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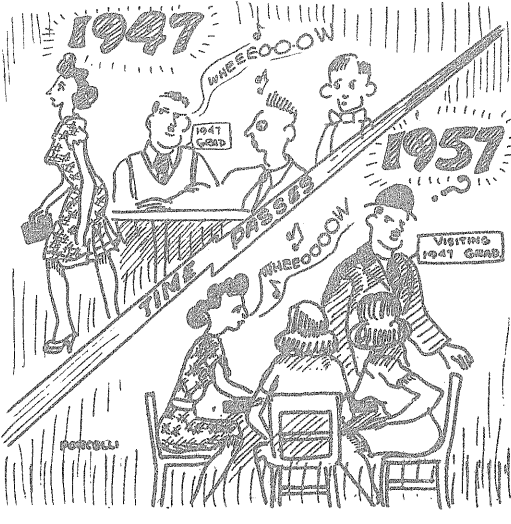
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"As Time Goes By"



Faculty Facts . . .

by Sam Rand

Professor John C. Penn of the Civil Engineering Department

With all the new buildings going up and with weekly bulletins constantly expounding the marvels of the new campus the students at Illinois Tech are looking to the future. Too often these very same students become unaware of or forget about the tremendous amount of work expended in bringing the school through its formative years. Too infrequently do students give credit to those of the faculty and administration who have become synonymous with the name of Illinois Institute of Technology, the men who have given unstintingly of their time and energies to the cause of their school.

Such a man is John C. Penn, Professor of Civil Engineering in g. Professor Penn was brought from the Netherlands to Chicago as a small boy by his parents in 1890. Since that time he has been a Chicagoan. He received all of his prep training in Chicago public schools, graduating in 1901 from Calumet High school.

About that time John C. Penn decided upon an engineering career and Armour Tech, even though it meant taking on part time work in addition to his studies so that he would be able to support himself.

Professor Penn's grades as a student were of a caliber sufficient to

earn him subsequent membership in Tau Beta Pi and Chi Epsilon.

Receiving his BS degree in 1905, John C. Penn went to work for the city as an Assistant Engineer in charge of constructing bridges. While serving in that capacity he worked on bridges that have become city landmarks.

In 1910 Professor Penn decided to turn his efforts to teaching and so he returned to Armour Tech as an instructor in Civil Engineering. During his long stay at IIT he has advanced up through the various ranks, being in succession Assistant Professor, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, Assistant Registrar, Registrar, Assistant Dean, Dean, Chairman of the Administration Committee and Head of the CE department. Having thus given IIT his untiring services, Professor Penn, not yet ready to rest on his laurels, continues to do his part in the Civil Engineering department.

Aside from his work for the Institute, Professor Penn has published numerous works relating to Engineering Education and surveying problems. He also on occasion acts

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The happy "Digger" cowboy comes a riding into the campus with his ten gallon hat perched on the back of his head and his boots dusty with IIT dirt. Here's a sample from the heel.

When Sam Rand, assistant feature editor of *Technology News*, heard that Kurt Kuhnle is vice-president of the 4A class and not president as stated in the last issue of the newspaper, he had an illuminating comment of the matter. Said Sam, "There is no room for VICE in the pages of *Technology News*."

The Digger finally discovered why Lisa Johnson does not say very much around school. When she is with her boyfriend, Herby Clapham, he does all the talking—and when she is not present his friends say he STILL carries on his ceaseless conversation.

Audrey Read, who is wearing her hair red this month, may be barred from the weekly college dance on the far south side during the summer months. Audrey, who can round out a peasant blouse so amply that the peasants get jealous, sends the mercury soaring every time she steps out on the floor. During the coming warm nights, the collective temperatures are expected to exceed human endurance.

That is all for the present but there will be more next week. The shovel will be in the same corner with a few new additions.

The Cultured Culture

Editorial

Women!!

At the Women's dinner last night an announcement was made by President Heald that IIT has started a drive for more women students. The announcement will no doubt be received by the bulk of the student body with a complacent attitude, the outstanding characteristic of student spirit here at Illinois Tech.

Two groups, however, will be interested—the first of course being the smooth operators of the school. Their extra-curricular activities are necessarily somewhat hampered by the overwhelming thirty-five to one odds confronting them. For them the outlook is bright.

For the other group the outlook is even brighter for they are the ones interested in the future of Illinois Tech. In the expansion of the Liberal Studies Division they see another step forward in the Institute's vast and far-reaching development program.

At the present time many courses which appeal directly to women are only partially full. Thus more women students could easily be accommodated without affecting the overcrowded engineering classes. It is felt that one of the reasons so few women students come here to further their education is the fact that they do not know that there are courses offered here which might interest them.

