

Student Union Organ, Once Pride of Old Armour Mission, Is Now Collecting Dust

The keys are dusty, and the motor is gone, but the soul of the old organ is still there. . . . there in the heart of the Student Union.

You might think that the organ has been forgotten, but it hasn't. True lovers of art never forget their paints and brushes, and organs mellow with age.

It was nearly three score years ago that the organ was installed in its lofty heights above the stage of the Student Union. Choir boys once looked up with reverence at the virtuoso in the organ loft. The Gothic organ window was cleaned and polished then, its face unobscured by rotting and sooty boards. Small children's hearts leapt with pangs of excitement as the organist led them up the steps to his enchanting domain.

But all is different now. The eighteen hundred different tones have long since ceased their echoing through the halls of the Union. Few people can even remember the last time that the wooden and iron pipes were filled with the life blood of air from the blowers. The motor which pumped the blower is gone—sold as junk when the Union was remodeled six years ago. Pipes are missing; pieces are broken. But the soul is still there!

The organ stands high and to the left of the stage below it. At one time it was the largest organ in Chicago. Its pipes range from two inches to 16 feet in length. Three keyboards, 61 keys per board, 30 pipes per key, plus 28 pedals give the organ a range of 1830 notes. Also, its soul is still there!

The soul of the organ is in the hearts of people who love organ music. Such people are on our campus today. Already, investigations are going on as to the possibilities of rehabilitating the organ. It has been suggested that the organ be electrified. This step would make it possible to remove the organ when the Union is torn down, and establish it in the assembly hall of the new campus. It's not natural to discard as junk an instrument which is worth upwards of \$20,000! The soul of the organ is still there.

Toboggan Party to Be Held by Seniors

The senior toboggan party will be held at Palos Park on Sunday, January 28. It will be an afternoon affair, beginning at 2 p.m.

The navy bus will be used to transport 15 to 20 couples, plus the toboggans. The bus will leave Main Building at 1 p.m.; it will return at 9 p.m. A/S John Wright, senior social chairman, suggests that V-12 men make early bus reservations with him. He also suggests that civilians plan to carry three couples in each of their cars.

Speer Leaves IIT for Sea Duty Assignment

Chief Pharmacist's Mate Charles D. Speer left the Illinois Tech V-12 unit for service at sea, it was revealed today by Lt. Royal F. Sessions, commanding officer.

He will meet his ship, a troop transport, in a south-west port. Speer saw service on Guadalcanal with the famous 1st Marine Division during the first days of our invasion. He also saw duty in the Russel Islands before coming to Illinois Tech.

Speer has served at IIT since last July.

AIEE Names Dr. Higgins As New Faculty Advisor

Dr. Thomas J. Higgins spoke on "Some of the Better Known Engineering Schools of the East and Middle West" at the last meeting of AIEE. He was also elected faculty advisor to the AIEE, replacing Ernest H. Freeman who has retired. Plans were also discussed for a coming winter social.

Organ Keyboard



INAUDIBLE MUSIC—The organ in Student Union, neglected since 1939 when the motor was sold, was at one time the largest instrument of its kind in Chicago. Lewis Davidson is shown in simulated practice.

Honor Board Deals With 3 Students Reported Cheating

At a recent meeting of the Honor Board one student was found not guilty and dismissed, another was given an E in a quiz and another student will receive one letter less for his final mark. The three students were turned in by Dr. C. O. Harris because of a similarity in their mechanics quiz papers.

The first student was dismissed because he was not aware of the copying, and the board realizing that he had known nothing of the copying, dismissed him.

The second fellow admitted that he had copied, and because he had enough honor to admit it, he was only given an E in the quiz.

Because he would not admit that he had cheated, and the Honor Board was quite certain that he had, the third student will have his final grade lowered by one letter.

It may be seen from the Honor Board's decisions that the students who are willing to admit they had cheated will be let off much easier than any student who has copied and won't admit it, but is found guilty by the board.

