

TESTING AT IIT is an individual problem of the professors at the present time. This simple fact has caused numerous student headaches in past years for it has resulted in a student having as many as four separate quizzes in a single day. For some unknown reason this situation seems to have become progressively worse these last few months. It definitely needs correcting. The fact that the condition has continued in this manner for so long is no reason why an improvement cannot be made. An individual's efficiency is usually lowered after taking more than one examination and hence often the results of the second, third, and fourth quizzes fail to indicate the student's true ability.

As a means of relieving the problem, the administration of the Institute would do well to consider adopting an organized testing system. A suggestion would be to give each department a day in which to conduct its quizzes. For example the language and literature department might be given Monday for its tests, the mathematics department Tuesday or Thursday, and the chemistry department would give its exams on Wednesday. Such a system could certainly do a great deal towards improving a student's work. Perhaps it would be some hardship on the instructors.

However, if the plan were presented far enough in advance he should be able to schedule all quizzes to fit in with his regular program of instruction. I believe that the hardship produced would be more than off-set by improvement in the class's work. At the present time, when so many are experiencing difficulty, especially in the various mathematics and mechanics courses, there is certainly a definite need for such an improvement.

SPEAKING OF TESTING, now that final examinations are drawing nigh, I wonder if a better schedule will be planned this term than last. I shudder every time I think of the four finals I had in one day last term. The worst part of the whole situation was that the condition was quite general. Almost everyone had a day in which he had at least three quizzes. When many professors count the final as one-third the total grade for the course, the examinations can loom very important to a student. If he fails because of an overcrowded day, it is certainly more than merely regrettable.

WITH THREE WEEKS to go, the mechanics department is shuffling its professors around. Last week students who were passing under one instructor now find themselves failing under another merely because the teaching methods and marking systems vary.

That the marking systems and teaching methods should vary is perhaps somewhat excusable though regrettable. However it is doubtful that there is really a good excuse for the changes in professors at this late stage in the game. It is true that the mechanics department had no control over Professor Frank Wade's becoming ill. However the department should have been able to arrange the class schedules without juggling all of its A1, A2 classes.

Lt. (jg) Wilhelm to Be V-12 PT Officer

Lt. (jg) Samuel Wilhelm will be the new athletic officer of the Illinois Tech V-12 unit, Lt. Wayne A. Hamilton, commanding officer, revealed today.

Wilhelm, who is replacing Ensign Edward Glancy, is now stationed at Denison University and will arrive in the very near future.

Glancy is now on sea duty with the Pacific fleet.

Voting on the Constitution



CASTING BALLOTS—Earl Danielson, ITSA first vice-president, (seated) is assisting in collecting the ballots in the ITSA constitution election held last Wednesday. The revised constitution was approved by the student body.

Russ Bothie and His Band Will Furnish Music at "Phinal Phling"

Russ Bothie, his 10 piece band and singer Dorothy Paul will supply the music for the "Phinal Phling" to be held Saturday evening, October 14. The dance, which will be held in the auditorium, will be the last all school dance of the semester.

Tutored Pupils Well Satisfied

Students who have taken advantage of the tutoring being given by Pi Tau Sigma have been more than satisfied, according to A/S Robert Thurston, junior mechanical. A typical case was that of a freshman who got advice on his analytic geometry. The fellows in Pi Tau Sigma gave him help on some material, and the student was well pleased.

The service is being sponsored by Tau Beta Pi, general engineering honorary, but is led by Pi Tau Sigma, mechanical honorary. Members are in 302 Machinery Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day of the week, with very few exceptions when no member has a free hour.

If the students do take advantage of the opportunities presented them, other honoraries will join with their efforts, but in order for this to happen, more students must ask aid.

Thurston stated further that it is no easy task for the tutors to spend their time waiting for students to come in and ask advice. It is up to the freshmen and sophomores to make the organization a success.

One student who received aid last week had been assigned some new work which he did not quite understand. He went to Pi Tau Sigma and got the help which he wanted. Probably he could have gotten the work, but by getting aid he was able to understand the work in less time than he would have spent doing it himself, Thurston added.

New Society Elects Peebles As Officer

James C. Peebles, dean of engineering of Illinois Tech, was chosen vice-president of the American Society of Lubrication Engineers at a meeting in Pittsburg last Wednesday.

The ASLE is a new organization formed at the Wednesday meeting. Peebles has done a great deal of work in lubrication in the past. Norman Penfold, director of the diesel laboratory of the Armour Research Foundation, also attended. Penfold has also done much work in lubrication, especially on diesel engines.

Among the former engagements of Bothie have been the Marigold and Green Mill Ballrooms. He will furnish music from 9 until midnight according to A/S George Schober, head of the ASSC. Free refreshments will be served.

According to Schober, tickets will go on sale for \$1 tomorrow and may be purchased from any member of the ASSC. They are in addition to Schober, A/S Larry Johnson, Edward Arends, and John Severns; Edith Grastdorf will sell tickets at Lewis. The ASSC plans to sell tickets in the Student lobby also.

