



NURSE ALBERTA Thrasher gets **K. T. Yang** ready for a chest x-ray. The mobile unit, here under the sponsorship of the National Tuberculosis Institute, is set up in the North Union, and will be available to staff and students until next Friday.

TB or not TB? Check chest now

Had your chest X-rayed recently? If not, you still have time to take advantage of the free chest X-ray service being offered to Illinois Tech students and staff in the NU auditorium. The mobile unit will be on campus through next Friday.

This service is sponsored by the National Tuberculosis Institute in an effort to catch tuberculosis in its early stage. As incipient TB has no signs or symptoms, the chest X-ray is the only positive way to make a preliminary diagnosis.

The entire examination procedure has been speeded up to the extent that even the busiest Techhawk should be able to find time to slip into the auditorium. Only a small card form must be filled out and the actual picture taking takes less than a minute.

Pictures will be analyzed by a TB Institute medical officer and each examinee will be informed by mail as to the outcome of this analysis. In addition, the school will be informed of all positive findings and steps will be taken to make further examinations.

This service represents considerable saving to the examinee since a similar picture and analysis by a private physician or hospital would cost about \$12.

Students are urged to take advantage of this opportunity because it has been found that TB cases occur much more frequently in engineering and graduate level schools where students have a minimum of time for athletic and recreational activities.

WSE to pick officers Thursday

Election of officers for the Illinois Tech chapter of the Western Society of Engineers will be held January 13 at 1 p.m. in 302M.

The chapter, activated a little over a year ago, was formed to give engineering students an opportunity to meet practicing engineers in their own field. Technical sessions, held at 84 E. Randolph and sponsored by the parent organization, are also open to students.

With the exception of one or two all-school assemblies, at which prominent members of the engineering profession are guest speakers, the chapter holds no regular on-campus meetings. "The Midwestern Engineer," the society's monthly magazine, is, however, received by all members.

Membership applications from interested junior and senior engineering students will be accepted at the meeting.

Rent controls spur B & E club debate

By Henry Holmes

According to an unimpeachable source, both Harry Henig and Donald Smithburg of the BE and PSS departments are girding their tongues and preparing to advance on the MC auditorium at 4 p.m. Wednesday for their debate on "Should Rent Controls be continued?"

A recent communique from Professor Henig's headquarters announced that he would carry on his fight against rent control "to the last syllable."

In a copyrighted story bearing a Chapin hall dateline, D. W. Smithburg, assistant professor of political science and leader of the pro-rent control forces, expressed optimism in regard to Wednesday's crucial battle, and shouted his familiar battle cry, "Damn the landlords, full steam ahead!"

Sources close to Professor Henig told of the economics prof's belief

that this year's debate would probably surpass last year's epic struggle in which these titans battled to a bloody draw on the subject "Resolved: Price Controls Should Be Continued." It has been universally predicted that this decisive encounter will send Cicero and Cataline, Webster and Hayne, and Lincoln and Douglas scurrying back into the shadows of forensic history. (The debate will probably be recorded in history as the "Battle of January 12, 4 p.m." or "The MC War.")

The debate is sponsored by the Business and Economics club, and is open to all interested persons.

Praise career parleys

With an enrollment of 360 students, writing and journalism took the lead in vocational preference among the Chicago area high school and junior college students attending the three-day Career conference held at IIT last week. The next nine fields preferred were chemistry and chemical engineering, electronics and electrical engineering, medicine, advertising, stenography, teaching, law, dramatics and art, in that order.

The official registration count totalled more than 1,100 students with 1,500 added people who "dropped in." Robert Cunningham, admissions counselor at IIT, stated that many students didn't attend "because the Christmas holidays had started and because of adverse weather conditions." Publicity for the conference was "well directed" but

came a little late for high enrollment.

After hearing a keynoting address by several prominent men, the students each went to about three of the 135 counselling sessions offered that were held in CE, MC and Alumni Hall. Guided tours were organized and students were familiarized with the workings of IIT.

Following the lecture sessions, the speakers wrote their impressions of the conference, and were unanimous in their praise of "student interest and the serious quest of information in the various fields."

In response to questioning, Lewis Glassner, originator of the conference idea, stated that it was hoped that the conferences would be "held every year, to promote better understanding of the educational benefits to be derived in colleges and universities all over the country."

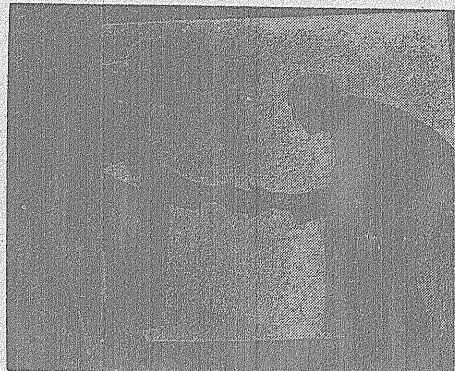
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New stairs rising



Students get new lift in Chapin hall

Something new has been added to Chapin hall.

The old stairway at the north end, having become quite worn, has had to be replaced by a completely new one. This was to be accomplished by simply tearing out the stairway from the front and putting in a new one. But difficulties set in.

It was decided that there was not enough room to put in new stringers. This was no problem. In fact, it saved work. All they had to do now was put in new treads and risers.

So they tried to remove the treads, from the front, of course. This proved impossible because it was discovered that the old treads were put in from the back. The old stringers were slotted and the treads were slid in from under the stairs, like drawers.

The original carpenters slid in a tread, put up a riser, slid in a tread, put up a riser, etc. Now came the thing that everyone was afraid of. The plaster had to come down in order to work from behind the stairs.

Now that the plaster is down, the work is well on its way, and nearing completion. As Walter Parduhn, superintendent of buildings and grounds, says, "It would have been easier to let them just wear away to nothing."

HOW WOULD YOU like to shake hands with your own shadow? The "House of Magic" show, to be held January 19, will demonstrate this phenomenon.

Science sleight of hand featured in GE show

General Electric company's "House of Magic" exhibition, to be presented January 19 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the North Union auditorium, will feature demonstrations whose operations have mystified many.

The show has stemmed from work done at the General Electric Research laboratory which started in back of Charles Steinmetz' born in Schenectady, New York. It follows the principle that "observing simply a few of the more novel and unusual aspects of science seems like watching magic at work." Although it has left the research laboratory and gone out to audiences all over the country, the "House of Magic"

maintains close ties with the laboratory and from time to time adds new demonstrations based on laboratory projects.

Said John Tyner, vice-chairman of the AIEE, "Students attending these shows surely will leave with a greater interest in electrical phenomena."

Pollsters asked to return blank survey forms

All members of campus honoraries making faculty rating surveys are asked to turn in immediately any extra survey forms to the council room. A number of classes have yet to be polled and no more forms are available.

"Enough forms were printed to cover the need," said Bob Hamilton, IHC president, "but small quantities of unused forms in the hands of many of the pollsters have created this shortage."

No final exams . . .

scheduled yet. Because the registrar's office failed to meet the deadline, no final examination schedule appears in today's Technology News, the last of the semester. But don't give up hope . . .



CAPTAIN RON URSICH of the champion Senior Gremlins smiles as he receives the new trophy presented by Editor-in-Chief Dave Pasik for winning the first annual Technology News "Slide Rule Bowl." Assistant sports editor Jim Wangerheim looks on. Other Gremlins in the picture are (left to right) Harry Marcado, Norm Toberman and Ray Bulka, who received miniature footballs as a personal token. The Gremlins, intramural champions, won the Technology News sponsored game over the IF champions, Delta Tau Delta fraternity, 7-0.