

THE RELOCATION of offices now going on in the Student Union should provide greatly increased efficiency in handling student affairs. The student administration has been split into two categories: For those students now in school; and for those who are planning on attending. The former group will be located in what has been the navy offices, and the second division will be where the dean of students office has been. The crowded conditions under which these offices have worked lately have impaired the possible efficiency.

THE ITSA completed in record time its annual budget meeting last Wednesday and appropriated over \$3000 dollars to student activities. Almost back to pre-war standards, every organization that presented a reasonable request was not turned down. Much of the credit for the ease with which the usually difficult session was carried off was due to discussions of individual organization's budgets before the official session.

VERY GOOD news this week was the beginning of what appears to be a concentrated effort to rehabilitate the area around IIT. This, together with the new buildings coming up, will make our campus what it should be.

THE LOCKERS in Main building are meant for seniors and juniors primarily. Because of the shortage of lockers the underclassmen are supposed to have only second choice. However, this is not always the case and it would seem that some organized system should be instituted to make sure that juniors and seniors who want lockers have them before allowing lowerclassmen to claim them.

THE SCRAMBLE by groups for week ends on which to hold dances that is evidenced at the beginning of every term might be more coordinated and satisfactory by the rebirth of an organization that was active on the campus several years ago. The All School Social Committee, as the name indicates, took care of the planning and coordinating of

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Close Library During Moving

The library will be closed from April 12 to April 22. During this time, the collection of books will be moved to its new location in the Engineering Research Building, where it will occupy the first floor and the mezzanine of the last section of the building. The entrance will be marked by a sign and electric light.

No books will be issued after April 11, although any book, reserve or two week, may be taken out on that date and kept without fine until library service is resumed, and should not be returned before that date.

Reserve books, reference books, two week books, and the periodical indexes will be available for regular use on April 22; but the bound volumes of the periodicals will not be available until cases for their disposal are constructed. The use of the facilities of the University of Chicago library during this time has been secured by Mr. Hyde, librarian.

The new location, when completely organized will have a seating capacity 50 per cent larger than the room now used. Lighting will be improved through the use of fluorescent lights. The reference books and indexes will be arranged so as to be more easily available.

The old library room will be retained temporarily as a reading room. This is being done to relieve the pressure on lunchroom facilities due to the use of tables for study.

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Heald to Head Planning Group

Corporation Will Study Local Blighted Areas

Dr. Henry T. Heald has been appointed acting chairman of the South Side Redevelopment Corporation, it was announced last week. The corporation was formed last week to provide neighborhood participation in planning and effecting development of blighted areas.

The area extending from Roosevelt Road on the north to 47th Street on the south and from the Pennsylvania Railroad east to the lake front will be the scene of the group's activities. The group will aid in providing cooperation between the phases of neighborhood development; plan better traffic routing, and proper transit development; get improved governmental services such as street cleaning and lighting, paving, and policing; foster sanitary and building code enforcement and better zoning; and promulgate occupancy standards for the stabilization of the area against undesirable business and industry, bad housing, and smoke.

Cooperation with federal and (See HEALD TO HEAD on page 5)

Dean of Students Writes Open Letter

Dear Editor:

This is a quotation from a letter written by a member of the faculty to the dean of students. It is the type of complaint we have received regularly and concerns a problem which is frequently talked about but never solved at Illinois Tech. For several reasons we in this institution are apt to forget that this is a college whose responsibility is not only to train competent engineers, scientists, and scholars, but also to develop men. I realize that this sounds like the typical preaching of a dean, but be that as it may, the fact remains that a man or woman with a college degree who has never learned to conduct himself properly (or in his own home as far as that goes) has wasted his time and money.

"Another obnoxious exhibition of Illinois Tech students' bad manners was displayed at the last general assembly held on Friday, March 29, at 11 a.m. in the auditorium of the Student Union. The speaker was Mr. E. C. Koerber, in charge of specialized engineering for A. O. Smith Corporation of Milwaukee, Wisconsin."

"Mr. Koerber had prepared an excellent talk to be illustrated with lantern slides. He was more or less abandoned on the platform and finally explored backstage, with the help of one of the more considerate students from the audience in an attempt to darken the room. After succeeding in locating the light switches, a clamor arose to draw the shades, and after considerable commotion this was done to the annoyance of groups of students who appeared to be studying at the side tables. These students then joined the audience with much additional disturbance. The projection equipment was unsatisfactory and Mr. Koerber attempted to signal for slides by snapping his fingers. This, of course, was hopeless due to the intense background noises, and he finally resorted to banging on a metal tray with his knife. The talk ended in darkness and confusion."

"It is becoming, in general, a humiliating experience to attend a general assembly, particularly when guests are brought here to speak. Technology News has frequently called attention to the flagrant displays of bad manners and discourteous treatment afforded our speakers. Students come and go during a talk; lounge at the side tables; mill around noisily in the rear of the hall or outside the entrance, and often play the radio in a nearby room. Speakers are usually not properly escorted and there seems invariably to be trouble with lights, projection equipment, and the public address system."

The development of attitudes and correct decorum is no impossible task at Illinois Tech. I do not for a moment mean to say that all is bad here, for I am still convinced that we are concerned with a problem caused by a small minority—a problem which cannot be solved by the posting of rules. It can be easily cared for if each one of us as individuals will be aware of the situation and correct ourselves.

