

IIT MANNERS are again the subject of this column. The balcony in the auditorium of the Student Union has been made available to the students wishing to eat there. After these students have left one would hardly believe that human beings had eaten there. Empty milk bottles are scattered all over the place, empty bags, paper, and crumbs are also lying about everywhere. Last week complaints were voiced over the mice in the auditorium. I don't believe that it is my place to tell the students that they shouldn't do this or that. I would merely like to make an appeal to the pride which an IIT man supposedly had for his school. If he likes to see this institution looking like a pig's pen that is his prerogative.

UGLY BRUTES, that was all the junior chemicals could say when asked to give an opinion of the senior members of their profession. The senior chemicals earned this sobriquet in a touchball game recently. The seniors "touched" their opponents so lightly that two juniors were incapacitated and a few others severely jolted. The senior chemicals claim this to be nothing more than an example of chemical ruggedness since the majority of the players are fraternity brothers and the game was played in a spirit of good fun.

MANY TIMES throughout the year I have heard students voice their complaints or compliments. It seems to be a popular pastime to sit around the lunchroom and gripe. If these complaints are well founded, something more than idle talk should be done about it.

The proper place to express student opinion is in the student newspaper. A column is maintained especially for this purpose and it is through this media that the voice of the individual can best be heard. Letters to the editor have accomplished such things as bringing about an investigation of the physics report situation, finding time for (See AS I SEE IT) on page 7)

Walker OK's Co-op Store

Expansion of the Engineers' Co-operative Bookstore to the west campus was brought a step nearer to reality when Dean Ernest Walker gave his consent to the leasing of space at Lewis for the student enterprise.

The Coop hopes that Raymond Spaeth will permit the leasing of the former mathematics department room, adjoining the west campus Technology News room and right off of the proposed Student Lounge space. Following arrangements with Spaeth, a general meeting will be held to acquaint the students with the idea of the Engineers' cooperative.

Don Arenson, president of the Co-op Bookstore, told Dean Walker that the store would give its members valuable business experience in addition to the saving of some money. There are six hundred members of the coop on the south campus, and the addition of possibly two hundred more members would improve the purchasing power of the bookstore.

Distribute Engineer Alumnus This Week

"The Illinois Tech Engineer and Alumnus" will be distributed in the Student Union tomorrow or Wednesday, stated Prof. R. B. Pinnegan, editor of the magazine. New faculty members will be introduced in this issue, and articles on general semantics by Dr. Meach, the physical properties of rubber by C. O. Harris, and the chemurgic movement by H. E. Barnard will appear.

IIT to Hold Pep Rally Wednesday

Techawk Five Plays Maroons On Wednesday

Last Chicago Victory In 44 Starts Gained at Illinois Tech's Expense

Having been the last team to be beaten by the University of Chicago basketball team before the Maroons started on their record-breaking string of 44 straight losses, the IIT Techawks will go "all out" to avenge that defeat when the two teams tangle this Wednesday. The game is at 5 p.m. in the gym at 34th and Emerald.

The last meeting between Illinois Tech and Chicago was in 1941, when the Techawks came out on the short end of the score, 43 to 29. This was an epic day in U. of C. basketball history, for since then, the Maroons have lost 44 straight games, both conference and non-conference. The Techawks are hoping to make it 45 straight losses for Chicago after Wednesday.

Prior to 1941, Illinois Tech, then Armour Tech, and Chicago had a single game every year. From 1934 until 1941, the Techawks lost seven straight games to the Maroons. Armour had dominated the play before that, though, with four straight victories from 1931 until 1934.

In six games this season, Illinois Tech has won four while losing two. Chicago has lost all five of its games. Both teams have played George Williams, but each of them lost by almost equal margins.

Illinois Tech Coach Ed Wagner has recently adopted a new style of play. He has developed two separate groups, and substitutes an entire team as a body rather than single players, using both fives interchangeably.

Tom Kilgariff and A/S Glen Nieswander are far ahead in the race for individual scoring honors. Kilgariff is out in front with 47 points, while Nieswander is close behind with 40 points. A/S Don Lange is third with 27 points.

200 to Attend Honor Banquet

The annual ITSA Athletic Honor Banquet will be held Wednesday, January 19, Ronald Lind, ITSA first Vice-president stated today. The Medinah Club of Chicago has been selected as the site for the affair.

According to Lind, this banquet is one of the most important on the ITSA's calendar of school events. It is given primarily in honor of the athletes at IIT.

Speakers for the occasion will be obtained by John Schommer, director of athletics at Illinois Tech. In the past the speakers have been notables in the fields of sports and sports writing, Lind states.

IIT athletes, upon recommendation of their respective coaches, will be invited to the banquet. Among others who will be asked to attend are: Tau Beta Pi members, representatives from other honoraries, members of the Technology News Managing Board and ITSA Board of Directors, and class officers. Invitations, approximately 200 in number, will be mailed shortly, Lind said.

Eight Trombonists to Feature Bach Chorale at Yule Concert

A special arrangement of the Bach Chorale played by eight trombones will be featured at the Christmas concert. This was learned today from O. Gordon Erickson, director of the musical clubs. Playing from the balcony in the auditorium, the trombone choir will be separated from the rest of the orchestra.

Christmas carols sung by the audience will be augmented by the glee club.

