

A FULL-FLEDGED shower session, as in days of old, seems to be in the offing. The Junior Marshalls and the juniors as a whole intend to chastise those poor unfortunate freshmen and sophomores who venture to ride the elevator in Main this week. To any of the latter who are uninformed as to what is in store for them, upon being caught riding in the elevator, they will be gently, but firmly, "ge-doused" under the softly flowing waters of the showers on the fifth floor of Main. This treatment has been sadly neglected during the past year, but the present juniors and seniors state that they will pursue a bold policy that will prove enjoyable to all onlookers except anyone that may wish to interfere.

It might be wise to inform the navy men that they will not be exempt from this treatment. Lt. Hamilton has given approval of such measures as are necessary to force compliance with the Institute rulings. The five navy Junior Marshalls intend to make a point of enforcing this, according to A/S Larry Johnson.

Take heed, ye lowly freshmen and sophomores, the day of reckoning is here.

WHEN DR. MAURICE J. MURRAY left IIT, he left behind him a group of students who found him to be a gentleman and a scholar, in the true sense of the words. He made many friends while here and was the type of instructor who could present his material in an interesting manner. Dr. Murray's friendly nature will be missed. We look forward to an early return.

THE ZEST which the Junior Marshalls have applied to their planning of Junior Week (or its two day equivalent) leads one to believe that this affair will resemble the affairs of old, with the exception that no one will be injured. The freshmen have shown themselves to be willing to wear "the green" and be proud of it. In this manner they offer a show of class solidarity. All in all, a most enjoyable Junior Week should be had.

Vagtborg, Holland Will Visit Mexico

Harold Vagtborg and Maurice Holland, director and industrial research adviser, respectively, of the Armour Research Foundation, will leave May 22 for a two week trip through Mexico.

The men will visit Mexico City, Monterrey, and other nearby industrial cities to study research techniques and to investigate possible Foundation research affiliations.

Upon their return the men will present a report, illustrated with moving pictures, to the ARF staff.

Citation Awarded to Armstrong for Outstanding Performance in Solomons

Freshman Pianist To Help Hayakawa

James Wangersheim, freshman ME, has been selected by Dr. Samuel Hayakawa to participate in the "35th and Dearborn: Boogie Woogie and the Blues," program which is to be given by the English department this Wednesday, at 8 p.m., in the south campus auditorium. He will display his musical talents on the piano by illustrating the effects of jazz on music both serious and popular.

Dr. Hayakawa has prepared a brief report on the subject which reaches a climax on the fact that jazz found a great deal of its most important development in the area surrounding the south campus of Illinois Tech. He states also that the most important jazz instrumentalists of the '20's, both Negro and white, either migrated here or were developed here.

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Classes to Be Excused Friday Noon, May 26

20 Men Have Already Signed Up for Junior Week Beard Contest

Classes will be excused at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, May 26, and the afternoon will be devoted to Junior Week activities. The program, as laid out by the Junior Marshalls, will begin on Thursday night, May 25, and continue until the following Saturday. The Navy Ball on Friday night will highlight the festivities.

Among the more interesting events of Junior Week will be the "Beard-Growing Contest", which started last Friday when 20 IIT students registered with Junior Marshalls Bob Misch and Don Arenson for the contest. Other students can still register with Arenson or Misch if they feel they can overcome the handicap of a late start. The judging will be held on May 26, and two prizes will be awarded for the most beautiful beard as well as for the longest one.

Among the events scheduled for Saturday is a large navy review, with the men from George Williams campus participating, said A/S Bob Anderson. According to him, a drill exhibition will be given by a special group of one or more platoons. This company is still being organized, and Anderson has requested V-12 men over 5' 8" tall to volunteer.

An outdoor stand will be erected for the Junior Week events, and it will also be used by the navy officers and administration officials as a reviewing stand, Anderson said.

A flag for the V-12 unit here is being made and will be displayed by the color guard, stated Anderson, adding that separate flags for the individual quarters may also be made, as well as a school flag.

IIT alumni have been invited to the review and the Navy Ball through the alumni association, Anderson said.

The 20 men entered in the Beard-Growing Contest to date are: Al Purzycki, Jacob Dumelle, Ed Schaschl, Leonard Brown, Irving Backinoff, Robert Pogoff, O. Hilland, Gil Katz, William Riukin, Art Uhler, Herman Mirochnick, William Parisoli, Dave Levinson, Bill Woods, Jonas Korn, Edward Feigon, Fred Rest, Milton Schwartz, Ralph Glende, and Max Reiss.

The "Presidential Unit Citation" was awarded to A/S Robert Armstrong last week for "outstanding performance against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomons Islands."

