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WITH FINAL EXAMS still a couple of weeks away, there are reports making the rounds that some instructors and professors are making plans to have the finals in their courses moved up in advance of the scheduled dates. The reason usually given is that it imposes too great a hardship upon the instructor to have his papers graded after the semester ends; while there are classes, student graders are still available.

Maybe there are cases where this procedure isn't especially out of line, and there may be cases where it is actually better, from the student's viewpoint to have the exams early. But it would appear that in most instances, it is unfair to expect a final exam to be given during a period when a person must write reports and hand in daily work in addition to studying for finals.

Final exam schedules were drawn up so that undivided attention can be given to study: They should be used.

NEXT SEMESTER WILL start with a bang for the party boys: So far, every class but the juniors have dances and parties planned for the middle of next month. The juniors just had their big dance, or they'd have one, too. Added to this, the interfraternity dance to be held will be strictly formal. It looks like social activities are picking up at a rate which can result in IIT hitting its prewar peak when each dance was bigger than the one before.

Senior Farewell to Be First Formal at IIT in Three Years

The Senior Farewell dinner dance will be held at the Shoreland Hotel on Jan. 27. Lou Brownie and his orchestra, currently featured on Monday nights at the Chez Paree, will provide the music. The question of the manner of dress has been decided in favor of tuxedos for the men, making this the first strictly formal affair in three years. The affair will last from 7:00 p.m. to 12 midnight.

Included in the evening's entertainment will be reading of the class will and the class prophesy.

The cost per couple will be approximately \$8.00 depending on the number of bids sold. The exact price will be announced next week. A deposit of \$1.00 will reserve a bid. Payments should be made to either James Hartnett, Ed Arends, or Jo Nicholas by tomorrow. The total payment for the bid must be made before the end of the semester.

"21" Means Woodchoppers' Ball Eve of Washington's Birthday

The "21" campaign, evidenced by the puzzling signs on the campus, has announced that February 21 will be the date to remember. Ed Zeitz and Charley Mettes, social chairmen of the Sophomore and Freshman classes respectively, designed the arresting posters to publicize the "Woodchoppers Ball" to be held on the eve of Washington's Birthday. The Continental Hotel's Grand Ballroom will be the scene of the dance, Joe McNeerney and his orchestra furnishing the music for the event in a tempo suiting the style of the Techawk. A roving trio, found to be so popular at the junior dance held last December, will again provide intermission entertainment.

This will be the first dance of the semester and since the day following is a holiday, there need be no fear that the boogey of Saturday morning classes will rear up to spoil the evening. The affair will be informal,

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Board Requests Suspension of Honor System

153 to Receive B.S. Degrees at Commencement

Ceremonies to be Held at Museum of Science and Industry Jan 29

One hundred and fifty-three Bachelor of Science degrees and seven Master's degrees will be given to Illinois Tech graduates Wednesday, January 29, at the Museum of Science and Industry. The commencement program will begin at 8 p.m. in the Main Auditorium and doors will be opened to the public one hour earlier.

Dean of Engineering James C. Peebles, will be the speaker of the evening. The Glee Club and orchestra will render appropriate music. Institute Marshals will be Prof. Wm. Nash, Prof. Wm. Colvert, and W. E. Kelly. Student Marshals have not been named as yet.

Each student will receive four tickets by mail, from Mr. Kelly's office about January 15. Admission will be by ticket only. One hundred and twenty tickets will be available in the second distribution for graduates who need and apply for them. Members of the faculty may apply in Dean White's office for tickets.

Adequate parking space will be available on the drive north of the Museum. Ceremonies will last about an hour and a half.

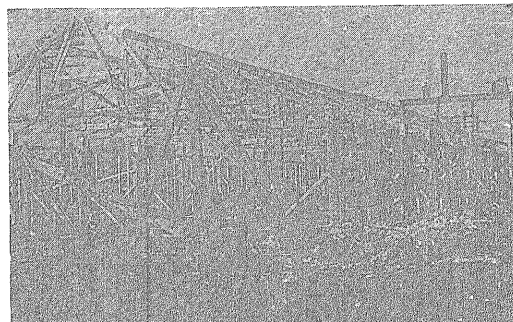
Rho Epsilon Conducts Formal Initiation Dinner

Rho Epsilon, honorary radio fraternity, held its formal initiation dinner last night. On hand to welcome the new men were faculty members, Dr. M. B. Reed, Professor E. H. Schultz and Professor R. M. Soria.

In reviewing the accomplishments of the pledge class Lloyd Geigel, president, stated that in addition to erecting an antenna system for the fraternity's transmitter, the pledges had built various pieces of equipment which will be used for further experimentation.

The informal initiation was held last Friday night and was highlighted by the operation of the transmitter for the first time with its new antenna system.

Embryo Classrooms



TEMPORARY BUILDINGS—Shown above is one of the three temporary buildings to be used as classrooms, to alleviate present "cozy" class conditions. The structures formerly served as Army warehouses.

Alpha Phi Omega to Hold "March of Dimes" Drive at Illinois Tech This Week

Alpha Phi Omega is conducting the annual "March of Dimes" campaign in the lobby of Student Union this week. The money is used specifically for the care and treatment of persons afflicted with infantile paralysis, as well as for medical research in the causes and prevention of the disease. Eugene Bourdon, president of APO, has urged all to contribute a dime or more for this noble cause.

