

Make the Best Of It . . .

By Bernard Chertow

A few years ago, Spanish and the way it was spoken was not of major importance. About the only recognition of it was in the tale of the traveler in Mexico who called to his cab driver: "Jose," he said, "stop the cab here." The car didn't stop. The traveler's wife explained that he pronounced the name of the driver incorrectly, that it should be "Hose—J in Spanish is like our H."

"Oh," said our hero, "well, you can tell Hose that he can hump in the river if he doesn't stop the next time I ask him to."

The tale, of course, did not bring a belly laugh, perhaps just a mild cracking of the lips to show amusement. But it was informative, that, we learned something about the language or so we thought. In fact, we learned just a little bit too much. I'll tell you what I mean.

Last night the member of our family that isn't in the army was home on furlough. Naturally that called for company; relatives, friends, creditors, etc., to tell him how well he looked, how fat he got and to get first hand, absolutely authoritative information on the war situation and strategy. Well, there is always one couple that comes late. This time they were late because they were studying—you guessed, the language of most of our sister republics, the language that would make us Good Neighbors, Spanish. Well, I too, had begun the study of the language for the same reason and about the first thing I noticed was that the joke about the traveler was no joke, I mean joke; I mean that the letter j is not pronounced h but is pronounced like the guttural ch as in the German words nach and buch. Since this floored me I wanted to learn the reaction of this couple to this fact, so I said, "How do you like the way the j is pronounced?"

"Hah" chortled the male half, "that reminds me, there was an American traveling through Mexico and he hollers out 'Jose'."

"Wait a minute," I said, "if this is the one about trying to get the cab stopped I heard it, it isn't funny and it's all wrong."

"What do you mean it isn't funny, hump in the lake, ha ha! There is also the one about the correct Spanish speaking American who wanted a jam sandwich: 'Bring me a ham sandwich' he says to the waiter, Pedro. In a second Pedro is back with a sandwich covered with gravy. Even in his amazement the American doesn't forget how to pronounce his j's. 'Since when do ham sandwiches have gravy on them?' he asks. Pedro grins coyly, 'Dis is russbiff, we run outa all pigmeat!'"

Being polite, I laughed, but explained that when I asked what he thought of the pronunciation of j, I meant the correct method. He didn't seem to understand, and I began to see how these funny stories would affect our Good Neighbor policy, he really couldn't unlearn what the tales taught him. In short, it was sabotage. For forty-two minutes we argued, I insisted that j was pronounced like the guttural ch, he insisted that it was like the h, that there was no guttural sound in a romance language. Finally I brought to bear my strongest argument, namely that my authority was a native Spaniard, and where was his authority born. He turned pale and quickly sidled away, but on his cigarette smoke there was wafted to me the feebly uttered word, "Brooklyn."

CH.E. DEPT. OBTAINS NEW RESEARCH LAB.

Despite the temporary loss of Professor Freud, the department of chemistry at IIT continues to function at a very high level of efficiency under the able direction of its youthful acting chairman, Professor M. J. Murray.

Dr. Murray has announced that no major changes have taken place in the chemistry curriculum, and that the enrollment in the various chemical subjects remained about in line with last year's level.

Faculty Augmented

However, Dr. Murray did state that many additions and changes had taken place in the faculty of the department of chemistry. The new instructors include Dr. Henry Bernstein who received his B.A. at Swarthmore and his Ph.D. at Penn. State. He was also a national research fellow at Princeton, teaching summer classes there. At present he is teaching organic chemistry in both the undergraduate and graduate schools. Other changes included the appointment of Dr. Bicek of Carlton college and the U. of Illinois (where he received his Ph.D.), who is teaching general chemistry and H. J. Taufen who received his M.S. at IIT and who has been promoted from an assistantship to an instructorship.

L. A. Bromley, I. S. Goldstein, R. W. Rasmussen, Gardner Johnson, M. Pokrus, T. Kritchevski, and R. Saunders are the new graduate assistants. These men are already at their posts aiding the chemistry faculty in laboratory supervision and in certain branches of class room instruction.

New Research Lab

Adding to the already extensive research faculty, Dr. Murray announced the opening of a new research laboratory on the fourth floor of Chapin hall. Dr. Bicek is in charge of this venture, and many graduate students are now at work on special projects at this location.

