

## Man of the week

## Hobby fan Golick lauds marriage

By James Gewartowski

Somehow, Dick Golick looked a bit sad about something. "What's the matter?" I asked, "Flunk a quiz?" "No," he answered, "there's been a tragedy in the family." "You mean . . ."

"Yes," he replied, "one of my pet canaries has chirped its last chirp."

However, after due consideration of the matter, we decided that in the hobby of bird breeding, such occurrences are altogether likely. Dick recalled, in fact, that several of his canaries' eggs never even hatched.

Some would think bird breeding an incongruous hobby for an eighth term industrial engineering major, but it is only one of the many hobbies which has occupied Golick's spare time. He used to collect theater stubs from all parts of the world; now, he collects grade points to the tune of a lovely 2.36 average.

Noticing his 5 foot 5 inch, 165 pound frame, I remarked that eating looked like one of his hobbies. In reply, he conceded this pleasant weakness: "Some people like to go to a movie or the theater. My wife and I would rather go to a place noted for good food. We've been in most of the best eating places in the country." When asked in which place he had found the best food, he suggested the Kungsholm restaurant in Chicago.

Richard B. Golick had his primary and secondary education in Montreal, Canada. After being

graduated in 1939, he began work as a pattern maker's apprentice. With Canada's entrance into the war, he was transferred to a company which made shells. Here, he was to construct machines of wood which would fill shells with explosives; metal machines causing sparks which would ignite the explosives. Because of his valuable ideas, he was promoted to production methods man.



GOLICK

In December, 1942, he enlisted in the RCAF to serve as a radio mechanic.

Upon discharge, he was offered the Canadian government's version of the "G.I. Bill." Dick planned to take up electrical engineering, but when he heard that IE was being taught, he was, because of his previous experience, all for it. So January, 1946, found him at Illinois Tech.

Since then Dick has become a member of Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Iota Epsilon, Society for the Advancement of Management, Western Society of Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Society of Automotive Engineers, and Illinois Tech Married Students club.

How can a person with so many activities still get a straight "A" in his seventh semester? Says Dick, "Well, I believe that such extra-curricular activities should be looked upon as recreation rather than as work."

When asked if having a wife was a handicap to his school work, he replied, "Just the opposite. I think every college student should be married. It gives him two extra hands and one extra head." Quite a few females might be inclined to agree with Dick's opinion.

Dick also believes that every engineer should have some management training, because most engineers eventually gravitate to executive positions of one type or another.

Golick's post-graduation destiny is as yet uncertain. Firmly sold on IE, he would like to do basic research work in industrial engineering. Whatever he does, engineering principles will be applied—of that you may be sure.

## Personality, practical experience rate tops

By Hal Bergen

Seeking placement problems during the past several weeks, we recently found ourselves in the richly-paneled loop offices of a prominent national manufacturing organization. The company's name is unimportant for our purposes; knowledge of its placement policies is important.

Personality is the key word. In a large company, the engineer's theoretical and academic abilities are worthless unless he can effectively work with others. That means he must not only get along with his immediate colleagues but also the men in other departments.

For this company in particular, actual shopwork experience is considered invaluable. Experience in the practical end of a particular field provides the engineer with a valuable perspective. Here it is recommended that student engineers get summer jobs in labs and shops akin to their field.

Aside from the grade point average, extra-curricular activities indicate a degree of maturity and decision-making ability. Our informant quickly added that although professional activities broaden one's contacts they can be overdone, having the effect of narrowing individual perspectives.

Various types of tests are held to have some value, just as grade point averages are somewhat indicative of ability. Common standards of personal appearance are expected, as a matter of course. But these factors don't tell the whole story to the interviewer.

The valuable man is the man who

has gotten his feet wet in the field. The most valuable man is the one who gets along well with people.

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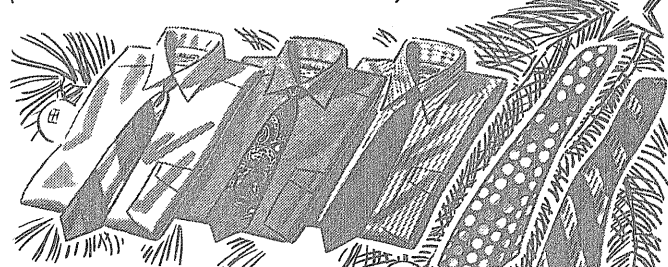
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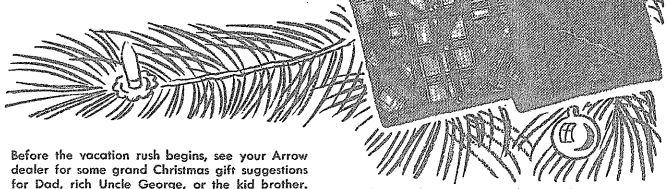


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