

A GREAT DEAL of praise should be given to the members of the ASSC for a social program that will provide a fine remembrance to the many civilians who may soon leave IIT for the armed services. Needless to say, they will also be well appreciated by the navy men. The ASSC went through a great deal of trouble in order to assure the possibility of having Woody Herman and his orchestra at the formal dance to be held on May 26.

Some misunderstanding has risen in regard to the latter dance which should be quickly dispelled. First, some students have felt that it was unjust of Raymond J. Spaeth, treasurer of the Institute and of the ITSA, to ask that a monetary pledge be given by students before the ITSA would formally back it. Certainly for a dance which will expend an amount equal to three-fourths of the present ITSA budget, some assurance must exist so that there will not be a great financial loss. When one considers that 620 students must attend this dance in order that there will be no loss, Mr. Spaeth's attitude is nothing but justifiable; in fact there would be a great deal of criticism leveled at him if he acted in a different manner.

Secondly, there is the thought of many people that this is to be solely a navy dance. This may have arisen from the fact that the navy men pledged themselves to buy bids, a factor which was absolutely necessary. The cooperation of the navy men in this was gratifying. The thought might also have arisen from the fact that the name of the dance is the Navy Ball. It should be stressed that this is not solely a navy dance, but rather an all school dance.

THE SECOND SEMESTER juniors are getting to be familiar figures at the ITSA meetings. In fact, a meeting hardly seems to be complete without some request for more representation for their class. But seriously, the fellows should be commended on the spirited interest they have taken in student affairs. It would be a fine thing, indeed, if student government at IIT were as heartily supported by all of the classes as it is by this one. Their insistent demands that the discrimination against the off-semester classes be done away with has no doubt been partially responsible for the decision to revise the ITSA constitution.

THESE DAYS are ones to test the moral fiber of every IIT civilian. In the next few weeks there will be a terrific temptation to let-down and adopt an attitude of "what the hell, I'll be drafted any day; what's the use of working". This is both spineless and senseless. Some of the ef-

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Fifty-five Women Enter Illinois Tech In New Signal Corps Training Program

ASSC Announces Social Calendar

IIT's social calendar for this term has been drawn up by the ASSC. This is the first time that such an advance schedule has been prepared. Tom Artingstall, chairman of the ASSC, promises that three downtown dances will top the social calendar for the spring term. He added that while the dates are tentative, changes will be made only if it is extremely necessary to do so. The following dates have been contemplated for the big dances:

- April 29—Lake Shore Athletic Club—Henry Brandon
- May 26—Stevens Hotel—Woody Herman
- June 10—Room Open—Band Open

All other social affairs to be scheduled must have the approval of the ASSC, Artingstall stated.

Fifty-five women will begin training as radio inspectors on the Lewis campus next Monday. They will take a 26 week course under the supervision of the Signal Corps civilian training program.

Illinois Tech is one of two schools in the country to be chosen to conduct a women's Signal Corps training school. The electrical engineering department under the supervision of its director, Jesse E. Hobson, will conduct the school. The women will receive instructions in physics, mathematics and radio. Prof. Carl Roys, E. H. Schulz, Prof. Paul Andres and Kenneth J. Warren will conduct the classes.

Plans for the training of these women were completed on April 4 at a conference of Vice-President Linton E. Grinter and Dean James C. Peebles with three officers of the Signal Corps. Miss Jean Latham has been appointed to assist in supervising the general curriculum.

Laws of ITSA To Be Revised

The entire ITSA constitution will be revised this term. A special committee was appointed by President Ronald Lind at last Tuesday's ITSA meeting. Comprising the committee are Ronald Lind, Burt Fried, Donald Hedeon, Bob Negele and Jacob Dumelle.

During the meeting, a group of second semester juniors contested the ITSA rules regarding the ineligibility of second semester students for various class offices.

Also contributing to the need for a revised constitution were the too-definitely stated laws and bylaws which the ITSA felt needed more elasticity.

The purpose of the committee will be to revise the ITSA constitution so that it will be flexible enough to cope with unforeseen situations.

Students May Continue Here Despite Draft

Graduating Seniors Are Assured of Finishing According to Schommer

Many IIT students may be allowed to remain in school this semester, despite the recent changes in Selective Service rulings.

The pool of 10,000 deferments for engineering students, administered by the National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel, is no longer in existence, and, effectively, engineering students are now in about the same position as before this plan was put into effect.

However, students who will graduate before July 1, 1944 are practically assured of staying in school until graduation, according to State Selective Service Adviser John J. Schommer. These deferments will terminate upon graduation unless the student has accepted a position with a firm doing absolutely essential war work. There are several such firms which will visit Illinois Tech this semester, and Schommer stated that all those who receive a position with these companies are sure to get special deferments.

Students who will not graduate by July 1 may also be allowed to

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Navy Commissions and Ratings Now Available

Opportunities are now open for Illinois Tech students in the United States Navy. In a survey undertaken by *Technology News*, it was found that openings exist for college students as petty officers or commissioned officers, depending on their educational background.

In order to secure a commission, however, it is necessary that a man is scheduled to be inducted into the navy. Dean James C. Peebles emphasized this when he stated that everyone taking a pre-induction physical examination do his utmost to be assigned to the navy. Dean Peebles remarked that the army has filled its officer quota, and that its need for technically trained men is not as

great as that of the navy's.

Students graduating before July 1, 1944 may now apply for a commission in the navy. This may be done at the Office of Naval Officer Procurement in the Board of Trade Building. Since the graduating seniors are assured of completing their education, Dean Peebles said it might be wiser for them to wait until after graduation before applying for a commission.

