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Man Of The Week

Carroll to Plan Senior Affairs---Then Wed

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'To Eat or Not to Eat ...'

Probably the most sensitive nerve on the campus since the summer term opened has been the lunchroom situation. Every civilian student, faculty member, or employee, regardless of whether he actually bought hot meals in the cafeteria or not, undoubtedly felt, and may still feel, that the administration had catered far too much to a minority, displaying a minimum of consideration for the students and the people they have asked to work for them.

As a result, most of the efforts to alleviate the condition or to enlist cooperation until the situation can be brought near to normal operation, have fallen like sugar on a sore tooth.

It appears that many of us don't realize that there is a war going on.

Nor do we realize that in an effort to make Illinois Tech THE engineering school in the midwest, some situations had to come about. One of these was the utilization of Illinois Tech by the armed forces for educational purposes.

No one can deny the very practical fact that it is an honor for an institution to be selected for such utilization, and while such a selection does not distinguish a school from a number of other schools in the same position, this situation does distinguish it from the schools that have not been selected.

But it is also a very practical fact that the armed forces send their men to be trained only at schools prepared to accommodate them—for living as well as for education. The existing facilities were the only accommodations available, and they were immediately geared to serve navy requirements.

Since the output of the cafeteria is three times that of one year ago merely in meeting these navy needs, it was obvious from the beginning that the facilities would have to be supplemented. The addition to the kitchen is part of the plan to increase the capacity. Purchase of a dishwasher, potato peeler, toaster, steam-jacketed kettle, mixer, and a vegetable steamer are also a part of it, as is the expansion of the refrigeration facilities.

But nearly every one of these items calls for priorities and releases, and it will probably be two or three weeks more before they will actually be available.

Once in operation, however, the facilities should be much improved. Not only has more food been promised, and hot food at that, but more space to eat it in as well.

Until then, we can best help by cooperating with each other in every way possible. The east dining room and faculty grill have been opened to students. But since the balcony has also been opened to those who bring their lunches, let's leave those two rooms, and the partitioned space in the lunch room, for the fellows who have to buy their lunches.

Space is at a premium. Everything we do to increase the turnover of seats will help us.

We feel that the administration is doing their part; how far we go now will depend upon our own conduct and cooperation. We can help ourselves.

—LARSON

MAIL CALL

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Items concerning IIT 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.)

By LOU WENGEL

A/C Don Asire, Ch. E. '44, stationed at Santa Ana, California, writes the following lines.

"Our squadron left Utah on the 27th of May and arrived in Los Angeles the next day. We saw the town and then took the streamliner down to the Santa Ana Army Air Base right here on the ocean. The first weeks were spent in psychological, psychomotor and physical examinations. I have been classified as a pilot and was sent to pre-flight school which will last about six more weeks.

"Finished ten hours of flying successfully at Cedar City and now I'll have to just make the grade as an army flyer. I'm an aviation cadet finally, though.

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The following excerpts from a letter by Pfc. John H. Fuqua, Ch. E. L. '45, gives a glimmering of army activities at Scott Field, Illinois.

"We go to school here six days a week from five in the morning until noon. We arise at 3 A.M. and don't sit down till after calisthenics at 4 P.M. Naturally, with all our freedom in the evening we don't like to retire early. The result is we get about four hours sleep at night.

"We are studying International Code and radio, and should be here about four and one-half months. We will then be radio operators and will be sent to gunnery school for our wings as flying sergeants. That is, of course, if I don't go to Air Cadets, or O.C.S. in the meantime. The work is fun here. It isn't as tough as I.I.T. yet, but we have just gotten started. We have a stiff course to squeeze into 18 weeks."

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Pvt. Marvin Larson, Ch. E. A., '44, reports the following from Camp Wolters, Texas:

"Was sent down here to Camp Wolters, with five other fellows from Tech. The rest of our E.R.-C. group was sent to Fort Riley, Kansas.

"My first week was spent in learning all the fundamentals of the Garand Rifle and the various firing positions. After one and one-half days of practice on the dry firing range they sent me on the regular rifle range with the company and I had my first try at real shooting that I have ever had in my life.

