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Freshmen Flop

The Spring Swing bogged down to not even a swish. It was called off last Thursday only twenty-four hours before the dance was to take place. We have had dances flop at IIT before, but this one did not even have enough behind it to flop. Since only four bids were sold, it was out of the question to even try to hold the dance.

Who is responsible for this reprehensible fiasco? First of all the freshman class is to blame for not supporting their class or president, Frank Groman. In order to make the dance a success it was necessary to sell 110 bids. Out of 207 freshmen only four showed sufficient spirit to give their support. Second, Groman was, according to his own statement, taken in by his class who led him to believe that they would stand behind the dance.

The final responsibility falls to the ITSA which allowed the dance to go through as scheduled. They should have shown better judgment than to sponsor an all school dance which had poor prospects of success from the start. The fact that it was to be held on a Friday night ruled out all navy men from attendance. The dance followed the biggest dance of the year, the Navy Ball, by only six days. Finally it expected the same price as the Navy Ball without offering nearly as much. With all these adverse conditions it should not have come as a surprise to anyone that the dance would miss fire.

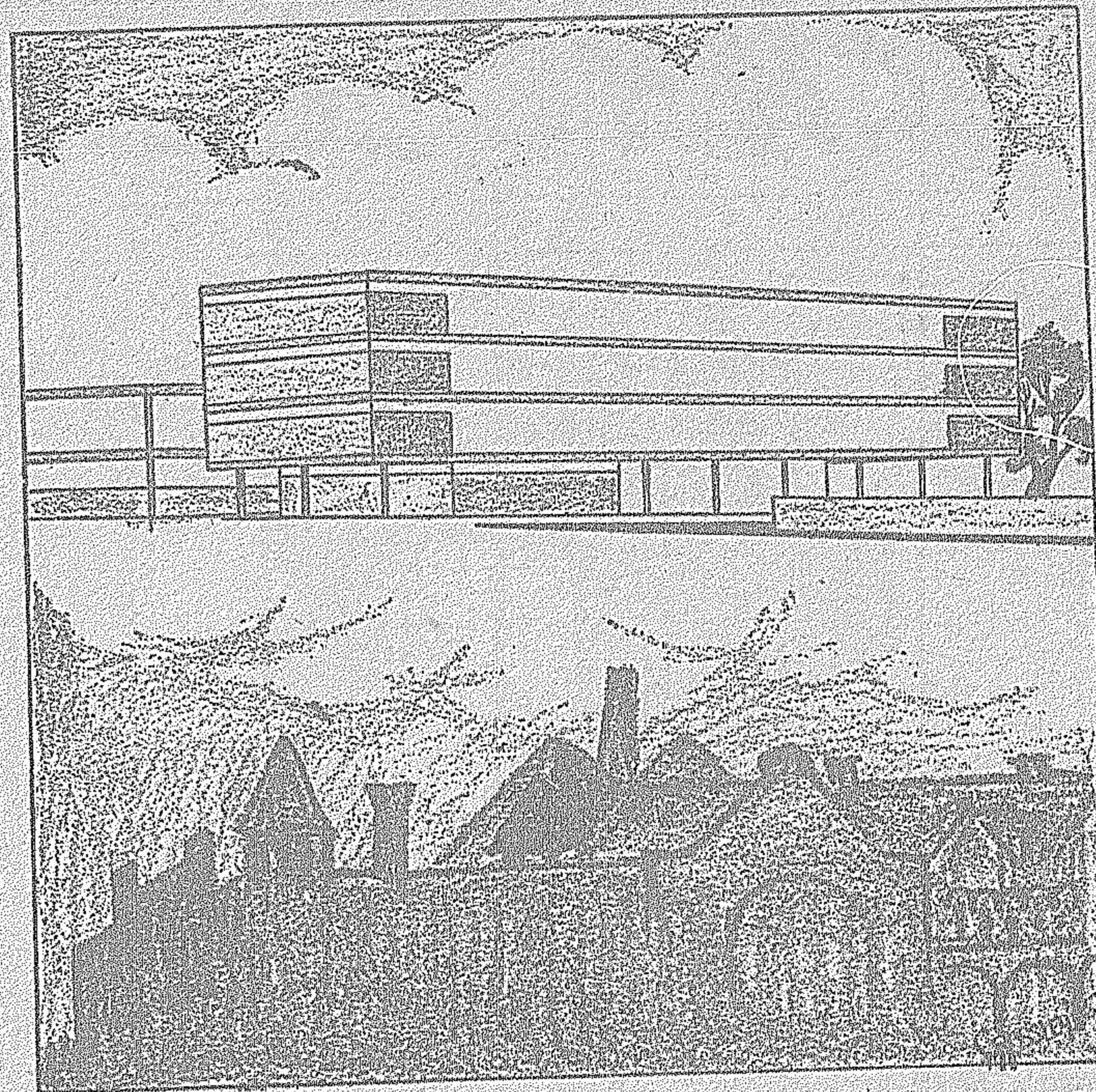
SUBC Waking Up

Apparently the SUBC, which for two semesters has been inert, is gaining some momentum again. The board cannot be blamed entirely for its period of inactivity, for many student union improvements is might sponsor demand certain war priorities. However, the present board can not but be commended for at least trying, regardless of the possibility of success.

Two things the union building has long needed are fans for the lounges and a drinking fountain more accessible than the ones in the wash room and cafeteria. The new board has placed orders for both of these even in the face of reduced war-time production. Such an effort is indeed encouraging after a long period of nothing but excuses. The board has also ordered the lounge painted and the strairs leading to the lounge at least washed. Both improvements could have been done long ago by previous boards.

The new student union may indeed be closer to a reality than ever before, but in the meantime the SUBC is in a position to make the present one as attractive as possible. Let them use the power they have to the greatest interest of all concerned.

Near Future



Man Of The Week

Martinko Ends College Career After 5 Terms on Tech News

George W. Martinko is being pledged into Pi Delta Epsilon, the national honorary collegiate journalism fraternity. He is being given the honor after starting work of *Technology News* five semesters ago.

