

# ORGANIZATIONS

## Fire Arms Training Coming

### SAM

New members are invited to a meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Management next Thursday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in the East Dining Room. An interesting lecture on "Exit Interviews" will be given by Mr. A. C. Michaelis, an instructor in political sciences.

### ASME

The members of the IIT student chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers are now preparing to attend the ASME student conference at Northwestern University on April 11 and 12.

Movies on the development of modern plastics were shown at the last meeting of the society. The membership this year has been swelled to 280 members.

### AIChE

The IIT student chapter of AIChE held its regular monthly meeting last Friday morning. Dr. Hugh McDonald, assistant professor, the guest speaker, discussed "Chemistry versus Chemical Engineering as a Profession". He enlightened his audience on many of the little known facts, concerning the field of chemistry.

By means of statistics, Dr. McDonald showed that a doctorate degree in chemistry is now becoming more and more widely recognized as a "must," as contrasted to chemical engineering, where most men find a bachelor's degree sufficient.

The society is planning to hold its first evening smoker of the

semester Tuesday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mr. O. H. Wurster of Wurster and Sanger Inc., Chemical Engineers. All are invited and refreshments will be served.

### AICE

The AICE members were favored last Friday with the presence of Mr. C. Lofton, a city bridge engineer, who talked to the members about Chicago bridges. His talk was centered on the Western Avenue bridge which was completed two years ago. Because the government decided it would be extremely advantageous for large ore ships to sail up the Drainage Canal, the structure is being converted from a stationary to a lift bridge. It is hoped that the structure will be finished by April. He also showed various blueprints, photos, and plans of bridges, to further enlighten the members.

Timothy J. O'Leary was elected junior marshal, and Sheldon E. Young was chosen senior curriculum representative.

It was announced that two men were pledged to Chi Epsilon, the honorary civil engineering fraternity. Those honored were Sheldon Young and Bob Walther.

### MBAG

On Friday, March 12, the Medical and Biological Arts Guild was fortunate in having as its speaker Mr. George Epstein of the Abbott Laboratories.

Mr. Epstein's talk supplemented his brief, but interesting discussion with a short film "Pentathol, Intravenous Anaesthesia."

Gertie Eisenstein, the Medical and Biological Arts Guild president, was well pleased with the turnout for the first meeting of the semester. Plans are being made for similar meetings in the future.

The Guild urges freshmen and all other pre-professional students to take advantage of the excellent opportunities offered in the way of lectures, movies, and field trips. For further information contact Shirley Evenstein.

### HOME EC.

For the week of March 22-29 the Home Economics Club presents a concentrated nutrition program consisting of an exhibit from the American Medical Association, victory lunches, dietary check sheets, sale of a nutrition game in the cafeteria, and climaxed by a movie on clinical aspects of vitamin B1.

The nutrition exhibit will be held on the second floor landing. This exhibit was shown at the American Chemical Society meeting at the Sherman Hotel. It has been compiled by the American Medical Association.

Students will be offered special lunches with the cooperation of Miss Lippert. Dietary check sheets will be given out in the Lewis cafeteria. These sheets present a yardstick of a nutritious daily diet.

Play Vita-Min-Go. This intriguing game, which presents a simplified method of checking up on the nutritive value of your diet, will be on sale in the cafeteria. The girls will furnish instructions and answer all questions.

On Friday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 535 a movie on the clinical aspects of vitamin B will be presented. This film was prepared originally for medical students. All students and faculty members are invited to attend.

### Smoking, cards out at Lewis

During the past semester, there has been unwanted loitering, gambling and smoking in the lobby of Lewis Institute. Because of this Dean C. L. Clarke, has issued orders to remedy this.

It is realized that because of the crowded conditions and the new war-training classes "No Smoking" signs have been overlooked. Disorderly conduct has lead the Dean to ask the students to refrain from running or loud talking in the halls during class session.

Card playing has been curtailed and will not be permitted in the lobby. Smoking will be allowed only in the cafeteria where ashtrays can be used and attendants can be on guard in case of fire.