Extra police protection will be requested, Schober stated.

The other dance of the term was the Integral Ball. Because over \$600 was lost on the affair, ASSC activities are curtailed until the ITSA grants it additional funds next term. Never the less, according to Schober, the affair should be a definite success.

Don Arenson, Integral editor, was master of ceremonies at the dance.

Senior Dance Plans Finished

The senior farewell will definitely be held October 7 in the Tally Ho room of the Medinah Club.

The decision was reached as a result of the senior class meeting last Friday. It was here that the seniors resolved to put their spirit and cooperation behind the affair.

Music will be furnished by Lew Diamond, and the other planned entertainment will be given by a specially selected committee of seniors.

John DeCook and Henry Koci announced today that the sale of bids will be held daily from 12 to 1 p.m. in the lobby of the Student Union for those seniors who are unable to see a ticket salesman.

The tickets, which will cost about \$3.50 plus the government tax, are to be replaced by regular bids when presented at the door of the newly decorated Tally Ho room.

The farewell will be the last affair to be held by the present graduating class. "It is only correct that all seniors should realize this situation and not fail to attend the dance," stated Koci.

Kilgariff, Olson, and Arenson Pledged to Pi Delta Epsilon

A/S Ramon Olson, Donald Arenson, and A/S Tom Kilgariff have been pledged to Pi Delta Epsilon, national honorary journalism fraternity.

These men, because of their responsibility and long service to IIT on student publications, are well-deserving of the privilege and the very type of men that Pi Delta Epsilon seeks to honor, stated Robert Misch, president of the fraternity.

Olson, co-editor of *Technology News*, is still in his sophomore year and is an ME major. He was a student at IIT before entering the navy. During his first year, he was freshman delegate to the ITSA, and a *Technology News* reporter.

He is a member of the social fraternity Pi Kappa Phi and in the orchestra and band. During his freshman year, he held a William J. Cook scholarship.

Before becoming co-editor, Olson served as navy editor and has been giving the greater part of his extra time to *Technology News* since he first entered IIT as a freshman.

Don Arenson, a physics major and the youngest senior in the school, is Armour editor of the *Integral*. He has had many interests although the yearbook currently occupies most of his time. Arenson has been president of the Co-op bookstore and was a co-founder of the fellowship of Rockdale. In his junior year, he became Head Junior Marshal. He first came to IIT on a freshman scholarship.

Kilgariff, a junior mechanical, is sports editor of *Technology News*.

He has had to work harder and longer than his predecessors with a shortage of trained assistants. He has kept the sports page up to standard but not without putting in long hours of work.

Kilgariff is a member of the Honor Board and is a present ITSA representative. He has played on several teams and has a lengthy record since his freshman year when he played forward on the Techawk basketball team. He was elected to Honor I, IIT athletic honorary, early in his junior year. He has served *Technology News* as a reporter, Copy Editor, sports assistant to Jim Oldshue and now sports editor.

Junior Picnic Is Saturday

The junior "weenie" roast will begin at 7 p.m. this coming Saturday. Those who will attend are requested by class president Tom Ruck to arrive promptly.

Juniors intending to bring cars to the affair are asked to inform Ruck or social chairman Larry Johnson. Help will be needed in transporting some of the refreshments.

Another urgent need will be portable radios. A place is available for dancing, but there are no facilities for music. Accordingly, any junior who can bring a portable is asked to do so by Johnson.

The directions on reaching Thatcher's Woods were given in last week's *Technology News*. However, for convenient reference, they are reprinted below. According to Johnson, this is the simplest and most direct means of getting to the site.

Take the Lake Street "L" west and get off at the Marion Street Station. Then walk north about a block to Lake Street and there take a streetcar going west. Ride the streetcar to First Avenue in Maywood. Get off at this stop and walk north a few blocks direct to the woods.

Freshmen to Hold Meeting Wednesday

The first meeting of the freshman class will be held this Wednesday at 11:05 a.m. in 202M. The freshman ITSA representative and social commissioner will be elected as the present office holders, William Killingbeck and Sol Benella are sick and in the navy, respectively. Plans for a dance will also be discussed, according to Race Wilt and Rodney Confer, commissioners at large.

Students Vote In Constitution

The ITSA revised Constitution has been accepted by the IIT student body, according to Wednesday's vote. Well over eighty per cent of the students voted for the proposition, according to A/S Dick Michalek of the ITSA Board. The tabulated figures on the Armour campus were 63 for and 13 against.

According to the ITSA officials, the vote was extremely light; they described the average voter as not having any knowledge of what he was voting on.

The new constitution will now go into effect. One of the provisions states that the first vice-president will now check to make sure that the actions of the board follow the provisions of the constitution.

The revision of the constitution was planned early last semester, but no real action was taken until the beginning of this term. The constitution committee decided upon several revisions: these were supplemented by those made by the ITSA Board. A school assembly was held to get suggestions from other students. The constitution was sent back to the committee, and a series of minor revisions were made before it was finally approved by the board. This final vote by the students now makes the ratification officially complete.