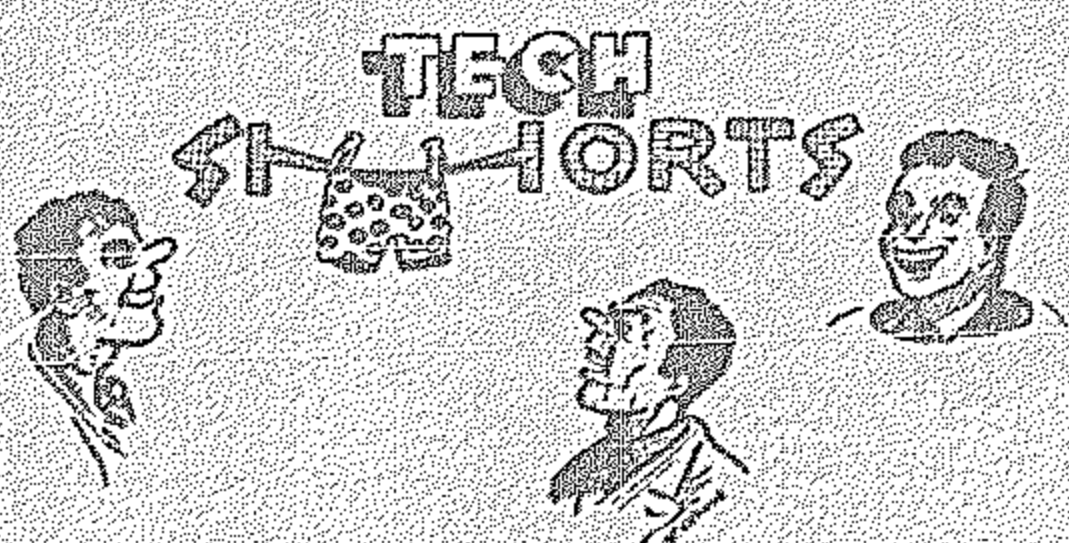




By Fred DeMoney

Believe it or not, those tennis courts in back of Chapin were once among the finest tennis courts in the city of Chicago. Constructed by a man famous in the art of tennis court making, these courts were made of the finest materials and in line with regulations that were followed in that day.

The courts were built with precision and exactness, with proper drainage was taken into account. Where once apartment dwellings had stood, the tennis courts were leveled. This took place quite a long time ago, when girls played the game clad in "bloomer suits."

For quite a spell the courts remained hard and firm, although the "sou'western" did take away a few millimeters of top clay every summer. Then about, seven years ago the courts became noticeably poor, and a man was put to work on the courts. Despite this one man's labor, the courts today are still noticeably poor.

What exactly is the matter with the courts? In the first place, the courts are too soft. Softness of clay courts can be blamed upon lack of rolling. But the caretaker, the same man who was assigned to the courts seven years ago, claims that he rolls them every day.

He claims that because of the softness of the courts, even a regulation clay court tennis shoe will mar the surface so bad that at the end of a set the court looks like a couple of tractors "with lugs" had been played tag. So this gentleman goes onto the courts as soon as he can in the morning, and repairs the damage by first filling in the holes with fresh clay and then rolling. And just as soon as he makes one court playable, another is waiting for him. And then the first repaired court becomes scarred; and the viscous circle is completed. The caretaker does many other jobs around the institute, and hence can not spend all day on the courts. But that is exactly what's needed, if the courts are to be in any shape at all.

Further, not only are the courts too soft, but they are dead. Because of the long period of no maintenance work on the courts, they were allowed to erode with every rain and wind storm. The base of clay has almost changed to dirt and stones. Hence, a new base is probably needed.

There seems to be only one logical solution to the problem, and that is to replace the clay with concrete. Despite the fact that concrete plays havoc with both the feet and balls, such a court is always in tip top shape, and can be used at almost any time. It is apparent that even if the amount of upkeep necessary to keep the clay courts in a useable condition were available, it would not be worth the money. Concrete courts require very little upkeep, for only that of lining is essential.

And while the present courts have the correct dimension lengthwise, there still is not the proper room cross court. Now if concrete courts were laid, the idea would be to make the courts of the proper dimensions and then put up the fence. All courts should be made of the regulation "doubles" size.

It can only be concluded that, since the present courts are too soft for use, and since even the base may be no good, and since the courts can not receive the proper attention, and that

NASH SPEAKS, STUDENTS TALK AT ASSEMBLY

Lieutenant Nash of the Chicago Fire Department was the guest speaker at a fire prevention assembly in the Lewis auditorium on October 8. Giving due credit to the usefulness of the match, Lieutenant Nash was concerned also with the many disasters caused by its careless use. Many examples of avoidable fires were given, and also an estimation that fire loss could be decreased about 50 per cent if rubbish were cleaned out of basements and attics. At the conclusion of Lieutenant Nash's talk, Dean C. L. Clarke turned the assembly over to the students for the discussion of their problems.

