

WITHIN THE NEXT few weeks many of the leaders of the various organizations at IIT will leave school for the services. While there are some navy men at the helm of some activities, the majority of the leaders are now civilians. In order, then, to maintain a smooth flow of activities, new elections for all IIT offices should be held within the next few weeks. Such officers as are elected could take office when the present incumbents leave school. This is a matter which should not be put off since a complete knowledge of the duties of an officer must be known if things are to be carried on in an efficient, intelligent manner. This is a matter which demands consideration of the ITSA at its meeting on Wednesday, and the attention of all other organizations at their next meetings. It should be emphasized at this point that unless some men are elected to fill the vacancies as they occur, next semester will find many defunct organizations at Illinois Tech.

ANOTHER MATTER that must soon be decided by the members of the navy unit is whether or not they wish the great majority of activities to continue next semester. In other words, do the navy men want these activities enough to back them financially. As should be known to all of them, the existence of the athletic teams, intramural sports, the band and glee club, the Integral, *Technology News*, and many others are dependent upon the ITSA activity fees which are now being paid solely by civilians and to which the school has given \$1000 to cover to some degree the loss of navy support. This is something which should be given serious consideration. The majority of the navy men who have been contacted by this columnist during the past week disapproved of the idea of paying for what they receive. While agreeing that they received many benefits from the ITSA, the idea of paying for them seemed out of the question. Certainly the remaining civilians cannot be expected to pay an activity fee if the navy men do not; in fact, an outright refusal to pay such a fee would probably result if the navy does not cooperate.

Some persons have expressed the belief that most of these activities would not be missed. Looking into the matter, one can see that unless there is a financial backing somewhere, no downtown hotel would agree to allow persons to hold a dance in their rooms, nor would a band be willing to accept the mere word of the persons approaching its agents that the bills will be paid. No printer would take on a job of printing either an annual or a paper unless he was certain that there were sufficient funds to cover all expenses. Contracts, after all, are only made when both parties are able to meet the conditions of the agreements.

Hundreds of Letters Received By ARF As Result of Story in Reader's Digest

Several hundred letters have been received by the Armour Research Foundation as a direct result of the story, "We Can Improve Anything" which appeared in the Readers Digest three weeks ago.

Many of the letters were from companies offering research projects to the Foundation. However, the Foundation is working to near capacity, stated Dr. Francis W. Godwin, assistant director, and few additional projects will be accepted.

Inventors writing to the Foundation were in most cases referred to the National Inventors Council, as the Foundation accepts few projects without sponsors, said Godwin. At least one letter, however, was considered so important that it was

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Students May Stay 'Til July

Are Eligible for Credit After 12 Weeks Work

"I don't expect that very many Illinois Tech fellows will be drafted before the end of this term", was the optimistic statement made by Dean James C. Peebles last week. However, in the event that a man is taken out of school, he may still have a chance of getting credit for his work.

The dean said that any man who has completed 12 weeks of the semester and who is taken into the services after that time is eligible to receive credit for the courses he is taking. The decision will be up to the individual instructors in each case. With regard to tuition, a pro rata cash refund will be given, figured from the date the student is required to report for induction. Those who left within the first four weeks of the term received a full refund.

These provisions extend also to those students expecting to graduate in June, although the dean expressed the belief that very few, if any, of these men would be taken. However, in all these cases he stated that the Institute will cooperate with the students only if they cooperate to the extent of not leaving school before it is absolutely necessary. For example, a man has at least 21 days after his pre-induction physical before he

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Advice About Draft Given by Schommer

The Armed Forces Institute, at Madison, Wisconsin has been swamped with letters from IIT undergraduate civilians and service alumni.

As a result of the assembly last Tuesday, a number of students have asked the Armed Forces Institute for information. In addition, John J. Schommer had written many letters to alumni in the service and the results are now beginning to show. Schommer has been commended for this by officials of the institute.

In the mass assembly, Schommer explained the opportunities still open for undergraduates. He particularly advised seniors who will graduate soon to try for a navy commission. For all other students, Schommer recommended the Eddy Radio Technician's tests.

