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MAN OF THE WEEK

Keeping Minutes Part of Hours of Work for IIT

By OTTO KRAUSE

If you take part in any of the student governmental organizations, Harry Gillespie is no stranger to you.

As secretary of the ITSA and chairman of the Student War Council, Harry holds two of the most responsible student positions at Illinois Tech.

This active, tall, lean junior is taking a mechanical engineering course with an aeronautical option. In this connection, he has helped to make history at Illinois Tech by being a charter member of the Institute's chapter of Tau Omega, aeronautical honorary fraternity.

But probably the most important work that

has performed for the Institute is his revitalization of the office of secretary of the ITSA. Formerly this job has been handled in such a lackadaisical manner that complete records of ITSA affairs are difficult to find.

During his tenure of office, however, Gillespie has inaugurated a system whereby the actions of the ITSA not only become a matter of permanent



Harry Gillespie

record but they also receive their necessary publicity.

He keeps the minutes of each meeting, religiously and accurately. He then has them mimeographed and sends copies to all of the school's executive officers and to the News Bureau. Some copies are also distributed to students, and copies are available for students interested.

As chairman of the Student War Council, Gillespie leads the group in "coordinating civilian defense and war projects at school." One of the most noteworthy of the council's accomplishments is the procurement of one thousand donations of blood from students at IIT for the American Red Cross Blood Bank. Plans are already being formulated for a return visit of the mobile unit to this school in the near future.

Another of Harry's responsibilities is the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, which he guides as president.

If you think that the duties mentioned are enough for any one man, it might be mentioned that Harry Gillespie is manager of the school golf team. He shoots golf in the eighties, and is on the squad for the second consecutive year.

In rounding out Gillespie's complete list of activities it should be mentioned that he is a member of the Institute of Aeronautical Science.

Meanwhile, Harry Gillespie is devoting his energies to fulfilling all of his various duties at IIT—and the performance of his task well merits him a salute as "Man of the Week."

MAIL CALL

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Items concerning I.I.T. men and women in the armed services will be printed in this column, and excerpts from letters from these men and women will also be presented. Contributions to the column will be welcomed, and the newspaper staff will make every effort to obtain news and letters from the stars of Illinois Tech's service flag—a group now numbering more than 700.)

By PETE MINWEGEN

From "Somewhere in Australia,"
Cpl. Stanley Orsi, Chem. E. A. '38,
pens:

"I am over here doing a special research job for the Air Corps. I am completely on my own in one of the metallurgical laboratories in Australia. It is very interesting and I enjoy it very much. . . . Australia is very nice. The people are very friendly and hospitable and have made my fifteen months here very enjoyable.

— V —
Russ Loomis, Jr., Class of '45,
reports:

"We left Fresno on the 23rd of March and were shipped up here to the University of North Dakota. Believe me, it was quite a change from Fresno. Weather here is just as unpredictable as that in Chicago!

"Here we attend classes just as though we were back in civilian life attending school. The only difference being the uniform and adherence to strict formation.

"It is a very pleasant atmosphere up here. People are friendly and willing to show a soldier a pleasant time. There are several other IIT students here and we all send our best wishes."

— V —
Another letter of interest comes from Dan Ryan, chem engineer student, who left with the last group of reservists for Camp Custer. Dan states:

"Camp Custer was really a nice place and they treated the E.R.C. students wonderful. On March 31, I was sent to Atlantic City, New Jersey. We went through Canada and also Buffalo, New York. There were at least five or six boys with me from Lewis."

The WRIGHT ANGLE

It took an Illinois Tech alumnus to beat the Hague machine in New Jersey. He is Albert W. Hawkes, '15, who was elected to the United States Senate over a Hague candidate. Hawkes took a \$90,000 cut in salary in being elected to the Senate, as he resigned his position as president of the Congoleum-Nairn Company to help beat the machine.

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And believe it or not, it's taking another Illinois alumnus to solve the problems of the WAACs. Major Herman J. Pomy, a former Lewis student, is now in charge of the post communication's system at the first training center of the WAACs at Fort Des Moines.

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In the contemporary field, Byron Ellis, '42, used his knowledge gained at Illinois Tech to inform the world that a threeinch bottle was worth \$1,000, not just the \$25 it might have been sold for. Ellis, by means of an x-ray diffraction machine, identified a small Chinese bottle brought from the Orient as rare black jade and not common agate as some jewelers believed. But even more amazing, Ellis was also able to prove, scientifically, why the jade was black and not green as is customary.

OLSON.

Profit and-or Loss

It is indeed unfortunate that an editorial must be written because theivery has become a popular pastime among a chosen (?) few on this campus.

For this we are sorry.

But we cannot help but feel that there are others who are even more sorry. It is not a joke to find a wallet, coat, book or slide rule missing for no apparent reason.

However, we are most sorry for the foolish few who continue to violate this principle of decency.

Wallets, coats, books and sliderules are material things. They can be replaced.

What cannot be replaced is the honor which the thief steals from himself each time he yields to this baser instinct.

Just because you would have been willing to pay for the object if you could have obtained it, does not make stealing any less objectionable. Priorities must be respected.

We do not want thieves. No one wants them.

We need not have them if all students cooperate.

By one foolish act you may be giving up your career in the engineering field.

Is it worth it?

LARSON.

Government by Guess

Can you imagine the Congress of the United States not keeping a record of its proceedings? Hardly, but the governing body of Illinois Tech—the ITSA—has been guilty of such a breach.

