

THE SOPHOMORES have been subjected to a great deal of verbal abuse from all sides during the past few months for their inactivity. One possible reason for their lack of activity, at least socially, was apparent last Wednesday as they attempted to agree on a suitable class social function. Over-hanging the discussions was the fact the entire class treasury consists of only \$20, and hence the class, having no money with which to back its contracts, would have to run its affairs on a strictly cash basis. Needless to say this condition is very definitely a restriction upon successful activities.

"Why should such a condition exist?" is the question which was on the lips of every soph attending the meeting. Upon observing the rather large treasuries of the senior and junior classes one naturally wonders as to the reason for the sophomore lack. The responsibility for the sad soph situation lies on the shoulders of those "wise and judicious" gentlemen who claimed membership to the ITSA board at the time the class started at IIT. They were the "wise-men" who decided that the members of the class would not care to conduct class activities because of the war, etc., and hence the usual class dues were suspended for the "duration". Yet some of these same persons are among the loudest complainers about soph lethargy.

It is true that the usual one dollar a term for class dues was excessive, for enormous class treasuries were built up and never used. However, it certainly was not necessary to abolish the plan entirely. Class dues of say one-half that amount might well have been charged. No, to the "wise and judicious" ITSA board, such a compromise was impossible. Instead they had to handicap the undergraduate classes for the remainder of their stay at Illinois Tech.

My hat is off to Ed Arends and his soph social committee. If they are able to swing a successful affair in spite of all obstacles they will really be showing their worth. In making their arrangements they might do well to remember the navy sophomores and actively seek their support, remembering their restrictions in regard to midweek liberty.

SPEAKING OF NAVY LIBERTY, I am tempted to pause and comment on the change of procedure in regard to "out-of-bounds" passes. This is certainly one of the finest things to happen to the V-12 men in some time. Judging from the ovation which greeted Lt. M. P. Anderson's words last Friday morning, there are a great many seamen who agree. Two passes a month beyond the 75 mile limit accompanied with liberty until 8 a.m. Monday almost

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Seniors to Hold Farewell Dance On October 7

Tally Ho Room Will Be Site of Affair; Bids Will Go On Sale Today

The senior farewell dance will be held on October 1 in the Tally Ho room of the Medinah Club.

Henry Koci and John DeCook of the arrangements committee announced that the sale of bids will begin today in the Student Union lobby. Because a certain number of bids must be sold before a contract is signed, seniors are advised by the committeemen to buy theirs early.

The cost of the bids is \$3.50 plus the government tax. February graduates are also invited by the committee since this may be the last farewell for some time.

The Tally Ho room is on the ninth floor of the Medinah Club. Dance music will be furnished by Lew Diamond, and other entertainments are planned.

According to Koci, all senior class officers are co-operating to put the event over. Much of the work is being done by the social chairmen, Joe Kaleba and George Shober.

The social committee is also open to suggestions for the senior stag which is being planned tentatively for a week after the farewell.

Juniors Plan Social Event

The junior class is planning a "weenie" roast in Thatcher's Woods. It will be held on or about October 14. The final date is dependent on ASSC approval. Details on transportation are still being worked out, and final plans will be announced later. Thatcher's Woods is located about 8800 West on Lake Street.

The "eats", weiners, buns, cider, etc., will be paid for by the class treasury. However, those intending to go must notify a class officer before Sept. 29 so that enough food may be ordered.

According to president Tom Ruck, the affair will be a typically successful junior affair. Couples only may attend.

Sophomores Consider Walnut Room of Hotel Bismark as Site for Dinner-Dance

The sophomore question of a semester social event is still in doubt according to Edward Arends, social chairman. At a class meeting Wednesday a hotel dinner-dance was tentatively decided on since the class does not have a sufficient reserve to back a private dance. An estimate given to Arends since the meeting by the Hotel Bismark for reservations in the Walnut Room was \$6 per couple with the stipulation that the date be a weekday night.

Opinion on the estimate among civilians, many of whom work week-nights, is varied. The question of navy men being allowed to attend during the week will also be a determining factor.

Arends said an effort would be made to contact all those who signed the attendance petition circular Wednesday for opinions. He also requested that any sophomore not present at the meeting, but interested in some social event, should contact him.

Arends reminded the class they had only four more weeks before exams, and that a decision must be made soon.

New War Training Courses Open Here

Six new courses will be offered in Illinois Institute of Technology's fall war training program, it was announced today by John I. Yellott, director of war training at the Institute.

They include: advanced courses in "mould design for plastics," "heat treatment and metallurgy," and "machine design" and three courses in "cam design," "industrial wage incentives" and "production shop computations."

The six courses are included in Illinois Tech's 51 general war courses which will open Sept. 25. Registration for the courses will be open until Friday, September 22.

