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TWO COMPANIES of Illinois Tech V-12 trainees were almost "wiped out" in one day last week as they traversed the "daring and dangerous" road from their quarters to the IIT cafeteria. One's first reaction is to inquire why such events should occur.

The answers to such a question lie in the conditions which exist along 33rd St. and at the intersection at State and Wabash. In the first place the streets are inadequately lighted. This, of course, cannot be helped now; and about all that can be done is to equip the seamen with more and better flashlights. Secondly, there are no stop-lights at either the Wabash or State intersections. This brings up the drive of *Technology News* to have the fair city of Chicago erect such devices more than a year ago when there was an epidemic of accidents and "narrow escapes". At that time we were told that stop lights were unnecessary and unobtainable because of the war. Of course, the fact that at least six such lights all in an unused condition had been lying idle in the city's materials yard on LaSalle St. for over six months prior to that time was incidental.

Lastly, the so-called traffic policemen who seem to be stationed on 33rd are continually demonstrating themselves to be fair weather friends for they are conspicuous for their absence when the temperature drops below 35 degrees. Last Monday they arrived 25 minutes after the men in Quarters #5 were run down.

Really though, we should not fail to recognize Chicago's efforts to protect its citizens and the "visiting" servicemen stationed at IIT, for the new coat of bright yellow paint on those ineffective stop-signs at State St. will undoubtedly attract many a motorist's eye from the road as he speeds across the path of Illinois Tech's endangered students.

THE ALL SCHOOL SING next Wednesday morning promises to be another of O. Gordon Erickson's achievements. The last time such an affair was held—over a year ago—it was a "howling success". With a generous sprinkling of students, the auditorium will again shake from the resounding strains (and stresses) of IIT voices. Navy men have demonstrated their abilities on many occasions at Friday morning assemblies and at Happy Hours and hence are expected to do an equally "fine" job Wednesday.

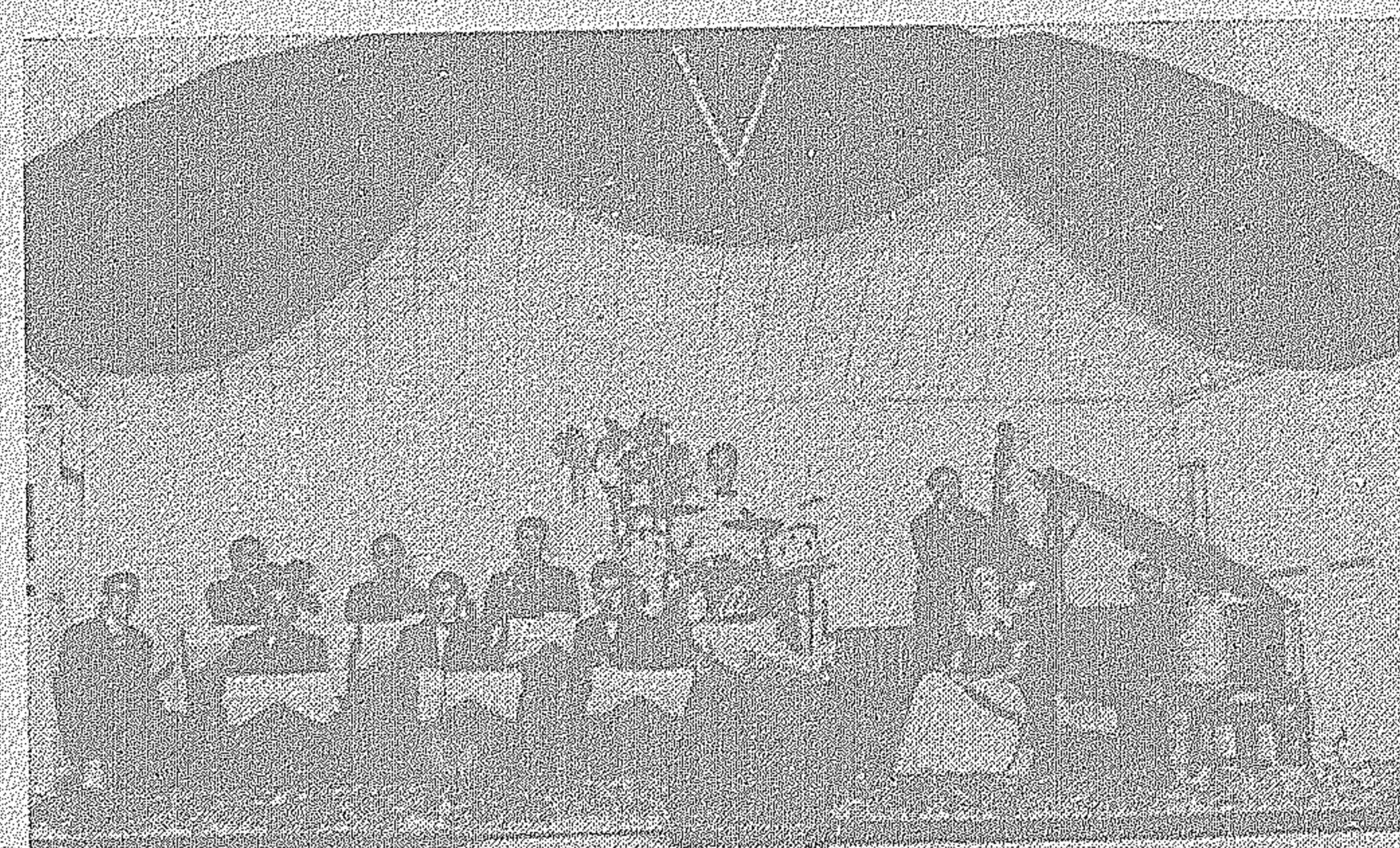
RADICAL MOVES were made at the last ITSA meeting when board members voted to fine themselves for being absent from the semi-monthly meetings. The members of (See AS I SEE IT on Page 5)

