

IIT's POST-WAR PLANS came up for an airing at the ITSA banquet last Wednesday evening when President Henry T. Heald addressed the group. "A constantly improving faculty" is planned, said Dr. Heald in his talk to student leaders. It is indeed encouraging to hear that the Institute's administration has as one of its principal aims the rebuilding of its "war torn" staff.

In years past, it has been Illinois Tech's staff of professors which has given it the high position it holds with people of the engineering profession. War-time demands for trained men have, unfortunately, called upon many of IIT's best for positions in industry and in research. Then too, several have been retired. This means that these men have to be replaced. However, since the Institute usually draws a large portion of its new faculty from industry, it is virtually impossible to make such replacements during the war. It has therefore been necessary to work remaining instructors harder and often to place professors in charge of courses which are apart from their usual fields. I am certainly more than just pleased to hear that IIT's leaders recognize these facts, as all of Illinois Tech's plans for post-war building and for the modernization of its equipment are meaningless if President Heald's plan for a "constantly improving faculty" is not realized.

MY TERM of office as co-editor of Technology News is about to expire, and so may I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the splendid cooperation received from the members of the staff and from the student body in general. The former, especially, has been very patient during a time in which we have been under-staffed and have had to ask as few as a half a dozen reporters to do the work previously done by 30 or more.

Next term *Technology News* will need new blood. Hence there will be an opportunity for civilians and navy men who are journalistically inclined to take a part in its activities. In the past, no previous experience has been deemed necessary. Unless the individual has had some recognized college course in journalism however, it has been required that he or she take English 211, a one hour course in news writing. This procedure is expected to be continued. I certainly hope that next term will find additional "news hawks" on the paper's staff.

Hughes' Talk Stresses Advantages of Research Foundation's Wire Recorder

John B. Hughes, news commentator and war correspondent, in his talk Friday morning paid tribute to the Armour Research Foundation's wire recorder which he had used on his Pacific assignments. With it he made on-the-spot descriptions of air

battles, landings, and jungle fighting, later to be replayed, censored, and sent to home bases.

Using the adjectives practical, simple and flexible in his praise, he mentioned the ease with which censored portions were wiped out or replaced. He complained only that its advertised 29 pounds seemed heavier on jungle trails!

Referring to the end of the Japanese, Hughes said, "Most of you will have a chance to get in. I'm taking bets up to five years." He told of the frugality of the Japanese with material weapons and their disregard for human lives.

As for the peace he said, "...work out an Asia for the Asiatics that is not a threat to America for the Americans... I hope the example (of our colonial policy) with the Philippines will prove helpful..."

His lecture was highlighted with stories and anecdotes from his Pacific experiences. He left the Philippines after the invasion of Leyte but before the Luzon landings.

