Enrollment drops slightly

Enrollment for the spring semester at IIT totals 7,256 day and evening undergraduate and graduate students, Raymond D. Meade, registrar, reported this week.

Full-time enrollment figures are 3,329 undergraduates and 166 graduate students, a total of 3,495. Evening enrollment, made up of 3,390 undergraduates and 371 graduate students, totals 3,761.

These figures do not include late registrations on the campus and extension enrollment in cooperating industries in the Chicago area, which are expected to boost the total by about 500, Meade said.

Final enrollment will approximate 8,000 students, or about 300 less than last semester. This drop is normal, Meade said, since the fall semester enrollment is always larger than that of the spring term.

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Faculty approves student rating

A cross section of the Illinois Tech faculty, interviewed this week by Technology News, expressed approval and offered suggestions on the recently completed faculty rating survey.

Interviewing instructors from various departments, the four-day poll found that the faculty regarded the project as "an excellent idea."

Faculty members indicated a continuation of the rating survey would be profitable. G. Harvey Benham, associate professor of biochemistry, said, "The concluded faculty rating poll might well become a permanent institution."

New and old instructors acknowledged that the questionnaire contained good suggestions and had been helpful. One of the new members of the electrical engineering department, Carl D. Pierson, stated, "It enables the new teacher to readily improve his techniques. Also, an instructor who has been teaching a relatively long time has an opportunity from the attitude of the class and other devious sources to perfect his teaching ability."

Robert W. Frank, assistant professor of English, who has been teaching 10 years, stated that the poll was "his first chance to get an objective picture of student reaction. Dr. Frank remarked, "Teaching is an art and, like any art, it needs criticism if it is to be practiced with increased skill."

One of the faculty staff interviewed had been rated by a departmental survey three years ago. After commenting on the recent poll, Leander W. Matsch, professor of electrical engineering, indicated that the earlier survey had raised his standards of instruction. He said, "Points of corrective criticism made in a survey three years ago were not repeated in the most recent survey, which indicates an improvement in my methods of teaching."

Suggestions for the improvement of the survey were readily given. One of the newer instructors of the business and economics department, Samuel Straus, indicated that he would like to see more time given to the students for filling in the questionnaire.

R. A. Budenholzer, professor of mechanical engineering, said, "It seems that such a survey

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Doctor to blast Kinsey report

Herbert A. Ratner, M.D., a member of the faculty of the Stritch School of Medicine of Loyola university and lecturer on the faculty of the University of Notre Dame, will speak to an all school assembly at 1 p.m. Thursday in the North Student Union auditorium. The subject of his speech, which is being sponsored by the Newman club, is the controversial Kinsey report.

A graduate of the School of Medicine of the University of Michigan, Dr. Ratner spent several years at Michigan on the faculty in the Bacteriology department and in the Department of Experimental Medicine. Dr. Ratner, besides being a practicing physician

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and public health consultant, has lectured and been an advisor at Marquette university, Northwestern university, St. John's at Annapolis, the University of Illinois School of Medicine and several other colleges and universities in the Middle West.

Dr. Ratner has described the Kinsey report as a typical product of a highly specialized college professor who, though efficient in making statistical enumerations, betrays his loss of the profound insight into nature that is present in the less specialized adult. Dr. Ratner will also give several of his other critical views on the Kinsey report.

Claim lost articles in S. Union

Unclaimed lost articles and books collected last semester by the maintenance department have been turned over to the Illinois Tech Student Association for disposal by auction.

Items in the assortment include textbooks, slide rules, notebooks, many articles of clothing, billfolds, car keys, and eye glasses. Names of owners found in the various pieces have been posted on the ITSA bulletin boards in both Student Union buildings.

Claims for this property, all lost during last semester, may be made to Bob Elliott or Al Winsberg of the Student Union committee in the ITSA office in the South Union.

Any articles not called for within the next two weeks will be auctioned in the South Union lounge on a date to be announced next week.