Dean Peebles Will Speak At Austin High School

Austin High School students will hear Dean James C. Peebles at an assembly there this Friday.

Dear Diary! Here Is the Story of How Illinois Tech Students Spend Their Time

It's three o'clock on a weekday morning. Joe IIT is sleepy. His homework done (except for mechanics), and so Joe is ready to go to bed. But wait! There is something he must do; our typical Illinois Tech student must write his diary! Here it is!

The Diary of a Freshman:

Dear Diary,

What a weekend! Will I ever get a physics report accepted? Gee, I wish I didn't always have to do lab reports on Saturday night. Then I could do some math homework instead.

Well, Christmas holidays are over and I've had a whole week in which to catch up on my homework. Thank goodness we didn't have school on New Year's Day! Otherwise I'd have missed a whole 16 hours of homework.

I wonder if they've ever changed those records in the juke-box. I don't recall "The Music Goes Round and Round" as still being on the "Hit Parade". But then, I haven't listened to the radio for so long that I really can't say.

Now, back to physics!

The Diary of a Sophomore:

Dear Diary,

Calculus! It's driving me mad! "A triangular hog trough is lying in the shadow of a balloon which is rising at the rate of 30 feet per minute. Water is flowing into the trough at the rate of five gallons per minute. Will the trough get full?" How does that old walrus expect us to solve that one? Why, we haven't even had double integrals yet!

I wonder if the Integral will ever come out. I've been here a year now, and they've been promising me the yearbook ever since I came.

The Diary of a Junior:

Dear Diary,

Oh, sweet mystery of p. chem! Here I am a junior! Calculus was bad, but it was heaven compared to the mystery hours which I have to set through now. At least when I was a freshman we had large classes and those profs didn't know me from Adam. Now I'm just about the only one left for them to know!

Yes, Bill left for the Navy today, John left last week, and Roy is going soon. Pretty soon they'll start holding informal get togethers between the teachers and students.

One pleasant outlook on the whole situation is that I can now ride the elevator (Oh happy day!) No more hikes up to 500M! And if I ever catch an underclassman on that car I'll give him all the water they gave me when I was in their boots!

Good night, sweet diary.

TECH TIME TABLE	
All items appearing in Tech Time Table will be those which are scheduled with Dean Tibbals. No other items will be used.	
MONDAY, January 15	June '45 Integral—Technology News Rooms, 5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, January 16	Pi Nu Epsilon, Auditorium, 4:00 p.m. Freshman Social Committee, 305M, 5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, January 17	InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, 102C, 11:00 a.m. Freshman Class, Auditorium, 11:15 p.m.
THURSDAY, January 18	Pan Hellenic, 301 Lewis, 1:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, January 19	Sigma Omicron Lambda Alumnae, Student Lounge, Lewis, 7:00 p.m.

ASME Members to Tour South Side Steel Plant

A meeting of all ASME members was held last Wednesday and preparations were made for the forthcoming tour of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation's south side plant. This tour will be conducted on February 15, 1945 and is open to all junior and senior mechanical engineering students who are American citizens. Civilian students will be required to present a birth certificate to prove their citizenship to any member of the ASME program committee. Anyone desiring to take this tour should contact a committee member.

A fee of \$.50 will be charged to cover transportation. Further announcements will be made at the next ASME meeting.

Grinter Will Make Trip To East for Meetings

Vice-president Linton E. Grinter will be off the campus several days this week to attend meetings in New York and Washington, D. C.

In New York, he will participate in a conference on structural engineering. The topic for discussion will be structural specifications for post-war work. Also in that city he will attend the meeting of the ASCE.

Grinter will discuss with government officials in Washington, the plans for transferring certain war research projects to Illinois Tech.

Fraternities & Sororities

Wilt Elected Head Of Tau Delt Pledges

Race Wilt and Bill Pouzar have been elected president and secretary treasurer, respectively, of the Delta Tau Delta pledge class. The pledges will hold their regular party for the entire chapter on February 17. It will be combined with a dinner dance the fraternity is having at the Marine Dining Room of the Edgewater Beach Hotel.

