

AN ALL TIME RECORD low was set last week when it was found that only one freshman and three sophomores had handed in petitions to the ITSA signifying an intention to run for class offices. Whereas in past years it was these classes which had the greatest number of students running for offices, the situation is now reversed.

It is difficult to believe that there is not a sufficient number of students among the underclassmen who could capably fill the various offices. The fact that they have not yet petitioned for any of the positions indicates an attitude of either laziness or just plain "don't-care" on their part. In either case, the situation is a deplorable one.

There are still two days in which public-spirited freshmen and sophomores (if there are any) may have their petitions signed. If they want any voice in school affairs, they had better get busy.

A LOUD—and, to a certain extent, justified—howl has been raised by the second semester juniors. These men are not being allowed to run for office at this time, since the senior and junior officers are being elected for a period of two semesters. However, the plan is that this class will elect its own officers next semester, when the men become first semester seniors. Meanwhile, they claim, they will go through a semester during which they will not have any direct representation. Their claim, however, is somewhat false since they will be able to vote for the juniors seeking office.

At any rate, this may serve, in one respect, as an object lesson for all students. This matter was fully discussed at the ITSA meeting last Tuesday. These meetings are open to all students, and anyone present may take full part in the discussions. Those who are now complaining so bitterly about their "disfranchisement" were not at that meeting. Of course, then, they could not present their beliefs upon the matter, beliefs which might easily have influenced the policy adopted. They, like a good number of others, find fault with the policies of the ITSA, and cry to the high heavens about it—in the lunchroom. While an outsider might believe that they don't have the "courage of their convictions", it is more likely that they don't care what happens about the school so long as it does not directly affect them.

TUESDAY WILL MARK the first time in Illinois Tech history when the candidates for office will present themselves as such in a body before the students. This appears to be the first step in a program now being carried out by some students to foster a genuine school spirit here, something sadly lacking at the present time. It is hoped that the student body, especially the underclassmen, will, by means of the assembly, have some knowledge as to who they are voting for, a thing usually not attained.

It is hoped that the senior electricals will be able to attend this meeting since a number of them plan to run for offices. The cooperation of Dean Tibbals and Dr. Hobson in this matter is appreciated.

## Simon Finishes Six Years of Research

The finished product of six years of intermittent research by Dr. H. A. Simon of the political and social science department will soon be made available.

The summary of this research will appear in the next issue of the quarterly, *Public Administration Review*, as an article "Public Management." The article deals with a general administrative theory based on psychological principals.

Dr. Simon has worked on this subject since 1938 when it developed as an outgrowth of his work on a method of evaluating public services.

## 42 File Petitions for Election

### Underclassmen Will Not Elect Usual Officers

#### To Follow Commission Plan; Leaders Will Be Elected For One Term

The conventional freshman and sophomore class offices of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer will be abolished, the ITSA decided last week. Instead, a commissioner system of representation will be adopted for the lower classmen, Ronald Lind, ITSA first vice-president, announced.

In addition, it was decided that only first semester juniors and seniors may run for their class offices.

A general student election assembly will be held tomorrow at 10:10 a.m. in the Student Union auditorium. All classes on the south campus will be excused for it, Lind said.

Four commissioners and an ITSA representative will be elected by each of the two classes. The ITSA board member will serve as chairman of the class commission. One of the commissioners will act as the SUBC representative and another will be the ASSC commissioner. The other two will act as commissioners-at-large. These freshman and sophomore officers will serve for only one semester terms. Both first and second semester students may run for office.

This new election policy was inaugurated because of wartime conditions. Since the school is operating under a round-the-calendar schedule of classes, it is now impossible to properly distinguish between beginning and advanced sophomore and freshman class groups. In addition the classes are quite small.

To simplify matters, the ITSA decided to make terms of office only

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### First Candidate to File Petition



EARLY BIRD TOM RUCK—The first man to hand in his election petition was Tom Ruck, who is running for the office of junior class president. The picture shows Ruck handing his petition to ITSA Vice-president Ronald Lind. Ruck's opponent for the junior class presidency is Jim Oldshue.

### Lind Is Lone Candidate for ITSA President

#### Only 1 Freshman Runs For Office; Tech News Presents All Nominees

Forty-two election petitions have been filed to date for class and ITSA offices, Ronald Lind, retiring ITSA first vice-president, announced today.

Only one petition apiece has been turned in for each of the offices of president of the ITSA and senior ITSA representative; likewise there has been only one filed for the freshman class offices.

A brief presentation of the candidates follows:

Lind, who is running for the presidency of the ITSA, has been associated with many activities at Illinois Tech. He is an honor marshal and is president of both Alpha Sigma Phi and Tau Beta Pi. In addition he has been active on *Technology News*, the Student War Council and the Illinois Tech Engineer and Alumnus.

Ronald Ailara and Don Hedeon, a/s, are candidates for the office of first vice-president of the ITSA.

Ailara, junior electrical, has been an ITSA representative, and has been active on the wrestling team. Pi Kappa Phi and Beta Omega Nu. Hedeon, a junior chemical, is a member of Alpha Chi Sigma and was a

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## General Dissatisfaction With Lunchroom Shown by Poll

### Students to Elect Honor Board Friday

The Honor Board elections will be held Friday. Two seniors, three juniors, and two sophomores will be elected. One senior board member, Marc Heidmann, elected last semester, will act as Honor Board chairman.

The senior candidates are: Ulysses Backas, Warren Furst, George Knetl, Ben Borgerson, and Leonard Chase.

