

THE NEW YEAR has brought a rebirth of activity to the campus. Many organizations which formerly were only nominally active have suddenly shown a surge of new spirit. These groups should be congratulated and encouraged by the students.

One of the best examples is the IIT dramatic group (formerly known as the Armour Players). These people deserve credit for trying to revive an almost dead organization; let's hope they succeed in carrying out their ambitious plans.

The sophomores and freshmen are now busily planning for the all school dance. After the splendid way in which the juniors put over their Holi-Hop with a \$50 profit, the lower classmen are anxious to even surpass that feat. I can remember dances in which it seemed to be a contest to see who could lose the most money instead of make it. My, how times have changed.

But the best evidence of the new year spirit is the fact that a new record has been set in the number of activities which are scheduled to meet on Wednesday. Sometimes on a good week I have seen as many as five listed. This week there is a grand total of nine. Let's hope, however, that there are as few conflicts as possible. It's foolish to schedule a lot of meetings which the same groups of students are expected to attend. You can't be in two places at the same time.

A NEW INTEGRAL, to be distributed in June, is now being organized. As editor-in-chief, perhaps it would be fair at this time to make a few clarifying statements about the book. First of all, this new staff is entirely independent of the group which is putting out the long overdue Integral which everyone has been waiting for since last October. Very few of the new group were in any way associated with the late Integral, and hence should not receive the blame or praise for something of which they have had no part.

The prime aim of the new staff is to get the Integral out on time. A late one becomes practically worthless. Furthermore it aims on having much better copy for the yearbook; it is sickening to see each yearbook be a rewrite of the one before. For that reason several picked men of proven writing ability have been added to the staff.

Unfortunately, however, the year-
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Veterans' Administration Now Grants Full Benefits to Students in College

The Veterans' Administration will pay both benefits of subsistence allowance and disability pension to deserving veterans. This statement was made by Vice-president Bernard Karsh to the IITVets at the last meeting before the Christmas vacation.

In the past the Veterans' Administration, in interpreting the "GI Bill", was deducting the disability pension from the subsistence allowance. Consequently, disabled veterans attending school under the "GI Bill" were not receiving their authorized pensions.

With a more liberal interpretation of the bill, the Administration is now paying both benefits. However, the combined payments are not to exceed \$92.50 per month. Karsh also stated that previous deductions will be reimbursed.

Realizing the need for a social chairman, the IITVets elected Arthur Fullerton to the position. His duties will be to promote and operate various social affairs.

A grade study committee, headed by President Sidney Mayster, presented a compiled list of veterans receiving a "D" or lower. Mayster disclosed that, beginning with the New Year, classes will be installed for all those needing help.

Also present at the meeting was Dean G. A. Tibbals, counselor of the IITVets.

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"Snow Ball" Attractions



DANCE INCENTIVES—Band Leader Roy Milton and his Vocalist, Vivian Young, who will be featured at the Soph-Frosh "Snow Ball" in the La Salle Hotel on February 3. Bids for the dance will go on sale simultaneously on the Armour, Lewis and George Williams campuses sometime this week.



Schommer Expects No Law Forcing 4F's Into War Plants

"I do not contemplate any law compelling 4F's or 1AL's at IIT to quit college and go to work in industry", said John J. Schommer, Selective Service advisor at Illinois Tech in an interview today.

In regard to the recent talk throughout the country, largely stimulated by James Byrnes, head of the WMC, about 4F's playing in athletic events, Schommer said, "Illinois Tech has 4F's and 1AL's participating in sports and so has every other college. As the laws stand now it is legal and advisable. However, after our 4F's and 1AL's take their degrees, they should work in defense plants or be made by law to do so. But as yet there is not such a compelling law."

Schommer said, concerning the remarks being made in the press today about men who appear physically fit not being in military service, "A list of many pages of physical defects disqualifying males for the armed service may be seen in any Draft Headquarters' office."

"The idea behind this list is to prevent obtaining men in the armed services who may break down on duty and to prevent building up a large number of broken men who may become pensioners."

Along the same line, Schommer stated, "The draft board, appeal boards, and the examining physicians did not make the Selective Service regulations. They only carry out orders emanating from Washington."

In conclusion Schommer remarked, "A 1AL or 4F should not go out and die in disgrace, nor should he fold up and refuse athletic exercise, whether for fun or money. True, a new law might be advisable to utilize these men, by edict, in defense factories, but there is no such law compelling them to do so as yet. Then why disgrace them by adverse criticism."

Former ASTP Men Will Be Contacted

Plans to contact all the third term ASTP men who were stationed at Illinois Tech last year were revealed today by Charles A. Tibbals, dean of students.

Numerous letters from the soldiers, most of whom are now in General Hodges' 1st Army in France, have written requesting information regarding post-war possibilities of securing an education. Dean Tibbals stated that the Institute will mail each of the former ASTP men copies of the Engineer and Alumnus and the Technometer upon request. The dean is sending each of the third term men a letter and a copy of the explanation of the "G. I. Bill of Rights" which appeared in a recent issue of the Engineer and Alumnus.

A letter received by the dean recently from a group of four of the soldiers suggested that such a plan be undertaken.

