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Kassel's music marks tempo for dance, April 30

Slight exertion offered by obstacle course ... ugh!!

Something new will shortly be added to IIT! An obstacle course! It is to be located in the playgrounds, or along State Street, construction of the course was undertaken yesterday.

The course is to be divided up roughly as follows:

The first part will be a group of staggered posts, similar to those used in football practice. Students will learn to run between these in order to gain coordination.

After the posts, the runner will encounter a six foot pit, probably half full of water, over which he will have to jump.

The next adventure in the course will consist of a group of logs set on posts about two and one-half feet high. The exercise consists in stepping over these, somewhat as in a hurdle; first the right foot, then the left, etc.

Techmen to imitate lumberjacks

The weary runner will then be confronted by two inclines, rising some distance above ground, with a sixteen to twenty foot pit between them. Logs will be placed over this pit, and one will run up one incline, and over a log to the other incline, lumberjack style.

Following this, there will be another set of hurdles, such as those described in the fourth paragraph. These will be about three feet high, and the IIT super-man will crawl under one, get up and run to the next, crawl under, and so forth.

At this point, the martyr will encounter a ten feet board fence, which he will cheerfully climb.

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Tech time table

Tuesday, April 13

2:00 p. m.—ITSA—East Dining Room
5:00 p. m.—Orchestra—Auditorium
5:30 p. m.—Tech News Staff Meeting—News Office

Wednesday, April 14

5:00 p. m.—Dance Club—Auditorium
5:30 p. m.—Managing Board Meets—Tech News Office

Thursday, April 15

5:00 p. m.—Glee Club—Auditorium

Friday, April 16

10:00 a. m.—Medical Arts Guild 401—Lewis
10:00 a. m.—AIEE—U2W
IAES—208 Chapin
SAE—202 Main
AICHE—305 Main

Saturday, April 17

7:30 p. m.—Armour Eye—Chapin
8:30 p. m.—5A Co-op Social—Lounge

Techmen finally given excuse to grow beards

Sir, are you a man? Can you grow a beard? This is the challenge thrown down by the Junior Marshalls, the powers behind the forthcoming Junior Week. From the looks of some of the sleepy eyed gentry about the campus, we have a potential House of David in our midst, but no fair getting a head start. All male students are eligible to enter the beard growing contest, but there is an age limit for the beards. The starting date will be announced, and all beard-growers can register at that date.

Class skits

Another tradition connected with the annual Junior Week, is the class skit. Any student is eligible to participate in his department's skit. All that he has to do is to see the director of the department. These directors are: Arx, Bill Dunlap and Bill McMasters; Chems, Ted Anderson; Civils, John Yoxen, and Pete Minwegen; Coops, John Aggerbeck; Electricals, Bob Lamons; Fire Protects, Julian Bowers; Mechs, Jack Wagner and Chet Swan. Those interested in entering a fraternity skit should see John Volakakis. Again we repeat for the benefit of any puzzled freshman that any student is eligible to enter his department's skit; all he need do is contact his respective skit manager.

M. Thompson leaves cafeteria service

After managing the cafeteria for six and a half years, Mrs. Mabelle Thompson is going to leave I.I.T.

Mrs. Thompson will be replaced by Mrs. Jane Pond, who has occupied the position of dietitian at the Chicago Memorial Hospital for the past 6 years. Mrs. Pond will, beginning Monday, April 12, have complete charge of the dining room, as Miss Lippert's assistant. Mrs. Pond received her B.S. at Michigan State University, and her Dietetics training at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

"Kassels in the Air"

