

Heroic Action in South Pacific Gains Air Medal For Fordham

For "meritorious conduct in aerial flight", Robert J. Fordham, a/s, freshman V-12 student on the George Williams campus, is today wearing the Air Medal.

Fordham, who saw action as an aviation radio man first class and rear gunner on a dive bomber, fought the enemy over Tarawa and Wake Island. At 11 o'clock last Thursday, surrounded by admiring fellow students, he was presented his award at a special assembly. The medal and accompanying citation, written by Vice-Admiral J. H. Towers, were presented by Lt. W. A. Hamilton, commanding officer of the unit.

The citation read:

"For meritorious conduct in aerial flight while engaged in action with the enemy. As a combat air crewman of the attack group he participated in five strikes against Japanese bases at Wake Island and later at Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands. These attacks, delivered in the face of anti-aircraft fire, resulted in extensive damage to the shore installations and, in addition, at Tarawa successfully supported land operations. His performance of duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the navy."

Fordham is a veteran of three years in the navy, one year of which was spent in the Pacific area.

Naval Hero



—By Loop Photo Service
PACIFIC VETERAN—A/S Robert Fordham receives the Air Medal from Lt. W. A. Hamilton at a special assembly.

Ensign To Address Medical Arts Guild

Ensign Chester S. Nielsen will speak before the Medical Arts Guild on the west campus this afternoon. Nielsen is the assistant chief of laboratories at the naval hospital in Shoemaker, California.

In his lecture Dr. Nielsen will discuss epidemiology (a study of diseases), his field of specialization. The guild meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. in Room 413.

Nielsen is the first of a series of guest speakers who will appear before the Guild this term. Mildred Zamis, secretary-treasurer, has announced that eminent biologists and medical authorities have been invited to speak at four forthcoming meetings. Three of the other scheduled meetings will feature technical medical movies.

Outstanding high school biology students from the Chicago area will be invited to forthcoming meetings, Miss Zamis announced. Students from four high schools in the Lewis area have been invited to attend today's lecture.

Future meetings will be held on alternate Mondays, Zamis also announced. A 4 o'clock tea for members will be given in the faculty dining room before each lecture.

Canine Visitor Studies Campus Conditions At Classroom Sessions

Prof. Walter Hendricks was very much surprised when one of his pupils walked out of his English 292 class last week on four legs. The new student is a brown, shaggy dog.

Fido, as his itimates call him, had quite a full program last Monday. Besides English, he visited Prof. Benjamin Freud's organic chemistry class, Prof. William Krathwol's calculus class, Instructor Rollin Simonds' economics class Prof. Bruce Longtin's physical chemistry class, and Instructor Edward Bicek's quantitative chem laboratory.

It is noteworthy that the dog did not take notes in any of the aforementioned classes. Indeed, he was in deep slumber most of the time.

Fido does not do homework.

Graphical Problem Baffles Math Prof

Found: A problem stumping a prof.

Needed: A solution.

Prof. Samuel F. Bibb, instructor in mathematics, has been spending his Saturday nites for the past few months, trying to solve a problem in analytic geometry. The problem concerns an irregular curve and was presented to Bibb by the Armour Research Foundation.

The curve was graphed from data computed on tensions produced in rubber compounds. All Prof. Bibb has to do is find its equation. So far, he confesses, he's just managed to waste a stack of graph paper.

"Scrap Training" Is Ended By Officers

The scrap drive is most serious business for 16 army officers who have been at Illinois Tech for three weeks preparing for their part in it. The 16 officers—second lieutenants, first lieutenants, and captains—completed their unique course last Wednesday.

Formally known as "Field Applications of Explosives Safety Engineering," the course teaches them to free valuable material from any hazardous substances—such as unexploded ammunition, bombs, gas tanks, oxygen tanks, etc. The course is organized and administered through co-operation of Illinois Tech and the Safety and Security Branch, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, War Department.

As prerequisite to their study in Chicago, the 16 officers completed an army course in bomb disposal—making live bombs harmless by removing fuses or detonators.

Here they learn to identify metals by methods that are safe and to handle difficult and jagged pieces of metals. They also study the chemistry of explosives, the different kinds of explosives and their characteristics. In addition, lessons in reading foreign blueprints and in fire protection are included in their instruction.

The classes were held at 333 N. Michigan Ave.

