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The Navy Boards IIT

After months of speculation and uncertainty, the Navy has become a reality at Illinois Tech.

To hungry civilian students—who found their cafeteria closed to them because of the Navy's arrival—a very pertinent reality.

As a result the influx of 390 Navy men on the Armour campus has been allowed to threaten friendly relationships between them and the regular civilian students of Illinois Tech before either group has had time for an opportunity to orient itself for an acceptance of the other's problems.

On one hand, returning civilian students found their Student Union no longer available for either recreation or eating. The lunchroom, which had been rapidly becoming IIT's last informal meeting place and refuge from the daily grind, had been taken from the students without warning.

To about two-thirds of the Navy men, on the other hand, it was just as big a problem as to where to find the "grounds" of a campus similar to ones to which they had been accustomed. These men were coming to Illinois Tech for the first time, and most of them were college men devoted to what had been their Alma Maters until the Navy became their head school master.

Small wonder then that they resented being taken from various campuses and put into a school which can boast neither coeds or scenic beauty on its south campus.

The civilians hungry and seemingly thrown out of their home; the seamen not yet acquainted with that new home—hardly a fit welcome for either group.

Perhaps if it had been pointed out to the civilian students that adequate plans were being made to care for them and to provide them with lunch space, a great deal of their hard feelings, nurtured on empty stomachs, would have been avoided.

And if the hungry civilians had worried less about their appetites and more about letting the newcomers know why they were proud of Illinois Tech and to showing them that indeed the proverbial heart of gold does beat beneath the rough exterior of the Armour campus, things might have gone better.

Also perhaps it should have been pointed out to the Navy students that they have been sent here primarily to receive an education, which they will get here regardless of the surroundings. And not only will they get the best in education, they will get it in the heart of a city that is tops in entertainment and hospitality for servicemen.

Last week can hardly be considered a fair criteria for judging future relationships of civilians and seamen. Most of the civilian students realize that the Navy is not responsible for prevailing conditions, and want to accept the sailors as 100% IIT men. Most of the Navy men probably likewise want to become 100% IIT men.

So while a fitting welcome for both groups was missing, there is still the basis for a common understanding. Both groups must remember that for each now, "This is OUR school."

—LARSON

Man Of The Week —

Milton Burkart Introduces Freshmen To IIT

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.)

The following lines were taken from a letter by Frank Greenberg, M.E. '44, who is now stationed at the Aberdeen Proving Ground.

"After spending three weeks at the Fort Custer reception center, I was sent here to Aberdeen, where I enjoyed my basic training along with Bob Osborne and George Schultz, both M.E. '44's.

Finishing basic we were assigned to various Ordnance schools. Bob went to advanced instrument repair to learn the aircraft detector system; George is in artillery mechanics school; and I am in instrument repair learning to maintain all forms of Fire Control and Sighting Equipment.

Bob was made a corporal technician some weeks ago and I have been in a Cadet school studying to be a N.C.O. instructor.

Ordnance, in case any of the boys at school want to know, is a darn good service. It is the only service outside of the air corps where a basic technical education is a great help."

V V V

Lt. (j.g.) Larry Douglas, USNR, M.E. '42, is now serving aboard the battleship USS Alabama.

"At present I am serving in a turret on one of our great new battlewagons. Needless to say it is a fascinating way to see the war, and an experience one would hesitate to trade for many of duller wartime billets.

I've had little or no word from others in the service—except that Johnny Cotter—Mr. Kelly's former right hand man in the registrar's office—is now serving aboard as yeoman. He gets around O.K.

From my own observation it has become clear that mail—even circulars from home or near home—is the greatest single morale factor in the armed forces."

V V V

The "Three Musketeers," Irv Slone, Byron Round, and Chuck Kill, are now sweating away under that hot Kansas sun at Fort Riley. These men who are in the army E.R.C. program are taking their thirteen weeks of basic training in the cavalry camp. Although the four weeks of quarantine are exceptionally difficult, the fellows report that they are in with a crowd of all college men, led by a group of young well-trained officers.

V V V

A/C Stanley Tolbert Jr. is now stationed at the Boca Raton Club, Florida, studying the basic steps of army air corps meteorology. Stan was a former 4-A co-op. John Rittenhouse, another former 4-A co-op, was recently assigned to this same hotel. They both report that Florida is a beautiful state, but feel that the IIT engineers would do more good in a civilian capacity.