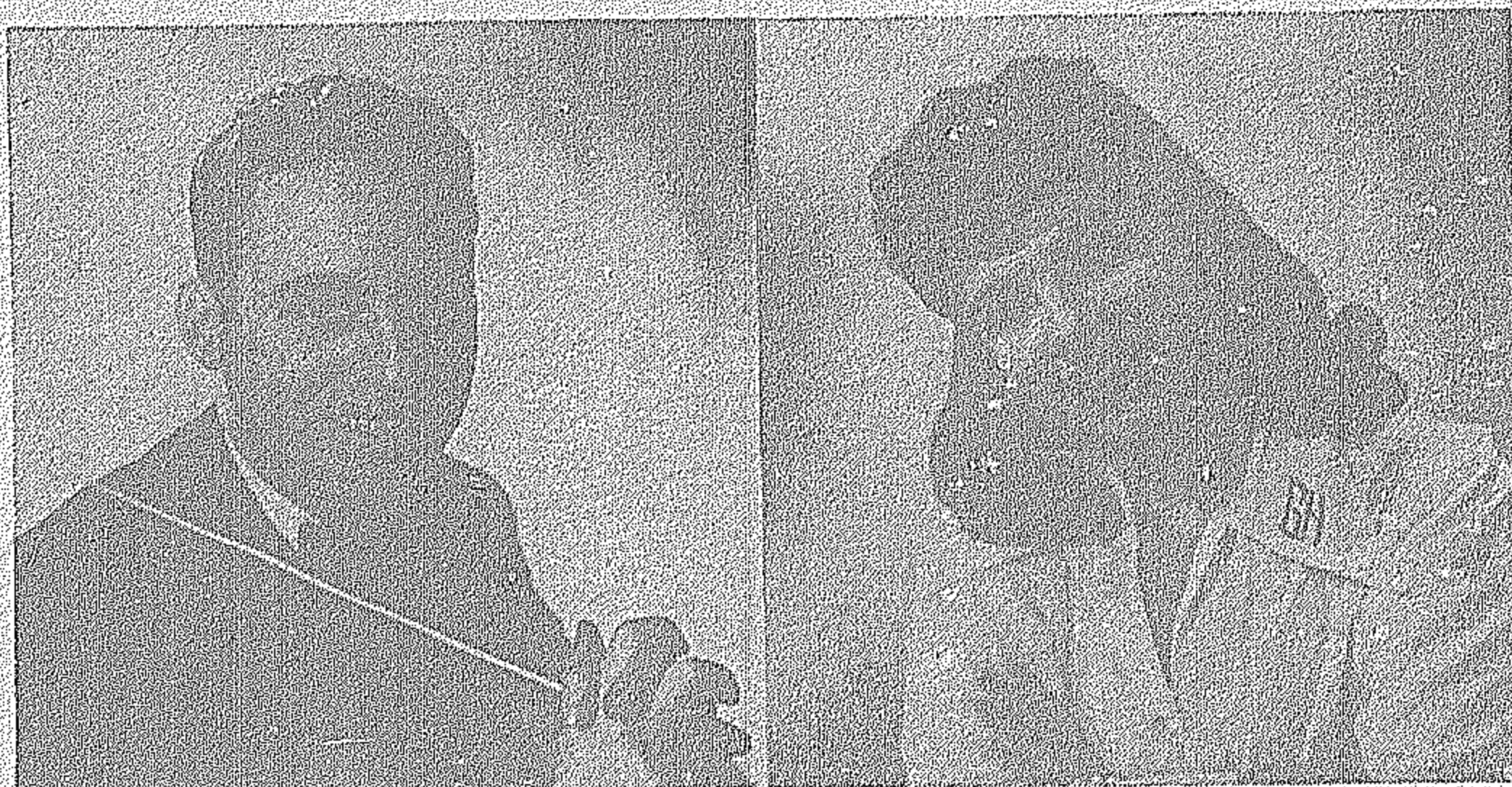


Photo by Maurice Seymour

Band leader Art Kassel and his orchestra provide the musical portion for "Engineers Escapades." Pretty Gloria Hart gives out with the sweet vocal.

Outstanding student engineers pledged by Tau Beta Pi at IIT

Eight new members were pledged to Tau Beta Pi last Friday, at which time they were presented to the student body. Tau Beta Pi is recognized as the highest honorary on the campus and is open to the men of all departments who can meet its rigid qualifications.

