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Man Of The Week—

Ken Black Elected Eta Kappa Nu Vice-President and Rho Epsilon President

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One School or Two?

Lewis and Armour merged in 1940 to form the Illinois Institute of Technology, but they have been managed, in many instances, as two separate schools. Three years after the union a student can enroll at Illinois Tech and pay either \$7.00 per semester hour, or he has the alternative of paying a straight \$150 per semester fee. Which fee is paid is not determined by either the number of credit hours carried by the student, or the course followed, but rather by which campus he attends.

Illinois Tech offers a B.S. degree in chemistry at both Armour and Lewis. The bulletin lists both courses as being identical; yet an Illinois Tech degree earned at Madison and Damen streets costs \$1,015 in tuition fees, while the same degree earned at 33rd and Federal streets costs \$1,200. How can any college charge two different prices for the same degree covering the same work at the same time?

It appears that the administration should adopt one consistent policy in dealing with the two campuses, and the tuition charges would be a good place in which to begin.

—W. BURKHART

Your Duty and Your Privilege

Will you save a soldier from death?

The arrival of the Mobile Blood Unit on November 30 will mark your opportunity to save the life of a man who has been fighting to maintain your rights. The Red Cross is asking for only twenty minutes of your time and one pint of blood.

As stated by Lt. Commdr. James W. Sours, medical officer of the V-12 unit, the body can function, without ill-effect, even after a quart of blood is taken. He also stated that wounded men die from the lack of it.

The commanding officers of the army and navy units have given their full approval to those servicemen who wish to donate. There is, then, no plausible reason why every student and member of the faculty cannot sign a donation card. While only 800 are needed for the arrival of the Mobile Unit, why should not 1500 sign up?

During the last drive, 47 per cent of the navy and 45 per cent of the army students gave blood. The civilians lagged far behind with only 22 per cent.

The students and faculty at Lewis are a part of Illinois Tech and their representation should therefore be as strong as that from the Armour campus. The fact that those at Lewis will have to be on the Armour campus to donate should not have any effect on their willingness to donate. The short trip is a small request from a wounded soldier.

—H. BURKART

Must It Come to This?



FROM OUR READERS

Dear Editor:

Since its inception on the IIT campus, the Honor System has been the subject of much discussion. One of the cardinal points of disagreement has been the misconception that the students must sign the pledge.

However, at this time, there are instructors on the campus who not only demand that the Honor Pledge be signed but enforce their rule by lowering the exam grade as much as 40% when the paper does not bear the pledge.

Students who have cause not to sign the Honor Pledge will be forced to dishonor themselves further by writing this pledge to avoid losing 40% of their grades. While, at the same time, students who have always done their own work and who always will — have their grades lowered by carelessly omitting the pledge.

The Honor System has now been in for approximately two years. Throughout this time many disagreements have arisen between the students and the faculty pertaining to the interpretation of the system. How long will it be before the faculty, the students and the Honor Board concur on a mutually beneficial plan?

D.E. & A.R.

Dear Editor:

Is engineer synonymous with bad manners?

Just because women are scarce on the Illinois Tech campus, is that any reason for them to be treated so rudely by some of the students?

There are probably only 100 women, including the secretaries, on the Armour campus, and it doesn't seem that it should be so difficult for some of the engineering students to observe a few of the basic rules of etiquette for those few.

Granted, many of the Illinois Tech boys have gone to technical high schools and from there to the Institute and have not been accustomed to opening doors, etc., for women. However, surely their education along this line has not been completely neglected.

No one expects the "busy" student to go much out of their way to

be mannerly, but I think it is definitely a reflection on the Institute when some of them can't observe a few fundamentals. It certainly feels peculiar to have an engineer barge in front of you, open the door, and then let it slam in your face. Also, to have the thundering herd bear down on you after classes gives you somewhat the feeling of being right in the middle of a stampede. Some of them are nice, though—they pick you up when they knock you down.

Battered Secretary

Dear Editor:

Last week's story about the forthcoming visit of the Red Cross Mobile Unit has a very interesting line in it about only 22 per cent of the civilians signing up for the donation. Does this include those who were willing to give their blood, but found that the Red Cross couldn't accommodate them?

I remember that there was quite a bit of talk at the time by civilians, who, for some reason other had neglected to return their appointment cards. They tried to get an appointment in the last few days, but were told that all the time had been filled.

What does the War Council intend to do before the November visit? Will they post an absolute deadline for donation applications and see that the students are aware of it, or will there be an effort made to induce the Mobile Unit to stay an extra day to pick up the stragglers and their blood?

K.H.

Dear Editor:

The letter last week that spoke of the ITSA paying for coaching salaries showed the feelings of students on this matter. The students are not only going to ask that the administration take over the burden; they will demand it at the next meeting of the ITSA.

Too many activities are now curtailed because funds are low. Why? The ITSA must pay salaries to faculty men. Besides being an intolerable condition, it is an insult to IIT.

Is the school going to do its share, President Heald?

Disgusted

His election as vice-president of Eta Kappa Nu, national honorary electrical engineering fraternity last Friday, his office of president of Rho Epsilon, honorary radio society, and his other extra-curricular activities earn Ken Black the nomination of today's "Man of the Week".

Ken, a senior in electrical engineering, came to IIT only last February, but his activities have made him prominent in the student body. He started his college career at Elmhurst College, and left after his sophomore year to go to work. While working, he attended night school at Illinois Tech and was able to compete the work required for his junior year there.

His interests in the field of radio and communications brought about his entrance into

Rho Epsilon early this year. Two weeks ago, recognition of his ability brought about his election as president of that organization. To him falls the responsibility to guide not only Rho Epsilon, but the actions of those members of the fraternity who have completed the commercial frequency-modulation transmitter on the Lewis campus.



Ken Black

ter on the Lewis campus.

In addition to that, the formation of an International Morse code class will be left to his direction. Last semester Rho Epsilon built and equipped a table to instruct a class in how to send and receive Morse code, and will start a class soon.

As vice-president of Eta Kappa Nu, Ken has further responsibilities. He was drawn into the fraternity last semester in recognition of his scholastic records. His election last Friday was another award to true merit.

His activities have not stopped short there, however. Ken is an active member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and a member of the Illinois Tech band and orchestra. His ability as a musician is attested by the fact that he was a member of the band that played at the All Star football games for five years. Before that, he was a member of the Proviso High School band and orchestra.

The love of outdoor life is found in him too. He was twice a counselor at YMCA boys' camps in Michigan. There, he was able to direct the activities of a group of young boys and teach them the lore of wild life.

During those days when he was studying at Elmhurst College, Ken was the business manager of the school's yearbook. He also held a similar position while at Proviso High.

When he finishes his undergraduate work here, Ken intends to enter the industrial field. His spare time, however, will be directed toward obtaining a master's degree in electrical engineering.



BETTY LU ANDERSON, junior electrical, taught radio to the army students stationed at the Congress Hotel...BERT PEARL, sophomore electrical, at one time vacationed regularly at Pearl Lake...VIRGINIA PRETZING, chemistry major, is following in her father's foot steps; he graduated from the Institute in 1919...An EE sophomore, EDWARD RABIN, was once a runnerup in a Chicago Park District sectional tennis tournament...TOM RUCK, CHARLES BUCKLEY, and ROBERT WHALEN, president, secretary, and treasurer of the sophomore class, are new staff members of Technology News.