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Business as Usual

If ever black crepe could have seemed a decoration for an educational institution, last Tuesday was one of those days.

Not more than ten minutes had elapsed between the assembly at which the student body was informed of the exact status of the Institute in the bidding for the Stevens Hotel and the announcement that the decision was no longer pending. It had come, and with it all the dreams that had arisen so quickly had vanished.

Perhaps no other news has ever spread through the campus so rapidly. To say that it spread like wildfire is to use the word in its truest sense. It burned a path that could almost have been followed by the clenching of fists and drooping of shoulders it left in its wake.

No one can say we had any reason to be angry at the decision. President Heald himself, had said that was only a possibility that the Institute's bid would be selected, and that too much hope was not to be placed on it.

Yet, who can say that to grasp at that possibility with a herculean grip was to leap to an unwarranted conclusion, when it meant so much to every person concerned?

This was no mere stab in the dark to dress up the Institute, to give it a big name. This was a very real means of bringing the much-needed expansion program, first announced almost four years ago, ten years closer to reality, and to see its fulfillment at a time when it could do the greatest good.

It meant unifying all the far-flung enterprises into one compact body. Such an opportunity doesn't often present itself, and I don't think any of us can be blamed for allowing our hopes to soar.

Momentarily, some of us felt that the government had given education a stab in the back; that all its talk about the importance and necessity of education meant nothing when it came to an actual choice between it, and a few dollars in cold, hard cash.

I think most of those people realize that this is untrue—the very presence of V-12 and ASTP units on our campus attests to that.

Rather, it is more likely that the government, in order to avoid a great deal of entanglement in local politics when it attempts to return such property to private hands after the war, is merely establishing a policy of accepting the highest bid that is in full compliance with its previous stipulations.

It is quite possible that it would rather have sold the building to an educational institution had the bids been equal, but that it not for us to say.

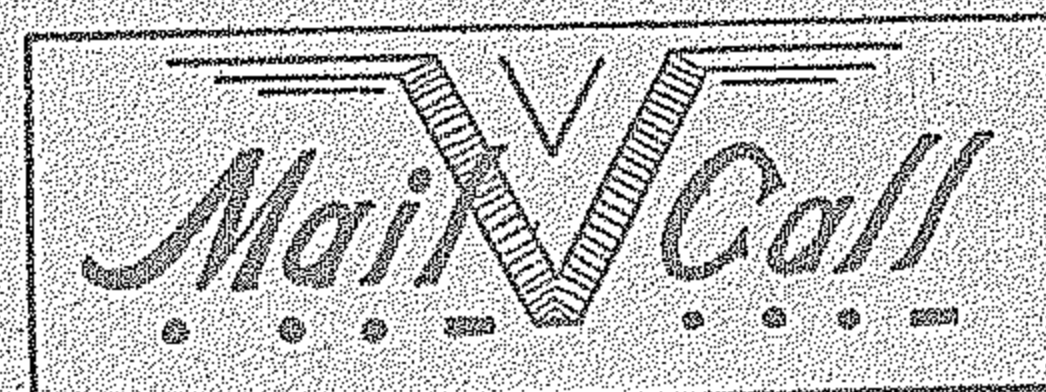
Contrary to the prevailing attitude, we did not lose everything last week. We still have the original expansion program to carry out. While we may have failed to gain something last week, we can scarcely be said to have lost anything despite the outward appearances. The important fact is that we did everything we could when the opportunity was there.

—LARSON

Man Of The Week—

Mike Coccia, Navy V-12 Man, All-School Social Chairman, President SAM

By JAMES OLDSHUE



(EDITOR'S NOTE: Items concerning IIT 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 LOU WENGEL

Included in the I.I.T. delegation at Yale University is A/C Stanley Tolbert Jr., M.E.C. '43, who gives an account of his activities in a letter, excerpts of which follow.

"I have been here at Yale a week now after completing 13 weeks of body-bruising basic training at Boca Raton. This place is heaven compared to Florida. I did every thing imaginable down there from sleeping in Florida jungles to qualifying as an expert on the tommy-gun.

"I have a good chance of going to B-29 school as a flying officer after I am commissioned. The B-29 is a new super bomber. Each of these planes must have an engineering officer and that is where I will come in, I hope.

