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Our First Step

Our dreams for IIT were beautiful dreams. They were the policies we stated in the editorial column of our first issue of Technology News. They were dreams that we hoped we would be able to fulfill.

Fortunately, in most cases they weren't.

We say fortunately, because if we hadn't put in long hours week after week, only to see a paper which could be called a NEWSpaper with difficulty, our consciences would have allowed us to continue giving the student body the same quality newspaper every week, with the only hope for improvement lying in our separate abilities to absorb techniques through constant repetition of routine practices.

In spite of this, constructive criticism from the student body was not forthcoming. It appeared as though the managing board, with one or two others, realized that something was necessary if the campus was to have a NEWSpaper.

This necessity was the adoption of a coach who knew how to play the game, who could integrate the efforts of the individuals, and coordinate them into the type of newspaper which should represent Illinois Tech.

With his help we are streamlining TECHNOLOGY NEWS by converting it from a magazine to a newspaper.

We know this will take time. We do not expect you to believe that this issue is the best issue ever to represent IIT; or the next one, or even any issue that comes out as long as we are here.

What we do maintain, however, is that the entire staff, from the new coach down to the greenest cub, will strive to give you a better paper every week.

We think this issue is the first step in the direction of a good student newspaper.

—LARSON

Is Democracy Decaying?

Student government has hit a new low on the Illinois Tech campus. Elsewhere in this paper there is a story on the appointments made to various positions in the student government.

It is not for a moment suggested that these men are not qualified nor competent. They are probably the best men on the campus for their important jobs.

But isn't this a democracy? Should not students elect the officers if it is? More than one-half of the officers of the ITSA board and the sophomore class have been appointed instead of elected.

Lack of student interest and cooperation is probably one of the contributing factors to this condition. The solution does not lie in making a series of appointments, but in striving to create student interest through popular elections and by giving such elections as much publicity as the sophomores have given to their school dance.

Very few students are conscious of the problems that the ITSA board of control must meet. Most of the present members are to be congratulated for performing their "thankless" jobs with such interest and school spirit.

These remarks and suggestions have been advanced with the thought of creating a better campus, better organization of student government and a student body which is actively interested in everything that happens at IIT.

—OLSON

MAN OF THE WEEK

Baseball Captain, Hockey Goalie and Varsity Cager

MAIL CALL

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Items concerning I.I.T. men and women in the armed services will be printed in this column, and excerpts from letters from these men and women will also be presented. Contributions to the column will be welcomed, and the newspaper staff will make every effort to obtain news and letters from the stars of Illinois Tech's service flag—a group now numbering more than 700.)

By PETE MINWEGEN

From the U.S.S. Prairie state we have the idea of a circular letter to IIT men here at school from all aboard!

Don Keigher writes:

"Well here we are, 12 Armour men trying to impress the U.S. Navy with our knowledge. I am making this very short because of limited time and also because we are getting up a long circular letter, a page from each IIT man which we'll mail under one cover to the switchboard at school. It will be for everyone around our old stamping grounds to read.

As far as I know there are over a dozen former Techmen here at Prairie state. They include: Hugh Story, Joe Pruzinski, Bob Lukes, Roger Olson, Mike LaRocco, Dave Newman, Mulrooney Mahoney and Sunny Sundstrom. . . ."

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From the United States Army Air Forces at Thunderbird Field, Phoenix, Ari., comes banner news: **BOB ANDERSON HAS SOLOED!**

This is the thrill for which every cadet waits.

Having had the wings to himself for the first time, Bob got back on the ground only to have his fellow mates give him a taste of the good earth. When he landed he received an informal initiation—he was dragged through the deepest mud puddle in the vicinity. But it was probably worth it . . . and congratulations Bob!

Bob states:

"Before soloing we had to wear our flight jackets zipped up, our helmets strapped and our goggles around our neck. Now I can wear my helmet open, my jacket open, and goggles on the helmet. It's a lot of fun and part of the tradition here, of which there is quite a bit. Say hello to all the fellows for me and tell them to drop me a line.

The WRIGHT ANGLE

By ARTHUR E. WRIGHT '41
Executive Alumni Secretary

SUBWAY—The first tour through the Nation's newest subway was conducted very recently. A boon to Chicago, the subway will greatly relieve traffic congestion in the downtown district by removing from the streets all streetcars.

The subway was planned and constructed under the direction of Philip Harrington, E.E.A. '06, who is Commissioner of Subways and Superhighways of the City of Chicago and who also is Chief of Communications in the Chicago Area for Office of Civilian Defense and Administrator for the Office of Defense Transportation in the Chicago Metropolitan Area. This Tech man, outstanding among Illinois Tech alumni, is one of America's most able engineers.

FIGHTING TECH MEN—The Honor Roll and Flag at the Institute bears the number 663. This number was exceeded many months ago as scores of Illinois Tech alumni entered the armed forces.

He's captain of the baseball team, goalie on the hockey squad, and plays varsity basketball with the Techawks; he is also TECHNOLOGY NEWS' man of the week.