Students Voice Opinions

Mickey Walker presented the matter of school colors for the Illinois Institute of Technology. A combined committee of the two branches had suggested scarlet and gray. These colors seemed satisfactory to the majority of the students, but some divergent opinions were expressed. To make sure that everyone had an opportunity to express his views, a box was placed in the lobby for the votes. Scarlet and gray have received about 90 per cent of the total vote, the other 10 per cent being scattered.

Combined Assembly

"Chuck" Reinhardt lead the discussion of the class organization. It was suggested that the class representatives serve as a temporary council to represent and formulate student views.

Ping-Pong, Archery For Girls at Lewis

By Mary Flasher

Good news for all girls is the recent opening of the gymnasium for archery, badminton, or ping-pong. Mrs. Olive Pierce Hazel, the gym director, will receive enthusiasts Mondays and Wednesdays. The tools of Dan Cupid's trade—the bow and arrow—have taken a great deal of feminine interest at Lewis. Both a long and a short range are available; the only equipment necessary being a pair of gym shoes. This is one sport that requires no change of clothes.

Watch the Birdie

Battledore and shuttlecock—known as badminton—has a lively group of followers that are seeking outside competition. An exciting, closely-fought contest was staged with George Williams college last year, which Lewis lost, two matches to one. The Lewis "birdie-batters" are seeking a return battle, however, and are also looking for matches with other institutions.

Table tennis, often blasphemously known as "ping-pong", is played in the balcony; a table and eight, count 'em, eight, paddles, as well as many balls are available.

Mrs. Hazel invites those who aren't interested in playing to come up and look around.

even if they did, the courts would still be fundamentally poor, the courts are now just a "white elephant." Because of these facts, it can be further concluded that the clay courts should be replaced with concrete courts of regulation "doubles" size.

There will be a meeting of the Hockey team tomorrow in room U2W at 5 o'clock. All those interested, please attend.

LEWIS STUDENTS PROMISED NEW ACTIVITY ROOM

Lewis students will no longer be expected to do their loitering in the lobby and corridors; instead, the cafeteria will become the center of activity under the new set-up. From 10 A. M. to 6 P. M. the faculty and students will be welcome to chat, lounge, smoke, hold their informal discussions, and partake of refreshments. As soon as it can be arranged, it is the intention of the management to cater to the Lewis students by having sandwiches and beverages on sale all day long, and under the capable management of Miss Kolle who is replacing Miss McRae, hot meals will be served at noon and evening. Since a place is now being provided for visiting and smoking, the administration is asking the cooperation of the students in several matters. Smoking will now be prohibited in the corridors and classrooms, and will be allowed only in the "cafeteria activity room." Upon the completion of these plans, it is hoped that the library will be used only by those who wish to study.

Dance Club Discusses Semester Functions; Many Socials Planned

By Ernie Colant

Promising a larger and more active program for the new season, the Dance Club held its first meeting Tuesday, October 9 in the Student Union Auditorium. The Dance Club has been active for the past three years and has made much progress in improving the social life at Armour.

Monthly Socials

Socials will be held monthly in the Student Union. Dancing instructions will again be given by Dan Stone a professional dance instructor, and his assistants, each Wednesday at 5 o'clock. As in the past semester, girls will be invited to assist in the instructions by President Ernest Colant.

SEEGRIST ELECTED S. P. E. E. OFFICIAL

Significant among the activities of Education circles during the summer was the annual meeting of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education held in Berkeley, California last June. At this meeting W. H. Seegrist, associate professor of machine design at Armour College of Engineering, was elected Secretary of the Drawing Division.

Other new officers of the SPEE Drawing Division are as follows: F. A. Heacock, Princeton, member of Executive Committee, R. P. Hoelscher, University of Illinois, Chairman of the Division; B. M. Green, Stanford, Editor of T-Square page, SPEE Journal; G. M. Phelps, Rensselaer, Chairman National Drawing Competition Committee, and F. W. Slantz, Lafayette College; F. M. Porter, University of Illinois, R. R. Worsencroft, University of Wisconsin, Editorial Board, Journal of Engineering Drawing.

For the past few years it has been customary to hold a mid-year meeting of the Drawing Division in the Middle West area. In order to discuss plans for the coming mid-year meeting, and also plans for a broader study of Engineering Drawing in the United States, a preliminary meeting of a few members of the Division was held at the University of Illinois, Saturday, September 28th. Professor Seegrist as secretary of the Division attended this meeting.

LEWIS' PLAYERS ANNOUNCE FIRST PLAY AT MEETING

By Minnette Hirst

All ye future Duses and Maurice Evanses, attention! The Lewis players held their first meeting October 8th in the Lewis auditorium. At that meeting, it was decided that, in addition to the usual number of plays given during the year, an additional program would be put on at Christmas time featuring the prologue to *Key Largo* by Maxwell Anderson.

