

SIX Peebles Tells Recent Draft Developments

Estimates 115 Juniors, 44 Sophomores and 80 Seniors Will Continue

About 350 students, classified 1A, 2A or 2B, or whose classification is pending, have returned to school this semester. In addition there are about 100 men classified 4F, and about 200 who are under 18, 1C (honorably discharged from the services) or 4C (Japanese students). This is part of the information obtained in an exclusive interview with Dean James C. Peebles.

Dean Peebles explained how this number of 350 would be pared down to the total of 239 which has been set as IIT's quota of deferments by the National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel. This quota includes 222 engineers and 17 science majors.

Selective service boards were notified that all 2A deferments might be cancelled any time after March 1. The theoretical procedure is as follows: The local board changes a man's deferment to 1A. Immediately upon receiving his new classification, the man comes in to the Dean's office to find out if he is within the quota. If so, the school files a request for his deferment. If not, he takes his physical and is either classified 4F or taken into the services.

However, even if the deferment is requested, the local board is not obliged to grant it. In the event that it does not, John Schommer, placement director, will appeal the case. The excess of men over and above the 239 figure is explained by the fact that the boards have been slow in changing the classifications to 1A.

The total of 239 deferments is broken down by classes. Dean Peebles gave a rough estimate of this as 80 seniors, 115 juniors and 44 sophomores. However, this is by no means permanent and may vary considerably with time.

He also stated that a point average of 1.4 should enable a man to get in the quota. However, there is a possibility that students with lower averages may get in, while on the other hand, a 1.4 average does not guarantee that a man will be in the quota.

The reason for this is that a man who is now in the quota may subsequently be classified 4F. In this case, the school will not ask for his deferment, with the result that another place will be opened in the quota. Since it is not completely known which students may be 4F, it is impossible to say that a student with a 1.35 average, for example, will definitely not be in the quota.

No break down by departments has been made except for the 17 science majors—5 physics majors and 12 men majoring in chemistry. The remaining 222 deferments will go to engineers, with the exception of those majoring in FPE, IE or architecture, for whom deferments will not be requested.

Dean Peebles estimated that once the plan gets into operation, there will be, aside from the 239 deferred, 150 men under 18 and about the same number with a 4F classification.

When asked about the number of stories which have recently appeared in the daily papers about revision of 2A deferments, the dean said that the new measures would not effect IIT students unless it should be decided to change the entire present set-up.

● Tech Time Table

All items appearing in Tech Time Table will be those which are scheduled with Dean Tibbals. No other items will be used.

TUESDAY—Mar. 21

10:10-10:40 a.m. — General Election Assembly—Auditorium

WEDNESDAY—MAR. 22

1:30 p.m.—Senior Curriculum Committee—430C

4:30 p.m.—Math Club—108C

5:00 p.m.—Armour Eye—Armour Eye Clubrooms

Results of Faculty Questionnaire Show Need for New Grade System

● LUNCHROOM

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remember that we are fighting a war, and should tolerate a little delay in service, or a lack of variety"; Sherman Dushkes, ME 1: "The selection of food is very limited and often the tables are very dirty"; Dr. Walter Hendricks, English professor: "The food served in the lunchroom is wonderful..."; Jim Leichti, ME 3: "Although the specials are good on the whole, the glasses and cups are often dirty... I don't enjoy lipstick on my glasses."

Miss Ferguson said that the serving of quarts and pints in the balcony had to be discontinued because of the problem of bringing them up and because many of the glasses which were taken up were broken. However she said that if there were any space available on the first floor, she would be willing to sell quarts and pints as well as other items, which the students could then take upstairs themselves.

Questions as to the scheduling of civilian hours are up to the administration, she said. It is necessary for her staff to have 25 minutes between civilian and navy eating periods, so that the only solution to the question of more convenient hours would be a change in the navy's chow time.

Musical Clubs Call For More Members

Both civilian and navy students have been invited to apply for membership in the band, orchestra and glee club by O. Gordon Erickson, musical director.