He is Al Dambros.

Al stands six feet one inch tall and carries a nice one hundred ninety pounds.

Last year he won five of the six games he pitched for the school nine, helping his own cause along with a batting average in the .340 bracket. In the games which he did not pitch, he found service in the outfield or on first base.

One of the mysteries surrounding the bespectacled hurler is the reason for his nickname, "Softie."

Al himself isn't sure how it originated; he just recalls that Bill Bouch, catcher and co-captain of the

1941 team was the first man to use it. The other mystery about D a m b r o s , according to usually reliable sources, is just how he manages to wolf girls a w a y from their escorts so easily.

During his stay at IIT, Al has been the recipient of four athletic letters, two each in baseball and basketball.

Before entering Armour College, Al attended Kelly High School and Wilson Junior College. At the former, he received four school letters for participation in baseball, basketball, and swimming. While at Wilson, "Softie" pitched on the junior college baseball team that won the state championship.

In addition to his work on the athletic field, Al is vice-president of Honor I, a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, and a member of the student chapter of ASME. The burly mechanical engineer maintains a 1.5 average in classes, and will receive his degree next month.

An honor was even won by the "man of the week" when he went to prison at Joliet last year—but, for the records, his trip was purely a visit; he led the Techhawk nine against the Joliet prison nine. And it was a successful invasion, for Dambros became the first pitcher to win over the prison nine in 28 games—and the first to turn the trick since Ted Lyons of Sox fame had done it in an all-star game two seasons before.

names 'n notes

BILL DUNLAP, junior architect, once lived in a cave for two or three days. . . . And **JIM DOANE**, junior mech who is a descendent of one of the first Quaker families to come to Pennsylvania, lived on a schooner in Grant Park Harbor last summer. . . . **DEAN FRED A. ROGERS** was working in radio at the same time as Marconi and is noted among old-time Chicagoans for having performed the first wireless telegraph activities in this area. . . . **FRANK A. WADE**, assistant professor of mechanics, once built himself a house boat on an expenditure of less than \$25 and then floated down the Mississippi in it. . . . **Argo Corn Products** has a co-op job on which nobody but a **PUCHALSKI** works—the "A" group co-op is **CASEY** and the "B" group is **KELLY**; both are third year co-ops and twins. . . . **ISABELLA WINTER**, arts and science freshman, has been in but two states, Illinois and Indiana. . . . There are no railroads and no theaters in the home county of **ELINOR BISHOP**, secretary of the News Bureau; she hails from Bartlett, Wheeler County, Nebraska.

LETTERS

To the Editor

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This column is for expression of ideas from readers. Letters containing not more than 250 words will be printed. Anonymous letters will not be considered for publication, although a writer's name will be withheld from publication if desired. The Managing Board reserves the right to select the letters to be printed whenever the number of letter submitters exceeds the space allotted for this column.)

Dear Editor:

As the war effort increases in momentum, the social pressure exerted on IIT engineers increases threefold. This feeling has been experienced by all who attend this school; especially in the various modes of transportation as well as the entertainment establishments throughout the city. For example IIT men usually commute daily and in the street cars and busses they always encounter the icy stares and inquisitive side-comments of the general public. To them we are just "draft-dodgers," not realizing that we are doing our best to conform to the desires of the War-Manpower Commission.

John Schommer has worked hard to keep IIT men in school because he believes that they are needed here now. His efforts have been justified in recent draft laws adopted to confirm and emphasize our value here at school.

Now since we will be studying with Navy men, we should have some sort of recognition to establish our work and study as that confirming to the war effort plans.

The recognition should be approved by the student body first and then legally approved by the ITSA so as to abide by the rules of common practice. Suggestions for the recognition have been jackets of the light summer type with "ILLINOIS TECH ENGINEER" upon them or distinctive caps or hats of a military nature or various combinations of the above mentioned.

It would be highly desirable that a publicity program in the Chicago newspapers accompany the Navy's entrance to IIT and the wearing of the adopted garment by the men of IIT. The general policy of the publicity would be pictures and copy to the effect that IIT men and Navy men are working, studying, and having physical training together.

Here is a real problem of IIT students and a challenge to the ITSA to handle this situation in the best possible manner.

Ed Johnston, M.E.3.



Oklahoma Baptist university co-eds who have dates with cadets at the army basic flying school no longer can protest: "But I didn't know he was married!" On the bulletin board of the girls' dormitory is posted a list of all the married cadets.

For the first time in the history of Wright Junior College of Chicago, they have girls in the student guard. The student guards are in general charge of the students' behavior and until now this duty has been left to the boys. Due to the shortage of manpower they are installing girls to take over some of the duties.

Twelve University of California co-eds decorated their boarding house with greenery and entertained 24 soldiers at a dance. The greenery turned out to be poison oak. The 12 co-eds and their house mother were indisposed the next day. There was no information on the condition of the soldiers.