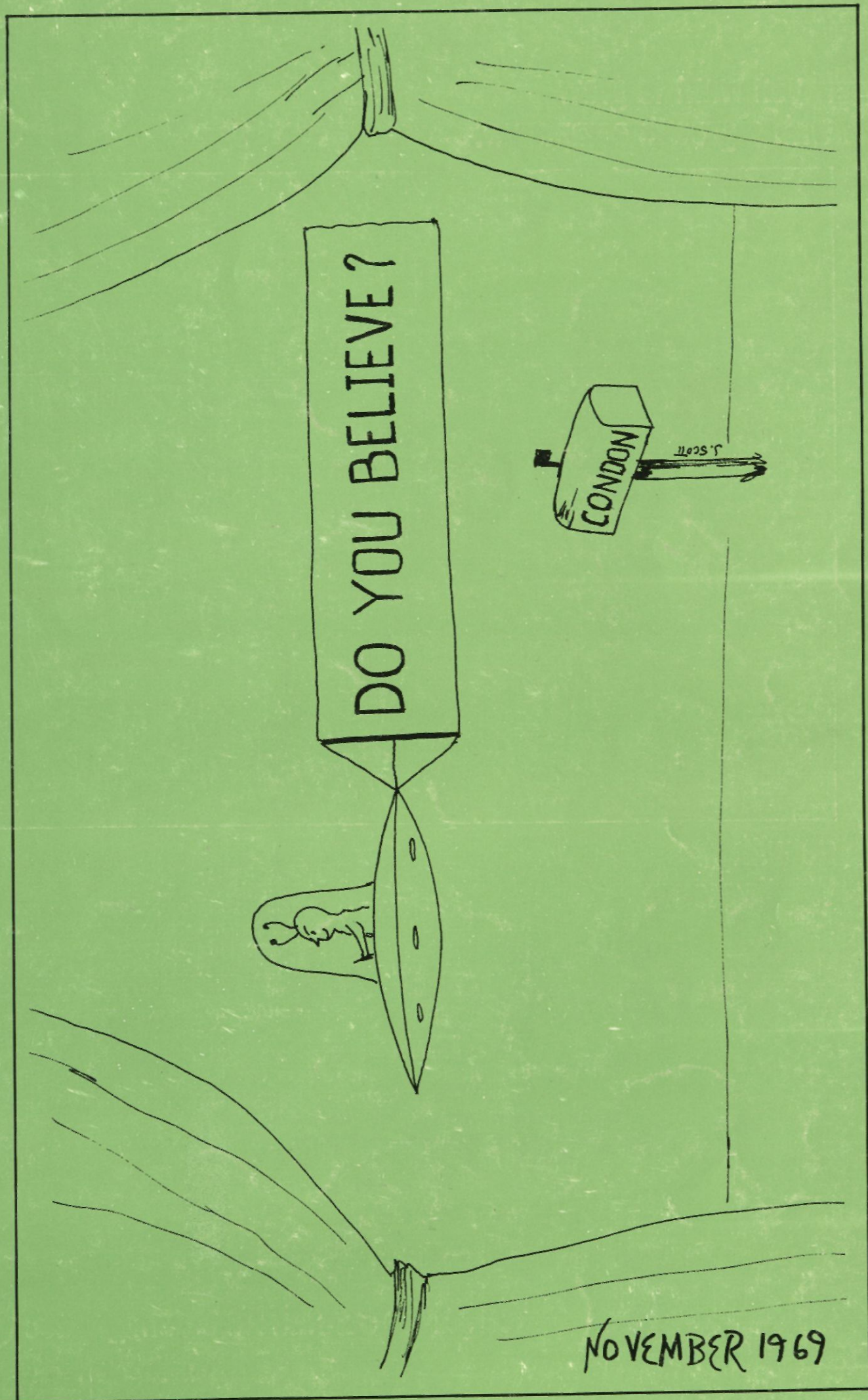


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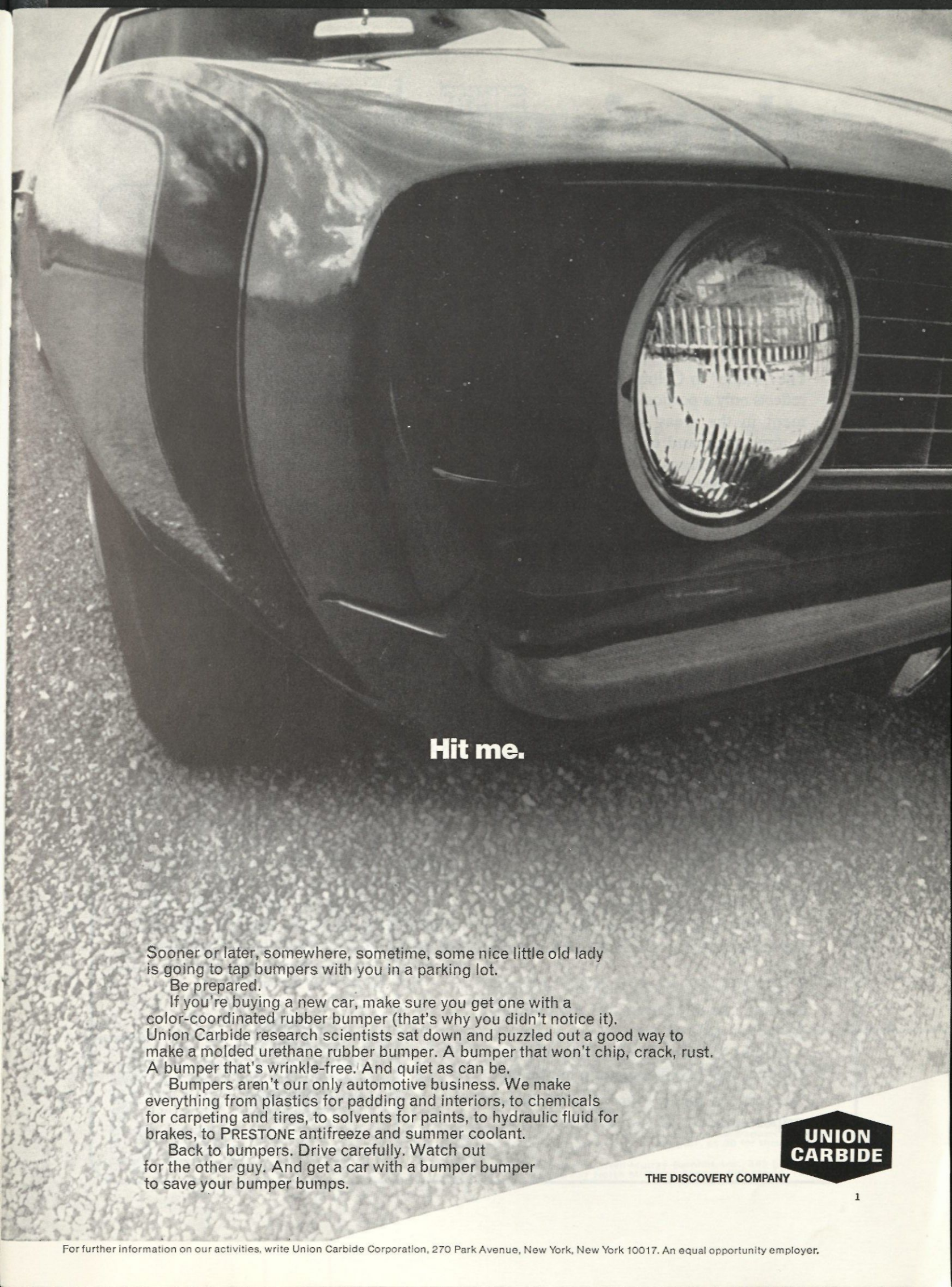
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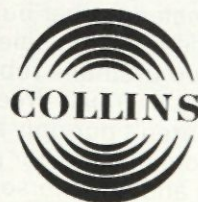
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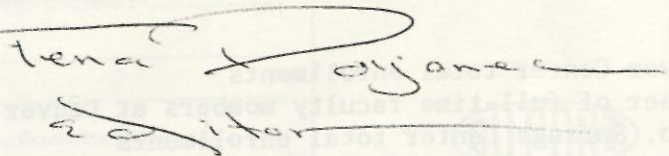
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OFF THE EDITOR'S CUFF