A sleigh ride at the Sunset Stables followed by refreshments and dancing at Art Strong's house is planned for January 27.

During the past week, Ensign Charlie Shank, an alumnus, dropped in on one of the fraternity meetings. Ensign Shank has been stationed on an LST in England for the past 3 months. He is on his way to the Pacific coast for reassignment. A short time ago another alumnus, Ensign Jim Neighbor, was passing through Chicago on his way west for a similar reason and paid a visit to the shelter.

In a letter received from another alumnus, also an Ensign, it was learned that Blake Hooper has been up to Manitowoc, Wisconsin, to pick up a new submarine and thence, as seems the trend for all recent Delta alumni, to the Pacific.

Claire Brinkerhoff Pledged by Lambdas

Claire Brinkerhoff was pledged to Sigma Omicron Lambda Sorority January 8. The next meeting will be held January 28 at the home of Kay Niemeyer who lives in Brook-

field, Illinois. The Delta Alumnae chapter will hold their annual reunion January 19 in the Lewis student lounge from 7 to 10 p.m.

Triangle Plans Social For End of January

Plans for a social at the fraternity house, to be held January 27, were discussed at a meeting Wednesday of Triangle fraternity. There is also a possibility of having a skating party on the same night. The Triangle's team beat the Pi Kaps 44 to 24 in a basketball game last Thursday. This was the first game between the fraternities this year.

One of the actives, Ralph McClintock, has left for the Coast Guard. He is stationed at Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sherry Hotel to Be Pi Kapp Dance Site

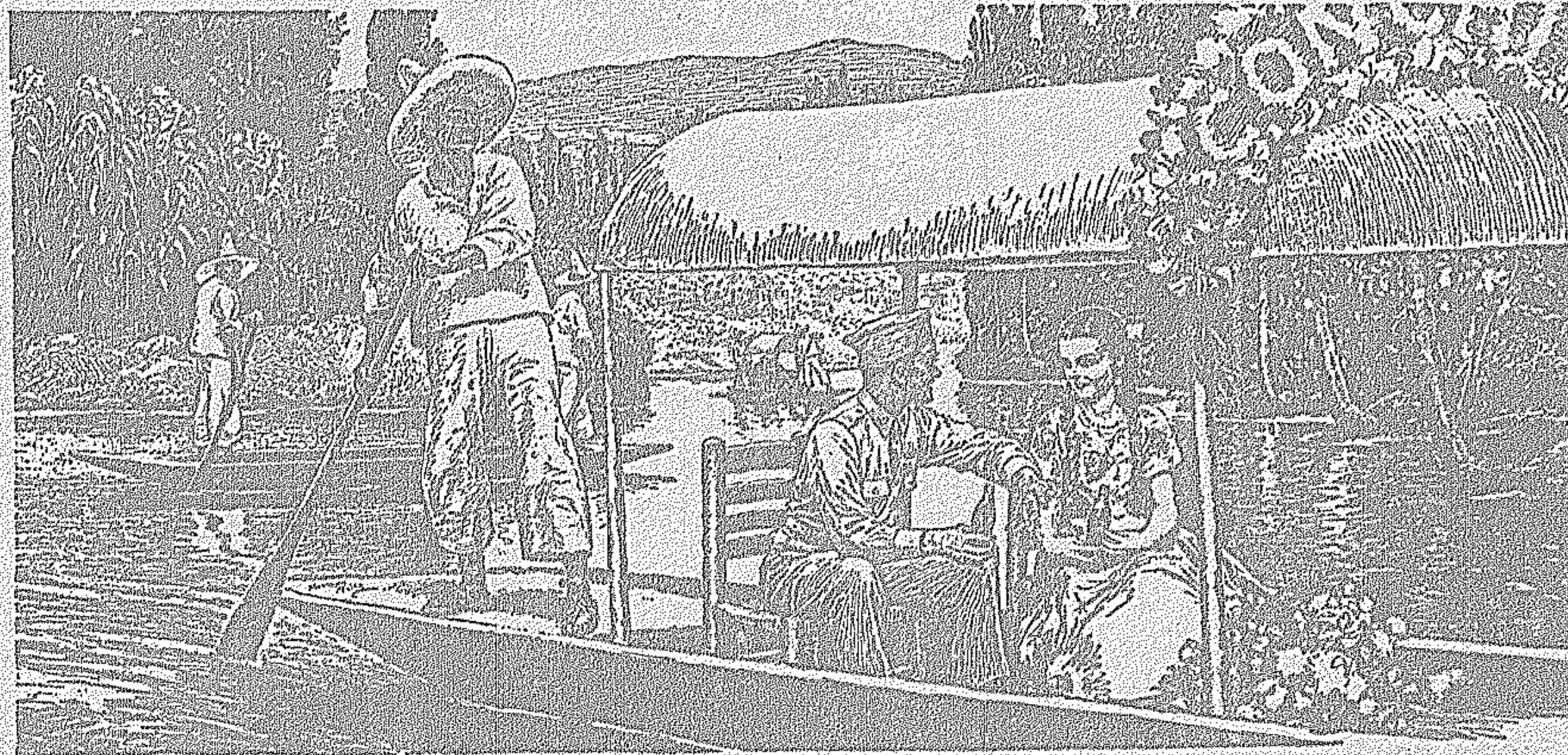
The Sherry Hotel, 1725 E. 53rd St., will be the location of a pledge sponsored dinner-dance of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. The affair will be in the Sky Room on the 12th floor and will begin at 7 p. m. promptly, stated Archon Tom Ruck.

