

STUDENT OPINION SHOWS SWING TO U. S. WAR ENTRY

There is a growing sentiment among American college students that the United States will not be able to keep out of the present European conflict. The Student Opinion Surveys of America, of which the Technology News is an active member along with 150 other college newspapers scattered throughout the country, has kept a careful tab of campus opinion regarding this subject.

Student Opinion Doubtful

In the early part of 1940 the majority of college students were convinced that we could stay out of the war. Since then, three out of every ten students have definitely changed their minds about the ability of this country to avoid the present conflict. Recent events, including the spread of the war in the Mediterranean area, the threatened invasion of England, and the impending lend-lease bill have apparently made the war seem much closer to home. A majority now believes the United States will soon be involved.

This is the record kept by Student Opinion Surveys over a period of fourteen months:

Believing we can stay out of the war:	
December 1939	68%
December 1940	63%
NOW, February 1941	49%

The polls also revealed that the country as a whole has consistently been less optimistic than campus youth. The last check up however, seems to indicate that although students have seemed slow in assuming an attitude of apprehension, they are now more in step with general public opinion.

In two sections of the country—New England and the west central states—there are still majorities of students convinced that we can dodge the war.

Can we stay out of war?

	Yes	No
New England	54%	46%
Middle Atlantic	46%	54%
East Central	47%	53%
West Central	58%	42%
South	48%	52%
Far West	46%	54%

Ed Cieslak Shows Film To Groups

Mr. Edwin S. Cieslak, zoology instructor at Lewis, will present a lecture on March 4, illustrated by two technicolor films, to the animal geography class at the University of Chicago Zoology Department. The films are entitled: "Marine Ecology" and "Ecology of the West". To the latter picture recent ecological shots from Mexico, including a semi-arid desert region, palm groves, and tropics, have been added.

These same movies, accompanied by the lecture will be shown at the joint meeting of the Northwestern University and University of Chicago Chapters of the Sigma Delta Epsilon fraternity on March 10 in Scott Hall.

The movies have been used to supplement the text used by the biology department at Lewis.

Other places where the films have been shown are: De Paul University Biology Department, Illinois Junior College Conference, Englewood Evening Junior College, and the Round Table at the International House.

BIGGEST LOOP FIRE IN 40 YEARS



Picture showing firemen on "L" structure combating the fire that disrupted "L" transportation last Wednesday morning and detained many Illinois Tech students from getting to classes on time.

Junior Formal Sets Mark For Future Tech Social Affairs

By Art Minwegan

Yep, it's over doggone it. As February marched out and March strutted in last Friday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Chicago Towers Club, the Juniors put on a formal that was a formal. Its pleasant memories, as the man said, will last til the end of time.

At nine-twenty in the books those socialites of the highest rank were served the first mouth-watering course, the appetizer; it didn't last long, Q.E.D. Midst quiet and harmonious epulatio, the very melodious string quartet went to town. Within twenty seconds the Grand Ballroom's dance floor was swarmed under. Seems like the Illinois Tech boys are in favor of higher culture, music over food, and such. Speaking about the finer things of life, wow! and a wahoo! Can these terpsichorean terrorists pick their gorgeous bits of femininity. Gadzooks! Everywhere the eye could see were glamorous beauties in the most exquisite attires. What a relief for an engineer after slide rules, steam tables, and handbooks. They certainly warmed the cockles of every heart.

Pop! The "Champagne Music" of Lawrence Welk and his orchestra flowed gently upon the repast-ers at the beginning of the third course. Again our gay young blades and charming coquettes were hypnotized by the music and so they remained until the wee hours of the morning.

Mr. Welk, his boys, and their maiden were right on the ball the whole evening. And there was variety, too, and how, from the Blue Danube Waltz, to Boogie Woogie, to Frenesi.

When the orchestra put away their instruments at two o'clock a moan went up from the crowd because everybody was ready, willing, and able to carry on all night with the same enthusiasm that had prevailed all evening. But the Ball was over and everyone was ready to hie away to some secret rendezvous. Future classes we're sure will set this year's Junior Formal as their ultimate goal in every respect.

