction of the new officers, Wilson McDermut, the class president, announced that the first freshman dance, the Tech Turkey Trot, would be given on November 21. The music will be furnished by Larry Fitzgibbons and his orchestra. All IIT students are invited to come and join in the fun. Bids are 75 cents and will go on sale this week.

A special freshman class policy committee has been organized. It will be the duty of the committee members to contact all the freshman students and learn their opinions on current school problems. The officers expressed their hope that this will result in a better student understanding of the honor system, and the dance situation.

Honor system opposition accepts

We, the undersigned, have consistently opposed the Honor System in the form in which it was originally proposed. Student opinion demanded a free and open discussion of the proposal to prevent a "railroad" of the idea. In the assembly Thursday last, such a meeting was held. Everyone concerned, in our opinion, had a full opportunity to present his arguments. Certain amendments to the plan were proposed by the student body and accepted by popular vote.

We are not deserting our principles. We still hold to our original objections; we shall continue to hold to them until we are convinced that we are wrong, and unless we are so convinced, we shall continue to fight for revision.

However, we feel

1. That the assembly was fairly and equitably conducted;
2. That everyone had an opportunity to attend to argue, to hear, and to freely decide for himself;
3. That those in favor of the proposal are as much entitled to their opinions as we are to ours;
4. That a fair test will determine whether or not the system is acceptable to the student body.

A motion from the floor was made, seconded, discussed, and accepted by popular vote, to the following effect:

"The Honor System should be tried in operation for one month. At the end of that time, it shall come up for referendum vote. 'If the student body should, at any time after the trial period wish to:

- (1) Remove any member of the Honor Board,
 - (2) Revise the system in whole or in part, a petition bearing 10% of the enrollment shall call into meeting an assembly to discuss and vote on the proposal.
- "Also, the pledge shall be changed from: 'I have neither violated nor seen any violation' to 'I have neither received nor given any aid in this examination'."

We, as members of the opposition, believe that the acceptance of the test period is the will of the majority. We wish to put the honor system to a fair test. We present this statement to our fellow oppositionists, both those who were and who were not present at the assembly. Out of fairness to both sides, we pledge ourselves, and ask all our fellow oppositionists, to weigh the facts unemotionally and logically; to reserve their arguments until the test shows the good and bad points of the Honor System; and when final decision is made by open ballot of a majority of the student body, to accept and abide, in good faith, by the will of the majority.

(Signed) James Gittelson, Angus L. Wynn, Jr., Carvyn Ellman, Herbert Gertz, Leonard Ellmen, Leonard Fript, Hugh Pollard, H. Ban, Roy J. Bellio, Clifford Gorski, Robert Klein, Glenn Runsten, Cliff Knauer, Dan O'Connell, Bruno Stechbart, Edward Eger, Sheldon Stein, Ted F. Meinhold, Irwin Lachman, John J. Boland, Jr., Frank Greenberg.

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To the Editor of Technology News
Dear Sir,

With much regret we saw the Honor System go into effect for one month yesterday. Next to the fact that the vote was unfair in our opinion because all classes were not notified of the prolonged meeting and only approximately 500 students were present, here are some of the facts which make us object to the Honor System:

1) The entire student body has been insulted. We don't feel that we have to be reminded of our honor, but if this should be necessary, no Honor System will help.

2) Each student goes to college by his own free will and pays good money for this privilege. If he is so ignorant as to waste his money and time, that is his own business and not ours.

3) Armour has gotten along without a special Honor System until now, and its reputation ranks high among Engineering schools. This reputation has been established by the past graduates. Are we less capable of upholding this tradition than they were? Do we need an Honor System to make us good Engineers? Are the students of M.I.T., Purdue and most other engineering schools of higher moral caliber than we are? Obviously the answer to all these questions is NO. Students in other institutions maintain their reputation without a dishonorable Honor system. Well, so can we! So let's forget about the Honor System.

(Editor's note: Although the copy of this letter given to TECHNOLOGY NEWS was unsigned, the original had 22 signatures.)

New Illinois Tech code school reported best in country

According to an unofficial army source, Professor David P. Moreton's United States Army Code School is the best organized and equipped school of its kind in the nation.

This newest addition to Illinois Institute of Technology is situated at the Northern Illinois College of Optometry at 42nd and Drexel. This Army code school, like others on the campuses of schools throughout the country, is being operated under contract with the Army. Mr. Moreton, professor of electrical en-

gineering, has, in about five short weeks, made the school an unmistakable reality.

Having only been in operation since October 19, groups of fifty men each are arriving every week until the maximum quota of 400 students is reached. The men, who are selected from the enlisted ranks in every camp and state of the United States, are being trained for thirteen weeks in the receiving and sending of radio code and blinker signals, typewriting, and exchanging of tactical communications.

War council takes war effort lead

One of the newer organizations at Illinois Tech is the Student War Council. The members of the council were originally appointed by the ITSA Board. New members have been added from time to time whenever a man interested in some particular phase of defense work was discovered. The Council consists of Ray Smith—Chairman, Roy Peterson—Secretary, Don Maihock, Irving Kaluzna, Jack Byrne, Ed Farrell, Harry Anderson, Harry Gillespie, Bill Parks, Victor Schellschmidt, Bert Milleville, and Bob Funk. Professor Finnegan and Bernard Weissman are the faculty advisors.

Last spring, the Council arranged for a talk by John F. Langdon, Civilian Defense official, at both Armour and Lewis. During the summer, Kaluzna led a sub-committee that arranged a mass blood donation to the Red Cross here at school. An air raid whistle on Main Building was another idea brought forth by the Council.

At the present time, Parks is in charge of a scrap metal drive which has its eye on the old organ in the Student Union and the Graduate House fence. All fraternities are being asked to contribute fences and other metal scrap to the drive.

The latest project undertaken by the council and Doctor McNamara is the attempt to organize a corps of students versed in First Aid procedure to familiarize themselves with the new first aid kit recently purchased by the school for use in event of emergency.

Time and Motion clinic meeting held

For the fifth consecutive year, both divisions of the Illinois Institute of Technology were represented at the National Time and Motion Study clinic of the Industrial Management society held November 5 and 6 at the Chicago Medinah club (Chicago Towers club), 505 North Michigan Avenue.

Professor Dutton demonstrated equipment of the Industrial Engineering laboratory, while Professor Boder presented apparatus of the psychology laboratory and the psychological museum having special bearing upon selection and placement of industrial workers and employees. Students June Zimmerman and Kenneth H. Peterson assisted in the demonstrations.

Faculty briefs

Dr. George E. Ziegler, Chairman of the Physics Section of the Armour Research Foundation, gave a speech at the American Institute of Chemical Engineers on Friday at Room 202 in the Main Building of Illinois Institute of Technology.

Dr. Carl G. Anderson, Mr. Norman C. Penfold, and Mr. O. E. Teichman, will spend the early part of next week in Detroit visiting the plants of sponsors of research at the Armour Research Foundation.

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