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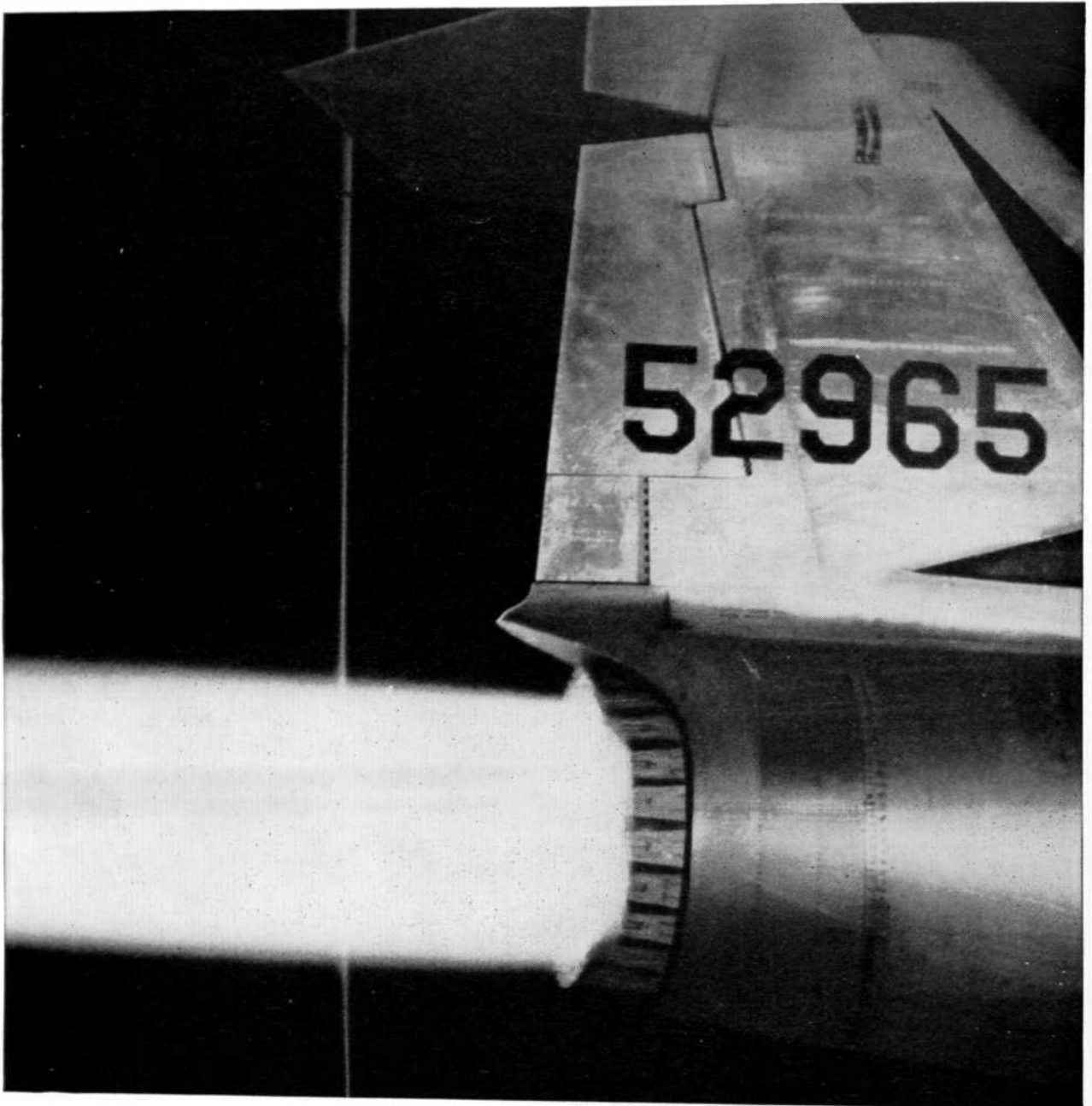
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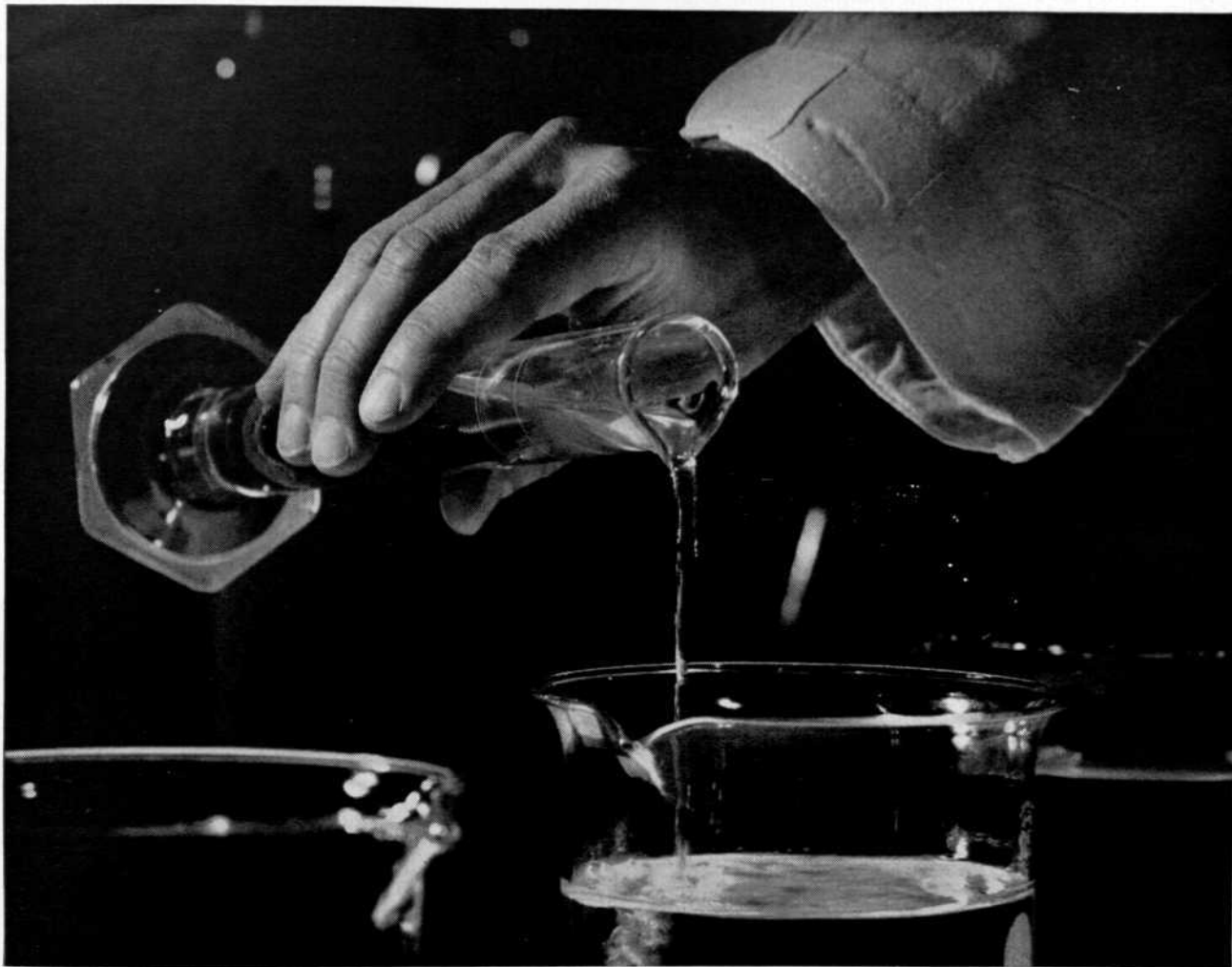
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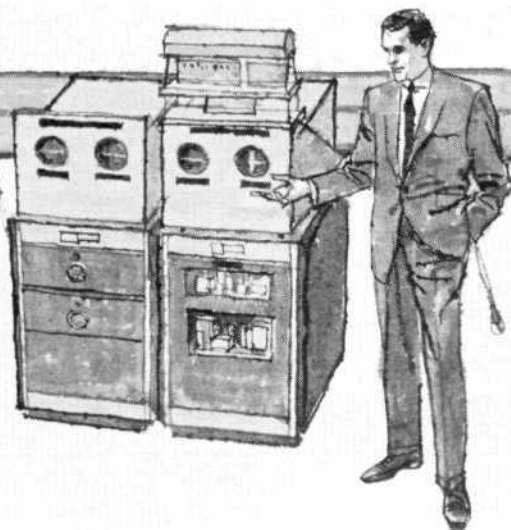
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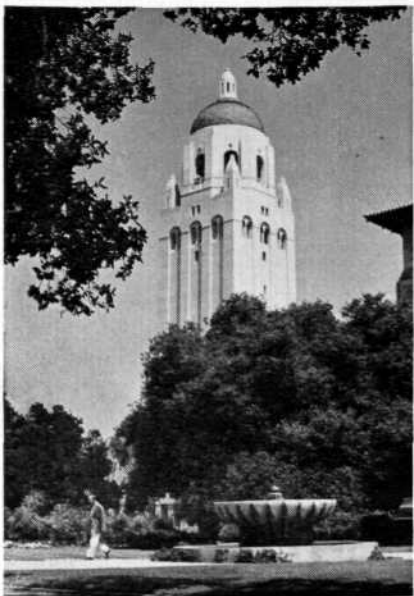
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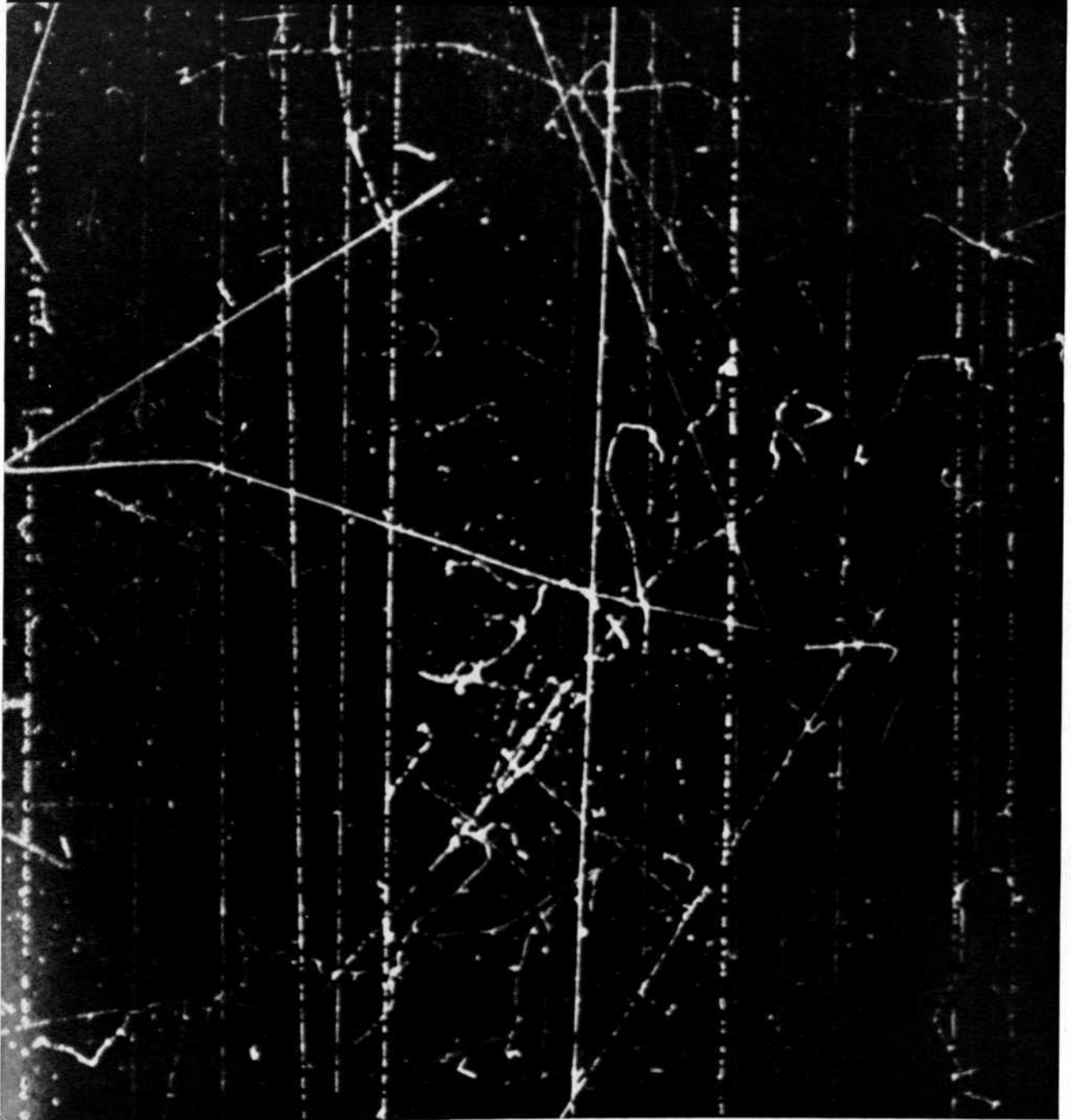
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The real education lies in the subject matter of the courses themselves and in learning how to think logically from point to point. These are the contributions of the faculty to your education. There is another fraction of your education that is not even listed in this Table of Contents, and must be added by you as an individual. This portion of your education is obtained through participation in extra-curricular campus activities; the University provides an opportunity for this, but you must participate to gain the benefits—and benefits there are. Our curriculum does not include courses in "Parliamentary Law" or "How to Influence People and Others," nor do we find "Conduct on Committees," "Impromptu Politics," or "Selling the Boss," yet such courses are available every day on this campus in the many activities of the student organizations. Their meetings and promotional activities offer opportunity for laboratory experience in human relations, personal conduct, speaking, and organization—all on an informal, unrecorded basis. If you fail in your first attempt to "Sell the Boss," no record is made or grade recorded. This takes much of the pressure off this portion of the learning process, and makes it fun as well as practice in the art of human relations.

There are many all-campus opportunities for this activity—here in Engineering we have the various Student Branches of our professional engineering societies in our departments, the Engineering Exposition, or work on the staff of this magazine, the "Spartan Engineer." Later on after having met the entrance criteria, there are the activities of the various engineering honor societies.

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In fact, this whole unpublished topic in our curricular Table of Contents will be found worthwhile—without an experience here, you will not really have been to college. In fact, an employment interviewer might subtly tell you so.

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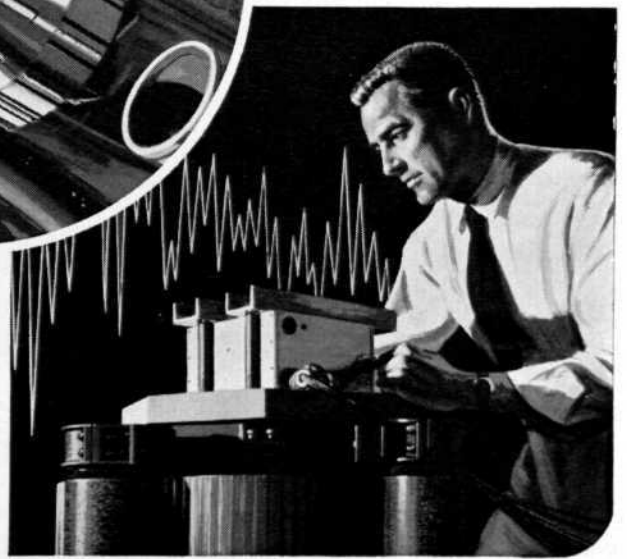
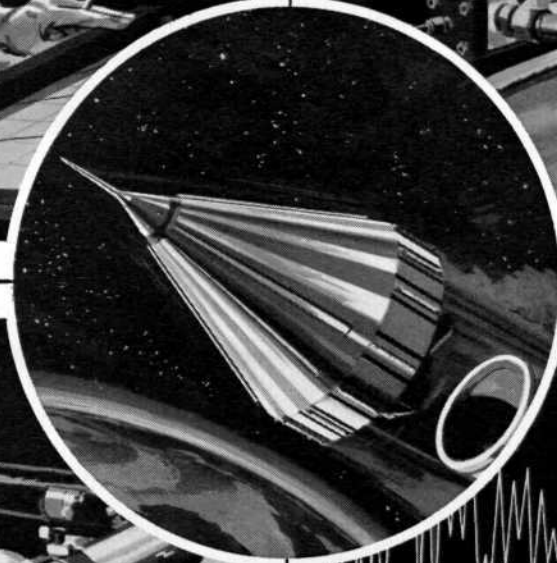
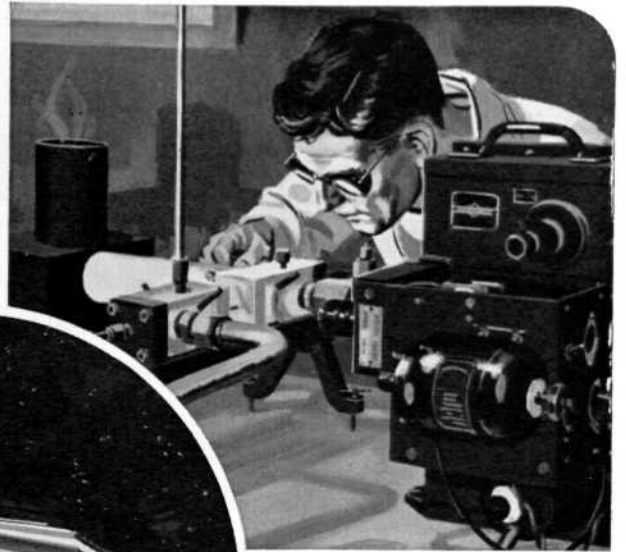
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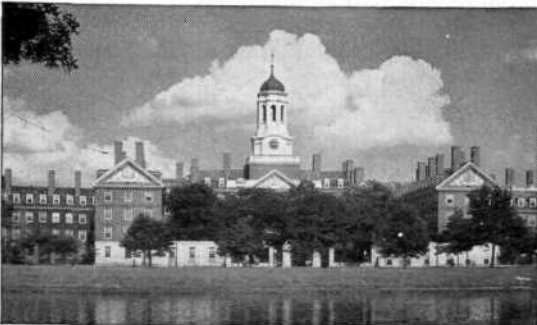
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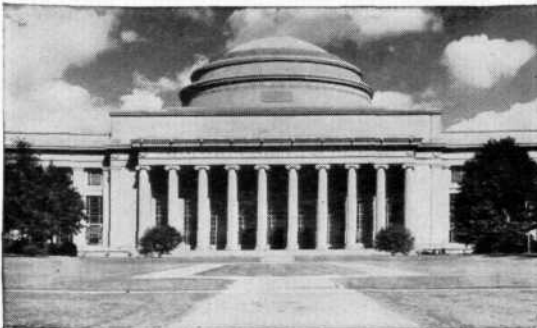
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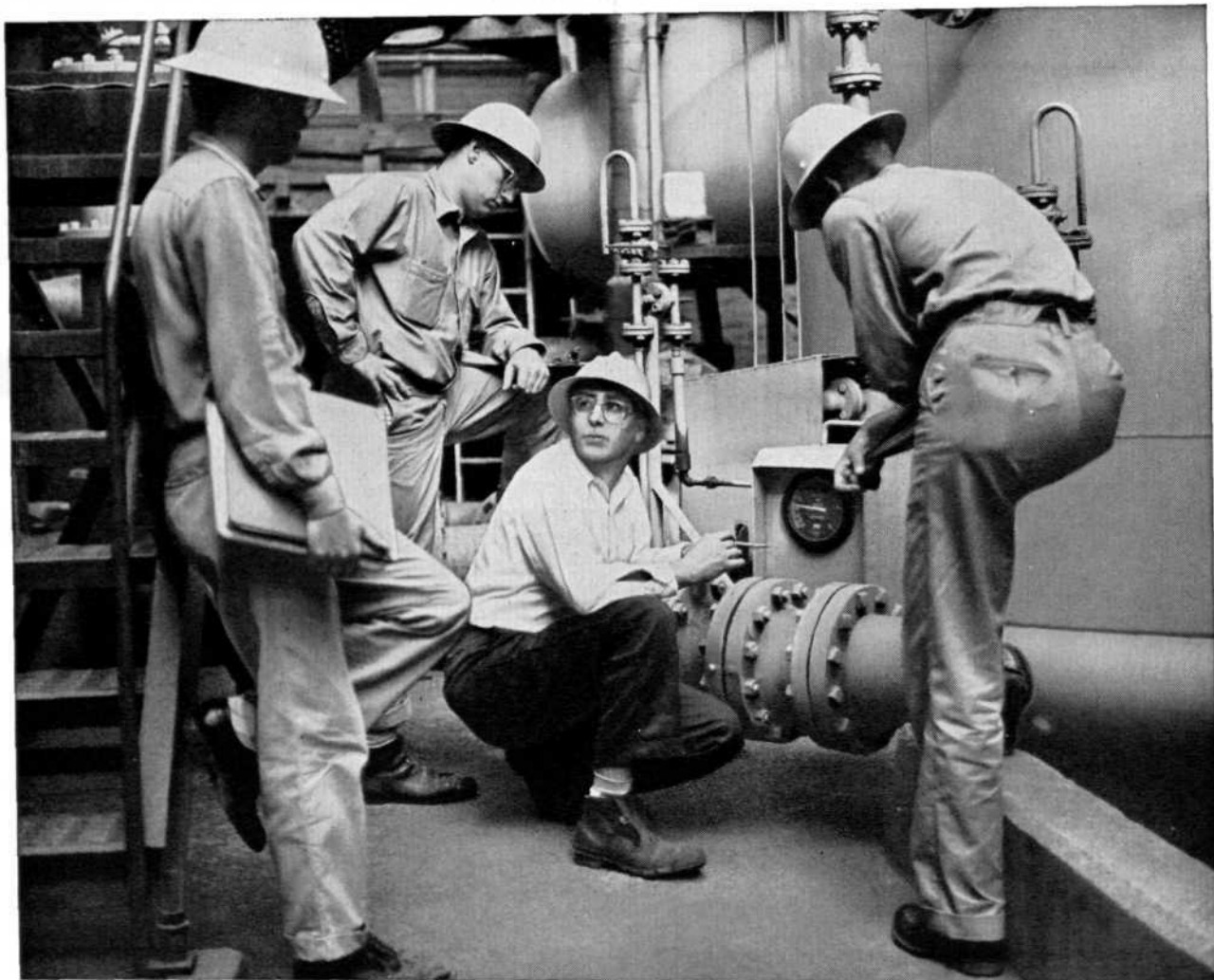
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Are you a social hermit, or even worse, are you socially objectionable? As an engineering student, you may find yourself placed in one of these categories by those students outside of engineering.