Since the Lewis campus has been abandoned it is easier than ever for people to forget that the Lewis branch is as much a part of Illinois Tech as Armour. People seem to think that along with the campus, the courses previously taught at Lewis have been dropped. The primary purpose of the drive is to let people know that there ARE opportunities for women to continue their studying at Illinois Tech and that IIT DOES have a Liberal Studies Division.

To contact the young women who are planning upon starting or continuing their college education, Institute representatives will visit high schools and junior colleges throughout the Chicago area. They will talk with students and faculty advisors of the various schools outlining the many opportunities IIT has to offer.

Courses the Institute offers which are intended, at least in part, for women students are Home Economics, Biology, Business and Economics, Psychology and Education, Language and Literature, and Political and Social Science as well as Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics.

Also to be taken into consideration with the fact that additional woman students would have no effect on the engineering classes are the new temporary and permanent buildings which are rapidly nearing completion. With the additional classroom and laboratory space these units will provide it is expected that the extremely crowded conditions existing this semester will be relieved considerably instead of becoming worse with the additional women.

Additional women at IIT will benefit all concerned. The new and also the present women students, the Institute and naturally the male students. . . of course for the graduating seniors it is again a case of "too little, too late!"



The students of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute gave their teacher a vote of confidence last term when they held a poll on the campus. The students were asked to make a list, in order of importance, of those qualities which they believe make an instructor a good one or a poor one. The personality of the instructor and his classroom manner was considered most important. Fairness in grading was next on their list, while books and articles written by him, his degrees, and departmental rank followed in that order.

The students of Valparaiso University have a new plague on the campus. The current mania cannot be compared to the fads of the 1890's—this is the "mechanical age." It seems that every ninth co-ed owns a motor scooter. The once-neutral vets are up in arms over the situation since one lively co-ed ran down the mailman carrying their subsistence checks.

A warning has been issued to the South Dakota State College co-eds. "Attention all girls living in the dormitories! The management would appreciate it if you did not put your male friends, as they are about to leave your abode, into any condition whereby they are rendered helpless and consequently don't know what they are doing." The statement was prompted by a number of mishaps that occurred while several young men were driving home from their dates.

Fraternities and Sororities

PHI KAPPA SIGMA

The newly initiated actives of the Skull House attended their first meeting last Monday night, increasing their strength to thirteen. Ralph Gordon was elected to fill the vacancy of Upsilon and plans for activities in the near future were outlined. Organization for Junior Week include Earl Kracht acting as sports manager, and Emil Bandovitch directing the musical portion of the Skull boys activities.

SIGMA BETA THETA

At the formal pledge ceremonies held downtown last Tuesday ten young women were pledged to Sigma Beta Theta sorority. Those taking the pledge were Jean Rasmussen, Betty Litsinger, Betty Griswold, Audrey Salomon, Audrey Read, Shirley Schultz, Arlene Edwards, Barbara Sandstrom, Kay Kamalick and Claire Brough.

With the addition of the new women the chapter roll is brought to nineteen, making the sorority the largest on the campus.

TRIANGLE

A rushing smoker was held following the active meeting Tuesday evening, March 12. Several movies, including those of the Tacoma Narrows bridge collapse, were shown, followed by a song fest led by Jim Leicht.

Five new men were pledged into the fraternity last Wednesday evening. The new pledges are: Lee Jacobson, Leroy Nero, Don Petersen, Dick Sculski, and Bill Dassie.

DELTA TAU DELTA

Last weekend the northern division of Delta Tau Delta fraternity held its conference at Columbus, Ohio. Bill Taylor represented the Gamma Beta chapter.

Next Monday the Deltas will hold their formal initiation at the Shelter. Ten pledges will be initiated.

The social committee has a full program planned for the future including the interfraternity formal and a mixed military costume ball to be held at the house shortly after Easter.

ALPHA SIGMA PHI

In a recent post-season basketball game the Pi Kappa Phi team was defeated by the Alpha Sigma men. The following week both houses cooperated in finishing a barrel of beer provided by the losers.

Plans are being made for an informal dance to be held next Saturday at the Alpha Sig's fraternity house.

RHO DELTA RHO

The East Dining room of the Student Union was the scene of the recent Rho Delta Rho formal initiation. Those initiated include: Richard Axelrood, Robert Blumenthal, Harold Burak, Herbert Feiler, Ellie Landsbaum, Marvin Lewis, and Jay Warshawsky.

Ralph Solomon, Rho Delta social chairman, announced that the fraternity would culminate its rushing activities with a Pledge Dance this Saturday evening at the Ashland Club House.

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