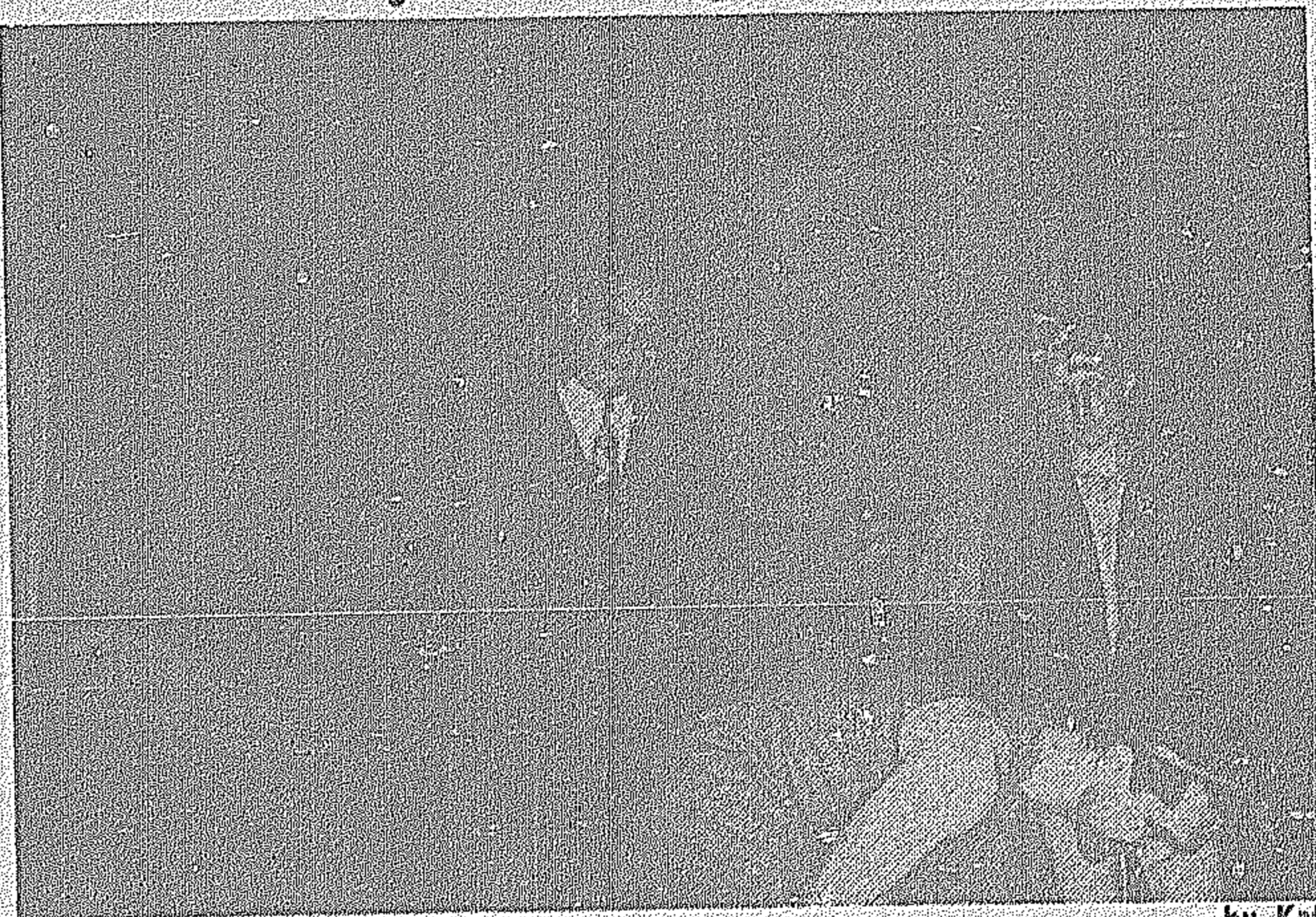
The Armed Forces Institute told Schommer that they will send him some additional rules and regulations regarding the institute so that to aid students interested in taking courses.

Over 2500 Attend Power Conference

All existing attendance records were broken at the recent Midwest Power Conference. Over 2500 people were present at the conference.

Featured at the conference dinner were the Illinois Tech music and glee clubs, under the direction of O. Gordon Erickson. Dinner music was provided by the orchestra and was augmented with vocal selections by the chorus. The audience reacted favorably to this performance, according to Erickson.

Bloomer Boy Gets Big Hand



HONOR I PLEDGING—Gordon Fleischer uses "Big Stick" policy on Bloomer Boy Bob LaCivita during Honor I pledging. Ronald Ailara sadly awaits his turn.

Lots of Room Promised at Navy Ball; Bids Now On Sale in Student Union

ARF Offers Aid to 7 Research Groups

In an effort to increase the research capacity of the United States, the Armour Research Foundation is assisting seven new research institutes.

The Foundation passes on the benefits of its experiences and tenders advice, where asked, to these organizations as a contribution to the war effort, said Dr. Frances W. Godwin, assistant director.

These new organizations are: Alabama Research Institute, Birmingham, Alabama; Midwest Research Institute, Kansas City, Missouri; Research Foundation of Oklahoma University, Norman Oklahoma; Natural Resources Research Institute, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming; Research Foundation at University of Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Research Institute of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York; Research Foundation of Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.

Dance Club Adopts New Program Plan

As a result of a request by several members of the Dance Club, the following program will go into effect this Wednesday evening:

1. Dancing in the auditorium until 8 for those who do not want to take regular dance instruction.
2. Instruction for those wishing it in the lounge from 7 until 8.
3. Social dancing for all in the lounge to the music of the juke box from 8 until 9.