Why do these students feel that engineers are a bunch of "squares"? Is it because engineering students are willing to put in those extra hours studying? Or is it because engineering students and their organizations make such a poor showing in all-university activities? Perhaps the answer is that engineering students are a bunch of "squares"!

In general the standards of the College of Engineering are as high or higher than any other school at Michigan State University. And since all engineers are not geniuses, they must spend a few extra hours at the books, but this still leaves some spare time for other activities.

How do you spend this time? If you are a typical engineer, I can tell you some of the things you do **not** do. You do **not** support your professional organization, your engineering council, or any of the other activities sponsored by the engineering organizations. An even smaller number of you take part in all-university activities. Perhaps you question the value of these activities and prefer to spend these extra hours watching "Howdy Doodie."

During the open smokers this fall, one engineering fraternity found it necessary to reject over half of the engineering rushees because they were literally in "deep left field."

Looking through the membership lists of the various activities in which engineering students participate, one finds many do not belong to a single organization. Of the 270 graduating seniors in engineering last June some 45 did not take part in any activity, while some 100 joined one activity during their senior year for the expressed purpose of having it on their records at the placement bureau. The active students represented less than 10% of the graduating class. The Knights of Saint Patrick, an engineering service honorary, recognized even fewer as being worthy of recognition for participation in student activities.

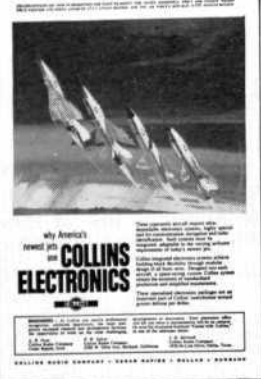
Are you planning to work as a draftsman or technician for the rest of your life; or are you aiming for something more? If you spend four years doing only what is required for an engineering degree, you may find yourself continuing in this pattern after you leave college. Now is the time to gain some practice in doing more than is required.

Regardless of your interest, you will find an organization of other students with the same interests. **Active** participation will not show on your records, but it will improve your job performance after you leave this campus.



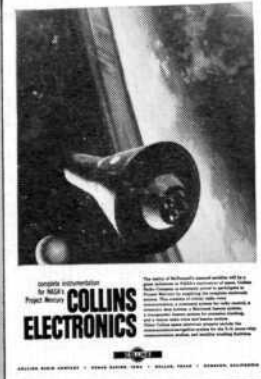
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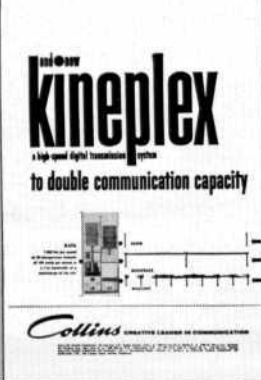
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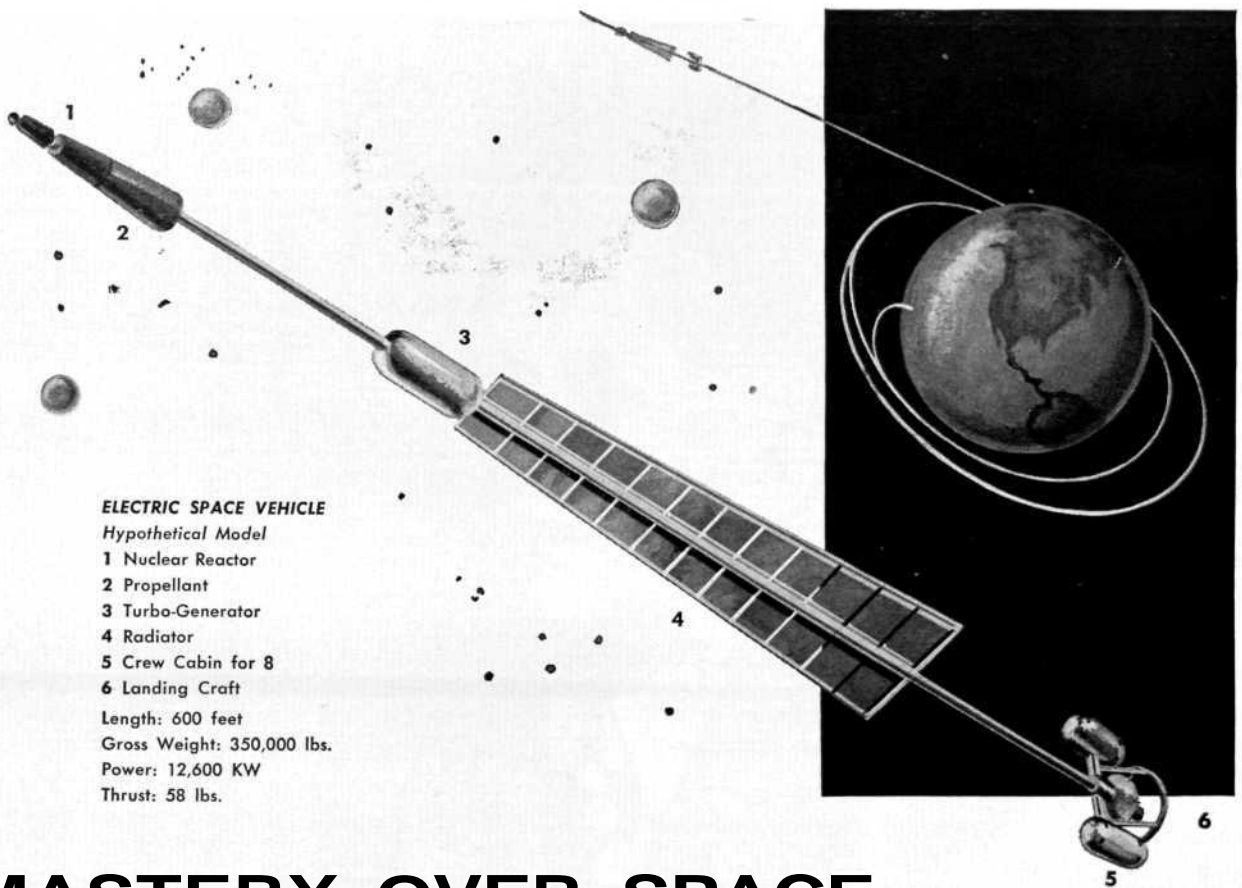
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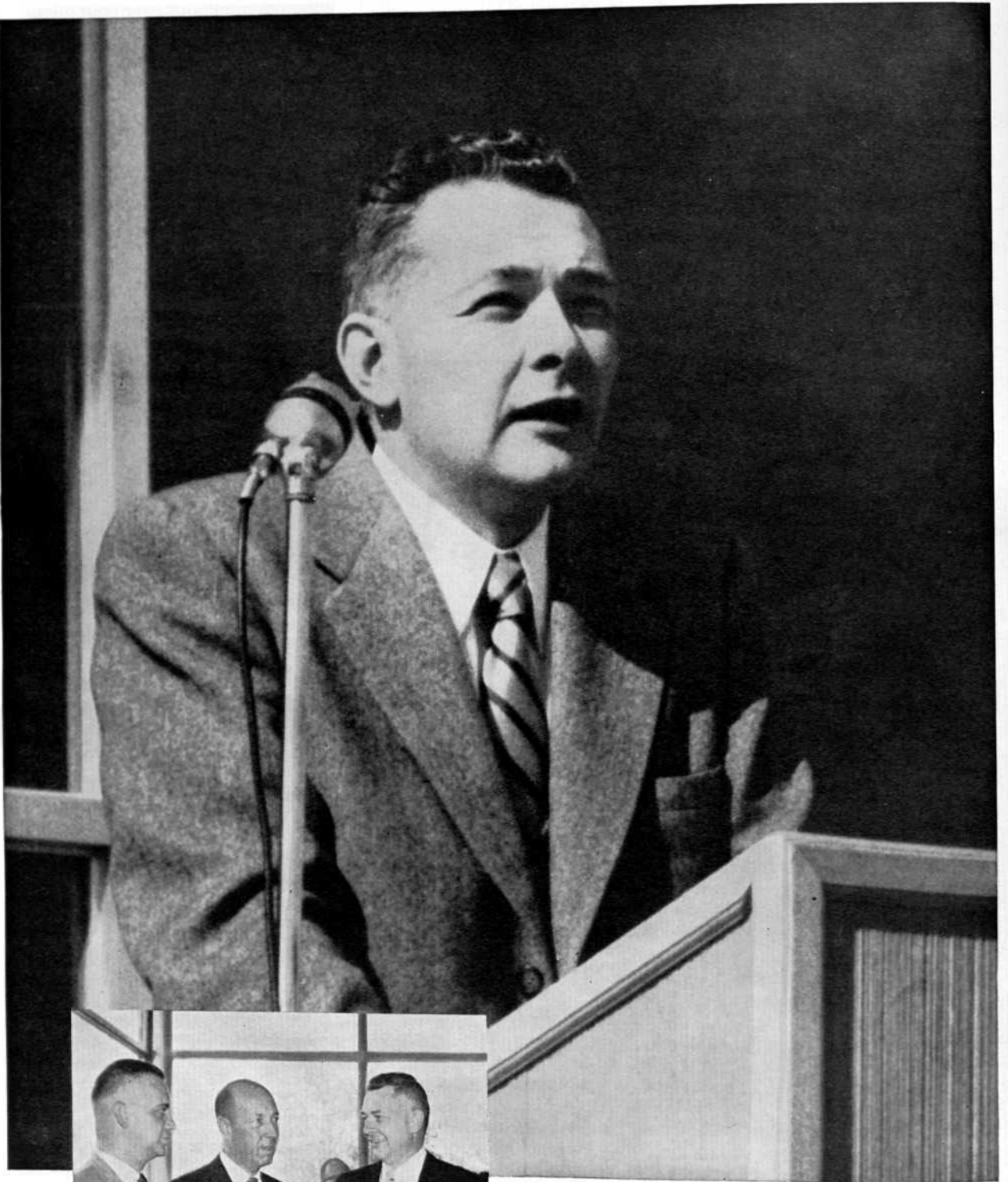
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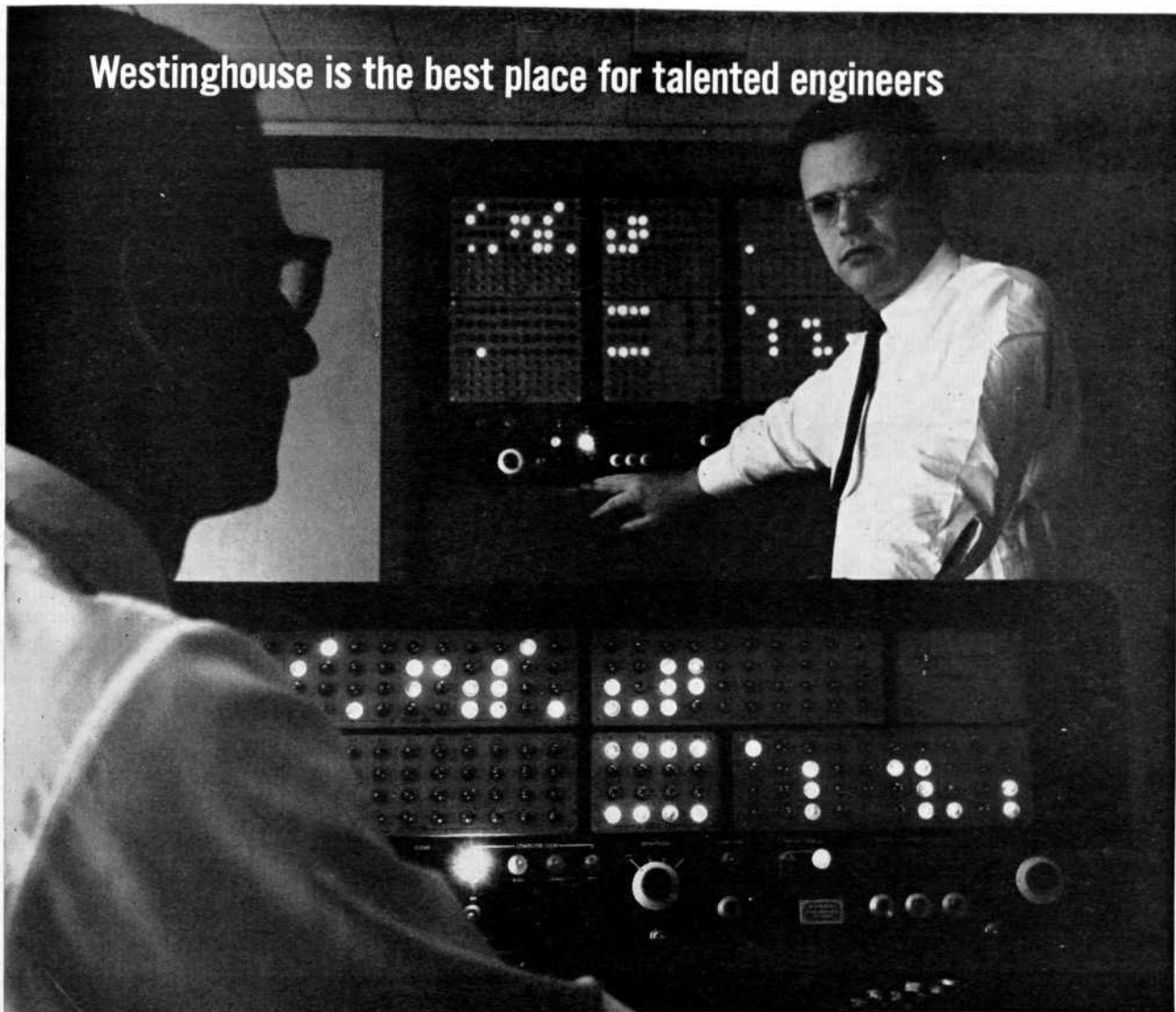
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# NEW DEVICES NEW CHALLENGES

## For the Electrical Engineer

*by Dr. L. Von Tersch, Head of Electrical Engineering Department*

One of the most persistent and common questions arising in any group of potential Electrical Engineering students is this—"What am I going to do when I graduate?" No question could be more difficult to answer. An investigation into the work now being conducted by the Electrical Engineering graduating class of June, 1959, reveals that approximately 35% are now engaged in duties that distinctly did not exist when they entered Michigan State University as freshmen in the Fall of 1955. What are some of these new activities in which Electrical Engineers are now participating?

### Solid State Electronics

One area that is developing an importance second to none is that of solid state electronics. Prior to 1948 the term "electronics" primarily meant a study of vacuum tubes of many diverse characteristics, all depending upon a hot cathode as a source of electrons. During the next few years the transistor became relatively common and found its way into many commercial products. Now the transistor, with the name used in its original sense, may have to take a secondary position with respect to the myriads of solid state devices now appearing and now being hinted at in the technical literature. What does this mean to the Electrical Engineer? It means that he is going to have to be a very adaptable individual in order to accommodate himself to the

world in which he must work. It means that his technical education must continually be improved in order to give him the best chance for this adaptation. It means that he cannot, in his college work, be taught very many specific things about this kind of a vacuum tube circuit or that kind of a transistor circuit but that he must gain an appreciation for the general analysis of non-linear circuits regardless of the components from which they be formed. It means that in order that he may best use these devices in systems that suit his purposes he must also learn a great deal about the devices themselves. In this he may be learning about things which were once the exclusive province of the metallurgist or the solid state physicist.

For example, one of the most impressive solid state devices of current discussion is the tunnel diode. This diode as with all other solid state diodes and transistors depends upon the transfer of charge across a "p-n" junction. A p-n junction is the junction between a p-type semiconductor, containing mobile positive charges in the form of vacant electron spots (holes) in the atoms of a crystal and an n-type semiconductor, containing mobile negative electrons. Normally the application of a suitable voltage causes charges to obtain an energy sufficiently great to exceed any potential barriers and pass through the junction. However the laws of quantum mechanics allow another pos-

sibility. Regardless of the relative energies involved, an electron has a small but finite probability of going from one side of a potential barrier to the other. The effect is as if the electron "tunneled" under the barrier. It is possible to arrange p and n type materials such that this condition is enhanced, giving rise to a completely new set of solid state devices. The "tunneling" time is very fast allowing very fast switching in pulse circuits and very high frequencies in oscillators or amplifiers.

A related field in which there was essentially no work whatsoever a few years ago is that of cryogenic devices. Many materials, primarily including the semiconductors and thin films of many metallic compounds, offer a variety of operating characteristics at low temperatures in the neighborhood of 4°K. Some of these devices show great promise in the search for new computer components.

### High Speed Computers

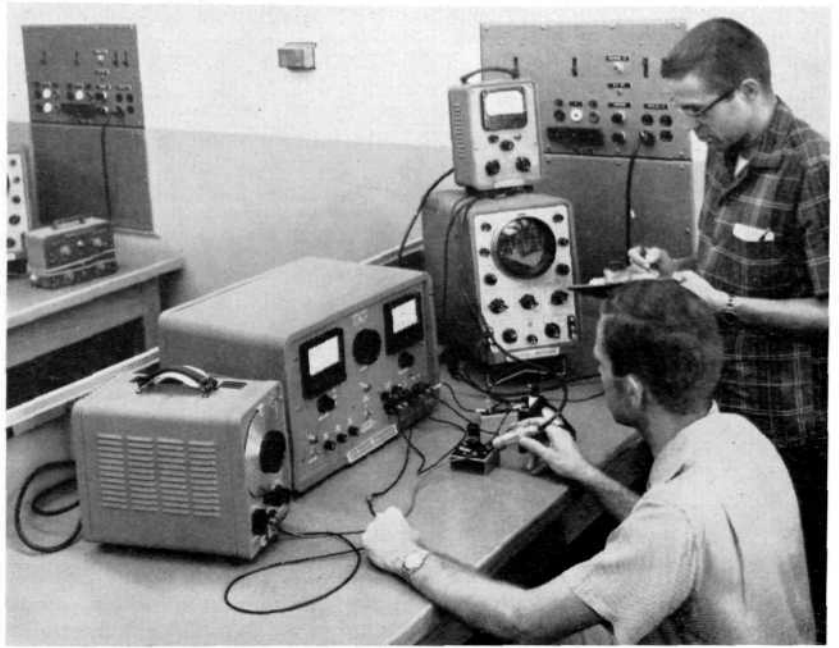
A second area which is having a profound effect on the activities of the Electrical Engineer is that of the high speed digital computer. At first glance it might seem that the interest of the Electrical Engineer is primarily that of circuit design. Modern high speed computers embody all current knowledge with respect to electronic circuit design and the most elegant and subtle circuits and components appear in these machines in an attempt to achieve greater speed and reliability. However the greatest effect on the Electrical Engineer and perhaps on all engineers is the significance of the computer as a tool in much of his work. The slide rule as a symbol of the engineer is now past and the new engineer is far more concerned with the principles of programming and numerical analysis.

As an example of the use of the computer in Electrical Engineering take the problem of optimum design of computer circuits. If the problem involves the construction of a half-adder concerning a few transistors and a few resistors it is of no difficulty to put together a circuit in the laboratory which will work in a suitable manner. In fact it is usually of no great difficulty to construct hundreds of similar circuits all of which are slightly different in component values and all of which appear to be satisfactory. However these circuits are all different and they will all behave differently for variations in temperature, supply voltages, and input signals. Which of the great number of possibilities offers the greatest reliability in operation if variation in all parameters is considered, realiz-

ing that the parameter of cost may also be another variable in the system? Although an optimum circuit may be extremely difficult to find in the laboratory the computer may be programmed to investigate these many possibilities and supply a solution. This circuit may even go into use in the computer which did the analysis, usually engendering many philosophic comments upon computer design.