Armstrong, a member of the Illinois Tech V-12 unit stationed on the George Williams campus, is a freshman. Only 19 years old, he is a veteran of three years' service in the navy.

Despite attacks on three different occasions, the ship on which Armstrong served in the Pacific was successful in rescuing survivors and sinking enemy ships. As a result, all its crew members have been granted the award.

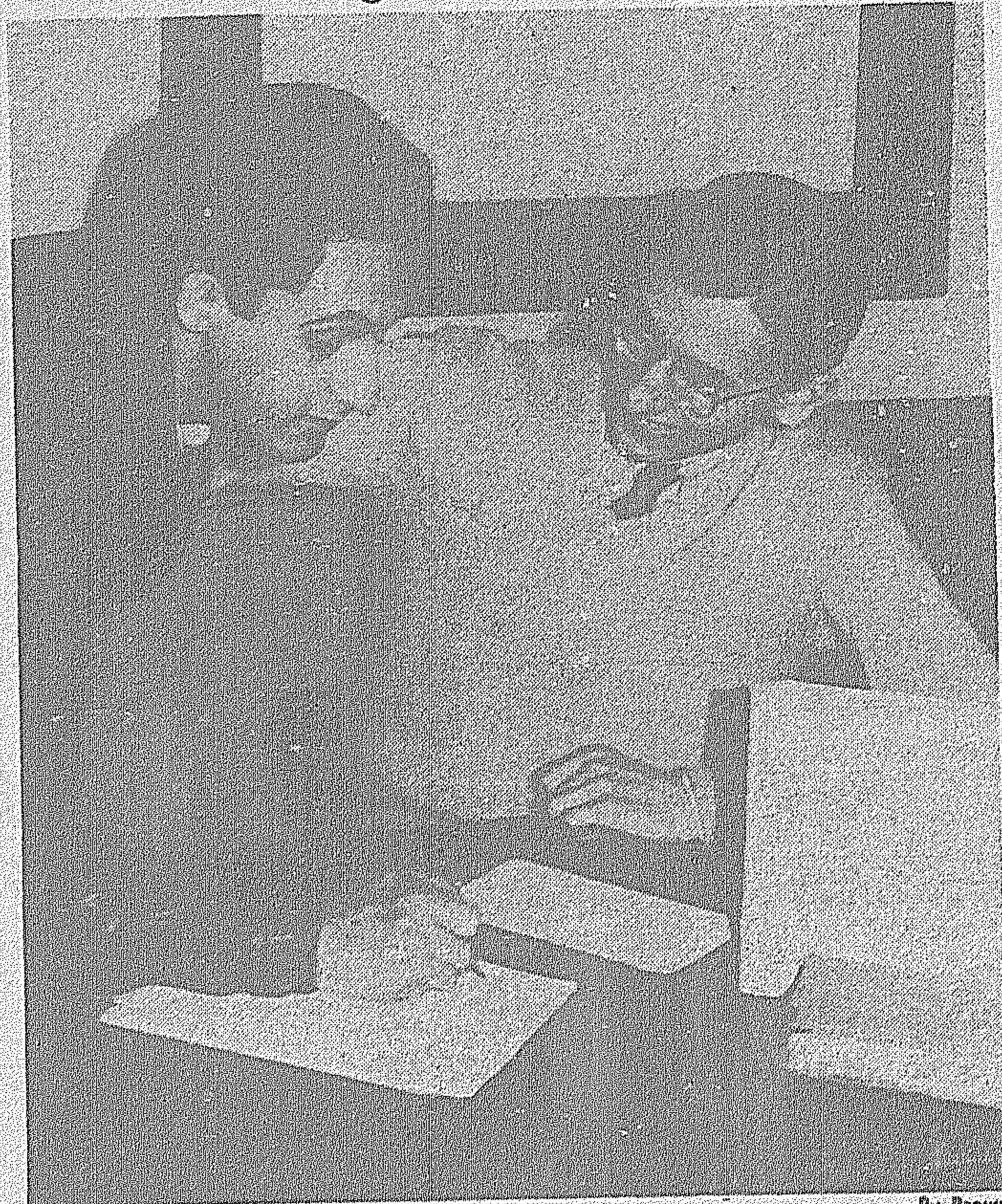
While on duty in the Pacific, Armstrong earned the rating of machinist's mate 2/c. His home is in La-Grange, Ind.

The "Presidential Unit Citation" was awarded to Armstrong during the regular Saturday dress review.

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Beard Growing Contest Begins



CONTEST BEGUN FRIDAY—The annual Beard Growing Contest for Junior Week started last Friday when 20 persons entered. Robert Misch (right) looks over entrant.

