

INFORMATION FOR FREE

Wild Bill Furlong

Bernie Weissman, whose photographic right leg has edged its way into many a lurid sports photo, was the object of much comment in the daily press the other week.

Professor Weissman, a sports devotee when things are not brewing too well, beamed with approval when a Mr. James Bivins of Cleveland delivered the coup d'état to a Mr. Beckwith of Gary in a proposed 10-round bout. The coup d'état, delivered in the form of a lethal left hook, reached its destination—the Beckwith chin—after the bell had indicated that hostilities should cease in the third round.

When Mr. Beckwith, dreaming no doubt of the day when he could quit working and become a referee, failed to recover from the slumbering effects of Mr. Bivins' left in time for the fourth round, Mr. Weissman promptly backed Mr. Bivins as the victor.

Now the endorsement of Mr. Bivins by Mr. Weissman would have been of little or no moment had not the latter been the third man in the ring. Working that night under the pseudonym of Bernie Wiseman, Mr. Weissman saw his duty and raised the sturdy right hand of Mr. Bivins in victory.

That action inspired the assembled patronage of 4,198 to new heights of oratory. It is rumored that they discussed openly and frankly the heritage and future of Mr. Weissman in terms complimentary neither to Mr. Weissman or his antecedents.

Taking up the cudgel in behalf of Mr. Beckwith, the boys in press row, some of whom can punch a typewriter as savagely as Mr. Bivins a chin, lashed out at Mr. Weissman. While some studiously avoided mentioning his name others openly hinted that he was a blackguard at heart who would feed half-smoked cigars to his daughter.

Somewhat disturbed by the attention that Mr. Weissman was getting, the state boxing commission issued an invitation to a beer and pretzel gathering at which Mr. Weissman and the sports writers could tear each others' throats out at their leisure. It was vaguely hinted that the boxing commission resented the fact that Mr. Weissman was cutting himself in on the vituperation which had been that of the commission's.

The upshot of the informal gathering was the signing of a non-aggression pact by Mr. Weissman and the sports writers. The latter also agreed to restrict its venomous comments to the boxing commission which has been deluged with such comments of late.

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As all know, members of a graduating class are rated according to their scholastic ability; i.e., the overall average of the grades received during the four years of school. In addition a graduate is rated according to his personal qualifications, such recognition being in the form of class offices, activities, etc. I would like to propose an additional rating method, the results of which could be called an efficiency factor.

In four years of college, a man is expected to acquire a certain minimum knowledge of engineering. Below this minimum it is assumed he would either drop out voluntarily or flunk out. Assume then that this minimum "knowledge for survival" is rated as a factor of one. Then devise an examination, to be taken by all men who expect to graduate, which would cover as many of these basic engineering fundamentals as is possible in an exam of reasonable length.

The ratio of the result of this exam to the minimum required knowledge would yield an efficiency, or re-

Junior Week Tradition Dates Back Forty Years

by Pat Vedel

The annual Junior Week festivities here at Illinois Tech, during its forty year history, has become the greatest and most enthusiastic student supported affair of the year's calendar. The class of 1907 started the tradition to accompany the distribution

of the Integral (even then they had trouble with the printer's schedule).

Circus Day was the main event. This brought forth fraternity competition for the most original and skillfully produced pageant display. The circus parade started in grand array down Federal Street culminating in a group review on Ogden Field which was then enclosed by a fence to keep out liberal arts students. For years the Trial of Math pageantry was the students' revenge on the gruelling technical calculations thrust upon them by professors with the souls of Simon Legrees. Yearly, in high jurisprudential form, the case of the Student vs. Math was enacted. Math was charged with killing college life and on the testimony of Anne Thuxiaum and Parallelopippigone a verdict of guilty was rendered and Math was sentenced to die. Hanging, burning at the stake or boiling in oil; nothing was forgotten in the disposition of so villainous a criminal.

Back in the very, old days of

a Tech football team sports took over only one day on the program. Interfrat sports were non-existent but Varsity-Alumni or Junior-Senior contests drew a big crowd of old grads and interested people who came to gaze on the triflings of an engineer's extra-curricular life. Gradually sports took the spotlight and Tech produced some mighty teams, both varsity and interfraternity. The competitive championship playoffs came during Junior Week and trophies were awarded at the Junior Prom, the climax of all activities.

Speaking of the Prom, our grand promenade had a sad beginning in the Armour gym. The cheese box on the fifth floor of Main was the scene of many school dances. Refreshments were served as the gallantly attired couples danced in and out of the clouds of Rock Island train smoke that wafted in the open windows. A part of the Prom tradition was the crowning of the Prom Queen and her court. The queen was

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Man Of The Week

Wit Kosicki Devotes Energies To Class and Social Activities

by Sam Rand

Not many of the students at IIT have sacrificed as much as Wit Kosicki in order to be able to pursue an engineering career. Since two of his brothers are studying for the priesthood, Wit's coming to IIT has made him the black sheep of the Kosicki clan.

