

By HERMAN NELSON

THE ALL-SCHOOL SING held last Wednesday in the auditorium was in my opinion one of the most enjoyable student assemblies held at IIT in several semesters. It's not often that this school is privileged to have a gathering of this sort "just for fun." I'm sure that most of the students agree that more of such assemblies are very desirable, and should be made a must on the school calendar.

One of the best features was that the classes were given an opportunity to have a song contest; all the members of the classes were given a chance to vie with each other in friendly competition. Furthermore, this contest showed which classes evidently have the most spirit. In my opinion the freshmen and seniors were the best classes represented. The freshmen came out in surprisingly large numbers, and showed much enthusiasm throughout the program. The seniors livened the affair with their innocent and friendly heckling of the other classes, especially the sophomores and the freshmen.

The only unfortunate incident was the groans which were heard when the songs for the various classes were announced. It seems that the seniors and the freshmen were especially disappointed. The poor seniors really had to struggle to sing "Deep Purple", especially since they had not been notified before that they were to sing that song.

THE REGISTRAR HAS promised to have the class schedule for next semester ready at the beginning of this week. This is certainly an improvement over past semesters, and that office should be congratulated for it. Usually the schedules were not available until the final examination week, and students were often unable to plan their programs as carefully as they wanted. This time, however, there will be plenty of opportunities for students to get their programs straightened out before registration. Furthermore, if circumstances make it necessary for the departments to make needed changes in their programs, there will still be time to make the corrections known to the student body before the end of the semester. If very many corrections are necessary perhaps an auxiliary schedule list can be made by the Registrar's Office which would contain these new insertions. It would entail additional work, but it would be very much appreciated by the student body.

THE STUDY HALL in the auditorium of the Student Union is now a place of study in name only. In-

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Lt. A. W. Blake, New Executive Officer, Saw Combat While in Navy Armed Guard

Hitler's birthday in 1944 marked the most vivid day in the "sea life" of Lt. A. W. Blake, new executive officer of the Illinois Tech V-12 unit. On that day his convoy was attacked by air while deep in the Mediterranean.

"We got some of theirs and they got some of ours," said Blake in referring to the enemy attack on one of the war's largest convoys. The ship on which he served as armed guard officer emerged unscathed from the battle.

A veteran of the American, European, and Asiatic Theaters, Blake has traveled over 30,000 miles in over a year at sea. He enlisted in the navy almost three years ago as a chief specialist in charge of recruiting. His first assignment was in Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he had lived for 12 years working as director of vocational and adult education. In March of 1943 Blake was commissioned and in October began training for the armed guard.

Commenting on the duties of an officer in the armed guard, Blake

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Freshmen Receive Prizes



GETTING "COKE"—Members of the freshman class were awarded "cokes" last week after winning the all-school singing contest. Four of them are (left to right): R. Morris, W. Coon, R. Baginski, and B. Fawcett.

Arch Ward to Be Main Speaker At Honor Banquet Wednesday

Arch Ward, Wake of the News columnist for the Chicago Tribune, will be the principal speaker at the ITSA Honor Banquet Wednesday. Short talks will also be given by John J. Schommer, athletic director, and the coaches. The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. in the Stevens Building restaurant at 16 N. Wabash.

Drama Club Is Organized Here

Officers were elected and a constitution adopted for the newly organized drama club at a meeting January 28. Lois Duty was chosen president of the group, which will be known as The Dramatech. The balance of the executive board is: A/S Trent Knepper, vice president; Pat Vedel, secretary; A/S Richard Peterson, treasurer; and A/S Wendell Omer, sergeant-at-arms.

At a board meeting last Tuesday, Albert C. Mayer, Sp. 3/A, was officially chosen as director of the current production, "Out of the Frying Pan"; and A/S John Seeger was selected as production manager. Dr. F. K. Richter was approved as faculty adviser on the south campus, and Professor Samuel F. Bibb as faculty adviser on the west campus.

Charter members, already numbering over 20, will be those working on "Out of the Frying Pan."

A/S Robert Freund said that 135 of the 144 men invited have indicated they would attend. Of the guests 96 will be navy men—four from George Williams College and 92 from Armour.

The Honor Banquet is an annual affair, sponsored by the ITSA, to bring recognition to the men in sports. All teams will be represented at the banquet. Schommer said that he hoped the affair would some day serve as a reunion place for all people who have ever attended an Honor Banquet.

Previously it had been conducted as a father-son banquet; but since so few fathers attended, it was decided to discontinue the practice.

V-12 Assemblies Being Canceled

Dean Charles A. Tibbals has announced that beginning next semester there will be no navy assemblies and that 11 to 12 a.m. on Friday will be a free hour for the entire student body.

This program goes back to the pre-war system when all students had one free period in which they could conduct various meetings. The navy office has officially approved Dean's Tibbals' statement that there will be no navy assemblies. The present free hour at 11 to 12 a.m. on Wednesday will be discontinued, and next semester classes will be scheduled at this time.