This Wednesday the Navy Band will play for the Auditorium dancers from 6:30 until 8.

According to Mrs. Anna Orcutt, faculty sponsor of the club, "The average paid admissions for the club has been 77 for the past three weeks. This is only the paid male admissions and does not include girl guests, who incidentally have outnumbered the boys. Due to this growth in the interest in the group, assistants have been appointed to each of the four Dance Club officers to help handle the additional work."

Lt. Anderson Will Return From Leave in One Week

Lt. M. P. Anderson, executive officer of the Illinois Tech V-12 unit, is on leave according to Lt. Wade A. Hamilton, commanding officer. Lt. Anderson will return at the end of the month.

A total of 20,000 square feet of dance floor will be available for the use of the navy and civilians when they dance to the music of Woody Herman, May 26 at the Stevens Hotel.

These facts were revealed today by A/S Bob Anderson and A/S Bob Thoren, two of the navy men who are arranging the Navy Ball.

Bids will go on sale today in the Student Union lobby. The price is \$5.00.

In order to make payment easier bids may be purchased on the installment plan by laying \$2 down. Refunds will be made to those who buy bids and then are ordered to report for induction before the dance. A total of 1000 bids will be sold but Anderson pointed out that there will still be plenty of room for dancing in the spacious Stevens grand ballroom.

On the Lewis campus, art classes are going to make posters about the ball as an examination. The best of these will be used to advertise the dance according to Anderson.

The affair will definitely be semi formal, said the seamen.

Murray is Given Leave To Do Research Work

Dr. Maurice J. Murray, professor of chemistry, has been granted a year's leave of absence, it was announced today.

During the leave, which becomes effective May 1, Dr. Murray will be engaged in industrial research work at the Universal Oil Products Company.

Dr. Murray has been acting as chairman of the department of chemistry for the past three years.

IIT Surroundings Inspire English Staff To Deliver "Boogie Woogie and the Blues"

The English Department will present a program devoted to the topic, "35th and Dearborn: Boogie Woogie and the Blues," on Wednesday, May 10, at 8 p.m. in the south campus auditorium.

40 Former V-12er's Now in Radio School

Of the 45 men who left the Illinois Tech V-12 unit at the end of the last term due to grade deficiency, approximately 40 of them are now in radio technician school, according to Lt. Wade A. Hamilton, commanding officer.

These men, who have just completed boot training at Great Lakes, are being sent to various primary radio schools, some of which are located in Chicago. The course lasts for nine months.

"Spring Fling" Bids Available

Artingstall Describes Highlights of Affair

Bids for Illinois Tech's first downtown dance, the "Spring Fling", went on sale Friday at \$1.20 each in the lobby of the Student Union.

The bids will not actually be given out, but tickets will be sold which may be exchanged for bids at the time of the dance. Dancing is from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Describing the affair, ASSC chairman Tom Artingstall said, "the Grand Ballroom of the Lake Shore Athletic Club will be rock'n with rhythm this Saturday, when Henry Brandon, his piano, his orchestra, and the golden voice of Miss Betty Bennett move in to play for the 'Spring Fling'."

"This dance is to be entirely different from other downtown dances in that it is not going to be cabaret style; there will be a few tables, and the majority of the room will be turned over to dancing," stated Artingstall. "This will definitely insure us ample room." The lounge will be available also.

"Picture this room, with the lights lowered, a soft trumpet, a smooth beat, and the glamorous Miss Bennett singing the enchanting strains of 'Poinciana'," suggested Artingstall, "and I am sure you will not hesitate in purchasing your bid."

Bids may be purchased from any member of the ASSC:—namely Dick Keyes, Al Purzycki, Tom Dressler, Larry Johnson a/s, George Schober a/s, Edith Grastorf, Zella Weiner, Jane Colburn, Leonard Levy, Paul Flood, Gloria Linden, Hank Koci, or Jim Wangersheim.

This dance will be the second one of the semester.

Junior Dinner Dance Planned

An informal, closed dinner dance is to be the first social event of the Junior Class this term.

This decision was made at the meeting of the class last Friday. It was announced by President Tom Ruck that because of the large sum of money in the treasury, part will be paid by the treasury and part by the students who attend the affair.

The dance will probably be held at a downtown hotel in the early part of May. The exact date of the affair and the name of the orchestra will be announced at the next meeting, according to Ruck.

Dr. Samuel I. Hayakawa, who has done research on the subject stated, "After leaving New Orleans, jazz found a great deal of its most important development in the area surrounding the south campus of Illinois Tech. Most important jazz instrumentalists of the '20's, both Negro and white, either migrated here or were developed here."

The lecture will show stages of that development and its influence on later music, both popular and serious. Phonograph recordings illustrating the principal instrumentalists and styles will be played.