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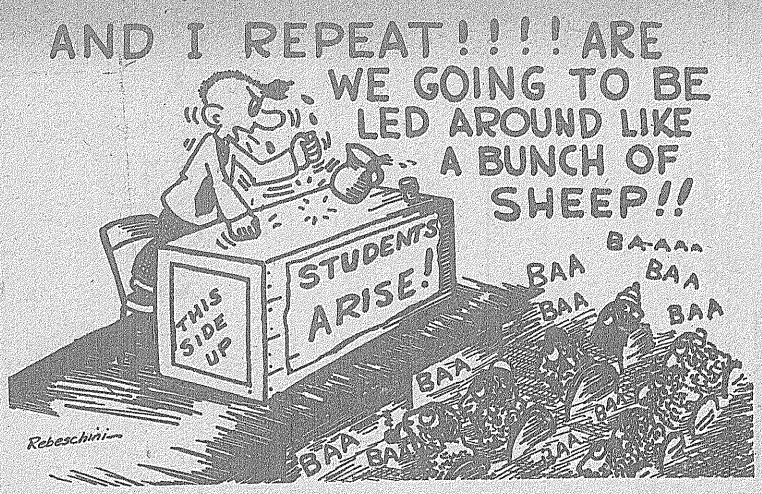


HELL NO!!

Voters flex political muscles

Illinois Tech's student body will throw its political weight Wednesday and Thursday when a record number of 76 candidates for class offices hope to entice an all-time high of 2,000 voters to the polls in IIT's first two-day election.

Voting will take place in the East dining room in the North Union, where the polls will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

There will be definitely no waiting at the polls. The voting system is set up so that a quick and comfortable vote may be cast between classes or during the noon hour as well as during the usual slow hours late in the afternoon.

Working at a fast pace Thursday after the polls are closed, the election commission will tally the votes as quickly as possible. Space in Friday's **Technology News** will be held open for the story, and official results will not be released until distribution of the paper.

The week preceding the election has been an unprecedented campaign period, with the 76 candidates "pouring on the coal" as the poll time approaches.

Already in its final stages, the peak of campaigning will be reached Tuesday, the day before elections, when the four separate classes will convene individually for the first all-school election assembly of its type to be held. Candidates will give short talks at these meetings.

The gatherings will take place at 1 p.m. The freshman class will meet in the Chemistry building auditorium, the sophomores in the Metallurgy auditorium, the juniors in the North Union auditorium, and the seniors in 302 Main.

Student interest in voting will be aroused by assemblies of this type, the election commission feels. Commission Head Bob Shuldes stated, "the success or failure of the assemblies and the election will depend almost entirely upon what the candidates and their constituents make of them."

In stressing the importance of correctly marking the ballots, the election commission has mentioned the possibility of disqualifying faulty ballots. Using the preferential system, the voter must indicate his choices in the order of his preference by the proper number.

As the lowest ranking candidate is eliminated, his votes are distributed according to the second choice marked, and so on.

'Homecomers Hop' slated tonight

Homecoming—will it be a night to mark an era of renewed athletic interest at IIT? Such is the fond hope of spirited Techawks.

Tonight's festivities will be novel in the history of extra-curricular activities at IIT. In addition to its importance as the beginning of a tradition, the evening offers two separate and outstanding attractions. Footwork will be featured first, at a tense, flashing basketball game where IIT rooters will cheer the deft maneuvers of Ed Glancy's cagers, and then in the more relaxed atmosphere of North Union auditorium,

O. Gordon Erickson, Illinois Tech's music director, should have no trouble remembering appropriate music for tonight's game. At the request of A. A. Stagg, Mr. Erickson wrote "Wave the Flag for Old Chicago," and 20 years later, in 1938, he pounded out the "Illinois Tech Fight Song."

where dancers will shuffle to the easy rhythm of Johnny Edwards and his band.

To enliven the rooting at the game, O. Gordon Erickson will lead the Concert band in the fight songs of both schools.

Dance chairman John Hayes assures "stag" Techmen an ample supply of partners through invitations to women of local campuses. Emcee Tom Murray will be ready to introduce entertainers for a lively intermission spot.