V V V

A/C Robert H. Anderson, former 4-A co-op, has been transferred to a basic flying field at Pecos, Texas. "Here I am 'deep in the heart of Texas' for my Basic Training. The BT-13 we fly is quite a 'hot iron' and I like it a lot. Thanks a lot for the school paper. I sure enjoy reading about all my old friends and co-ops."

By HARRY BURKART

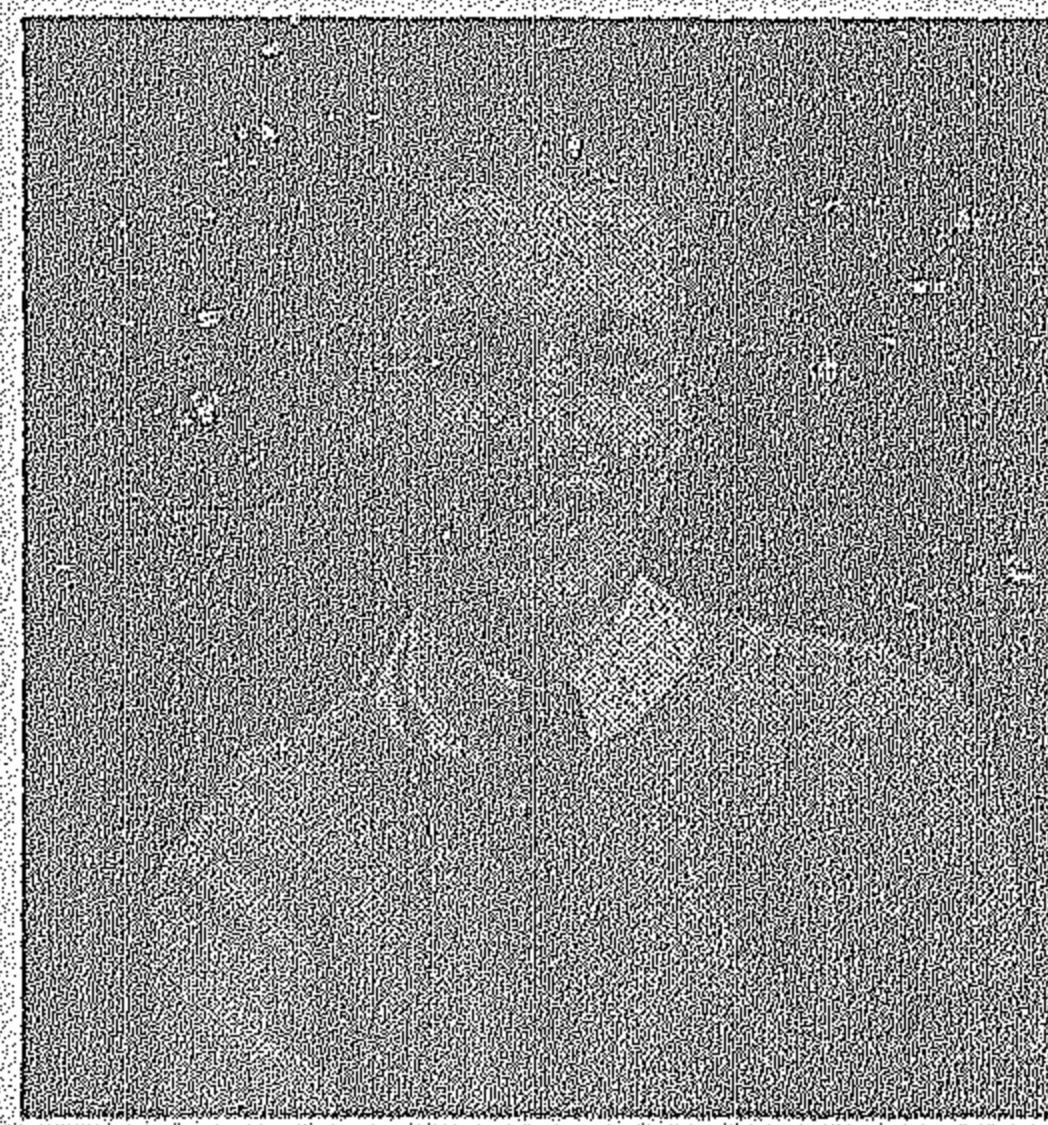
During Orientation Week freshmen were given an introduction to college life by a tall, red-headed fellow who was called "the chairman of the freshman advisory committee."