Graduation Fee Is No Longer Required

Graduating seniors will not have to pay the usual fee for a diploma and cap and gown rental, according to W. E. Kelly, registrar.

Kelly also stated that tuition paid by the seniors will cover these fees and that any senior who has paid this bill for diploma and fees should see the registrar to get a refund. Any seniors who have not been measured for cap and gown should contact the Registrar's Office as soon as possible.

John B. Hughes Will Address All-School Assembly on Friday

John B. Hughes, news commentator and war correspondent, will lecture on MacArthur in the Pacific and present a Pacific forecast at an all-school assembly Friday. All classes will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m., and the lecture will begin at 10:40 a.m. in the auditorium. There will be no naval assembly.

Rader to Head EE Department

Dr. Louis T. Rader of Schenectady, New York, is the new chairman of the EE department. Dr. Rader will be Professor of EE and Director of the Electrical Engineering Curriculum. As department head he will have the largest staff at IIT. All of the navy EE lab courses and the EE war training program, involving nearly 1000 students at Lewis and in Cicero, will be under his direction.

The chairmanship was vacated by Dr. Jesse Hobson, who was appointed director of the ARF. Dean Linton E. Grinter has waited for two months before revealing the identity of the chairman while Dr. Rader cleared the War Manpower Commission.

Dr. Rader was born at Frank, Alberta, Canada, on August 24, 1911. He is a naturalized citizen of the United States. He has a B.S. degree in EE from the University of British Columbia, after which he attended the California Institute of Technology from 1934 to 1937, where he received his M.Sc. degree in EE. He also has his Ph.D. in EE (Magna Cum Laude).

While attending California Tech he had a teaching fellowship; he assisted in the construction and testing of the 1,000,000 volt surge generator.

Dr. Rader left California to enter the employ of the General Electric Company, where he participated in the "Advance Course in Engineering", after which he entered the industrial control engineering department. In 1943 he was appointed head electrical research engineer for the electrical research section of the industrial control engineering department.

He has worked on many new developments in industrial electronics, and is the author of a number of articles which have appeared in the publication "Electrical Engineer." At present he is preparing four articles for publication.

Dr. Rader is married and has a five year old boy. He expects to live in professor Paul Andres' home while Andres is vacationing.

Nell Steele Resigns Position of Librarian To Accept Appointment in Lake Forest

Nell Steele, librarian of Illinois Tech, has resigned her position at the Institute and accepted an appointment as librarian in Lake Forest. Miss Steele will begin her new duties at the end of the present semester.

All-School Sing Is Won by Freshmen

The freshman class singing, "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," won the all-school sing last Wednesday. The freshmen, although the youngest students on the campus, far outnumbered the other classes.

The seniors, with the second largest student showing, sang "Deep Purple" while the juniors sang "Stout-Hearted Men." The sophomores, although greatly outnumbered, struggled through "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," assisted by the heckling seniors. Said Leo Schmidt, freshman ITSA representative, "The cokes were greatly enjoyed by the freshmen."

Having just returned from the Pacific, Hughes will present an eyewitness account of MacArthur's recapture of the Philippines. His lecture will include events behind the headlines and stories of the men behind the guns.

Considered a reliable authority on world affairs in general, he will discuss the part eastern nations will play in the post-war world. He is well versed on the history of Japan, having made an intensive study of the Far East.

A Japan watcher long before the war, he flatly stated on one of his radio programs, "When the time comes, the Japanese will strike swiftly and surely. There can be no doubt about the war. When the Japanese are ready, they will start it if they have to fire broadsides into our biggest battleship."

Hughes started his journalistic career as a reporter on the Long Beach Press and has since been in turn a drama editor, actor, stage director, radio announcer, writer, commentator, and lecturer. He was the first radio analyst to conduct regular transcontinental commentaries from the Pacific coast.

Journalists to Hold Banquet

A combined Technology News and Pi Delta Epsilon banquet will be held Sunday evening, February 16, it was revealed today by Robert Misch, president of the Illinois Tech chapter of the journalism fraternity and business manager of the newspaper.

A program featuring a guest speaker will highlight the dinner which will take place at Marty's Restaurant. An initiation of new members into Pi Delta Epsilon will precede the dinner.

The banquet is an annual affair, honoring those who have served Illinois Tech by doing journalistic work. Last year Irving Kupciet, columnist for the Times, was guest speaker. Harold Burkart was editor of Technology News at that time.

As librarian at Armour since 1921, Miss Steele has seen the college library double its collection many times. With the merger of Armour and Lewis the collections of humanities and technology were about equalized.

Miss Steele attended Lake Forrest College. She received her library training at the Newberry Library in Chicago. In 1917 she became an assistant at the Ryerson in the Art Institute. After one year of service in the Camp Grant Library, Miss Steele came to Armour.

She states, "We have grown too big for our clothes. It seems hard to imagine that the Armour collection now totals 55,000 books. With 37,000 books at Lewis, everything is just poked in, even the people."

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