Dance tickets can be purchased from all class officers and senior class marshals. Student identification cards will admit Techawks to the game free.

SAM plans schedule for movies

Sound-color films on winter resorts, model railroading, rubber plantations, and aluminum manufacture will be featured in today's free movie program in MC auditorium from 3 to 5 p.m.

Sponsored by the Society for the Advancement of Management in cooperation with the Visual Education department, the picture schedule is now a weekly event open to all students and Technology Center personnel.

A variety of film subjects are being booked for future use, according to Seymour Lorber, SAM president. 'Entertaining and informative movies will be selected on the basis of comments and suggestions by those in attendance," Lorber said.

Next Friday, the SAM cinema marquee will offer "TVA," a 20-minute documentary on the Tennessee Valley Authority, produced by a Hollywood studio. In addition there will be a TVA-made, 11-minute engineering project, "Motion Study Applied to Letter Indexing," and other pictures to make up the two-hour lineup.

CTA survey to reveal 33rd 'L' fate

After consultation with Illinois Tech officials, Chicago Transit Authority has agreed to consider an alternate plan in place of its recent decision to close the 33rd street elevated station, in line with modernizing the "L" system.

The new proposal suggests that the present 35th street station, at which express trains will stop under the new schedule, be extended to 33rd street. There would be a cashier's booth at both 33rd and 35th streets.

Final acceptance of the plan by CTA depends upon a check of "L" passenger traffic at 33rd street.

Amory to speak before BE's

Derick Heathcoat Amory, Conservative member of parliament, will discuss "The British Economic Situation" at Monday's meeting of the Business and Economics club in the Auditorium at 3 p.m.

Derick H. Amory

Mr. Amory has been a member of the House of Commons since 1945, holding the seat from Tiverton, Devonshire which has been held by his family almost without interruption for 100 years. In addition to his parliamentary duties, he is a director of Lloyds Bank and John Heathcoat and company, a family owned textile mill.

A veteran of both world wars, Mr. Amory served as a lieutenant-colonel in the last one. He was captured by the Germans at Arnhem, and spent eight months in a prison camp.

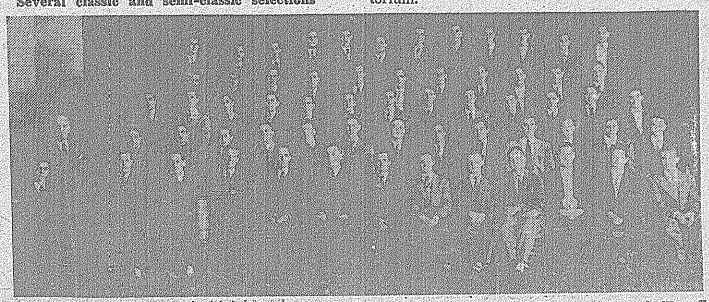
His stop in Chicago marks the end of the first half of his two-month lecture tour of the United States.

Yule keynotes concert

Against a backdrop of Yuletide decorations, the musical clubs will present their annual Christmas concert next Thursday at 1 p.m. in the NU auditorium. The program features a recitation of the Christmas story by D. Roy Mathews, professor of history; a trumpet solo by Charles Kohlar; and two numbers by the girls' chorus, augmented by the glee club.

Several classic and semi-classic selections by the concert band and orchestra will complete the program, which the clubs will present in Rockford and Elgin Sunday. One hundred and twenty men will participate in the concerts.

Anticipating another capacity audience, Director O. Gordon Erickson has made arrangements for an extra 100 chairs on the main floor of the auditorium.



MALE CHORUS of IIT, which will perform with the music clubs at next Thursday's Christmas concert. The affair is an annual event at Illinois Tech.

Four-point system postponed

The four point grade system originally scheduled to go into effect this semester has been postponed until next fall. "This action was taken by the faculty academic council in a recent meeting," announced John T. Rettaliata, dean of engineers and chairman of the council.

"Since the registrar's office is in the process of converting to a new IBM grade tabulating system, it was found impossible for them to take on the enormous task of changing each student's grades to the new system," he continued. The present three point grade system will remain in effect through the spring term and summer session.

Under the new system an A will count four points, a B three points, a C two points and a D one point. This system is used most generally in other colleges.