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Link Activity



The New Link

Cupid has returned to the Illinois Tech campus in the form of Henry Pype and the Link, official dating bureau of the school. After going out of existence for several months the Link is being reorganized by Pype and a group of interested Tech students.

Pype and his associates are to be congratulated for their interest in the welfare of their fellow students. The old Link had a very successful though short lived existence building numerous beautiful friendships. As long as the former high standards of social etiquette are maintained, we see no reason why the Link should not be even more successful than the former one.

A/S Joe Hardman

A recent event involving a member of the swimming team, A/S Joe Hardman, has brought to light poor management in the physical education department.

As the story goes, it seems that Hardman, a swimmer of exceptional ability in the 200 yard breast stroke, was entered by the school in the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship swimming meet held at Ann Arbor, Michigan, on March 31. With the school, the IIT V-12 navy command extended to Hardman a special arrangement whereby Joe was able to leave in time to participate in the early Saturday morning qualifying events. In the meantime, Hardman had been sacrificing several precious hours every day for about a month after the Illinois Tech swimming season had terminated in rigorous workouts for this meet.

Arriving on the Michigan campus, Joe decided to have an early morning workout before the afternoon events. Having no timer of his own, he asked the Michigan coach (and secretary of the NCAA) to time him in his specialty. In this practice workout Hardman swam the 220 yard breast stroke two seconds better than the winning time of the same event in the finals. The next Joe saw of the Michigan coach was thirty seconds before the race was to begin when he was notified that he was INELIGIBLE due to the fact that Illinois Tech was not a registered member of the NCAA.

Where to place the blame for such an unfortunate occurrence is doubtful, but surely either the athletic director, assistant athletic director, or the swimming coach could have prevented it. This was IIT's best chance to take a national collegiate championship, and a break-down somewhere in the physical education department's makeup, bungled the deal. Modifications should be made to remedy this deficiency. With the coming of the NCAA track meet and the presence of national material, care should be taken that a future similar occurrence doesn't rob Illinois Tech and the individuals involved of their just reward for their efforts.

A/S JOE HARMAN

Man Of The Week

Extra-Curricular Activities Are Large Part of Albert's Work

Three words best describe the Man of the Week, Don Albert—"extra-curricular activities." For diminutive Don, the informal side of education seems to take as much of his time as required work.

Recently elected president of the senior class, Don has participated in all the varied phases of college life. He is corresponding secretary of



member of Pi Kappa Phi. Not to let this work exclude everything else, Don maintains a 2.38 scholastic average.

Don's small stature hides his physical ability. He captured a second place in the National AAU wrestling tournament last year. Second place in an Aurora city tennis tournament in 1943 is also one of his accomplish-

ments. These and his other athletic achievements have earned him the honor of being elected vice-president of Honor I, honorary athletic society.

Entering IIT in February, 1943, as a co-op, Don became a regular mechanical engineering student when the war broke out. After graduation next October he plans to work in industry, meanwhile returning to IIT either part time or nights, whichever proves feasible, to work for a master's degree.

Four letters in wrestling and a member of the National Honor Society were Don's achievements in East High School, in Aurora. He was graduated from there in June, 1942.

Don's home town is Aurora, Illinois, about forty miles outside of Chicago. He grins as he says, "I commute daily, and that makes about 42,000 miles I traveled in coming to IIT—almost twice around the world."

... Techman Talking

by S. E. RUSINOFF, Instructor

A recent publication of a technical paper on *Mechanism and Machine Design*, read at a meeting of teachers, attracted my attention, inasmuch as the above subjects constitute the backbone of my profession.

The paper described various methods of successful presentation of instructional material to engineering students, and the author suggested that more of the teacher's efforts should be put in developing the student's logical thinking, analytical methods of solution and critical selection of the results, rather than making a "handbook engineer".

The suggestion is excellent and fully appreciated, but the most important thing is the student himself; he must possess certain qualifications to make him a successful machine designer, and, of course, the practical experience. Similar to a talented artist, he must have the inborn ability, without which the graduate will either do routine work—just drafting, or, unfortunately fail.

To cite facts, I came in contact with four graduates of a widely known engineering school who have completed an identical course. One of the graduates, after two years with the same firm, has turned out to be among the finest machine designers; two others, after ten years with the same firm are still draftsmen, doing routine work that can be performed by women graduating from short war training courses in drafting; and one graduate has dropped out completely from the picture.