"They gave us two days of practice with live ammunition and then on Sunday, July 4, I celebrated that great day by firing for record. I made 158 points out of a possible 210. If I had made 165 points I could have gotten a sharpshooter's medal. Our company which is composed of about 22 men qualified 100% in the record firing and it is the first time that this has happened in military history with new recruits."

Students can now tell their former classmates now in service that service men sending in letters to MAIL CALL will receive free, a term's subscription to Technology News. In this way IIT can keep in touch with them and they can find out what is happening at IIT.

By CHARLES ROWBOTHAM

On October 20, Illinois Tech will hold its third graduation of 1943. At that time approximately 60 graduates will be added to the 419 already sent out this year to help alleviate the shortage of engineers in both civilian and military fields.

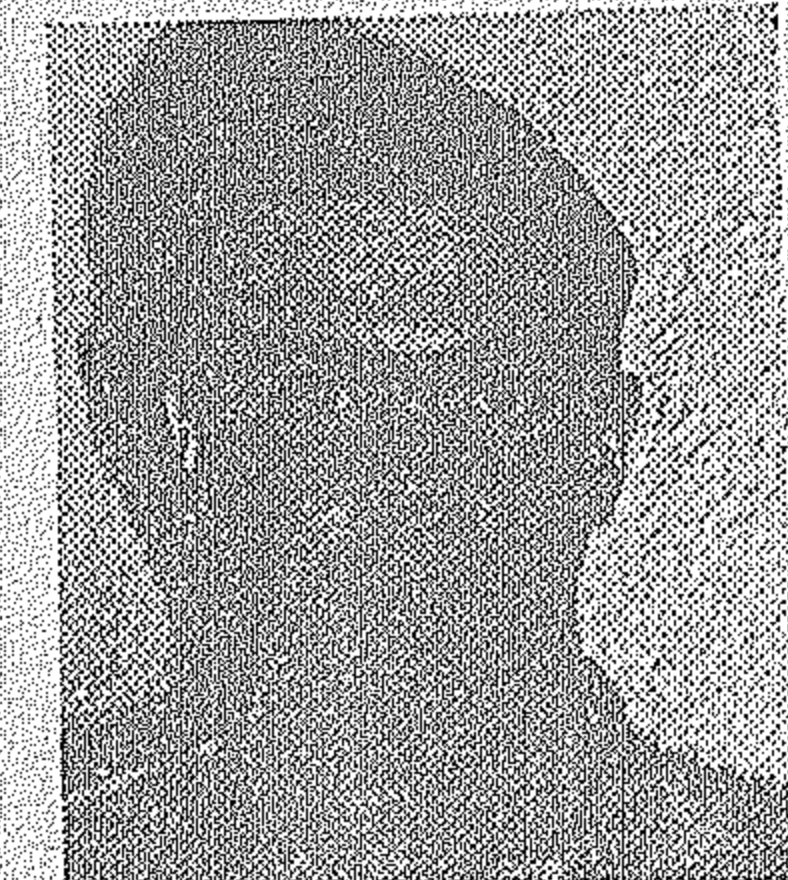
Named last week to head this group of 60 students as their class president was James Carroll, and for this he merits the title as "Man of the Week."

Carroll, or Jim, as he is better known, is a mechanical engineering student, who entered Illinois Tech in February, 1940, as a co-op. Serving as a class president will not be a new honor to him, for in 1942 his co-op class elected him as their leader and he served in this capacity until co-op classes became a war casualty.

Jim also is a leader in another field, as he is vice-president of Triangle Fraternity, whose house is now Quarters 5 for the navy.

The "Man of the Week" shines as a social organizer. All class functions such as picnics, dances, and parties, have had Jim as a guiding light.

The intramural softball opponents of the co-op teams also will remember him as that speedy little shortstop whose feet made a blur as he whipped around the bases. He also made a formidable opponent in basketball and touch football.



James Carroll

Jim was manager and coach of a softball team during four years of high school and one year of college.

