



CLAUS ENMARK, keeper of the stores in the chemical engineering department, machines a replacement part for a damaged tool.

Claus distributes lab gear & laughs

By Sam Weiman

While probably not as widely known as his contemporaries in the chemistry, physics, and electrical engineering departments, Claus Enmark of the chemical engineering department is the man responsible for the smooth functioning and maintenance of that department's extensive laboratory setup.

Claus was born in Skelleftea, Sweden, a town so close to the Arctic Circle that electric lights are not used between the months of May thru August. (Claus probably takes to the present Chicago weather like a polar bear to an iceberg, that lucky man.) He came to America at the age of 19 in 1926.

He worked with a construction gang almost continuously, with a few breaks to visit Sweden and a winter in a logging camp, until he came to the newly formed Illinois Tech in 1940 with the buildings and grounds department. After a year with that section he went to the chem eng department, where he has remained since.

One of the more memorable incidents of his tour of duty at Tech was the time a student spilled some mercury on the lab floor. When he asked Claus how to gather it up, Claus told him to go to the Chemistry stockroom and pick up a mercury magnet. The student returned in a few minutes with a dustpan with copper wire wound around the handle and inquired, "Where do I plug this gadget in?"

While maintaining and issuing equipment to students may become nerve wracking to say the least, Claus has somehow man-

New deadline for student insurance

The period for enrollment in the student insurance plan with-out the necessity of a physical examination has been extended through Saturday, February 24th.

The price of the health plan is six dollars per semester. When a student terminates his association with the school for any reason, the remainder of the payment will be refunded to him upon request.

All students should realize that those who are insured during the second semester will be eligible to participate in the summer health plan which will provide continuous protection through September.

Any students wishing to buy this insurance may do so at the bursar's office.

Publications board hails new members

At a recent ITSA meeting, Lambert Neighbour, EEE, and Richard Tedrick, MEA, were chosen to fill the vacant positions on the publications board.

The one year appointments return the board to its original strength of four students, one faculty, and one administrative representative. They were necessitated by the completion of terms of office of Evert Saxe, committee chairman, and Sherman Roberts, secretary.

Other board members are Robert Zevitz, newly-elected chairman; Harry Ashbridge; James Armsey, director of public relations, and Pearce Davis, head of the industrial engineering and business and economics departments. Bert Neighbour was elected secretary of the board at a meeting Tuesday.

Tedrick and Neighbour are well qualified to take their positions as members of the board. Before coming to Illinois Tech, they both had experience in the journalism field. Tedrick has been editor of the newspaper at Wright Junior college and has been active at Tech since his arrival a year ago. Neighbour, who is now president of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, was sports editor of a company publication, and a staff member of an armed service newspaper.

One of the main tasks confronting the publications board is the recruiting of staff members for campus publications. With the expected drastic drop in enrollment next semester, publications will be hard hit. The publications board intends to help build up the depleted publications staffs.

The board selects the editors of all school publications. In addition, the publications board makes budget recommendations to ITSA and handles complaints concerning publications. Now under its jurisdiction are Technology News, Integral, Technette, Student Directory and Zest.



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Student opinion sought on RO unit

The United States Air Force is considering opening an Air Force ROTC unit on this campus, it was disclosed today by the dean of students' office. Student opinion of the proposal will be polled in the classrooms Monday.

Clarence E. Deakins, dean of students, stated that the administration is strongly in favor of such a program on the Illinois Tech campus. Whether the students are in favor of the move will be determined by the poll Monday.

Officers of the Air Force will inspect the facilities of the Institute Tuesday and Wednesday to consider its adaptability to their program. No final decision will be made until results of the inspection are known.

Membership in this unit would assure a student of completing his schooling. The exact requirements of membership have not yet been revealed.

The program, if accepted, will begin in September. It will in no way affect the NROTC unit already on campus.

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