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Ready to Play



"SNOW BALLERS"—Roy Milton's orchestra, feature attraction of the all-school dance this Saturday, has now been scheduled for an additional hour. The dance will last from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and navy men have been granted liberty until 0500. All bids were sold out last week, and none will be available at the door. Reservations also exceeded expectations with every table accounted for in the Grand Ballroom, in addition to many in the Century Room.

All-School Sing Is Wednesday; Class Competition Main Event

Plans for the all-school sing to be held Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. in the auditorium have been completed by O. Gordon Erickson. The school class competition promises to be the highlight of the program with numbers by the band and glee club a close second.

Senior Stag to Be February 14

Approximately thirty-five seniors will attend the Senior Stag which will be held at 7 o'clock, February 14, at Marty's Restaurant. The Stag will be composed of graduates and eight term men; the admission will be \$3.25 per person. This fee will include a dinner and all the free beer one cares to drink. Robert Kasnicka and Ralph Punta are in charge of the affair and should be contacted if one has any further questions.

Henry Koci states this is a traditional school function and every senior should attend. Also, extended liberty will be granted to navy men.

The 4A class had invited the 4B's to share its social affairs with the graduating men. The June class, however, refused the offer, stating that they wanted their own affairs in June.

The 4A's have received \$30.75 from the ITSA to help defray the expenses of the class. This represents an appropriation of 75 cents per man for 41 graduates.

Class leaders today made optimistic statements regarding the outcome of the contest. "Our voices are young," said Leo Schmidt, freshman ITSA representative. "But ours are more mature," continued Tom Ruck, senior president.

A/S John Enander, junior ITSA representative, maintained his class was the largest and A/S Witold Kosicki, sophomore ITSA representative, commercialized by saying, "If the co-operation I've received with the Snow Ball is an indication of class spirit, we can't lose!"

Selections for each class have been made by the leaders and are being held state secrets. The final renditions will be with full band accompaniment. Erickson said that the glee club would be dismissed after their portion of the program so that they might sing with their classes.

The judges of the contest will be Dean Charles A. Tibbals, Professor John J. Schommer, and Professor Phil C. Huntly. Erickson quipped, "Of course they know nothing about music!"

First prize will be cokes for the winning class and the 'privilege' of hearing the replay of the winning number on the Armour Research Foundation's wire recorder.

Seniors are to occupy the left side of the main floor with the juniors on the right. The sophomores and freshmen will sit on the left and right sides of the balcony respectively.

Erickson urged both navy and civilian students to attend and learn the school fight song and alma-mater. He added that the program would be over in time for civilians to eat in the cafeteria before navy chow period.

Maguire to Return Soon to Navy Pier

Lt. A. J. Maguire, medical officer of the Illinois Tech V-12 unit, will return in the near future to Navy Pier from which he was detached. He will be replaced by Lt. Cmdr. Fauley, who is attached to the naval units at the University of Chicago and at the 87th St. and Anthony Training Station. He will be medical officer for all three stations, stated Lt. Royal F. Sessions, commanding officer of the IIT V-12 unit.

