

THE HAIRY SHIRT

(If it fits, wear it)

By Mister X

Last week the writer promised two things—first, that he would prove the importance of good manners, and second, that he would prove how bad the manners of the average undergraduate in this institution are.

Good manners consist of a code of acceptable behavior toward your fellow men which has developed over a very long period of time. It is very easy to determine what are good and what are bad manners—you don't even need to read a book to find out. Conduct that is kind, helpful, and unobtrusive (this is a good word and if you don't know its meaning you'd better look it up), is identical with the conduct of a person who is well-mannered.

Why is such conduct important? Is it necessary that a "brilliant" engineer conform to ordinary social usage? Probably not, in the sense that he can make a record of achievement without doing so—after all, if a man is sufficiently brilliant he will be accepted and his bad manners will be passed off as an eccentricity. But he will go farther if he is courteous and well-mannered. If you're not really brilliant, but only average, bad manners will constitute a distinct handicap in your professional life as well as in your social life. In the really top positions of the engineering profession, as in other walks of life, the ill-mannered "boor" is the rare exception. It's a "dead cinch" that these men did not learn their manners after they got to the top. Their good manners were an essential part of the personal assets which helped them get to the top. If you think you have not had any contact as yet with the leaders in the field of engineering, you are wrong. Many of the faculty members of this institution are recognized leaders in their respective fields. If you doubt the truth of the importance of good manners, observe the uniform good manners of your faculty—and draw your own conclusions.



