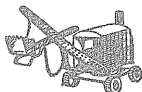


THE STEAM SHOVEL



Has anybody seen Sylvia? If you have, let Ervin Meza know about it. You will see Ervin here the distinction of being the first man to receive a "fan" letter in connection with his work on the Engineer—but who in Hades is Sylvia, anyway?

What is the story behind Guy Morris Wilcox's "Hannah"? Guy admits that the name is symmetrical with respect to the Y axis—can it mean that Guy has an eye for curves?

WOJTASIK, POLKO, and HOYER, "THE THREE MUGS-FROM-SEARS", ditched class the other day—which wasn't as serious in itself, if it weren't for their setting a bad example for the rest of the senior Mechs. After all, the boys should realize that their associates are only impressionable seniors!

Experience is the best teacher—and so won FRANK SMETANA know that it never pays to stop in front of a woman's (?) house in order to give her a lift to her home!

And from personal experience, JOHN SCOTT will tell the cockeyed

STUDENT MUSINGS

IDIOTIORIAL

Every day, in thousands of school rooms throughout the nation, defenseless children are being driven by dire threats of failure and of social ostracism to struggle with their "e's" and "i's" and doubled consonants. In business offices hurried executives keep relentless watch upon their secretaries lest—oh, the horror of it!—a misspelled word should slip unnoticed into the mail. Newspapers preserve their integrity by corps of copy-wary proof readers, whose sole duty is to serve as bulwarks against the illiteracy of reporters and the caprices of linotypists. Thus are the records of our great institutions kept pure; for, although honesty is the best policy, he who misspells is lost.

The many idiosyncracies of English spelling have served long and faithfully as targets for the professional humorist. They are among his old standbys: any little inconsistency, dolled up with a proper verse, is sure to get a rise out of the uncomplaining public. Perennially, some serious minded and well-meaning soul, alarmed perhaps at this unseemly levity, takes upon his shoulders the task of enlightening the world to the joys and benefits of simplified spelling. Only recently, in solemn pronouncement, on the front page of its Sunday edition, one of the world's largest (?) newspapers has come boldly forth for simplified spelling: in the case of some two dozen words. Hereafter, we are told, in the columns of this paper "advertisement" will be spelled "advertisment"; "analogue", "analog"; "cancelled"; "cancelled"; etc. Echo answers: "Who cares?"

We are inclined to agree with Echo. In all seriousness, we believe that this business of correct spelling is much—oh, very much—over emphasized. What matter, after all, if one spell it "receive" or "recieve", or even "reseve"? Need that alter his social status? We advocate of older days, when a word could be spelled four different ways on consecutive pages without creating a disturbance. Let an unconventional spelling be regarded, not as an unpardonable blunder indicative of nothing but abysmal ignorance, but as a product of the whim or fancy of the author.

The scientist must have his *lingua franca*, and the lawyer his: let these, then, demand consistency and precision in their spelling. And let the super-executive, who must be brisk and businesslike at all costs, talk about "stoks" and "morgas" and similar mutilations in his heart's fulfillment. The rest of us need not take our spelling quite so seriously. —B. M.

universe that life may be one fool thing after another, but love is just two fool things after each other!!

Civils Visit Steel and Cement Mills

Well, the Steam Shovel sure is sure that prosperity has returned. How else can you account for the fact that first we see free balls and bats dominated by the dozens, and then in the same week, the drinking fountain spouts out with a new faucet so you don't have to hold five holes to drink out of the sixth.

BRIGHT IDEAS OF CHILDREN
Chuck Handier suggests that the juniors get class red-flannel underwear instead of jackets. And Chuck answers by a stack of E. E. handbooks that he'll have the underwear, at least, in time for winter use.

Bruce Locking officially wishes to express his appreciation for the apples presented to him by the senior civils in connection with the house warming of his new room, but states that he could have gone for a little "aged in the wood" apple cider, a little more readily. And the apples weren't even polished!

News from the battle front

The score in the daunting artillery still stands with a slight balance in favor of the sophomores—despite the wholesale slaughter of a dozen sophs up in freshman drafting room Monday.

And let the depantising Monday be a lesson to sophs who flunk their freshman subjects.

And, using the motto of the freshmen at Lynchburg College, "Green things must grow."

Last Thursday the junior and senior civils, under the guardianship of Professor Stevens, made an inspection trip to the Inland Steel company at Indiana Harbor and the Universal Portland Cement company at Buffington, Indiana. The trip through the steel mills lasted for three hours, from 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 and provided many interesting features.

Observe Melting of Metal

One of the most interesting operations observed was the tapping of the blast furnace. The furnace produces 8 tons of molten metal at one heat and is tapped five times in twenty-four hours.

It is equipped with a hole in the side which is plugged up with clay by a compressed air process. As the slag is running off from the over-filled furnace the clay is removed from the cavity as much as possible, and the remaining wall of solidified iron bored through with an acetylene torch. As the metal flows through the hole it is loaded into conveyors and sent to be molded. When all of the ore has been removed the hole is refilled with clay by compression to be in readiness for the next tapping. In the rolling mills the visitors were very much impressed by the large masses of metal being made into thin strips.

Visit Cement Plant

The visit to the cement plant occupied most of the afternoon. The entire process from raw material to finished product was followed through with intense interest.

