

EDITORIAL OF THE WEEK

Honorarys Asked to Broaden
Basis of Pledge Selection

Once again a group of students have emerged on Illinois Tech's campus wearing bandanas and caps, carrying B-X cables, range poles, monkey wrenches, flasks and pipes, and blowing whistles and getting signatures. These students are pledges to the so-called honorarys.

According to the constitutions of most of the honorarys men are to be selected not only for scholarship but also for their activity in other fields, notably campus activities and sports. Not only this semester, but also in previous ones, the departmental honorarys have selected their members more and more on their scholastic averages and less and less on their other activities.

It may be argued that several of the men pledged this term are vets who were active on the campus before they left for service. This may be true in a few cases and these men rightly belong in honorarys even if they are not now active because it is hard for a man who has been out of school for a few years to regain his prominent position.

However, it will be found that in the far greater majority of cases students have been pledged merely because of their grade point average. The fallacy of such a procedure is obvious. Any student who is intelligent enough to go to college can, by applying himself to studies to the exclusion of all other activities, obtain a high average.

But are these the type of men who make good engineers and therefore should be members of honorarys? It has been proven again and again by practical experience that the men who get ahead in engineering and in industry as a whole are not those with mere technical knowledge but those with technical knowledge plus the well rounded personality that participation in extra-curricular produces. "Men who are campus leaders today are the leaders of industry tomorrow" is a trite phrase, but very true. And because a man has three dollars to pay his dues in his departmental professional society doesn't make him a campus leader.

It is up to the honorarys themselves to determine the men whom they select as members, but not only for the good of Illinois Tech but also for the good of the honorary itself is this plea made. By a more careful consideration of a student's activities and a little less consideration of his grade point average, the honorarys at Illinois Tech will be doing a service for themselves and for the school.

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Man Of The Week

J. Makielski, Tau Bate Head,
Is Undeclared Techawlk Diver

To be president of the IIT student body should in itself mark a man as being the number-one student on the campus, but John Makielski, selected as this week's Man of the Week, can claim his top most standing by virtue of any one of several achievements.

In addition to being president of the ITSA, John is president of the Beta of Illinois chapter of Tau Beta Pi, the general engineering honorary; secretary-treasurer of Honor I; and a member of Pi Tau Sigma and Delta Tau Delta. By virtue of heading Tau Beta Pi he is also president of the Interhonorary Council.



Makielski came to IIT in March, 1944, as a trainee in the V-12 program. After spending a year at George Williams college, he came to IIT proper and was transferred to the Navy's NROTC program last November.

Not one to let extra-curricular activities stand in the way of the primary purpose of college work, John has maintained a 2.80 average in seven terms. His major, in addition to naval science, is mechanical engineering.

Versatile to the last degree, Makielski is an outstanding performer on the varsity swimming team, of which he is captain. A diver

par excellence, last season he was undefeated in the team's entire schedule. He has represented IIT in the Central Collegiate meets for the last two years. In these meets he captured second place last year and fourth this season.

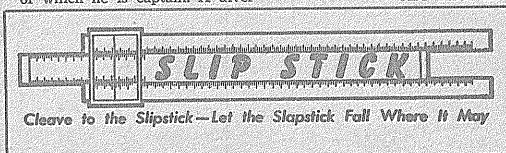
For a navy man, John has a consistent hobby, though following it could be called a busman's holiday. The pastime is sailing. Owner two 20 foot sloops, he is at home in a sailboat and races on Eagle Lake, Michigan.

A native of South Bend, Indiana, Makielski graduated from South Bend Central High School with a record of activities that are an amazing parallel to his work at IIT. He was president of the student government, his graduating class, and was valedictorian. To further complete the analogy, John was also an outstanding diver in high school. He was Indiana state champion in 1943.

His navy career started in July, 1943, with his enlistment. After boots, he was sent to RI school at Radio Chicago and from there to V-12 at IIT. John will be discharged from the navy in July and plans to continue his college work in store, says John. He next September.

After graduation, even more work is in store, says John. He will begin work on a master's degree, not in engineering, but probably in business.

—JIM BROPHY



Cleave to the Slipstick—Let the Slipstick Fall Where It May

This column and John L. Lewis' strike have one thing in common: It ain't funny. And now to the old news.

—IIT—

Voice in the ROTC Dorm: "Hey, you guys. Cut out that swearing. I've got a woman in my room."

—IIT—

A new musical production came to town. The billboards read: "50 Beautiful Girls—45 Gorgeous Costumes."

Three students and two policemen were trampled in the rush at the opening performance.

—IIT—

A man wandered into a department store; squeezed one doll and it cried, "Mama!" Later he squeezed another one. It screamed "Manager!"

—IIT—

Clerk: "Yes, sir, that medicine sure is powerful. Best stuff we have for the liver. Make ya peppy."

Customer: "Well, can you give me any specific reference—I mean people or a person who has taken said medicine with good results?"