At the meeting held last Wednesday, reports on the National Convention of APO held in Kansas City on Dec. 28 and 29, were given by John Seegar, Henry Howry and Ed Kancel, who represented IIT. At the convention Dean Jack White, faculty member of APO was elected to the National Board. Plans to compile and publish a school directory were also discussed at the meeting.

ITVets Collects \$200 For Christmas Parties

Contributions to the IT Vet Entertainment Fund exceeded \$200. Both in the amount and the uses made of it, and the Red Cross believes Illinois Tech has set a goal for other colleges to aim at. In a letter to President Heald, Mrs. Max Hillmer, Chairman of the American Red Cross Hospital Service, extended thanks to the student body and personnel for their generosity in the Christmas drive for hospitalized veterans.

Illinois Tech's Vets Club sponsored the drive. Members also arranged for a party to be given Christmas Eve at the Marine Hospital with entertainment from school.

Impressed by the result of taking a personal hand in providing this entertainment, Vet Club members are drafting an active program for next semester. When the part of the fund allocated to Vaughn and Hines Hospitals is to be converted into entertainment for the vets there, Vet Club members will invite other vets from school to participate in planning and providing that entertainment.

Jim Brophy and ITSA to Meet

Faculty and Students Fail to Support System

After a stormy career that lasted three years this month, the honor board will submit its request for immediate suspension tomorrow.

Jim Brophy, Honor Board chairman, in speaking for the Board gave the following statement: "1. The honor system is not functioning as it should. 2. The Honor system has been kept alive in the past few semesters through the efforts of only a few men. 3. The cooperation of neither the faculty nor the students has been satisfactory. 4. The majority of the present student body is antagonistic toward the Honor system. In view of the above conclusions, the Honor Board submits the following recommendation: That the Honor system be suspended for a period of two years and at that time the advisability of reinstating the system be examined."

This request for suspension of the honor system will be presented to the ITSA for action. John Makiel-ski, ITSA president, on hearing of the news, stated the technicalities were unprecedented, but refrained from further comment.

In the fall semester of 1943 after a month's trial during which the system was heatedly discussed in assemblies and in print, the honor board was officially instituted on the campus. Many present veteran students, who returned to IIT after their period of service, remember the efforts exerted by the leading students of 1943 to establish the democratic system. Now the board, on its own recommendation, will ask the ITSA to inactivate it. It feels that it is not able to perform its duties due to the serious lack of cooperation.

The ITSA will meet tomorrow at 4:45 in the east dining room for their regular meeting at which time the decision on the life of the system will be handed down.

Under the present honor system the board is composed of eight elected members and a chairman empowered to hear cases of cheating and submit recommendations for dismissal from the school or other lesser punishment. The recommendations were invariably accepted by the faculty disciplinary committee.

If the ITSA suspends the honor system, the responsibility of enforcing rules of honesty will fall into the lap of the individual instructors, backed by the disciplinary committee. The signing of the pledge will no longer be required.

AICHe Elects New Officers

The AICHe held an election of officers for the coming term at the last meeting. Those selected to guide the organization through next semester's activities are: President, Bob Havlik; vice-president, Roger Tate; secretary, John Hayes; treasurer, Lester Templeton; and assistant treasurer, Cliff Youmans.

Dramatech Cancels Play

It was announced this week that Dramatech has cancelled the presentation of the play, "The Male Animal." The play was scheduled to be shown this Friday.

No further plans for the club were divulged for either this or next semester. It is hoped however that "The Male Animal" can be produced next semester.

Honor I to Sponsor After-Game Dance

After the Techawk basketball game against the U of C tomorrow, Honor I will sponsor an after-game dance in the SU auditorium. It is to be held in conjunction with the Dance Club and Dance band.

The game will be at 5:30 p.m. at Valentine gym, 34th and Emerald. The dance will be at 8 p.m. in the SU, which allows time to travel back from the game. This dance will also be a regular meeting of the Dance Club.

Admission is free, and the dance club has invited girls from several organizations to be present. If the turnout is satisfactory, these after-game dances will be continued.

Cafeteria Puts End To Udder Nonsense; Pulls Down Milk Price

The recent reduction in the cafeteria prices for milk from eighteen cents to fifteen cents a pint is due to a change in distribution. The milk is still being purchased from the Bowman Milk Co., said Andy Keeny, but instead of receiving it from a wholesale-retail agent whose commission is added to the cost, the milk is secured from a direct wholesale distributor. Any further reduction, if at all possible will be made, said Keeny.

\$550 Raised on School Tag Day

"The two Christmas parties, which were staged for the benefit of neighborhood children by the Illinois Tech Community Service Committee, were a great success with over 500 underprivileged children attending," stated Felix Rosenthal, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the CSC.

Financed by approximately \$450 netted from the sale of tags on the recently initiated "Neighborhood Tag Day" and a \$100 contribution from the Chicago Defender, which promised enthusiastic aid in future fund-raising activities, the Committee treated the children to entertainment, ice cream, cake, candy and distributed gifts to them.

A drive for the collection of ice-skates for children of the community is currently being staged. Contributions may be left any time this week in the post office in the SU.