Navy Co-op Washing Corps To Disinfect Squadron Toggery

A total of 66 members of Quarters 2 have pooled their resources and entered the laundry business.

Their equipment, consisting of one washing machine in a slightly used condition, arrived last Thursday. The cooperative movement was started by Tom Moran a/s some months ago. He persuaded 66 interested men of Quarters 2 to invest one dollar each in the enterprise. However the washing machine cost only \$50 so Moran says they intend to purchase an electric iron with the remainder and "go into action in a big way." The men expect to save from \$4 to \$6 monthly by washing their own clothes.

RED CROSS

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services.

Approximately \$1,200 worth of supplies and services have been received directly from the Red Cross by the members of the IIT V-12 unit. These have come in the form of recreation equipment such as ping-pong tables and sets, etc., washing machines in some of the quarters, some drapes and furniture, as well as services to the men on leave.

The IIT V-12 unit is cooperating with a drive being conducted by all the naval units of the Ninth Naval District. No quota has been set by the navy office.

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ed if the police were more alert. It has been noticed that, at times, the policemen walk their beat in the Student Union or in the "L" station. While this may not be their general practice, it is still a thing to be discouraged and a thing that should be looked into. If IIT is to retain its large number of night school students, it must assure them of personal safety.

Malina Chosen Head Of Zeta Beta Alpha

Barton Malina was elected Grand Master of Zeta Beta Alpha at its last meeting. Joseph Katz will occupy the chair of Grand Magistrate and Elliott Friedman has become Scribe-Exchequer. Henry Walens as pledge-master and Jonas Korn as dispatcher complete the executive offices.

Students With 1.0 Averages May Be Deferred Until June

Students having point averages between 1.0 and 1.4 may be allowed to stay in school this semester, it was learned in a recent interview with Dean James C. Peebles. The dean also explained at this time how results of the physical examinations given by Dr. John McNamara enter into the picture.

Dean Peebles said that a point average of 1.4 would almost insure a student's being in the quota of 239 set up by the National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel. However, he said that in the case of students who failed to get in the quota but have averages above 1.0, the school will request the local boards to grant a stay of induction in order that the man may finish this semester.

Whether this temporary deferment is granted will be entirely up to the local boards, he pointed out. The local boards have not been excessively tough this term, he said, as is evidenced by the fact that fewer IIT men have been taken so far this semester than at the same time last term. Hence, it seems probable that the present number of 672 civilians enrolled at the south campus will not drop too greatly this semester.

However, he stated that no attempt would be made to keep those having point averages less than 1.0, and that these men might go

into the service at any time.

Dr. McNamara's examination is designed to find out which men will almost certainly be classified 4F.

The school does not ask for a place in the quota for these men. However, if one of them is subsequently found to be physically fit when he takes his pre-induction exam, the school will immediately file a request for his deferment with the National Roster, since there are always some places open in the quota. The dean also stated that places are being kept in the quota for those men with high averages but who are at present under 18.

Yeoman Noble T. Hawkins Will Receive Commission

The promotion of Yeoman First Class Noble T. Hawkins to a commissioned officer was revealed last week by the navy office.

Hawkins, a member of the navy office staff since last June, has not as yet been informed what his commission will be. A speed letter received by the office last week merely stated that the commission had been approved.

Hawkins has been with the ship's company of the Illinois Tech V-12 unit since last June. He has not been informed as yet as to what department he will be placed in or to where he will be transferred.



"Community" public telephones—some even in outside booth locations—are serving residents in war-born neighborhoods.

Many such telephones handle several hundred calls every month. It's a way more persons can use the available facilities, limited now by wartime material shortages.

The nation-wide resources of the Bell System are enlisted in maintaining dependable communication services—vital in war, essential in peace.



War calls keep Long Distance lines busy
... That's why your call may be delayed.



BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

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.

MONDAY—Mar. 27

5:30 p.m.—Pi Tau Sigma—EDR

TUESDAY—Mar. 28

4:30 p.m.—ITSA—EDR

5:30 p.m.—Alpha Chi Sigma—405 M

WEDNESDAY, Mar. 29

5:30 p.m.—Armour Players—105 C

FRIDAY, Mar. 31

1:30 p.m.—IAEs and ASCE movies—211 C

SATURDAY, Apr. 1

9-12 p.m.—ASSC Dance, "April Folly"—Student Union