As an engineer in this maze of towers and subterranean of dungeons, you should feel an obligation to become involved in a manner beneficial to yourself as well as to those around you. Do you really know anything about this number-one organization in our big grain elevator? The Associated Engineering Students (AES) sponsor a tutoring service, functions, orientations, and other various activities. Of course if you think about all of the functions you somehow managed to pass up because there were just too many girls there, and you wouldn't get to enjoy the companionship of all your male engineering buddies, and the fact that your engineering courses just didn't prove tough enough to warrant the use of a tutor, don't despair. The highlight of your days in our distinctive building are E-DAYS. Well believe it or not, it involves looking at bodies clad in the skimpiest, flimsiest bikinis. It involves all sorts of elections, panel discussions, pretty girls, food, and beer. During the week prior to E-DAYS you get to vote on the Engineering Queen, the Most Perfectly Engineered Coed, and the next AES president. And what is really neat is the fact that you might not even have to think in voting for AES president because if it's like last year's, only one person ran (very tense election). In future years it might even be more difficult to find someone to run for the engineering president, and the engineers might be forced to turn to the Business School next door or the Arts and Parties group up on the hill. But besides the fact that no one in the engineering college wants to accept the responsibility of adopting this title, what about the ones who finally do give in and tie a little bit of glory onto their names? Do they in reality accept the responsibility endowed upon them? Can they stir up the fervor and excitement in their fellow students that would be the result of a successful campaign to fight the difficult courses and sometimes boring course material? Several have made statements that they were just plain ol' not interested in being active in AES. Attitudes of this sort generally do not occur in those organizations which are effectual and efficient. But the present officers are not to blame for present policies and attitudes. They can only make the best out of what they were handed, and work for changes in policies to affect next year's students and officers. **THEY CANNOT DO THIS ALONE!** Changes in policies and attitudes need to begin to change. It is YOUR responsibility, not strictly that of those elected, to do something about building the potential of AES into reality.



Lena Pajane
Editor

(I would like to acknowledge the help of Miss Deborah Wilcox in helping write this editorial.)

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STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Engineering -- Boulder Campus only

	Fall 1960	Fall 1966	Fall 1967	Fall 1968	Fall 1969
Undergraduate enrollments	1500	1595	1773	1970	1947
New freshman enrollments	376	377	466	540	454
Grad. student enrollments	120	267	281	261	268
Number of faculty	90	106	120	128	134
Avg. Engin. 9-month faculty salary	\$7,526	\$11,507	\$12,514	\$13,257	\$13,886
Avg. Univ. 9-month faculty salary	\$7,784	\$11,396	\$12,378	\$13,098	\$13,665
Number of techn. journal publications from College of Eng. w/ peer review prior to publication	15	84	109	110	109
Outside research support for College of Engineering -- Total in effect	\$0.5 M(*)	\$1.6 M	\$2.0 M	\$1.3 M	\$2.4 M
Annual value	\$0.2 M	\$0.62M	\$0.8 M	\$0.5 M	\$0.95M
Number of projects	30	63	71	64	84
Outside support for instructional equipment, conferences and institutes, and spec. proj.					
Total in effect	-	\$0.5 M	\$0.9 M	\$1.1 M	\$1.0 M
Annual value	-	\$0.2 M	\$0.4 M	\$0.45M	\$0.4 M
Number of projects	-	21	28	36	25

Graduate student registration by Departments (Boulder Campus - most are full time but increase in number of part-time students and foreign students has been noted in 1968 & 1969)

	Fall 1967			Fall 1968			Fall 1969		
	M.S.	Ph.D.	Total	M.S.	Ph.D.	Total	M.S.	Ph.D.	Total
Aerospace Engr. Sciences	23	19	42	22	23	45	12	23	35
Chemical Engineering	30	19	49	16	26	42	24	20	44
Civil Engineering	18	24	42	6	19	25	15	16	31
Electrical Engineering	76	42	118	74	56	130	71	47	118
Mechanical Engineering	20	6	26	9	6	15	15	6	21
Mechanics	0	4	4	1	3	4	1	4	5
Eng. Des. & Econ. Eval.	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	0	14
	167	114	281	128	133	261	152	116	268

Denver and Colorado Springs Center (Engineering)

