

Dean Deakins sounds need for leadership

Do Illinois Tech students appreciate the responsibilities of student government? This question came to me as I thought over my recent conversation with Don Lynch, chairman of the election commission.

"Only ten days until election and no candidates for the junior February class. How are we going to get candidates to run for office?" This was the question to which Don was seeking an answer.

A progressive step was taken last year in the strengthening of student government on our campus. ITSA was reorganized, with students in complete control of the Board. Only one faculty representative and the Dean of Students now sit on the Board as voting members. The responsibility for administering student activity funds is truly the responsibility of the elected representatives of the students. This is as it should be, since the real purpose of all student activities is to give students an opportunity to experience group cooperation and leadership. Accepting the responsibility of leaders is one of the real values to be attained by participation in student activities. The opportunity is here, but where are the leaders?



DEAN C. E. DEAKINS

The Illinois Tech campus is no different from our local village, county, state and national communities. We work and play together for a common cause. We elect our representatives to legislate and administer for us in the interest of all members of our society. If we are to have a strong, efficient, and effective administration of our campus society, we must have strong, capable men and women to fill the offices of our student government. To encourage the right people to become candidates for these offices is the responsibility of every member of our campus community. Those elected will be called upon to make personal sacrifices in order that the welfare of the community may be advanced.

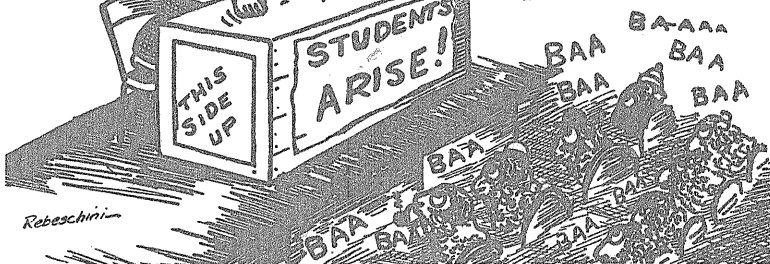
There are many compensations that come to those in positions of leadership which offset some of the sacrifices. The personal satisfaction that one receives from a worthwhile job well done cannot be measured in dollars and cents. A concrete return is the added prestige which holding an elective office gives one in the mind of a future employer.

The citizens of our Illinois Tech community must accept the responsibility to govern their own affairs. A ballot filled with capable candidates and a record-breaking vote will assure the continued success of student government at Illinois Tech.

Clarence E. Deakins
Dean of Students

Vote! Elect your candidates

AND I REPEAT!!!! ARE
WE GOING TO BE
LED AROUND LIKE
A BUNCH OF
SHEEP!!



Junior Members—key to better representation

With the beginning of the next semester, the elected Junior Member-at-Large will contribute his share of student representation on the ITSA Board of Control. His service on ITSA committees is designed to improve student administration.

If this original purpose of the ITSA constitutional change made last year is to be achieved, it demands the election of a man who will vote with the benefit of the entire student body in mind.

This contest is the only chance this semester for all the students to exercise their suffrage. All members of ITSA are eligible to vote for these candidates.

My intention if elected is to accept and promote all constructive ideas and criticisms connected with the improvement or advancement of student life.

I intend to discharge all my ITSA duties with diligence to obtain the results we are all seeking—true school spirit, a better college atmosphere, and fuller participation in athletics. It is my purpose to make things such that they will unite student body in a closer union of friendship.

Richard N. Wardell

Why am I running? Because I've run for office before and lost! Now, I won't promise lower cafeteria prices or a football team, or some other insincere and impossible issue.



RICHARD N. WARDELL

What I do promise is a profound interest in anything that is for the student, coupled with a desirable effect on campus life and activities. Before anyone can produce these results he must be on the inside—on the ITSA board of control. That is why I am running for this office.

Jerry Kunnath

I have been nominated by the Campus Independents, a political party dedicated to represent the majority and yet give a square deal to all. Here is our platform:

1) We do not advocate prudish reforms or card playing restrictions.

2) We do not condemn fraternities but believe that the majority of students should participate in government rather than a few active fraternity men.

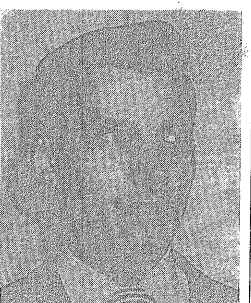
3) We advocate service, honesty, and integrity of purpose in fulfilling the wishes of the majority of students.

Raymond J. Epich

I believe that I am qualified for this office because of my experience on the ITSA board of control as president of the January '53 class. As a member of the ITSA I started the ball rolling on the establishment of a committee to investigate cafeteria prices.

My active membership on the varsity wrestling squad indicates my willingness to work for stronger more progressive student activities and government.

Alfred Siede



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Election tests voting spirit

When the polls open Wednesday, Illinois Tech students will name their choices for class officers. In addition to this, they will be indicating the efficiency of the new ITSA election procedure. Last year IIT students voted for an amendment which provided for alternate yearly elections for class officers. This is to provide continuity in the ITSA Board of Control.

The real test of this innovation will be the enthusiasm displayed by the voters. The candidates have designed some very ingenious campaigns. The fourth term contest, for example, has provoked interest throughout IIT. As the election day neared, it appeared that Doran Granch, an outspoken idealist, would take the president's seat without a fight. Opposition to Granch's "ideas" sparked a rush for petitions.

Some think Granch is a fool others claim him not to exist; but Granch declares his list of supporters to be growing each day. Whatever the outcome of this race, voters are taking interest in the election. According to the Election Commission, this interest on the part of the students is vital to the life of good student government.

Remember: all students are to elect the ITSA Junior Member-at-Large. If the student interest in their government has not decreased during the semester, this means that we can have an election as large or larger than that of last Spring.



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Elections Tomorrow

By Joe Bass

Is Illinois Tech's student body still as politically conscious as the last two record-breaking student elections indicated? 47 candidates are anxiously hoping that the results of Wednesday and Thursday's polling will return an affirmative answer.

Election commission officials and candidates are hoping voters will not turn a cold shoulder to this crucial midyear election. The somewhat lackadaisical campaigning has been attributed to the fact that only first, second, fourth and sixth term classes are electing full slates of officers, and also to the Christmas recess interrupting the campaign. They say the student body will prove by a heavy turnout during the two-day election that interest in class organization and ITSA representation is still strong.

Polling will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the east dining room of the North Student Union Wednesday. The polls will be open until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and from 8:30 to 4:30 again on Thursday. Voting will be fast, convenient and private, with the election commission's assurance that the polls will be adequately staffed, and accommodations will be sufficient to handle even rush-hour traffic without delay. The procedure will be speeded up if voters have identification ready when they receive their ballots from the clerk outside the polling place, officials pointed out. Any standard identification form such as driving license, social security card, or student's ID card will be acceptable, the commission reports.

Present first semester students will elect president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and social chairman for one-semester term. Second, fourth, and sixth semester students will elect an entire slate of class officers for one complete year. They will not elect class officers in next spring's election.

All students regardless of semester will elect the junior ITSA member-at-large. The junior member-at-large, who must be in his first, second or third term at present, will serve for one complete year. He will join the senior member-at-large, whose term expires in spring, as an overall student representative on the ITSA board of control. The president of each class and the officers of the ITSA constitute the remainder of the student governing board. All members have a one-year tenure of office.



RAYMOND J. EPICH