

MAN of the WEEK

Mario Roco Silla is definitely one of the outstanding personalities on the south campus of Illinois Tech.

His participation in scholastic and extra-curricular activities has combined stellar performance on the athletic field with highest averages



Mario Silla

in scholarship. The character of this versatile fellow belies the usual conception of the engineer as a detached being, devoid of man's finer sensibilities. His work as "big-brother" and coach of a neighborhood boys' club merits as much commendation as his achievements here at school.

As regular third-baseman on the Techhawk baseball team, he earned

his major letter and subsequently was elected into Honor I. At present, Mario is pledge captain of this organization, which selects major letter winners of sterling character and sportmanship as its members. The Silla touch was present in the Intra-mural soft-ball tournament when as pitcher he led his team through a 22 game winning streak.

During his four years at Armour, he has maintained an unusually high average, which was recognized by the various honorary fraternities of which he is now a member. These are Tau Beta Pi, Chi Epsilon, the honorary civil fraternity, and WSE. During this last semester of his course he is also holding forth as mentor to a group of the bewildered frosh in his capacity of Senior Advisor.

High-spirited and very active, Mario presents a colorful appearance on the field or in the normal walks of life. His ever-ready grin is usually accompanied by quick, nervous gestures of the hands. In his stocking feet, Mario stands five feet, seven inches tall and is topped by a shock of black hair. He came to Armour from Wells High school. In his lighter moods, Mario gives vent to his penchant for red wine and, the occasion demanding, can drink his fellow civils "under the table".

As to his future, Mario laughingly outlines a "desk job, with a big black cigar in his mouth, directing the activities of some grammar or high school 'boys' club'".

ORGANIZATIONS

AICHE

Doctor Ziegler of the Armour Research foundation was the principal speaker at last Friday's meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers at IIT. He spoke on the importance of the consulting chemical engineer and his importance in the modern industrial world. By citing several examples of problems which are now confronting chemical engineers, he showed how wide the scope of this field really is, and its great importance in the modern industrial world.

AICHE is now opening its annual membership drive. All students majoring in chemistry and chemical engineering are invited to join this society.

FPES

Illinois Tech's Fire protection Engineering Society held its first meeting of the current year on October 30. The following officers, as elected last year, presided over the meeting: Robert F. Hall, president, Eldred Koenig, vice-president, Joseph Pruzinski, secretary, and Robert Funk, treasurer. The membership drive is still open and the society sincerely hopes that all new students of the fire protection engineering department will join. Plans for a smoker to be held before the end of this semester were also discussed.

Professor Joseph B. Finnegan, director of the department of fire protection engineering, spoke in behalf of the Salamander, the honorary society of the fire protection engineers and at the time announced the election of Laurus Magill, into Salamander.

Lewis Chemical Society

Under the new supervision of Doctor Norman Davidson, the Lewis Chemical Society met to make plans for the coming year. Officers selected were Victor Smith, president; and William Brown, secretary-treasurer.

It is the purpose of the society to encourage all science students to participate. While active membership is limited to those who have completed four semesters of chemistry, have better than a "B" average, and are intending to major in chemistry, students who register at the Lewis chemical store room on the fifth floor will be considered for membership.

ASME

The first fall meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers was held on the south campus, Friday, October 30. Two speakers were presented by the chairman, and motion pictures were shown.

The first speaker, Professor John I. Yellott, explained the functions of the organization, its structure and its purposes. Aside from the mere social benefit that may be derived from membership, the professional contacts one makes are most helpful in advancement in the profession. Professor Yellott said, "The national assembly looks out for the welfare of the mechanical engineering profession as a whole."

When Professor Yellott finished, the first movie, "Ten Thousand Feet Deep", was presented. This movie showed the modern methods of bringing in an oil well, from the probings of the geologists to the actual drilling by the "roughnecks".

Kappa Phi Delta

Last Saturday the Kappas had their informal rush at the home of President Ethel Witt.

Having full swing of the house, the girls enjoyed a delicious ham luncheon, cider, hot doughnuts, and a visit from long lost relatives of Ethel's.

Home economic students Eileen Robinson, Ruth Body and Gloria Klouzar were responsible for the famed witches brew.