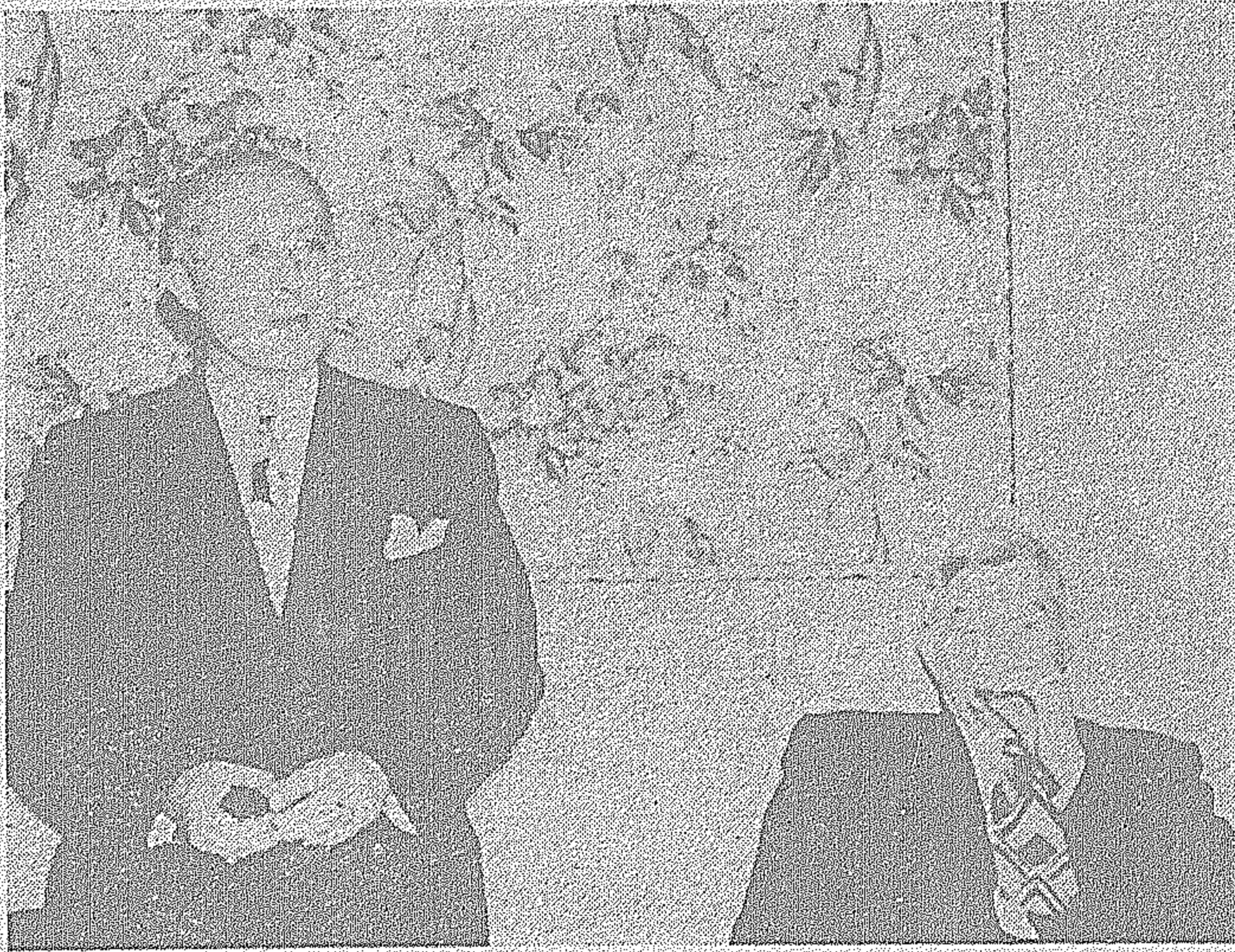
Meech Will Return To English Classes

Dr. Sanford B. Meech will be back at Illinois Tech next semester to teach in the language and literature department. Meech received a leave of absence for two terms in order to work on his book on Chaucer.

The title of the book will be "Chaucer's Imagery". The book will deal with figures of speech which Chaucer used when writing his book. A similar study was done some years ago on Shakespeare. That the job is a tedious one is indicated by the fact that Meech has spent three years working on it, and as yet, it is not ready for publication.

Dr. Walter Hendricks, head of the language and literature department, said: "Dr. Meech, an easterner, has become a westerner by the purchase of a home in Evanston." Meech's home had been in Groton, Conn., but since his father died while he was home last summer, he decided to make Evanston his home.

Honor Banquet Speaker



SPORTS CELEBRITIES—Arch Ward (left) was the guest speaker at the ITSA Honor Banquet held last Wednesday evening at the Stevens Restaurant. John Schommer, director of physical education at IIT, is seated at the right.

V-12 Trainees Will Be Rated As to Officer Qualification

Every V-12 trainee stationed at Illinois Tech will be rated twice a term according to his officer qualifications, Lt. Royal F. Sessions, commanding officer, stated today. These ratings will be posted beginning next term.

Among the items upon which the men will be rated are cooperation, industry, loyalty, military bearing, personal appearance, and disposition. Demerits, absences from classes, and academic grades will be taken into consideration, as will be the opinions of the various specialists who are in contact with the men. The purpose of this grading is to maintain high standards in the V-12.

The rating scale will be based on 4.0 being considered as perfect with 3.0 an average score. Trainees with less than a 2.5 will be judged un-officer-like and will be recommended for transfer to another activity. This procedure, stated Sessions, is in accordance with a recent bulletin from the commandant of the ninth naval district.

Revise Credits of Graduate Courses

"Undergraduate courses taken by graduate students will have their credit hour value cut one-third, the administration of the graduate school ruled last week. This means that all three hour undergraduate courses now being taken by graduate students will have only a two hour credit towards an advanced degree.

Especially affected by this will be a series of mathematics courses to be given by the math department that will be taught only three hours a week instead of the usual four. Foremost among these is differential equations, usually a four credit hour course.