At present the glee club has forty members and plans to increase this to sixty. Rehearsals will be held each Thursday afternoon at 5:30.

The orchestra has 18 members. Rehearsals will be held each Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 p.m., in the auditorium.

The navy band of 35 members together with the 15 men from the civilian band will form a combined band. The time for rehearsals will be announced at a later date.

Research Foundation Has New Lab on Wheels

A trailer unit equipped to make stress analyses is a new piece of Armour Research Foundation equipment.

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A new simplified grading and quiz system, for the purpose of uniformity, was recommended to Dean James C. Peebles by the June graduate curriculum committee today.

Using facts which resulted from the compilation of a faculty questionnaire distributed last semester the new system contains the following suggestive rules:—

A: All grades would be issued as either "Excellent", "Passing", "Incomplete" or "Failure". The first two would fall under the class "Satisfactory" and the other two under "Unsatisfactory."

B: A definite number of quizzes would be assigned to each course.

C: The final, in each course, would be worth a definite amount of the grade and never more than 50% of the total grade.

D: Each course would then follow a certain pattern. For example: Final to be worth40%
Homework to be worth10%
Five quizzes, each 10%...50%
E: Percentages, varying for different courses, would be suggested in helping to divide "Excellent", "Passing", etc.

Some of the questions and answers in the questionnaire used for the report were:

1. What system of grading do you use
a) 90,80,70,60 for A,B,C,D .32%
b) Curve 5%
c) Combination of a) and b)48%

d) Other15%
This showed the varied grading systems being used.

2. Would you approve of a standard set of rules for grading
Yes37%
No58%
Blank 5%

Forty-five percent of the faculty believed homework could be allotted 25% of the final grade, although 18% placed no value at all on homework.

Forty-five percent of the faculty believed that the Honor System was not working satisfactorily, while 41% replied that it was. No opinion on the Honor System was expressed by 14%. The questionnaire also revealed that 63% of the faculty used attendance in compiling the grade, while 73% objected to students sleeping in class.

Unannounced quizzes are definitely unfair was the opinion formulated by the committee when it was found that 96% of the faculty said that they previously announced all quizzes.

35 Join Radio Club At First Meeting

Thirty-five radio interested students turned out for the initial meeting of the newly organized Radio Club last Wednesday. This number far exceeded the amount expected by Rho Epsilon, sponsor of the club.

The work that will be carried on by the new group will be radio construction and operation. Also included in the Radio Club's activities will be the operation of a Morse code class. The class will be conducted by Dr. David P. Boder, who conducted a similar class last term.

Russell Kasmar was elected president of the club. Two other officers were also elected. They are Paul Goldsmith, treasurer, and Kenneth Coon a/s, secretary.

The next meeting of the club will be Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 in the Rho Epsilon quarters. At this time the schedule of laboratory periods will be announced. Frank Novak, Chairman of the Rho Epsilon committee, announced that membership in the club is still open.

Nuptial Party Held By Sigma Beta Theta

An engagement celebration was held by Sigma Beta Theta on March 5, in honor of the members and alumnae who have recently become engaged to be married. A large heart-shaped cake augmented the occasion at the home of Marie Palumbo. A party was held the following week at the home of Mrs. Helen L. Stevens, sponsor of the sorority, for the south side chapter of the Sigmas.

The informal initiation of pledges Betty Jordan, Donna Mansfield, Emma Dugan, and Ursula Smok, was held on St. Patrick's day at the home of Emma Dugan.

AIEE Will Hold Contest; Best Paper To Get \$25

The Great Lakes District chapter of the AIEE will conduct a contest for electrical engineering students. A prize of \$25 will be presented to the student presenting the best paper on an electrical engineering subject. These papers are to be presented at the next meeting of the Chicago chapter.

Leonard Chase, chairman of the IIT student chapter, advises those planning to present papers to contact him at once.