Juniors who were nominated are: Tom Kilgariff, John Sachs, Bill Porcelli, Don Hedeon, Tom Ruck and Bob Negele.

Sophomores to be chosen from are: Norman Henney, Ramon Olson, Constantine Vatsano, and Joseph Rossan.

Sixty-four per cent of IIT personnel feel that conditions in the lunchroom are in general unsatisfactory, while 36 per cent are generally satisfied, according to a poll taken last week by *Technology News*.

Reporters questioned 103 students, 27 faculty members and 19 secretaries to get a reliable cross-section of opinion on the lunchroom. Of the faculty members, 23 expressed a favorable opinion.

Those polled gave many reasons for their views. They object to: dirty glasses, dishes and tables; high prices; the selling of only half pints in the balcony; sweeping of floors while they are eating; the inconvenience of the hours.

With regard to the last point, many pointed out that anyone unfortunate enough to have evening classes and a laboratory or class which ends at 5:30, as is often the case, has no chance of eating supper. Other complaints concerned the lack of an adequate supply of silverware at times and the lack of napkins.

One important question raised was whether or not the same food was served to the faculty as to the students. The fact that the large majority of faculty members were satisfied with the conditions might indicate that there was such a difference. However, Miss Elizabeth Ferguson, director of the cafeteria, stated that there was no difference in the food. She pointed out that a 50 cent luncheon is served to the faculty and that no comparable luncheon is served to the students. However, she said that the latter could obtain the same food at about the same cost by ordering items a la carte.

Some sample opinions:— Dr. Robert Kinter, ChE professor: "The food situation in the cafeteria has improved very much since the installation of a new dietician . . ."; Mort Sherman, ChE, 2: "The service is slow and the student specials are not appealing. The prices are too high for a non profit organization"; Dr. L. R. Wilcox, math instructor: "The food is only fair and cannot be compared to that which I have eaten at other colleges. The service in the faculty grill is obviously poor . . . I would appreciate it if they would wash the plates sometimes."

Don Rappeport, EE 1: "I have found the lunchroom to be the best that can be expected. We should all

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## IIT 1944 War Relief Drive Starts Today; Red Cross Hopes for \$4,000 Donation

Today starts the Illinois Tech Red Cross 1944 War Relief Drive. The drive will continue until Wednesday when the 10:30 classes throughout the Institute will be excused for five minutes to allow student contributions.

The contributions will be accepted by a War Council team made up of one student who will explain the general purposes of the drive, and two young ladies from IIT's white collar ranks to assist in collecting the funds.

The fund drive is an Institute-wide project with the full endorsement of President Henry T. Heald, who said, "I believe the drive for donations to the Red Cross War Relief Fund should be supported 100% by the students, faculty, employees, in fact any one connected with the Institute. It is certainly a chance for fellows who are not doing the actual fighting to help the war effort directly."

The Illinois Tech student body, faculty, and employees contributed \$2100 to last year's war fund drive and it is the hope of the National Red Cross that this sum can be increased to \$4000 in proportion with the increased demands of the Red Cross. The Red Cross's work has been doubled with the stepped up pace of the war and is bound to go higher with the invasion of Europe.

The faculty and employee portion

of the drive is under the direction of Miss Yvonne Kustudich, who is Mr. Spaeth's secretary. Miss Kustudich has organized the following secretaries as co-captains in the drive; at Armour, Elsie Young, Agnes Burge, Anne Purcell, Anne Kalinak, and Ruby Lemke; at Lewis, Ruth Shelitto, Frances Houlihan, Sandra Copan, and Jane Goelet; at the Gas Institute, Mrs. Margaret M. Parris; at the Development office, Miss Kubica; at the Art Institute, Marta E. Moeller; and at Armour Research, Madeline Crockett.

The secretaries above will be assisted by a majority of the working girls on the campus both in faculty and student collections.

The Lewis portion of the drive is under the supervision of Miss Viola Sievers and will be handled entirely by co-eds of Lewis. The Armour campaign is under the direction of the Student War Council.

## 115 Students Take Army-Navy Exams

A total of 115 civilian students took the Army and Navy qualifying examinations last Wednesday.

Of this number about two-thirds registered for the Navy program. All but one man were students at IIT.

## ASTP Leaving Illinois Tech

Approximately 375 Army ASTP students will leave IIT this week for future combat duty. They finished classwork last Friday.

While the great majority of them will leave by Wednesday some will remain until later in the week.

The cessation of the ASTP classes will release thirteen temporary faculty members who taught only army classes as well as many of the regular faculty who were part-time army instructors. The thirteen instructors will not remain at the Institute, but will leave for positions at other schools, or in industry. The remaining faculty will take on civilian-navy classes or other work.

The ASTP's leaving will not affect the present class hours, which were changed due to the 7:30 a.m. army classes.

While the armory will revert back to the state when all of the army unit has departed, it is not known whether the school will be able to retain the use of its facilities for athletics.

In announcing the close of the AST program here, Dean Tibbals, director of the program for the Institute, commented on the fine job the men had done. "They have known for some time in a general way through directives that they would be leaving school soon. However, they have done a splendid job of staying on the job, and I am very proud of the way they have carried through. They would be an asset to any engineering school."

The men have completed a little less than half of their third term.

It is possible that IIT may eventually get a unit of 17 year old boys who will have enlisted in the army's new ASTR plan. However, it is not expected that these will arrive before July.