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The Water's Fine

With a new record enrollment, prospects for a continued vigorous, well rounded program of extracurricular activities look bright. There were those who cast an apprehensive sigh when so many outstanding campus leaders graduated in January. When one reads the list of the graduating members of Black Knight, secret campus leadership fraternity, one might well be wary of the future—Arends, Burkhardt, Hatstat, Lind, Makielski, and Travis—such a list touches almost every campus organization.

But for each of these "lost lights" we are now receiving one hundred lights of unknown brilliance. Some will shine as bright or brighter than the distinguished men above. Others will be short circuited on the way.

To each new student we call to your attention the vast leadership opportunities here on campus. We don't pretend to have a beautiful, rolling campus or a rugged professional football team but the school does offer a wealth of activities in which the trait of leadership, so valuable in supplementing an engineering education in business and community life, can be developed.

All too often in-coming students will enter school with the best of intentions concerning extracurricular activities. They have been outstanding leaders in their respective high schools and have ambitious plans for collegiate affairs. But after a few months of equation juggling and slide rule pushing the new student becomes enveloped by the octopus of technology. He becomes one of the flock of pedantic individuals who worships a calculus book, gamma rays and a 2.8 average.

Don't get us wrong, chum, this technical knowledge is good stuff. It's what you're paying for and what you're going to make a living from. But you're also going to have to live with a family and be a citizen in a community. You have the word of eminent alumni and teachers that the surest way of developing the qualities needed in the latter mentioned life is to participate, actively, in undergraduate campus activities.

Illinois Tech offers one of the finest assortments of extracurricular activities of any campus. Sort of a "you name it, we have it" affair. Whether you be veteran or civilian, male or female, Boy Scout or Dead End Kid you'll find an organization which suits you.

So we say to you newcomers (and to you musty longhairs who have molded here for several terms), pick up that copy of Technette, see what it has to say about the various outside activities. Move your young hunk to one of the many meetings listed on the bulletin board, first floor Main. You need these organizations and they need you. If a prof has you over the you don't want to become a square like him, barrel with homework and exams—relax, Doc; you don't want to become a squade like him, do you?

Come on in, the water's fine!!

'Don't Be the Last One In?'



Faculty Facts . . .

Dr. Henry T. Heald, President, Illinois Institute of Technology

A great many students at IIT are, unfortunately, only barely familiar with their school's genial, progressive president, Dr. Henry Townly Heald.

Comparatively few of the institute's students have been aware of the great devotedness and ability which this man has shown in running the school during his stay here. Illinois Tech, now one of the foremost engineering schools in the country, owes its position in great part to the loyal work of President Heald.

Henry T. Heald originally hailed from Lincoln, Nebraska.

His engineering career began when he received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Washington State College in 1923. For several years thereafter he spent his time in the field familiarizing himself with the practical and business aspects of engineering before finally taking his place in the teaching profession as was his original intention. He in turn held such positions as Assistant Engineer with the United States Bureau of Reclamation, bridge designer with the Board of Local Improvements, and several other positions of similar nature. During this period he also earned his M.S. degree at the University of Illinois in 1925.

In 1927 President Heald began his career in engineering education when he accepted the position of Assistant Professor in the Armour Institute civil engineering department. Thereafter he was in succession: Associate Professor, Professor, Assistant Dean, Dean of Freshmen, Dean of the College, and finally in 1938, President of IIT.

President Heald, aside from his duties at Technology Center, has been active in a great number of professional engineering and educational societies. He has received for his services many honors and awards. Among them are honorary degrees from Rose Polytechnic and Northwestern University. In 1940 he received the Chicago and Illinois Junior Chamber of Commerce citations as the outstanding young man of the year. More recently he was recipient of the Navy Award for distinguished service in recognition of his wartime work as regional advisor to the Engineering Science and War Training Program.

Illinois Tech's president has, despite these activities, found time to devote his energies to many civic and public organizations. He is at the present time mainly concerned with the south side slum clearance program.

With all these activities and a great many more to keep him busy, President Henry T. Heald has found little time for himself. However, he continues to set an inspiring example of service and citizenship, hoping that someday he may be free enough to take a little time off to be able to travel and see the world.



EDITOR'S NOTE: This column is for expression of ideas from readers. Letters containing not more than 250 words will be printed. Anonymous letters will not be considered for publication, although a writer's name will be withheld from publication if desired.

