Psych head awarded grant by US

Phil S. Shurrager, head of the department of psychology, has been awarded a $6,000 grant by the U.S. Public Health service to continue his research on learning in the central nervous system.

Twelve years ago, while working on their doctorates at the University of Rochester, Shurrager and his wife, Harriett, demonstrated that learning could occur outside the brain.

Working with dogs, the Shurragers have measured the rate of learning of a single nerve cell. Their research has centered around how and at what location the nervous system learns.

The new grant will enable them to investigate further the nature of learning in a single cell and to relate this smallest element to total earned behavior.

Legion asks decks of cards

Playing cards are being collected on the campus by Roy Patrick, school barber and American Legion service officer, for distribution to veterans' hospitals in Illinois.

Collection boxes for the cards have been given space for their North and South Union buildings.

Subsistence check confusion explained

Harry W. McClain, assistant chief of the information division of the Chicago Regional Veterans' Administration, explained Monday why some veterans at Illinois Tech have not yet received subsistence checks.

"Delays can be primarily attributed to three factors," Mr. McClain said, "use of a certificate of eligibility obtained prior to September 1, 1948, lack of a claim or C-number, and the date on which the school's certification was submitted.

Certificates of eligibility which were given to veterans between April 1946 and September 1948 were not assigned C-numbers. When these certificates were sent to the VA by schools, they were placed in a dummy file and authorized for one term while the office in Washington, D.C. assigned them C-numbers.

Mr. McClain said this practice has been discontinued because many veterans obtained more than one certificate and it became a serious problem to determine the claim numbers of these men. At the present time, all certificates dated prior to September 1, 1948, are held by the regional office of the VA and are not authorized for subsistence allotments until the veteran's records are cleared by the office in Washington. The process of assigning C-numbers in this manner usually requires 30 days.

Mr. McClain said he believed nearly all veterans who are currently enrolled at Illinois Tech under PL-346 will receive their subsistence checks by December 3.

Return proofs, seniors asked

Graduating seniors are to return the proofs of their yearbook photos to the H. DuBois studios within a week after receiving them, Len Speicher, Integral editor, announced Wednesday. If the proofs are not received within three weeks after having the picture taken, Speicher advised that inquiries be made at the studio.

Seniors who are not satisfied with their pictures may arrange for another sitting.

Revisions for yearbook biographies may be dropped in the Integral box in the South Union.

WSE hears 'Noise'

Frank D. Carvin, director of the mechanical engineering department, and Wilson P. Green, ME professor, spoke last week at a downtown meeting of the Western Society of Engineers.

Their subject was "Noise reduction of Industrial Machinery." Dr. Carvin discussed the topic in general and Dr. Green, director of noise research at Illinois Tech, presented an illustrated talk based on his research.

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