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Swimmers Defeat Maryville 45-30 On Southern Trip

"Southern hospitality" was the theme song of the Illinois Tech swimming team two weeks ago as they journeyed some 600 miles down South to Maryville College, Tennessee for a swimming meet. Evidently Tech's hosts were much too gentlemanly, for the McGilvraymen held the long end of a 45-30 score.

Tech Wins Medley

Talcott, Stowell, and Taylor nosed out their rivals for the initial win in the medley. Then Mankus and DeMoney finished second and third respectively in the 220. Rademacher pulled to a clear first in the 50 free style, whereas Tregay took a second in the diving. Cross, the Maryville diver, gave an excellent exhibition. In the 200 yard breast stroke Talcott butterfied to a first, while Stowell was nipped for a third. Huxhold and Wahlgren loafed across the finish line one, two in the 150 yard backstroke. In the gruelling 440 the versatile Mr. Cross from Tennessee won with a length lead over Powers and Gage. In the final event, the 400 yard free style relay team of Rademacher, Huxhold, Mankus, and Blume splashed to an easy victory.

Needless to say, the Techawks enjoyed themselves to the fullest while at Maryville and points East, South, and North. The meet at Maryville was close and exciting throughout, as the score indicates.

Meet Wesleyan Saturday

Last Saturday the tanksters visited DePauw university at Greencastle, Indiana, for another intercollegiate swimming meet and to keep the Tech-Hoosier feud hot. Last year, the Techawks with the aid of one Whitney Pearson, administered the Hoosier their only defeat of the season when they trounced the DePauw Tigers 39-27 in Bartlett. However, due to the loss of Pearson the locals were not expecting a victory over their traditional rival.

This Saturday afternoon at 2:30, Illinois Wesleyan invades Bartlett pool in a return engagement. Down at Bloomington the Techawks lost by a few points. However, with the team at full strength with Carl Koos in the breaststroke department and Tregay and Condon diving, the Bartlett pool scouts see a victory in sight.

TECH RIFLEMEN WIN SIX MEETS

Illinois Tech's Rifle Team has shots its way to victory in a majority of the meets in which it has participated. Its record for the season is six victories and five defeats. Its list of victims includes such schools as Drexel, Stevens and Wheaton. Most of the matches are arranged by mail and the team's five at the respective schools with the final scores being mailed to the other university.

So far only two matches are scheduled for this semester because the team is in practice for the Mid-West invitational meet at the U. of C. on March 28-29-30.

Twelve men make up the roster of the rifle team which is lead by Joe Hartman, the captain and managed by Hank Dryer. Only ten men participate in the matches so competition is held weekly to determine which men will fire. The mainstays of the team are: Dryer, Hartman, George Borre, Ed Dost, Ray Smith, Bob La Nier, and Dick Eck. There are several new men from whom good prospects may be found. These include Bob Bell, Bob Zelin, Roy Peterson, Bob Cwiak and Ted Dumetz.