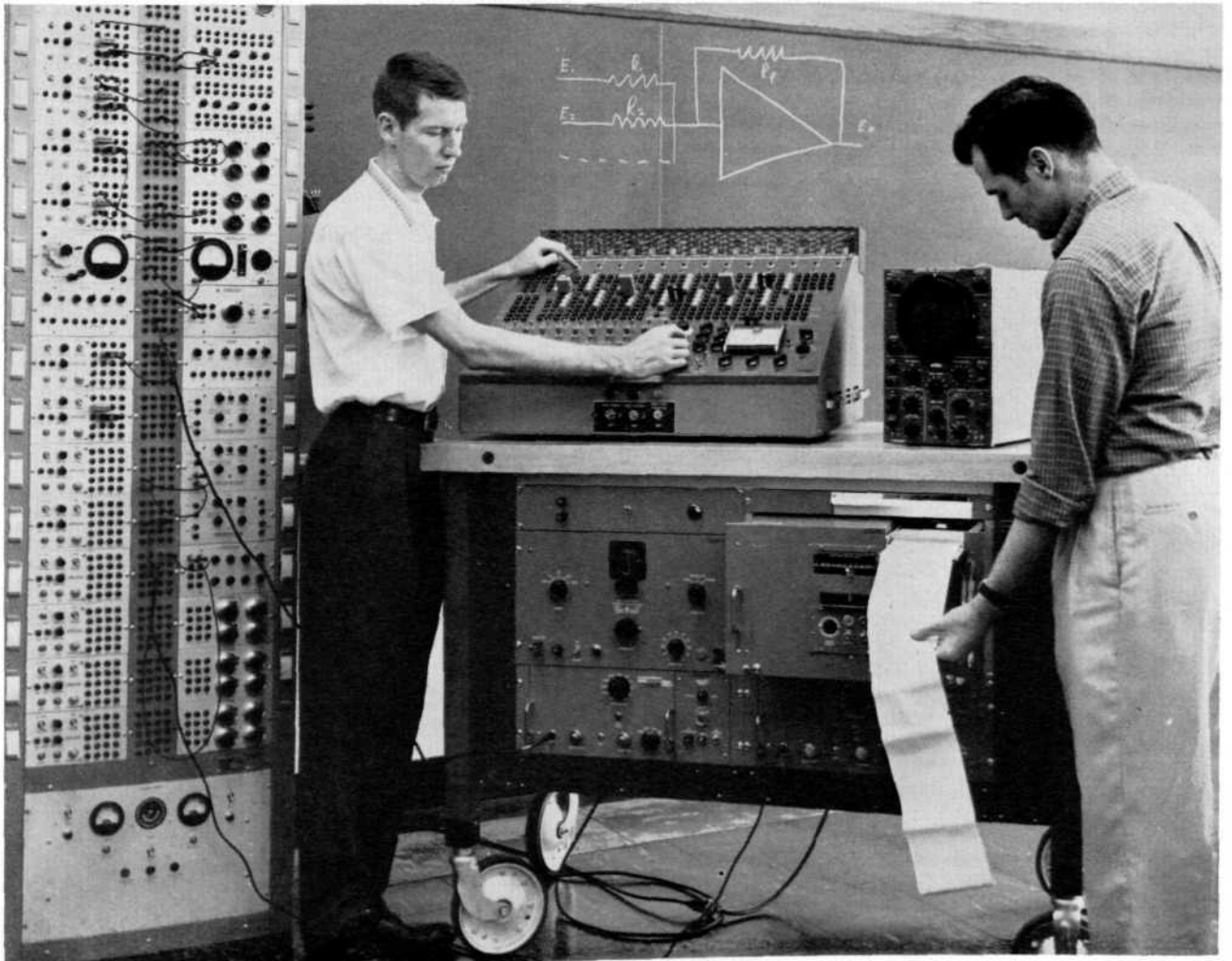
#### A New Approach

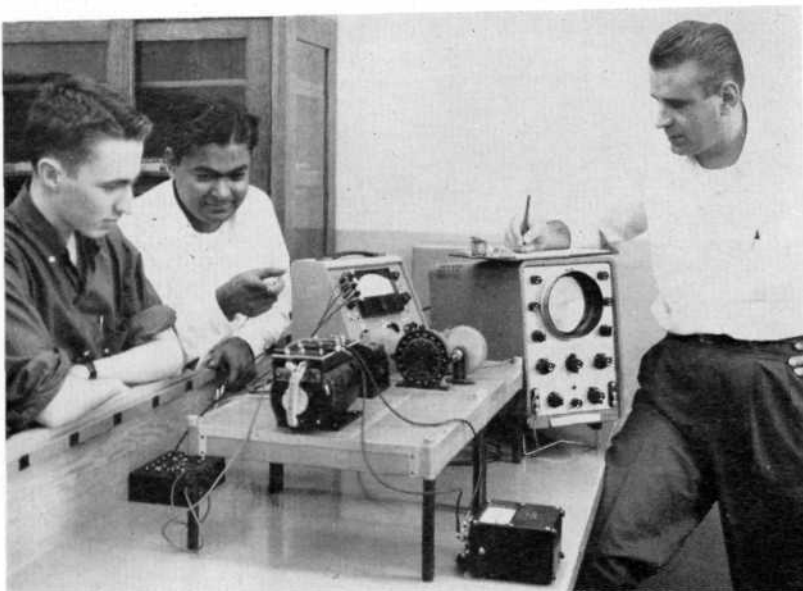
By inclination and education most engineers tend to avoid the problems which are liable to lead to "dog-work." They have in the past unconsciously classified the problems which lead to concise analytical solutions as the elegant problems in their field and have dismissed many of the long, tedious, numerical problems as being not worthy of their attention. However, new circuits and new control systems, many of them highly non-linear in nature, have forced an appraisal of the situation. The computer has made possible the solution



(Above) Mr. J. Kately and Mr. D. Feirthe shown checking the operating characteristics of a laboratory amplifier.

(Below) Mr. L. Peltier and Mr. J. Richardson preparing to set up a problem on a Heathkit analog computer. Shown at left is a Boeing analog computer.





Mr. J. Lang demonstrating a laboratory experiment in which coupling coefficient between the rotor and the stator of an A. C. machine is determined. Watching are Mr. H. Kesaran and Mr. J. Idson.

of many of those problems by the use of numerical techniques and much new knowledge has been created. This does not mean that the high speed digital computer is a solution for all such problems. Every solution of a complex, non-linear servomechanism contributes to the education of its designer and he immediately embarks on a bigger, more complicated, and more accurate system. He now finds that his computer is too slow, that the processes which solved his first problem now take far too much time for his new problem to be practical. What happens? He either alters his views on what is economically practical or he seeks a new and faster computer. There seems to be some evidence that whereas a small increase of speed merely allows one to do his problem a little faster, an increase in speed of the order of one magnitude can bring forth a completely new and different approach to the problem.

The engineer who has the opportunity to do considerable computer work also begins to get disturbed about a facet of his education. He begins to realize that the numerical techniques which have solved his non-linear differential equations would also have solved the linear equations that could sometimes be made to provide the concise analytical solutions. It seems quite possible that he would have been far better off in many respects to use his limited time to learn about the general numerical solution of all differential equations instead of the solution of a few easy special cases.

Electronic circuits for many other

miscellaneous applications have greatly increased in complexity in a very small time. Parametric amplifiers, in which amplification is achieved by a periodic change in a parameter of the circuit, offers many exciting possibilities for low noise and high gain amplifiers. Circuits which store information by virtue of the fact that they have two or more stable phase positions have merit for possible computer memories.

The subject of batteries is usually considered to be somewhat prosaic but a comparison of currently available units would show a great number of departures from the batteries of a few years ago. Even the most common dry cells evidence astounding properties due to the availability

of new materials. Fuel cells, which differ from dry batteries in that chemicals are fed in at a rate proportional to that at which electric energy is withdrawn, offer many appealing possibilities. Nuclear cells, which merely collect charged carriers from a radioactive source to create a voltage, have a large use in applications where current drain can be very small. Thermojunctions, although not batteries in the normal sense, offer greatly increased efficiencies and have many practical applications.

#### The Changing Technical Panorama

Some of the previous examples have indicated the rapidly changing technical panorama in which the Electrical Engineer finds himself. One wonders sometimes if it is possible for the graduate with a bachelor's degree to take his place in this scene. The answer is most definitely yes, provided the graduate realizes his true situation. He is in general little qualified to immediately do creative work in the area of his employer's specialization. However, he is immensely qualified to learn the specifics of his job for his undergraduate work will have provided him with the basic tools and background.

Of all the statistical information available which pertains to postwar education in Electrical Engineering, one of the most striking is that of the growth of graduate study. Graduate study allows the Electrical Engineer to obtain more of the basic tools, and in addition competence in some field of specialization. Experience indicates that again the basic tools are of far greater long-time value than specific training since a negligible number of individuals work indefinitely in the field of their graduate specialization.



Mr. B. Rose determining the square wave characteristics of a laboratory amplifier.



# PROBES UNKNOWN

by Joe Poyer, Science Writing '61

Are you interested in a material of the future? The development and use of Lithium is a direct result of the nuclear age and may well become one of the most important materials to be used by science and industry in the future.

Research into the physical properties of the Lithium isotopes 6 and 7 is being conducted by Dr. D. J. Montgomery and Mr. Nguyen Tu Ban in the Physics-Astronomy department of Michigan State University. Mr. Ban is currently in charge of the project while Dr. Montgomery is on leave in France.

The possibilities for the application of Lithium in science and industry are many and varied: from the use of its compounds such as Lithium Hydroxide to prolong battery life, to the use of its isotopes in nuclear research as coolant materials and fusion materials.

In the photograph Mr. Ban is shown working with the specially designed apparatus used to measure the viscosity of the Lithium isotopes 6 and 7 in their liquid state.

The isotope to be tested is contained in a special stainless steel alloy sphere designed to resist the extremely corrosive nature of the liquid Lithium. The sphere is suspended in a vacuum of  $5 \times 10^{-5}$  to  $5 \times 10^{-6}$  mm. of mercury, at a temperature of  $300^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The melting temperature of Lithium is only  $179^{\circ}\text{C}$ . and so the isotope is constantly in a molten state.

The sphere is oscillated in such a manner that it spins on its longitudinal axis. This movement allows the liquid metal to move with and

inside of the sphere. This movement of the Lithium inside the sphere creates friction which over a period of time will slow the oscillation of the sphere and eventually bring it to a halt. By measuring the amount of time required to slow the sphere using each of the isotopes, Mr. Ban is able to determine and compare the viscosity of each.

To make the comparisons as accurate as possible each of the isotopes is tested many times. The oscillation of the sphere is measured by a spe-

cial instrument that estimates the amount and time for each series of oscillation.

The actual experimental work on isotope 6 started in the summer of 1959 and still has another month to run. Preliminary studies of the two isotopes indicate that they may be put to extensive use in the field of nuclear research. Lithium 6 absorbs neutrons readily and could conceivably be used in thermonuclear reactions. Lithium 7 has a low neutron

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*(photo by Al Royce)*

Mr. N. T. Ban looking at the setup used in checking viscosity of liquid Lithium.

# DISC BRAKES

... For Solution to Braking Problems

by Fred Sternkopf, Dairy Production '60

Everyday improvements are being made in the automotive industry, among these comes the development of a new type of brake to meet our modern needs. Before we make mention of these new brakes let us make a brief study of what a brake is and how it functions.

A car brake is a device for converting kinetic energy into heat, and dissipating it to the surrounding air. Modern performance, however, generates extra heat in the brakes, and modern car design makes it difficult to disperse the heat. The energy to be dissipated rises in proportion to the weight of the car and as the **square** of the speed. Thus the modern car, faster and often heavier than its pre-war equivalent, may need three times as much braking effort to stop it from maximum speed. Modern coachwork shields the drums from the direct air flow, and the use of the broadbased tires on wide drums forces the designers to put the brakes within the wheel, where they are shielded from the air flow. As the brakes get hot the drums expand away from the shoes and the pedal travel increases. The friction coefficient of the hot linings drops and finally the brakes fade.

The trend to smaller wheels prevents any increase in brake diameter, so designers have increased the drum width. There is a limit to what can be done, as a wide drum tends to become bell-shaped under heat and pressure. Radial fins help by producing a turbo-cooling effect. Lining manufacturers have played their part by producing anti-fade linings, but

these require increased pedal pressure because of their lower friction coefficient. Another attempt to beat fade is the two-trailing shoe brake. It needs servo assistance, but it is much less liable to fade than brakes such as the two leading shoe type which depend heavily on a self-servo effect for their efficiency.

Today, many European manufacturers are looking to the disc brake to meet the needs of the future. The interest is the greatest on the other side of the Atlantic, because European conditions demand sustained braking capabilities higher than those current in the United States, especially on sportscars. Disc brakes have been proved in several years of competition. They are also used on nearly all American racing cars at Indianapolis.

The disc solves the most pressing current problems. It has a large rubbing area, both sides are exposed to direct air flow for heat dissipation. When hot, the disc expands towards the friction pads and not away from them, while water or dirt are quickly thrown off by centrifugal force. Finally, the disc has no self-servo effect, so it gives a stable and consistent action free from fade, whether hot or cold. It will go on working even when the disc is glowing red with heat.

## Types of Disc Brakes

There are three main variations on the modern disc brake: Most popular is the fixed disc with fixed caliper and separate pistons on each side to press the pads against the disc.

Another type uses a fixed disc and pivoted caliper, so that a fixed friction pad can be used on one side and a piston on the other without putting a side load on the disc.

The third type uses a fixed double caliper with two pistons and a sliding disc carried on splines. This type requires a large and heavy caliper, as two diametrically-opposed pistons are needed to avoid generating a side thrust which would jam the disc on the splines.

A fourth type has been tried experimentally on the General Motors Firebird II turbine car. A hollow-center disc is suspended from links on the wheel rim and is gripped by a caliper surrounding the wheel hub. It transfers the braking effort direct to the wheel, but there are numerous pivots on the links holding the disc which could develop wear. Two or more cylinders seem to be required to ensure symmetrical braking effort on the disc.

During racing, a variety of troubles have been met and overcome. One experimental metallic lining simply melted and fused itself to the disc, locking the wheels. Another problem was cracking or thermal distortion of the disc. Then heat passing from the friction pad into the piston caused the hydraulic fluid to boil and put the brakes out of action. This has been cured by providing an air space between pad and piston, and having a small ball-jointed plug to make the connection between the two. Much work has also gone into the design of calipers which are rigid without

excessive weight, as any flexibility in the caliper would nullify the advantage obtained from the rigidity of the disc.

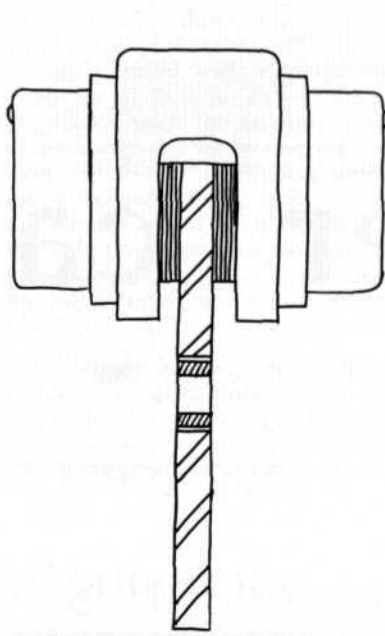
Careful design has been necessary to avoid excessive heating of the wheel bearings. A disc with a recessed center like a top hat seems to have an advantage over the flat disc in this respect. Suspending the disc from the wheel rim as in the General Motors turbine car design would help to keep the bearings cool, but might transfer heat into the tire instead.

#### Some Important Advantages

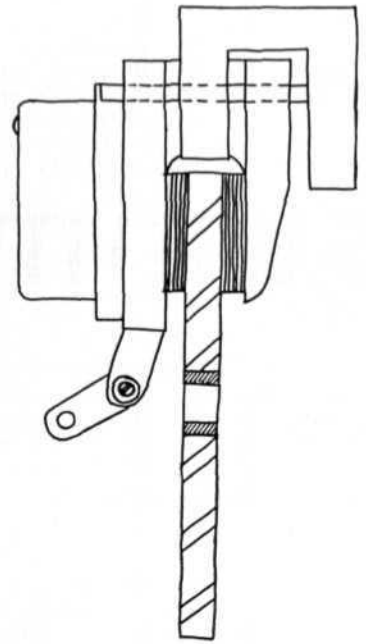
A disc brake has about one third of the friction lining area of a drum brake, but it works at a higher pressure, and has a greater exposed area of metal to dissipate the heat. Pressure may be as much as 4,000 lbs. on each side of the disc. It is quite a problem to generate this kind of force without calling for excessive effort from the driver. One way would be to use large hydraulic cylinders on the brakes, but space, weight and cost all prevent this. Fortunately, the disc brake is very rigid, and has less "slack" or lost motion in the operating system than the drum brake. The calipers are very stiff, and automatic adjusters keep the pads close to the surface of the disc. The designer can therefore use a high pedal travel to produce a piston movement in the wheel cylinders. He cannot do the same on a drum brake, as he must keep some pedal travel in reserve to "follow up" the expanding drum and keep the shoes in contact during an emergency stop.

In most cases linings are visible, and the amount of wear can be measured at any time. Automatic pad adjusters provide constant clearance between pad and disc, and constant pedal travel. There is thus no need for any brake adjustment during the life of the linings, and these are said to last as long as those on ordinary drum brakes. When they are worn out, new pads can be fitted very quickly, without breaking any hydraulic connections.

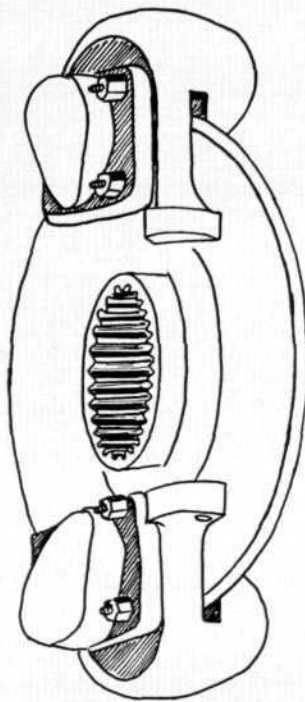
All the current production models have solid discs, which are cheap, light and compact and meet requirements adequately. By drilling radial cooling passages in the disc the heat dissipation capacity can be increased by up to 50% which provides a useful reserve for fast cars. A more extreme example of induced airflow is the disc brake used on the Bugatti Grand Prix car. The disc here is really a bulky but carefully shaped centrifugal air impeller, with curved inter-



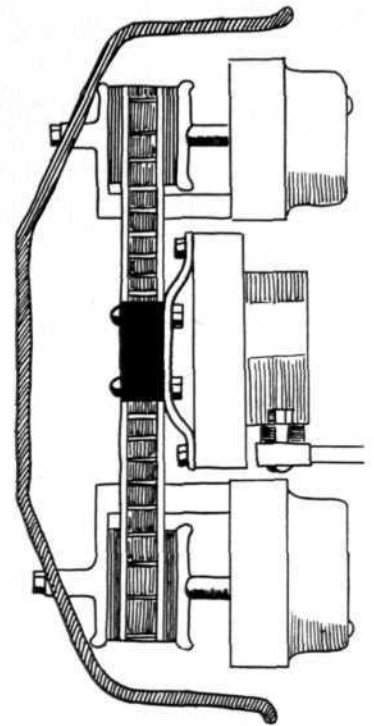
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# summer camp

## engineers relax and learn surveying fundamentals in upper peninsula

*by Allen Nicholson, C.E. '60*

This summer, as in the past, engineering students worked and relaxed at MSU's wilderness engineering camp in Michigan's upper peninsula. There in the solitude of the pines and running streams the students enlarged their engineering background, and had a very pleasant summer vacation.

Dunbar Forest Experiment Station is a branch of Michigan State University located approximately seventeen miles south of Sault Ste. Marie where the Charlotte River flows into the west branch of the St. Mary's River. It is administered by the Department of Forestry of the College of Agriculture. The forest is named in memory of the late Harris T. Dunbar who acquired part of the land now in the forest in 1902. In 1910 he donated most of the land to Chippewa County for an agricultural school. The brick school building and several of the service buildings were constructed at that time. The Dunbar Agricultural School was deeded to Michigan State University by Chippewa County in 1925. The original area of 577 acres has increased over

the years to the present area of 5704 acres.

The surveying course was begun in 1953 under the direction of Professor Leo V. Nothstine. The eight week basic course was designed to utilize lectures, study periods, and field surveys in a balance which will efficiently train a student in the fundamentals of surveying. The students receive instruction and field practice in land surveys, cross-sections, U. S. land systems, topography, contours, earthwork, simple horizontal and vertical curves, hydrographic surveying, astronomical observations, and aerial photogrammetry. Lectures are given in the morning, and the afternoons are devoted to field work. Usually the field problems are the practical applications of the morning lectures. Highlights of the course are the planned trips to the Soo Locks and Kincheloe (Kinross) Air Force Base thru the cooperation of the Army Corp of Engineers.