Arrangements to close all business offices for the concert have been made, said Erickson.

Given by all the music clubs, the concert will include the following numbers Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium.

PROGRAM

A Mighty Fortress is Our God—Luther Bach.....	Trombone Choir
Christmastide Overture—Arranged by Dehemater	
Carols to be sung by the Audience	
The Lost Chord.....	Sullivan
Glee Club	
Herod Overture	Hadley
Orchestra	
Visions	Sjoberg
Just You	Burleigh
Glee Club	
Tenor Soloist—Herbert Morlow	
Meditation from "Thais"	Massenet
Richard Snyder	
Secrets	Smith
The Sleigh	Kountz
Stout Hearted Men.....	Romberg
Glee Club	
St. Agnes Eve.....	Coleridge, Taylor
a. Largamento	
b. Adagio—Allegretto	
Orchestra	

The following numbers will be presented by the Combined Bands:

March, His Honor	Fillmore
Overture "Poet and Peasant".....	Suppe
Selection "Over There".....	Arranged by Grofe
March "Barnum and Bailey Favorite".....	Farrar

Draft Boards Tough on Deferments, "Will Take Slackers," Warns Schommer

"Recent trends to draft all healthy men from 18 to 22 have increased the pressure on IIT students." Thus spoke John J. Schommer, director of placement, in an exclusive interview today.

"Absolute collaboration from the students is needed if speedy, accurate action is to be taken," he added.

All draft matters must go through Schommer's office and not to department heads, said President Henry T. Heald.

According to this statement and the previous directives, students receiving draft notices should adhere to the following rules:

June Graduates to Pick Class Officers

June graduates will choose class officers from 17 candidates Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union lounge.

The nominations were made by the June graduates at a meeting Friday. For president: Ed Puchalski, Gordon Fleischer, Ulysses Backas.

For vice-president: Jerry Wulfsohn, Tom Dressler, Marc Heidman.

For secretary: Charles Hillman, Harlan Anderson, Walter Fagan, Al Purzycki.

For treasurer: Ed Lewnard, Dick Keyes, Ed Baker, Bob La Civita.

For social chairman: Tom Artingstall, Ed Neidel, Harold Schultz.

1. Go directly to John Schommer.
2. Present the truth about all facts pertaining to draft questions.
3. Be taking full work of at least 18 credits a semester.
4. Keep over a one point average.
5. Don't lie to the draft board.

"I'll withdraw any appeal letter of a student who has lied to his draft board," said Schommer.

"Too many fellows feel that IIT is a secure place to dodge the draft. It isn't. Competent and promising engineers are vitally needed and it is a patriotic duty to keep them where they will be of most use to the war effort. But if they slack or show poor engineering qualities we won't keep them here."

In relation to averages Schommer said the students from other schools have composite averages figured and that extra curricula activities are also considered.

Composite averages should be made for all students entering IIT from other schools to be used in deciding upon a student's standing, said Schommer.

"Each case is individual and the higher the average the better the chances. We won't fight for slackers. This is no hide-out. Your record fights for you. We don't fight for anyone."

This seemed to express Schommer's disgust at the idea prevalent among students that he is the great Houdini of draft deferments.

Students Aim To Inspire Techawks

Classes to Be Cut For Meeting, First In 3 Years for IIT

The first Illinois Tech pep rally in nearly three years will be held Wednesday morning.

The time: 10:10 a. m.

The place: Student Union Auditorium.

The purpose: To inspire Illinois Tech's basketball team to victory over the University of Chicago in a game to be played at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon on the Techawk's home court at the Valetine Boys Club Gym, 34th and Emerald Streets.

Wednesday afternoon's game with the Maroons is one that the Techawk sports fans have been waiting for for two years.

Being the last team to be beaten by the University of Chicago, Illinois Tech's cagers have been smarting under this disgrace ever since war broke out. The hapless Maroons, since beating the Techawks 43 to 29 on Saturday night, Dec. 6, 1941, the day before Pearl Harbor, have dropped 44 straight games.

Instead of again providing the Maroons with a victory, the Techawk cagers have pledged themselves to make it 45 straight defeats for Chicago or probably "never dare show their faces around here again."

Sponsored by the ITSA, the pep rally is aimed toward getting the student body as excited about game as is the basketball team. Its purpose is to provide the Techawks with enough student enthusiasm and support to bring home the victory Wednesday afternoon.

Says A/S Harry Anderson, president of the ITSA, "With our basketball team pledging itself to victory Wednesday afternoon, the least we as students can do is to pledge ourselves to give them all the support necessary for a victory. That pledge will be made at the pep rally Wednesday morning."

It's important to all students that Illinois Tech not get the stigma of being the team that Chicago returned to beat after 44 straight (See PEP RALLY on page 7)

Next Free ITSA Dance on Jan. 8

The next ITSA free dance will be held on January 8, A/S Mike Coccia, All School Social Committee chairman, stated today.

The Student Union auditorium and lounge will be used, and refreshments will be served. The committee decided on the lounge because of the success of the last ITSA dance that was held there.

Henry Brandon will probably play at the dance, Art Devitt, ASSC business manager, reports. Brandon has played for other IIT functions, and is well thought of by Techmen, Devitt said.

Since the dance will be the first social event of the new year, the committee would like it to be particularly successful, and would like suggestions from the student body for making it more enjoyable.