We are now earnestly attempting to develop a well-rounded program of activities on this campus—activities which exist solely because their existence offers opportunities to become better, well-rounded citizens. As a part of this we are attempting to present regular assemblies at which men from within and without the Institute who have something to offer can pass it on to us. This can only be continued if we can be assured that these people will be received well when they come.

Now what do I ask for—I ask that Technology News and the social and honorary fraternities continue their long standing and earnest efforts to achieve a better sense of decorum on the part of those of us who make up Illinois Tech. I ask that we as individuals carry on as ladies and gentlemen. This means among other things that we men will not wear hats in buildings, that all of us will not scatter papers and cigarette butts on the floors, will not attempt to study or leave the auditorium while someone is presenting a program (of course, I need not remind you that the balcony is part of the auditorium).

Let's not wait for someone else to start work on this situation—let each one of us start today.

Jack F. White
Dean of Students

Junior Week Committee



PLANNING—Continuing the extensive planning being made for Junior Week representatives of all phases of activities met last week to coordinate the work. The Institute, alumni, students, navy, and others are included.

Junior Week Festivities to Begin May 28 With Intramural Fetes

Junior Week will begin Tuesday, May 28, with interfraternity and intramural sports events, it was disclosed today by Ken Thompson, IFC sports head, and Marv Larson, IM manager.

After the sports finish, there will be an open house scheduled for the rest of the day. City and

suburban high schools have been invited as guests to the open house.

Tuesday evening Dramatech, dramatic organization of IIT, will give a three-act play, "Out of the Frying Pan." This will be held in the SU auditorium. There will also be an alumni reunion which will take place at the Gold Room of the Congress Hotel.

Wednesday morning will open with a dedication of Alumni Memorial Hall. The committee that is working on this dedication consists of Dean John White, Captain D. McGregor, Professor Charles A. Nash, Frank Wheeler, and W. J. Parduhn. All students, their parents, and guests will be invited. The dedication will be followed by a buffet luncheon.

After the luncheon, the winners of the intramural softball finals are scheduled to play an alumni team.

Later in the afternoon, the music organization will give a concert. During the concert intermission, the men that have been selected as pledges to Tau Beta Pi, highest engineering honorary, will be presented.

The Junior Week festivities will close with the Junior Prom, Wednesday evening, to be held at the Continental Hotel. Del Rene, who has been featured at previous Illinois Tech dances, will play at the affair. All students and alumni are invited to attend.

During the dance intermission, all the awards, cups, and trophies that were won in the events of Junior Week will be presented to the winners, according to Fred Travis, chairman of the student activities for Junior Week.

Institute and Navy Offices Are Moved

With the completion of the moving of the NROTC V-12 unit offices from the Student Union Building to Alumni Memorial Hall, the offices of the dean of students and the veterans coordinator will be located in what was formerly the navy offices. The affairs of students now in school will be taken care of in these offices.

The admissions office and the evening division office will be in the rooms now occupied by the dean of students and the veterans coordinator. These offices will have charge of the affairs of new students and those applying for admission to school.

\$3000 Allotted To Six School Organizations

ITSA Grants Specific Funds for Camera, Scenery and Records

In its first meeting of the current semester, the Illinois Tech Student Association allotted \$3250 to six school organizations. The organizations and the amount each received are: Technology News, \$1000; Integral, \$1400; Dramatech, \$150; the Dance Club, \$40; the dance band, \$40; the Link, \$20.

The budget for Technology News includes \$300 to be applied to next fall's publishing activities, and \$150 for a camera. The appropriation for the camera caused a short debate during the meeting. The ITSA finally approved the budget with the condition that the newspaper sponsor, Frank E. Wheeler, director of the Illinois Tech News Bureau, be held responsible for the camera. He is to release the camera only to accredited newspaper reporters.

The \$1400 allotment for the Integral is an addition to earlier appropriations of \$1600 made during each of the last two semesters. It will provide for the printing of an additional 150 copies of the yearbook.

An original tentative budget of the Dance Club was raised to \$40 upon the recommendation of "Sonny" Weissman. He stated that the extra money was required because of the rapid rate at which the recordings used in the SU lounge juke box become worn out.

Dramatech, IIT student dramatic group, had its tentative budget set at \$150 because of its contributions to the coming Junior Week and other student activities. The money will be used to obtain props, costumes, and other theatrical supplies.

During the meeting, a motion introduced by Dean of Students Jack F. White requiring that all student activities be approved by the ITSA as a pre-requisite to recognition by Illinois Tech was passed.

Dr. Richter Leaves For NY Lecture

Dr. F. K. Richter, professor of French and German, will leave Chicago Thursday to address the Literary Society of New York on the subject of "Ernst Wiechert, His Life and His Works." A crowd of 2,000 persons is expected to attend the lecture.

The lecture by Dr. Richter is a step toward knitting the literary societies of the various large cities closer together. Dr. Richter is president of the Chicago branch which includes members of the language and literature departments at Illinois Tech, the University of Chicago, and Northwestern University.

Ernst Wiechert, who is one of the outstanding German novelists, is a personal friend of Dr. Richter. He has published one paper—"A Message to the Survivors"—since his liberation from a concentration camp. It was believed that he was imprisoned in 1939 when his last novel was published and was later declared dead. Although the time and place of his liberation are still a mystery, it is believed that Wiechert is now lecturing throughout Germany.