

## Election gun sounds noon Monday

By Bill Wechter

Petitions for class and ITSA officers will be available at 12 noon Monday in the NU lobby and SU lounge, the election commission announced today. The elections will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, January 11 and 12. Petitions with 25 signatures of students eligible to vote for the candidate must be in the Dean of Students office by 6 p. m., January 6.

General qualifications for office are that candidates must be off probation and carrying more than 12 semester hours.

Offices open are: president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, and social chairman of next semester's 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 7th term classes; and the Junior member-at-large. The Junior member-at-large to be elected must, at the time of taking office, be in his 2nd, 3rd, or 4th semester. An official directive on election procedures will be distributed Wednesday.

All students (1st through 7th grades) are eligible to vote for ITSA Junior member-at-large who, with the class officers, will be elected for a full year.

It is the Election Commissioner's opinion that much can be expected from 4th and 6th semester students judging from their activities at the last election, "IT's" freshman, the first class without a dominance of veterans, is expected to show its youthful vigor.

As in past semesters the arrival of petitions in the Dean of Students office will determine the position of candidates' names on the ballot.

After the ITSA Election Commission meeting Tuesday, Don Lynch, commissioner, announced, "The only limits on promotion for elections will be those of good taste and respect for Institute property. At the last ITSA meeting ACSA agreed to relax all publication restrictions...all types of campaigning will be encouraged from the moment petitions are in until 4:30 p. m., January 12."

## Techhawks to welcome 1950 in style

Tickets for an all-school New Year's Eve party, to be held at the Twin Terrace room, will go on sale Monday in the North Union. Sponsored by the January '50 class, the affair offers to all Techawks five hours of dancing, favors, noise makers, and prepaid corkage for \$8 per couple. Music will be provided by Benny Dugal and band.

The party is to be run cooperatively by the purchasers of tickets. In the event that the admission proceeds are greater than the cost of the party, the surplus will be returned to the purchasers.

The Twin Terrace room, a downtown night club at 3 N. Clark Street, has been reserved exclusively for the party, providing accommodations for 150 couples. The central location of the party makes it convenient for those who prefer not to drive.

"The January '50 class urges all students, and especially groups of students, to plan to attend this New Year's Eve party. We know of no other place in town where a student can get so much—dancing, favors, the privacy of your own group, convenient location—for so little," stated Bill Dassie, senior class president.

## The "Spirit"? We all know it's—

The committee handling the big Christmas dance, "Winter Whirl," has shown again that they really intend to make it the social affair of the year when they announced that the location of the dance has been changed to the Grand Ballroom of the Sherman Hotel. The Grand Ballroom is quite large and can handle very comfortably a sellout crowd.

## Curricula undergoing revisions

Unofficial statements circulating on campus about proposed curricula changes were confirmed this week by Dean of Engineering John T. Rettaliata. He and John D. Larkin, Dean of Liberal Studies, are co-chairmen of the curriculum committee studying the revisions.

Dean Rettaliata explained the changes as being directed toward a more reasonable work load for students in engineering curricula.

Comparison of IIT curricula with that of other engineering schools revealed the comparatively high study loads. Total requirements have exceeded 160 credit hours in some curricula.

Assuming a load of 50 clock hours as a reasonable student week of study, with one class hour and two outside hours per lecture hour credit, the average semester load is approximately 17 credit hours.

Dean Rettaliata did not believe that students should enter the actual discussions of the curriculum committee, but expressed appreciation of their interest in the matter.

Bids are now on sale in the North Union lobby for three greenbacks and a two bit piece, American money, or 145,000-000 Chinese dollars. The dance starts at 9:00 p. m. on Friday night, December 16, the last day of school before Christmas vacation, and will feature the music of Del Rene and his band.

And now for the thing that everyone is waiting for...Another clue to the identity of the mysterious Christmas Spirit. The entries are starting to come in, and the clues are getting easier and easier. That bottle of champagne, the orchid corsage, the free bid and the pyramid of prizes, are all awaiting the success of some dopestster.

Here are the clues to date:

1. His name is in the new directory...you all know him and read his publication.
2. Distinguished...our phantom looks like the head of a department...Break down Reb and give this guy some credit for a change!
3. Came to Illinois Tech at the age of 16...and the teachers say if our spirit doesn't turn over a new leaf he'll never graduate.



DR. RALPH BUNCHE meets Mel Friedlander, president of Nu Chi Sigma, following the honors assembly Wednesday.

## Contributions of UN related by Dr. Bunche

By Al Sabitay

"The United Nations is the only agency in the world that can effectively eliminate racial and religious bigotry, colonial exploitation, and economic insecurity," stated Dr. Ralph Bunche, director of the UN Department of Trusteeships, before an overflow audience at the Honors assembly Wednesday.