In all other cases, however, a student must be inducted before he can secure a commission in the navy. Any man in the navy can apply for admission into the V-12 program providing he is 23 years of age or un-

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Lake Shore Club to Be Site of Next ASSC Dance on April 29

Betty Bennett



BRANDON'S VOCALIST—Miss Bennett will sing with Henry Brandon's band on April 29.

The first all-school downtown dance of the spring term will be held April 29, Tom Artingstall, chairman of the All-School Social Committee, announced today. The dance is to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Lake Shore Athletic Club, 850 N. Lake Shore Drive, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

"Although this is the first Illinois Tech dance ever to be held at the Lake Shore Athletic Club, the room is one of the most beautiful in Chicago and is suitable for our purposes," said Artingstall.

Henry Brandon and his orchestra, currently appearing at the Empire Room of the Palmer House, will be featured at the dance, according to Artingstall.

"Brandon and his charming vocalist, Betty Bennett, formerly featured with Boyd Raeburn, are enjoying great success," continued Artingstall.

For the first time at a downtown dance, the band has been booked for four hours straight, and since this is the first dance of the semester, the ASSC has expressed the hope that it will be a great success.

Bids will go on sale today for \$1.20 including tax, and may be purchased from any members of the ASSC, namely: Tom Artingstall, Dick Keyes, Al Purzycki, Tom Dressler, Larry Johnson a/s, Edith Grastorf, George Schober a/s, Jane Colburn, Zeldia Weiner, Jim Wangerheim, and Paul Flood, as well as in the Student Union.

Woody Herman Will Play for Navy Ball; Dance Will Be Held at Stevens Hotel

For the first time in over two years a big name band will appear at an all Illinois Tech dance.

The occasion is the coming Navy Ball when Woody Herman and his nationally known band will supply the music at the Grand Ballroom of the Stevens Hotel on Friday evening May 26. Dancing will be from 10 p.m. until 2.

Although called the Navy Ball, the dance will not be strictly a navy affair according to Tom Artingstall, chairman of the ASSC. He stated that bids will cost \$5 and will go on sale on the south, west, and George Williams campuses Wednesday. The dance will be either formal or semi-formal.

On the west campus Bill Weld is heading a dance promotion committee. Members of this group are Paul Polk, Lillian Seges, Charles Doering, Dorothy Vedel, Shirley McMahan, Hope Iversen, and Cherryll Benes.

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Schommer Will Explain Draft Set-Up in Talk

All Civilian Classes To Be Excused for Mass Meeting Tuesday Noon

A mass meeting to explain the cancellation of deferments will be held at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow for all civilian students. All civilians will be excused from classes. In addition, all male students on the Lewis campus, including the electrical engineers, will be excused from their classes at 11:30 Tuesday morning.

John J. Schommer, state selective service advisor, will tell of the procedure which students should follow to secure the best possible position in the armed forces.

Schommer said, "Students not graduating this June have a good chance to finish the semester. There is no reason to stop studying as a possibility exists that present regulations may be modified to allow students to continue until graduation.

"Men interested in the possibilities of advanced training in the navy should see me before they go for their pre-induction physical examination. The proper authorities will then be informed and the registrant will be placed in the navy.

"Since your degree means so much wherever you may go, don't let induction stop your studying. Remember, 'the race goes to the swift.' Therefore, if you do enter the armed forces, write beforehand to:

Sgt. Seymour Raven
Armed Forces Institute
Madison, Wisconsin

for information on service courses which give college credit."

IIT Post-War Plans Sought

All faculty members and students have an opportunity to participate in post-war planning at Illinois Tech. Two committees have been set up to outline changes necessary at the Institute after the war.

The committees are now urging all faculty members and students to submit suggestions of topics they would like considered, as well as changes they feel should be made. It is believed that all faculty and students should have a voice in the development of the educational and

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Senior Questionnaire To Come Out Friday

A survey will be conducted among the graduating seniors this week.

Questionnaires will be distributed Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union said Sid Baker, chairman of the June graduate curriculum committee. These questionnaires are designed to obtain the opinions of the seniors regarding the faculty, Honor System, curriculum, grading and other related topics.

The tabulated results of the questionnaires will be given to Dean James C. Peebles for reference at faculty curriculum committee meetings.

This is the first time such a form has been compiled and presented to the faculty since the merger of the two campuses, according to Dean Peebles.

V-12 Donates \$520 In Red Cross Drive

A total of \$520 was collected from the officers and enlisted men of the Illinois Tech V-12 unit in a recent Red Cross drive.

This total represents an average of \$.90 per man. Quarters 2 and 6 participated 100% in the drive with every man contributing. They collected \$150 and \$50 respectively. The total includes money collected from the George Williams men also.

Red Cross Will Not Visit IIT This Term

The Red Cross Mobile Blood Donor Unit will not make its customary visit to the IIT campus this semester, Bob Negele, Student War Council president, stated today.

The SWC had planned to carry on an extensive blood donation campaign at the end of April and had informed the Red Cross of its plans. However, the SWC was informed this last week that a directive had been issued banning blood donation publicity directed to minors.

In accordance with this directive the local medical adviser, Dr. S. C. Levinson, issued the following statement:

"Please be advised that as of April 1, 1944 the Chicago Chapter of the Blood Donor Service shall not direct any publicity to minors and shall make no group appointments either at the Fixed Center or on Mobile Units for persons under 21. This ruling applies to both sexes."

It is to be noted that this directive does not exclude individual donations.