For his work in this enterprise he has been selected *Technology News*' "Man of the Week."

It was his business to organize a group of senior advisors to acquaint the new students with all the aspects of life on the campus, and to aid the students in the solution of whatever problems might confront them.

This fellow's work, (his name is Milton Burkart, by the way, or just plain Milt for short), has gained him the respect and friendship of many freshmen.

Milt is also frequently seen popping from



one instructor's office to another's, or dropping in for a friendly chat with a secretary. He's the one who makes it his business to find out what's going on in every de-

partment and branch of IIT. The reason:

Milt is the assignment editor of *Technology News*, and his is the responsibility of finding all the news that fills the paper's pages each week. Milt's newspaper work also brought him an invitation to Sphinx, IIT's honorary literary fraternity.

Although the previously mentioned activities might be enough to keep most students busy, Milt has found time for others. At present he is secretary of the newly-formed chemical organization: Flask and Beaker; a member of the senior jewelry committee, and an active member of the AICHe.

Milt has found recognition in his professional field also. Last year he was initiated into Alpha Chi Sigma, the national professional chemical fraternity.

During his first year in college he spent a great deal of his time as the assistant scoutmaster of a Boy Scout troop. Lastly, sandwiched between his school and scout work he found moments to play the violin, an art that he mastered by ten years of study.

The Collegiate World

The students of Mundelein College for girls, Chicago, amassed \$17,232.15 in their War Stamp and Bond campaign during the academic year 1942-3. This is approximately \$29 per student. Included in that sum are proceeds of all the social affairs held during the year.

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The first college announcing credit for servicemen is the University of Illinois, which stated that it will grant undergraduate credit to men in the services who have taken military courses dovetailing with their university work. Extended overseas service, earning a commission while in active service, and other prolonged meritorious service involving substantial responsibility will be considered by the University of Illinois for college credits.

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The students in the Secretarial Department of DePaul University, Chicago, who prove best equipped to enter the field of business are those who have studied Latin for four years in the high schools.

They are the students who are word-conscious, who spell correctly, who show taste in the selection of words, ever mindful of the precise meaning; they understand roots, prefixes, suffixes—they know words and their practical application.

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.)

Dear Editor:

Efficiency is one of the most desired attributes of any administrative organization. However, here at IIT, the staff has repeatedly demonstrated that it is incapable of handling situations in any such manner.

The student lounge is only one case in point. The lounge, which is now closed, may be ready for use in about one month—or perhaps two. Before it is opened, the navy will have to find space for the uniforms presently stored there. After this is done, the room will have to be remodeled.

An efficient organization would, in my estimation, do its remodeling when the students are away from school. During a six week period it could do the job six times. But this is IIT.

The blame for this situation should be shouldered equally by the administration and Mr. Weissman. Their lack of interest in student welfare is plainly disgusting.

The students are demanding some action from a lethargic, disinterested administration.

Yours with little hope,
A Junior.

Dear Editor:

A clean campus is something that IIT does not have.

The reason is that the civilian students, not having access to the cafeteria in which to eat lunch, have neglected to place waste paper in the receptacles provided. The temporary situation demands that we do everything we are able to do in cooperating with the Navy and the administration until satisfactory arrangements can be made to provide proper facilities.

Every student spends about twenty and probably more hours a week at IIT. In order to make the best of the situation we should all cooperate in doing our part to keep the campus clean.

O. A.

Dear Editor:

Unknown to many students, the Engineers' Co-op, Inc. pays rent to the Institute for the use of its room on the fourth floor of Chapin Hall.

This bookstore, actually a student activity, is a non-profit organization operating solely for the benefit of IIT men. Profit is returned to the students through a dividend distributed every year.

In spite of these facts the Institute has increased the already exorbitant rent from 2 to 3 percent of sales.

In this case the policy of the administration is not in the interest of the student.

R.J.S.

Dear Editor:

Last semester the IIT lunchroom was, at lunch hours, crowded to overflowing. There was always difficulty in obtaining a seat to eat in.

But even the cafeteria of last semester was heaven compared with the prospect all students faced last week. Navy men waited in long lines to get into the cafeteria at lunch time, while civilian students could eat only in the east dining room.

I'm sure all navy and civilian students will welcome the opening of the addition to the kitchen when all will be adequately provided for...

Bert Pearl