The first few days the students receive orientation, meet the staff, are divided into parties of three men,



and are issued equipment. This summer the staff consisted of Professors Leo V. Nothstine and Alfred H. Leigh; Instructor, Bill Sack; and Field Assistants, Allen Davis and Allen Nicholson.

One of the frequent comments made by students is "How was a large brick school building constructed here?" When they are told that the extensive pit in front of the dining hall provided the material from which the bricks were made, they are even more astonished!

During the recent summer the weather was exceptionally fair enabling the students to spend a maximum amount of time in the field. As compared to past summer camps, there was very little rainfall; probably much to the chagrin of some of the students. Generally, however, precipitation has very little effect on fieldwork as there are several drawings that students must prepare along with the benefits they receive from a number of films that supplements the surveying course.

The students stay in cabins that are located L-shaped around the

health center, dining hall, and bathhouse. Usually six men are assigned to each cabin. The cabins are furnished with bunkbeds, closets, writing tables, and bookshelves. The health center is staffed with a doctor who is always available in case of illness. As we approach the last few weeks of summer camp many students contract a disease, called "cabin fever," that is beyond the skill of the doctor. Words are useless in **attempting** to describe this dangerous malady! All that can be said here is that it is highly contagious and somewhat akin to "buck fever."

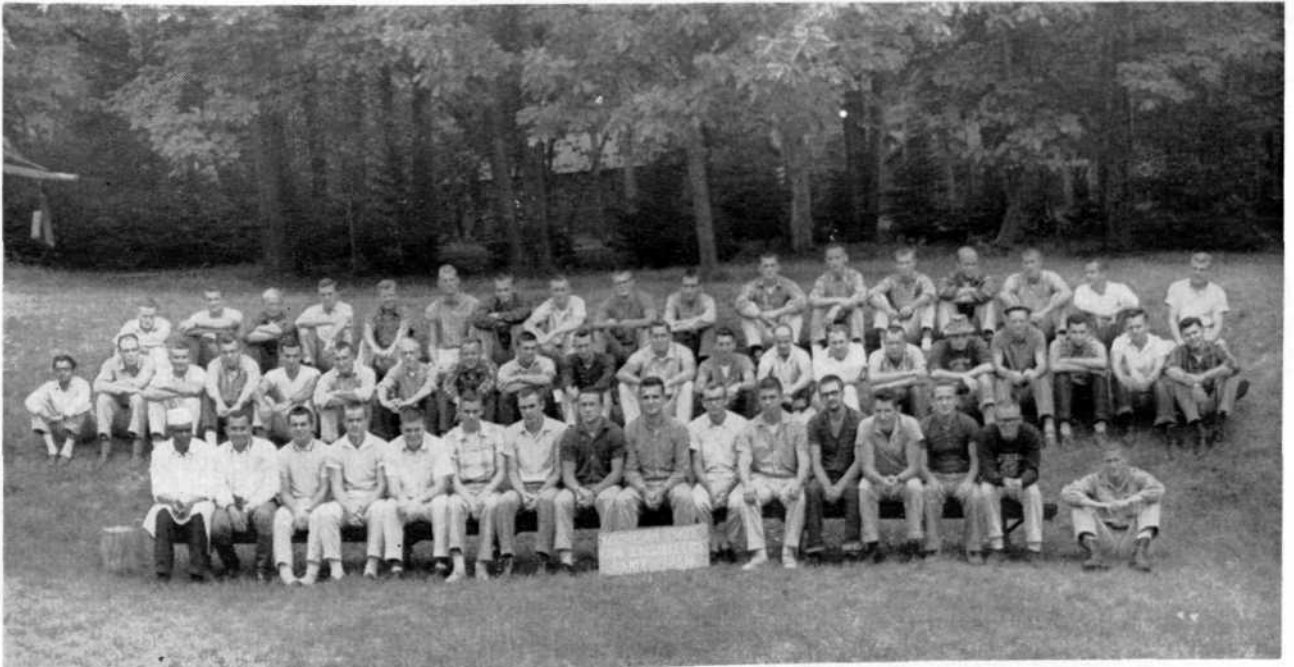
In charge of the preparation of meals in camp is John Russell acknowledged by all as the "most important man in camp." The culinary skill of this man is amazing and his versatility in the kitchen would be the envy of many wives and mothers. Then, too, I'm sure that anyone that has dined at Camp Dunbar would remember John's "cinnamon rolls."

There are many opportunities for recreation at Dunbar. Hiking, fishing, swimming, and canoeing are encouraged. There is also recreational equip-

ment available for those that are interested in horseshoes, volleyball, **basketball, ping-pong, baseball,** and softball. Then again, many fellows take advantage of the opportunity to take pictures of the area. Some are **attracted to observing ship traffic** on the St. Mary's River. One of the more distinguished ships that passed up the St. Mary's **River** this summer was Queen **Elizabeth's royal ship,** the Britannia.

At the mouth of the Charlotte River is a point of land known as Dunbar Park that is very popular during the summer months. This area is open to the public as well as to students at Dunbar. It has outdoor fireplaces, a picnic shelter, and bathing facilities. It also provides an excellent view of the ships passing up and down the St. Mary's River.

Despite all the hard work and play, the students leave camp with happy memories. The fellowship, new friendships, working and living together are but a small part of the intangible values a student receives along with the satisfaction of a job "well done."



The happy faces in the picture above are the Civil Engineering students that spent the first eight weeks of the summer at Camp Dunbar. From left to right in the back row we have: J. Gruner, R. Farino, G. Werner, C. Swenson, Dr. Reid, J. Gilbert, J. Lowden, R. Haan, J. Welton, A. McCallum, R. Brohl, C. Lehto, B. Griner, R. Schluter, G. Johnson, J. Nemeck, Prof. A. H. Leigh. In the middle row: S. K. Poddar, Mr. Day, (Camp Manager) A. Davis, A. Nicholson, G. Cleere, D. Williams, R. Force, R. Hills, J. Gilg, J. McPherson, J. Shackelford, P. Miller, N. Overbeek, J. Bowles, J. Copley, R. Fosmoen, H. White, R. Chelemedos, N. Simkins, Mr. Wm. Sack, (Instructor) and in the front row: John Russell, (Cook) E. Samanigo, W. Wells, A. Egres, R. Kershner, D. Saltysiak, L. Ketchum, C. Patterson, H. Posse, C. O'Hara, H. Hammond, J. Johnson, G. DeHenau, R. Shull, A. Bekmanis, B. King. Taking the picture is Prof. L. V. Nothstine.

# "A WOMAN'S TOUCH"

## the fairer sex invades engineering

by Beth Buschlen, M.E. '60

**Female in engineering?** You're probably not as surprised as a professor in the late 1880's who started out with "Gentlemen—er—and lady?" He was probably the first professor to encounter a girl studying engineering. Today over seventy years later, as the first day of classes arrived tin's or similar openings were indubitably echoed in a few of our college classrooms. If you're one of those men of engineering slowly being infiltrated by the fairer sex, upon hearing tin's opening, you may not be surprised but are probably puzzled to know why. Yes, why would a girl choose engineering as a career? So this is the question I asked the girls enrolled in this program here at M.S.U.

The girls were quite eager to explain hoping this may relieve the barrage of "whys" they so frequently encounter. The reasons they gave were many and varied but invariably there were these three present: interest, desire and need. First, a deep seated interest in the sciences especially mathematics. Second, a desire to know the how of things, the principles involved, and then how to employ these principles in practice. Finally the most important, a personal need to be faced with a challenge.

The first two reasons are essentials for an engineer and are self explanatory but let's examine the challenges. First there is a difficult curriculum to be mastered. Girls face, as all engineers, a field of study which is

one of the most exciting and challenging offered for our technological minded world of today. She also has to face the challenge presented by our archaic tradition which somehow has it that it is quite unfeminine for a girl to use any of her mechanical and mental aptitudes for science. There is a constant challenge of retaining ones femininity and despite of it, being accepted into this traditionally masculine field. We want to add that the girls find the atmosphere at M.S.U. greatly alleviates this prob-

at M.S.U. greatly alleviates this problem of acceptance. Thirdly, she as all scientific personnel face the even broader challenge of today's world. For our nation to get behind in the scientific race could be disastrous. Yet in 1958 the United States graduated only 133 women engineers while Russia graduates every year thousands more than we have graduated in our history. This in itself should be challenge enough for any American especially the female half. Barb Jackson, an Ag. engineering sophomore, sums it up very well for all the girls with, "Engineering somehow seems to offer a challenge to me that no other field quite surpasses."

Far greater in number, the intangible rewards are various enough to accommodate and satisfy many different people. Thus is indicated in at least one sense, the scope of engineering. It is a flexible profession in which one may choose a career specifically in engineering, from a research project down to working with household gadgets, or may diverge into a great variety of related jobs. Engineering, in a general sense, seems to be the "liberal arts" of the sciences. This is quite important especially to a girl because if employment becomes scarce she still has the technological knowledge from her engineering courses to do a large variety of things. Although it's a field whose personnel design assembly lines, it doesn't appeal to the stagnant assembly line type mind. This is at least in part due to the fact that it is still a relatively new field, one that is constantly changing, and bound to continue expanding in the decades ahead. Despite its constant growth engineering subject matter is still a logical, ordered system, on the whole being practical but not monotonous or trivial. All these attributes appeal to the girls.

Individual differences determine the reasons any one engineer would give for his choice of profession but we have attempted to summarize the reasons our girls gave for their choice. It all seems to boil down to the simple fact that they just plain like it better than any other field. Any engineer will tell you that they wouldn't last very long if they didn't really like it.

Spartan Engineer

# VERSATILITY PLUS!

... DR. OTTO ASSUMES HEAD OF M.S. DEPARTMENT

by Eleanor Warren, Math '60



"My, what big hands you have!" This might be your first impression of Dr. Louis L. Otto, who has been selected as the new head of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Michigan State. The large hands are only a small part of Dr. Otto's physique. You may readily observe that he is over six feet tall and weighs over two hundred pounds.

The large build was partially responsible for helping him become an expert oarsman while he was a student at Cornell University. After receiving his Bachelor's degree with high honors, Dr. Otto also completed work on a Master's degree in Automotive Engineering at Cornell.

His ability to handle boats has carried over from his college days to his present hobbies. An avid sailing fan, Dr. Otto may often be found on his boat with his favorite companions, his children. They are Carol, age 18; Elaine, age 15; and Robert who is almost 14. If you were to ask him where his favorite sailing place is, he would probably reply, "I like to explore new places and to start out on trips with no definite destination in mind." This is typical of the Otto sailing crew. They enjoy taking their time and investigating new and fascinating areas. The sailing enthusiasts are cheered on by Dr. Otto's wife, Dorothy.

The new department head also actively engages in the sport of bowling and is considered to be very good in that field. He bowls not only for Michigan State but is a member of the local Airlift Corporation Bowling Team. Golf, also, figures into his very busy schedule.

Dr. Otto is an ardent football fan and almost never misses a game. He takes special pride in his choice of seats and is usually seen sitting on the forty-nine and a half yard line or better.

The Lecture-Concert Series at the University often finds the Ottos in attendance. They, also, frequently attend the World Travel Series. Sometimes they pattern their own trips after those seen in the Travel Series.

Everyone who meets Dr. Otto likes him immediately. This is probably due to his pleasing personality which is complemented by his ability to talk in a smooth and graceful manner and by being able to add meaningful and informative statements to a conversation on almost any topic from recreation to the most highly scientific subjects.

Students are attracted immediately by this great display of personality. They respect him first for the position that he represents but second and equally important, they consider him to be a friend. Yes, Dr. Otto is a real friend to the students; he radiates confidence and most important of all he is able to reach the students. This he does by devoting endless hours of effort to the student and his academic endeavors and extra-curricular activities. As an example, you may recall the unlimited hours that he devoted to the supervision of the construction of the midget autos for the annual Engineering Exposition.

In a less direct way, Dr. Otto has devoted many hours to the welfare of his students. He has served as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee for the Engineering College. In

this position, he was responsible for selecting, after careful investigation, the candidates for various scholarships.

Dr. Louis Otto is not a newcomer to Michigan State. He has been a member of the staff since 1949 when he served as a graduate assistant while doing doctorate work. Prior to this, he taught at Cornell University and worked as an engineer in industry. He received his Ph.D. in 1951 and since then has been a member of the staff at Michigan State University.

In addition to serving as a Full Professor, he has been Acting Head of the Engineering Drawing Section (1954-5) and Acting Head of the Mechanical Engineering Department (1955).

Those of you who remember the excellent rehabilitation program in the Automotive Laboratory in 1956 have Dr. Otto to thank. He was chiefly responsible for the planning and construction of special laboratory demonstrations for the Automotive Engineering classes. To speak in more scientific terms, among others he was responsible for providing a demonstration of Crankshaft-Torsional-Vibration in an Operating Machine by means of a Dual-Beam Oscilloscope.

As a member of eight or more Professional Societies, he receives excellent opportunities to learn of the new developments in his field. Included in these societies are: Tau Beta Pi, Pi Tau Sigma, Society of Automotive Engineers, American Society for En-

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Unique Organization Provides . . .

# UNLIMITED FUTURE..

For Progressive Engineers

by Herb Harman, E.E. '60

A massive structure, brilliantly illuminated against the evening light, stands as a symbol of a community striving to create a better place in which to live. This structure with its foundations embedded forty feet into the earth, houses turbines as large as modern ranch style homes, and boiler systems which climb six stories creating steam to generate power and heat. This tremendous power plant is familiar to many in the Lansing area for it is owned by the city and operated by the Board of Water and Light. This is the Ottawa Street Power Plant, a segment of the municipally owned public utility.

A municipal public utility is a **unique** organization with its principal objective, not being profit for its stockholders, but efficiency and service for its customers. A continuous effort is made by its engineers to insure that service, whether it be light, heat, power, or water, always be kept at maximum output, at minimum cost.

This is truly a challenge in today's engineering world where many technical advances are being made at the expense of the taxpayer. A public utility, whether privately owned or municipally owned, must combine all of the modern achievements in its particular fields, and transmit these to its many demanding customers.

## Necessary For Existence?

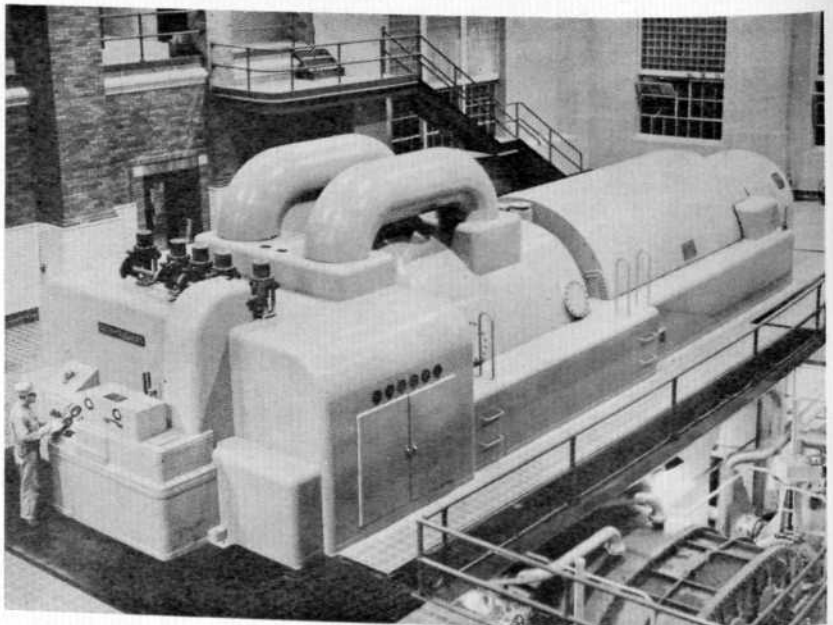
Taken for granted, the utility is just another added expense to the common public. The conveniences supplied are of unlimited value and a necessity. Where would you be if you had to generate your own elec-

tricity? How would everyone provide their own continuous supply of purified water?

The Board of Water and Light has provided many services for approximately 75 years. Originally it was founded as a private corporation in 1883. In 1885 the city constructed its first well, and in 1892 took over possession of the electric light plant. Each succeeding year the facilities expanded as did the populated areas of the city. The year 1906 found another private utility competing for electric power and steam heating

business in the Lansing area. Competition in these fields by the private firm, the Michigan Power Company, proved to be futile. Its service undependable, its maintenance poor, and its rates high, the company met disaster, and sold to the City of Lansing in 1919. At this time the engineers were in the middle of an intensive program to expand its facilities to provide more comprehensive and more adequate services. Foresight became a tradition, as careful plan-

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# are you neglecting an important phase of your educational development?

by LaVerne Root, Applied Mechanics (M.S.) '60

What do you know about the Engineering Council? Are you aware of the services and activities sponsored by the Engineering Council, available to you as an engineering student? Will you receive the maximum return on your investment in your college education?

Many engineering graduates have found that participation in extra-curricular activities has paid off in dollars and cents in the form of higher starting salaries. In fact many companies place the ability to get along with people (indicated by participation in extra-curricular activities) second only to good grades. Most extra-curricular activities may be enjoyed free or at a small cost to the student. One of the most important activities for engineering students is the Engineering Council. This group is made up of students and operates in much the same manner as the All University Student Government. The Engineering Council consists of representatives of the various students organizations in engineering. According to its constitution, it is to coordinate the activities of the student organizations and promote the best interests of the engineering student and the College of Engineering. In the past, the council has only partially fulfilled its purpose. A talk with Ed Daniels, President of the Engineering Council indicates this will be changed this year.

Editor: Why hasn't the council achieved its purpose in the past?

Daniels: In any governing or advisory group, such as the Engineering Council, the efforts and achievements of the group are only as good as those of the individual members. Although we have a number of hard working people on the council, the organizations represented in many cases might as well exist on paper only.

Editor: Could you clarify what you mean?

Daniels: Most of the engineering organization at M.S.U. have a very real and important function they should be performing for their members. Instead we find many of these organizations holding one meeting a term with only a token attendance. Of course everyone blames the old campus bugaboo "student apathy." Perhaps if the students have no interest in these organizations, they should be abolished along with the Engineering Council. If this were to happen, the student would awaken to the fact that membership and participation in the various student activities is an important part of a college education. In the long run it is up to the officers and indirectly the student to correct this situation.

Editor: What do you suggest?

Daniels: I think that the officers have a responsibility and duty, and should consider their position as something more than a mere honor. Considering the officers duties in relation to the council, I feel that the officers should see that their representatives to the council are informed on the interests of the organization. Although in all cases, the interests of the university and the engineering college are of primary importance, the representative should also know where his organization stands so that he will not be forced to guess at how the members of his organization feel. The officers also should encourage the representative to keep the members informed on the activities of the council. This would allow the organization to cooperate better with the council and it would reduce much of the friction present in previous years.

Editor: Why should the individual student be interested in the council,

since in most cases he will not be a representative?

Daniels: If the student has an understanding of the aims and purposes of the council, he will be prepared to judge how well his organization is cooperating with the council and whether his organization and indirectly the individual member is receiving the maximum benefit from the activities of the council. He will also be able to see ways in which his organization may help the council to support the endeavor to make the M.S.U. College of Engineering a better place to obtain an education.

Editor: What about the student, who has an interest in the council, but is not a representative? Is there anything he can do?

Daniels: Every Engineering Council meeting is open to all members of the College of Engineering as well as anyone interested in the activities of the engineering students. I will personally guarantee that anyone visiting a council meeting, having an idea or gripe to express, will have an opportunity to be heard. The council normally meets every other Wednesday during fall and winter terms and every Wednesday during spring term. Meetings are held in the reading room in Olds Hall. Announcements of meetings will be placed in the State News and will be posted in Olds Hall.

Editor: What about the student who has some spare time and would like to work on some of the Engineering Council activities?

Daniels: Perhaps I should indicate some of the activities of the council before I answer your question. The largest activity is the annual engineering exposition held spring term.

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# engineering's oldest profession

## "BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW"

by Dr. C. Cutts, Head of Civil Engineering Department

(photos by Ron Murray)

Each year Civil Engineers are called upon to analyze, design and construct a **number** of **unusual** structures. These may be nuclear reactors like the one under construction at Monroe, Michigan, or missile launching structures at Cape Canaveral, Florida. The 160 ft. diameter radio astronomy telescope at Green Banks, West Virginia and the underground **reinforced** concrete NIKE launching bases surrounding many of our large

cities are other examples. These demands upon the Civil Engineer are not unusual, since he is called upon each year to meet the demands of our growing civilization and its national security.

