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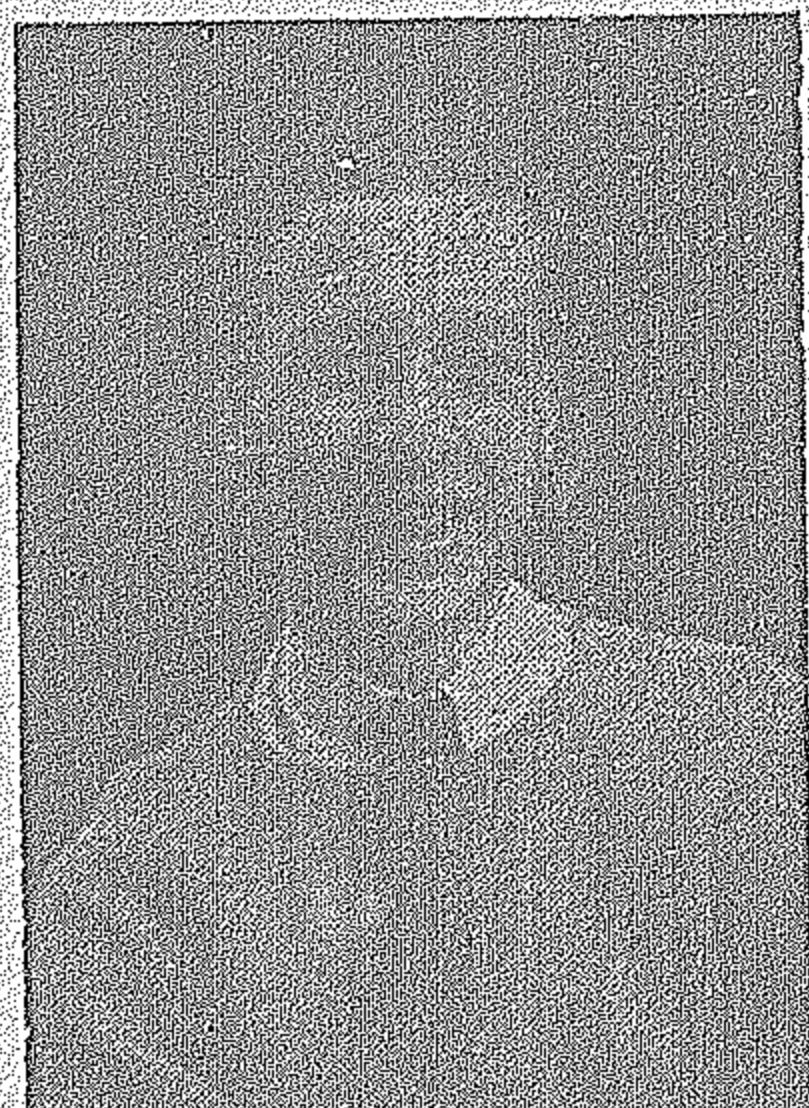
WHEN TECHNOLOGY NEWS was given the rating of all-American in the Associated Collegiate Press contest, it came as a result of the efforts of the members of the past two managing boards of this paper. On April 19, the first issue of the *New Technology News* appeared on the campus, new by the reason that it attempted to give a complete coverage of campus events, something which previous papers fell short of. The new program was begun by Dick Larson, who was editor at that time, Arthur Olson, managing editor, Charles Rowbotham, feature editor and Ulysses Backas, sports editor. Larson brought about a remarkable improvement in the publication during his two semester regime as editor.

When Milton Burkart became the editor last November, he was spurred on by both the success of his predecessor and a desire to attain an all-American newspaper for Illinois Tech, a thing that had not happened since the organization of the *Armour News*. He was aided in this by Burt Fried, business manager; Isabella Winter, Lewis managing editor; Jim Oldshue, sports editor; Bill Burkart, feature editor; and myself as managing editor. It is sufficient to say that he attained his goal.

All of those mentioned above went to work with the idea that there is more to college life than studies. They proved that, if one wants to, one can find time for such activities.