Clerk: "Well, there was an old man living next to us who took this liver medicine with good results."

Customer: "Does it help him?"

Clerk: "He died last week."

Customer: "Oh, I see."

Clerk: "But they had to beat his liver with a stick for three days after he died before they could kill it."

—IIT—

"Eavesdropping again," said Adam as his wife fell out of the tree.

"God is everywhere," said the teacher. "Johnny, where do you suppose He is this morning?"

"In our bathroom," was the reply, "cause Daddy said, 'God, how long are you going to be in there?'"

—IIT—

A young lady and her aunt, returning home from work on pay day, were relieved of their money by a stick-up man. The young lady rushed over to the nearest policeman and exclaimed: "I've been robbed of my pay and aunt's pay!"

"Cut out the pig Latin and tell me what happened," the copper ordered.

—IIT—

If all horses say "nay" where do horses come from?

—IIT—

"Have you heard how a bustle and a historical romance are alike?"

"No, how?"

"Both are fictitious tales, based on stern reality."

—IIT—

Ginny: "Did I ever show you the place where I hurt my hip?"

Bill: "No!"

Ginny: "All right, we'll drive by there."

—IIT—

Two ants were running at a great rate across the cracker box.

"Why are we going so fast?" asked one.

"Don't you see—it says 'tear along dotted line.'"

Illinois
Tech Vets

General Bradley has just announced that any veteran who has allowed his National Service Life Insurance to lapse can get it reinstated without physical examination, provided he applies for reinstatement before January 1, 1947.

The veteran has only to sign a statement stating that he is in good health as he was at the time the insurance lapsed. This liberalization was made because many of the veterans who have let their insurance lapse are not insurable at all under civilian policies.

Mr. De Sylvester, veterans training officer, has requested that all vets who enrolled at the beginning of this term and have not yet received a subsistence check contact his office to make out a report.

In order to insure their subsistence checks being stopped and resumed at the proper time, Mr. De Sylvester has announced the following procedure for all PL-346 vets who are not enrolling for the summer session. At least two weeks before the end of the present term, notify Mr. De Sylvester that you are not going to attend. Then either see or write him two weeks before the fall term starts, so that he can have your checks started again.

Preliminary out-patient treatment is available at 366 W. Adams. However, most of the actual treatment will have to be given at the VA hospital at Hines, Illinois. Contrary to rumor, no bus service between 366 Adams and Hines is being contemplated.

Veterans who are absent from class more than three consecutive days must present a doctor's certificate to the veterans training officer if they want to receive subsistence for the day absent.

Both the GI Bill and PL-16 have been amended to lengthen the period for the completion of educational benefits. The veteran now has until nine years after the termination of the war to complete his education. This is an important point to remember if a veteran has to leave school temporarily, for financial or other approved reasons. If you are leaving school be sure to see Mr. De Sylvester and get an approval.

Any PL-16 veteran who has a real need can get a one hundred dollar loan from the Veterans Administration. These loans can be made on the spot at 366 W. Adams.

In the last issue, several bills which are pending in Congress, were listed. So far these bills are, for the most part, receiving little attention. It is up to the individual veteran to see to it that his congressman knows what laws he wants passed and why. There is strength in numbers and we certainly have the numbers.—ROCKY SPRAGUE

Collegiate World

The newspaper of the University of Louisville announces the formation of a Flying Club. This type of club has become popular throughout the country with the influx of Air Corps veterans to the colleges, but this particular organization is distinguished by the low rates which it offers to its members. Three dollars an hour covers expenses for instruction in contrast to the eight to ten dollar fees usually charged at pilot training schools. Two of these three dollars go for operation expenses and the other goes to the instructor. So far the club has a 65 H.P. Taylorcraft ready for its members' use. Its president was formerly the first pilot of a B-29.

A lonely vet at the University of Texas who wanted to meet a girl decided to call up a girl's dormitory and ask for "Ruth." Surely, he thought, there will be some girl living there named Ruth. There was a Ruth, but she wasn't in and her roommate took the call. Pleadingly, the vet presented his case to the roommate. She wasn't interested, but he called back the next night and he next. And now the vet and the roommate are having coke dates—which only goes to show that it never hurts to try.

D-Day at the University of Kansas means only one thing—defeat for dandelions at the hands, or rather knives, nail files, and more conventional dandelion diggers, of students and faculty members.

The traditional event this year yielded 2,369 bushels of dandelions picked from the campus lawns after two hours of digging. University officials estimate that the students have saved them about \$1,400 in dandelion digging expense in return for the 90 minutes of work lost by dismissing classes at 4 p.m.

Buildings and grounds workers had the task of removing the 10-ton stack of wilted weeds from the campus, and repairing the turf uprooted by over-zealous diggers.

Miss Alma M. Goetsch, of the art department at Michigan State College, entered her classroom last week accompanied by two masculine freshmen, only to find a mouse trap she had previously