

By HENRY FREUND

TWO FRESHMEN ATTENDED the freshman class election meeting Friday. These two were also the only ones who turned in ballots. Although this was the worst showing, the other classes did not do much better. This is evidenced by the fact that the sophomores had only a handful, the upperclassmen came in such spirit that not even the first row of the hall was filled, and finally the total number of ballots cast was only 285. Those that did attend the meeting were mainly candidates for office. The bright side of the whole affair was the sophomore class leaders fighting a hotly contested race for all positions. They had at least two men running for every office, even the seniors cannot claim this. The ITSA did its part quite well in handling the election. One big improvement was the dropping of the title A/S, which indicated a navy man. After seeing the way the students exercised their franchise, the natural question would be what can be done next semester to avoid a repeat performance. This question does not lend itself to a simple solution. It does, however, indicate something is wrong. Possibly, it would be desirable to require that the men turn their petitions in earlier so as to allow for more "talking up" and political activity. A still more radical possibility would be to require a man to vote and at the same time "register" as a member of his class. If he did not do this, then he would not be eligible to partake in his class's activities.

LAST WEEK MANY of the secretaries pitched in and offered their help in soliciting contributions for the Red Cross. All of us know the excellent work which the Red Cross has done and it certainly was a fine idea to have the girls display their charm to help the cause. Particularly helpful in organizing the girls was Mrs. Agnes Burge. She talked to many of them who were reluctant and bashful about appearing in front of a whole class, convincing them that they were doing a good deed.

MANY STUDENTS HAVE remarked about the excellent taste used in the IIT advertisements printed in the daily papers in between semesters. One student said that he felt the advertisements formerly made IIT look more like a trade school. I feel that the advertisements just printed were very good and were designed in the proper and conventional way colleges advertise.

MISS LYNCH HAS managed the library quite well, considering that she is relatively new here and was left with a big job all of a sudden. For the past week the library has continued to function up to par in spite of the fact that Miss Steele has left and Miss Cheshire has been ill.

Announce Schedules for Music Clubs Rehearsals

Rehearsal schedules for the music clubs, as announced by O. Gordon Erickson, are: orchestra on Tuesday; glee club on Thursday; band on Friday. All rehearsals are scheduled for the auditorium from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.

Erickson said new members are invited to join and interested students may contact him at any rehearsal period. The music department has the following instruments available to students: Viola, cello, bass, slide trombone, and drums.

Music for several concerts is under preparation, including "Steal Away," a Negro spiritual, and "Hymn to the Night," by the glee club; Mississippi Suite and Malaguena by the orchestra; and Goldmark's Sakuntala and the finale from Tschaiikowsky's Fourth Symphony.

