

Dramatech Has Reorganization

Miss Jane Golet of the ARF has agreed to serve as director for the first production of Dramatech according to A/S Trent Knepper, temporary chairman. Miss Golet is a graduate of Lewis with a B.S.A.S. and is an alumna of Sigma Omicron Lambda. Her experience in drama includes years of teaching in the "Off the Street Club" and four years with the drama group then active at Lewis. "And besides," she added, "I come from a theatrical family."

At a meeting last Friday, a committee was appointed by the temporary chairman to read and suggest plays to the director. A/S Don Liehman will serve as chairman with Wauneta Gorrell, Pat Vedel, and A/S Knepper as members.

General opinion as expressed at the meeting would suggest that a short one act mystery would be the first production to be given in the middle of February. The reading committee will suggest several plays to Miss Golet within the week, and the final selection is to be made by her following tryouts which will be announced on the main bulletin board.

Knepper urged that all interested parties contact any of the above mentioned committee if they find themselves unable to attend tryouts.

Pi Nu Epsilon



MUSICIANS—The six-foot treble clef identifies men pledged to the honorary musical fraternity recently. They are, front row (left to right): Harold Guldberg, Peter Kocsis, Tom Burt; back row, James Woodling, Robert Campbell, Fred Travis.

Cafeteria Was Cleaned During the Holidays

The student union cafeteria was closed and given a thorough cleaning during the Christmas holidays. All of the tables were repainted, and the ceiling and walls were washed. The kitchen was scrubbed as well as all other equipment.

While the cafeteria was undergoing a change of face, Andrew Keeney, manager, and employees enjoyed a well-earned vacation.

Essay Contest Announced at ASME Meeting; Movie Shown

At an ASME meeting last Friday, Dr. R. A. Budenholzer announced the annual contest for the best essay. This year's subject is "Creative Engineering as a Factor in Promoting Full Main award and two student awards will be given to the writers of the best papers. The Charles T. Main award is one hundred fifty dollars and an engraved certificate.

Dr. Rettaliata Gives Lecture

Several hundred people attended a lecture on "Jet Propulsion" by Dr. John T. Rettaliata last Tuesday evening in the Student Union Auditorium.

Dr. Rettaliata's talk dealt with the evolution of the gas turbine as associated with jet propelled aircraft, modern American, British, and German jet fighters were discussed as well as future possibilities and trends of jet propulsion, including its suitability as a drive for automobiles.

It was pointed out that modern fighter planes of the jet propelled type have come to the fore of late, principally because of the use of the gas turbine, a device which intensive world-wide development in metallurgical and aerodynamic fields has made possible.

Dr. Rettaliata said that while recent and current attention may cause it to be considered as an invention of modern times, jet propulsion is in reality nothing more than the fulfillment of Newton's third law of motion which was propounded several hundred years ago.

A Vet Looks At School Life

BY CHRIS COLLIAS

Back in the days of my late and unlamented basic infantry training I had a buddy who was gifted with a terrible gift. I said gifted—I should have said cursed for he possessed imagination to a fervent degree.

I remember his name clearly but since he was a friend and we were all pretty much in the same boat I will call him Arthur Johnson. No slur is intended for any Johnson, living or dead, as I understand the tale. Any service man knew a Johnson probably recognized how enthusiastically and energetically the members of that large family served in the armed forces of our country.

But I digress. Quite early in our training we became aware of "Hi" Arthur (as we laughingly called him) and his strange talent. No sooner had we drawn our equipment from the obsequious supply sergeant than Arthur began to contrast the shortcomings of our equipment against the superiority of the enemy's. We grinned, a little puzzled, and let it go at that. Not until several weeks later did we understand what was eating him.

To put it bluntly the guy had gangplank fever before we had even learned to disassemble our M-1s. We liked him and we figured he would pull himself together so we didn't say much about it.

Then we came back late one night after our first tough, twenty-mile hike. Our major—a very right guy—had ordered hot cocoa and doughnuts at the mess hall. We picked our share and headed for the tracks to bed down our sore tootsies and gulp down the vittles.

There I was sipping my GI tin of cocoa while I tried to forget my disconsolate dogs and a fate that had condemned me to worse than death when a voice broke in on my meditations.

High above the moans and groans of the happy infantrymen rose the rich baritone of "Hi" Arthur.

"Arthur Johnson, you gonna die!" he was crying plaintively. "You gonna die, Arthur Johnson. You gonna die. . . Arthur Johnson, you so-and-so, you're dead!"

Caught in the painful throes of a rich imagination—and his bunions—"Hi" Arthur had fought the good fight and was already a casualty.

Of which brings me down to the end of my little story.

In the last column I mentioned the generosity of our school pop-

Musical Honorary Pledges Six Men

Pi Nu Epsilon, honorary musical fraternity, last Monday pledged the following men: A/S Fred Travis, A/S Harold Guldberg, A/S James Woodling, Peter Kocsis, A/S Robert Campbell and A/S Tom Burt.

The pledgmaster is A/S Homer Wickham. The pledges are required to carry around with them a mangled clef and must get the signatures of all the actives around the campus, and must learn a large musical vocabulary. Yesterday a quiz was given to all pledges; those who failed it will be required to clean musical instruments.

Formal initiation will be tomorrow afternoon. Afterwards a banquet for the pledges will be held.

Sophomore Dance Plans Being Made

Final plans for an all-school dance to be conducted by the sophomore class on Jan. 30 at the Chicago Teachers' College will be discussed at a meeting of the class at 11 a.m. Friday in 305 Main.