Techawk in Alaska

Please forward my issues of Tech News to the included address.

In the past they were sent to Fort Dix and then to Fort Belvoir; however, my job now is cold weather tests here in conjunction with the Canadian Army on expedition "Frosty." As I am attached unassigned from the 9400th Technical Service Unit, Signal Corps Development Detachment A, Signal

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With an eye especially on freshmen, the Digger pleaded successfully with Art "Apollo" Ballou who at last decided to expose his file on co-eds at IIT. Below are a few notes from his little black book:

Pat Vedel, Stewart 7520, blonde, pink cheeked.
Helen Skworch, Hilltop 0892, brunette, vivacious.
Evelyn Beecham, Euclid 1437, blonde, siren.
Flo Dumke, Stewart 5465, brunette, stimulating.
Audrey Brinkerhoff, Homewood 769 R, blonde, giggly, but very nice.

Barbara Sandstrom, Stewart 5337, mysterious.
Shirley Schultz, Avenue 7813, blonde, enticing.
Lillian Kozlowski, Columbus 5939, brunette, tall, dark, and lovely.

Shirley Niles, Irving Park 3011W, blonde, expert sitter.
Virginia Dorciak, Humboldt 6908, brunette, another Garbo.

Irene Radvillas, Vincennes 10873, blonde, short, and available.

As we left Art at the bar he said, "Carry on."

The Digger

Fraternities and Sororities

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

Phi Kappa Sigma is preparing for this semester with considerable anticipation for their scheduled social events. They are planning for the formal initiation of several new members who have taken an informal initiation and the last semester's pledge duties in their stride.

Bob Mielke the house's new social chairman, has all of the preparations for a "Gay 90" party under his hat. The party will be around the first of March, he figures.

THETA XI

Initiated into honorary membership of the Theta Xi Fraternity last Sunday were Dean James C. Peebles and Mr. Elmer F. Reske. While a student at Illinois Tech, Dean Peebles was a member of Sigma Kappa Delta which later became the Alpha Gamma Chapter of Theta Xi; consequently he was extended a bid to membership which he accepted. Mr. Reske is the manager of the Cook County Inspection Bureau. He was initiated because of his work in Fire Protection Engineering and his great interest in the chapter since his graduation from this school.

Chapter officers who were installed for the new term include: President, William W. Wightman; vice president, Tony Lameika; treasurer, William Reis; house manager, Salvon Warner; assistant house manager, Robert Shulte; corresponding secretary, William A. Ware. Activities this semester commenced with "Buddy Week" and the initiation of the following men: Donald R. Arthor, Jack Castiglia, Richard C. Fanning, Peter E. Crafton, Ralph J. Hines, Robert Liska, Robert Mathias, Floyd H. Meller, Lloyd S. Shook, John E. Snyder, and William J. Sponseller. An initiation dinner was held downtown on Sunday afternoon.

SIGMA BETA THETA

The Sigmas gave a "Coke-tail" party for their first rush affair on Thursday evening, February 6. There were eleven guests who posed casually for candid pictures as they munched pop-corn and cake and sipped cokes. February 16 found the Sigmas and their friends at the "Rustic Rambler's" party at the "Point," complete with square dances and chow roasted over a fireplace blaze.

Maristell Dixon was elected vice president by a unanimous vote after former vice president Lorene Matern graduated.

RHO DELTA RHO

The Rho Deltas took advantage of the between terms holidays to bring their semester activities to a successful conclusion at a dinner at Yonkers Restaurant last February 1.

The Rho Delta Rho Fraternity is now looking forward to another active semester. According to Ralph Solomon, the fraternity's social chairman, the Rho Deltas will inaugurate their rushing activities with a smoker at an as yet undisclosed hotel this Wednesday evening. They then plan to follow this up with a Rush dance in the Student Lounge on the evening of Feb. 28.

TRIANGLE

"The Normandie House, 800 N. Tower Ct. will be the scene of the formal initiation of Pledges next Sunday evening at 7 p.m.," stated Roy Norrlander, president of the Triangle Fraternity. This will be the climax of a week's informal initiation period for the pledges. The pledges may be recognized by placards with the Triangle symbol painted upon it which they are wearing.