Lewis Range Open To Student Body

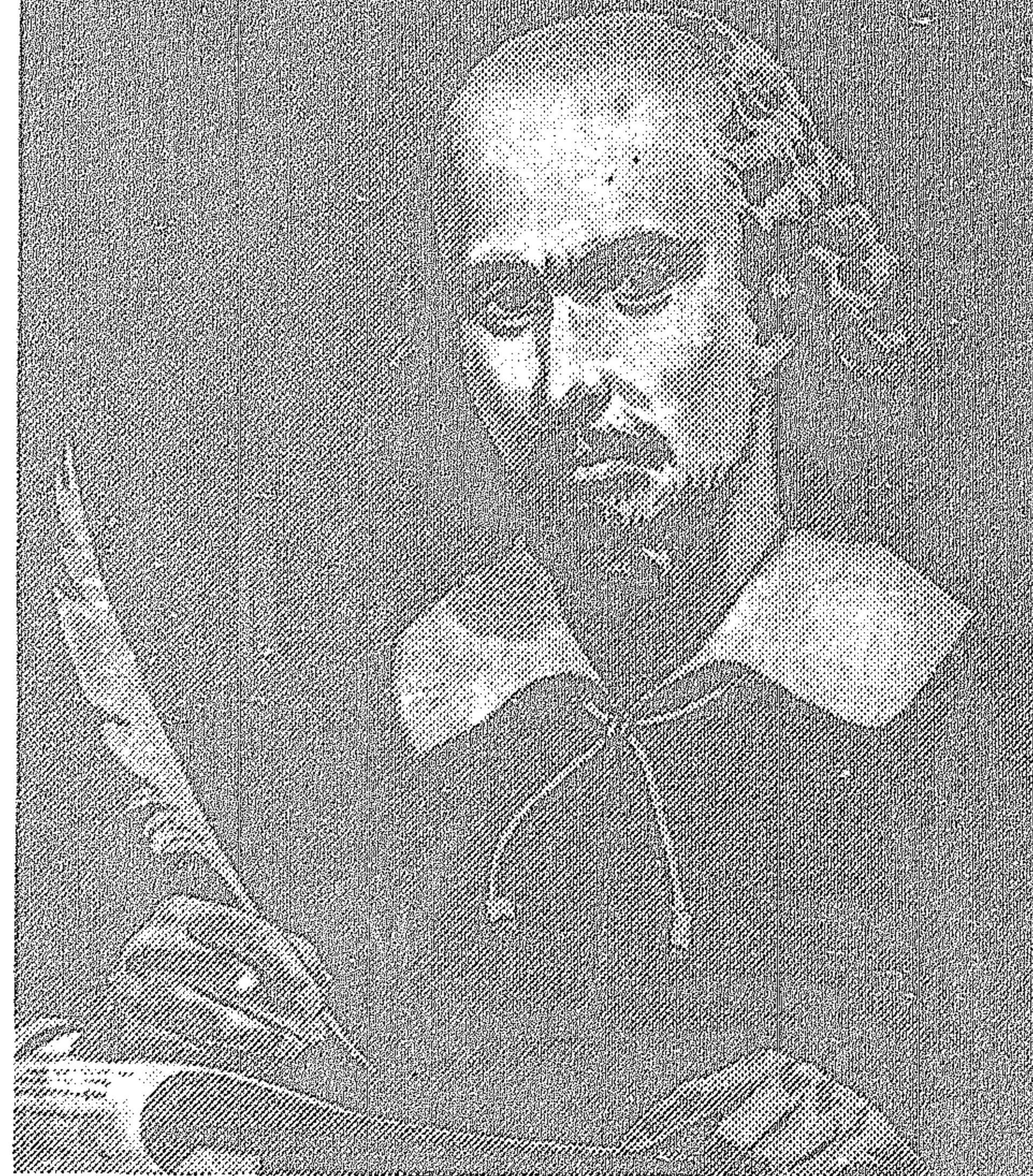
Lewis Rifle and Pistol Club is now open to the students who wish to learn to manipulate fire arms and at the same time become expert marksmen. Those who have equipment may use it on the range; those who are interested in shooting but do not have the equipment may secure rifles owned by the club. Cartridges, of the best quality available, may be purchased for .22 caliber rifles and pistols at a low price.

From three to four-thirty in the afternoon, the range is open for shooting with the stipulation that a club officer be present. The officers are: President Lowell Stevenson, Vice-president Jack Greener, Secretary-Treasurer, Tom Cafcas, Faculty Adviser, Dr. Macmillan. They can be found on the fifth floor in the chemistry department at any time.

Regular business meetings of the club are held on the first Friday of each month in the rifle range. Annual dues of the Club are two (\$2.00) dollars a year payable quarterly and an initiation fee of \$1.50.

As yet, the Club has not entered any active competition.

Shakespeare didn't know the half of it!



... when he wrote

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