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Lewis Carries On

Everything is functioning properly on the west campus of IIT!

Just about everything in the way of student activities which has been started this semester will be completed at the end of this semester.

The Lewis Lounge plans are being rapidly brought to completion. The dreams for a Lewis Lounge are many to be realized within a few weeks. Due to the fine and energetic work of the members on the Lewis Lounge Committee, Lewis will definitely have a lounge!

As soon as the committee was appointed last November, it set to work drawing up floor plans. It was decided to ask for no outside help in drawing these plans, since it was believed that there were enough intelligent people on the committee capable of making them. This action eliminated quite a bit of red tape, and thus saved much time. The committee has had three months now in which to complete their plans for a lounge, and has done a creditable job.

The speed in serving the student body has also been due to the aggressiveness of the faculty members of the committee, and the close cooperation between the student members of the committee and these faculty representatives.

The committee thought it best to order the furniture for the lounge quickly, since it believed that in the future, furniture might become much harder to obtain. This committee wanted to make certain that Lewis would get a lounge. Therefore, they worked hard to obtain it. Now the graduates leaving the west campus can be proud in their knowing that the goal which they have often dreamed of, has finally been reached.

Another admirable thing that is being done on the west campus is the enthusiastic backing of the Co-op Bookstore. Many believe that a co-operative such as this on the west campus will do a great deal of good for the students there. The fact that Mr. Spaeth has graciously consented to this plan will give the bookstore a greater possibility of becoming a reality on the west campus.

The original committee appointed to carry out plans for the Co-op is being helped by a large number of vitally interested Lewisites. These interested people are actively engaged in promoting the affairs of the Co-op.

We'll stop the bedtime story right here. The thought of so much activity which could have happened on the west campus, should be enough to insure a student body and faculty which sleeps soundly and undisturbed. Pleasant dreams.

Man Of The Week

Graduating Senior Don McMillan Follows Father's Chemical Engineering Footsteps

By DICK KOENIGSBERG

An outstanding student, an active participant in extra-curricular activities, and an active student engineer—all these express phases of Don McMillan's life, and earn him a nomination as "Man of the Week".

A chemical engineering senior graduating this month, McMillan is following in the steps of his father, a practicing chemical engineer.

A member of Tau Beta Pi, Don is one of the few men to be elected to that honorary while in his junior year. He rounds out his other honorary activities acting as president of Phi Lambda Upsilon, chemical honorary. He's worked on the Integral too; most of the layout work of this year's edition was done by McMillan. He has served on the curriculum committee, and last year was treasurer of the junior class.

Tacking on two years' membership in the Glee Club to that list of activities has made Don a very busy man.

Time for recreation is still available sometimes, however. He has been fond of fishing trips, especially one which included 150 miles of canoeing through Canadian wilds. Don plays a

pretty good round of golf when he has the time, too. When he was a sophomore, it earned him an intramural medal. His latest sporting interest to be acquired is three-cushion billiards; his friends say that he is becoming quite an expert, for he spends most of his spare time at a local palace of recreation.

As for the immediate future, Don is in the same boat as many of his classmates. His present draft status is greeted by a sad shake of the head by anyone to whom he tells it. Perhaps his local board has checked into Don's past and found that he looks well in khaki. McMillan graduated from Morgan Park high school, and was honored by selection as lieutenant-colonel of the Chicago ROTC Cadet Corps staff.

While spending most of his 22 years in Chicago, McMillan has scanned the local women, and has finally settled upon one Gloria. He refuses to divulge further data, and keeps mum about his future plans in regard to her. Some friends, however, report that the girl is a whiz at a "26" game.

Don's long range plans for the future, just how long depending upon his draft board, include a job with duPont. He says he's planning on going to work in the company's Grasselli Chemical division.



FRED REST, physics major, once won a Chicago Times contest for building the city's biggest kite. His entry was 12 feet high... HERMAN NELSON, chemical engineering student, is the only sophomore who has maintained a 3.0 average for three straight semesters... HARLEY FLANDERS, freshman math major, once had a pet bat which would fly around his basement... Only 30 per cent of the original '46 class is still attending IIT... JOHN SACUS, sophomore physics major, came to America from Switzerland three years ago... JEANNE HOFFMAN is the only freshman on the west campus who is majoring in industrial and food biology... ATAL PANJA is an IIT student who is a native of Calcutta, India. His brother, an Oxford graduate, heads a high school situated in the Himalayan Mountains... MICHAEL SADOWSKY, mathematics professor, has come late to class only twice in over six years of lecturing.