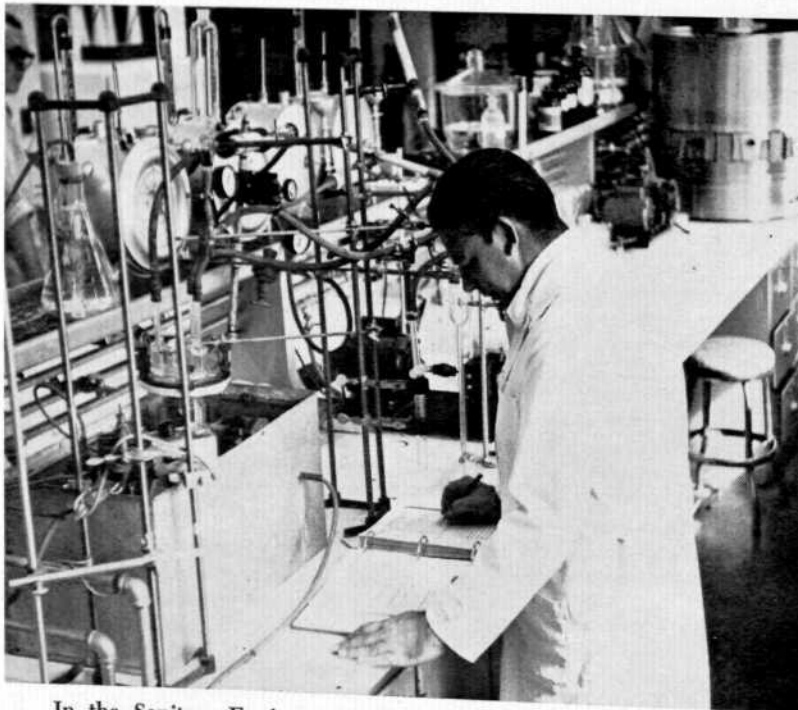
In some of these activities he teams up with architects, contractors, mathematicians, scientists, business leaders, and other engineers. What are the shielding capabilities of the concrete walls of a nuclear reactor made

with metal aggregate? What thickness of wall is required to reduce radiation to a given level? What is the effect of high temperature on missile and aircraft structures as well as the after burners of jet planes on airport runways? What are the stresses due to wind pressure in the Navy's new radio astronomy paraboloid dish, which is expected to be 600 ft. in diameter? These are some of the technical questions posed as Civil Engineers face the frontiers of expanding knowledge in science and engineering.

While many new technical problems confront the Civil Engineer, there are also the challenges of working in many parts of the country and in foreign lands. The Civil Engineer may find himself locating oil pipelines in Saudia Arabia or constructing radar warning towers in the permafrost country of the North. He may be designing a water supply or sewage disposal plant for a community in South America or it may be a highway system in his own state or local community.

The young engineer has the choice of many geographical locations. Whether his choice be the small town in the Midwest, the industrial areas of the East or the assignment abroad, he will find many opportunities for travel and meeting new faces. He will also find that many engineering projects call for inside or outside work as well as the combination of both.

There are many facets to Civil Engineering. These are designated as Highway Engineering, Sanitary Engineering, Hydraulic Engineering, Construction Engineering, Structural En-



In the Sanitary Engineering Laboratory, Mr. Robert S. Lipe, Graduate Assistant, takes data on his continuous flow apparatus for determining the relationship between substrate concentration, growth and respiration rates in microorganisms.

gineering, Traffic Engineering, Soils Engineering and Surveying. First and above all the Civil Engineer is a builder. He builds bridges, highways, airports, buildings, dams, tunnels, harbors, water supply systems and sewage disposal systems and facilities. In all of these enterprises the Civil Engineer follows a step by step procedure from initial analysis stage to the final design. By applying mathematics and the physical science relationships he develops an optimum design at minimum cost. Economy must be continually dealt with from the analysis and design of minimum weight aircraft to the utilization of land for an expanding highway system. One of the things that distinguishes the engineer from his fellow men is his ability to come up with a workable solution in a short period of time. In addition to being interested in long term fundamental research, he must be able to solve the everyday conventional engineering problem which characterizes the professional practitioner. The next time you visit the Upper Peninsula via the Mackinac Straits Suspension Bridge or ride into Detroit on the James Couzens or Ford Freeway or look at the sky-scrapers on the Detroit skyline—think of the Civil Engineer—designer and builder of monumental structures.

#### The Common Pattern

All fields of engineering have a common functional pattern and whether he be a Civil or Mechanical, Electrical or Chemical, the engineer will find his duties and assignments are characterized in one of these categories:

1. Administration
2. Planning and Design
- 3. Research and Development
4. Production and Operation
5. Construction and Installation
6. Consulting
7. Sales
8. Teaching

Thirty-four percent of all engineers are engaged in administration and twenty percent do planning and design work. Eighteen percent of all engineers are engaged in research and development activities.

#### M. S. U. Curriculum

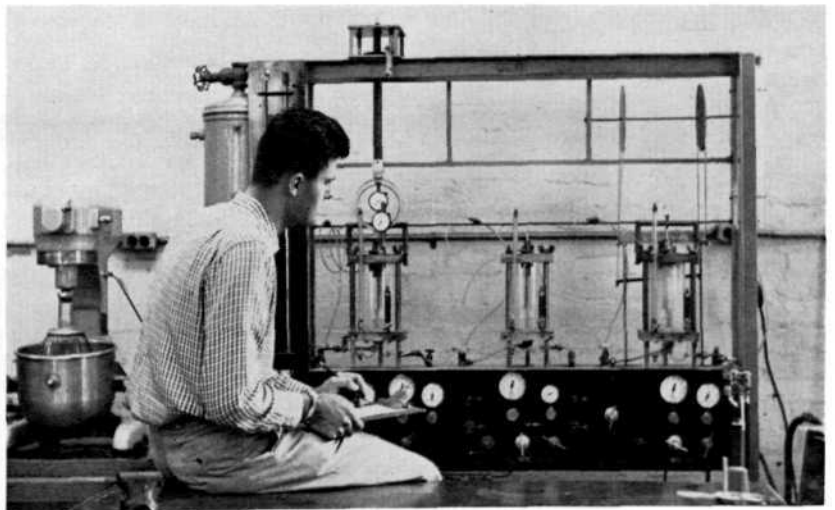
The curriculum in Civil Engineering at Michigan State University has several distinguishing characteristics. First of all, it gives emphasis to chemistry, physics, mathematics and mechanics and second it provides a strong fundamental base for the many specialized fields. Having completed the sequences in mathematics and Physical sciences in the Sophomore

year, the Civil Engineering student moves into several sequences of engineering course work. Starting with engineering materials he follows with analysis work in **determinate** and statically indeterminate structures and then studies design in structural steel, reinforced concrete and other materials. With geology and soil mechanics, he combines his structural background to learn how loads are transmitted to soil through footings—foundation analysis and design. Another sequence is the transportation series. With a knowledge of traffic demands, land values, and route layout, he studies the design of rigid and flexible pavement and

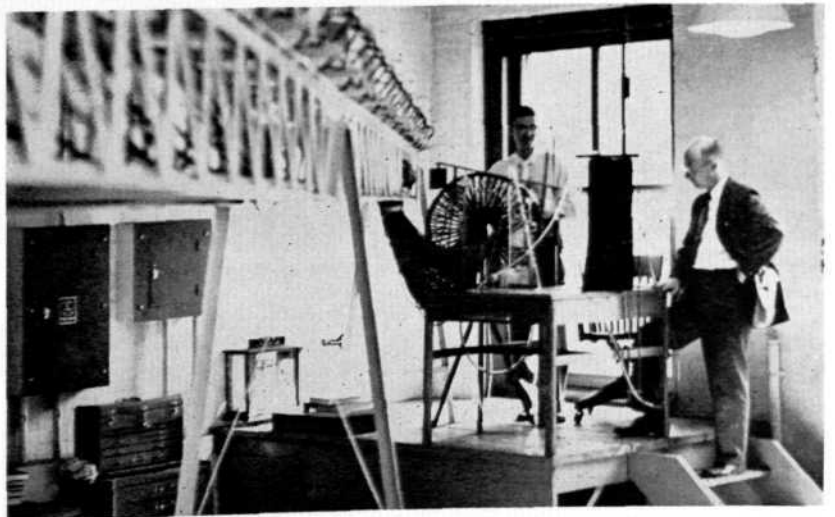
highway geometry. Thus, the structural engineer and the highway engineer both develop their specialized (olds from the same fundamental base of soil mechanics and materials.

Another important facet of Civil Engineering deals with fluids. This is the sequence of courses in hydraulics, hydrology, water supply, sewerage and sewage treatment and is the realm of interest of the Hydraulic and Sanitary Engineer. Added to these areas of study are contracts and construction, plus the field of nuclear energy. The curriculum provides nine hours of elective course work in the senior year permitting

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In the Soils Laboratory, Mr. William A. Sack, Assistant Instructor in Civil Engineering conducts a triaxial loading measurement on a clay soil sample.



Mr. John R. Adams, Graduate Assistant and Dr. E. M. Laursen, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering are making pressure measurements of air flow over dune shaped roughness elements.

# MEET YOUR SPARTAN ENGINEER STAFF....

(photos by Norm Hines and Tom Armstrong)

As the first issue of the 1959-1960 Spartan **Engineer** arrives, you discover that the staff is composed of many new members.

Not only is the staff new, but it is larger. This is for a reason. Your engineering magazine, like the entire field of engineering, is dynamic. This means it is constantly expanding and progressing.

Last year the Spartan Engineer averaged 52 pages. This issue contains 72. Last year we had 9 mem-

bers on the staff; this year we have 21.

The increase is not entirely due to the larger magazine, however. More people are becoming interested in scientific writing, or technical writing as it is sometimes called. Rightly so—what is more important to a man's career than the tools of his trade?

And for the engineer one tool is language. An engineer has three important parts to his written language. One is mathematics, the next is me-

chanical drawing, and the third is the often neglected ability to write clearly and concisely.

Enough of why they are here, let's meet the staff members.

**EDITOR**-LaVerne Root became editor of the Spartan Engineer by appointment of The Board of Publications last spring term. He edited the spring issue in 1959, and worked last summer on this issue.

He holds a BS in mechanical engineering, and now is working toward a MS in applied mechanics. Vern

He is also a charter member and first President of the Omicron Chapter of Sigma Phi Delta, a professional engineering fraternity.

and is a junior in journalism, majoring in science writing.



is in charge of the entire magazine, and everyone is responsible to him.

He is a member of ASME, Pi Tau Sigma, Knights of St. Patrick, and says his main interest is reading scientific books and magazines, and listening to classical music.

**MANAGING EDITOR**-An electrical engineering senior, Herb Harman is responsible for magazine layout, Pictures, and headlines. He designed the cover for this issue.

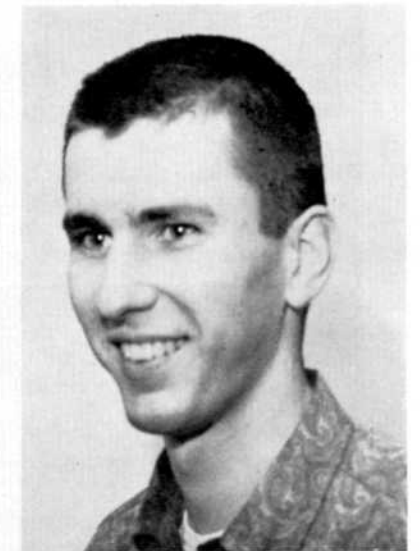
Herb has been in many campus activities including: Election's Commissioner and Administrative Vice President of the executive branch of student government, editor of Helot Publication, and director of research on AUSG history project, concerning student governing body relations.



Herb is interested in the writing aspect of engineering, and plans his career in technical writing, technical recruiting, and management.

**ASSISTANT EDITOR**-Joe Poyer has the job of coordinating and advising staff members who want to write for the various JETS publications. JETS is a high school organization founded in 1950 by the MSU Engineering College. Since then it has spread to include 40 states and Puerto Rico.

Joe is the Spartan Engineer correspondent for the JETS. He is former editor-in-chief of the Battle Creek Junior College paper, Triad,



He was President of the Student Affairs Committee at Battle Creek Junior College, and is now a pledge of Alpha Gamma Rho.

**ASSOCIATE EDITOR**-Newton Black has the job of assigning and editing articles.

Newt completed his military service last year, and returned to MSU to continue his major of technical writing. A senior, he was formerly police reporter for the Michigan State News, and presently reports on engineering and science for the paper.

His interests center on science, writing, and sports. A former MSU baseball player, he is now table tennis champion of the university. In high school football he set a national

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The first staff meeting of the 1959-60 Spartan Engineer Staff.



# engineers



## and what they do at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft...



Automatic systems developed by instrumentation engineers allow rapid simultaneous recording of data from many information points.



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The challenge has never been greater**

Engineers at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft today are concerned with the development of all forms of flight propulsion systems—air breathing, rocket, nuclear and other advanced types for propulsion in space. Many of these systems are so entirely new in concept that their design and development, and allied research programs, require technical personnel not previously associated with the development of aircraft engines. Where the company was once primarily interested in graduates with degrees in mechanical and aeronautical engineering, it now also requires men with degrees in electrical, chemical, and nuclear engineering, and in physics, chemistry, and metallurgy.

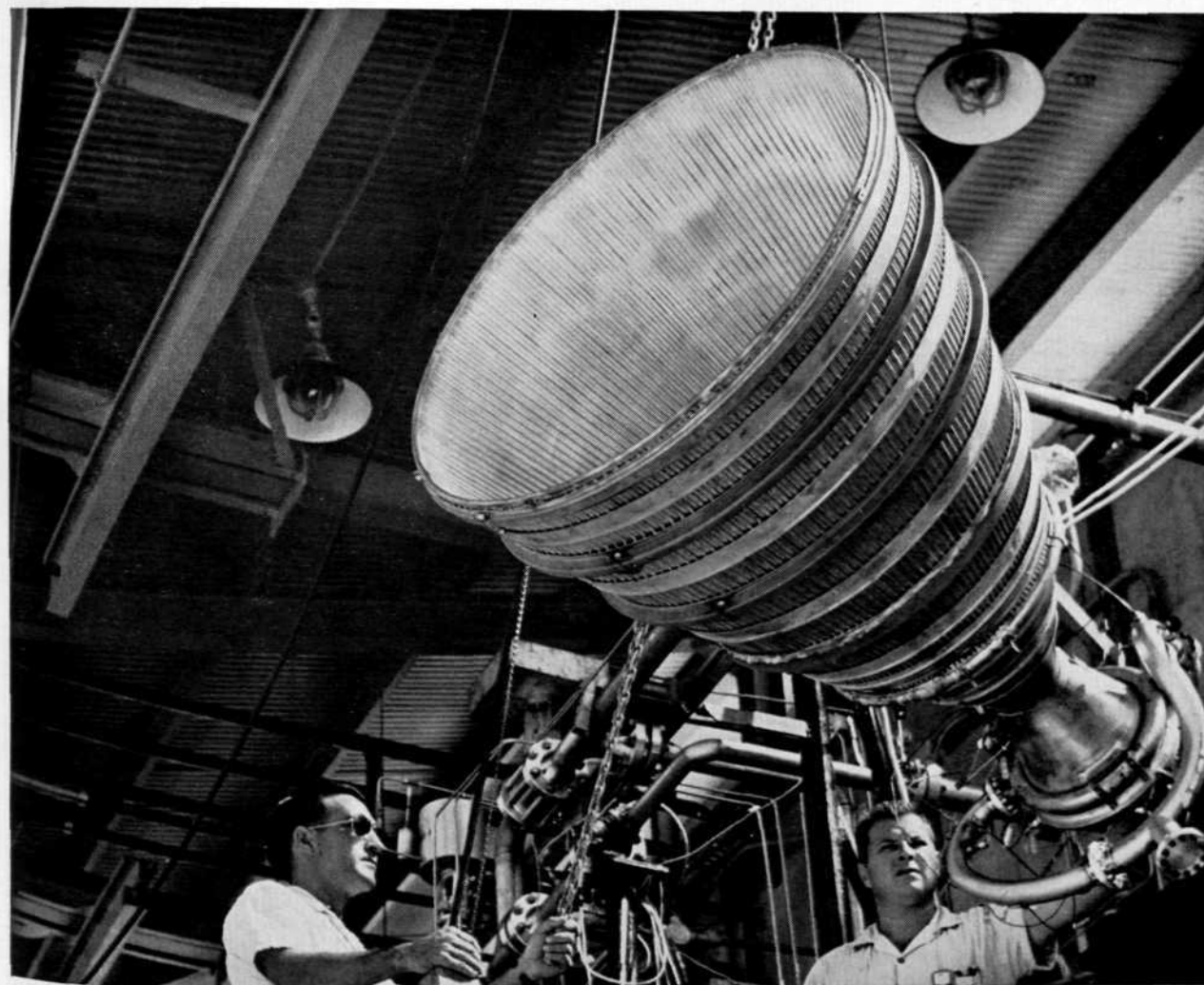
Included in a wide range of engineering activities open to technically trained graduates at all levels are these four basic fields:

**ANALYTICAL ENGINEERING** Men engaged in this activity are concerned with fundamental investigations in the fields of science or engineering related to the conception of new products. They carry out detailed analyses of advanced flight and space systems and interpret results in terms of practical design applications. They provide basic information which is essential in determining the types of systems that have development potential.

**DESIGN ENGINEERING** The prime requisite here is an active interest in the application of aerodynamics, thermodynamics, stress analysis, and principles of machine design to the creation of new flight propulsion systems. Men engaged in this activity at P&WA establish the specific performance and structural requirements of the new product and design it as a complete working mechanism.

**EXPERIMENTAL ENGINEERING** Here men supervise and coordinate fabrication, assembly and laboratory testing of experimental apparatus, system components, and development engines. They devise test rigs and laboratory setups, specify instrumentation and direct execution of the actual test programs. Responsibility in this phase of the development program also includes analysis of test data, reporting of results and recommendations for future effort.

**MATERIALS ENGINEERING** Men active in this field at P&WA investigate metals, alloys and other materials under various environmental conditions to determine their usefulness as applied to advanced flight propulsion systems. They devise material testing methods and design special test equipment. They are also responsible for the determination of new fabrication techniques and causes of failures or manufacturing difficulties.



Exhaustive testing of full-scale rocket engine thrust chambers is carried on at the Florida Research and Development Center.

For further information regarding an engineering career at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, consult your college placement officer or write to Mr. R. P. Azinger, Engineering Department, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, East Hartford 8, Connecticut.

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record for the longest field goal—45 yards.

**ASSISTANT EDITOR-A**—Lansing boy, Keith Harris, is a junior in mechanical engineering. His duties are to gather information, and rewrite articles. This is his second year as assistant editor.

Keith is a busy man. He is married and works twenty hours a week as a bookkeeper for a Lansing company.



Two years ago, while going to school, he worked as a mechanic for a Chevrolet dealer, and last year he managed a gas station. When he finds free time he turns to his hobbies of golf and photography.

**BUSINESS MANAGER**—This position is in responsible hands—at least in the opinion of the editor. For she is his fiancée.

Hester Ray, a sophomore in elementary education, handles national



advertising and payroll. Her hobbies are sports and listening to classical music. She also was appointed to this position by The Board of Publications last spring.

**ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGER**—Eleanor Warren, the second girl on the staff, is a senior majoring in math. She is from Ovid, Michigan, and helps the staff by typing, filing, and mailing magazines to subscription holders.



She is Vice President of MSU Young Republicans, on the steering committee for Kappa Phi Methodist Woman's Organization, and on the executive council for Block-S.

Eleanor is interested in music and cooking, and she plays the saxophone for a dance band. After getting her masters degree in math, she

would like to become an industrial mathematician.

**PROMOTION MANAGER**—This Lansing student, a junior in electrical engineering, is in charge of publicity. Don Anderson makes posters, places notices, and will head the Engineering Exposition Committee.



He has Sigma Phi Delta fraternity behind him in these projects. Don is from Bridgman, Michigan, and spends his free time working on electronics and tinkering on his car.