● UNDERCLASSMEN

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one semester long. The ITSA believed that the commissioner type of representation would be more convenient since the terms of office were shortened. Freshmen and sophomores running for office must designate on their petitions which of the four positions they are running for.

Seniors and juniors will continue to serve two semesters, as in the past.

At tomorrow's assembly candidates for the class offices will be introduced. In addition, the election procedure will be explained and students will have an opportunity to ask questions. Dean Charles A. Tibbals will know today whether senior electricals at Lewis will be able to attend the assembly.

Votes may be cast from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Student Union Lobby. All undergraduates students, both navy and civilian, are eligible to vote.

The deadline for turning in petitions is 2:30 p.m. Wednesday. Signed petitions should be deposited in the box provided in the Student Union lobby, Lind states. Freshmen running for office must obtain 15 names on their petitions; upperclassmen must have 25 signatures on theirs. If the petition is for a class office, all persons signing that petition must be members of that class. If a person signs a petition, it does not obligate him to vote for that person.

Three ITSA members will be elected from the school at large. They are president, first vice-president and secretary. The candidates for president must be seniors, while those running for the other two offices must be juniors.

Only one member of last term's ITSA board will retain a post this term. She is Viola Sievers, who will be the Lewis ITSA vice-president. Last term she acted as Lewis representative. She is in charge of Lewis general class elections, which will be held Friday, Lind announced.

A majority of the votes cast is necessary for election. If a candidate has only a plurality, a run-off election of the two men having the largest number of votes will be held Friday, March 31.

Engineer's Co-op Board Elects 3 New Officers

Three new men were elected as officers of the Co-op Bookstore at the last general meeting of the board of directors. Edward Feigon was chosen as the new secretary, while Stanley Lapin and Lester Mandelstein are the new treasurer and general manager, respectively.

In his new position as general manager, Mandelstein appointed Paul Goldsmith to the position of purchasing agent and Robert Burns to the membership chairmanship.

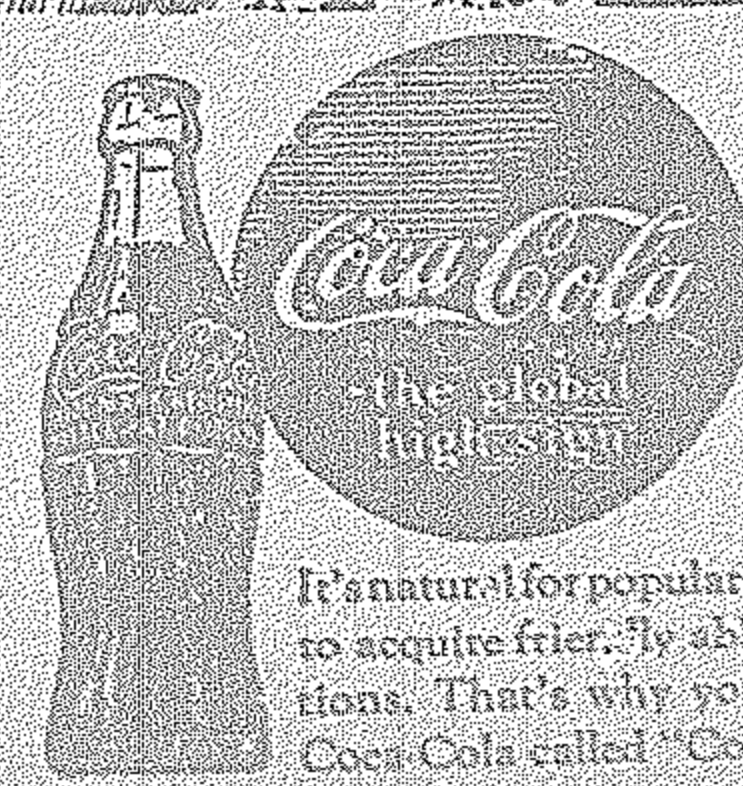
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