At first, this may not seem to be very important. But when one considers that all money spent through the many clubs, organizations and teams at IIT are approved by the ITSA, that the ITSA has the responsibility of leading all student activities, and that the ITSA has control over almost all student activities including *Technology News*, then such a condition assumes significance.

Among those things missing is a copy of the constitutional amendment pertaining to election of officers to the ITSA. And a two-week search has failed to locate any of the amendments to the Constitution of the Illinois Tech governing board.

There is a real hope that these conditions are being changed. With the selection of Harry Gillespie as secretary the situation has been rectified in so far as minutes of the meetings are concerned.

The new secretary not only keeps accurate complete minutes of each meeting and enters them into the permanent record; he also mimeographs copies of the minutes and sees that they are distributed to those most concerned with activities of the ITSA.

Gillespie is doing a better job as secretary of the ITSA than has been done for many years. His work gives hope that the ITSA can and will fulfill properly the obligations that it has as the governing body of IIT.

OLSON.

from our READERS

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This column is for expression of ideas from readers. Letters containing not more than 250 words will be printed. Anonymous letters will not be considered for publication, although a writer's name will be withheld from publication if desired. The Managing Board reserves the right to select the letters to be printed whenever the number of letter submitters exceeds the space allotted for this column.)

April 28, 1943

Dear Editor:

We are writing this letter in protest of the method in which the Curriculum Committee (faculty) and Dean Peebles handled the request of several junior ERC students to get their grades early. A transfer from the ERC to the Army Air Corps Ground Crew, Engineering, requires three years of college credits. This transfer would mean an Aviation Cadet rating at \$75.00 a month, with a commission in five months. By not being granted this request, we go into the regular army as buck privates at \$50.00 a month, with no assurance of being put into engineering or of being commissioned.

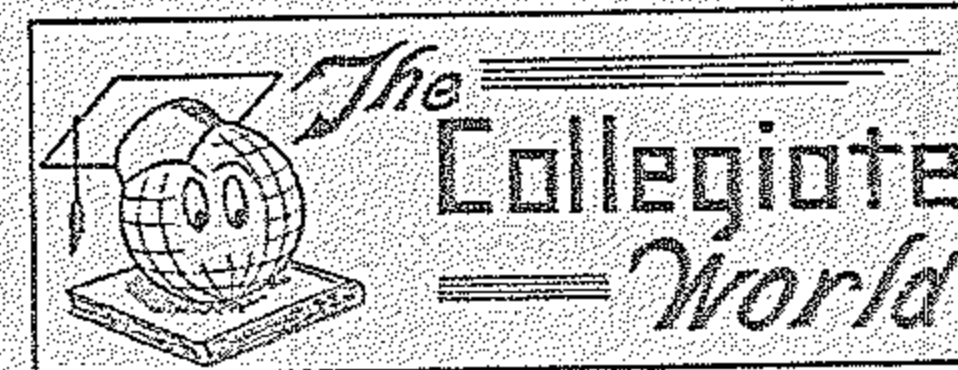
The Dean told us to secure our grades from our professors and send them to him for the required transcripts. Two weeks were spent getting up to date, doing special work, taking quizzes, and then when we finally got all our marks in, the Dean told us that it was all off, and we must wait.

A few days after this the engineering ground crew was closed, and our chance was lost.

Students called into the service before the semester end would undoubtedly get credit in their courses. We will be in school until the end of the semester. Therefore we will not miss any work, will take our finals, and will actually earn our credits. Our small request would not in any way affect the standards of the Institute.

To first be told "OK," and then told "no" after it is too late to do anything else, is not in keeping with the school's SUPPOSED POLICY to help students get into engineering fields in the service. John Schommer's unceasing efforts on the students' behalf are nullified by the lack of effort on the part of other high officials of the school.

Signed,
K., R., and E.



Pvt. Thomas L. Powers, draftee and former dean of Columbia, helped write the selective service act.

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A time-honored campus privilege—sorority house serenading—has been rationed . . . at the University of Illinois. Responding to complaints of townspeople, the interfraternity council has decided on these sacrifices:

No fraternity may serenade a total of more than five sororities in a single night.

Serenading must end by 2:30 a.m. on weekends.

Fraternities contemplating serenading must submit to the dean of men the number and identity of the sororities to be so favored.

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In step with the war-time tempo, coeds at Westminster College are using "black-out letters" in their personal correspondence with their soldier boy-friends. These letters, written with white ink on jet-black paper, are enclosed in black envelopes. Coeds testify that they are the ideal thing to be hid from soldiers' buddies or to be read in the twilight dim of Army barracks.

names 'n notes

S I. HAYAKAWA, professor of English, once drove a taxi-cab; it was in his student days in Canada and was a job helping him earn his way through school. . . . FRANKLIN P. ADAMS of newspaper and "Information Please" fame is an alumnus of Illinois Tech, as is DOROTHY THOMPSON, another noted newspaper columnist; both went to Lewis Institute. . . . BOB LAMONS, junior juicer, has a unique hobby; he collects scientific words from all scientific fields. . . . R. A. BUDENHOLZER, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, lived for five years in a log cabin which was fifteen miles from the nearest town and forty miles from a railroad; he lived here from the age of one to six. . . . R. V. PERRY, professor of machine design, was the only member of the first graduating class from Armour (1897) to become a teacher. . . . ELIA STERNBERG, instructor of mechanics, has studied in universities in three different countries, University of Vienna, University of London, and the University of North Carolina.