The dance will be the first conducted by the sophomore class this term. Bob Harmon's band, which will play at the dance, is familiar to the Illinois Tech students who were present at the all-school Christmas social conducted by the juniors.

Attendance at the dance is expected to be large because it will be held immediately after the basketball game between Illinois Tech and the Chicago Teachers College. Navy liberty for the night of the dance will be extended to 2 a.m.

Education and the necessity of understanding and getting along with each other.

If this be true and I hardly think we need further affirmation, isn't it about time we quit falling for every stray rumor that sweeps the confines of our ivy-less campus? In plain "American" English—let's have a little more proof and a lot less imagination before we blow our tops on the next good one we hear—or pass it on.

Faculty Committee Made Counsellors

The appointment of a committee of faculty members who will act as freshman counsellors has been announced by John F. White, Acting Dean of Students. Committee members are Yale Brozen, assistant professor of economics; Elmer I. Fiesenhiser, instructor in civil engineering; George Gibson, assistant professor of chemistry; Henry L. Nachman, professor of thermodynamics; and Haim Reingold, assistant professor of mathematics.

According to Mr. White, the committee hopes to establish an efficient counseling program. A manual for the use of the freshman counsellors will be printed. It will discuss such matters as Institute's policy, applications of the G.I. Bill of Rights, and the explanation of results of freshman orientation exams.

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to the presidency of the Association of Radio Newsmen in 1940. He also has acted as director of the American Foundation for creative sciences and is a member of the American Federation of Radio Artists.

Alumni Choose Two Eminent Speakers for Luncheon Talks

Two talks have been scheduled for the forthcoming alumni luncheons, to be held on Thursdays, Jan. 17 and 24. The first of these luncheons will feature Robert Connolly, vice-president of the Illinois Central Railroad System, who will discuss "Problems of Railroad Transportation".

Two Periods Are Scheduled For Illinois Tech Vets to Meet

The Illinois Tech Veterans club is holding an important meeting tomorrow which will be open to all veterans. In order to assure as large an attendance as possible the meeting is scheduled twice, 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The room in which the meeting will be held is posted on all bulletin boards. This meeting is of financial and personal importance to every veteran, especially those who have recently entered school.

Dr. Arno B. Luckhardt of the University of Chicago will be guest speaker on Jan. 24. Dr. Luckhardt is a physiologist, noted as the co-discoverer of the fact that ethylene gas as an anesthetic is superior to nitrous oxide or "laughing gas"; he is listed in Who's Who.

The subject of Dr. Luckhardt's talk will be the "Missing Link of the Middle Ages". To illustrate his talk, Dr. Luckhardt will demonstrate a set of models of parts of the human body, which were used instead of actual cadavers to instruct students of anatomy during the Middle Ages.

Miss Jeannette MacLueckie, Alumni secretary, stated that all students who are interested in these talks will be welcome at the luncheons, which will take place on the days mentioned, at 12:15 p.m. in the Georgian Room, 8th floor of Carson, Pirie, Scott Company. The price of a luncheon is \$1.12.

Seniors Advised to Buy Announcements

Seniors who have been delinquent in obtaining commencement announcements and invitations should obtain them at an early date, urged A/S Stanford Abramovitz, who is handling the announcements.

Abramovitz directed his statements to the civilian members of the senior class who, he declared, ". . . seem either unaware or disinclined to the sale of . . . announcements and invitations that has been going on in the student union building lobby during the noon hour."

He pointed out that almost all navy students have placed their orders while very few civilians have followed suit.

Professor Charles A. Nash, institute marshal, stated that the auditorium of the Museum of Science and Industry, where the commencement exercises will be held, is large enough to accommodate all guests who desire to attend the ceremonies.

The desk in the Student Union building will remain open during the noon hours until Jan. 18 for those who plan to order invitations.

Trent Knepper Elected President of Glee Club

Election of officers for the Glee Club last Thursday saw A/S Trent Knepper elected president, vice-president, A/S Tucker Matzke; secretary, A/S Tom Burt; and manager, Kenneth Holtz. They will serve for the remainder of the term.

A/S Norbert Vojta, president of Pi Nu Epsilon, musical honorary, spoke to the club of plans for inaugurating letters for special merit in music. Men serving in the musical organization for four semesters or more are eligible. He said that as yet there were no funds for such an award and those to whom the honor was voted by the fraternity would have to purchase their own letters. Vojta added he hoped a system of funds could be worked out whereby the club could give the letters away.

Eighth Term V-12 Men Can Obtain Uniforms Soon

Eighth term V-12 trainees will be able to obtain officer's uniforms at Great Lakes, stated Capt. D. McGregor, commanding officer. The branch office of the Officer's Uniform Shop at Great Lakes Naval Training Station will have its stock shortly after Feb. 2. Uniforms, coats, hats, and accessories will be available to eighth termers.

Dean White Represents IIT At Special SPEE Meeting

John F. White, Acting Dean of Students, represented Illinois Tech at the meeting of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education held last Friday. The meeting was called by IIT and was attended by representatives of institutional members of the SPEE. The gathering lasted all day, and was held at the University Club.

Topics for the discussion were curriculum changes and problems arising from the enrollment of veterans. Round table forums were held for the consideration of individual problems.

IVCF Groups from Three Campuses Met Last Week

"Marriage" was the topic of discussion at the monthly meeting of the Interservice Christian Fellowship chapters from Illinois Tech, Northwestern, and the University of Chicago, which was held last Saturday night at the Midland Hotel.

The IIT chapter has decided on Jan. 26 as the tentative date for its first annual banquet. The chapter, which meets every Monday, is continuing with the study of the gospel of St. Mark.