

## Illinois Tech enters Red Cross annual drive

A number one item in the nation's news today is the drive for funds currently being conducted by the Red Cross. This institution is one of which every American should be tremendously proud. It is the one link which still exists between the warring nations of this world. It would be impossible to communicate with those of our soldiers who are prisoners of the enemy without the facilities of the Red Cross. In every country where detachments of U.S. troops are stationed, the Red Cross provides means of recreation and relaxation for the men. The miracles of mercy which it performs on the battlefield have saved the lives of thousands of our soldiers. In fact, the Red Cross represents a great many of the things we are fighting for.

Hundreds of Americans give freely of their time and services so that the Red Cross may continue its work. Therefore, a nation-wide campaign is being conducted to raise money. The local drive here at IIT will begin on Monday, March 8, 1943. The faculty wives, who are sponsoring it, are resolved that Tech shall double the 1942 quota. Last year we came in second in contributions from the schools in the city; this year we're going to leave that mark far behind.

At the first meeting of the sponsors, last Friday, Mrs. Ford, chairman of the committee, Mrs. Weissman, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Seegrist, and Mrs. Finnegan were present. They have promised that every employee, faculty member, and student will be relentlessly pursued until he earns his Red Cross tag. No spot bearing the title of IIT will be exempt; this includes both the west and south campuses and the Art Institute. Every American, from the president of the Red Cross, the president of the United States, down to the humblest citizen should gladly do his part in keeping this great organization going full speed ahead.

### Tech Timetable

#### Tuesday, March 9

5:00—Pi Tau Sigma  
5:00—WSE meets in Faculty Grill  
5:00—SUBC in S.U. office

5:00—Orchestra in S.U. auditorium

#### Wednesday, March 10

5:00—Dance Club in auditorium  
5:00—Managing Board meeting in Tech News office

#### Thursday, March 11

5:00—Glee Club in S.U. auditorium

#### Friday, March 12

10:00—F.P.E.S. in 405M  
10:00—A.S.M.E. in 305M  
10:00—A.S.C.E. in 220 C

Students wishing to contribute semi-classical records for lunch-room music please leave them in Mr. Weissman's office. Records will be given the best of care and will be returned on request.

Honorary Radio Fraternity  
Rho Epsilon

## "Power Means Victory" motto of conference

Reservations for the 1943 Midwest Power Conference are expected to exceed 1,500, according to professor Stanton E. Winston, conference director. This represents an increase over last year's attendance, and indicates growing interest in power production and utilization.

The keynote of the conference, "Power Means Victory," indicates that the discussions will deal mainly with the power industry's problems concerned with the war effort.

The opening session will be held Thursday April 8. Professor M. P. Cleghorn of Iowa State College will deliver the response for the nine educational institutions cooperating with IIT in sponsoring the annual power conference.

Sessions held later in the day will include discussions on power plant operation, electrical distribution, and industrial power plants.

James D. Cunningham, chairman of the board of trustees of Illinois Tech will be the toastmaster of the "All Engineers" dinner to be held Tuesday evening. At that time Col. James L. Walsh, chairman of the War Production Committee of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, New York, will speak on "Logistics, the Science of Survival."

Fridays sessions will cover plant protection, plant maintenance, electrical distribution, Diesel power, and fuels and combustion. A special evening program will be held, at which time Alex D. Bailey, vice chairman of the board of trustees of IIT, will act as chairman of the Army Engineering Hour. This will include addresses upon the repairs and utilities activities, the fuel and heating programs, and power and lighting problems at Army cantonments.

Following this there will be a social hour.

## Reservists called

Eighty-three army reservists are leaving Illinois Tech on March 30 for the army, their destination being Scott Field. Freshmen, called in for duty, total thirty-nine students—seventeen from Lewis and twenty-two from Armour.

Eleven upperclassmen reservists from Armour, whose courses are not directly concerned with the war effort, will also be called into service. Poor scholarship was the reason removing 32 enlisted reservists being called to duty.

As yet, the forty-four naval reservists in Illinois Tech have not been called. Meanwhile, these, as well as unassigned army reservists should stay in school until they are assigned to active duty.