Zeta Beta Alpha

Climaxing a week of rush luncheons, Zeta Beta Alpha fraternity held a smoker for their prospective pledges at the home of Brother Ig-litzen.

After much hilarity a buffet supper was served and the evening was ended by a discussion in which both active and prospective pledges took a part.

As an outcome of this affair the following men were selected to pledge the Zeta Beta Alpha: Albert Baker, Seymour B. Cohen, Roy Cohen, Harold Davis, Jonas Korn, Morton Kuznitsky, Marvin Nussbaum, Irving Rappaport, Leonard Sechooler, Sylvan Salk, Aaron Solomon, Eugene Sorinsky, and Robert J. Unger.

Russ Heeren thrills Sigmas

Having passed over the threshold of the Lewis gymnasium into the Sigma's "Witches Whirl," held on October 30, the many guests entered a decorated haven enchanted with the music of Russ Heeren and his orchestra.

Decorations consisted of pumpkins, corn husks, and a scarecrow and were credited to the talent of Grace Taglieri, Violet Tukich and Betty Kennedy.

Several of the faculty members and their wives appeared, joining in the fun, and thinking of their good old college days. Signal corps men showed up in their best attire, this being the first school dance for which they turned out.

The highlights of the evening were a tapdance by Elinor Wick, and a La Conga dance, participated in by the whole crowd of 200.

Refreshments were served and souvenirs were given to all and at 12:00 p.m. when the dance was supposed to have ended, everyone wished it had just begun. It can easily be said that the dance was the biggest success Lewis has yet seen, and everyone will be looking forward to a repeat performance next year.

After this picture had been shown, Professor Kozacka spoke. He said that for a three dollar initiation fee one becomes a member of the Student division. Upon graduation a member of the Student division automatically becomes a member of the Junior division of the ASME. In about ten years, he may become a regular ASME member.

GREEKS

Phi Kappa Sigma

The fraternity's Mothers' club will hold a meeting at the house this Thursday. This Friday the Founder's Day Banquet is to be held at the Chicago Bar Association.

Last Saturday evening, the annual Halloween party was held at the house. There was a buffet dinner and dancing to dozens of new records. The buffet dinner was in the Halloween spirit with hot dogs, cider, and homemade doughnuts.

There are plans in the making for a "kids" party this Saturday with everyone dressed in children clothes. Contests during the course of the evening will include hopscotch, marbles, and jacks, and will test the skill of those attending.

Rho Delta Rho

The Rho Delts will open their social season on November 7, with a dance in honor of the pledges, at Thorne Hall. This annual event is usually very successful and this year promises to be exceptionally good. George Cohen, the social chairman, promises good music and dancing; and notes, with a leer, that the date happens to be Sadie Hawkins' day. Maybe something is cooking.

Ben Levin has been appointed pledge captain. He replaces Sheldon Plotkin.

Pi Kappa Phi

John McCann, executive secretary of Pi Kappa Phi, visited the house Thursday. He discussed future plans and relation with the officers, leaving many valuable tips and suggestions behind.

Archon Ed Farrell returned to the

house after three weeks' illness. The pledges have elected Stewart McDonnell as president of the pledge class. Ray Tubergen was selected as pledge-captain in the active meeting.

Alpha Sigma Phi

Brothers Gillespie, Johnston, and Reissenweber attended a national interfraternity convention in Lansing this last week-end. The week-end evidently was not all work either, from the stories told about the women up there.

Brothers Coccia, Dunnell, Christiansen, and Arboe were initiated into Beta Omega Nu the other night. The Sigs have not been represented in this fraternity since ex-president Earle Huxhold reigned at the house.

Saturday night was the Pledge Dance and Halloween Party. Jack Rhinehardt and orchestra furnished the lyrics and the pledges the entertainment. Pledge Captain Johnson had been kept busy up to the last minute trying to find a date in this big city of Chicago but he finally succeeded. He now has to worry about getting a date for the hay-ride that the lads are having this coming Saturday at Stalford stables.

Delta Tau Delta

Delta Tau Delta takes pleasure in announcing the pledging of Roger Conner from Hammond, Indiana. Last Saturday night, another successful dance was held in the house, which was decorated in true Halloween style. The chaperones, Doctor and Mrs. Meech, joined the others present, and all entered into the spirit of the occasion.

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