

## Visual Ed Department Offers Variety of Educational Films

by Harold Nelson

One of IIT's supplemental, 'behind the scenes' departments is the Visual Education Department. The department has its offices in Machinery Hall and is directed by T. F. Lindgren, who is aided by seven student operators and one assistant for photography. The primary job of the department is operating projectors for the different lectures. Last term 525 showings were given and approximately 50,020 feet of film was used. The subjects run from "How To Can Tomatoes" to "How To Pour Hot Lead." The Technical Drawing department is the largest user of film, giving nine showings a week. Alumni groups, the Psychology Department, the Fire Protection Department, the Industrial Engineering Department, and the Safety Department also use visual education to a great extent. Besides school departments, the films are used by some industries in their training programs.

In addition to showing pictures the Visual Education Department also makes pictures and slides. To accomplish this the department has a special duplicating setup and three well supplied dark rooms.

In production now is an alumni news reel showing the progress on the construction of the new buildings. The reel starts with the dedication of Alumni Memorial Hall and will run to the dedication of the two buildings now under construction. It shows the work in all its phases but unfortunately the day the new Chemistry building started to lean was too dark for color filming and, although the department has some still shots of it, the incident will not appear in the news reel.

### Dr. L. F. Mondolfo Joins Metallurgy Department

Dr. Otto Zmeskal, director of the Department of Metallurgical Engineering, announced recently the addition of Dr. L. F. Mondolfo to his staff. Dr. Mondolfo joined the staff at IIT in February, 1947, as associate professor of Metallurgy.

Dr. Mondolfo was born in Senigallia, Italy on August 20, 1910, and was graduated from the Regis Politecnico at Milan, Italy, with a doctor's degree in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering in November, 1933. Upon graduation, Dr. Mondolfo served for two years as a Reserve Lieutenant in the Engineers' Branch of the Italian Army.

In 1935, Dr. Mondolfo began work in Milan with Isotta Fraschini, manufacturers of automobiles, trucks, and airplane engines, in the light alloys foundry and later in the research laboratory. Dr. Mondolfo came to the U.S.A. in 1939 and worked with several smelting companies in the Chicago area, and finally with the Reynolds Metals Company, first, in the production department and later in the research laboratory. Dr. Mondolfo is the author of several articles on light alloys as well as the book, "Metallography of Aluminum Alloys" published in 1943.

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Epsilon, stated that many students at IIT have tubes, condensers, transformers, speakers, antennae, etc., that they would like to sell or exchange for other radio or electrical gear. He added that anyone interested in making a "swap" need merely leave the name of the article for exchange, what is desired, and his own name and phone number on a slip of paper, and drop it in the Exchange Box in Rho Epsilon's quarters, fourth floor, second entrance, Chapin Hall.

## Grades Averaged By New Method

Several changes have been made in the Institute's methods of figuring grade point averages. The purpose of these changes, said C. E. Deakins, director of student services, is to have the student's average present an accurate account of his work at Illinois Tech.

Grades received at other schools will not be included in the determination of a student's average. Credit given by IIT for courses taken elsewhere carries with it the semester hours earned at the other school, but not the grade. Only grades and semester hours accumulated here will be used in certifying eligible men to honor societies.

In addition, students will be ranked in their class at the end of each semester. This rank will be figured on the accumulative record of the student at Illinois Tech only. Transfer students will not be ranked unless they have completed at least two years of study here. The student's rank in his graduation class will be recorded on his transcript.

In figuring a student's average, all courses taken more than once, here at IIT are counted as often as they were taken, both as far as semester hours and earned grade

## Kimball Announces Start Of All-School Chess Play

The first all-school chess tournament, sponsored by the Engineer's Chess Club, will be open to all students and members of the faculty on payment of the twenty-five cents entrance fee, announced Hal Kimball, president. The winner will receive an expensive chess set; and the runners-up will be given recent editions of the "Game of Chess" by Dr. Tovash, and the "Golden Treasury of Chess" by Wernuth. All those wishing to compete must contact chess club President Kimball before Friday, March 28. The tournament will begin in the West Dining Room, the 28th.

The tourney will be of a modified round robin nature, and should last through April. Although the chess club meets regularly every Friday, the games will be arranged at the convenience of the two players involved. All details will be explained at the first meeting.

points are concerned. Thus if a student made a B in a 3 hour course after receiving a D or E in it, his average in that course would be 6 grade points divided by 6 semester hours or 1.00, corresponding to a "C". Making up a course once flunked does not remove that flunk from his record, it merely adds the second attempt to it.

## Red Cross Receives \$422

Mrs. Nancy Kasnicka, president of the White Collar Girls' Club, announced that a total of \$422.25 was collected in the recent Red Cross drive. The White Collar Girls' Club was in charge of the Red Cross drive among the faculty and staff members which was from March 1 through March 15.

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