Schmidt Elected As Head of Freshmen

The freshman class elected Leo Schmidt as their president and ITSA representative at a meeting last week. Schmidt will take the place of Ralph McClintock who has left for the Coast Guard. Approval has not yet been obtained from the ITSA board.

At a previous meeting appointments were made to the Social committee by Race Wilt, social chairman. They are Frank Janik, Shelly Schreiber, Howard Baum, and Art Alterman.

These men will all be selling bids to the "Snowball," freshman-sophomore sponsored all school dance.

Roy Milton's Orchestra Will Be Feature of "Snow Ball" Dance

The "Snow Ball" freshman-sophomore sponsored all school dance will be held February 3 in the main ballroom of the La Salle Hotel. Roy Milton's orchestra is scheduled to play from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m. Bids will sell for \$2.00 and will be sold beginning sometime this week.

New Dramatics Group to Form

A new dramatics group to replace the old Armour Players is in the process of organization. The new constitution and set of officers will be presented to the ITSA at their regular Wednesday meeting this week.

The need for the new club, as yet unnamed, became apparent when Lewis coeds asked for membership. No constitution could be found to authorize such action, and the search for one revealed one man left on campus who was ever officially listed as a member.

The cast of "Out of the Frying Pan", the play originally started by the group under the name Armour Players, is the nucleus of the new organization. The constitution is being drafted by Lillian Seges, A/S Richard Peterson, and A/S Trent Knepper. It will be approved and elections held at a rehearsal of the play before Wednesday.

Freshmen to Sleigh Jan. 19

The freshman class will hold a sleigh ride party at Sunset Stables in Melrose Park on January 19. Everyone who plans to go should buy his tickets before this Friday as the stables are only able to accommodate 45 couples, according to the social committee.

Tickets are available at \$1.00 a couple at 12 to 1 in the Student Union lobby Monday and Tuesday. After that time they may be purchased from Race Wilt, social chairman, or from a member of the social committee.

Two Yearbooks Scheduled to Appear In 1945; First Will Be Issued Next Month

According to present plans being carried out at Illinois Tech, there will be two yearbooks in 1945. This compares with no books which have been issued in the last year.

The first book to come out this year will be distributed in February. The staff is headed by Leonard Brown, editor-in-chief.

Date Changed for Junior Winter Stag

The date for the junior class Winterland Stag has been changed to January 19, 20, and 21. The change was made to accommodate navy juniors rating extra war bond liberty, and to avoid conflict with the junior sleigh ride.

The Chain O' Lakes near McHenry, Illinois is the scene of the stag. Ice boating, skating, skiing, tobogganing, fishing, and "the usual stag activities" will be the feature of the three days.

Accommodations can be made for approximately 40 men, three summer cottages being available. A/S John Enander, ITSA representative, asked that those men interested contact him for Greyhound bus schedules, Northwestern Railroad Timetables, and the list of private cars going to McHenry, Illinois.

Men are welcome to come and leave at any time during the three days. Food will be bought in nearby McHenry and cooked in the cottages. According to Enander there will be no charges other than transportation and food.

Bids will be on sale outside the cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day. Bids will also be sold in each of the navy quarters, and they may also be purchased from the committeemen.

Men on the sophomore committee are: President A/S Witold Kosicki, Social Chairman A/S Al Kukral; Bob Loomis, Bob Spitzig, A/S Herb Taylor, A/S Lloyd Giegel, and A/S De Witt Pickens. The freshman committee includes: President Leo Schmidt; Social Chairman Race Wilt; Frank Janik, Howie Baum, John Baker and Sheldon Schreiber. A/S Louis Corter and A/S John Makielski will sell bids at George Williams and Loreen Mattein will handle bids for Lewis.

Roy Milton's orchestra has played over WBBM of CBS on a coast to coast hook-up, also at the Melody Mill. The orchestra is composed of 11 persons with Vivian Martin and Jimmy Young as vocalists. Milton is the drummer of the band.

The main ballroom of the La Salle Hotel will supply plenty of room for all who attend. There is a spacious dance floor and there will also be plenty of room for tables.

As yet no definite arrangements have been made for table reservations. Final arrangements will be made this week and a definite system of registering will be announced next week.

Sophomore Social Chairman Kukral stated that at the joint meeting of the freshman and sophomore classes, much more spirit was shown than has been true in the past, and that if the juniors, seniors and fraternities will support them, the dance is sure to be a success. "So," Kukral stated, "let's all go to the 'Snow Ball' and dance a while the Milton style."

The following copy of the yearbook will be called the June, 1945 Integral. Plans for this book are now being formulated by Herman Nelson, whom the ITSA recently appointed as head of this book. Don Albert will be Armour editor. Since the staff of about 20 members still is desperately short of Lewis students, a Lewis editor has not as yet been appointed.

Financial troubles have already been encountered due to the decreased enrollment of students. The ITSA appropriates one dollar per student per semester to the Integral. While other yearbooks have usually operated on a \$4900 budget, the June book as yet can only figure on a \$3500 budget. However, plans are going ahead, and it is contemplated on having the senior pictures taken early in February.

A meeting of the June '45 staff will be held Monday, January 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the Technology News offices.

Nelson emphasizes that "the main object of this staff will be to get the Integral out on time!"