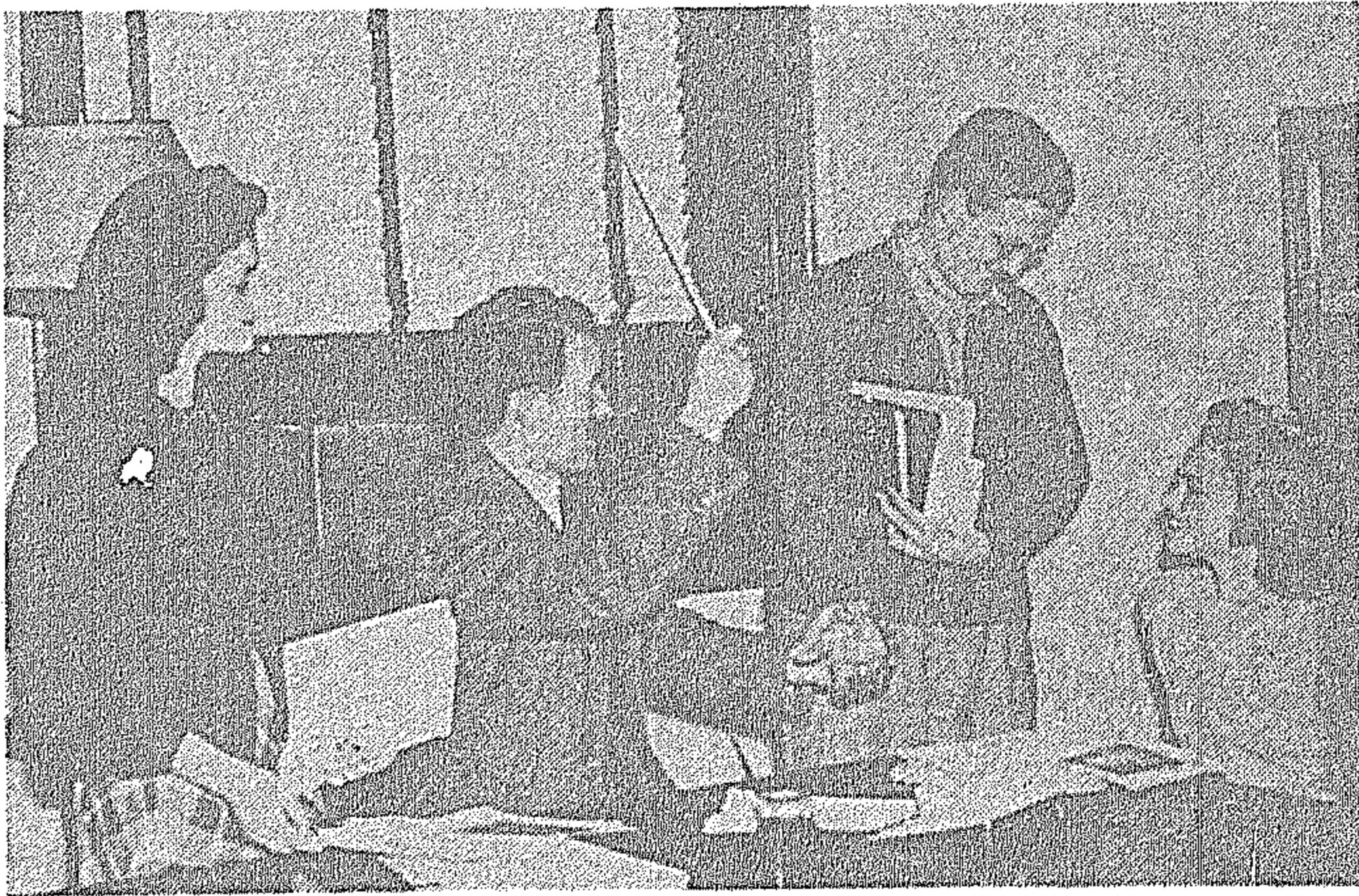
LOUISE KING of the KING SISTERS

This is the oldest of the enchanting young quartet. She affords an interest for the graduate students and recent grads. A good talker and smooth dancer, whom every IIT alumnus should know.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

All photographers interested in working either on Technology News or the 1942 Yearbook, should see Tom Brown or Dan Brown Friday at 4 p. m. in the Technology News office.

WHAT A LIFE!



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Staff Photo by Reiser

Helen Marzullo, Steve Mendak, Bob Meyer, and Sylvia Weislo pictured in dress rehearsal for tomorrow evenin's presentation of "What a Life." Steve, the irate school principal, disciplines errant "Henry Al-drich" Meyer who is devotedly gazing at his "one and only" Sylvia. Helen, secretary to the principal, stoically gazes on.

COLLEGIANS SPLIT ON QUESTION OF VOLUNTARY CLASS ATTENDANCE

"If a student wants to learn, he'll come to class." This was a statement made by a sophomore in Pennsylvania State college in answer to the question:

"Do you think students should be required to attend classes a minimum number of times, or do you think class attendance should be voluntary?"

While a great majority of college students favor voluntary class attendance, the latest discoveries of the Student Opinion Survey of America poll indicate that nearly as many would rather be required to sit through lectures and attend labs.

U. of C. an Example

President Robert M. Hutchins, of the University of Chicago, a strong advocate of the voluntary attendance plan, claims that it does work. Those of us who live in and around Chicago and who have seen the plan in action, can readily see its potentialities.

Some day in the near future, maybe IIT will establish such a system. If so, won't we have a Utopia? On second thought, maybe we won't. Perhaps we react favorably to such a system because of the direct stress made on the student by the profs in regards to class attendance.

This whole idea, although approved by nearly half of the collegians in higher learning institutions, does not have the whole-hearted approval of the students as shown below:

Require minimum 41%
Voluntary 48
Require only some students, 11
(less than 1% failed to express an opinion)

Interesting differences of opinion are brought to the surface when the ballots are cross-tabulated by year in college. The "Wise Fools" and the juniors seem to be the most eager to have complete freedom. In the senior year about seven per cent of them seem to lose their desire for freedom and become more satisfied with required attendance.

	Require	Volun	Some
Fresh.	46%	45%	9%
Soph.	39	51	10
Juniors	39	51	10
Sen., others	44	44	12

If IIT stood alone there would be a good 85% in favor of voluntary class attendance. Just think what that would mean. If you didn't get that "damned" homework finished the night before, you wouldn't have to go to class the next or even the next day after that. O my, what then?

MCDONALD TALKS AT A.I.Ch.E. MEET

At the coming AIChE meeting, Friday, December 12, Dr. Hugh McDonald of the Armour college chemistry department, will be the speaker. He will speak on, "The Value of Intermediate Inorganic Chemistry" in order to give sophomore and junior chemists and chemical engineers an idea of the benefits of his elective. The course, which carries two semester hours credit, treats mainly of elements and compounds from the standpoint of the periodic law.

With the same purpose in mind, Dr. Bernstein, newest addition to the faculty of the Armour chemistry department, will address the AIChE, Friday, December 19, on "The Value of Qualitative Organic Analysis." The classification, reactions, and identification of organic compounds are studied in this course in much the same manner in which the properties of inorganic compounds are treated in first year chemistry.

IIT Faculty Members Form AAUP Chapter

Last week, the formation of an Illinois Institute chapter of the American Association of University Professors, was announced by Dr. S. I. Hayakawa. On November 25, twenty members of the I.I.T. faculty voted to form a chapter and to petition the national organization for a charter. The officers elected for the local chapter of the association are: President, Paul L. Copeland (Physics); vice-president, D. Roy Mathews (History); treasurer, Floyd C. Holmes (Economics); and secretary, Samuel I. Hayakawa (English). Since the formation of the chapter, ten new applications for membership in the A.A.U.P. have been received from faculty members.

The first business of the local chapter will be the formation of a committee headed by Professor C. R. Graves (Accounting), to report on the possibility of a pension plan for the faculty of Illinois Institute.