Dance Club Will Not Meet 'til New Term

There will be no further meetings of the Dance Club this semester. Members of the club have been invited to a dance at the Chicago Teachers College, Wednesday, February 14. The following two weeks are final exams and leave for the Navy men; therefore the next meeting will be held about March 14. At that time the club will be under a new president, since A/S John Wright has served two semesters.

"New members are invited to join for the next semester. There will be new music, new girls, and a fine time for all," said Wright.

New Pledges to Tau Beta Pi to Be Presented This Wednesday

At an all school assembly this Wednesday, new members of Tau Beta Pi, national honorary engineering fraternity, will be pledged. Those to be pledged will be notified early Tuesday by telegram, said A/S Robert Negele, president. Dr. William

B. Lewis of the electrical engineering department at IIT, a member of Tau Beta Pi from the California Institute of Technology, will speak on "Industrial Experiences." No other organization will hold a meeting at the time of the Tau Beta Pi assembly.

The new pledges were elected at a meeting held last Wednesday by the four active members. The active members are A/S Robert Negele, president; John Mitchell, vice-president; Herman Nelson, recording secretary; and A/S Robert Thurston, corresponding secretary.

All the new pledges will have to write the usual 500 word theme, said Negele. The theme is to be original and on some topic pertaining to engineering. The initiation of the new pledges will be held on February 20.

Faculty advisors to Tau Beta Pi at IIT are: John C. Penn, civil engineering; Ralph Peck, chemical engineering; Myril Reed, electrical engineering; and Stanton Winston, mechanical engineering.

Dance Climaxes Senior Affairs

The Senior Farewell will be held in the Skyline Room of the Sherry Hotel on February 24. Bids will sell for \$6 and music will be furnished by Roy Milton and his orchestra. The affair will start at 7:30 and a chicken dinner will be served.

Entertainment at the farewell will include the reading of the Class Prophecy, and dancing will be from ten p.m. to one a.m. Due to the size of the prom, the dance will be limited to fifty couples.

Bob Thoren, Elwood Margison and John Weber, who are in charge of the affair, announce that all navy men will have extended liberty until 0430.

Only graduating seniors and eight term men will be allowed to attend the function. The band obtained is the one which played at the recent "Snow Ball." The large cost of the bids is due to the small number of people which will attend.

"This is the traditional school function and is the climax to a student's social life at IIT," said Thoren. "Let's all get out and support the affair."

Freshmen to Hold Dance in SU Lounge

The freshman class is holding a dance Friday, February 16, at 8 p.m. in the Student Union lounge. All freshmen are invited to bring their dates, and everything is free. The juke box will supply the music, and refreshments will be served. Students wishing to attend must give their names to a committee member before Tuesday afternoon. A committee member will be stationed outside the lunchroom from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday. Members of the committee are Race, Wilt, Schriber, Baum, Alterman and Janik.

Music Organizations Present Concert At Ottawa and Tour Nearby Shipyard

Approximately 100 men from the IIT musical organizations returned from Ottawa, Illinois, last night after spending a week end there. A concert under the direction of O. Gordon Erickson was held in the high school auditorium Sunday afternoon as the climax of the tour.

As guests of the Chicago Bridge and Iron Co., the men were escorted through the shipyards of nearby Seneca, Illinois, where they inspected a completed LST. Saturday's dinner was served in the shipyard's dining room.

Headquarters were made at the Ottawa Hotel, and a dance featuring the navy dance band was held at the Armory Saturday night. Selected young ladies were present for the dancing and refreshments were served.

The auditorium in which the Sunday afternoon concert was held was reported as being the finest at which the clubs had ever appeared. Good acoustics plus several microphones complimented the club's best performance, said Erickson.

The program included: The Song of India; Estileau Caprice featuring A/S Robert Harmon as saxophone soloist; Ballad for Americans featuring A/S Trent Knepper as baritone soloist; and Oklahoma.

Praetorians Pledge Several Students

The Praetorians is going into its second year with six new pledges. They are: Sidney Mayster, Morton Specter, Bernard Miretzky, David Schwarz, David Afton and Bernard Karsh.

At the present time they are being led by Henry Levin, president. Praetorians are a branch of a chartered fraternal organization which has branches at DePaul and Northwestern. The DePaul branch has maintained a scholarship a semester for a worthy student and the Armour Chapter is going to try and establish such a fund.

These three chapters run joint affairs at hotels and twice each semester there is a culture evening where prominent educators discuss various problems. The purpose of this is to form a closer bond between students engaged in the studies of liberal arts, engineering, and law.