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Seniors to Receive New Chance To Sign Up for War Assignment

Navy Ball Will Be Semi-formal; 525 Vote in ITSA's Dance Poll

The Navy ball will definitely be semi-formal. This is the decision announced by the ITSA Wednesday afternoon as its meeting following a poll it conducted that morning. The ASSC, at its meeting on Friday, concurred with the ITSA decision.

2 Men Pledged To Tau Omega

Two men have been pledged to Tau Omega, honorary aeronautical engineering fraternity, this semester announced Milton Schwartz, president. The pledges are Willard Hanson and Paul Theris.

The pledge period began last Tuesday, May 9, and will end this Wednesday, May 17. As a part of their pledge duties these men may be seen carrying yellow and black

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All graduating seniors and perhaps the October seniors are apparently going to have an opportunity to utilize their engineering and scientific talents to the fullest degree in the war effort, it was indicated today in an announcement from John J. Schommer.

All graduating seniors will be eligible to make application to enlist into the laboratories of the National Advisory Committee of Aeronautics on some day this week, Schommer reported. A senior meeting will be this week, in which a NACA representative will explain full details. The date will be announced sometime this week before the meeting.

October graduates may be included in the plans if the Civil Service requirements allow them to make applications.

Immediately after the talk by the NACA representative June graduates will be able to make direct on the spot applications into the NACA.

NACA ANNOUNCEMENT

The special announcement, received today, read as follows:

"The War and Navy Departments have formulated, and the President has approved, a special militarization plan to assure an adequate staff in the laboratories of the NACA to enable the Committee to meet the critical military objectives set for it by the Army and Navy. Under that plan draft eligibles appointed to duty at the Langley and Cleveland laboratories of the NACA will, upon indication in due course, be assigned to the Army and be immediately transferred to the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve (inactive duty status) to continue without interruption their civil duties, at civil pay and in civilian clothes, for an indefinite period, probably for the duration. Their pre-induction physical examination and actual induction will take place on the same day at or near the Langley or Cleveland laboratories, regardless of the place of registration.

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Technology News Selected As All-American Newspaper

West Campus Lounge Nearer to Reality; Painting Is Completed

With the scheduled completion today of the painting of the west campus lounge, a long anticipated addition to IIT's recreational facilities came a large step nearer to reality.

Other decorating work has been finished or is planned for the near future, while the furnishing of the room has started,

3A Class Gets Own Treasury

The adjustment of the treasury of the Feb. '45 class was completed at a meeting Friday of the officials of the Oct. '44, Feb. '45 and June '45 classes with Dean Charles A. Tibbals and Raymond J. Spaeth, Institute treasurer.

The 3A's will have their treasury established with an amount of \$165.75. Of this sum, \$38.50 will be charged against the Oct. '44 class and the balance, \$77.25 will come from the June '45 treasury. The amounts were determined on a per capita basis by Spaeth.

The seniors' agreed to the distribution after Tibbals and Spaeth had explained the difficulty of ascertaining into which treasury each student had paid his dues.

With the arrival of several couches, chairs and end tables. More shipments of furniture are expected soon, said Dr. Ruth Clouse, faculty member in charge of the work.

The thorough cleaning of the skylights gives the room a bright appearance, which is further enhanced by the white ceiling. The maintenance department plans to start papering the walls very shortly, using a dull grey finish paper. Many overhead lamps have been removed, and floor lamps will be used to provide illumination.

A complete floor plan for the lounge has not yet been provided, but it is planned to have a section for card playing and enough space to permit dancing. The pole supports in the room will be covered in such a manner as to provide knick-knack and plant shelves.

Supervision of the lounge is at present in the hands of a special council, composed of the class presidents, Dean Ernest Walker, Dr. Ruth Clouse, and Miss Ruth Severud, and will continue in this manner unless another committee is set up.

Eating will not be permitted in the lounge, except for occasions when the lounge is used by clubs or organizations, the council has decided. The question of whether studying will be emphasized in the lounge or whether it shall be used primarily for social purposes is yet to be decided. The committee intends to make definite rules and regulations regarding the use of the lounge, which will probably be similar to those governing the south campus lounge.

Technology News has been rated as an all-American college newspaper.

