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Club Progress

Three clubs on the IIT campus have undergone a complete revision during the first four weeks of the present semester. The Math Club, the Dance Club and the Armour Eye are the three groups who among all the other organizations on the campus, felt that something should be done about the present condition of activities at IIT.

A survey was made of all organizations on the IIT campus and of the total only 6 could be considered as fully active. Included in the total were four clubs and two professional fraternities. Not one of the professional societies or honoraries could qualify for that status.

It is realized that an outside activity cannot occupy the majority of its members' time. But it should also be emphasized that much can be accomplished by establishing some particular task for every member. Thus providing a means whereby everyone can take an active interest in the organization.

Editorials could be written forever telling what should be done, but they can accomplish nothing unless those concerned have the initiative to move ahead by themselves and make an honest attempt.

Three clubs on this campus have made that attempt, they have formulated plans, which will, it appears at the present time, lead to successful results. In doing so they have instilled a new vigor in their respective organizations.

The Dance Club was the first to act. They inaugurated a new social program sprinkled with periodic instruction for their members. The success of this innovation has been brought out by the increased attendance at their weekly meetings.

Next among the clubs to reorganize is Armour Eye, the photography club. This group held an election of officers recently and immediately thereafter embarked on a new program encompassing the interests of all members. The first they did was to start an instruction class in photography for the benefit of their more inexperienced members.

For club projects the group inaugurated instruction and has taken the responsibility for all pictures for *Technology News*. Pictorial salons will be exhibited to the students and new pictures will be periodically placed on exhibition on the walls of the Student Union lobby. The club has also undertaken a long term project in the form of huge murals depicting Chicago and the IIT campus.

The IIT Math Club went out and induced a new faculty advisor to work with them. The club will hold weekly meetings at which a paper will be read by one of the members on some form of mathematical research.

Other than these three groups, only three more could be found that may be considered active units. These are the music clubs, Rho Epsilon and Alpha Chi Sigma, who have maintained a full and active program for all their members

—M. BURKART

Man Of The Week

Ted Pilat, Armour Editor of Integral, Helps Ease Loneliness of IIT Men

A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody



Dear Editor:

Friday night Illinois Tech played George Williams in a basketball game. Actually, Illinois Tech played Illinois Tech, for the George Williams team was made up entirely of Navy V-12 trainees, Illinois Tech V-12 trainees, if you please, who are living and studying at George Williams under IIT auspices.

Doesn't this seem a bit silly to you—Illinois Tech playing itself? Yet that's exactly what happened, for you can check official records and see that these so-called George Williams basketball players are actually Illinois Tech Navy V-12 trainees.

Yet last Wednesday night under the name of George Williams, they played and swamped the University of Chicago cagers, a fact which our own Techawks haven't been able to perform for years. And they thereby won a lot of favorable publicity for George Williams.

And, of course, they got publicity for George Williams when they played what actually is their own college, Illinois Tech.

What's the matter with IIT? Don't we want good sports teams?

These men actually should be members of our Techawk team. They represent real basketball talent, apparently better than that we now have representing us. Who's responsible for the Techawks' failure to take advantage of this opportunity?

Is IIT always going to have second-rate teams because we, who are supposed to represent a first-rate college, are so asleep at the switch that we just don't take the trouble to organize first teams?

A Tormented Techawk

Dear Editor:

Why weren't the few coeds of Armour allowed to vote at the recent "Favorite Secretary" elections? The girls at this school pay their tuition and back the *Tech News* fully. With great care it was noted in the rules that all such rules applied to MEN ONLY.

Why is there a distinction such as this, notably when there are so few things for the girls to enter into anyway? Many of the students have been against girls from the very start, which is natural but since the girls are here why can't the boys make the best of the proposition. We also want to be engineers.

Five Coeds

Dear Editor:

Honor fraternities will soon be pledging again. Students from outside schools are excluded from these fraternities because their averages have been decreased in the Registrar's office.

Why are grade averages lowered? Two reasons are these. One is to dissuade students from transferring schools. The other is to raise the standard of IIT.

These reasons are not being argued against; nor is it being asked that the registrar stop lowering the averages. However, the consequences which result may mean the exclusion of a student from an honor fraternity. It should especially not apply to navy students who did not transfer here on their own.

When the average of an outside student is 2.3 for his marks here and he is not considered because the registrar has given him 1.8, while a student who began as a freshman at IIT has a 2.01 and is accepted, there is something wrong.

In searching for pledges these fraternities read the averages given by the registrar, say 1.4, when the student's average in his first semester is 1.9 or 2.1.

Should these students be excluded from these fraternities? Or do only IIT native sons receive such an honor?

It is suggested that honor fraternities do a little added research and take the student's average from his work at IIT in determining his eligibility as a pledge.

Sid Baker

By RAY OLSON

In honor of his philanthropic service to lonely Illinois Tech men, this week's choice for the "Man of the Week" goes to Ted Pilat, chairman of The Link, official Illinois Tech date bureau.

Ted and his colleagues began organization last term because a great many students were missing the IIT dances for want of a date. Since its inception, The Link has found dates for almost 100 IIT students.

However, Ted does not restrict his extra-curricular activities to The Link; he is also a journalist of merit. At the present time he holds the position of Armour Editor of the *Integral*. Ted began his service on the *Integral* staff two years ago when he was still a sophomore, gradually working his way up to his present position. For his journalistic efforts on the *Integral*, Pilat has been chosen as a member of Pi Delta Epsilon, national honorary journalistic fraternity.

Another of Ted's extra-curricular activities which borders on the social side is the Dance Club. In his organization he holds the office of vice-president. This type of work, he says, is strictly in harmony with one of his favorite hobbies—women. Friends of Pilat are quick to confirm this statement and are not reluctant to enlarge upon it.

Pilat came to Illinois Tech almost four years ago from St. George High School, Evanston, with lofty ambitions and the desire to become a chemical engineer. Since then he has so diligently pursued this course of study that he has earned himself high positions in two chemical organizations. The first of these is the American Society of Chemical Engineers which has elected Pilat their president.

The second is the Alpha Chi Sigma national honorary chemical engineering fraternity in which Ted holds the position of treasurer of the Illinois Tech chapter.

Ted's plans for the future depend upon his draft board. If they decide to allow him to remain a civilian Pilat intends to secure a position, location as yet undecided, in the field of his choice and finally to get married. He is quick to mention that he is as yet unattached—girls please observe!



Ted Pilat

president.



RONALD AILARA, sophomore electrical, was half of a novelty and tap-dancing act when he was 12 years old. The act was billed as "Double Trouble" and was featured at the Chicago and State-Lake theaters, the Congress Hotel; and the Terrace Gardens...RUDOLF SAMUEL, visiting professor of Physics, worked with professor Albert Einstein in Berlin 25 years ago...A German refugee, FRANK SOLMITZ, Lewis freshman, has lived in America for only two months...MARVIN QUATEMAN, Sophomore electrical, is now the only Armour student whose last name begins with Q...ROLAND FISCHER, junior mechanical, has consumed only two cups of coffee in his life...Professor A. T. BALINT, of the Technical Drawing department, was a Lieutenant in the Hungarian Army in world war I...BETTYANN DETTERBECK, freshman industrial engineering student, has 150 hours of flying time and a parachute jump to her credit...Though he was born in Germany and a resident of the United States for only four years, HERB REISSMAN, EE student, has spoken English all his life...The Coca-Cola ads printed by *Technology News* are drawn by artist FRANK GODWIN, father of DR. FRANCIS W. GODWIN, assistant director of the Armour Research Foundation.