Dear Editor:

By way of comment to "Equally Fed Up," (poor boy) who is obviously a misguided eccentric, I offer the following:

The secretaries on the IIT campus do not, of course, think they're the only women in the world—although "Equally Fed Up" seems to think he is some rare species of man.

I suppose it has never occurred to this "gentleman" (it would probably hurt his male ego) that there might be some women who are seriously interested in their work and who are not finding fellows like him their main interest in life.

Illinois Tech happens to be a pretty swell place to work; but in many cases it's in spite of and not because of engineering students.

As for the noise the student body "has to put up with from these women"—that is the funniest thing I've heard in years. I suppose "Equally Fed Up" walks with gentle tread and raises not his voice. Put six or eight fellows together stamping up the stairs, talking noisily and laughing like hyenas, and then, my friend, is when you have something really annoying and distracting.

"Simple courtesy" is something too many engineers don't know the meaning of, including "Equally Fed Up." If he means the kind of thing exhibited by most IIT students, I don't think he'll find any secretary at IIT capable of such poor manners.

I hope "E. F. U." won't worry about the secretaries' rating elsewhere. He should worry rather about what his own will be away from 1500 other men.

I would suggest that "Equally Fed Up" consult Emily Post and quit writing literary masterpieces on subjects about which he apparently knows nothing.

We are fortunate in that as few IIT students are as off the beam as "E. F. U." It's time HE sat up and took notice.

Secretary.

Dear Editor:

With all the discussion concerning the activities of the engineering societies, I would like to bring to your attention some of the current activities of the ASME.

So far this semester, four meetings have been held—one of these during the regular Friday "free hour" and the other two in the evening. At the first of these evening meetings Dr. J. Rettaliata, of the Allis-Chalmers Co., spoke before the Mechanical Engineering Section of the WSE, at Lewis Institute, to which the Illinois Tech ASME branch was invited.

The Illinois Tech branch was invited to a meeting of the local ASME group, at which movies, a demonstration of the wire sound recorder were shown and refreshments were served. (Notices of these evening affairs were posted at least a week in advance but, even so, attendance was not good). A meeting scheduled for January 7, consisting of timely films, was canceled by Dean Tibbals in favor of the general WSE assembly.

The January 28th meeting consisted of a talk by Dr. Dohrenwend, of the Research Foundation.

The Illinois Tech student branch is also going to be host to other mid-western universities at a student conference here next spring.

I believe that this brief resume is proof of the activity of ASME and worthy of mention.

James Cubbage,
Student Chairman

Dear Editor:

The ITSA has dropped the lunch-room situation. This group, was elected to represent the students and when a disgusting situation prevails in the cafeteria with students threatening a strike the ITSA's duty is to investigate—not hibernate.

Who elects the ITSA members? How is one nominated? The ITSA issues no information, and newcomers go around in a daze. Are the present members setting up a system to railroad their own clique in again?—just as the War Council appoints their successors? Why aren't War Council members elected?

Because no ITSA member is an enthusiast of ping-pong, (it seems) a dilapidated table and net, (with no bats or balls) sit unused in the lounge. If equipment has been ill-used why isn't the old system of signing up or leaving a deposit for the facilities resumed. We have a cloakroom again.

A Lover of
Sports and Justice.

Dear Editor:

Could you tell me whether or not Illinois Tech has joined forces with the WCTU? At the last dance, no bar service was allowed. At the coming dance on the 19th, I hear that the same condition will prevail.

While I don't drink myself, it goes against my grain to think that the school must regulate the students in such a manner. The school's action merely encourages fellows to bring their own bottles because table service is much too slow.

Non-WCTU.

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my utter dissatisfaction with the manner in which the courses in welding, machine shop and automobile laboratory are being conducted. Where these courses could offer a reasonable contribution to a student's education, they are now but a waste of time.

First, take the auto lab. This is a cook book course where students read a few printed pages to determine what they are to do, run some engine and take data, and then go home to plot curves. These curves, which are supposed to give a student some information, have little, if any, significance to anyone but a person quite familiar with the operation of the engines. The course as a whole is of no use to anyone but a mechanical and of little use to him. The lectures are a cure for insomnia.

High school students do more and receive more out of their courses in machine shop than an IIT student gets. This is not alone the fault of the machines. The greatest fault lies with the instructor. He is incapable of instructing.

The fact that over half of the lecture class has been seen sleeping at one time speaks for itself.

The superior attitude of the welding instructor, his uncooperativeness, and his dullness have made welding a necessary evil for many students, necessary in that it is a required course.

War or no war, can't something be done?

Weary Student.