

THE ITSA HAS left unattended the matter of setting up machinery for general elections next semester. It should be remembered that if there is to be no lag in the activities of classes and the ITSA itself, this should be taken care of immediately at the beginning of the new term.

A GOOD NUMBER of students have wondered why this paper has never used its editorial columns for airing its views on national political issues. Since those persons are paying for this publication, I give them an answer. First, the politics of both the Democratic and Republican parties are well presented by capable commentators in five Chicago newspapers.

Secondly, being without close connection to matters of public concern, and having, therefore, as a source of information only such material as is set in newsprint, it would be foolish for the members of the Managing Board to print their views in a paper which is sent throughout the United States and territories as the representative voice of the Institute. Third, there are enough matters of concern for *Technology News* on this campus so that it need not stray into other fields.

There is, however, nothing to prevent the next editors from taking on a new policy, should they so see fit.

Fredersdorff Is Top Man

Claus George von Fredersdorff and Mrs. Sylvia Hershenson will be the Armour and Lewis honor graduates, respectively, at this term's commencement.

Claus von Fredersdorff is the honor student from the Armour campus with an average of 2.94.

Claus, who was born in Berlin, is the son of a former German count. He commutes from Roselle, Illinois, and will get his degree in chemical engineering.

Mrs. Hershenson commuted from Park Ridge during her four years at Lewis. She has a daughter Jeanne, 17, who graduates this month from Township High School in Park Ridge.

Mrs. Hershenson's 2.43 average is the highest among the students graduating from Lewis.

Graduation to Take 22 V-12 Students

A total of 22 V-12 men will complete their college training at Illinois Tech at the end of this term and will be sent to one of three midshipman schools, according to Lt. (jg) M. P. Andersen, executive officer.

Five of the men will be stationed at Columbia University in New York, one will go to Cornell University while the remainder are to study at Asbury Park, New York. Asbury Park is a pre-midshipman's school.

Of the twenty-two, eight will receive degrees graduation night. Andersen stated that it is not yet known whether the men will receive leave before they report to midshipman's school.

2 Technical Drawing Instructors to Leave

George W. Larson and Herman Gerhardt, both instructors in the technical drawing department, will leave the school within the next few days.

Larson, who teaches on the south campus, will be drafted, but as yet does not know to which branch of the service he will be assigned. The reason for Gerhardt's departure from the George Williams campus is to take a job in industry.

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New Tech News Editors Chosen

Olson, Nelson Picked to Be New Co-Editors

Misch to Be Business Manager; Other Posts Will Be Filled Later

A/S Ray Olson and Herman Nelson, as co-editors, and Robert Misch, as business manager, will head *Technology News* next term. The other managing board positions will not be filled until the beginning of the new semester, since it is not certain which staff members will be back this summer.

Olson, who is now in his sophomore year, was a student at Illinois Tech before entering the navy. During his first year, he was freshman delegate to the ITSA, a reporter on *Technology News*, and a member of the orchestra and the band. He is also a member of a social fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi. Ray has served as navy editor of *Technology News*. During his freshman year, he held a William J. Cook scholarship.

In entering upon his duties as editor, Ray follows in the footsteps of his brother, Art Olson, ChE '44, who was managing editor of *Technology News* in 1943. Unlike his brother, Ray is majoring in mechanical engineering.

Herman Nelson, a junior chemical engineer, has maintained a straight 3.00 average at IIT. He has a long record of service on *Technology News* behind him, having served while an underclassman as reporter; headline, copy and rewrite editor; and assignment editor. During the present term he has filled the position of business manager on the paper.

A member of the AICHE, Herman was recently taken into Phi Lambda Upsilon, the honorary chemical society. His journalistic work was recognized in his initiation into Pi Delta Epsilon, national journalistic honorary, last year; he will serve as vice-president of this group for the year.

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Is Co-op Store To Keep Room?

Will the Co-op Bookstore lose its quarters? Will the Armour Eye be forced to give up its present club-rooms?

These questions were the subject of much discussion on the south campus last week as rumors passed about to the effect that the Institute would not renew its agreement with the Co-op after the present one expires on August 30, and that the chemistry department was going to take over the quarters of Armour Eye for a chemistry laboratory.

In an attempt to obtain authoritative information on both these items of "scuttlebutt," President Henry T. Heald and Institute Treasurer Raymond J. Spaeth were interviewed. They indicated that there is little likelihood of the Armour Eye's becoming a chem lab in the near future, and also that the administration may renew the agreements with the Co-op.

With regard to the bookstore, Pres. Heald made clear that the organization cannot be allowed to continue indefinitely in its present location. He definitely disapproves of a business enterprise, run on a casual,

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Gas Institute Gets Building Priorities

Priorities have been granted the Institute of Gas Technology for the construction of its new research building, to be located between the Gas Institute and the Gas Annex building on State Street.

According to W. J. Pardu, director of maintenance, actual construction work will start in about ten days. The building will be furnished with heat, water, gas, and ventilation, the heat being supplied from the main building steam system.

20% of Freshman Class May Return

Less than 20% of the members of the present freshman class are planning to return next semester, a recent poll of the class revealed.