At a meeting last Wednesday, a committee was appointed to revise the pending news letter to the alumni and see that it is mailed this week. The committee includes A/S Ray Olson, historian and chairman, Bob Spitzig, A/S Jack Capron, A/S Don Helbling, and A/S Walter Breisch.

There will be a meeting of the fraternity on Wednesday at 5 p. m. in 405M.

Todo marcha perfectamente... Have a Coke

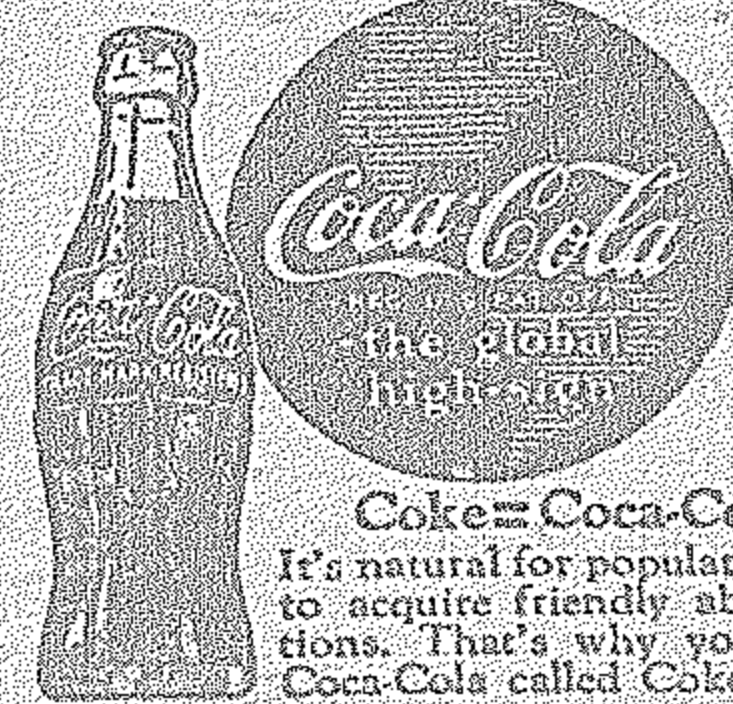
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