

GREEKS

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

This past week end an informal party was held at the Phi Kappa Sigma house to acquaint the new rushies with IIT's type of social functions. Jack Boland and Bud Havlik, both the bashful type, found it necessary to have a pledge mediate between the fairer sex and themselves to meet their girls. Courtesy Week was held between semesters to the full enjoyment of the pledges. Last Wednesday evening found most of the house digging up the floor of the garage in hopes of finding a hidden wash basin reputedly valued at \$200.00. Formal initiation was held Sunday, February 7th at the Lake Shore Club. We didn't find the wash basin.

PI KAPPA PHI

Following a week of intriguing activities, four pledges, who have weathered the storm, will enter the folds of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. John Sacks, Gordon Sommers, Robert Cambron, and Harold Coursen were formally initiated in the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity last Sunday, February 14.

Herb Hansen, a brother in the Navy, sent notice of hanging his pin on a Southern belle. John Hiatt,

also of the Navy, dropped in for a visit. Bud Egger and John Poile returned after a now famous trip to Iowa State. They are waiting to be called to the armed forces.

A regular house dance is to be scheduled for Saturday, February 20.

RHO DELTA RHO

Surviving the rigors of the informal initiation, the following men were formally initiated into Rho Delta Rho, February 8, 1943. Marvin Cohen, Arthur Blumenthal, Leonard Eller, Gil Katy, Ted Nathler, Morris Shapiro, Robert Narofsky, Ed Rabin, Kenneth Epstein. The highlight of the evening was a stirring address by one of our alumni, Morton Ferber. To celebrate such an auspicious occasion the treasury was pilfered and all of the men were treated to refreshments.

The climax of the winter rushing was a splash party at the Sovereign Hotel.

ALPHA SIGMA PHI

Well, the boys are all back to work again over here at 32nd street and everything is fine at the Alpha Sigma Phi house despite the mixup in programs.

Ronnie Lind, the steward, seems

to be functioning properly although he is a little obnoxious at times with regard to doing dishes after meals. Oh, for an electric dishwasher!

Completing a satisfactory pledge-ship and "Hell Week," pledges were initiated into Alpha Sigma Phi on February 4. They are: Robert Sweiger, Fred Faulkner, Robert Anschicks, Philip Jansen, Lloyd Johnson, Norman Schmitz, Edward Leavitt, Robert Paulsen, Edward Allen.

Our newly initiated brother Leavitt became an alumnus already as he was called by the army. Brother Chris is also leaving in the near future. We hope the army likes them as well as we do.

RHO EPSILON

Rho Epsilon, the honorary radio fraternity, is now in new hands. On December 18, the group met and elected officers for the coming year. Those honored are: Vic Graziano, president; Frank Novak, vice president; Al Roberts, secretary; and John Pottenger, treasurer.

Musicians perform at Goodman concert

The IIT musical clubs held their ninth annual concert on Thursday evening, Feb. 4, at the Goodman Theater. The men's glee club, the mixed chorus of more than 100 voices, and a 50 piece orchestra took part in the program consisting of both classical and semi-classical selections.

A military marching song, "From the Four Ways We're Coming," written by Gordon Ericson, the director of the clubs, was a feature of the program.

Also highlighting the musical performance were brilliant lighting effects. A hobby of Director Ericson, these have come to be a distinguishing feature of the concerts.

Faculty Briefs

Professor Walter H. Seegrist, has recently been elected president of the Armour Faculty Club at Illinois Institute of Technology, succeeding Professor William W. Colvert of the Physics department in that capacity.

Other officers elected for the Faculty Club are: First vice-president, Walter Hendricks; second vice-president, R. C. Kintner; secretary, Samuel F. Bibb; and treasurer, C. O. Harris.

Doctor Ford, chairman of the Department of Mathematics at IIT, will speak before the Junior Mathematics Club at the University of Chicago on Tuesday, February 23, at 4:30 p.m. The subject of his address will be "Alignment Charts."

A baby boy came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Loving on February 3, 1943. Mr. Loving is an associate professor of technical drawing; Mrs. (Frances) Loving formerly worked for the ESMWT.

530 finish course

The largest group ever to complete evening radio courses at Illinois Institute of Technology, 530 students, will be honored at special ceremonies Friday night.

The group, 515 men and 15 women, have been studying for the last 16 weeks.

The group will now be eligible to continue training on more advanced levels in Illinois Tech's spring radio program. Also other elementary courses will be started in the spring program on Feb. 22.

Research Shorts

An all-Armour Research Foundation program was given at the Whiting Engineers Club at Harvey, Illinois on the evening of February 4. The three talks of the evening were by Mr. Harold Vagtborg, Director, Dr. Francis W. Godwin, Assistant Director, and Dr. C. O. Dohrenwend, Chairman of Engineering Mechanics.

Dr. Goodwin discussed his experiences in the Argentine Republic. Mr. Vagtborg demonstrated the wire sound recorder and described its operation and its application to scientific and to industrial and civilian use.

Dr. Dohrenwend spoke on developments at the Foundation and the use of electric strain gage measurements for determining both the static and dynamic stresses upon bridges, vehicles, pressure tanks, etc. These developments have enabled engineers to devise structures and vehicles with a new complete knowledge of the conditions under which they will be used. He was assisted by W. R. Mehaffey, Associate Physicist in Electricity and Elmer Ratzel, Assistant Engineer, both of the Foundation staff.

Dr. H. A. Leedy, Physicist in Acoustics at the Armour Research Foundation, will speak on March 1 before the Chicago Society for Measurement and Control at the St. Clair Hotel on the subject of "Sound and Vibration Measurements." On March 10 he will address the Mechanics Colloquium at the Illinois Tech's south side campus, on "Vibration Measurements."

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The Armour Research Foundation has moved its offices into the newly remodelled first floor, at 35 West 33d Street.

The remodelling provides a new entrance at the center of the building. The old entrance has been closed and the entry converted into an additional office. A new office for the Director and a conference room are provided to the west of the new entrance. The conference

room, long badly needed, will provide for meetings of steering committees on the Foundation projects, sectional conferences, and meetings of the administrative staff chairmen.

The precise gage laboratory at the Foundation has been moved downtown for the duration of the war, and the air conditioning equipment formerly used in connection with the laboratory has been connected with the suite of offices on the West and the conference room.

The reception room for visitors has been enlarged and a small office provided nearby for reception of visitors.

Behind the reception room, a room has been provided for a filing department and receiving space for package deliveries. To the East of the reception room, the new business and accounting office will be installed with a new vault for Foundation records.

Dr. Martin H. Heeren, Chairman of the Chemical Engineering Section of the Research Foundation addressed the American Association of Scientific Workers in absentia recently. The meeting was held at the University of Chicago and since Dr. Heeren was not able to be present, he recorded his address on the subject of the National Registry of Rare Chemicals in advance. Dr. Francis W. Goodwin, Assistant Director of the Foundation accompanied the wire sound recorder to the meeting and at the conclusion of the address, was called upon to speak for half an hour on the subject of the recorder, so great was the interest in this recent development of the Foundation.

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Dr. Martin H. Heeren and Mr. Clark E. Thorp, of the Chemical Engineering Section of the Research Foundation, recently visited the plant of the Munising Wood Products Company at Marquette, Michigan. They report that there was four feet of snow in the Michigan north country.



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