TECH NEWS STAFF BOASTS NEW FACES

Several promotions and new additions in the Tech News staff last week are expected to spark the staff efficiency to a new high during the coming year.

Following the loss of Sidney Camras, west campus rewrite editor, to the army medical corps, Gordon Walter has been selected head of the rewrite staff. Bob Lift will act as south circulation manager, taking the place of Roger Oberg, who has not returned to school this fall. Several outstanding reporters have also received promotions on the south campus staff. Julian Bowers and Arthur Olson are the new assistant assignment editors.

Accompanying the new decorations of the News offices several entirely new faces will be seen around them in the future. The new additions to the cub reporting staff are Florence Bartusek, Howard Brown, Bob Burns, John Coppersmith, Blanche Fried, Egon Guba, John Herst, Don Hanson, Marvin Kessler, Gloria Klouzar, Harold Licht, Harold McAvoy, Earl Mills, Richard Nell, Harold Rosner, Bob Simpson, Mark Stephen, and Bob Tandrup.

Among them are several students who have had important positions in their respective high school papers.

Snappy Sketches Of New Lewis Faculty Additions

Edwin Cieslak is now studying for his doctors degree at the University of Chicago, and during his absence Dr. Robert Wm. Whitehill is taking his place. Dr. Whitehill comes from Cornell University where he received his graduate work. Prior to this he attended Dartmouth college. This is Dr. Whitehill's first teaching assignment.

Dr. Holmes has returned to the west side campus after a year's leave of absence, during which time he passed his bar examination at Northwestern university.

Mrs. Jarvis, a future member of the home economics department received her masters degree at Iowa State college and was acting director of work in Institutional Management at the Oklahoma Agriculture and Mechanical college at Stillwater. In addition to this, she has had several years experience as a hospital dietitian.

Dr. Ruth Cowan Clouse is the new chairman of the home economics department at the west campus. For the past six years she has been consultant in nutrition on the headquarters of the council on foods and nutrition of the American Medical association, Chicago. She received her bachelor, masters and doctors degrees at the University of Chicago and has taught at Michigan State, University of Tennessee and the University of Chicago.

Ida M. Didier received her masters degree at the University of Chicago and later taught at Colorado Agriculture college and was head of the home economics department at Marygrove college in Detroit, Michigan.

Because of illness Mrs. Gustafson has taken a semester's leave of absence. In her place as English instructor we now have Dr. Robert Wm. Ackerman. Dr. Ackerman received his education at the University of Michigan after which he taught at the Washington State college at Pullman, Washington.

Dr. Victor Jones is a native of Birmingham, Alabama, where he did his undergraduate work at Howard college. He received his doctor's degree from the University of Chicago some three years ago. Since which time he has been engaged in teaching at the University of California. He is the author of a forthcoming book on "Metropolitan Government."

Fire Prevention—

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our campuses likewise represent the ultimate in fire preventive measures.

In keeping with the President's proclamation of Fire Prevention Week and in accord with this proclamation Lieutenant Nash was to have been the guest speaker; however, ironically enough, a fire of major proportions demanded his attendance elsewhere. Chicago with the city council and the entire Chicago fire department have been striving to reduce the hazards contributing to the appalling loss of life and property which are mounting in ever-increasing proportions.

It has been urged that both the students and faculty contribute their utmost in cooperating with this safety measure. The entire populace of the nation will benefit directly or indirectly in any savings of property loss because of consequential reductions of taxes and fire insurance rates.

ARX FOREGO TRADITIONAL BALL IN FAVOR OF ALL-SCHOOL DANCE PLAN

Sixty Ton "Buster" New Pride Of C.E. Dept.

Passing by the "Busting Laboratory," in the basement of the main building at Armour you may have wondered about the new machinery which was installed only two weeks ago.

The biggest of the new machines is a 120,000 pound hydraulic testing machine. Valued at \$7,900, it is the pride of the Civil Engineering dept. You may have thought that there were two machines installed, but it is just one machine consisting of two units. One unit houses the pendulum, indicating units, and the pump. The other is the loading unit.