## Reveal new semester plans; W M C defers engineers

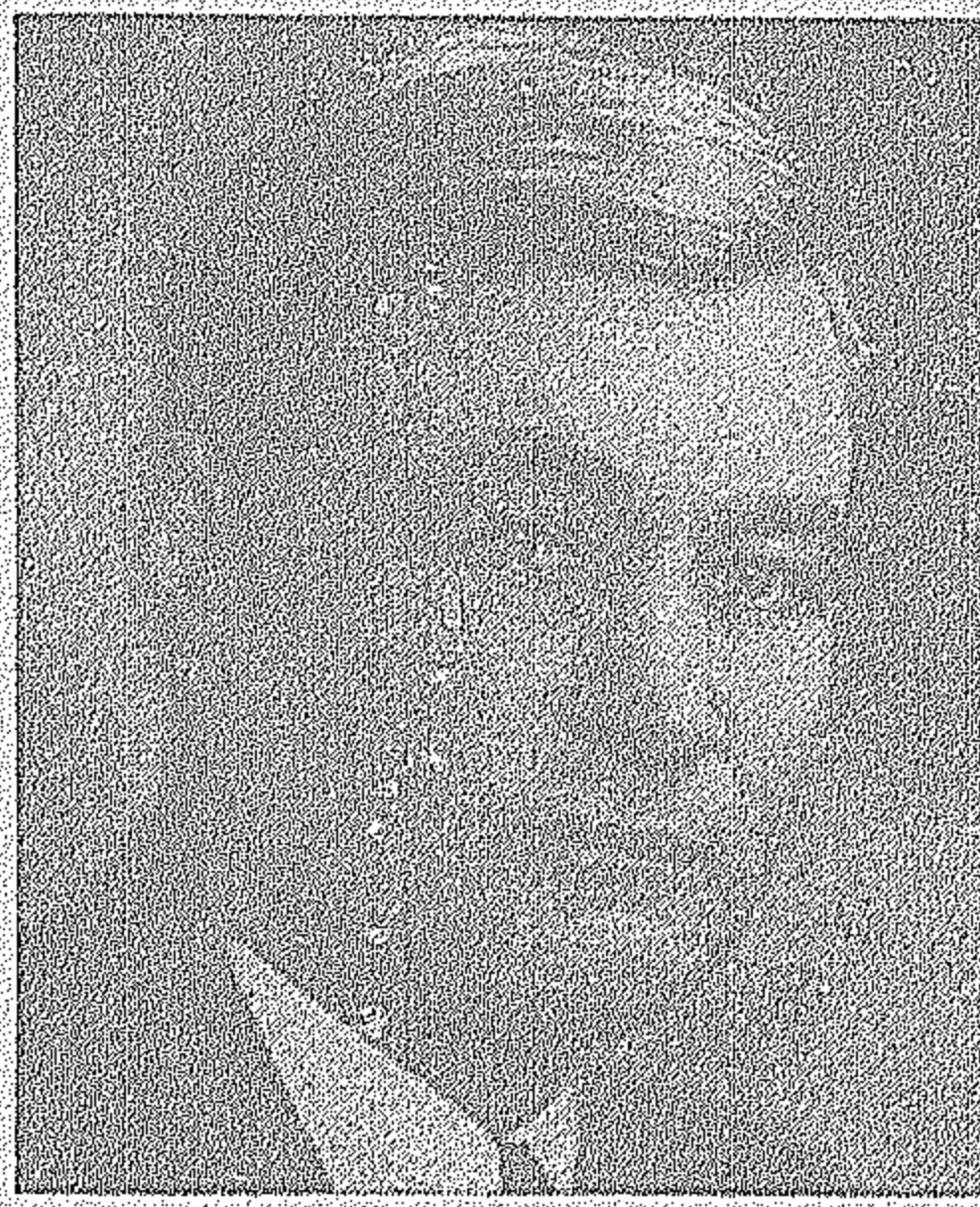
### Courses set for 16 weeks

IIT men go to war; some on the fighting front and others here at school. The ones remaining at school will have to roll up their sleeves and apply themselves, because last week the faculty decided that a new three semester a year schedule is to be inaugurated in place of the traditional two semesters a year. The first semester will begin about July 1, the second will begin around November 1, and the third semester around March 1.