Students Interviewed By Chicago Concerns

"Various manufacturing concerns have sent representatives within the past few weeks, and there are more to come." This was announced by Mrs. Constance Carroll, of the Placement office.

Westinghouse Manufacturing

A representative of the Westinghouse Manufacturing Company was here on December 2 and several mid-year graduates were interviewed. In January, Westinghouse will again send a representative for the purpose of interviewing June graduates.

Interviewers from the National Tube Company, Lorraine, Ohio, came on December 3rd and saw juniors and sophomores regarding summer employment.

Summer Jobs for Juniors

Last week interviews were held by the Magnolia Petroleum Company of Dallas, Texas, and Friday, representatives from the National Starch Products, Inc., and Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, were seeing students. Du Pont will be here on December 12th, and the Commonwealth Edison Company will send a representative on December 15. The Edison company is interested in a few junior electricals and mechanicals. Students are urged to heed the notice of the office hours for the Placement bureau.

HKN Alumni To Hold Regional Conference

Chicago's alumni chapter of Eta Kappa Nu will hold its Chicago regional conference from Friday morning at 9:30 until Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Dr. J. E. Hobson, director of the electrical department of IIT, will be the speaker at a banquet Friday evening at 7. Conference Interest to Electricals

This conference is of prime interest to electrical engineering students, and they are cordially invited to attend. Registration of students will be held at 9:30 Friday morning at the Chicago Lighting institution in the Civic Opera building. Numerous lectures and tours are scheduled throughout the day, including inspection of the Merchandise Mart and the new N.B.C. studios. On Saturday the program continues.

Dr. Hobson was the recipient of the Eta Kappa Nu award in 1940 as the most outstanding young electrical engineer. He will speak on the social and cultural aspects of an engineer's life, enlarging on his award address which was entitled "Engineers Are Isolationists."

As the AIEE meeting was postponed until December 19 because of the conference, nothing stands in the way of the electricals attending. Charge for the banquet is one dollar for students.

Coop Office Offers Prize For Essay

The co-op office announces a competition among all co-operative students for the best article written concerning a phase of the student's work or experience at his company. The material should be concerned chiefly with a technical process or development which the student has studied. The best of the articles submitted, as selected by a committee from the English department, will be published in the March issue of the Engineer and Alumnus. This article should be approximately 4,000 words at length. All entries should be submitted to the co-op office on or before January 10, 1942.

LEWIS MEMORIAL AWARD FOUNDED

At a special meeting on Dec. 2, the Lewis Chemical society approved the following announcement and recommended it for publication:

In memoriam to Joseph Demb, one of the charter members of the Lewis Chemical society who passed away on June 1, 1941, the society announces the Joseph Demb Memorial Award. The purpose of this award shall be to further interest in chemistry among the undergraduate students of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Method of Award:

- Basis of Award: the best paper, in the opinion of the judges, on any topic in theoretical or applied chemistry.
- Judges: to be invited from the faculty of IIT.
- Eligibility: any student of IIT who is carrying at least twelve (12) hours of work in each (Fall and Spring) semester of the school year during which the paper is submitted.
- Length of Paper: a minimum of 1000 words and a maximum of 10,000 words shall constitute the approximate limits of said papers.
- Submission of Papers: three (3) legible, double-spaced, type-written copies on standard 8½"x11" paper shall be in the hands of the secretary of the Lewis Chemical society by 5 p.m. on March 31. The name of the entrant and any other identifying marks shall be on the cover page only; that is, there shall be no identifying marks on the pages of the body of written material. All papers submitted become the property of the Lewis Chemical society.

Awards:

- First Prize: a \$20 cash award.
- Three (3) awards of honorable mention.
- Papers may be published at the discretion of the society.
- For further information, write to the secretary of the Lewis Chemical society, Illinois Institute of Technology.
- Four students, whose scholastic standings met the requirements of the society, were voted into membership at a previous meeting held on Nov. 12; they are William Brown, Edward Loucius, James Sullivan, and Leonard Wezeman.

R. H. Booth, chief metallurgist of Jackson Iron and Steel Co. of Jackson, Ohio, will talk on "The Making of Silvery Pig Iron," on Friday, Dec. 12 at 10 in Room 305M.

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Placement Office: Student Office hours:

10-11:30 A.M.
3-4:30 P.M.

Students whose names appear on the board regarding interviews will be the only exceptions.

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The Senior Jewelry Committee will be prepared to take orders for rings and keys beginning Monday, December 8. See Jim Harmach at any time or members of the committee in the lobby of the Student Union at the hours scheduled on the bulletin board. A deposit of five dollars is required with each order.

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Language Examination in German and French will take place: German—Dec. 16—2 p.m.

Chapin 307
French—Dec. 16—3 p.m. Chapin 307

Candidates should get in touch with Dr. F. K. Richter, Chapin 307, before taking the test.