

WITH THE BEGINNING of a new semester many students are looking forward to an increase in the activities of the many clubs and other organizations about the campus. As the basis of technical groups, it is hoped that the engineering societies will be able to increase their activities. During the past two semesters the Western Society of Engineers has held but one assembly. With the exception of the ASME, the other societies have presented little more than the WSE.

The one suggestion that might be advanced which would bring them to the fore is that each organization should hold at least one meeting every three weeks at which a speaker would be presented. In addition to this, evening meetings should be held at intervals of four or six weeks where either another speaker could be presented with less of the usual formality or the gathering could be one of informal discussion between the students and faculty.

With the start of a new radio club, which is being sponsored by the radio honorary, Rho Epsilon, new openings should be created for many students. Since the Armour Players are planning their spring production, they will soon call for new members. The dance club is open to all students and is active every week. The glee club and orchestra are calling for new members. These groups and others offer much for both the new students and the old. They have but to take advantage of their opportunities.

IT SEEMS PROPER to ask why Honor System pledges were omitted from the registration procedure. Unless students have pledged themselves to abide by its regulations, they cannot be expected to act in accordance with the system.

A NOTED improvement in the quality of the food that is served in the cafeteria has been noticed during the last month. Miss Ferguson and her staff deserve credit for this. While it is true that some persons will never be satisfied, the thoughts of the majority of students is in accordance with the above statements.

THE F-M MUSIC which is now being supplied by Rho Epsilon will continue after this week only if the students express a desire to have it continue. The fraternity has asked that comments be sent to *Technology News*; their decision will be based upon such comments. A special war workers program is given during the lunch hours and should provide very enjoyable music.

IN ANSWER to the questions of a number of west campus students, although no concrete results of the Lounge Committee can be observed, some headway has been made, and it is hoped that the students will soon be able to see some of it. Since a lounge fee has been charged, it is only right to expect that the lounge will be in use before long.

IN ORDER to avoid conflicts and other difficulties which have existed in the past, Dean Charles Tibbals has requested that all clubs, societies and other organizations inform his office as to the time and place of all meetings. In the past some difficulties have existed because of non-compliance with this rule.

F-M Music Broadcasts to Be Resumed By Rho Epsilon During Luncheon Hours

F-M broadcasts will again be presented during the luncheon hours to the student body. The music will be heard in both the lunchroom and the balcony of the auditorium.

Rho Epsilon, honorary radio engineering fraternity, will conduct the broadcasts. Burt Fried and James Crumb, members of Rho Epsilon, will operate the F-M set.

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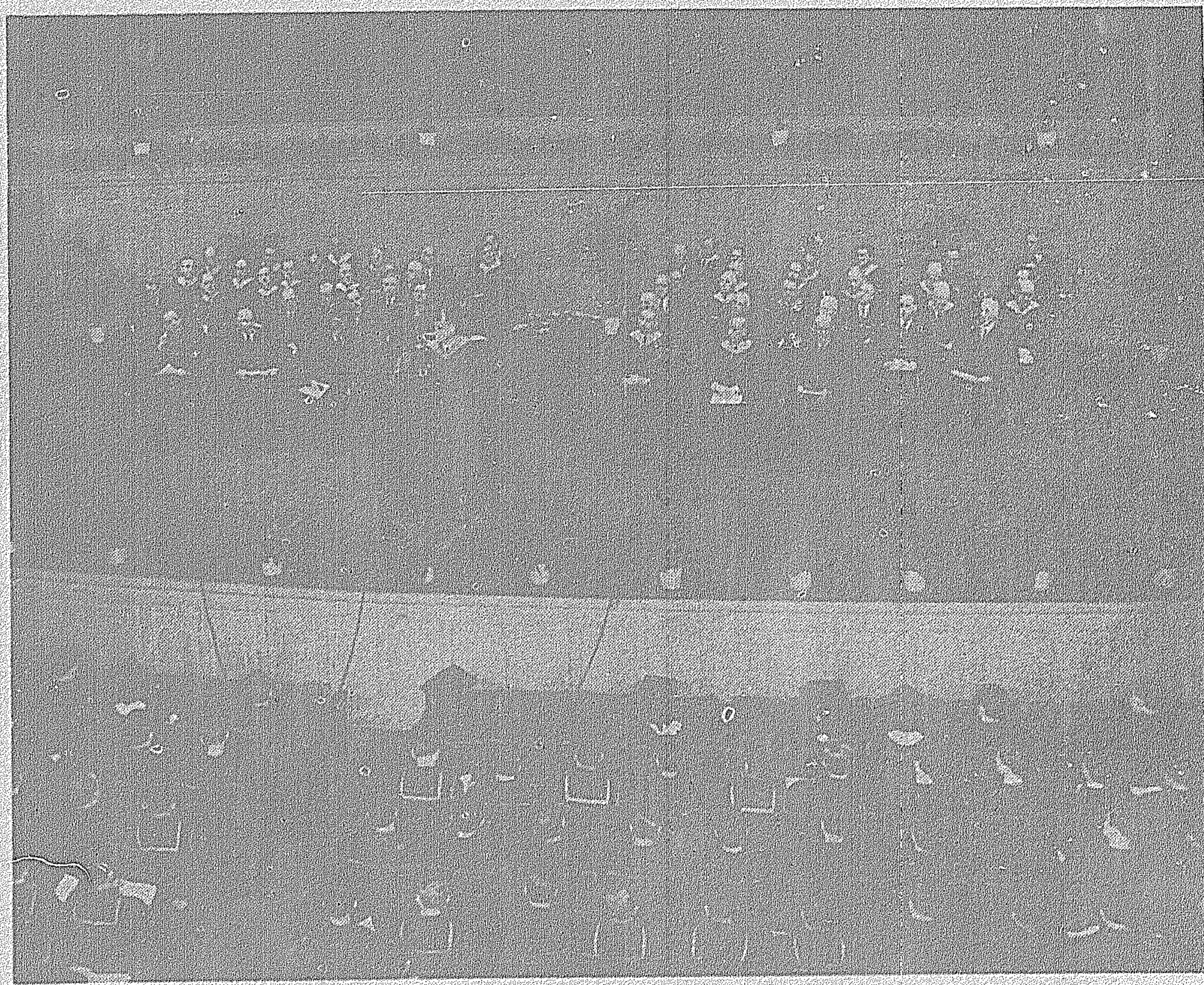
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IIT Politics to Hit New High

