

by HOWIE BAUM, Editor

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the immediate construction of five new housing units at IIT comes as important and unexpected news to most of us. It no doubt is quite a blow to the student and faculty critics of the Tech building program, who think we should throw in the sponge here; move to the India front, import some rolling hills and a couple of carloads of "Joe college" atmosphere and forget this rundown neighborhood. In my opinion the Institute's plan of slum clearance seems far more feasible. True, the area is in sad shape, but it is only through the confidence and effort of groups such as ours that this area can be built up again.

This is the first major contribution to slum clearance through private capital on the South Side. The beginnings made by the Institute are sure to attract other farsighted investors. It is a fair cry from the proposal of men responsible.

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Immediate Start of Construction on \$6,000,000 Housing Plan Announced

Construction will start immediately on a \$6,000,000 housing project for students and staff members of Illinois Institute of Technology, Dr. Henry T. Heald, president announced today.

Scheduled for immediate construction are five structures at an estimated cost of approximately \$1,500,000. Intended primarily to provide living space for veteran students and staff members these five units will accommodate 200 single veterans and 156 married veterans and their families. Plans call for this much of the project to be completed in 1947.

President Heald pointed out that the new development is necessary to take care of veterans who want to enter college but have no place to live. "It is so imperative that we are starting at once," he said.

Buildings included in the 1947 construction program are: a ten-story apartment building; two three-story apartment buildings and two student dormitories.

Site East of State

The site of the new construction is the area east of Illinois Tech's present and projected educational

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ELECTION RESULTS	
SENIOR CLASS	
PRESIDENT	Bob Hickey.....35
ROBERT WALSH.....54	
VICE-PRESIDENT	WILBERT M. KEDROW.....46
SECRETARY	ROBERT A. REINHOLD.....37
BURTON A. LEWIS.....Uncontested	
SOCIAL CHAIRMAN	BILL PONTON.....Uncontested
SUBC	MICHAEL DASOVICH.....Uncontested
JUNIOR CLASS	
PRESIDENT	Norman Bluhm.....45
BOB GUTHRIE.....53	
SECRETARY	PAT VEDEL.....Uncontested
TREASURER	CHESTER W. SCHIRMER.....71
PAT VEDEL.....54	
SOCIAL CHAIRMAN	ALLAN E. MORRIS.....Uncontested
SUBC	Roger S. Druffin.....65
	W. NEUMAN.....57
FRESHMAN CLASS	
PRESIDENT	W.M. BARROWS.....45
JACK DEVONET.....25	
SECRETARY	LAWRENCE COOK.....47
TREASURER	SHERLEY SCHULTZ.....Uncontested
MEMBERSHIP	Bethany Gordon.....44
JOHN V. PETERSON.....79	
GENERAL SECRETARY	GEORGE GALLAGHER.....29
MEMBERSHIP	Eric R. Kracht.....62
SUBC	PETER E. GRAFTON.....Uncontested
Names in caps indicate winners	

and research buildings now being constructed west of State street. Housing will eventually occupy the entire area from State street on the west to Michigan Ave. on the east and from 31st street on the north to 38th street on the south.

Addition of the housing project to the previously announced campus building program means that IIT will eventually spend \$22,000,000 in developing the 100-acre tract from 31st to 35th streets and from Michigan Ave. to the New York Central tracks.

The complete housing development envisions three ten-story apartment buildings containing 120 apartments of 2½, 3, and 3½ rooms; three three-story apartment buildings containing 18 four-room apartments; four units of two-story row houses; six dormitories each housing 104 students; two dormitories each housing 208 students; four fraternity houses each housing two fraternities of 40 members each; and two community and stores buildings.

To Aid Present Tenants

With construction planned for this year on five units providing hous-

ing a minimum of 600 people, largely veterans and their wives, Illinois Tech planners realize that there will have to be a shift of approximately 48 families who are present residents of the area. "We are aware that this is a problem because of the present shortage of housing," Dr. Heald said, "but we are seeking the cooperation of the Chicago Housing Authority and other community agencies to make any adjustment as easy as possible."

"With this expenditure I believe we are showing concrete evidence of our faith in Chicago's great south side," Dr. Heald said. "We also believe that industry and the citizens of Chicago will continue to support us in building for this city an outstanding center for technological education and research."

Overall plans for the IIT development have been prepared by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, one of the country's outstanding modern architects and head of the Institute's architectural department. The housing development has been designed by the Chicago firm of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill.

ITSA Announces Results Of Class Elections; Only One Run-off Necessary

Walsh to Head 4B's, Guthrie to Lead Juniors, Sophs Elect Thompson; Frosh Hold Only Run-off

The ITSA today announced the results of the spirited, but light, balloting for class officers held last Friday. Robert Walsh was elected president of the 4B senior class while Wilbert M. Kedrow was elected vice-president. Senior officers who were uncontested in their races were Burton Lewis, secretary, Bill Ponton, social chairman, and Michael Dasovich, Student Union Board of Control Representative. These men will serve in these capacities for the entire senior year, following an IIT tradition.