Vacation will be limited to about one week between semesters, and another week to be divided between the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the Easter holidays.

In order to accommodate high school graduates without a waste of time the registration date will be set about June 28.

President Heald stated that the change was decided upon in order to accommodate the students to be sent here under the naval program



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commencing July 1. These men will attend the same classes as the remaining students, and will be taking courses almost identical to those called for in the customary program. Plans call for the sixteen week semester, three semester year schedule.

The army reservists, on the other hand, if sent here will retain the twelve week semester as originally planned. They will attend classes exclusively for the army personnel.

## Student war councils meet plan for national council

Over 100 college leaders from twenty Illinois campuses met at Northwestern University, Saturday, February 27. During the day-long College Victory Assembly, student war councils and their related activities were discussed. At the final meeting of the group, a resolution for the adoption of a permanent National, Illinois Sectional, Student War Council was adopted. A confinance committee with one representative from each of the represented colleges was formed, and a planning committee with representatives from the Chicago district colleges was selected. The planning committee is headed by Northwestern University's representative.

In eight discussion groups, the attendees formulated opinions on such divisions of war work as Office of Civilian Defense, Office of Price Administration, War Manpower Commission, U.S. Treasury War Bonds and Stamps, American Red Cross, Post War Planning, Organization of College War Councils, and Relief Organizations. Representatives from the various governmental agencies were present in all discussion groups, and gave talks in their respective fields.

Results of the work of student war councils in the various colleges were brought out. Among these were the

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## Students must have enrolled before edict

by Herman Nelson

All civilian engineering freshmen in good standing who will graduate on or before July 1, 1945, are now eligible for draft deferment, the War Manpower Commission announced last week. This edict affects the September freshmen and February freshmen now attending IIT.

Professor Schommer, director of placement at IIT, explained the significance of this directive to the freshmen. As he explained, this edict applies only to full-time students enrolled in specified engineering courses.

Architects are not included in this announcement; the new status of the co-op students has not been settled yet. Reservists are not affected by this announcement, since they are already under the jurisdiction of the War Department or the Navy Department.

According to the accelerated educational program, freshmen who entered IIT last September will graduate before the July 1, 1945 deadline. Those new students who entered in February will be able to graduate before that time, if they make certain program adjustments so that they may take extra classes each semester.

As soon as a student receives a 1A classification from his draft board he should contact Professor Schommer in the Placement Office. This must be done immediately, since only 10 days may elapse in which a person may appeal his case to the board.

The important thing for freshmen to do now, Mr. Schommer emphasized, is to work harder than ever at their studies, since they will now

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## Seek best student orators

In celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, the Chicago Herald-American is sponsoring the Jefferson Bicentennial Oratorical Contest. Two sets of prizes will be given, one for high schools, and one for colleges; the two contests will be conducted separately. The grand prize—that is, the national one—is a \$1000 war bond and a trip to Washington, expenses paid, on April 13, for dedication of the Jefferson memorial. The local prizes, for Chicago, are, in order, a \$250 war bond; a \$100 war bond; a \$50 war bond; and three \$25 war bonds.

Each college will enter one representative. The one from IIT will be picked from other entrants by our own rules and staff. The judging will be done by Doctors Hendricks, Meech, and Hayakawa. The subject is, "Thomas Jefferson, The Great

American," and the speeches must be less than six minutes in length. The details of the contest rules may be obtained from Dr. Hendricks of the English department. However, our representative must be determined by March 15, which is only one week away, so if you're interested, you'd better act quickly. Anyone who enters will be given special training for the contest.

To quote Dr. Hendricks, "In times like these, it is well for us to keep in mind the ideals for which Jefferson and other great Americans lived and died. This contest will bring these ideals to our attention, and therefore I heartily approve of it."

THE BEST TUNES OF ALL MOVE to the ASSEMBLY HALL Tuesday morning, March 23 at 11 a.m.