Fraternity Notes

TRIANGLE

Last week the election of officers was held. The results were as follows:

Robert Lyford, president; John Scott, vice-president; John Penn, treasurer; Robert W. Schmidt, secretary; Edward Thompson, steward. Last Sunday the Founder's Day Banquet was held at the house. The guests were Norman Beggs, National Vice-President and Earl Benson who was the first president of Armour chapter of Triangle.

DELTA TAU EITTA

The monthly Mother's club meeting last Sunday was well attended, and we were pleased to have a number of alumni and their wives present.

At the chapter meeting last Tuesday the following officers were installed:

Lawrence Davidson, president; Harry Graug, vice-president; Leonard Mayfield, recording secretary; John Davis, corresponding secretary; Hugh Bishop, messenger; Donald Brissman, sergeant at arms.

Strenuous baseball practice is under way under the direction of Frank Gallagher.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

The Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma takes pleasure in announcing the pledging of Joseph Muroff, Jr., '37.

The date has finally been set for the dance. It will be held on Saturday evening, May 5.

Plans for the Alumni Smoker have been completed. It will be held on

Thursday, April 19. We expect to have the largest smoker of this type that was ever held at the house.

Three of the fellows in the house paid a visit to the Rho Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma down at the University of Illinois. Brothers Savage, Ford and Fogle drove down on Friday, April 13 and remained there until Sunday, April 15, after a very enjoyable visit.

Don Williams, '27, paid a visit to the house on Friday, April 13.

BETA PSI

Last Friday evening Alpha chapter of Beta Psi, located at Illinois, gave a rushing smoker at our chapter house.

Preparations are being made for the orchestra dance to be held at the house this coming Saturday. From the way the fellows are talking, it is going to be a good one.

We are glad to have our president, brother Zabbe, with us again. He was absent last week on a trip in the east.

We wish to extend our sympathy to brother Walter J. Bentley who suffered a fractured knee cap in a fall last week and is now recuperating in the hospital. We trust he will be back with us soon.

PHI PI PHI

The members of the house are now busy in preparation for Junior week. Don Gregerson is manager of the baseball team, and is rapidly organizing the team. He would like to make arrangements for practice games with other houses if possible.

Gamma chapter of Phi Pi Phi has the pleasure to announce the pledging of Ewald Kuh, Arch, '36.

Eta Kappa Nu Essays
Due at End of April

May 1 marks the close of this year's Eta Kappa Nu essay contest. As usual the honorary electrical engineering fraternity will present a copy of the new sixth edition of the Standard Handbook for Electrical Engineers to the student of sophomore electricity who writes the best essay on some practical or theoretical phase of electrical engineering.

The essays should be in the neighborhood of 2500 words in length and should be the result of original research on the part of the writer. Judgment of the essays will be based on originality, general interest, treatment of subject matter, and quality of presentation.

The Mother's club met at the house Thursday, April 12, to make arrangements for a joint card party and dance to be held at the chapter house, May 5.

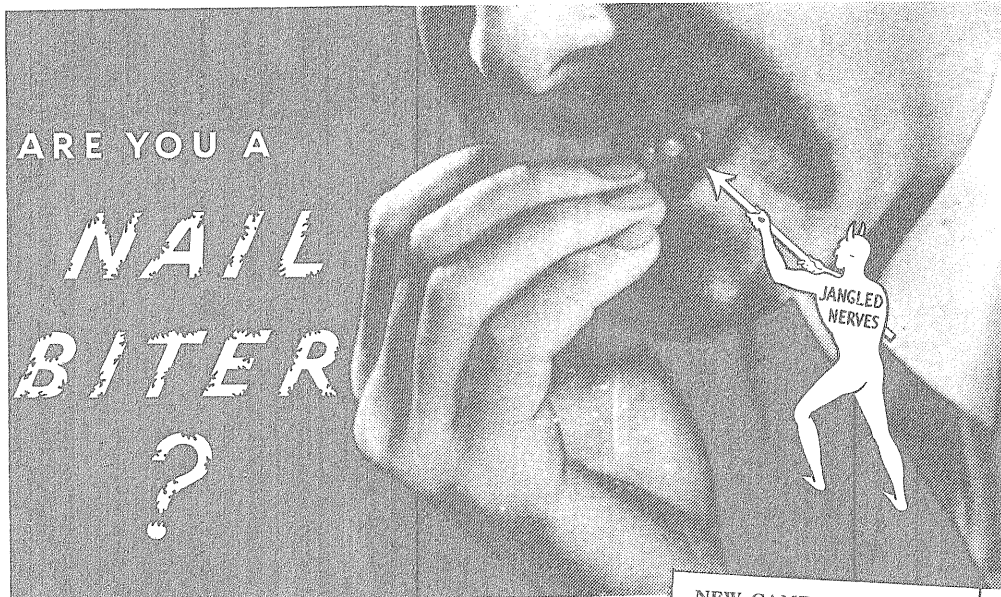
SIGMA ALPHA MU

Sigma Alpha Mu announces the election of the following men:

Stanley Bernstein, prior; Irving Adels, exchequer; Julius Frank, recorder.

RHO DELTA RHO

For the first time since its organization at Armour, Rho Delta Rho will enter the annual fraternity sing. Al Rosen dropped in at the house for lunch last Thursday and said that he hopes to be back in school next fall. We will be more than glad to have you back with us AI.

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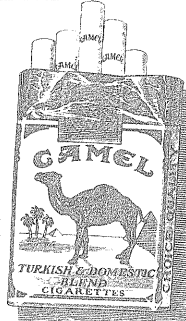
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