The occasion for Dr. Bunche's speech was the annual presentation of awards and honors to newly inducted members of honoraries and outstanding sophomores in various departments. Joseph J. Pope, president of the Interhonorary Council, sponsors of the assembly, made the introduction. Honor awards were presented to Ronald Lewis and Harry Donko by Pi Tau Sigma; to William Klein by Eta Kappa Nu, and to Bert Cohn by Salamander for the leading scholarship in the mechanical, electrical, and fire protection engineering departments.

President Heald paid tribute to the students who had distinguished themselves by fulfilling the necessary scholastic requirements for admission to the honorary societies. Liberal studies dean John D. Larkin, a former classmate of Bunche's at Harvard, introduced the distinguished speaker.

Dr. Bunche began his speech with a clarification of the United Nations' procedure in solving international problems. He emphasized the separation of diplomatic peace operations into field work

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## IIT music group promises festive holiday concert

Some 150 members of Illinois Tech's music organizations will put the school in the proper holiday spirit with its second annual Christmas Concert, to be given Thursday at 1 p. m.

The program, to be held in the NU auditorium, will feature the Tech band, orchestra and glee club. During the ten minute class breaks on Wednesday, the public address system will pipe organ music to all buildings on campus. The organ will be set up in the NU auditorium.

O. Gordon Erickson, music director, has extended an invitation to all students and faculty, and a special invitation to the office staffs to attend the Christmas Concert and "enjoy the music, as well as Pi Nu Epsilon's cheerful holiday decorations."

IIT's music clubs have already given Christmas concerts in Milwaukee and West Allis, Wisconsin.

## Senior aim: standardize class rings

"Why not standardize class rings?" This is the earnest plea of June '50 senior ring committee chairman, Jim Fitzpatrick. He is also the chairman of a group of presidents and representatives of all classes to streamline the ring procurement procedure, with a view to reducing overall cost.

This committee has as its goals: lowering of ring prices by spreading tooling and manufacture costs over several semesters; reduction of committee drudgery and hours spent soliciting bids for ring making; and establishment of a tradition with an official and standard design.

Sherman Roberts, representing the fifth termers, objected to these proposals on the grounds that future classes would be dictated to. "I wouldn't call it dictation," said Fitzpatrick. "It's no more dictating than what ITSA does when it sets up a method for conveniently transacting its business."

Fitzpatrick revealed that Hurf Jones, the largest class jewelry manufacturers in the nation, have been contracted out of eight bidders for the June '50 class. The selection followed weeks of interviewing, comparing bids and finally choosing.

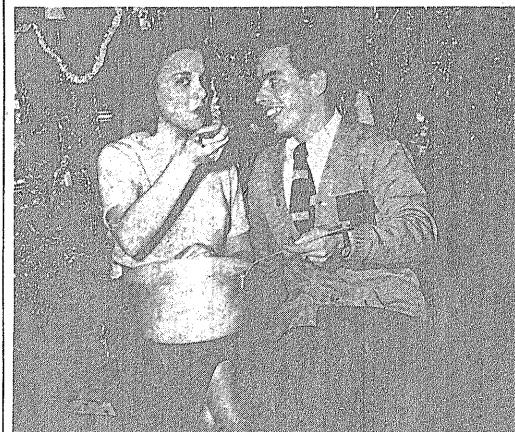
"This tool would be saved future classes if the proposed system is accepted," Fitzpatrick pointed out. "Rings would have increased traditional value and would be as familiar to alumni as fraternity pins are among their members," he said.

## 'Night of Jan. 16' warmly received

Happy smiles lit the faces of the thespians in Wednesday's initial performance of the Campus Players as they received warm applause from the audience, warranting three curtain calls.

The jury, selected from the audience, brought in the verdict after less than three minutes of debate. Notables on the jury were C. E. Deakins, dean of students, and James Gaffney, president of ITSA.

Read Jim Gaffney's critical review on page 2.



EXPERT TASTER Jim Fitzpatrick samples sweets brewed by Mary Margolis for the Home Economics club candy sale.

## Home Ec "sweets" on sale

By Henry Holmes

Techawks, do you have a sweet tooth? Well, the co-eds, bless 'em all, are looking out for your interest.

The Home Ec. girls will conduct a candy sale in both North and South Union simultaneously all day Tuesday. Made by the dainty hands of our most lovely Tech-chicks, the candy is promised to please the palate of the most demanding slide-rule jockey.

All week long the fragrant aroma of confections has been drifting from the kitchens of the HE department. Stacks of candy tins are being filled, ready to be rushed out to the sales booths early Tuesday.

Literally crammed with vitamins, dextrose and calories, the sweets are guaranteed to contain only genuine candy.

Classes will go on as scheduled during the big sale, but students are requested to refrain from smacking their lips during lectures. Instructors are asked to set the example by devouring those delicacies between classes.

Remember, fellows, those booths have been erected to sell candy the girls cannot be gift wrapped and taken home.

"Lemme see now, girls, better save me a couple dozen pieces of that dark fudge, five or six all-night lollipops and a bag..."