Working with the office holders are 13 other staff members. They write articles and do various other jobs connected with publishing a magazine. Their names are:

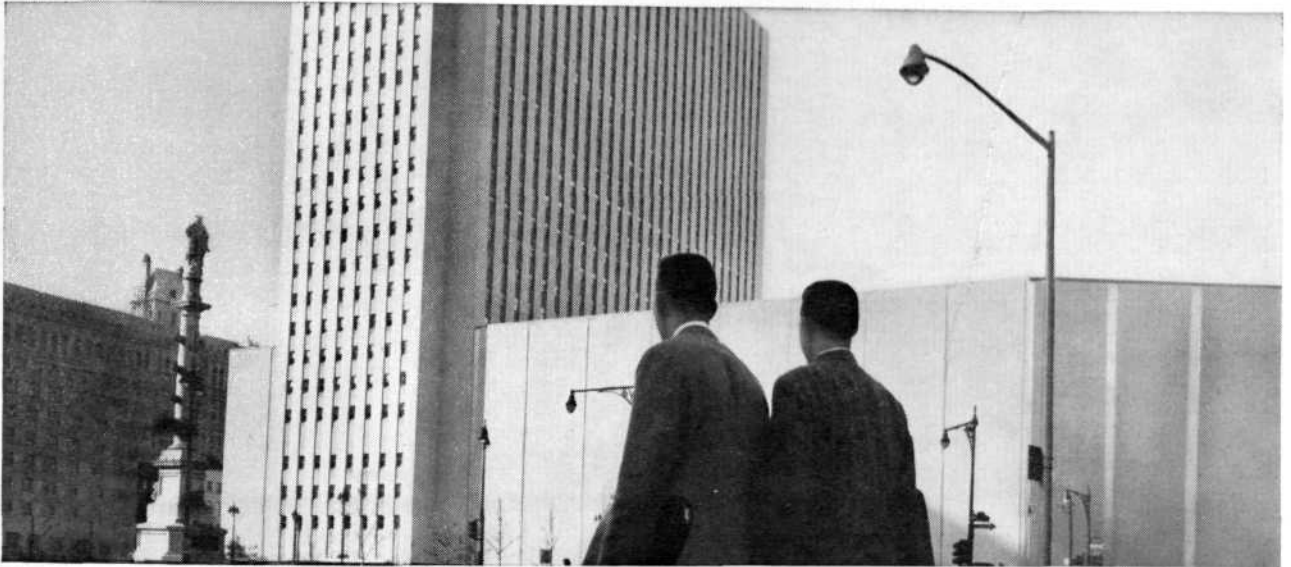
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George Foley  
Chandravadan Amin  
Shrikumar Poddar  
Reg Pilarski  
Raul Lepage  
Norm Fishel  
John Bolt  
Erwin Anderson  
Conrad Ryden  
John Thornton  
Fred Bigio

These are your staff members. Most of them are studying engineering, but some are from the other schools at MSU. They are all here for one reason—to become familiar with writing and publishing a magazine.

Few of them have had previous experience on a magazine, but they all agree that when they graduate this experience will be a valuable part of their education.

Won't you join them and add to your education?

# New "post-grad" program helps engineers move ahead at Western Electric



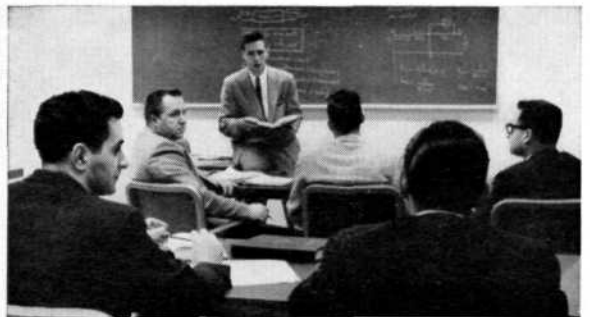
MANHATTAN'S COLISEUM TOWER building houses Western Electric's New York training center. Here, as in Chicago and Winston-Salem, N.C., Western Electric engineers participate in a training program that closely resembles a university graduate school.

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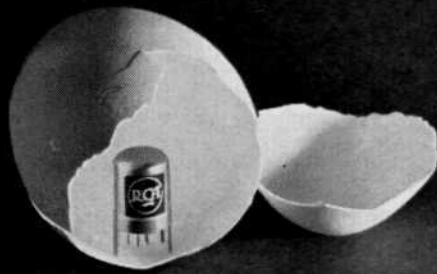
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# OVER THE TRANSOM



Scientists and engineers in American industry are anything but happy with their lot, Opinion Research Corporation reported today.

At the root of the problem, an ORC study disclosed, is a fundamental, and unresolved, conflict between the scientific mind and the management mind.

The study involved interviews with 622 scientists and engineers and 105 managers in six major companies deeply engaged in scientific research. "The companies are in the aircraft, chemical, drug, electrical and electronic equipment, petroleum, and rubber industries.

Of the scientists and engineers interviewed, 72 per cent complained that management misuses their talents, 71 per cent maintained that their companies force them to overspecialize, and 67 per cent contended that getting ahead in management is more a matter of politics than knowledge.

One of the most sought-after professional groups in industry, 80 per cent of the scientists and engineers complained they were underpaid, when compared with others with similar training and responsibilities.

The study revealed a conflict between management's need to sell its products and make a profit and a basic quest for knowledge by the technical men. While 74 per cent of scientists and engineers interviewed listed sales and profits as primary goals of their companies, fewer than half said they shared these goals.

In addition, 75 per cent complained that corporate pressures did

not permit them the freedom "to work in their own way." They cited as obstacles demands for immediate results, schedules, budgetary considerations and pressure to conform to established methods of problem-solving. One of the managers declared that "the place for such freedom is in academic institutions, not competitive industry."

The study singled out several factors that appear to breed conflict between a company's management and its scientific personnel.

It was found that scientists and engineers have a desire for status and freedom which is difficult to meet in a corporation and is more appropriate to private, professional practice or university life.

It also was shown that technical men often fail to understand techniques and approaches used by management, such as managerial decision-making and the nature of risk taking.

In addition, the study disclosed a lack of mutual respect on the part of management and technical groups, with each group tending to evaluate the other's accomplishments and rewards by its own standards.

ORC's research suggested several constructive steps to deal with the management-scientist relationship. These include a need for managers to place greater emphasis on interpreting their everyday decisions to the technical man and a need for more realism during college training and recruiting so that the future scientist or engineer may know what to expect of corporate life.

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NEW YORK, October 1—Herbert Hoover, representing 300,000 members of 18 major engineering societies, today broke ground for the 18-story United Engineering Center at United Nations Plaza. Mr. Hoover was assisted by a freshman engineering student from Hawaii, Jerry Fujimoto, representing the engineers of the future.

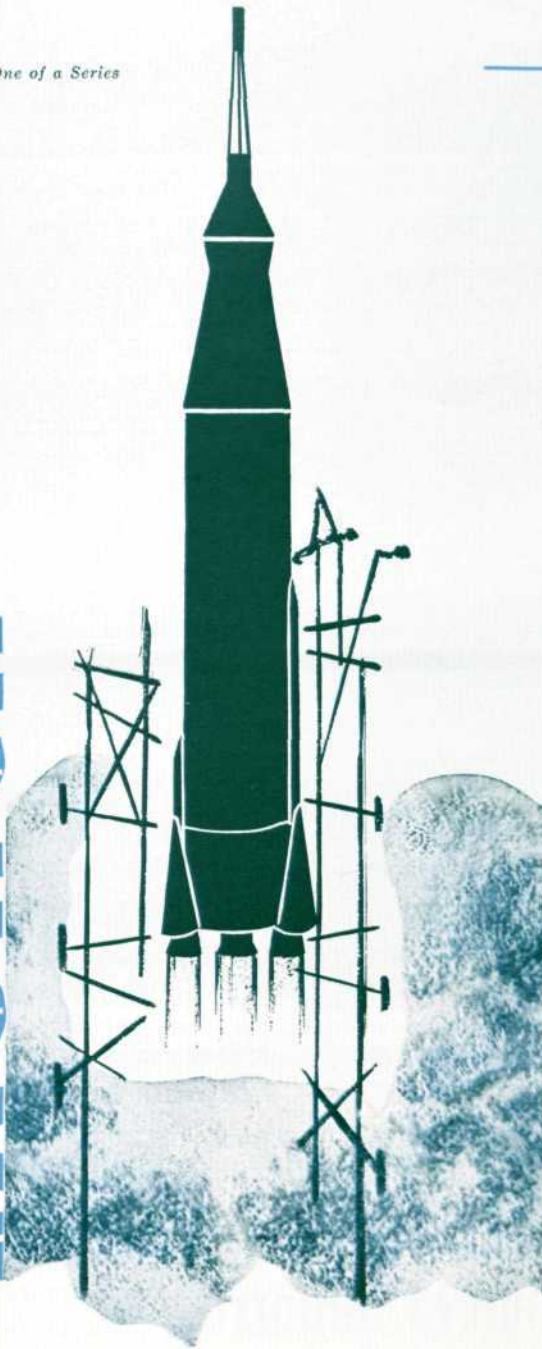
In remarks just before he turned the first shovel-full of earth at the site of the new Center, Mr. Hoover called the occasion "an event of national importance. The engineering societies in our country comprise a great army of over 250,000 creative minds covering almost every branch of the profession."

The United Engineering Center, scheduled for completion in mid-1961, will house the headquarters of major engineering societies and joint engineering groups. The Center has been made possible by contributions from industry and from thousands of individual engineers. Plans for the Center have been eight years in the making. To date, more than 500 companies have contributed nearly \$5 million, and some 56,000 engineers have added another \$3 million.

Located at First Avenue between 47th and 48th Streets, the Center will be part of the complex of new buildings located on United Nations Plaza that are "dedicated to the service of mankind and of world society."



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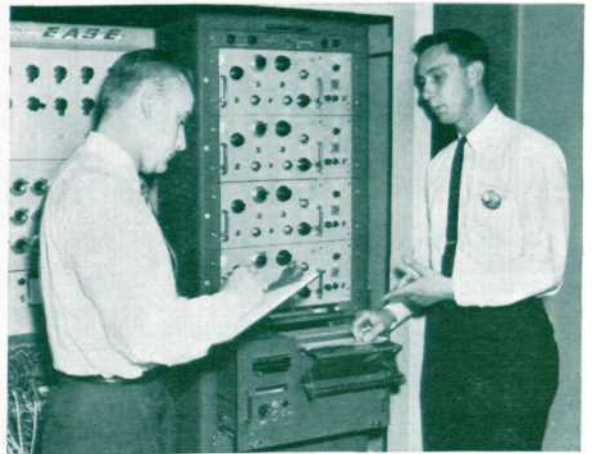
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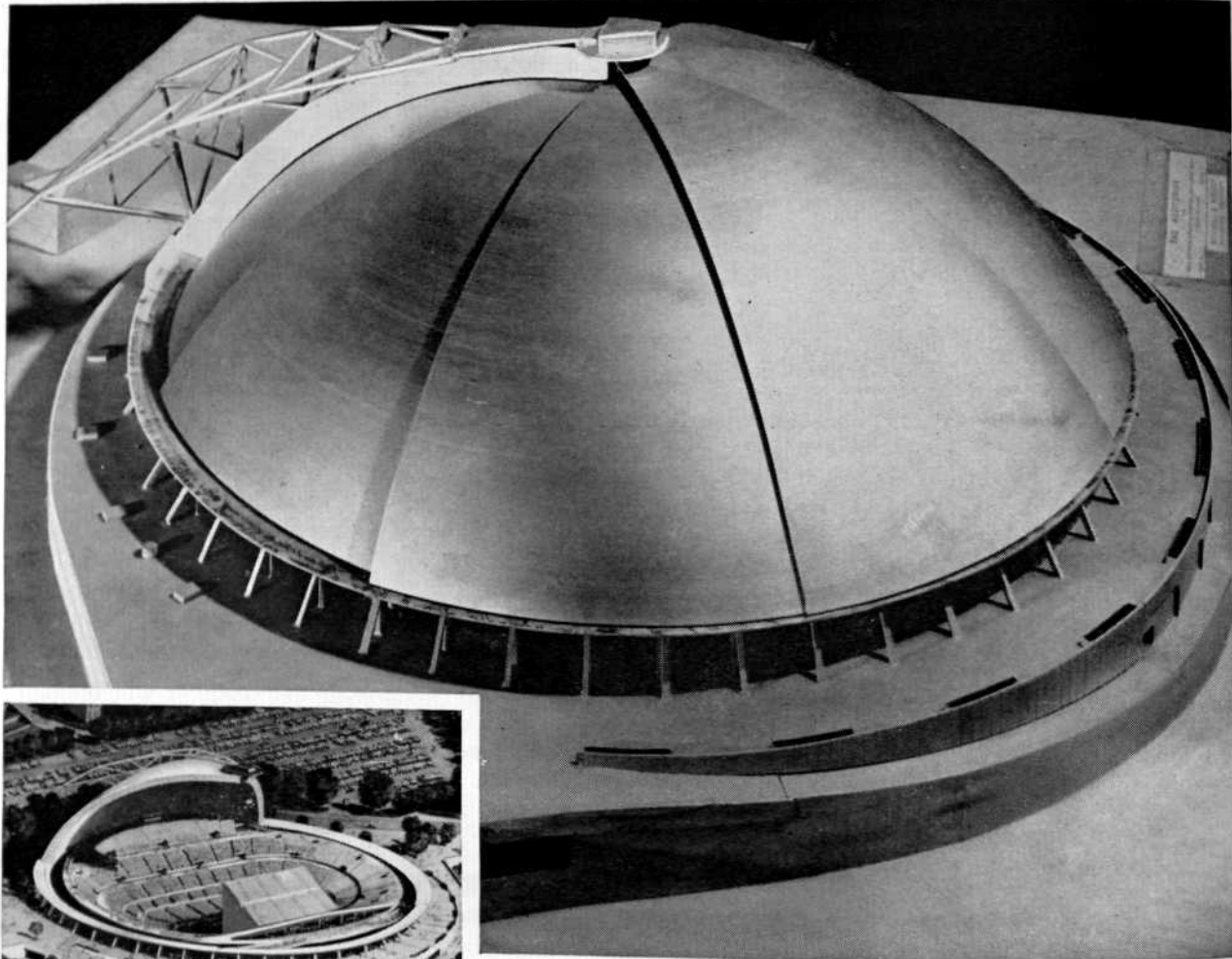
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Seen here discussing a computer run of a control dynamics problem are young Project Mercury staff members, Joseph J. Voda, MSAE, U. of Illinois, '58, on the left, and Lawrence D. Perlmutter, M.S. Instrumentation, U. of Michigan, '59.

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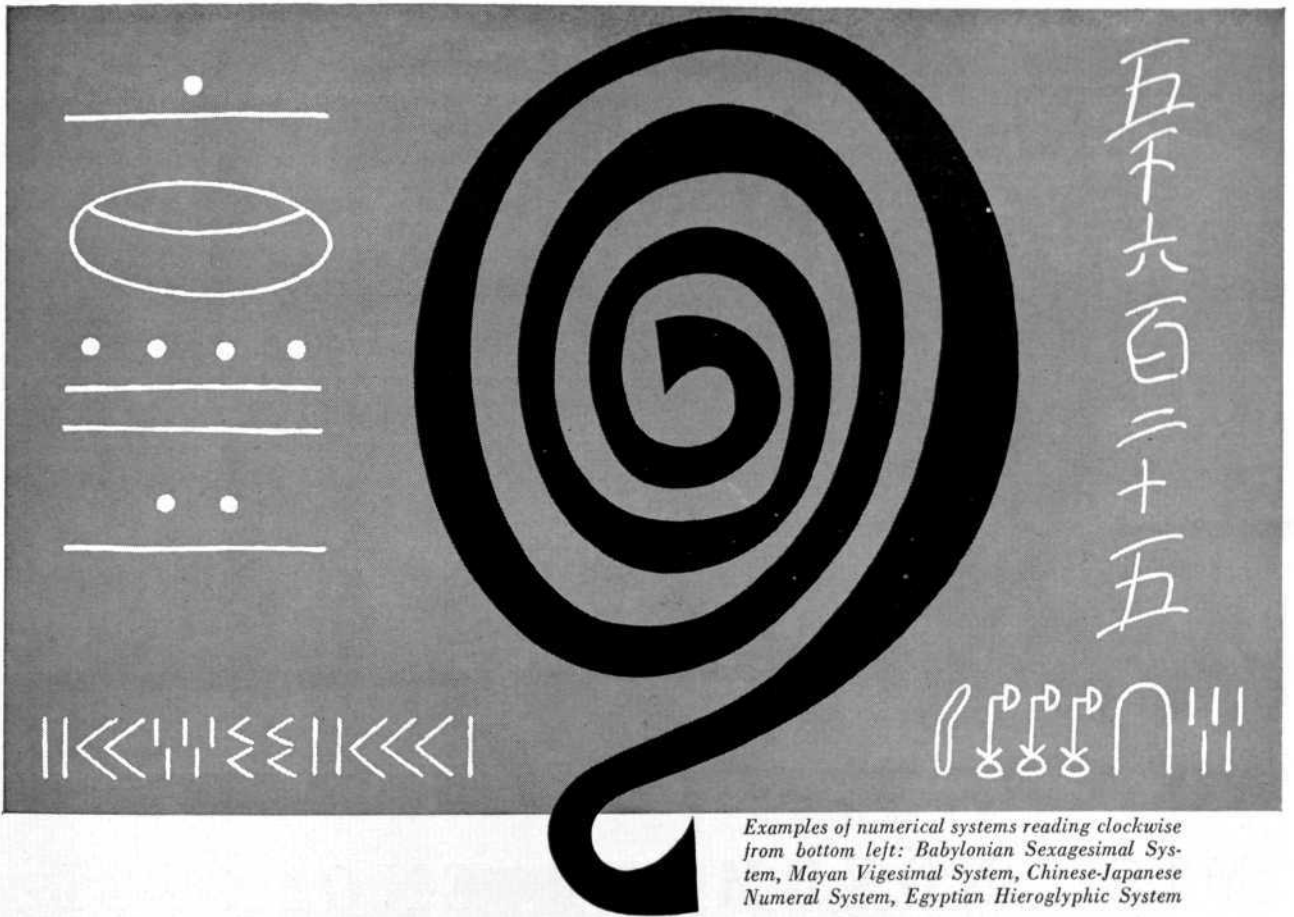
weather push-button roof. You might need a metal that resists corrosion, or wear, or high temperatures. Or one that meets some destructive combination of conditions. Here, too, a Nickel-containing metal could be the answer.

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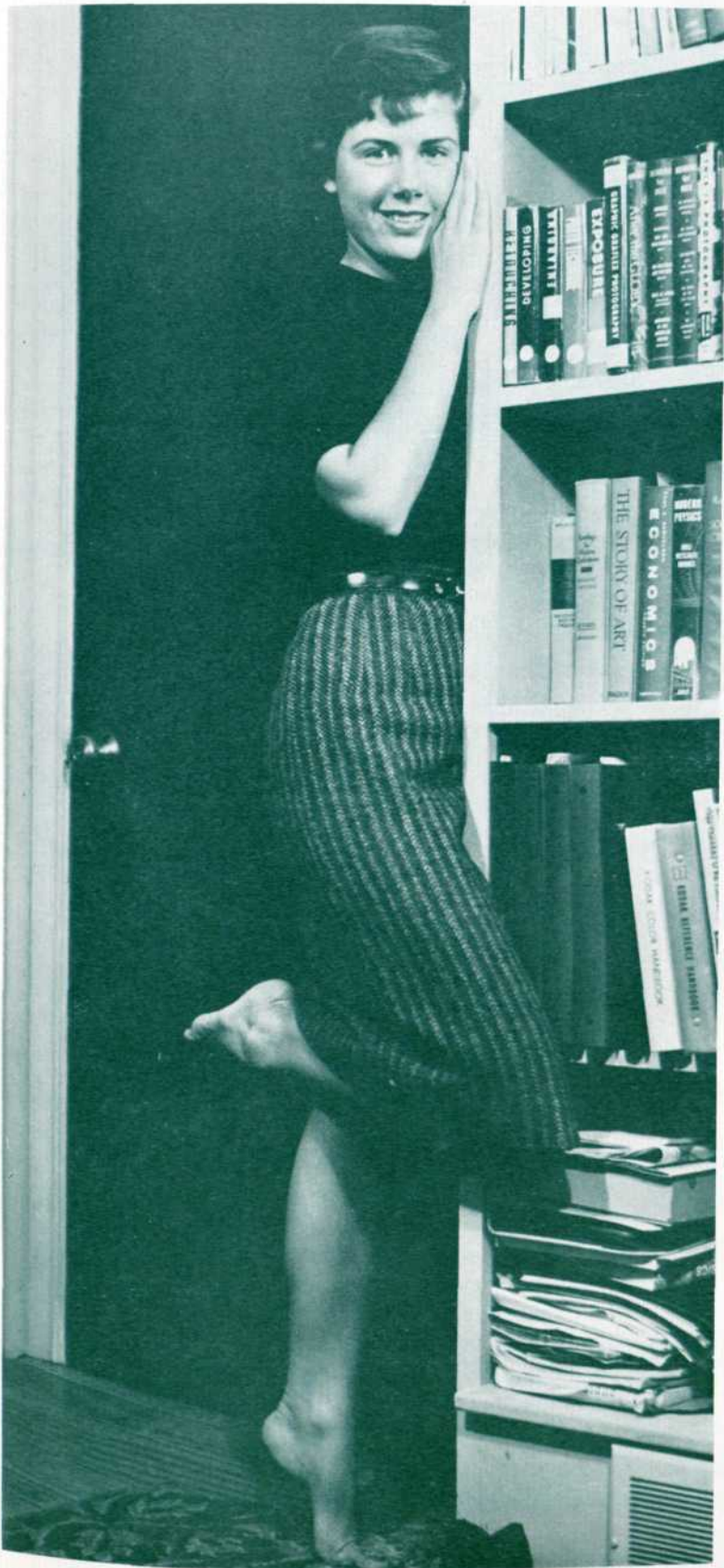


# MISS NOVEMBER ENGINEER



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**Janice Kay De Meester**

Home Town: Grand **Rapids**

**Age: 20**

**Sorority: Delta Gamma**

**Specs: 5' 4 1/2"**

**Brown Hair**

**Brown Eyes**

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**Major: Journalism**

**Hobbies: Water Skiing**

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Arthur Shef, Chief, Advanced Design Section, Missiles and Space Systems, irons out a problem with Arthur E. Raymond, Senior Engineering Vice President of **DOUGLAS**

## OLDEST PROFESSION

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the student to pursue further specialization in his technical field or he may broaden his course of study by taking any or all of these courses outside the College of Engineering. Elective course work in the College of Business and Public Service has been quite popular.