Senior Farewell



TALLY HO ROOM—Shown above is the site of the forthcoming Senior Farewell which will be held on October 7, in the Tally Ho Room of the Medinah Club.

Average Salary of Graduates Is Now Highest in IIT History

The average monthly salary of the class of 1944 is the highest in the history of IIT with the figure of \$193.84. A salary of \$346.67 was given to Woodrow Tichy, a co-op mechanical; this was the highest salary paid. The fire protects slipped from their customary first place to second place having an average monthly salary of \$190.00. The mechanicals took first place having an average salary of \$203.89.

This sudden rise of the mechanicals is due to the fact that many of them had previous experience in industry as co-ops. They were forced to become straight mechanical engineers due to the Selective Service regulations.

The architects were given the lowest salary; this was \$169.89 per month. The civil engineers and the electricals were very close to this figure; the former getting \$188.84 while the latter received \$184.28. The chemical engineers were near the bottom with a monthly salary of \$178.40.

In the past five years the average monthly salary has risen \$93.84. In reviewing this rise Schommer reflected on the situation, stating, "I advise all those taking positions to give preference to stable companies, which will have a firm position in the postwar world. Although certain jobs may seem more attractive due

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Signal Corp Girls Will Sing for Navy

A girls' glee club from the signal corps of IIT will present a program with the IIT musical organizations for the navy happy hour Sept. 22, according to O. Gordon Erickson.

Following the program a dance for the girls will be given by the musical organizations in the student lounge. The Navy dance band will play, but the dance will be limited to members of the musical organizations.

The girls have been sent by various large corporations all over the country to IIT's west campus for specialized training. Erickson said he had forty-four in the glee club.

Featured soloists with the girls' glee club will be Jenevieve Robinson, contralto; Marjorie McLellan, soprano; June Fischer, whistler; Dorcia Gosthea; and a trio composed of Marjorie McLellan, Carol Davey, and Jane Nillis.

The program will contain such musical comedy favorites as "Wanting You," "Summertime," "In the Still of the Night," and "Smilin' Through."

The numbers by the IIT musical organizations are a part of the program given in Pontiac, Illinois, Sept. 8.

Illinois Tech to Be Given Army Service Award

General Armstrong to Present Award to IIT At All-School Assembly

The Ordnance Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Illinois Tech at an all-school assembly Wednesday, October 11, it was revealed today by Henry T. Heald, president of the Institute. General Donald Armstrong, chief of the Army Industrial College, will present the award.

The Institute was notified of its winning this prize by General L. H. Campbell, chief of army ordnance. Illinois Tech has merited this award for its achievements in training workers in its ESMWT program, signal corps schools, and other war training programs.

Illinois Tech's ESMWT program has been the largest in any privately endowed college in the United States. The over-all war training program is second only to Penn State College, according to Dean James C. Peebles.

This is one of the first times such an honor has been paid to a private institution in the country and the first to be awarded to a midwestern college, Peebles stated.

It is planned that James D. Cunningham, chairman of the board of trustees, will preside. Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago has been invited to attend. Either the navy band or the orchestra will supply the music.

111 Degrees to Be Presented

One hundred and eight bachelor degrees and three advanced degrees will be granted at the Illinois Tech commencement this term. There are 35 V-12er's and 61 civilians receiving degrees at the south campus and 12 civilians receiving degrees at the west campus. Those receiving advanced degrees are: H. H. Pokras, Ph.D. in chemistry; Stanley Ulick, M.S. in chemistry, and Aharon Amramy, M.S. in civil engineering.

Commencement will be held in the auditorium of the Museum of Science and Industry on Wednesday, Oct. 25, and will begin at 8:15 p.m. Dr. Roupp, pastor of the Central Church, will be the speaker.

Over 2000 Applications for Enrollment Received for Fall Evening School Term

More than 2000 applications have already been received for the fall term of the evening school, according to Dean H. P. Dutton.

The largest number ever enrolled in the evening division of Illinois Tech is over 4000. This record was made during the first semester of '40-'41. However, Dutton stated that with servicemen returning the record will probably be broken.

According to Dutton, it takes the average student from 8 to 10 years to get a degree from evening school. However, 5 degrees were given last semester. Dutton said that in the past the purpose of evening school was to enable men to complete their college work in their spare time. "In the future," Dutton said, "the evening school will have three functions. First, continuance of the regular under-graduate and graduate work. Second, the teaching of specialized college credit courses. Third, the presentation of industrial courses, non-credit, to enable persons in industry to get a better overall grasp of their job."

The smoker will be the first in a series of meetings which will deal with serious subjects. Some of the topics to be discussed in subsequent meetings will be curricula changes and plans for a student tutoring service.

The main purpose of the first meeting will be to organize a social "get together" and let the new men get acquainted with the old.

Pi Tau Sigma is an honorary fraternity for mechanical engineers.