"The physical training test is really tough here. They have a cute little endurance test that really is a killer, it is called the Brouka test. You step up and down on a twenty inch chair, 30 times a minute for five minutes. You have to come to an erect position when you step up and down."

V V V

A/C Warren Moore, former junior co-op, reports his activities and requests that classmates write him of some of their doings. Warren is now stationed at Hutchinson, Kansas, air station.

"In another two weeks I should finish my flying program here at primary, but the ground school work will keep me here until the first part of October. Just passed a check-flight on aerobatics and will begin night flying and formation work soon ow.

From here we will be sent either to Corpus Christi, Texas or Pensacola, Florida. The possibility of a leave between these bases has been poor, but the captain has requested permission to grant leaves to those who finish their work early and have ample time before their scheduled date of reporting at the new station.

Whether or not this is granted is a mute question. At any rate they are still giving leaves to the fellows graduating from Corpus and Pensacola. That will be about four months from now for me."

V V V

The following lines were taken from a letter by Ens. Edward Colender, U.S.N.R., Ch.E. '42, who seems to be getting the most out of his training.

"I am in the Steam Engineering School here at Cornell and it's the nuts—they even serve beer in the Union Building. This is a college town with all the trimmings.

"I suppose you've heard of the Navy strength test; well we don't like them. I got a 48.8 with 40 as a passing grade, but was crippled for the next week. One boy even got a medical discharge as a result of the workout. He sprained his back.

"Consequently, none of us think much about 'Happy Hour' which is the semi-official term for compulsory daily athletic period. We get enough exercise in marching up and down these damn hills all day."

As the man responsible for the success of the recent all-school dance held at the Armory and as manager of the Techawk nine, Mike Coccia deserves his place as "Man of the Week".

Mike is probably best known in his role as chairman of the All-School Social Committee and for the many successful dances he has given Illinois Tech students.

His success in this field is not surprising because he has made the promotion of social events his number one pastime and extra-curricular activity. Building up for his present job, he was freshman social chairman and on the social committee of his sophomore class.

As the manager of the baseball team in his sophomore and junior year, Mike devoted many hours to seeing that its affairs were kept straight. He arranged the schedule, kept track of the equipment, and was forever taking care of the odds and ends connected with a ball team.

The establishment of the All-School Social Committee was due in large part to Mike's efforts. Its main aim is to keep all the school events from having conflicting dates and to make sure that all social events are financially and socially sound.



A senior in Industrial Engineering, Mike is president of the Society for the Advancement of Management, but the organization is now disbanded for the duration.

He is a member of Alpha Sigma Phi, social fraternity and president of Beta Omega Nu, the group which plans the social activities for the various campus fraternities.

While attending Calumet High, he got his desire to guide social and recreational activities. At present he is social advisor for many clubs in his community.

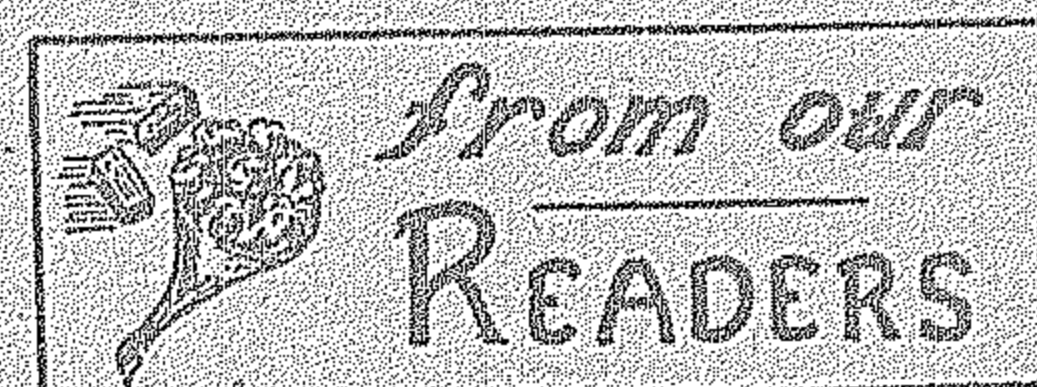
In keeping with his interests, Mike's personality is truly sociable. His pleasing and soothing manner may be due in large part to his French background. He speaks French as fluently as he does English.

