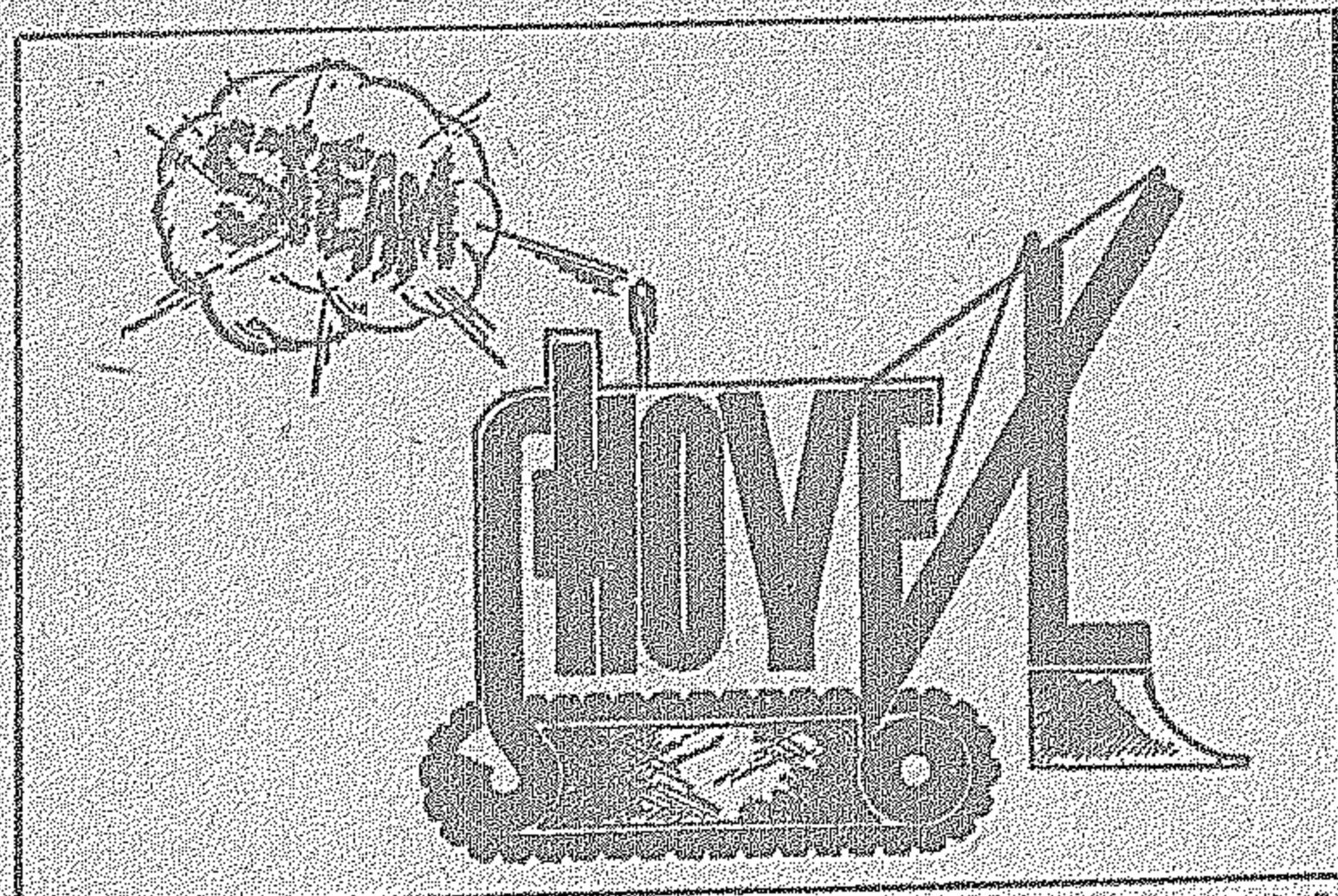


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Edgewater Beach Gives Special Rates to Civilians



Those loud discussions of "How to Get Rich in Thirty Days" that have been echoing around the campus have finally been traced to their source. It seems that the local Organized Brotherhood of Big Time Operators have consulted the calendar and found themselves facing a social season crammed with dances. The Integral Dance is scheduled for Dec. 11 at the Drake, and following this, there's the annual Hockey Hop. A second glance at the little black books show that the Christmas rush and final exams are separated by more social activities. The question then, is how to face the next few months and remain solvent.

According to one of the lovelier secretaries on the Armour campus, the "Super Suds Theme Song" is scheduled for the Hit Parade, with "Tut, tut, Nothing but You-know-what Bread" as a close second. Such goings on are usually considered to be revolutionary when coming from a lass holding a master's degree in English. Perhaps she is doing research on contemporary American folk tunes, or maybe she's just another song plugger.