First Play Announced

Work has already begun on the first play to be presented early in December. This play is *Two on an Island* by Elmer Rice. The casting will start October 15th at 2 P. M. in the Lewis auditorium. Mrs. Olive Pierce Hazel will test the various members for parts. Students who are interested in the drama are urged to attend this meeting. Other plays that were considered are *Call It a Day* and *June Mad*. Later in the year, one of these plays may be staged.

Mrs. Hazel believes that this year the drama group will equal and perhaps surpass the fine performances given last year. Those who had leading roles in previous productions are Jane Goelet, Alda Karis, Steve Mendak, Miriam Walker, Jack Perkins, and Charles Reinhardt.

Lewis Delegates Chosen For Home Economics Meet

The Home Economics Convention, October 17, 18 and 19 will be held in Springfield and three Lewis girls, Aldona Glaz, Katherine Knirsch, have been chosen as delegates. These girls will have the honor of tea at the Governor's Mansion, a banquet in the Main Ball Room of the Abraham Lincoln Hotel and a tour through places of interest including the

Two Lewis Men Publish Textbook

The completion of the textbook, "A First Survey of Chemistry," written by Norman Kharasch and Helen S. Mackenzie of the Lewis campus, has been announced by the department of chemistry. The text is "tailor-made" for the survey course in chemistry and is intended to fill the need for a simpler and more direct treatment of the subject matter—a need felt by students and instructors alike.

A number of valuable features are incorporated in the text. Among these are a discussion of atomic structure and electro-chemistry, a survey of the important groups of non-metallic and metallic elements, a chapter dealing with the ceramic industries, and an outline of the principles and operations of organic chemistry. Throughout the text, emphasis is placed on an understanding of the structure of matter and of the uses to which its various forms may be put.

At all times the text material aims to ground the student in the subject matter so that he may extend his knowledge by study of carefully chosen reference works. Exercise have been included to test the student's knowledge of facts and his ability to make predictions from a knowledge of theoretical principles. The text is amply illustrated with historical material and diagrams. One of the most intriguing illustrations is that of the three dimensional periodic chart derived last year by Norman Kharasch.

The text is at this time presented in a preliminary edition and is to undergo a rigid revision as dictated by actual class-room use before release to one of the chemical publishers.

Lincoln Memorial. They are expected to bring back many new and practical ideas concerning problems of club work and home economics.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR STUDENT UNION BUILDING

I.--Management

1. The management of this building, excepting the dining hall and book store, is in the hands of the student union and the appointed manager. The manager shall be in direct charge. Any controversies arising shall be settled by the board.
2. The management of the dining room and the book store, as well as all financial matters pertaining to the Student Union building, is in the hands of the treasurer of the Institute. The student board and the manager shall assume responsibility for student conduct in the lunchroom and the bookstore.
3. The board shall meet the first and third Wednesday of every month and any other time as may be considered necessary by the chairman of the board. Adjournment over a definite period of time shall be voted upon by the board.
4. Students having complaints or suggestions to the board should file same with the chairman of the board or the manager of the Student Union at least two days before the board meets.
5. Requests for rooms (meeting or dining) or the entire building must be in the hands of the manager at least one week in advance of the day desired. A policy of first come, first served shall apply until circumstances warrant a change.

II.--Hours

1. The Student Union building will be open for student use on: Weekdays (except Wednesday and Saturday)—8:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. Wednesday—8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Saturday—8:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon.
- These hours do not apply to either the dining hall or the book store, and they are subject to change without notice by either the manager or the board.
2. The Student Union building shall be open for use at any other time as may be deemed necessary by the manager or the board.

III.--The Dining Hall

1. The dining hall shall be the only room to be used by the students for eating purposes.
2. Card playing, chess, checkers or studying is PROHIBITED at all times.

IV.--Study Hall and Auditorium

1. Smoking or card playing will not be permitted.
2. The chairs and tables are not to be moved.
3. That a degree of silence conducive to study be maintained.

V.--Lounge

1. Studying in the lounge will NOT be permitted. Studying here applies to written work. Reading will be allowed.
2. The lamps are not to be moved.
3. The larger chairs should not be moved. Any small chair moved should be returned to its proper place.
4. Card playing should be confined to the tables as provided. Gambling will NOT be tolerated.

VI.--General

1. In all cases, gentlemanly conduct is expected of all students. Suspension from the use of the facilities of the building for a definite period of time shall serve as the penalty for any infraction of the rules, or the understood rules of good conduct.
2. Any room in the Student Union may be closed at the discretion of the manager or the board.
3. Students found guilty of damaging or destroying property of the Union building will be charged for the necessary repairs.
4. All intramural equipment will be kept in the check room.