One of the activities which the Civil Engineering Department is most proud is its research program. During the past year research grants have been received from both private industry and governmental agencies. These grants have varied in amount from \$10,000 to \$39,000. The most recent sponsor of research has been the Dow Corning Corporation. Other sponsors are the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, Michigan State Highway Department, National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. Dr. E. M. Laurson in the hydraulics area is studying the shear and pressure distribution on dune-shaped roughness. Dr. R. F. McCauley is concerned with the corrosion of water pipes in Michigan and is studying the effect of various types of coatings in the reduction of corrosion. Dr. K. L. Schulze is actively engaged in developing a better understanding of the aerobic decomposition process. Dr. T. H. Wu in our soil mechanics area has been assisted by a number of graduate students in the study of porewater pressure in clay soils. Dr. R. K. L. Wen has recently initiated a study on dynamic effects in cantilever highway bridges. Opportunities exist for graduate students to assist on these projects and inquiries should be directed to the principal investigators of the various projects.

Civil Engineering is truly a dynamic field which challenges the minds of many in seeking a better world to live in.

## DISC BRAKES

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ior vanes. It is completely enclosed in a small-shell casing. It makes a rather bulky construction and sacrifices one of the main advantages of the open disc-direct airflow over the working surfaces.

On large cars, disc brakes show a saving in unsprung weight of 45 to 50 lbs., which is an important extra advantage. The weight saving declines with the size of the car, and on the smallest there would be little

if any difference between drums and discs.

Wear of friction pads rises rapidly beyond a certain critical temperature, but materials have been developed which will work at 1,000 degrees F without excessive wear. Patents have been obtained for brakes which have the pads mounted on swinging arms and so obtain a self-servo effect similar to the self-wrapping action of the leading shoe on a drum brake, but this is not favored at present as it would sacrifice the great advantage of consistent behavior, hot or cold.

At present the ratio of friction pad to disc area is about one to six but the optimum ratio between friction pad area and disc surface has probably not yet been established. Little is known of the durability of discs in sandy countries or in severe winter conditions where there is a lot of salt on the roads. It is clear that the design of the disc brake is far from finality, but brakes already in production are giving good results. Therefore it looks as if disc brakes, offering greater safety are here to stay.

## SOLID STATE

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cross section and shows promise as an atomic pile coolant or heat exchanger in light-weight nuclear reactors.

Nuclear reactors of the type used in the atomic powered submarines Nautilus and Seawolf may be made lighter and more compact through the use of Lithium 7 as a coolant.

The density of Lithium is 0.53 gm/cc; it will float on gasoline being only half as heavy as water. Its heat capacity, 1.0 cal/g/°c, is equal to that of water, three times that of sodium which is now used as the heat exchanger, and twenty-five times as high as lead. All this makes it the most promising coolant being developed today.

The only drawback to the use of Lithium in the liquid state is its extreme corrosiveness. This obstacle may be overcome through the use of the special stainless steel alloy used in the construction of the metal sphere in which it is being tested.

There is still much to be learned about the chemical and physical properties of Lithium and its component isotopes. The research being conducted in the Physics-Astronomy Department of Michigan State University by Dr. D. J. Montgomery and Mr. Nguyen Tu Ban is a very important part of this research.



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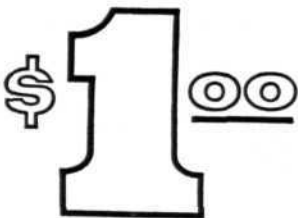
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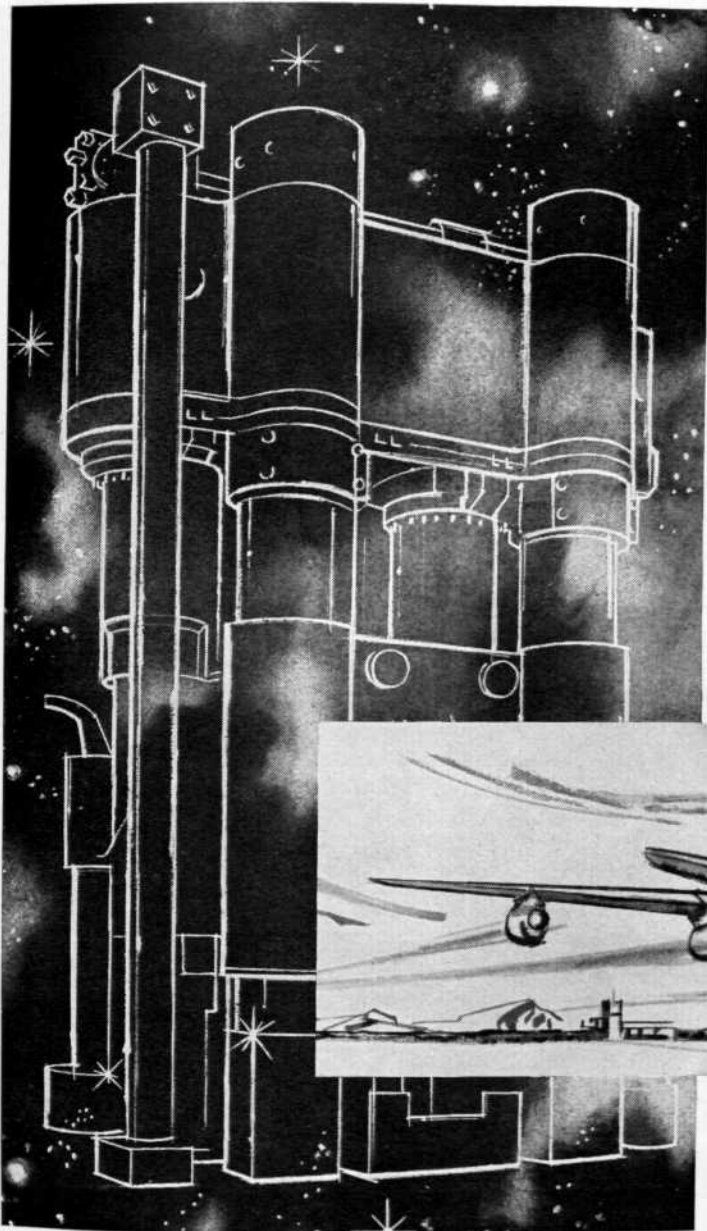


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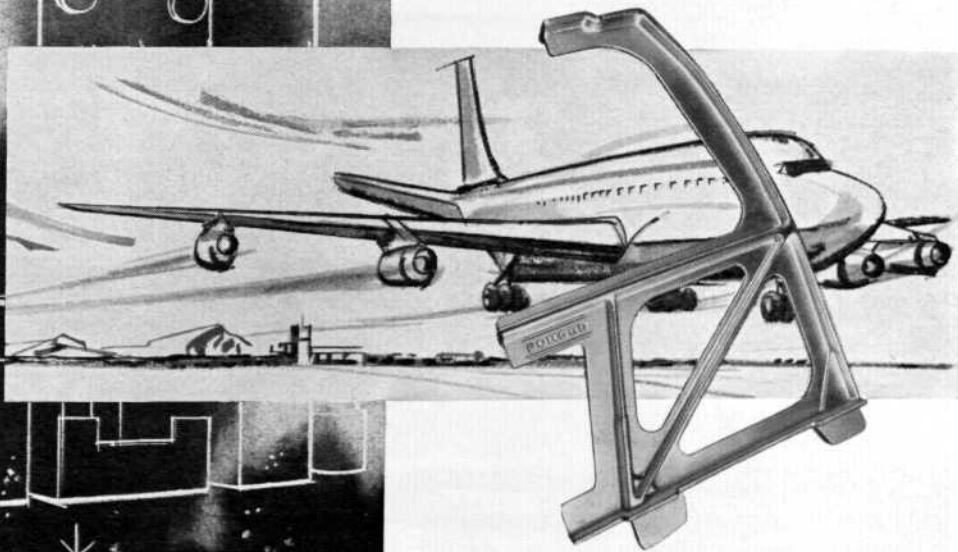
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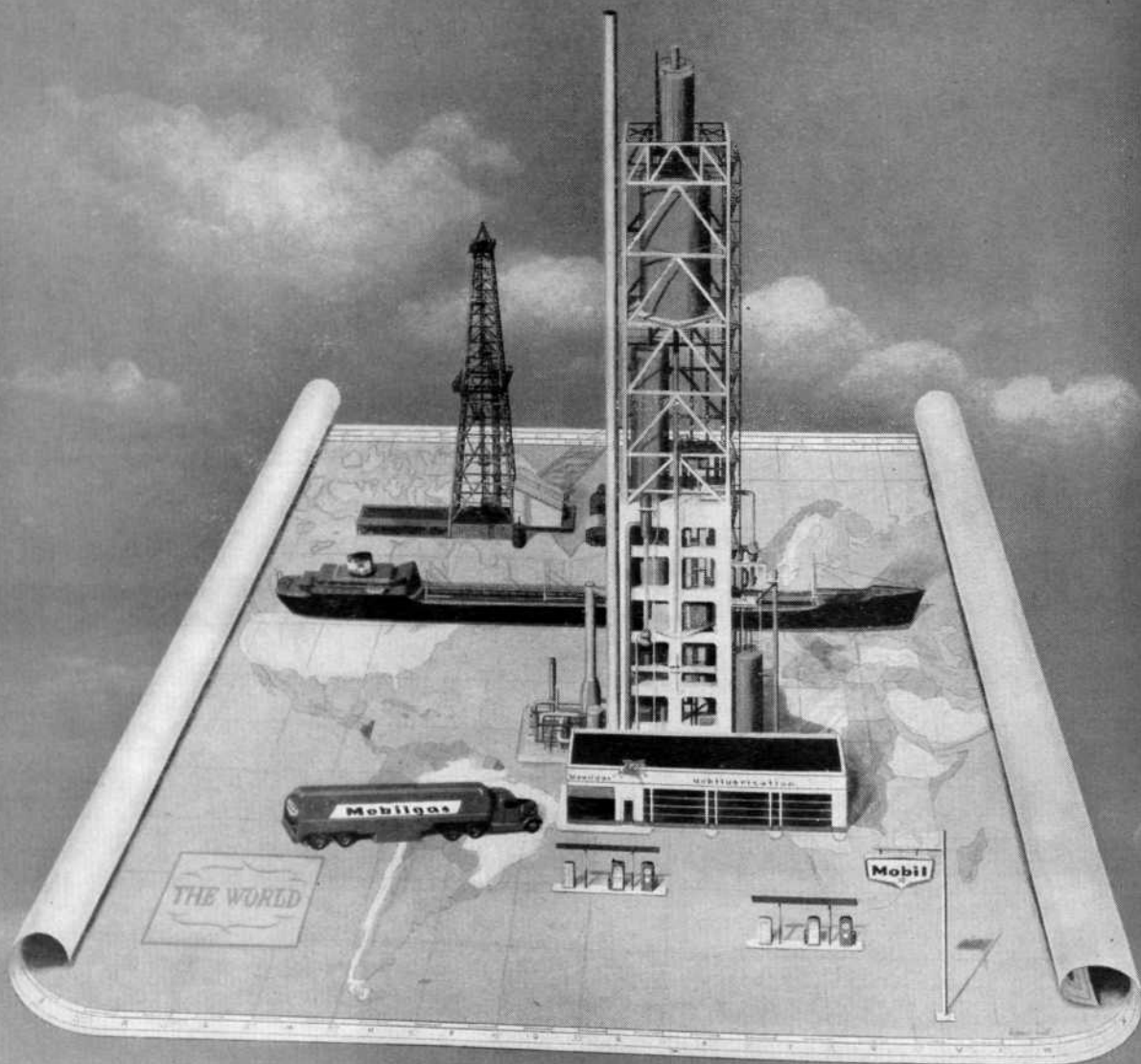
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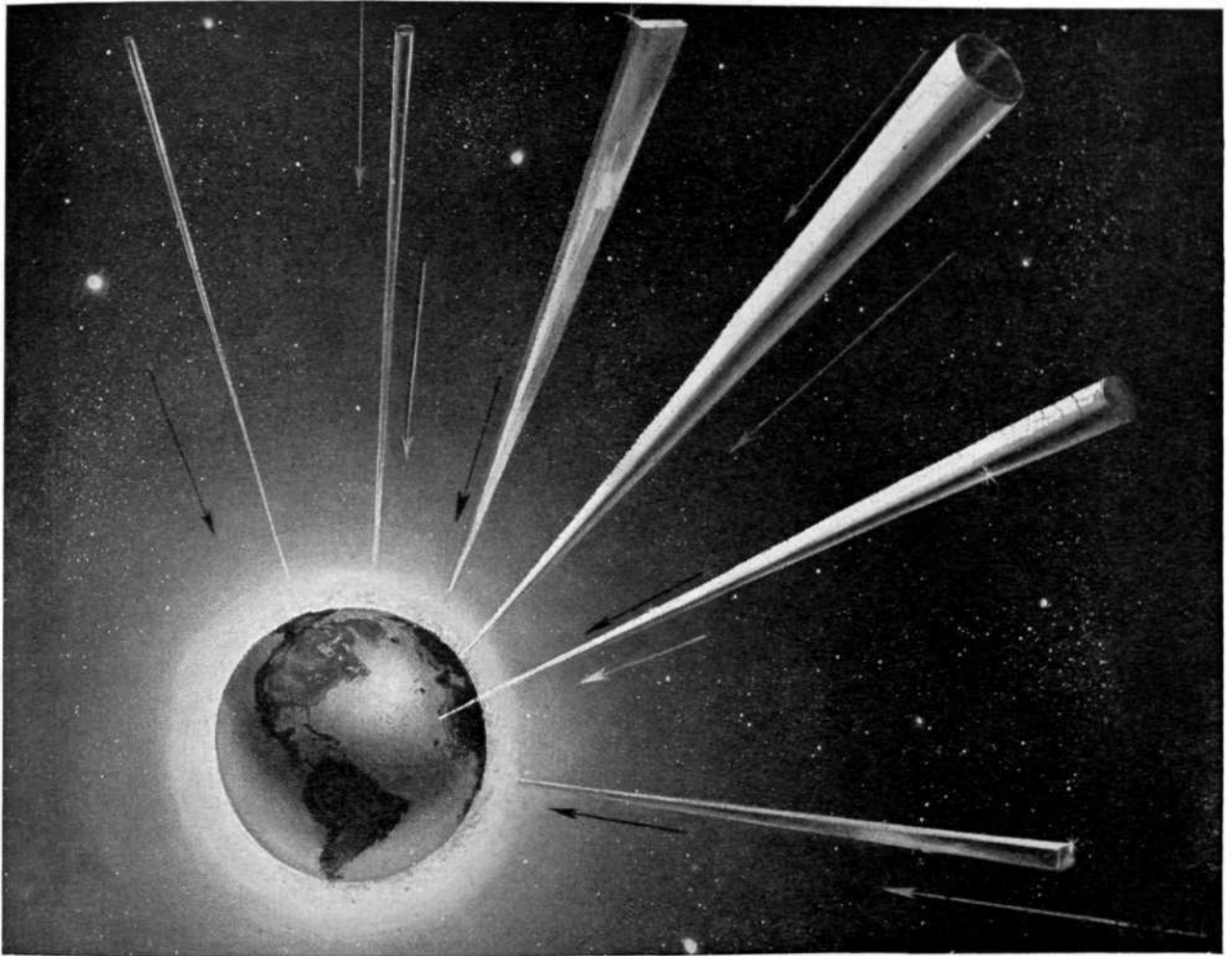
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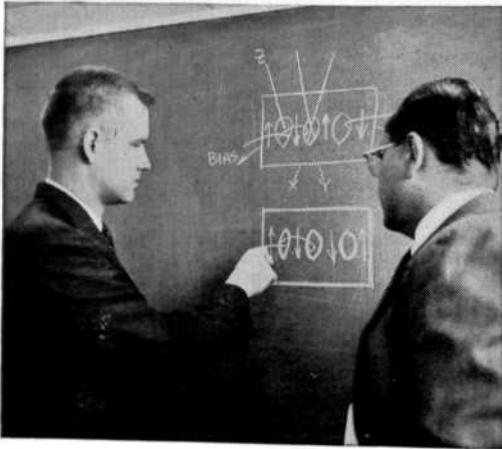
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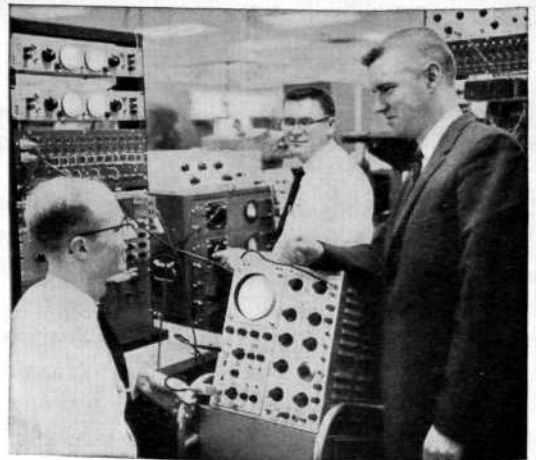
IBM Engineer Richard R. Booth explores electronic frontiers to develop new, faster and larger storage devices for tomorrow's computers.



## Computing time cut from six months to one day

"My job is to design and develop new, high-speed storage devices for a powerful new computer that will perform, in one day, operations requiring six months on present equipment," said Dick Booth as he began a typical day recently. A product development engineer at the IBM Laboratories in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., he started his morning with a conference on a product of great interest to him: a magnetic core storage device with a nondestructive readout feature. For an hour, he discussed with circuit design engineers the logical devices needed for the register—such as magnetic core drivers and sense amplifiers. Should such devices not be available, the group would work on designs for new ones.

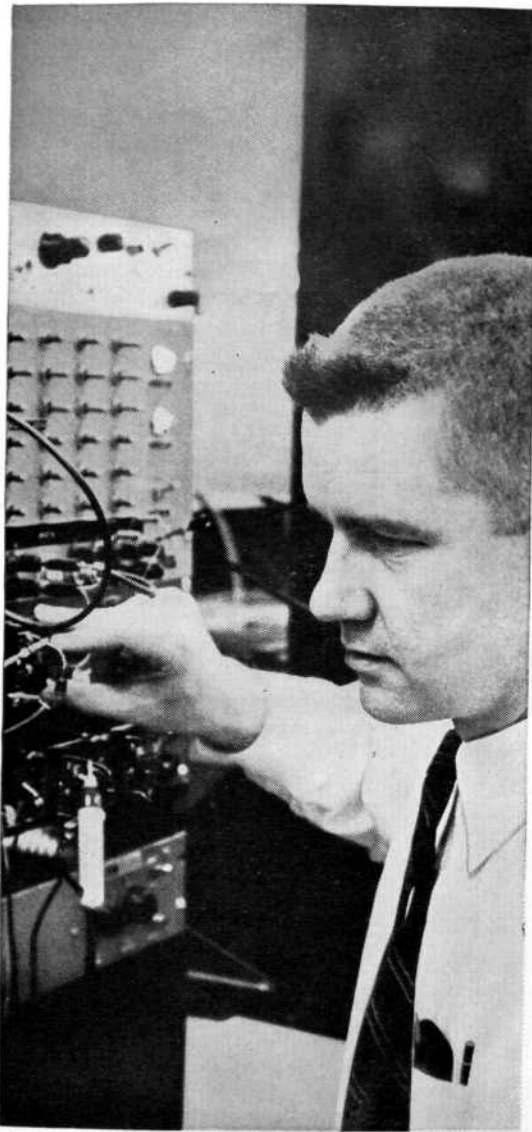
Dick Booth next met with members of the Magnetic Materials Group to establish specifications for the magnetic core memory elements to be used in the register. He also discussed with the group the development of equipment to test the memory elements. "This magnetic core register is based on an original idea of mine," he explained. "When you have a worthwhile idea, you will be given a free hand in proving it out, backed by IBM's resources—plus the assistance of skilled specialists."



## Increasing responsibility

At 10:30, Dick Booth reviewed the status of the entire project with the two engineers, two technicians, and one logic designer who make up his team. "My present position is staff engineer," he explained. "It's the second promotion I've had since I joined IBM three years ago with a B.S.E.E. degree from the University of Illinois. I know that there are plenty of other opportunities to move ahead. Furthermore, parallel advancement opportunities exist for engineers in either engineering development or engineering management."





### Preparing for the future

In the afternoon, Dick Booth went to the 704 Computing Center to supervise some complex precision computations. "You see how quickly the 704 arrives at the answers," he said. "The computer being developed is expected to multiply more than 500,000 fourteen-digit numbers a second and add them at the rate of one million a second. The computer may be used for design computations for reactors, as well as calculations of satellite behavior. Of course it should have hundreds of other applications."