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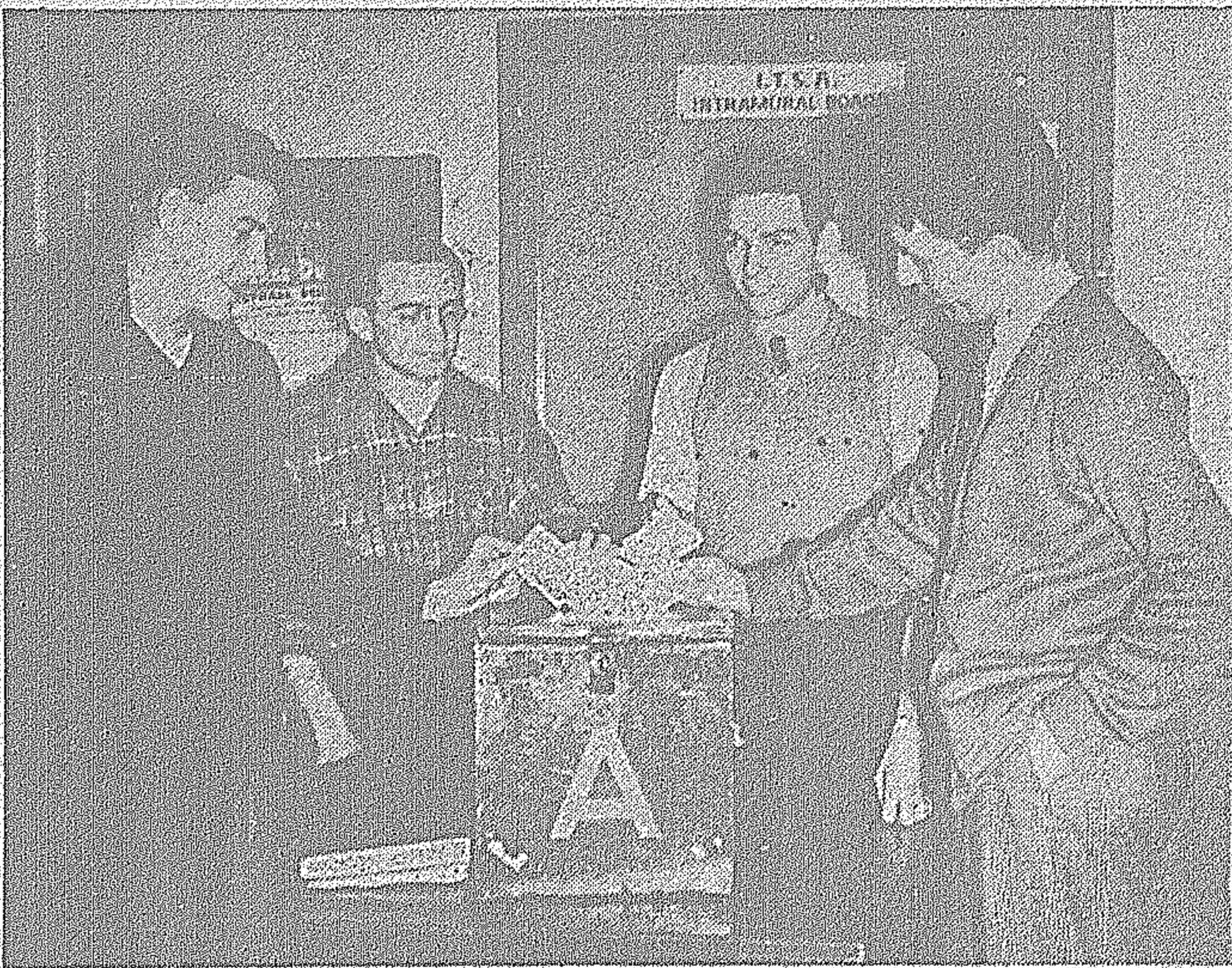
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Albert Wins Senior Presidency

Electing Officers



VOTING—Putting their ballots in the box for their favorite candidate are (left to right): L. Slazinski, J. McCloy, L. Satezak and J. Delaney.

Former Athletic Society, ITSA Has Experienced Varied Past

From athletic association to student government, that's the history of the much-revised ITSA. Instituted originally to supervise athletics, the organization has expanded into a student government association in two decades.

Forerunner of the ITSA was the Armour Tech Athletic Association, started in 1921 by John Schommer, athletic director, and Harold Munday, then a student, but now a member of the board of trustees of IIT. The institution functioned for several years as an athletic association.

As other students groups organized the need for a student governing association became apparent. As the ATAA was the only student control board on the campus, its purpose was changed to that of a student government association.

All students were made members of the association and a governing board system was organized consisting of a representative from each class in addition to the president, a senior, and a vice-president, a junior who succeeded the president in his senior year. Five members of the faculty represented the college. With the Armour-Lewis merger in 1941 the name was changed to Illinois Tech Student Association, and provision added for the representation of the Lewis campus.

With the changing conditions brought about by the war, the ITSA found it necessary to revise its constitution last year. Sixteen members, eight from Armour campus, three from Lewis, one from the student body at large, and four representatives from the college comprise the governing board under the present system.

Further revisions have been necessitated by the change in the method of collected activity fees with the consequent reduction of the budget. Music and sports activities have been delegated to the school to control. All other student government powers still reside with the ITSA.

Navy Ball Will Be May 12

The Navy Ball has been tentatively scheduled for May 12th pending final arrangements with an orchestra, and a ball room source. Definite word will be given out on this in the very near future according to A/S John Wright, the chairman of the committee.