It is the Navy Air Corps that holds the number one spot in the life of Martinko, senior electrical engineer. Having already passed the physical and written examinations, George hopes for assignment to the Corps upon his leaving from IIT in July.

Martinko is from Youngstown, Ohio, where he attended high school and was a member of the school paper and won letters in basketball and football. While attending high school, George was a ham radio operator and had his own license for a 68 watt transmitter station. He made his own spending money repairing and servicing radios in his own service shop. After graduating George worked about 8 months for Westinghouse, testing transformers and for several months in a metallurgical laboratory of Metals Carbide Corporation.

He started at a liberal arts college in Youngstown, during which time he was employed as a part-time draftsman at Republic Steel. After about a year, George enlisted in the navy in November, 1942. He was immediately assigned to V-12, and without boot training, came to IIT with the first training unit. Throughout his training here, George has been active in intramural sports. He has served *Technology News* for a year and a half, during which time he has been copy, rewrite, and headline writer and is, at present, feature editor. George is also a member of the Link and the editorial staff of the Integral. Martinko says he would like to take a general course in a liberal arts college after completion of his navy career.

—HOMER SNOW

Techman Talking

R. L. Velde, Instructor in Electrical Engineering

One of the outstanding advantages for the engineering students at Illinois Tech is the proximity to a large and diversified industrial area. This situation is further improved by the close contacts established by IIT with industry.

My undergraduate years were spent at the University of Illinois which is located in an agricultural community. Although this location is very stimulating to the student of agriculture, it has very little to offer to the engineer. Our picture of the type of work we would be doing in the future years was limited to the impressions gained from the various engineering courses which were offered. Many men changed from one field of engineering to another, or to another college in the school, simply because they disliked some of the courses required in the field of their first choice. One of our first real contacts with industry was an inspection trip taken in the early part of the senior year. While this tour was very interesting and helpful, a great amount of information and experience was crammed into a brief period of time. Furthermore, if we concluded that we had perhaps made a mistake in selecting our field, it was rather late to make a change.