Unless this is stopped Mr. Spaeth, the Institute's business manager states the possibility of the revoking of the fire insurance policy.

Any individual who refuses to cooperate shall have his name or his badge color and number reported to the office.

A small fire arms training school, sponsored by the IIT Rifle Club, will begin holding classes at Illinois Tech on Monday, March 22. Through the efforts of John Schommer, the spacious rifle range of the 108th Engineers Armory on Wentworth Avenue has been obtained for the training program. The range is now being reconditioned so as to provide excellent accommodations for the neophyte riflemen. The instruction period will last for six weeks.

The Marine Corps and the War Department both give considerable credit for the hard-fighting, straight-shooting heroes they produce to the basic small arms training programs through which all recruits are schooled in the fundamentals of rifle shoot. Having recognized the importance of such training the War Department has authorized the National Rifle Association of Washington, D. C., to set up small arms training schools throughout the nation. The members of the Illinois Tech Rifle Club have decided to install such a plan at IIT.

Each student will enroll in a class which will meet once each week for two hours, throughout the six week period. Three such classes will be held, one each on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The classes will be conducted strictly according to the official NRA program.

The number of students in each class is strictly limited by the NRA so that all members may be confident of individual instruction and plenty of actual firing experience with the rifle. Lectures will supplement the practice firing. Upon successful conclusion of the six week course, including a brief examination at the close, the student will be awarded an official National Rifle Association Training Certificate which can be of value to him if he enters the armed forces.

Home guard and civilian defense authorities also highly recommend this program, so those participating can have the satisfaction of knowing that they are cooperating with the desires of the armed forces and the entire war program. It is patriotic to learn to handle the instrument of precision which has had so much to do with the development and maintenance of the American way of life, as our nation is world-famed as a land of skilled riflemen.

The total fee for the instruction program, including ammunition, targets, use of the rifle, and other equipment, has been cut to the bare cost to the rifle club—\$1.25. If anything the program may be a financial burden to the organization rather than a source of profit. The whole underlying character of the course is one of public and national service to the war effort, rather than selfish pleasure. The ammunition for this program is being made available through the NRA only in the interests of the war program; all

commercial sources of ammunition having been frozen by government order.

Those interested in participating in the program should hurry down to the Rifle Club Range located in the basement of the Physics building any time before March 22. Enrollment in the desired class (Monday, Wednesday or Friday) and the payment of the fee may be handled through any club member. Since the size of the classes is definitely limited, members of the Reserve Units will have first chance to enroll in case registration exceeds the expected number. If this first six week program proves successful it is hoped that it will be repeated for new classes as long as interest continues.

The supervision of the training program will be under the direction of Mr. Charles E. Martin of the mechanical engineering department, a member of the NRA. Dr. Mangold, faculty sponsor of the Rifle Club, is also assisting. Members of the club donating their services to the effort are Leonard Brown, Ted Dumetz, Hugh Christian, Norman Carey, Hugh Newman, and Joe Hind. Everyone is urged to come out to develop a skill upon which his life may some day depend.

## Appointments fill vacancies in Soph class

Friday, March 5th the Sophomore class held their first meeting of the new semester in 202M to discuss the remainder of the present semester and to announce the appointments of temporary class officers to fill the vacancies caused by the call to arms of the former class members holding these positions.

President Pete Minwegen stated, "The board, as it stands, consists of a representative from each branch of engineering at the school." Members of the board for this semester are as follows:

Class president, Peter Minwegen C. E. by election;

Vice president, Bissell Smith M. E. by temporary appointment;

I.T.S.A., Warren Furst F.P.E.;

Social chairman, Richard Michalek E. E. by temporary appointment;

Student Union representative, Lew Rowe I.E. by temporary appointment;

Treasurer, Lawrence Cernauskas Ch. E. by temporary appointment.

At the next class meeting, if there are no objections brought forward these appointments will become permanent.

The question of discussions for future class meetings was presented and the remainder of the meeting was taken up by various viewpoints of this subject and the possibility of a forthcoming sophomore dance.

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