Musical Clubs Entertain in Milwaukee; Pabst Brewery Tour Highlight of Trip

Concerts, plant inspections, an abundance of food and refreshments, and a general gay time were had by members of the IIT musical clubs on their visit to Milwaukee, Wis. last Thursday, said O. Gordon Erickson, director of the club.

The trip began at the Allis-Chalmers plant where the students were conducted on a tour by former Illinois Tech men now working at the company.

Orchestra, band, and glee club then "played for their supper" in two concerts given for the employees. Unknown to the members of the clubs when they gave their concerts was the fact that the entire board of directors of the company were there to witness the entertainment. James D. Cunningham, chairman of the board of trustees of IIT and a member of the Allis-Chalmers board was among those present.

Luncheon was served at the expense of the company. The students were given as much food as they de-

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Wins Citation



ARMSTRONG CITED—Robert Armstrong was awarded a Presidential Citation last week.

4B Meeting to Be Wednesday

A/S Alfred Roberts, president of the October senior class, has announced an important class meeting this Wednesday. The meeting will start at 10:30 a. m. in 305 Main. Deans Charles A. Tibbals and James C. Peebles have excused all October graduates, both navy and civilian, from classes during the hour.

Plans for the forthcoming joint June-October Senior Farewell will be discussed. A picnic will be held this month by the senior class.

Roberts urges all October seniors to attend the meeting, and to make suggestions as to what they want the class to do. The class officers will be introduced at that time.

Clare Puchalski is the new treasurer of the October class. He is replacing John Roach, now in the navy.

3 Students Pledged by Pi Delta Epsilon

Baker, Misch, and Leichti Honored by Journalism Fraternity

The IIT chapter of Pi Delta Epsilon, national collegiate journalistic honorary, pledged three students last week. They are: Sid Baker, senior aeronautical; James Leichti, junior mechanical; and Robert Misch, junior chemistry major.

These men will be initiated into the honorary next Sunday, at the Swedish Club of Chicago. Approximately 50 honorary and alumni members will also be initiated at the ceremony. The alumni pledges are members of Sphinx, former IIT journalistic honorary, who have applied for membership in Pi Delta Epsilon.

The three students are being honored by the fraternity for their exceptional work on the student publications. Sid Baker and Robert Misch, both of *Technology News*, are completing their second year of service on the student newspaper. Baker is the feature editor of the paper, while Misch is the assignment editor.

James Leichti is the Editor-in-chief of the *Integral*, Illinois Tech annual. Last semester he was copy editor of the yearbook.

Many of the alumni to be taken in are prominent men in public life today. Among these are: William Erickson, Cook County Commissioner; and Lt. Colonel Campbell Wright, Chief of the Camouflage Branch of the U. S. Army Engineers Corps.

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Graduate Student To Receive Award

Herbert Wehrmeister, graduate student in chemistry, has been adjudged by the faculty of IIT as the outstanding chemistry graduate of 1944.

In recognition of this selection, Wehrmeister will be the recipient of an annual medal award presented by the Chicago chapter of the American Institute of Chemists.

Five other students in midwestern colleges will also receive the award.

Tomorrow Is Deadline for Purchasing Tickets for the Junior Dinner Dance

Tickets for the junior informal dinner dance must be purchased by 1:30 p.m. tomorrow, according to Larry Johnson, social chairman. This deadline is necessary because of the fact that dinners must be reserved in advance, he pointed out, adding that absolutely no tickets will be sold at the door.

The dance is to be held at the Furniture Club of America, Lake Shore Dr.; it will feature Henry Brandon, his orchestra, and his vocalist, Betty Bennett.

Dinner will be served from 8 until 9 p.m., asserted Johnson. A minimum of three paid tickets will be necessary to reserve a table, although each table will seat five couples, he said.

Tickets, selling at \$4.00 per couple, may be purchased from the members of the social committee, including Larry Johnson, Tom Ruck, and Jim Aberman.

A fish course may be substituted for turkey, for those who desire it, it was stated.

17 Men Initiated By Pi Tau Sigma

Seventeen students were initiated into the Pi Tau Sigma fraternity last Wednesday at the Swedish Club of Chicago, announced Marc Heidmann, president.

Pi Tau Sigma is the honor fraternity for mechanical engineering students. This was one of the largest initiations of the fraternity ever held at Armour.

The students initiated were: Joseph Algino, Bob Backlund, Vince Bielecki, Jake Dumelle, Fred Frischower, Willard Hanson, Orville Homenister, Herbert Hymen, Henri Koci, George Linhart, Bob Negele, Ray Norlander, Leigh Robinson, Felix Rosenthal, Taki Taniguchi, Ray Thurston and Robert Zundel.

Also present to participate in the initiation were faculty members Stanton E. Winston, Henry L. Nachman, Roland A. Budenholzer and Charles O. Harris.