Here in Chicago, the young engineer has an opportunity to come in contact with the type of work in which he will be engaged in later years. Talks given at the school and at the meetings of engineering societies by men from the industry help to impress upon the student the problems he may encounter in the future. Research work is at times carried on in an industrial plant and many research projects are the current problems which are confronting industry.

Through these many contacts, the student has an opportunity to pattern his program along definite lines during the early terms of his college work. Whether his selection be industrial engineering, research, teaching or business administration an early choice will enable him to make the most of his years in college.



Having received a beating at the hands of some of the females who have been mentioned in this wonderful column, I have sufficiently recuperated to return to my duties as dirt-digger. I was helped along the road to recovery by drinking a keg of kickapee-joy juice and smoking ten big black cigars (no cigarettes); so duck follows, the dirt beginning to fly.

Howard Johnson wrote the following poem because of his sincere fondness for Doloris Johnson. He has kindly given this column the honor of being the first to print it.

Oh, I love you, thous sweet vision
Like unto a summer day,
Yet more lovely this fair dream
Than any mortal beam.
When I see thee, life awakens
With the breath of loveliness,
And the whole world breaks in bloom
With radiance anew.

The "Lily White Purity Test" is again being circulated. Among those who recently took this test, Bob Narofsky has achieved the highest and most disgusting score. Bob hit the jack-pot with a colossal 94. It has not yet been decided as to how great an effect his reading "The Robe" had on his rating. You should try reading "Forever Amber," Bobbie.

Gather 'round students for the most thrilling expose of the semester. The two people involved are Pat Vedel, an extremely attractive Lewis co-ed, and A/S Richard Peterson. Richie is very fond of Pat, but she does not think the same about him. She is continually repulsing his unwelcome advances. Richie, however, says she is only playing hard-to-get. Richard calls up Pat's mother and sister to ask where Pat is, who she has been dating, etc. He does all kinds of coniving behind her back; he practically has a Gestapo on her trail every 24 hours. Richie then decided that he would also play hard-to-get and decided not to call her up for the date to the Navy Ball until the last minute. When he did ask, she already had a date. Honest, Dick, she just doesn't go for you so why be so persistent?

A/S Eugene Bourdon has that power over women that most men have. After breaking his engagement with Jean, his flame from New York, he sent her home crying. Last week a letter came, "Darling, I love you more than ever, etc., etc." And all the while there's a Veronica in Chicago who is making life more and more interesting.

The best incident of the week occurred when A/S Gus Mazarakus and A/S Robert DeBoo went to the Latin Quarter after the Navy Ball. These money laden seamen tried to display their wealth when they ordered baloney sandwiches. Everything was going fine until they received the bill which amounted to a tidy sum of eighteen dollars. The question that now arises is how they paid the bill when these two seamen had only ten dollars between them.

If anyone should desire to see a picture of bewildered students, all he has to do is stand at the doorway of room 202C at 1:00 p.m. any day. The bell rings at 1:00 but all that can be heard through the closed door is a high pitched voice which is something of a cross between a locomotive whistle and an air raid siren. Ten minutes later it happens. The door opens. Out walks a single file of students, mouths open, eyes watery, feebly clutching blank sheets of paper. The differential equation class is over!

The "Purple Petunia" of the week goes to A/S Gene Kleeman. In one of his classe Gene was asked if he was going to the recent Navy Ball. His reply was "I don't know no girls."

Kleeman has been consistently spending his Saturday evening liberties at the Wabash Street USO. Rumor has it that there is a certain student nurse that makes the surroundings quite interesting.

Professor Harry McCormack of the chemical engineering department walked into the special methods laboratory recently and requested that all 'loafers' immediately vacate the premises. There were several students working there at the time but they quickly left, leaving the lab deserted.

I have been informed that there is a beautiful girl waiting for me to explain why her name appeared in this column, so I'll have to explain. Pleasure before business is my motto.

—MOLE