Juniors Elect Browning; Pickens Is President of Sophomores; 285 Vote

Freshmen Officers Will Be Elected Friday; Navy Trainees Cast Majority of Ballots; Results Indicate Greater Student Interest

Co-op Declares Dividend at 6%

Board of Directors to Be Elected on Friday

The members of the board of directors of Co-op bookstore declared a six percent dividend on all purchases for last semester. This dividend can be collected immediately at Co-op, stated Robert Kovnat vice-president.

The outcome of the meeting was the nominations for the board of the directors. Starting the list of nominations are professors Samuel I. Hawakawa, and Yale Brozen. Student members are Robert Kovnat, Arthur Uhlir, Lester Mandelstein, Herman Dubin, John Burns, James Aberman, A/S Larry Johnson, Dick Lewandowski, and Theodore Mitchell. Nominated for the office of president is Herman Dubin; for the position of vice president are Theodore Mitchell, John Burns, and Dick Lewandowski.

A general election will be held Friday, March 30, in 305 Main at 11:00 for stockholders where the stockholders will be given a chance to nominate and elect any other members.

Network Calculator Ready Next Month

IIT's Network Calculator will be ready for operation in the middle of next month provided the remainder of the equipment arrives on schedule, states Lester LeVesconte, instructor in charge of the machine.

Approximately one-half of the equipment has already been installed.

The Network Calculator is an electric circuit analyser in which power circuits can be set up in miniature. These circuits can then be studied and the system can be checked before put into operation.

Total of \$1,996 Ends IIT Drive

Faculty Leads Campus In Red Cross Drive

The Red Cross drive ended with a total of \$1,995.92.

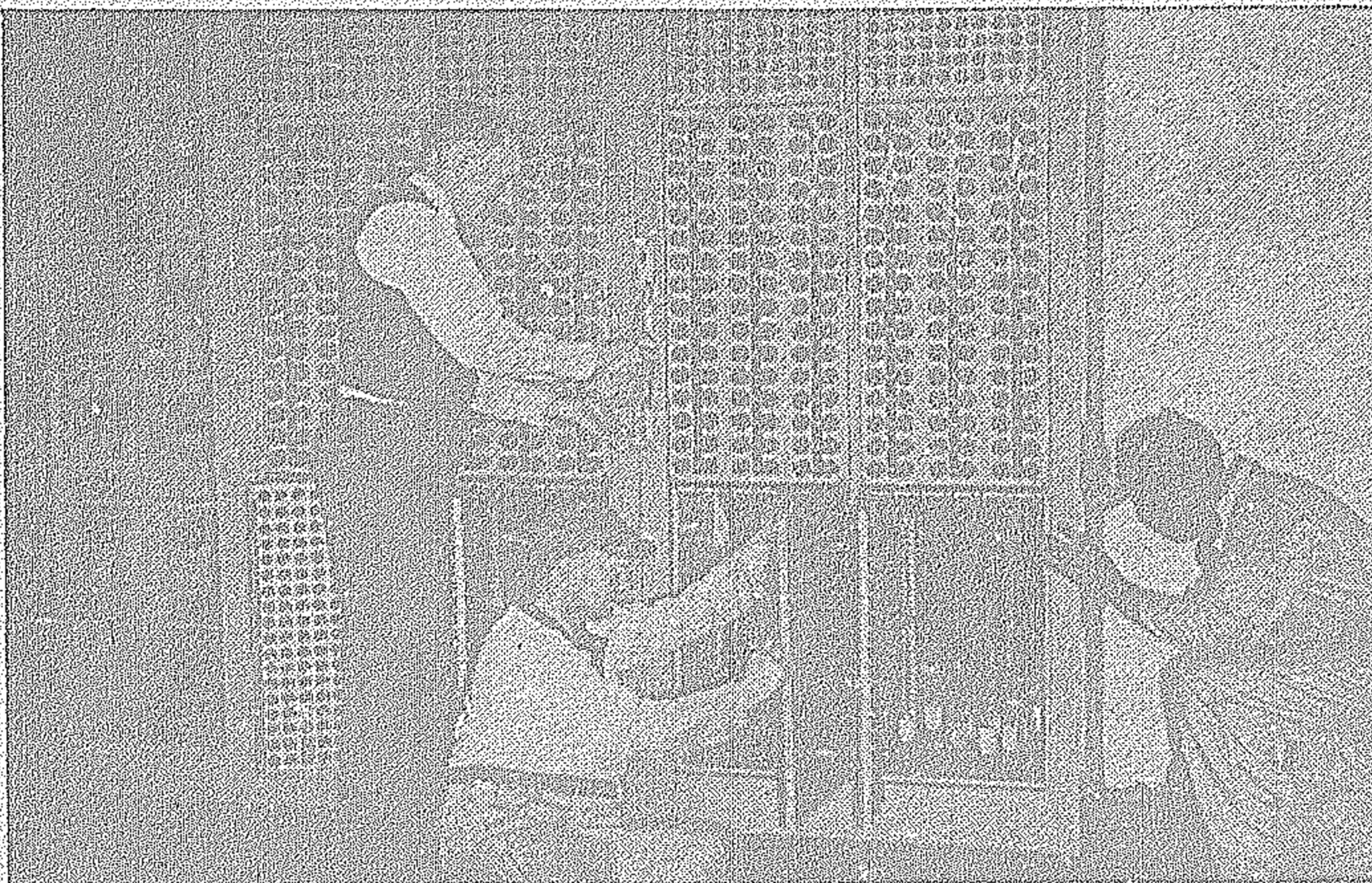
The total civilian contribution was \$1,553.40 with the Navy adding \$442.52 to the sum.

