

## Faculty Rating System Installed At Tech



WORKMEN ARE SHOWN preparing to pour concrete for the second floor of the new dormitory, located at 33rd and Michigan. The men say that with warmer weather, construction will proceed rapidly.



Joe Lucas

## Truman Chooses Davis For Strike Inquiry

Pearce Davis, chairman of the departments of business and economics and industrial engineering, was appointed last week by President Truman as one of three members of a board of inquiry to investigate the current strike in the meat packing industry.

Dr. Davis indicated to a *Technology News* reporter that the issues in the current strike are clear. A wage increase of 29 cents per hour is asked by the CIO union. The companies are offering 9 cents per hour. The union request is supported by a demand for earnings sufficient to provide a reasonable standard of living as determined by the budget studies of the Bureau of labor statistics.

### Work Under Stress

Dr. Davis stated that "this strike at the present time is legal under the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act. It would be illegal only if it were continued after an injunction was issued ordering the workers back to work. Many popular misconceptions may arise, however, because this is the

Pearce Davis

## Local Sorority Goes National; Initiation Slated For April 10

Sigma Omicron Lambda sorority will be formally initiated into Delta Zeta national sorority April 10, according to Shirlee Langill, president.

The initiation will take place at the Alpha Alpha chapter of Delta Zeta house at Northwestern university. A formal installation dinner for all members of Delta Zeta is to follow the ceremonies and a reception for all friends of Delta Zeta will be given April 11 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the North Union lounge.

Miss Frances E. Westcott, national president of Delta Zeta, Miss Irene Boughton, national executive president and Mrs. George Havens, national vice-president in charge of extension are among the many guests to be at the reception.

Miss Marie W. Spencer, the sorority's present sponsor, has been with

first major strike to occur since the passage of the Act."

April 1 is the deadline set by President Truman for the submission of the board's report. Consequently, the board is working under pressure to hold the necessary hearings and gather the facts. When the President receives the report, he must make it public. He may request that an injunction be issued ordering the workers back to work for a period of 60 days.

### Molds Public Opinion

In the opinion of Dr. Davis, the provision for making public the report of facts and issues is very important. "The board thereby informs the public as to issues and helps to mold public opinion."

Dr. Davis, before coming to IIT, worked with the War-Labor board and served as co-chairman of the National Meat Policy commission from 1943 to 1946.

Previously he was an instructor at George Washington university, chief instructor of economics at Harvard and later at Radcliff, and assistant professor of economics at Hunter college.

## Veterans Must Complete Charges Before Saturday

"All veterans who wish to charge books, equipment, and supplies to the Veterans Administration must make the necessary purchases before the close of business Saturday" stated Paul Fox, bookstore manager, last week.

No charges will be accepted after this date unless authorized by Clarence E. Deakins, veterans coordinator, William J. Kearney, comptroller, and Mr. Fox.

Sigma Omicron Lambda since it was organized on the Lewis campus in 1925. It now becomes the second social sorority on IIT's campus to have national affiliation, the other being Sigma Kappa.

## Land Ho!

Most everything takes the path of least resistance—electricity, Techmen, and even water. That's what happened Friday when Chicago was deluged with two inches of rain.

Water came cascading down the Rock Island embankment and entered the Illinois, Tech buildings through cracks around windows and doors. Covering most of the floor of Machinery hall and Main, the water found its way into the heat line conduits causing both buildings to fill with steam.

As a parting tribute to an early spring shower, Heat laboratory was closed for the day. . . Peeling paint due to its impromptu steam bath had dropped from the ceilings into lab machinery.

## Seniors Excused For Conference

Dean Peebles has excused all senior electrical and mechanical engineers from their classes on April 7, 8 and 9 so that they may attend the Midwest Power conference being held this year in the Sheraton hotel. Junior EE's are excused from classes April 8, and Junior mechanicals April 9 so that they too may attend.

More than 80 leaders in the field of power generation, distribution, and consumption will take part in the tenth annual power conference, sponsored by IIT and cooperating institutions.