At 3:30 P.M., Dick Booth attended a weekly class on Theoretical Physics that lasted until 5:00. Afterward, he commented, "You know, IBM offers excellent educational opportunities both in general education and for advanced degrees. **One** of the engineers in my group has just received his Master's degree from Syracuse University, **after** completing a postgraduate program given **right** here at the IBM Laboratory."



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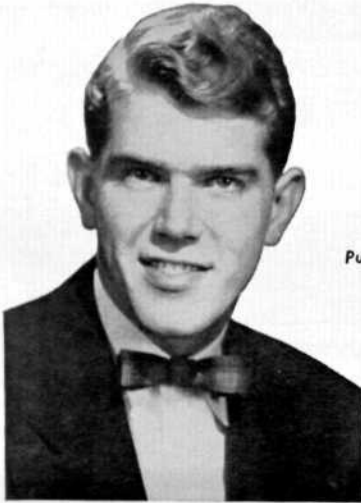
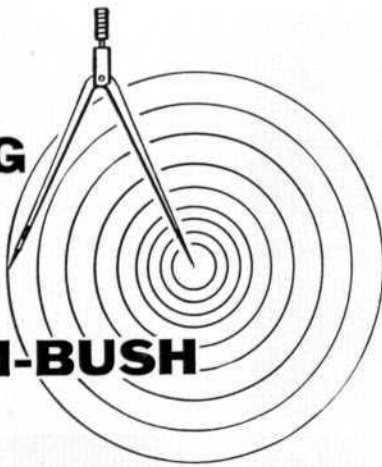
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## ENGINEERING COUNCIL

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Planning will start toward the end of fall term. This will require a number of committees handling publicity, exhibits, dance, race, coordination with the JETS, and other such activities. These committees consist of volunteers from the student body. In addition a number of activities such as the Professional Registration Exam Review are sponsored by the council. Each such activity is made possible through the support of the organizations and the individual who is willing to give a small amount of his time. Most of these individuals are from outside of the council.

Editor: Do you have any specific plans for the coming school year?

Daniels: We will of course coordinate the engineering exposition and will sponsor the extra activities such as the race and dance which have been a part of the exposition in the past. The council will assist in keeping the students and public informed on the activities of the College of Engineering and its students. A number of other activities are in the planning stage and will be presented for approval of the organizations at a later date.

Editor: I hope the student body will give you the support you need to carry out your many activities. I'm sure there are a number of students who can give you some of their spare time and that the entire student body will support your activities through attendance and participation.

## DR. OTTO

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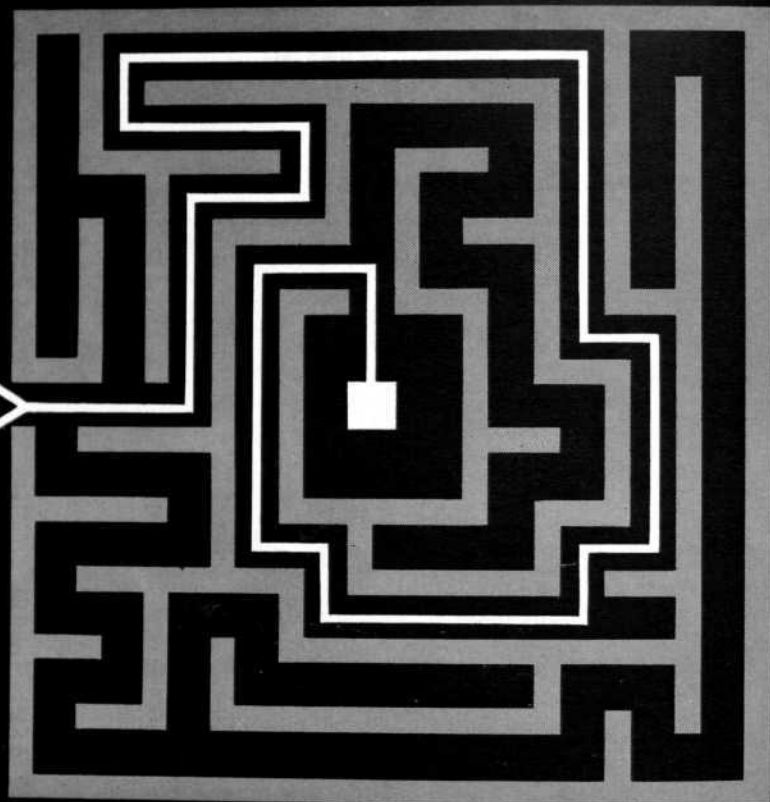
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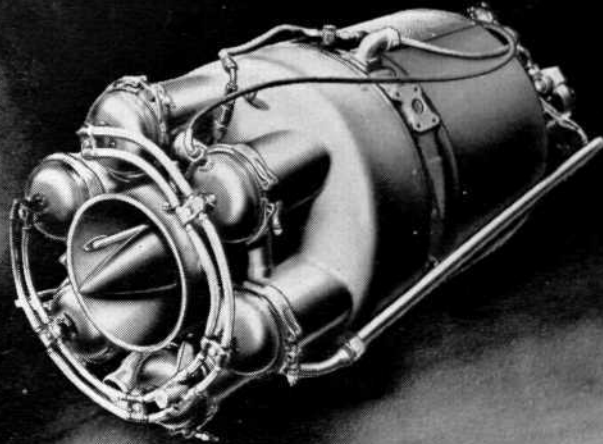
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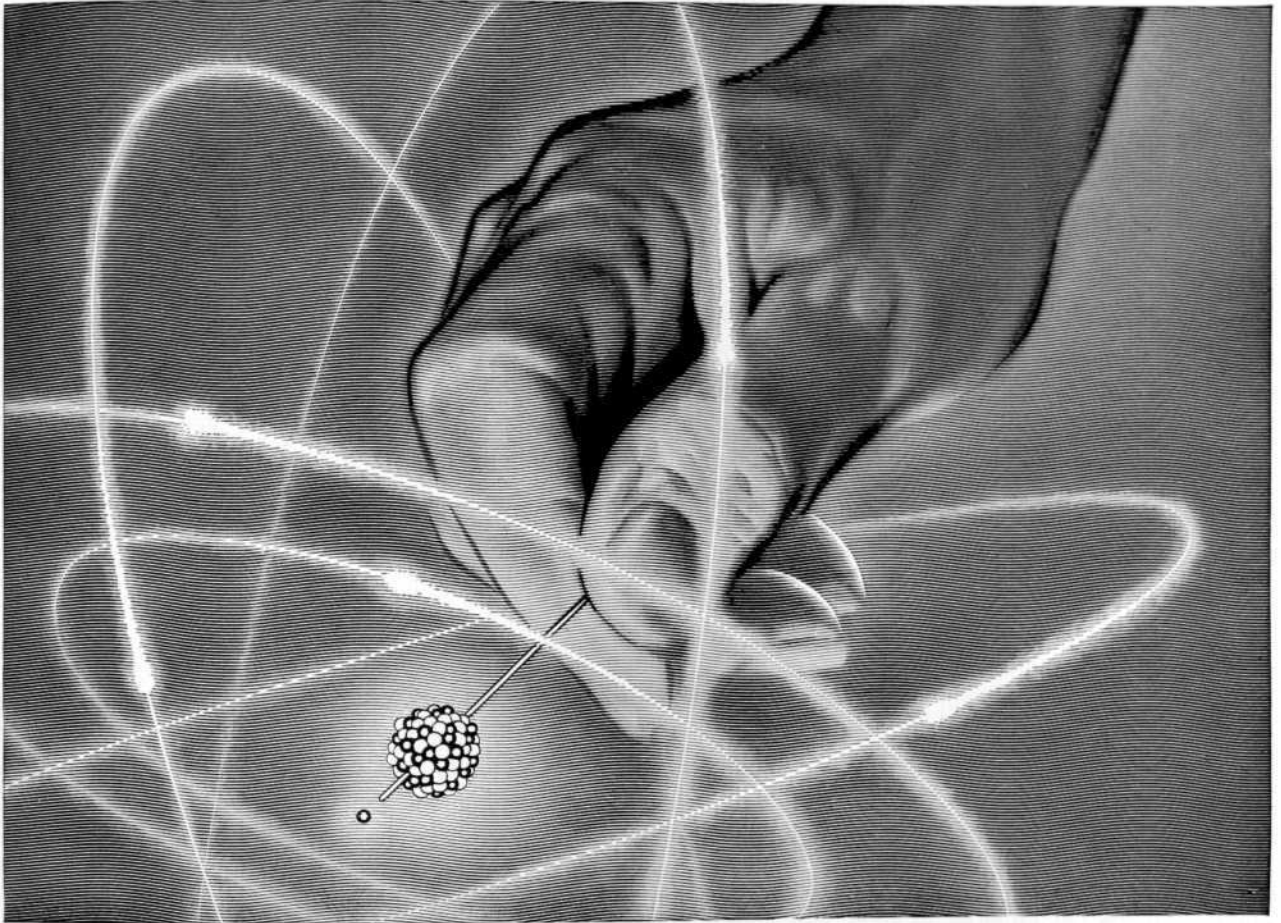
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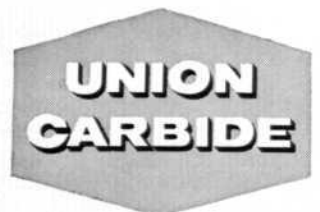
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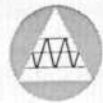
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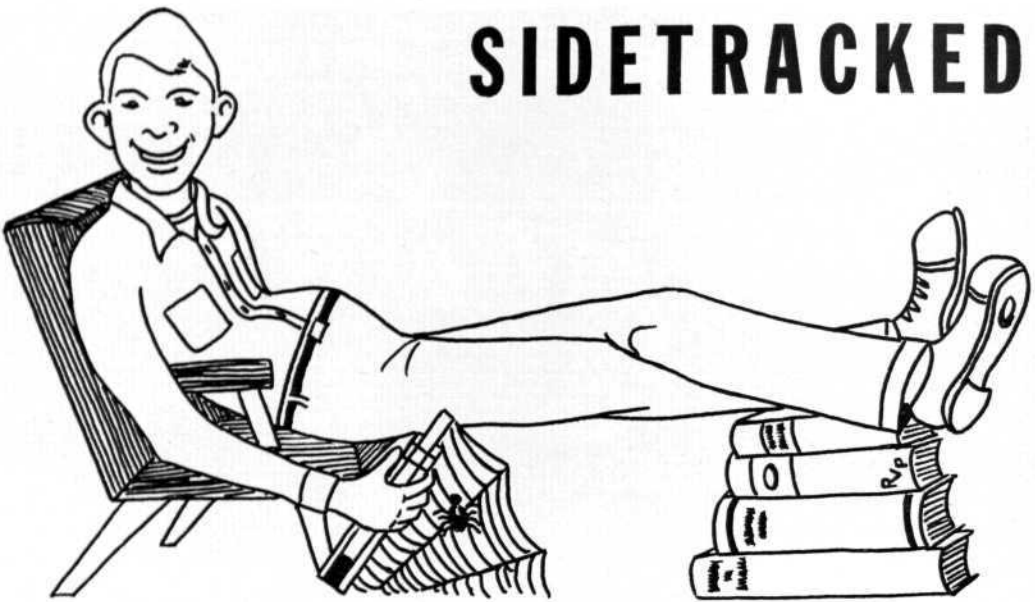
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"Yes," came a sleepy voice from the rear. "What are twetchels?"

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Social Worker: "Sir, would you be interested in contributing something to the old ladies home?"

Spendthrift: "Sure, I'll send my mother-in-law over tomorrow."

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Late to bed  
And early to rise  
Keeps your roommate  
From wearing your ties.

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"How much are these cigars?" asked a customer.

"Two for a quarter," the girl behind the counter said.

"I'll take one."

"That will be fifteen cents."

The customer paid the money and left. A man who had overheard the transaction came up to the counter. "Here's a dime," he said. "Give me the other one."

The Engineer's Psalm  
Professor Smith is my instructor;  
I shall not pass.

He maketh me to exhibit mine  
ignorance before the whole class.

He telleth me more than I can  
write,

He lowereth my grade.

Yea, though I walk through the  
corridors of knowledge, I do not  
learn.

He tries to teach me;

He writeth the equations before  
me in hopes that I will understand  
them.

He bombardeth my head with in-  
tegrations, My sliderule freezeth up,  
Surely enthalpies and entropies  
shall follow me all the days of my  
life,

And I shall dwell in the College  
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—Unanimous

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A young C.E. was proudly showing  
the Governor his first project, a three  
million dollar dam. The Governor  
stared in amazement and exclaimed,  
"Migawd, the water—it's supposed to  
be on the other side."

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With the successful launching of  
a satellite with a dog inside, Rus-  
sian scientists are planning a second  
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An inmate of the lunatic asylum  
was to be examined for dismissal.  
The first question he was asked was:  
"What are you going to do when you  
get out of here?"

The inmate replied: "I'm going to  
get me a slingshot and come back  
and break every window in this  
place."

After another six months in the  
padded cell, he was again examined  
and the same question was put to  
him.

"Well, I'm going to get a job,"  
was the reply.

"Fine," said the examiner, "And  
then what?"

"Then I'm going to buy a big car."  
"Good."

"And then I'm going to meet a  
beautiful blonde."

"Then I'm going to take her out  
driving on a lonely road."

"Yes."

"Then I'm going to grab her gar-  
ter, make a slingshot, and come back  
here and break every window in this  
place."

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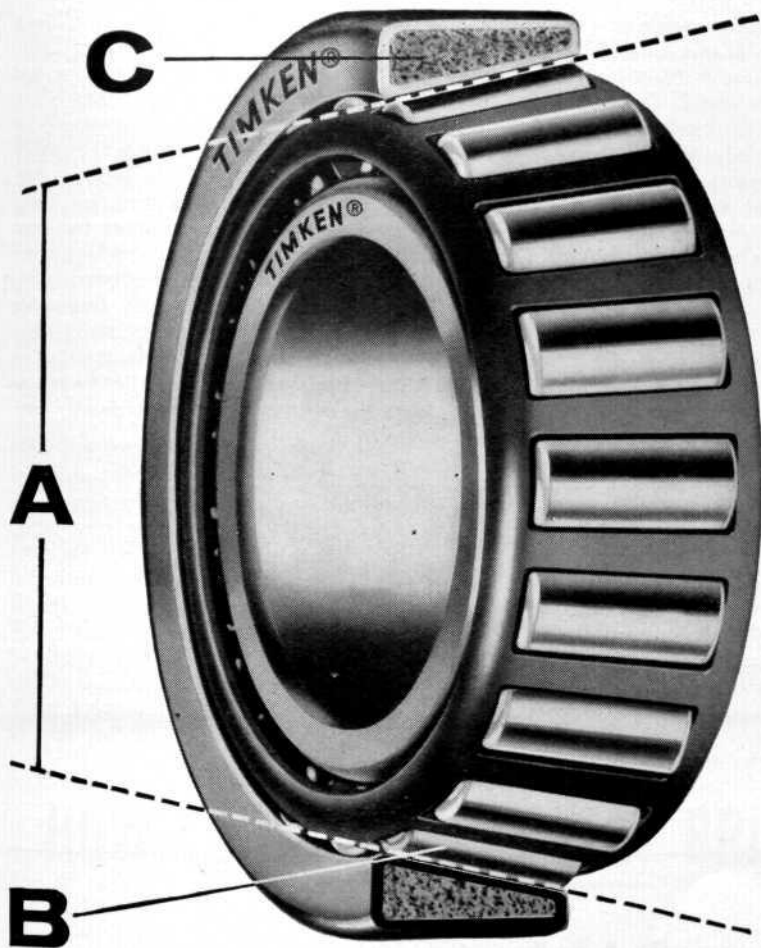
EE: "Lady, I've found the trouble  
with your car. You've got a short  
circuit in the wiring."

Lady: "Well, for goodness sake,  
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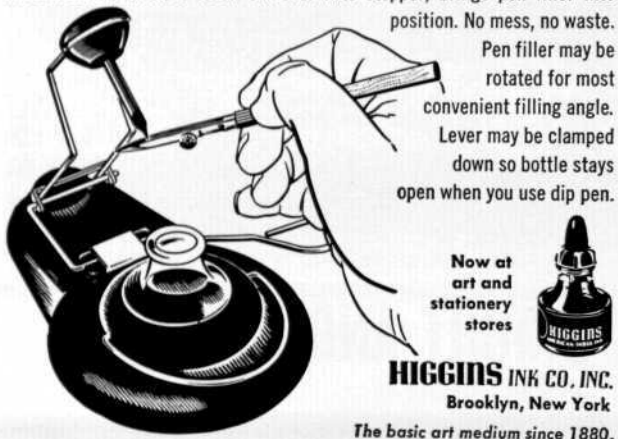


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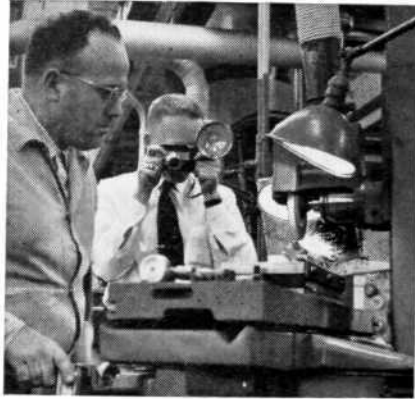
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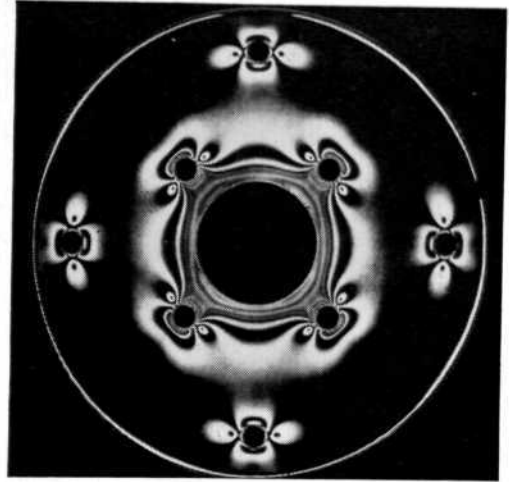
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## How Professional Societies Help Develop Young Engineers

**Q.** Mr. Savage, should young engineers join professional engineering societies?

**A.** By all means. Once engineers have graduated from college they are immediately "on the outside looking in," so to speak, of a new social circle to which they must earn their right to belong. Joining a professional or technical society represents a good entree.

**Q.** How do these societies help young engineers?

**A.** The members of these societies—mature, knowledgeable men—have an obligation to instruct those who follow after them. Engineers and scientists—as professional people—are custodians of a specialized body or fund of knowledge to which they have three definite responsibilities. The first is to *generate* new knowledge and add to this total fund. The second is to *utilize* this fund of knowledge in service to society. The third is to reach this knowledge to others, including young engineers.

**Q.** Specifically, what benefits accrue from belonging to these groups?

**A.** There are many. For the young engineer, affiliation **serves** the practical purpose of exposing his work to appraisal by other scientists and engineers. Most important, however, technical societies enable young engineers to learn of work crucial to their own. These organizations are a prime source of ideas—meeting colleagues and talking with them, reading reports, attending meetings and lectures. And, for the young engineer, recognition of his accomplishments by associates and organizations generally heads the list of his aspirations. He derives **satisfaction** from knowing that he has been identified in his field.

**Q.** What contribution is the young engineer expected to make as an active member of technical and professional societies?

**A.** First of all, he should become active in helping **promote the objectives of a society** by **preparing and presenting timely, well-conceived technical papers**. He should also become **active in organizational administration**. **This is self-development at work**, for such efforts can enhance the personal stature and reputation of the individual. And, I might add that professional development is a continuous **process**, starting prior to entering college and progressing **beyond** retirement. Professional aspirations may change but learning covers a person's entire life **span**. And, of course, there are **dues** to be paid. The amount is graduated in terms of professional stature gained and should always be considered as a **personal investment** in his future.

**Q.** How do you go about joining professional groups?

**A.** While still in school, join student chapters of societies right on campus. Once an engineer is out working in **industry, he should contact local chapters of technical and professional societies, or find out about them from fellow engineers**.

**Q.** Does General Electric encourage participation in technical and professional societies?

**A.** It certainly does. General Electric progress is built upon creative ideas and innovations. The Company goes to great lengths to establish a climate and incentive to yield these **results**. One way to get ideas is to en-

courage employees to join professional societies. Why? Because General Electric shares in recognition accorded any of its individual employees, as well as the common pool of knowledge that these engineers build up. It can't help but profit by encouraging such association, which sparks and stimulates contributions.

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These general observations emphasize that General Electric does encourage participation. In indication of the importance of this view, the Company usually defrays a portion of the expense accrued by the men involved in supporting the activities of these various organizations. Remember, our goal is to see every man advance to the full limit of his capabilities. Encouraging him to join Professional Societies is one way to help him do so.

Mr. Savage has copies of the booklet "Your First 5 Years" published by the Engineers' Council for Professional Development which you may have for the asking. Simply write to Mr. C. F. Savage, Section 959-12, General Electric Co., Schenectady 5, N. Y.

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