Illinois Tech's Fiftieth Anniversary Commencement



PRESIDENT HEALD SPEAKS—President Henry T. Heald is shown reporting on the progress of Illinois Institute of Technology at commencement. The picture shows a view of the platform as seen from the second floor.

\$5,008,000 Has Been Given IIT

They'll Be C's or Better....

Registrar Does Not Know When Civilian Grades to Be Sent Out

The registrar does not know when civilian grades will be sent out. In making this statement, Dr. Charles W. Kepner, registrar, pointed out that his office must take care of the army and navy grades first. After this has been done, the students will receive notice of their grades.

All those who received D's or E's have already been notified of this when they registered, he said. Hence, all of the grades yet to come out will be C's or better.

5129 Persons Studying at IIT, But Only 1540 in Day Classes

There are now 5,129 persons studying at Illinois Institute of Technology. Dr. Charles W. Kepner announced the latest enrollment statistics on Friday.

But 1,540 of these are day college students. Including both navy and civilians, 1,343 students are studying in the college of engineering, while 197 are enrolled in arts and science.

Counting the apprentice seamen at George Williams, the navy engi-

neers outnumber the civilians, there being 690 navy students and 653 civilians.

In all, there are 2,359 persons enrolled at the college of engineering, 448 in arts and science, and 2,322 in ESMWT classes.

A complete breakdown of the statistics announced by Kepner shows:

ARMOUR	
3rd Term 1943-44	
Graduate (Day)	40
College	653
Navy	690
Army	354
Evening Graduate	176
Evening College	446
Total	2359

LEWIS	
3rd Term 1943-44	
College	197
Evening College	251
Total	448
E.S.M.W.T.	2322

Sum Announced At Graduation President Heald Gives Report on Progress

More than five million dollars has been contributed to Illinois Institute of Technology since its formation in 1940.

This fact was revealed by President Henry T. Heald in remarks which he addressed to the recent 50th anniversary commencement exercises. President Heald reported that gifts and grants to sponsor specific research have totaled \$5,008,000, exclusive of government contracts.

"Our overall operating budget has been increased more than four times," Heald also revealed. This means that Illinois Tech now spends more than four times as much each year than in 1940.

It was in 1940 that Armour and Lewis institutes were merged to form Illinois Tech.

"Already we have been able to purchase most of our campus requirements in land," Heald stated with regard to progress on the consolidated campus. He also pointed out that two new buildings, "to be used exclusively for research," have been constructed.

His announcements were made as a report on how the "new" college had fared. President Heald felt that an observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of Armour would be an appropriate time to make such information public.

President Heald also told of Illinois Tech's contributions to the war effort and emphasized the importance of the college's responsibilities to the future.

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March 25 Set As IIT General Election Date

Students Will Choose ITSA President for 1st Time in History

Illinois Tech is about to enter its biggest student political activity in history.

With one exception, a complete new set of student officers, both for the ITSA and for classes, are to be elected. This election has been set for Friday, March 24, Ronald Lind, the retiring first vice-president of the ITSA announced today.

Officers for all the classes and eight new ITSA board members will be chosen by the student body at this time. Highlight of the election is the fact that it will mark the first time in history that Tech students have had an opportunity to elect their president as president.

Under the old system of student government, the person who later became ITSA president won his post as a sophomore when he was elected sophomore representative. This man then automatically ascended to the presidency when he became a senior.

Last year a reform in student election eliminated this procedure. It provided for direct election of the president.

The first president to be named under the new system will be chosen in the coming elections. Other ITSA officers to be elected include: first vice-president, Lewis vice-president and secretary. The other four ITSA members will be chosen in class elections.

Class officers which will be elected are: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, Student Union Board of Control representative, and ITSA representative.

To run for office, it is necessary for a student to file with the ITSA a petition containing 25 student signatures. (See IIT POLITICS on Page 5)

A-12, V-12 Tests Are Wednesday

Qualifying examinations for a new army college training program will be given simultaneously with the navy V-12 tests at 3:45 a.m. Wednesday in room 305 Main.

The new army program, known as the Army Specialized Training Reserve, will include only men who are high school graduates and who have not yet reached the age of 17 years and 9 months as of July 1, 1944. Men in this category will be assured of at least six months of college work "except in the event of an unforeseen military emergency."

The cost of tuition, fees, food, housing, and medical care of the men selected will be paid by the army. The men will be assigned to curricula in applied science, chemical and biological sciences in preparation for medical and dental studies, or mathematics and physics.

Men between 17 and 19 years inclusive who qualify and are selected for the V-12 program will be sent to college under the same system used in the past.

Applications for the two programs may be secured in Dean James C. Peebles' office.