

Mechs go critic in AMR

By Herb Schmidt

Do you want to know where you can find a needle in a haystack? Well, if your "needle" happens to be included in the field of applied mechanics you might try the *Applied Mechanics Review*. This world-wide magazine, whose nerve center is located right here at Illinois Tech, proves to be the answer to the prayers of many research workers and graduates working on their masters' theses.

Dr. A. W. Wundheiler is the editor of the *Applied Mechanics Review*.

view, and is assisted by a capable staff. The copy for *A.M.R.*, as we shall refer to it, is produced in the

editorial offices here, and then sent to Pennsylvania printers to be published monthly by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

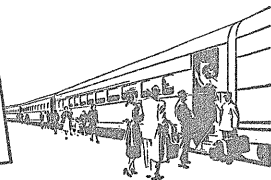
A.M.R. is the only magazine in the world in its field that contains truly critical reviews, and one might think of it as a highly technical Reader's Digest. The difference is that the *Readers Digest* selects the "best" articles of general interest, while the *A.M.R.* endeavors to cover its complete field of world literature. Scanning editors examine more than 400 periodicals written in some fifteen languages, and select those articles which would be of value to men working in research. A selected article is sent to one of 500 reviewers who is an expert in the field of the article and knows the language in which it was written.

Since the magazine is non-profit, the reviewers devote their time free of charge. Besides having to match the reviewer with the field and language of the article, the scanning editor tries to switch affiliation or countries: if an article is written by a G.E. man, a Westinghouse man reviews it; or, if an article is written in America, a European would review it. It is not unusual for the author of the article to write a rebuttal to the review, and there is one case on record where there was a rebuttal, a re-rebuttal, and a re-re-rebuttal.

The psychology of a man doing research and lacking some of the material on his subject is similar to that of the student who needs a "pony." In other words, they both want help to supply the needed information. To supply these needs the *A.M.R.* was founded just two years ago, and its reception has been most gratifying. It is distributed throughout the world, and is available at Illinois Tech's bookstore.

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TD pioneers degree for course in drawing

The technical drawing department has announced a new course of study leading to the degree of bachelor of science in technical drawing. The curriculum will be designed to provide a sound foundation in engineering fundamentals and education, according to Henry C. Spencer, director of the TD department.

"This program is being offered in anticipation of an increased demand for teachers of technical drawing in our secondary schools, technical institutes, junior colleges and universities," Spencer said. The curriculum meets state certification requirements for a major in technical drawing and a minor in mathematics and physical science.

Illinois Tech is the first college or university to offer a formal degree-granting program in this specialized field. The program includes studies in mechanisms, machine design, architectural drafting, industrial design, production illustration, advanced descriptive geometry, structural drafting, and topographic drafting. The first two years are essentially the same as in mechanical engineering except that the psychology and education sequences are started in lieu of electives.

The program will be officially launched in the fall semester, but several courses will be offered during the summer session for those drawing teachers who feel the need for further specialized training in their field.

Ivan L. Hill, associate professor in the technical drawing department, will serve as adviser in this program and all inquiries and information concerning it should be directed to him or to Fred R. Travis, director of admissions.

Publication workers get free feed

Campus publications will stand the treat for hard-working staffers at the annual Publications banquet, May 21, at Younker's restaurant.

Six pledges will be initiated to Pi Delta Epsilon, national journalism honorary, at the banquet. The induction will begin at 4 p.m., an hour before the dinner. Inductees are Harold Bergen, Frank Curtis, Sidney Doppelt, Ramon Klitzke, Bernard Kunka and Marks Levy.

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