Its rating was announced today by Associated College Press, an organization of more than 500 college newspapers, at the close of the group's twenty-ninth critical service contest. In the contest, *Technology News* competed with college newspapers from throughout the nation.

It was one of the five newspapers in the college class of from 1000 to 2500 enrollment with weekly newspapers to be selected all-American. Including all enrollment classifications, *Technology News* was one of 27 college weeklies to be named all-American with 91 others being relegated to first, second or third class ratings.

IIT'S FIRST ALL-AMERICAN

Selection of the student newspaper as all-American probably marks the first time that any student or student activity has won such an honor since Illinois Institute of Technology was formed in 1940.

Technology News' total score was 900, with 850 being the minimum for all-American. One-thousand would be tops. The local scorebook showed 220 for news values and sources, 245 for news writing and editing, 205 for headlines, typography and editing, and 230 on department pages and special features.

"Interesting paper, well made up" (See ALL AMERICAN on Page 5)

Sororities to Be in Interfraternity Sing For 1st Time This Year; 11 Groups Enter

For the first time in Illinois Tech history, sororities will compete in the traditional interfraternity sing. The contest, which will be held on Thursday evening, May 25, as a part of Junior Week, will feature all seven of Illinois Tech's fraternities as well as the four IIT sororities.

O. Gordon Erickson, director of musical activities at Illinois Tech, will act as judge in the contest. A

Results of the poll showed almost equal sentiment for a semi-formal affair and an informal dance, the former holding a slight lead.

A total of 141 stated that they would attend only if it were semi-formal, while 118 voiced the opinion that they would come only if it were informal.

A greater number, 196, indicated that they planned to be at the Navy Dance be it semi- or informal, but 156 of these indicated that they would prefer that it be semi-formal while only 40 of the group preferred an informal affair.

Based on this summary, the ITSA felt that it was the will of the students that the dance be semi-formal.

In conducting the poll, the ITSA distributed ballots to all 10:30 classes Wednesday on the south campus, in which students were asked to answer three questions: "Will you attend the Navy Ball if it is informal? Will you attend the Navy Ball if it's semi-formal? Which do you prefer, semi-formal or informal?"

A total of 525 students were polled. Only 70 indicated that they did not plan to come, in any event.

In taking the poll, the ITSA "scooped" the students' newspaper, for on just the day before *Technology News'* managing board had made an assignment to its reporters to poll the campus with the same identical three questions.

The paper went on through with its poll, and results closely paralleled those of the ITSA. Only 62 students were found who said they would not attend the dance, while slightly more preferred semi-formal than informal and of those who would come either way, also a few

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Rivalry to Keynote Junior Week Skits; Challenges Issued by Several Groups

A spirit of rivalry will keynote the departmental skits to be held on Friday, May 26. These skits are a traditional feature of Junior Week and are put on by the various class departments.

The senior chems have challenged any other class department in the school. So far their challenge has been accepted by the junior chems, the junior civils, the 4A, 4B, 3A and 3B mechs, the junior electricals, and the science majors.

A group of secretaries led by Lou Meyers, has challenged any other

group of secretaries on the campus, but to date have received no acceptances. The navy ship's company, led by Chief Fred Godfrey, has volunteered to perform. Groups from Lewis are also scheduled.

The judging will be done by Dr. Walter Hendricks, Dr. Fritz Richter, and Dr. Sanford Meech, all of the

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Classes for Saturday, May 27, Also Dismissed for Junior Week

There will be no Saturday classes on May 27, Dean C. A. Tibbals stated today to clarify any doubts in the minds of students.

Classes will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, May 26, as previously announced, and there will be no classes until Monday, May 29. This is being done to make possible complete student participation in Junior Week activities.

A full schedule of events is scheduled for both Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, as well as Thursday evenings.

IIT Host to ASME Mechanics Group

IIT will be host to the national convention of the Applied Mechanics branch of the ASME to be held at the La Salle Hotel, on June 16 and 17.

Highlights of the convention will be technical sessions at which papers on original contributions to applied mechanics will be presented, a banquet on June 17, and a tour of the Armour Research Foundation and Armour College.