The society was founded in 1885 at Lehigh University, by Professor Edward H. Williams, Jr. The high standard of its scholarship requirements compares to that of Phi Beta Kappa, the arts colleges honorary. In addition to high scholarship, Tau Beta Pi demands that its pledges possess an outstanding personality, integrity, and qualities of leadership. These high standards are reflected by the fact that while 118 of 155 engineering colleges in the country have been accredited by a national organization, only seventy-three have been granted the privilege of a chapter of Tau Beta Pi.

New pledges announced

These men pledged Friday to the IIT chapter of the honorary are:

John Briggs; 5th year co-op. (See TAU BETA on page 3)

Generated power, production topic of conference

"Power for Victory" was the keynote of the Midwest Power Conference this year. More than 1000 of the nation's top power men gathered together to discuss problems vital to the conduct of the present world conflict. The session was approved by government officials as a stimulus for the production of power in the war effort.

The conference, which was arranged by IIT with the cooperation of eight other midwestern colleges and eight local engineering societies, concerned itself with problems of the production and distribution of generated power.

Discussions by Army personnel

Two sessions conducted by (See POWER on page 3)

Grand ballroom scene of Tech men escapades

Rumors are flying, everything's buzzin'. Anticipation reigns high. Everybody's asking what's it all about? Allay your fears, my chillin'. We have the answer. IIT is stepping out socially. Everybody "in the know" is putting on his best bib and tucker to look sharp for the Engineers' Escapades. That's it, fellas and gals, the next big Illinois Tech dance. Where? The Grand Ballroom of the Medinah Club. Why? To increase the coffers of the Army-Navy Relief Fund. Whose Music?—Art Kassel and his "Kassels in the Air."

Marking the high point in Spring term social activities, the "Engineers' Escapades" on Friday, April 30, promises an abundance of entertainment. This resplendent affair is under the auspices of the all-school social committee.

Medinah Club scene of fling

Without a doubt it can be emphatically stated that the combination of Art Kassel and his "Kassels in the Air," and the ornate Grand Ballroom of the Medinah Club, is conducive to the acme of dancing pleasure. Not only will Tech students be enjoying an evening of grand fun and smooth dancing, but they will be contributing to a most worthy cause.

Proceeds to Army-Navy Relief

The dance committee decided it would be most fitting to contribute the profits of this affair to the Army-Navy Relief Fund. In this way IIT can perhaps con-

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Armour parking lots improved

The improvements on the appearance and utility of the faculty parking lot are part of the program to beautify the campus. The lot was leveled to provide drainage and to remove hip boots from every car driving professors' standard equipment.

New curbs are to be put in around the parking area, and a hedge will be planted between the curb and sidewalk. Trees will be put in at the back of the lot.

Mr. Parduhn, superintendent of buildings and grounds at Armour, stated that improvements will continue. He requested all students to avoid damaging the shrubbery so that more time can be spent in making improvements than repairs.

Tau Omega, Aero honorary installed

Monday evening, April 12, 1943, the Illinois Tech Chapter of Tau Omega, national honorary aeronautical engineering fraternity was installed as a national chapter after being a local member for two years.

Two months ago, the student chairman of the Illinois Tech branch of the Institute of Aeronautical Science received a letter from the national Vice President informing him of the national expansion program of Tau Omega. A number of the higher ranking students, who have considerable interest in aeronautics, organized themselves as a group, elected their officers and faculty advisors. They then petitioned the national office for a student branch.

Founded in 1927

Tau Omega was founded at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, in the fall of 1927. The purpose of this fraternity is to create, foster and maintain a spirit of fellowship in cooperation among the students of aeronautics and to promote scholarship and help to the best of its ability the progress of aviation. The objectives behind all the projects undertaken by Tau Omega has been the promotion of aviation study and closer affiliation between college students and the field of aviation. Recently, at Oklahoma, this fraternity has been instrumental in the installation of a \$35,000 wind tunnel.

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Lewis gets the call on the best songs of all