Of the 141 freshmen enrolled at the beginning of the current semester, five have already left for the armed forces. Many of the men have deferments until the end of this semester and the majority will leave August 1. A few who have enlisted in the reserves will probably not be called until the end of the term in which they become 18. Still others have not reached 18 and they, with those classified 4F, will be the nucleus of the returning freshmen next term.

\$150,000 ARF Snow Cruiser Now Lies Buried in Antarctic Snow

Beneath 30 feet of snow at the Little America base in Antarctica lies the \$150,000 snow cruiser, property of the Armour Research Foundation. This was revealed recently by Lt. Cmdr. Thomas C. Poulter (USNR), ARF scientific director. The snow cruiser was first conceived in 1939 when the government appropriated \$340,000 for a polar expedition to lay claim to the lands east of Little America.

Daily Schedule To Be Changed

Starting next semester, classes will again go back to the former arrangement of starting ten minutes after the hour and ending on the hour. Classes will start at 8:10 a.m. and continue 'til 5 p.m. This was announced today by W. E. Kelly, registrar.

There will be two free hours each week. The first free hour, Wednesday from 11 to 12 a.m., will be for both navy and civilian students. The hour can be utilized by assemblies, clubs, social activities and other similar activities. The second free hour is to be for the navy men only. It will be held on Friday from 11 to 12 a.m.

The navy chow period will be changed. The new time will be (See SCHEDULE on Page 5)

Wheather the cruiser is still intact is a matter of conjecture. In the spring of 1941, the United States government called off the three year expedition after one year had elapsed because world conditions made it necessary to recall the ships and men and to leave the cruiser behind.

As the American ship, the North Star, steamed out of the Bay of Whales on the first leg of its voyage home a Japanese trading ship was sighted. Attempts were made by the Americans to contact the vessel but it refused to answer radio signals. Being faster than the North Star, it could not be overhauled; thus it is not known at the present time whether the Japs returned to the base.

According to Dr. Poulter, designer of the cruiser, a month of open

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118 Degrees to Be Granted Sunday

Co-op to Give Dividend of 8%

The Engineers' Cooperative, Inc., has declared a dividend of eight percent of total purchases made in the period of February 1 through May 31, inclusive.

Members may receive their dividend by coming up to the Co-op Bookstore on or after Thursday, June 15, and showing their certificate of capital stock. Don Arenson, president, invites those who are not now members to join by investing two dollars in a share, which is refundable at any time. The Co-op will also welcome students to work on its staff. Those interested may see any of the present staff in the bookstore, fourth floor, Chapin.

Honor Man



HIGH MAN—Claus von Fredersdorff, with a 2.94 average, is the top scholastic honor student graduating this term.

151 Begin IIT "In Plant" War Courses; 93 Women Are Included Among Trainees

New IIT Committee To Assist Veterans

A faculty committee on planning for returning veterans has been organized at IIT, with Dean Charles A. Tibbals as chairman. According to Tibbals, this committee will plan "the reception, placement, registration, orientation and counseling" of veterans who will return to IIT.

The other faculty committee members are: Dean H. P. Dutton, W. E. Kelly, registrar, W. C. Krathwohl, director of tests, J. D. Larkin, Dean J. C. Peebles, M. B. Reed, and Dean E. T. Walker. Larkin and Reed are the chairmen of the IIT Post War Planning committee.

The group will meet periodically to draw up plans to be put into effect after the war.

One hundred and fifty-one persons, representing four different industries, have begun "in plant" war training courses, given by Illinois Tech, within the last week. Ninety-three women are included among the 151 trainees.

Forty men from Braniff Airways, Incorporated, began studying "aircraft electrical systems" last week. The course is the first Illinois Tech has given exclusively for an airline. The men go to school five evenings a week for three weeks, holding down their jobs during the day.

At the same time, 75 employees of the army finance department—67 of them women—began a 15-week course in "fundamentals of accounting."

"Fundamentals of accounting" also opened this week for 20 employees of Swift & Company. Ten of the trainees are women.

Dr. Birkhoff To Be Speaker 10 Advanced Degrees Will Be Conferred

Graduation ceremonies will take place for 118 students on Sunday, June 18, at the Museum of Science and Industry. Highlighting the program will be the awarding of honorary degrees to two famous men.

Dr. George Birkhoff, the speaker for the graduation, will receive a Doctor of Science degree for his contributions to teaching and research in mathematics; and Vice Admiral Ben Moreell will have the degree of Doctor of Engineering conferred upon him for his technical contributions to civil engineering.

Seven men will be awarded MS degrees and three will receive PhD degrees. These men are:

- Master of Science in Chemical Engineering
- Thomas V. Freilay
- Master of Science in Chemistry
- Irving P. Goldstein
- Eugene H. Stevenson
- Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering
- George H. Martin
- Master of Science in Physics
- Carroll W. Lufey
- Master of Science for studies completed at the Institute of Gas Technology
- Thomas L. Pelican
- Leonard Savory
- Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry
- Robert H. Saunders
- Harvey J. Taufen
- Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering
- Arthur Goldsmith

Ten students will serve as Honor Marshals at the graduation ceremonies. These students have been selected by the dean for their

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