As a senior at Morton High School Jim was also a baliff in the student court. This court tried the case of the student who hung the sign saying "MEN" on the door of the women's rest room, and stood by while green freshmen walked in. The culprit, Joe Praser, Jim recalls, is also a student at IIT now.

Jim attended Morton Junior College for one year before coming to IIT. Even after starting here Jim took an evening course at Morton J. C., and it appears he had a good reason. A girl named DeElda whom Jim wanted to date as much as humanly possible went to Morton; only students of the school can attend the school's social functions. That semester certainly wasn't wasted because Jim now is engaged to DeElda.

All of which puts marriage as a main item in Jim's future plans. Meanwhile he plans to concentrate his energies and enthusiasm upon making IIT's third class of 1943 a real success. When this job is completed, after graduation, Jim hopes to tackle another job in industry to do his part in helping to win the war.

The Collegiate World

Lehigh University boasts a new underwater obstacle course, believed to be the first of its kind used to train college men in the Naval Reserve. The trainee jumps from a balcony 12 feet into an indoor swimming pool, then swims through an inverted "U," a barrel suspended three feet from the bottom.

Three track hurdles form the next obstacle, the swimmer passes first through a low hurdle, then a high, and finally another low. Then he swims through an L-shaped closed box and through a vertical tunnel which he enters at the top, leaving at the bottom. He completes his obstacle swimming by going in through the bottom of another box-like frame, swimming out at the top. No trainee is allowed to try the course unless he can swim 50 yards under water and remain submerged 50 seconds.

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David E. Ross, nationally-known inventor and manufacturer who died recently at the age of 71, remained consistent even in death in his role as one of Purdue University's greatest benefactors. He bequeathed \$1,000,000 in trust to the Purdue Research Foundation.

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:

The cafeteria situation has reached "that point."

Everyone at Illinois Tech realizes that naturally the coming of the Navy men to the school would create some confusion for a while, perhaps particularly in regard to meals. However, when you consider the fact that the cafeteria fed just as many people last semester with no trouble, the continuance of present conditions seems unjustified.

The students were promised one-half of the cafeteria at a recent IIT-SA meeting. If the small portion cut off for the students is one-half of the cafeteria, someone's engineering training has been sadly neglected.

During the past week, the menu read something like "sandwiches, milk and coffee," which was discouraging enough as it was. But to walk in and find but one kind of sandwiches left, no milk and lukewarm coffee—it was enough to make even the most patient disgusted. And, of course, the "picnic" the week before will live long in the memories of all.

Illinois Tech's neighborhood is such that students and faculty secretaries find it necessary to eat at the cafeteria. But it seems that no one is going out of his way to help solve a problem which never should have come up.

Patriotic spirit is certainly not lacking at the Institute, but the situation is unnecessary, unbearable and unsolved. Certainly cafeteria patrons have a right to ask for what they can reasonably expect, and if it's not given they couldn't be blamed for taking action.

S.S.

Dear Editor:

To a careful observer, it seems that the students and employees at Illinois Tech are victims of the indifference and poor planning of the people whose responsibility it is to provide adequate food for them at lunch.

Next to saying simply, "We are going to provide no facilities at all for your lunches," they are doing the very least they can—serving unappetizing sandwiches, bad coffee and tepid milk—and providing no drinking water at all. A diet like this is neither balanced or nourishing.

Before, the cafeteria has handled as many persons as are now on the campus with no trouble. The 428 navy men—and 148 of them are IIT men who have been eating on this campus all along—are not enough to disrupt completely the cafeteria schedule.

What good will it do to provide, as promised for the vague future, hot lunches before 11:30 a.m. and after 2 p. m.? Those are ridiculous hours for eating lunch.

If there were any other place to eat in the neighborhood, the closing of adequate cafeteria facilities might be understandable. Since there is not, these in authority should realize that people go to school and work at IIT in spite of its eating facilities and not because of them. There are too many other schools wanting students and too many other jobs available for the victims of this bad planning for them to put up with it.

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