The outstanding advantages of this new Riehle machine are many. No springs are used, the load being measured through the linear displacement of a dead weight, automatically balanced. For this reason frequent recalibrations are not required.

As on the mechanical testing machine which was acquired last semester, any number of desired load ranges may be obtained on one dial by adding or removing weights to the pendulum. This can be done while the test is going on. All scale ranges are automatically guarded against overload.

Altogether the testing laboratory now contains four testing machines. The two old machines have a capacity of 200,000 pounds and 60,000 pounds, respectively. The mechanical testing machine which was added 3 months ago is a 60,000 pound machine also. The very newest is a hydraulic machine with a 30" drawhead and 120,000 lb. capacity.

ARMOUR SOPHOMORE ELECTION ON FRIDAY

Not to be outdone by the up-and-coming freshman class, the Armour sophomores are beginning to organize. The call for petitions to class offices brought in 22 from fellows desirous of class leadership. Reynold Berggren, chairman of the sophomore election committee, states that plans have already been made for conducting the election.

ITSA officials, under the supervision of Earle Huxhold, will hold the election this Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the student union lobby. Candidates for president are Philip C. Huguélet, Robert P. Lamons, Bill Parks, and Byron Round; for vice-president, Ulysses Backas, Edwin W. Johnston, and Timothy J. O'Leary. Jim Barris, Herbert B. Lewis, William Nash, and Nat Ratner are vying for secretary, while William Dunlap and Charles J. Prizer each seek to hold the purse strings.

Don't Forget to Vote

The all-important job of social chairman will be held by either Julian Bowers, Robert G. Burkhardt, Michel Coccia, or Bill Dundas. William Foster and Warren W. Sadler have applied for the position of student union representative, and the sophs will choose among Harry Anderson, Don Maihock, or Earl R. Mills for ITSA representative. All sophomores are urged to vote for the men who will lead them capably through their second year.

Architects First To Join New Movement

Plans for an open Arx dance this year were revoked last Friday by the junior architects. The Arx abandoned their ideas which included a twelve-piece orchestra, an A-1 loop site, and the issuance of bids within a week, only after long deliberation. The decision was made in order to further IIT's new-born social program, which will feature a few huge affairs each year directed by representatives of all classes. (See editorial.)

For years the Arx dance has been a shining light of the social season, something to be anticipated, enjoyed, and remembered. Guided by successive groups of junior architects, who are noted for a certain type of original thought, the dances have reflected their artistry. The Arx dance of '39 "wowed 'em" at the Shawnee Country club, with Correy Lynn behind the baton. Last year's affair at the Medinah Country club with the music of Henry Carlson, was an outstanding event. Such a string of successes was snapped by the Arx after long periods of heated debate and drawing board doodling.

The reason for the architects' decision is that the new social program embodies great advantages. Large dances, such as the one now being planned will give the bid-buyer more for his money. Such events will far overshadow even an Arx dance. And closed class or departmental dances given on smaller budgets will serve admirably as "fillers."

And so the Arx have done their part. It remains for others to do theirs. But it's rumored that you can't keep an architect down, and that the self-suppressed energy will erupt in the form of volcanic little dances and bowling parties.

Herman Tachau Elected President Of Dance Club

At the first meeting, last Wednesday, Oct. 8, the Dance club organized a program for the new semester. Herman Tachau acted as temporary chairman. He explained the purpose of the club and described its activities. Then he introduced Mrs. Anna C. Orcutt, the faculty sponsor.

Following an address by Mrs. Orcutt there was an election of officers. The new officers are Herman Tachau, president; Charles Iseminger, vice-pres., Rosamond Golden, sec.-treas.

Instruction will begin Wednesday, October 22 at 5 p.m. in the Armour auditorium. Students from the west campus are cordially invited to attend.

Every three or four weeks the club holds a social in the evening at which a good-size orchestra usually provides the music. These dance-club socials are very congenial, offering much enjoyment to the members. Such affairs are generally very inexpensive and most anyone can afford to participate.

Two years ago a dating bureau was installed to aid dance club members in obtaining dates for the socials. In the past the club has catered especially to those students who do not know how to dance at all, or to those whose knowledge of this exquisite art is rather insufficient.