I can cite instances where certain shop men, if carefully picked and given an opportunity of an engineering education, would become real leaders in this field. It reminds me of my childhood years in old Russia, when government agents, scouting throughout the country, picked talented candidates for the opera, ballet and other branches of the fine arts. Perhaps, a similar search of talented candidates for engineers, whose education could be financed by the government, wouldn't be such a bad idea at all.

My opinion is that the teacher in machine design should take upon himself to tell the student his shortcomings, rather than expect time to perform miracles, thereby avoiding some unfortunate consequences to both school and student.



The terrific wind which almost carried away the campus last week blew plenty of dirt in this direction, and so if you have recovered from the April Fool issue I will get on with the dirt.

This week's "green banana" goes to A/S Trne "Superman" Niemi. About two weeks ago he was torn between two loves. In one of his weaker moments he volunteered to attend a dance at De Paul University, forgetting at the time that he had a date to attend the track meet and see his idol, Gunder Haag, the famous track star. After spending a few restless nights everything worked out all right. He found someone to take the girl from De Paul to the dance and he went to the track meet with a clear conscience. His only regret was that Gunder Haag didn't come through with a first.

The eternal triangle, which has proven quite dangerous to those who have attempted it, is once more taking shape. During his semi-weekly trip over to the west campus, A/S Bob Sodaro has started dating Helen "Dreamy-eyes" Gordan, but is taking no chances and is still keeping Rosemary Eterno on the line. Everything was going along fine and both girls were happy until Rosemary enrolled as a freshman—now the problem is—how can Bob divide himself in two, so that he can have lunch with each of the girls, when they both have lunch at 12 o'clock?

Now that spring is here Dick Lund's fancy lightly turns to the same thing he has been drooling about all winter, and I do mean June Cox, that vivacious red-head. What has really happened to this romance which had everyone on the campus spellbound last semester? Has something (like a certain soldier) come between June and Dick? Dick says that she is friendly to him on the campus but when he asks her for a date she always has various reasons for not accepting. It is rumored about that Dick wanted to get "serious" with "Red", and that she told him, "my mother told me I'd meet boys like you." Dick, however, is still toting the torch and says that all will be forgiven if she returns to him.

The news has finally leaked out. A/S John Seeger, Quarters 4, has been dating Marie Schrot, secretary to the Civil department. In fact John has been dating her quite steady the past semester. This is to notify A/S Leland "Trigger" Watson to keep his distance. However John, why do you always keep making eyes at Mary Ellen of the assistant president's office? John, instead of being in his C. E. lab, is usually found conversing with Marie in the civil office.

The greatest news story of the week concerns none other than A/S Walter Lane from Quarters #6. The trouble all began after Jackie Cooper was sent to the Lakes. It seems that Lane was walking down Michigan Avenue one Saturday evening when a girl came up to him, flung her arms around him, and said, "Oh Jackie, darling, I thought they shipped you out." Lane next made a hasty retreat back to quarters to think the situation over. Since that incident Lane has been receiving phone calls from young girls asking to speak to the sailor that looks like Jackie Cooper.

A great mystery has come into the life of Josephine Fiedler, secretary to Dean Dutton. It seems Josephine met a handsome romeo at the Trianon Ballroom last week and before the night was over he had proposed to her. The only thing Josep can't figure out is, "What was the guy's name?"

Another woman has entered into the life of A/S Robert "Schrotzie Schrotz" Schrotzberger. Usually a woman hater, silent Schrotz has finally found the girl of his dreams. He went out and splurged last week-end by eating dinner at her home and going to church with her on Sunday.

Arnie "The Finn" Niemi had a big let-down at the Dance Club last week. He met a beautiful gal there, but before the evening was over he had lost her to someone else. "The Finn" claims he left her because she had the same nationality as his arch rival Len "The Wolf" Slazinski. Others claim that Arnie was trodden in the mad rush.

The order of the "Pink Pomegrante" goes to Norm Reisinger this week. Norm dozed off in one of his classes, and after 15 minutes of restless slumber he awoke with a big, relaxed smile on his face. We wonder what he was dreaming about!

As a last minute reminder, if you have not yet ordered your "glow-in-the-dark" sliderule, place your order immediately, as the supply is almost gone.