Rumors from the cafeteria have it that even "Gunter Bida" Gow's grandmother has disowned him. It is said that Gow came with his flaps up and higher than a kite not too many mornings ago, but finally found the right door. After one look at the desolate figure propped against the door, Grandmater promptly slammed said door in his pleading face, and there he remained until well after sunup.

The ability to speak Russian must have its points. At least that's what was proved by Frank ("No, not Sinatra") Kutchik, of the soph chems. He picked up his Russian around the house, but enrolled in the new elementary Russian course to see what he might have missed. Not only being able to put some of the faculty members also taking the course in their place, he has the advantage of knowing more than the teacher thinks he knows.

Between semesters, Harry Beach, like so many Techmen, went home to convey the results of his technical education to the masses. Harry belongs to the Royal Order of Circuit Tracers, and his first project concerned the tremendous amount of electricity wasted in the average home. Drafting a local chick as a lab assistant, he proceeded to demonstrate just what could be accomplished without so much light. The procedure consisted of turning out all lights and attempting to carry on normal activities.

Harry reports that the saving in current is substantial and that the practice has certain other advantages. No doubt the rest of the Bulbsnatchers are ready to report similar findings.

Der Tag has been officially set for when Roy ("Promoter") Olsen makes his grand appearance in a fawn brown zoot suit. He claims that it's being tailor made at this moment, and a certain board is just dying to make the presentation. Some say that a special Frank Sinatra bow tie is also to be presented to the Circle Lounge B.T.O. by "Sugar" Dressler and "Strafer" Art-Install, he of the G.I. clippers fame.

Who is Gloria? Sure, that's her name, but what has held back the B.T.O.'s from making the acquaintance of this newest of delectable damsels? She has been working in the navy bookstore the last week, and during this time the only one who spoke to her socially was Bob ("Never say die") Burkhardt. Not only that, but the gentlemen with the pointed ears have to be shown the way by a certain G.I. in khaki who buys two cokes each afternoon. Can it be that the local gentry has forgotten to give a newcomer the old Illinois Tech Welcome?

Perhaps the best item of the week, this one blew in from Lewis: Sheldon Alber, a new arrival from the University of Michigan, charged into the phone office wanting to find out where he could lay his hands on a "legitimate excuse for an absence." Not that he had cut a class, or anything, oh no. He had had to have legitimate excuses throughout high school and at Michigan, so why not at Lewis? Tipped off by an old hand that such things were unheard of at IIT, he left rather puzzled. If anybody has a supply of unused legitimate excuses, send them over to Lewis; there seems to be a ready market.

Well, 'nuff for now; remember "if it's dirt, I'll dig it."

Brother Tinsley Phenorton

OPENING a new series of College Nights, the Edgewater Beach Hotel extends special rates to civilian students. To take advantage of a special 65c admission, civilians will have to obtain the hotel courtesy cards in the school bookstore in the Student Union.

College Night has been a feature of the Edgewater for several years, and through it, the Marine Dining Room is opened to college students every Friday evening at special rates. Army and Navy personnel continue to be admitted without cost as usual.

Featured in the Marine Dining Room now is Eddie Oliver and his orchestra. The orchestra forms a fine background for the intricate routines of the Dorothy Dorben Dancers, who have become associated with the Edgewater for so long. As ever, the dancers sparkle with originality and always present an enjoyable show. Rounding out the entertainment are the talents of Glover LaMae, Ann Judson, and Dan Harden.

FOLLOWING a long run of a successful play produced this summer, the Actors Company last week opened a new play. It is "Out of This World," and the title suits it in more than one way. It is distinctly an experiment in the field of dramatic presentation, and produced by a stock company which has been successful with such attempts in the past.

"Guest in the House," the last play given by the group, was considered by Chicago audiences to be a definite success. It played throughout the summer to well filled houses, and caused considerable favorable comment. It was a strong psychological drama, and "Out of This World" is said to follow similar lines.

The play holds forth at the Forrester Theater, with curtains at 8:30 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday.

"Good Night Ladies" is still going strong in its second year at the Blackstone Theater. It is considered the greatest comedy that has ever hit Chicago theater goes in the last 50 years.

Purification of Sea Water Is Aim of Senior Chemical Project

Preparing fresh water for battle-ships is the project undertaken by chemical engineers Gordon Fleischer and Blake Hooper. Selecting this problem for their senior project, Fleischer and Hooper will attempt to obtain water from the sea to provide the water necessary on ships for drinking and steam generating purposes.