IFC Formal Ball March 14, Features Johnny Jones' Band

On Friday, March 14th, the Interfraternity Council will sponsor their annual Interfraternity Ball in the Terrace Room of the Morrison Hotel. As in the past, it will be a formal affair, open only to fraternity members of Illinois Tech and their dates.

Johnny Jones and his orchestra will play at the ball. In addition to tunes and tempos to suit everyone, his band has built a reputation for creating fun and entertainment at their appearances. His band offers an "indoor track meet"—a novel form of musical entertainment—and a program for audience participation in dances and games.

Tom Galavan has been appointed Dance Chairman of the group and has given each fraternity their quota of tickets. The demand for these tickets is high and additional space may have to be provided if the individual fraternities' quotas are over-sold.

It is the custom of the IFC when selling bids to the Interfraternity Ball, to sell each fraternity an equal block of tickets. These are then given to the members of each house as their policy indicates. However, each fraternity assumes the obligation of paying for its bids as a group thereby assuring no financial loss on the part of the IFC.

Robert Guthrie was elected to the presidency of the junior class while Chester Schirmer and Werner Neuman were elected treasurer and SUBC representative respectively. Uncontested were Pat Vedel, secretary and Allan Morris, social chairman. Bob Guthrie and Pat Vedel are also co-chairmen of the Junior Week planning board.

The sophomore class elected Ken Thompson president. Don Ennis is their new treasurer and Carl Bergstrom their SUBC representative. Celia Barreau and Bob Jonelis were uncontested in their race for secretary.

(See CLASS ELECTIONS on page 6)

Tech Timetable

TUESDAY, March 4

Tau Beta Pi—Officers 4 p.m.
105C

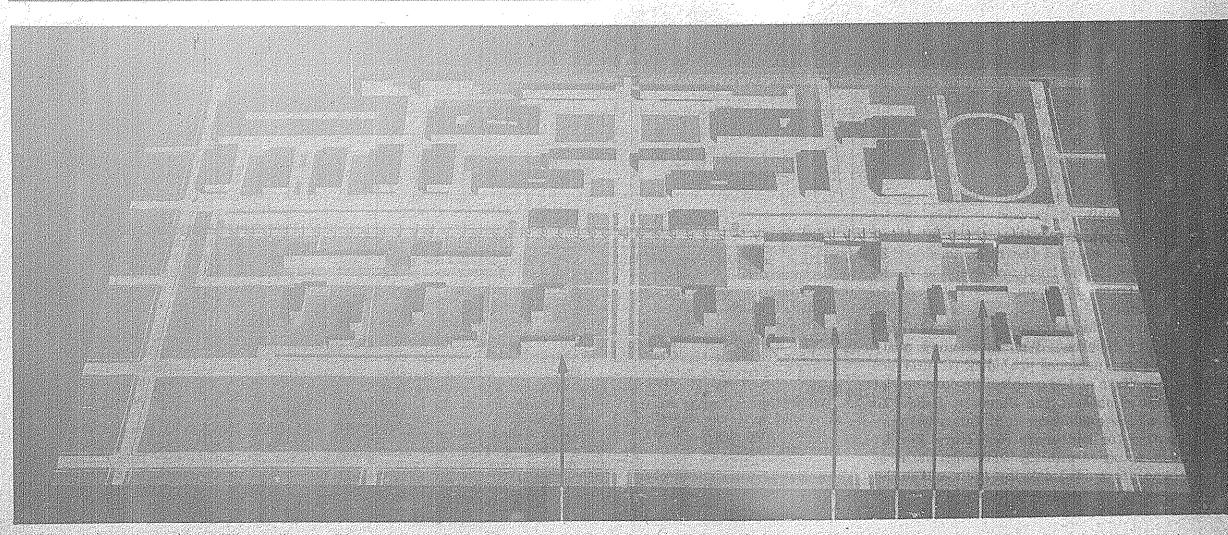
WEDNESDAY, March 5

Sigma XI 6:30, Auditorium
Chi Epsilon, 5 p.m., 102C
Bowling Students 5 p.m., 205C
ITSA 5 p.m., West Dining Room

THURSDAY, March 6

Interfraternity Rush Committee 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, March 7

ASME 11 a.m., Auditorium
Counselor's Meeting 11 a.m.
114C
B & E Meeting 11 a.m., 208C
ASCE 11 a.m., 105C

FIVE IN 1947—Pictured above is model showing location of the five new housing units (indicated by arrows) on which construction will begin immediately. The construction will include one ten and two three-

story apartment buildings and two student dormitories. The New York Central tracks are at the top of the model; Michigan Ave. at the bottom; 31st street on the right and 35th street on the left.