As for his outside hobbies, Mike loves dancing, with fishing running a close second. Softball and basketball occupy a large part of his time too.

Mike puts his heart and soul into each dance he directs, and constantly worries over every detail until its successful conclusion.

He considers the dance held last February at the Terrace Casino as his greatest success and all those attended will agree. However, he vows that the Senior Farewell Dance will be his best.

At present, he is in the navy V-12 program, but after the war he plans to study law and become a patent lawyer.



(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:

The course in descriptive geometry is not exceptionally hard, but does take time. Many students did not finish the recent quiz chiefly because not enough time was allowed.

The average student considers himself lucky to do a good job on a daily sheet in less than two hours, yet this quiz required more construction work than any single sheet this semester.

Neatness, although necessary on daily homework, was dispensed with by many students with the silent consent of their instructors, so that the students might have more time to solve the problems.

This quiz really tested the student's speed and digital dexterity instead of his mental ability in this course.

Since it seems rather improbable that this test was designed in such a manner as to spread the grades out by hitting those slower with their tools, but otherwise just as efficient, this matter should be remedied. For instance, the test could be taken during two periods so as to provide enough time.

A nearly identical condition prevailed during the first quiz, which was considered by many to be just an accident which would not be repeated. Please, don't let history repeat itself.

Russell Kasmar

ITSA MINUTES

The meeting of August 31, 1943, was called to order at 4:40 P.M. by Harry Anderson, the President.

Those present were Mr. Heald, Dean Tibbals, Dean Clarke, Mr. Spaeth, and Mr. Weissman of the administration and faculty. The student Board members present were Harry Anderson, Earl Mills, Lou Wengel, Ray Tubergen, Ronald Lind, Warren Furst, and Douglas Snyder who was proxy for Ronnie Allara. Ten members of the student body were also present.

The duties of all class officers which were compiled by Gillespie and Parks were ordered to be placed on file with the I.T.S.A. Minutes. The Red Cross Blood Donation report of the Student War Council was read and also ordered to be filed with the minutes.

The forthcoming dance of September 4 was discussed by Mike Coccia, Chairman of the All School Social Committee. Coccia stated that the total cost would be about \$130. Cokes would be served and all would be admitted free of charge. The service men without "dates" would be furnished them if these men would contact the "Link," the school's new dating bureau. The dance would be held at the Armory, which for that night would be in bounds for Navy men restricted to the Campus. Coccia also mentioned that there would be four seasonal dances per year, one run by each class, but with everybody invited to all of them.

Chet Swan, Chairman of the Link, informed the Board that the Link was a consolidation of all previous campus dating bureaus. The Link would work hand in hand with the All School Social Committee on matters concerning dates. Tibbals named, Lind seconded that the Link budget be suballotted through the All School Social Committee's funds, not exceeding \$100 in total. Motion carried.

Lou Wengel suggested that the Co-op money be distributed proportionally among the classes containing Co-ops.

Lind named, Wengel seconded that the Co-op money be distributed according to Wengel's plan. Motion carried.

Mr. Weissman made the report on the cost of the tennis courts. The cost of concrete refinishing for the playing area would be approximately \$10,000. The future action was not decided upon, except that a committee was designated to investigate the future campus plans to see if a conflict would arise. Those assigned to this committee were Spaeth, Tubergen, Lind, and Weissman.

The Sophomore Week was postponed until the Junior Marchals were elected.

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The Collegiate World

A machine gun, which uses plastic pellets and compressed air instead of expensive bullets and gunpowder yet provides all the racket and recoil vibrations of a wartime antiaircraft weapon, has been developed by engineers of the Edison General Electric Appliance Company for Uncle Sam to use in training his soldiers at less cost.

A college in a castle is what may be said of St. Francis College in Loretto, Pennsylvania. It was bought in 1942 by the college at an auction of the property of the late steel tycoon, Charles M. Schwab.

The campus includes the 44-room castle, a 26-room guesthouse, stone cottages, a dairy farm, and a 9-hole golf course.