They propose to do this by passing the sea water through a column packed with resins. These resins have a specific action on either the sodium or chloride ion contained in the solution passing through the column. Thus the first resin will neutralize and remove from solution the chloride ion, while a second resin will react in the same way with the sodium ion.

By re-circulating the water, or by using successive series of resins they hope to remove from the sea water enough of the salt to be fit for use as fresh water. This procedure has been used before to remove magnesium chloride from solutions, but this is the first application with regard to sea water.

Dr. Edward J. Bicek of the chemistry department is using his research time to determine the structure of various plastics and synthetics. With this knowledge of the molecular structure of the compound, Dr. Bicek believes he can control its physical properties.

The actual structure of the material is determined by an X-ray dif-

the alumni corner

Clarence W. Farrier, A. '16, was assistant coordinator of the Tennessee Valley Authority at Knoxville, Tenn., television coordinator of N.B.C., and a regional coordinator of defense housing before he took on his present position: chief of the chemists and drugs section of the Price Division, Price Administration, Executive Office of the President, Office of Emergency Management.

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Franklin P. Adams, noted columnist and "Information Please" expert, graduated from the Armour Scientific Academy with a straight "A" average.

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Author of "You and Your Money," now in its third edition, is C. Donald Dallas, A. '41, president of Revere Copper and Brass, Inc.

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When William F. Sims, A. '97, retired as chief electrical engineer of Commonwealth Edison Co. last August, George M. Armbrust, A. '04, was appointed to succeed him.

— IIT —

The title of Knight of St. Patrick, Summa Cum Laude, is carried by Alexander D. Bailey, L. '03. He was given this title by students of the University of Missouri. (St. Patrick is considered the patron saint of engineers since he made the first "worm-drive.")

Such Is Life

It looks like the liberal artists have to work for a living from here on in. Emily Post has laid down the law that the modern girl is not expected to bring a dowry when she is married.

It seems that a certain guy was holding out for all he could get, but the gal got wise. The case was tossed over to Emily's section of the Good Will Court, and naturally, there's no appeal from her decision.

Time was when a hard working young fellow could marry not only the gal, but also 40,000 acres of her father's ranch and a herd of cattle. Only recently at least a vice-president's job was the accepted dowry coming along with the boss's daughter. What the future holds for liberal artists, no one can now tell.

It might even be that the boys will get their degrees and then work their ways to executive chairs. But then "Arbeit machts das Leben seuss," they say. And anyway, one would rather rest on his own laurels, wouldn't one? Life's like that.



Other Compuses

By BURT FRIED

Students at Illinois Wesleyan University (Bloomington, Ill.) decided to "buy" a jeep for Uncle Sam through a fraternity and sorority competition. When the sales were totaled, the students were delighted to find that they had sold more than enough bonds to finance 100 jeeps! The winning sorority and fraternity received certificates at a dance called the "jeep hop."

Southern temperament being what it is, there was evidently no man on the University of Kentucky (Lexington, Ky.) campus brave enough to act as judge in the beauty contest recently held there, for John R. Powers, of the New York modeling agency, was called in to do the honors.

The all-too-familiar injunction, "lay that pistol down, babe" might well be applied to girls at Northwestern University. Rifle practice is now being offered, and the girls may substitute it for physical education this quarter.

The coeds at Ball State Teacher College (Muncie, Indiana,) are hard up for, among other things, bobby pins. According to the student newspaper: "A familiar sight any day is to see a girl stop, anywhere, and search for one of those prized possessions that she has dropped. One girl even went so far as to go over to the dressing room in the gym and pick the bobby pins out of the cracks and crevices."

It was at Georgia Tech (Atlanta, Ga.) that civilian and naval students conducted a contest to name the queen of all Techmen's girl friends. The winner was dubbed, "The Girl I'd Rather Be Restricted With", a variation on the old cast-away-on-a-desert island theme.

Having discovered that the statues of distinguished alumni on campus were hollow, ASTP men and aviation cadets at Yale University have deposited blitz cloths, shoe shine cloth, brushes, etc., therein for that last minute touch that means so much before inspection.

When a new fire escape was planned for East Hall on the Northern Montana college campus (Havre, Montana) WPB would release no iron or steel for its construction. So now East Hall boasts a fire escape made of wood! But all's well that ends well, for the NMC students claim that they can reach the ground before the escape burns down.

Out in Texas, (where men are men, and so forth) getting one college degree at a time is evidently too easy, for graduate social science students at the University of Texas will henceforth be able to get two PhD's at a time by doing simultaneous research in American history and American literature.

A new grade of "M" has been created for V-12 men at Stevens Institute of Technology (Hoboken, N.J.). It signifies that the man has satisfied the minimum Navy requirements, but carries no credit towards a Stevens degree.