EAGERLY AWAITING TONIGHT'S sophomore dance is Betty Ascher, freshman chem student. The "Varsity Farewell" will follow tonight's double-header basketball game.

Sophs staging dance tonight

A contrast in flashing basketball fury and smooth dancing will mark tonight's "Varsity Farewell."

After the IM-IF All Star game and the IIT-Milwaukee Teachers' contest in the gym, sophomore hosts will open the North Union building until midnight. The lounge and auditorium will have continuous dancing with girls invited from nearby schools awaiting Techawk partners. Refreshments will be available in the cafeteria.

Since Techawks are still recovering from financial bruises incurred during registration, sophomore officers' intentions are to make the evening an inexpensive one — admission rates are low and music will be recorded.

Occurring early in the semester, the event offers many Techawks their first worry-free social event before the deluge of homework severely limits their activities.

Tickets are available at the booth in North Union lobby or from Sherman Roberts and other sophomore class officers.

Staff members for Technology News sought

A staff meeting for all Technology News staff members has been scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday in the News office.

At the meeting, to which any student interested in writing for the newspaper is invited, press cards will be distributed and general assignments outlined.

"No staff members have been assigned 'to beats' as in the past," announced Dave Pasik, editor-in-chief, "because we have found definite assignments to all writers are far more effective in building up a strong staff."

Since the new staff policies were initiated last semester, the staff has been growing, but Pasik stated that plenty of room is available for new writers, and especially urged freshmen and sophomores to attend the meeting Tuesday.

Because of the impossibility of having a reporter permanently assigned to each Institute club, activity, and department, it will be necessary in the future for these groups to contact Technology News for publication of routine news material.

Pasik suggested that student organizations appoint a press representative responsible for submission of material concerning meeting times, election reports, and the like.

FBI agent to talk at HKN dinner

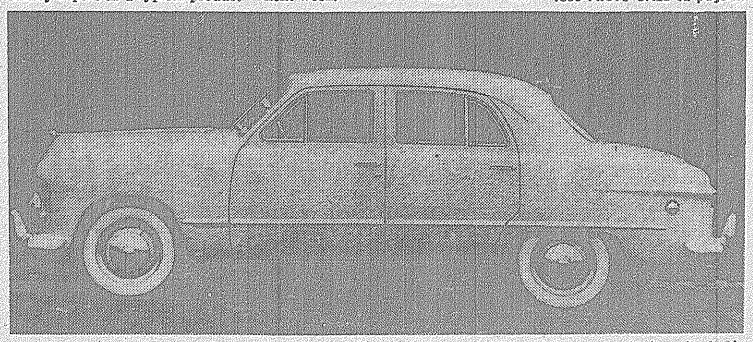
The Illinois Tech chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, both alumni and undergraduate groups, is sponsoring a banquet in the Oceanic room of the Knickerbocker hotel tonight at 6:30. Members of Eta Kappa Nu and Tau Beta Pi from both Northwestern and IIT have been invited to attend.

Principle speaker of the evening will be Richard A. Hosteny, assistant special agent in charge of the local Federal Bureau of Investigation. He will talk about "The Work and Functions of the FBI."

One of the highlights of the dinner will occur when Frank Sanford, Director of Research, Copper Wire Engineering Association, presents the Illinois Tech chapter of Eta Kappa Nu with an award for being the most outstanding chapter in the country.

Present at the dinner will be M. M. Cory, national president of Tau Beta Pi, Alton B. Zerby and Robert Nagel, national secretaries of Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu, respectively. The evening's toastmaster will be L. A. Spangler of the Westinghouse Electric company and former national president of Eta Kappa Nu.

Preceding the banquet, the Tau Beta Pi chapters of Northwestern and Illinois Tech will hold a brief business meeting at 5:15 in the Rose room of the Knickerbocker.



THIS NEW 1949 FORD model custom four-door sedan will be given away during the half-time ceremonies of the Technology News All Star Intramural-Interfraternity basketball game March 11. Full details in next week's Technology News. More dope on page 9.