Held annually in Chicago, the power conference provides an opportunity for all persons interested in the national power problems to exchange information and study mutual problems.

Sessions of the three-day conference will include developments in heating, diesel power, electrical measurements, hydro power, industrial power plants, power and control fuels and combustion, gas turbines, and many other subjects.

Students from IIT attending the conference will be required to sign in at the registration desk in the Sheraton.

Volunteers for student service at the conference are needed, and those interested in serving should see Professor R. A. Budenholzer or Dr. Edwin R. Whitehead, secretary of the conference.

## Tau Beta Pi Will Coordinate Distribution Of Questionnaires

A comprehensive instructor rating system for all classes in the engineering division will be in effect this semester, it was announced by Bill Gauthier, president of Tau Beta Pi.

Patterned after the successful EE department questionnaire of last semester, it will be handled by the departmental honoraries in their own departments, and also distributed to the departments of

physics, chemistry, mathematics, mechanics, and technical drawing.

Tau Beta Pi, the all-engineering honorary, is to be the co-ordinating body, working through the Inter-honorary council in facilitating the distribution and use of the questionnaire, after it is approved by all members of the council.

### Department Heads Approve

Directors of all departments have been consulted, according to Gauthier, and have given their OK's to the plan. Requests for suggestions have met with such cooperation as to motivate immediate departmental conferences in several instances, to elicit ideas from the instructors themselves.

As in the case of the EE questionnaire, this will be "for the sole purpose of enabling students to be helpful in improving instruction in their departments." However, there will be definite changes, especially in the manner of grading, to facilitate a more general use, and "eliminate some of the bugs encountered in the EE survey," as Gauthier stated.

"We already have the aid of some students, many suggestions from the various departments, and forms of similar surveys used in other schools," said Bill, "making up a vast store of material to use in drafting the final form."

Former Success Praised

Gauthier said he would appreciate further suggestions, and that students could contact him in care of Tau Beta Pi via the campus post-office.

"A system of this sort could easily get out of hand," warned Gauthier, "especially if the instructors let it degenerate to a system for gaining popularity among the students." He went on to request that such tragedies be avoided by careful administering and conscientious use of the questionnaire among students and faculty alike.

Edwin R. Whitehead, director of the electrical engineering department, commented on the success of the original survey. "It was quite clear that the students gave careful

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## New Class Officer Created By ITSA Constitution Change

The freshman and sophomore classes will elect men to the office of vice-president for the first time in the next class elections.

This is one of the changes submitted to the Illinois Tech Student Association by its constitutional revision committee at the meeting Wednesday. Other proposals submitted by the committee are as follows:

In case one class officer drops out the remaining officers will appoint a student to replace him. This will apply to all offices except president. If a class president drops out, the vice-president will assume his duties.

### Representatives To Be Appointed

There will be no election of Student Union Board of Control representatives next semester. From now on the representatives will be appointed by the class president.

The athletic director will no longer be a member of the ITSA board of control. In place of the athletic director the Student Union director will be appointed to the board. At present this change has no effect since Bernard "Sonny" Weissman, Student Union director, serves on the board in the former position.

### End Student Honorariums

Other business carried out at the meeting was the appointment of Ed Zietz as student representative to the Publications board and the abolishment of all stipends and honorariums after the completion of this semester. A committee was appointed to formulate a new plan for paying salaries or stipends for student activities.

Also discussed was the sophomore class dance which will be held on the first night of Junior Week, April 21. It is an all-school dance and there will be no admission charge. All expenses will be paid by ITSA.

## Heads Up!

There are some things you can't afford to miss. The next

## Red Cross Drive Surpasses Goal

The IIT Red Cross drive, led by Julie Balich, president of the White Collar Girls, has passed last year's mark of \$422 and has now reached a total of \$719.

Of this amount, faculty and institute employees have contributed approximately \$700 and students \$20. Miss Balich has broken the faculty and employee contributions down into a building by building classification, which the Physics building heads with a total of \$160. The Metallurgy building is next with \$100.

Miss Balich feels that this year's drive will realize more than double the amount received last year in the remaining week of the drive.



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