U. S. Gypsum Official Will Be Speaker at Commencement

John Sanger, vice-president of the U.S. Gypsum Corporation, will be the commencement speaker when 40 Illinois Tech students receive their degrees Sunday, February 25. The exercises will be held in the auditorium and will begin at 3 p.m.

"Snow Ball" Is Total Sell Out

All bids were sold out last week for the "Snow Ball", soph-frosh sponsored all school dance, which will be held this Saturday in the grand ballroom of the La Salle Hotel.

Al Kukral, sophomore social chairman, said that Roy Milton's orchestra, which is scheduled to play for the dance, has been acquired for an additional hour. The dance will now be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The navy has been granted liberty until 0500 for the occasion.

The sale of bids, which had covered expenses in the first week, continued at a rapid rate until all the bids were sold. "Because the dance is sold out, bids will not be sold at the door," said Kukral.

The sales in the first few days caused all the tables in the Grand Ballroom to be reserved and many tables in the Century Room. Tables for fraternities and clubs will be identified by having their respective symbols placed on them. A complete list of reservations will be posted in the SU Lobby this week. Kukral said, "All students holding reservations are asked to check the spelling of their names and note the approximate location of their table."

"The success of sales is due largely to the efforts of A/S Witold Kosicki, soph ITSA representative, and the social committees," said Kukral. Those on the sophomore committee are Bob Loomis, Bob Spitzig, A/S Herb Taylor, A/S Lloyd Giegel, A/S DeWitt Pickens, A/S Charles Hatstat and A/S Marshall Sager. The freshman social committee includes: Social chairman Race Will, Frank Janik, Howie Baum, John Baker and Sheldon Schrieber.

"George Williams College and Lewis Institute are to be congratulated for their help in the promotion of sales," said Kosicki. Selling bids at George Williams were A/S John Makeilski and A/S Louis Carter. Loreen Mattern, Lewis ITSA representative, sold bids at Lewis.

Dr. Chamberlin Sponsors Discussion Group; Levin Elected to Chairmanship

A new and spontaneous discussion group has just organized and Henry Levin, senior industrial, has been elected as chairman. The members have also selected Robert Pritzger and Henry Freund to the executive committee.

The faculty sponsor is Dr. Vell B. Chamberlin of the industrial engineering department. The organization will have a unique feature: two students will prepare for each meeting. These two will present as much factual information as possible in a limited time. The discussion will then be turned over to the group as a whole.

The purpose of the organization, according to Freund, "Will be to promote stimulating discussions of current topics and to enhance the knowledge of the members on the chosen subjects."

The topics under consideration for discussion range all the way from compulsory military training in peace-time to technological rehabilitation of liberated-defeated countries. Another issue due for discussion is the labor-industry relationship in wartime, with consideration (See CHAMBERLIN on Page 5)

Freshman Scholarships Awarded to Nine Chicago High School Graduates

Nine mid-year graduates of Chicago high schools have been awarded freshman scholarships to Illinois Institute of Technology, it has been announced by Dr. C. A. Tibbals, dean of students.

Each scholarship provides free tuition for two terms starting in March. The awards were made on the basis of competitive examinations held January 6. They are valued at \$200 each.

Winners in the engineering division are Harold Aaron Bergen, and David Henry Ross, both of Roosevelt high school; James A. Finlayson of Crane Tech; Herman L. Patt of Tuley; and C. Giles Smith of St. Ignatius. The five won over sixty-seven other contestants.

Four were named as winners in the division of arts and sciences: Shoshana Eatman and Geraldine Kaplan, both of Marshall high school; Miss Marlys Hewitt of Roosevelt; and Peter Pinto of Austin.

Alternates for the engineering scholarship are Peter Kocsis, Jr., and Theodore Shapin, Jr., both of Lane; John Cordes, Jr., of South Shore; Richard Lewis of Calumet; and Ludwig Fritsch of Hyde Park.

Movie Assemblies Assured in Future

A large turnout at the recent movie assembly has assured the student body that such programs will be a regular feature.

The assembly was held last Wednesday at 11 a.m. and featured two films in technicolor: Cellulose and Blood Plasma. The program was sponsored by the American Chemical Society and Alpha Chi Sigma, professional chemical fraternity. Attendance at the movies was estimated at 250.

A committee will soon be chosen for the purpose of selecting movies put out by industrial concerns. These films will then be previewed at the student assemblies and will eventually be shown at the next National Chemical Exposition.