The amount contributed by the students was \$51.95 on the south campus and \$375 on the west campus. The balance of the civilian contribution was made up by the faculty and staff.

The leading factor in the navy drive Quarters #2 which was granted a special liberty. Following behind Quarters #2 were Quarters # 3, 5 and 6 who had 100 per cent contribution.

This drive was successful in comparison with last semester's drive stated Mrs. A. C. Burge. The reason for not meeting our last quota this year was due to the fact that last year's staff and student body were much larger.

Putting Calculator Together



CALCULATOR INSTALLATION—Helping to put the calculator into action are (left to right): L. Le Vesconte, director, Roy Carlson and Giles Hocio.

Donald Albert became president of the first semester senior class last Friday, according to the election committee. A/S Robert Browning captured the presidency of the junior class, and A/S Dewitt H. Pickens is the new president of the sophomore class. Because only two petitions for freshman offices were received, the nominations and elections for these positions are to be held next Friday in a class meeting.

The other first semester senior officers are A/S John Hammock, vice-president; A/S Philip Jansen, treasurer; Roy Sahlstrom, secretary; and Leonard Jatnack, social chairman. Other junior officers are A/S Don Helbling, secretary; Bill Ludwig, treasurer; Fred Olsen, social chairman; and A/S William Wilt SUBC representative.

A total of 285 votes were cast in the Student Union lobby between the hours of twelve and four. Sixty-four first semester seniors, 115 juniors, and 106 sophomores showed interest in their future officers. Almost two-thirds of the total votes were cast by V-12 trainees; the remaining 99 votes represented the civilians. Neither civilian nor navy eighth-semester men voted.

Of the 870 day students enrolled on the south campus, about 220 are graduating seniors, nearly 50 are eighth-semester men and almost 200 are freshmen. 285 votes constitute 71% of the 400 students represented by the sophomore, junior, and first-semester senior classes. During the elections held last November for class officers, only 44% of the classes voted.

The greatest number of votes received by any one person were collected by A/S James Brophy, who ran for the office of treasurer of the sophomores.

The completed election tallies follow:

FIRST SEMESTER SENIOR CLASS	
President	
DONALD ALBERT	46
John O. Enander	18
Vice-president	
JOHN A. HAMMACK	33
Jack F. Schmidt	15
Arthur J. Marcussen	14
Treasurer	
PHILIP JANSEN	37
Morton N. Spector	16
William Rivkin	8
Secretary	
ROY SAHLSTROM	34
Meyer Gilden	23
Social Chairman	
LEONARD JATCZAK	unanimous
JUNIOR CLASS	
President	
ROBERT BROWNING	64
Howard Johnson	51
Secretary	
DONALD E. HELBLING	73
Eric Rongren	33
Treasurer	
WILLIAM P. LUDWIG	unanimous
Social Chairman	
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