Wit Kosicki, a senior EE, received his prep training at St. Theresa High School in Detroit. While in high school he first displayed his administrative talents by successfully discharging the many offices to which he was elected.



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After graduating from high school in 1940, Wit enlisted in the navy. He subsequently saw service in the Pacific as a fire

controlman, first U.S.S. Crane. Accepted for V-12 training in 1943, Wit was in the first contingent sent to George Williams College. Two semesters later—in March, 1944, he was transferred to IIT.

Since coming to Illinois Tech, Wit has posted a mark seldom equaled in class elections. Always a favorite of his classmates, he has been successively president of his sophomore, junior and senior classes. As a junior he was also social chairman of the class. In addition to these duties Wit has devoted a considerable amount of time to extracurricular activities. He has been a member of *Technology News* for five semesters, holding almost every staff position.

He has also been active in the ITSA, the Honor Board, Rho Epsilon, Pi Delta Epsilon, IRE, the Newman club, Delta Tau Delta, and AIEE.

Outside of his school activities versatile Wit manages to expend his energies among several of his hobbies, including sailing, woodworking, drawing, collecting stamps, reading and dancing.

Eric Eckberg
Senior ME

Techmen Talk

by Dave Pasik

Question of the week: How do you think the IIT registration program can be improved? Dave Halperin, Soph. Chem:

"Unless a fellow is willing to get here before breakfast, he has no

chance of getting his classes. The old maxim "first come first served" has been overburdened to the point of exhaustion. It might be possible to have a system of registration by mail, whereby the inevitable waiting and confusion could be eliminated. Tentative schedules would permit classes to be organized in an efficient manner. However, the best solution is to get here at ten minutes to six, as I did. Robert Hamilton, Soph IE:

"I have a couple of ideas: Make certain the class section schedules are ready before the final tests are over. This year everyone was required to make an extra trip down to school just for the little book. This involved a great loss of time for many students living out of town. Even with



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Guthrie Sees "Red"

Just what is all this talk about communism, leftists, reds, "misguided liberals," and fellow travelers? The reactionary press screams daily warnings to the American people to take up arms in defense of their country against the tentacles of communism. Certain observers quickly sum up the situation with a mere: "Nothing to worry about—Hearst, McCormick, Stelle, Winchell, and J. Edgar Hoover are all making mountains out of molehills."

What are the objectives of the communists in America and how do they set out to accomplish their ends? To answer this question a critical survey was made of several "liberal" publications. The analysis of the editorial policy seemed to yield two viewpoints: (1) The mere, superficial, "means-to-an-end" type of editorial in which the publishers have endeavored to very simply set forth policies which would appeal to many Americans as truly worthy causes. (2) The very subtle policy of creating dissensions and weakening structures and institutions from within. For the most part this feature is presented to the public through the means of (1).

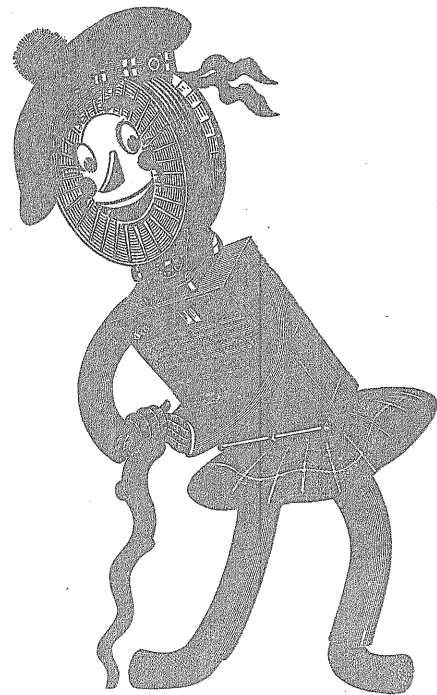
Superficially the editorial policy

of the red press embraces lower taxes, higher wages, guaranteed annual wage to come out of the profits of corporations, and higher taxes for the rich.

A more critical appraisal of the communist's attitude on these economic questions reveals their destructive intentions to break down the economic structure of the country. This is accomplished by sanctioning certain labor-management disputes which in many instances served merely to drain and confiscate industry's reserve capital.

Further well-meaning causes which some sheets have stressed are: wiping out the remains of fascism in Europe; permitting China to settle its own affairs without the use of our troops on the side of feudal reaction, breaking up the military and economic line-up between Britain and the United States; strength-

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