

## 27% Student Body Votes Bob Richter Elected ITSA President

Seven hundred and ninety-three Illinois Tech day students—27 per cent—voted during the all-school elections last term, setting a new record for a turnout at a school election.

In the elections of ITSA officers, Bob Richter won the presidency over Warren Brockmeier, Shirley Langill defeated Kathleen Walker for secretary, and Ken Thompson took vice president uncontested.

The senior class elected Bob Cunningham president, while Pat Vedei, Samuel Curiale, Pat Kennedy, and Race Wit took the offices of vice president, treasurer, secretary, and social chairman respectively, without opposition.

Don Ennis was elected to the junior class presidency and Bob Guthrie to the vice presidency. Celia Barreau is secretary, and Edward Adolphson, SUBC representative. Uncontested nominees were Roy Johnson for treasurer and Bob Amstutz for social chairman.

The officers chosen by the sophomore class are Bob Jonelis, president, John Patterson, treasurer, Don Campbell Jr., social chairman, and Cliff Nelson, SUBC representative. Irene Radvillas was unopposed for secretary.

The freshmen elected Raymond Van Felst as president, and Dick Roberts as treasurer, while Audrey Solomon took the office of secretary without opposition.

A candidate, to be elected, had only to receive a plurality vote from his class, in place of a majority vote formerly needed. In this system, runoff elections are eliminated, and the results may be completed early.

This election was the first to be held at the end of the semester and allowed the elected officers to fully prepare programs for the fall.

### BUILDINGS

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Temporary No. 4, located on the north side of 34th Street between Federal and Dearborn Streets, contains 12,800 square feet. Known as the South Union, it contains a cafeteria seating 300, student supply and book store, study hall and lounge, and offices for the student staffs of the college newspaper, yearbook, and ITSA. The cafeteria kitchen has been completely furnished with war surplus equipment.

Temporary No. 5, located at 32nd and Dearborn Streets, contains 17,500 square feet. This building provides Illinois Tech with a complete gymnasium for the first time. It will house the department of physical education, including offices, supplies and equipment storage space, facilities for both men's and women's athletics, space for indoor baseball, an area large enough to accommodate two simultaneous basketball games, and 600 lockers obtained from government surplus.

Increased physical facilities on the Illinois Tech campus permit centralization of instruction not possible before. This fall, for the first time, the architecture department will be housed completely on the campus. It will move into Alumni Memorial Hall, first classroom building completed in the new building program. Illinois Tech's naval ROTC unit, formed by the Navy "the best equipped in the nation," will continue to occupy quarters in the building.

Eventually all activities of the Institute will center on the southside campus. With the moves this fall, the only activities remaining downtown will be the department of home economics, Institute for Psychological Services, and certain classes conducted by the Evening Division.

A new conference room will occupy the space formerly used by the student bookstore. The main cafeteria and the staff dining room, both in the North Union, also are being decorated.

### Wives' Employment

The practice of employing the wives of students was initiated early this year by Illinois Tech and proved to be mutually beneficial, according to Leslie Jasker, Recruitment officer.

"The wives find it pleasant working where their husbands are working and appreciate the additional personal contact afforded by shared travel and lunch time hours. The students share in the appreciation of this additional time spent with their wives and have the assurance that their wife's employment is of a most suitable nature," said Mr. Jasker.

"The Institute has found that the wives are loyal, conscientious workers. At present there are six students' wives employed by the Institute. Mrs. Addie Shine, Mrs. Eleanor Bonin, and Mrs. Helen Norini are machine operators in the Office Services department and Mrs. Ruthanne Kooy employed in the Business office, and Mrs. Vivian Belsky Fairbert is Chief Clerk in the Alumni office, and Mrs. Vivian Belsky is secretary in the Industrial and Metallurgical Engineering Department," continued Mr. Jasker.

The beginning of the first semester 1947-1948 will open new opportunities for additional wives of students.

## J. B. Finnegan, Pioneer in Fire Protection Engineering, Dies

Joseph B. Finnegan, 66, emeritus professor and head of the department of fire protection and safety engineering at Illinois Institute of Technology succumbed to a fatal heart attack on the Fourth of July of this year.

Service was held July 7, at St. Thomas church and burial in All Saints cemetery, Chicago. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Margaret Finnegan, four daughters, and two sons.

Mr. Finnegan was born September 27, 1880 in Stoneham, Mass., and spent his boyhood there. He graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1904 with a B.S. degree in chemical engineering.

In 1905, Mr. Finnegan came to Armour as an instructor in fire protection engineering. He was promoted to the position of assistant professor in 1906, associate professor in 1907, and professor in 1916.

From 1906 to 1932, in addition to his teaching duties he was associate engineer for the protection department of Underwriters Laboratories in Chicago.

In 1930, he accepted the editorship of the college's Engineer and Alumnus magazine and held that position until 1944. He again edited the publication from the time of his

retirement, a year ago, until his death.

Mr. Finnegan is recognized as the man who did more than anyone else to spread the concept of fire protection engineering as being grounded on the basic engineering as distinguished from the usual conception of fire fighting.

### "Engineer" Positions Open

Positions for the coming year on the student staff of the *Illinois Tech Engineer* are now open, Thelma Coleman, business manager of the *Engineer*, reports.

The *Engineer*, published four times yearly, has become one of the outstanding college engineering publications in the nation and claims a large readership among leading members of the profession. The magazine is distributed without charge to Illinois Tech students.

Those students interested in working with the *Engineer* staff are asked to see Miss Coleman in the Public Relations office, 41 W. 33rd street.

## Music Clubs Plan Meeting

All students who are interested in joining the band, glee club or orchestra are urged to attend the first rehearsal of each of these sections as an early engagement has been planned. The orchestra meets tomorrow; the glee club, Thursday; and the band, Friday. The rehearsals are held in the auditorium once a week starting at 5:15 p.m. and lasting until 6:30.

It is desirable that every man bring his instrument for the first rehearsal; however, drums, basses, etc. are provided by the music clubs. Pianists are especially needed for these clubs and, since rehearsals are held first only once a week, little conflict with studies should be expected.

The first concert has been scheduled to be held sometime in November at the Downers College of Milwaukee. Before visiting the girls' college, there will be a combination field trip and concert at the Allis Chalmers plant. In addition, a full program of other trips has been set up for the coming two semesters.



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