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Man Of The Week—

Senior Civil Sheldon Young Looks Forward to Marriage and Then Graduation

It's Leap Year, Fellows



Sheldon E. Young

By ALLAN GRANT

Graduation and marriage are highlights of the year for Sheldon Young, senior civil, this week's "Man of the Week."

"Shellie" claims that it is rather difficult to say which is the more important, his marriage January 22 or his graduation February 21.

His record at IIT has been very impressive since the time he came here from Hirsch High School in 1940, where he was active in sports and in the choral club.

He is now president of Chi Epsilon, honorary civil fraternity; treasurer of the WSE, and he holds memberships in Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honorary, the Interhonorary Council, the Glee Club, and the Senior Curriculum Committee.

Not stopping with all this he assumed the task of advertising manager for the Integral and raised more money through advertisements than had ever been raised in previous years.

That's not all; besides participating in intra mural sports he has served as a student assistant in the mechanics department and is now making illustrations for a text to be published by one of IIT's professors.

As for his future plans, "Shellie" expects to remain at IIT on a fellowship and do research work in the mechanics department. He now holds a Cook scholarship.

"Shellie" leaves this advice to the underclassmen, "Whenever you enter a course, set your mind to get the most you can out of it." He has followed this idea closely as is shown by his 2.3 average and his rank of about third in the civil graduates. That is how he won a 25 dollar prize in a contest when he entered a paper entitled, "Advantages of Arc Welded over Riveted Design."

Overrunning the excitement of graduation is the matter of his marriage next week to Ada Soderlund, to whom he has been engaged for the last two years. He met her when he was a lifeguard at a summer resort.

He said jokingly, "Two years ago I was a full fledged BTO, but now I carry the title of dampened BTO."

"Shellie" stated that all senior civils have been invited to the wedding.



ALAN GRANT, freshman mechanical and his sister won first prize in a "Most Beautiful Twins" contest when they were five years old. The award was a free trip to Niagra Falls... FRED BELCOVE, 6 feet 4 inches tall, is the tallest freshman at IIT... While studying at the University of Paris, F. K. RICHTER, language and literature instructor, once met Madame Curie... A sophomore mechanical, SHIRLEY SEXSON, has traveled in all states of the Union, in addition to Canada and Mexico... The youngest members of the junior and sophomore classes, respectively, are JACOB DUMELLE and DON ARENSON. Dumelle will graduate in 1945 at the age of 18; Arenson, a physics major is 17 years old... In his research with the electrons microscope P. L. COPELAND has as assistant none other than MRS. COPELAND herself... EDWARD WAGENKNECHT, professor of English, is an ordained minister... JOHN J. SCHOMMER is a member of a sports committee which is attempting to solve a part of the juvenile delinquency problem.

T.R.

Rho Epsilon or a Lounge

In conjunction with its efforts to provide everything it can for the welfare of the staff and student body, the administration is contemplating the construction of a lounge for the secretaries on the IIT campus. The proposed site for this lounge is the rooms presently occupied by Rho Epsilon, the honorary radio fraternity.

Because of the none too pleasant surroundings of IIT and the lure of higher paying jobs, such a project would be advantageous to both the secretaries and the Institute. Some place should be provided where these girls can relax and get together. Nevertheless, the question is asked whether it would be of greater advantage to the school to make a recreation center at the proposed site or to find a better one.

If the lounge was placed in Rho Epsilon's rooms, the fraternity would be forced to find new quarters. The Lewis campus has been suggested as a possible place for Rho Epsilon. Such a move would incur the cost of moving the present equipment, redecorating their present rooms and their proposed rooms. Would it not be cheaper to find some other place for the lounge? As one suggestion I would like to propose the basement of Chapin Hall. This could be accomplished without inconveniencing Rho Epsilon or the secretaries, who would have to climb four flights of stairs every time they wanted to relax. The mimeographing room is an example of what could be done in the basement of Chapin Hall.

Let us also see how this proposed change would affect Rho Epsilon. The greatest majority of all students interested in radio are located on the south campus. All of their free time while in school is also spent here. If the members were forced to travel from one campus to the other the activities of the fraternity would undeniably be curtailed. In looking over the record of the fraternity I don't see how the school could afford such a move.

They are now one of the most active groups on the campus. Recently they have completed the construction of an F-M transmitter and at present they are giving public television demonstrations. They have initiated, and are now conducting, a code class.

With the construction of the F-M transmitter they have earned the lasting debt of the school. They have provided a means whereby people throughout the Chicago area can become acquainted with the Institute. They have also loaned to the school laboratories the use of the transmitter and an amplitude modulation transmitter. It is readily admitted that the school faces a hard problem due to the lack of available space, but is it justifiable to limit the activities of so active and beneficial a group as Rho Epsilon? Can no other solution be found?

—M. BURKART



Dear Editor:

In your recent column "as I see IT," there was a reference made to a group of "unthinking individuals," who called their athletic team the Draft Dodgers. We, the unthinking individuals, regret this fact very much. We never realized that the name we picked for our team would cause so much furor on the South Campus, we hereby announce the changing of our team's name. We will hereafter be known as "The Vigilantes."

Far from being put out by your criticism, we invite it. We are glad to see that *Technology News* takes an interest in what goes on at Lewis, and we will always be considerate of any constructive criticism directed our way.

Former Draft Dodgers

Dear Editor:

Following the last registration, a letter appeared in these columns berating the civilians for getting out of the lines and various other "ungentlemanly practices." Two of my classmates have enlisted since that time due to, among other things, the difficulty of securing enough money to continue. Yet, many students wishing to work on Saturdays were forced to attend classes on Saturdays because all weekday classes had been filled. Why were they filled? Because the Navy men were allowed to register first and quite naturally took the choicest classes.

Why not help the remaining civilians to stay in school by exempting ALL civilian students from Saturday classes and filling them, if they must, with Navy men who are down here every Saturday! Another registration takes place in eight weeks; will they again blame us for jostling our way to the head of the lines, if it means the continuation of our

education?

Jacob Dumelle,
Junior Mech.

Dear Editor:

I noticed in the last issue of *Technology News* that all civilian students who have not passed their first semester of their sophomore year by March 1, 1944, will be forced to follow the curricula as prescribed by the Navy. Now, I am wondering by what right or reason should we civilians be compelled to adapt the Naval curricula. If our tuition were paid by the Navy, the plan would be entirely within reason. But since this is not the case, why should we civilians submit to such an obvious disregard of civilian rights? I think that the persons responsible for this atrocious deed should issue an explanation of their unjust action or perhaps the freshmen should depart en masse to other schools which have a greater respect for civilian rights.

J. P.

Dear Editor:

Something ought to be done about things like this: When William Pomern arrived at the La Salle Street Station last July as a V-12 transfer from Tri-State College in Indiana, he had good reason to be very unhappy about his transfer to Illinois Tech. It was necessary for him to ask two taxicab drivers and three policemen as to the whereabouts of IIT before he finally got an evasive answer.

The first two cabbies and policemen either hadn't heard of IIT or had no idea of its location, and the third policeman, who was queried on an "L" platform had a vague idea that it was somewhere on the south side in the colored district.