	Fall 1967	Fall 1968	Fall 1969
Denver Center total enrollments	813	775	735
Number of full-time faculty members at Denver Center	11	13	17
Colo. Springs Center total enrollments	152	173	150
Number of full-time fac. members at Colo. Sprgs. Ctr.	3	5	6

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUSPENSION

Current suspension policies at the University of Colorado are, in my opinion, unfair and unrealistic. A beginning student has but one warning regarding the conditions under which he may be suspended—that being the brief explanation given in the *University of Colorado Bulletin*. A new student just starting school is not yet thinking in terms of failing and is very likely to overlook this warning. In this event he may be unaware of the gravity of his situation until after he has been suspended, and then the damage has already been done.

I feel that every year there are some good students who get off to a bad start and upon being suspended become discouraged and never go back to school, (even after the suspension has been lifted).

Upon graduation from high school I started taking night courses at the Denver Center, since I could not afford to go to college full time. To be perfectly honest, I was not yet ready for college and I was not aware of the importance of maintaining a high average. To put it bluntly I was just an inexperienced kid who had to learn the hard way that college was a lot different from high school. I maintained a C average with a minimum of effort and I thought that I was doing fine. Then, in a never-to-be-forgotten trigonometry class, (1962), I received the only D of my college career.

The following month I received a letter from the university informing me that I was on probation and would have to make at least a 2.0 average the following semester or face suspension. That semester my average was slightly better than 2.0 but I got a letter of suspension anyway. The first letter had failed to mention that even though I maintained a 2.0 average for the semester I would be suspended if my cumulative average was less than 2.0 after four enrollment periods.

This seems unfair to me because a part-time student who is working a full-time job, as I was, can be suspended after taking only four classes if his

cumulative average is 1.999, whereas, a full-time student, after taking more hours than this is allowed to remain in school with a 1.5 average. I understand that under present policy a student is no longer placed on probation as I was but directly suspended. I hope that one day these policies will be changed.

I have no idea how many students with a high potential have gone through the ordeal that I went through but, in my opinion, even one is too many. The fact that I have been nominated to Eta Kappa Nu proves to my own personal satisfaction that I am a capable student, but because I remained ignorant of the facts pertaining to suspension when I was a freshman, I have suffered irreparable damage. I think if I had been informed at the beginning of the damage I might do to my college career by starting school before I was ready to settle down and study, I would have waited an extra semester or so until I was ready. Then I would not have had to continually explain this blemish on my record which will, needlessly, stay with me forever.

I realize that the *University of Colorado Bulletin* clearly places upon the student the burden of knowing when he is about to be suspended. However, I think that the university should put forth a little more effort to see to it that all students are personally advised of the harm that can be done to their college careers by starting school before they are really ready.

Daniel J. Willard
Eta Kappa Nu Essay

CONCERN

Man's basic instincts are those of an animal. These instincts have been curbed and formed into a social structure by an evolutionary process of communication. This communication has guided peoples together through necessity and interdependence of productive capacities; therefore it is of necessity that as we near the twenty-first century, with our minds ever growing and grasping new ideas, that we do not let technology remove from us human concerns; that we do not allow man's base instincts to rise again from a milieu that has become cluttered with objects to which he cannot relate.

Eric Fromm in *The Art of Loving* states clearly that man is in need of affection. Through meaningful relationships he becomes a whole person being able to devote to himself, his work, and his society, more useful time, simple because this stability has given him self-confidence. Eric Fromm in *Man's Search for Meaning* attacks the same problem, but from a different viewpoint. For man to be alive, he must have a "meaning" in his life; however, this meaning is not found and used beneficially without human coupling.

Technology and engineering wit have and can make the world a fine place for mankind; however, if they are to succeed, they must not only bring innovation into objects, but they must also innovate society and its members to feel secure in their new and ever-changing societies. I feel strongly that the dissident groups in this country are rebellious because they don't see where they belong; they are not recognized and their frustration leads to the mass mob unrest. It is brotherly concern as well as material growth that is needed to fill the bloated bellies, and frustrated minds. If man's mind is in turmoil, so will his society be. Certainly the intelligencia of a society cannot work and research into the future for man's benefit if mankind is rotting at its roots.

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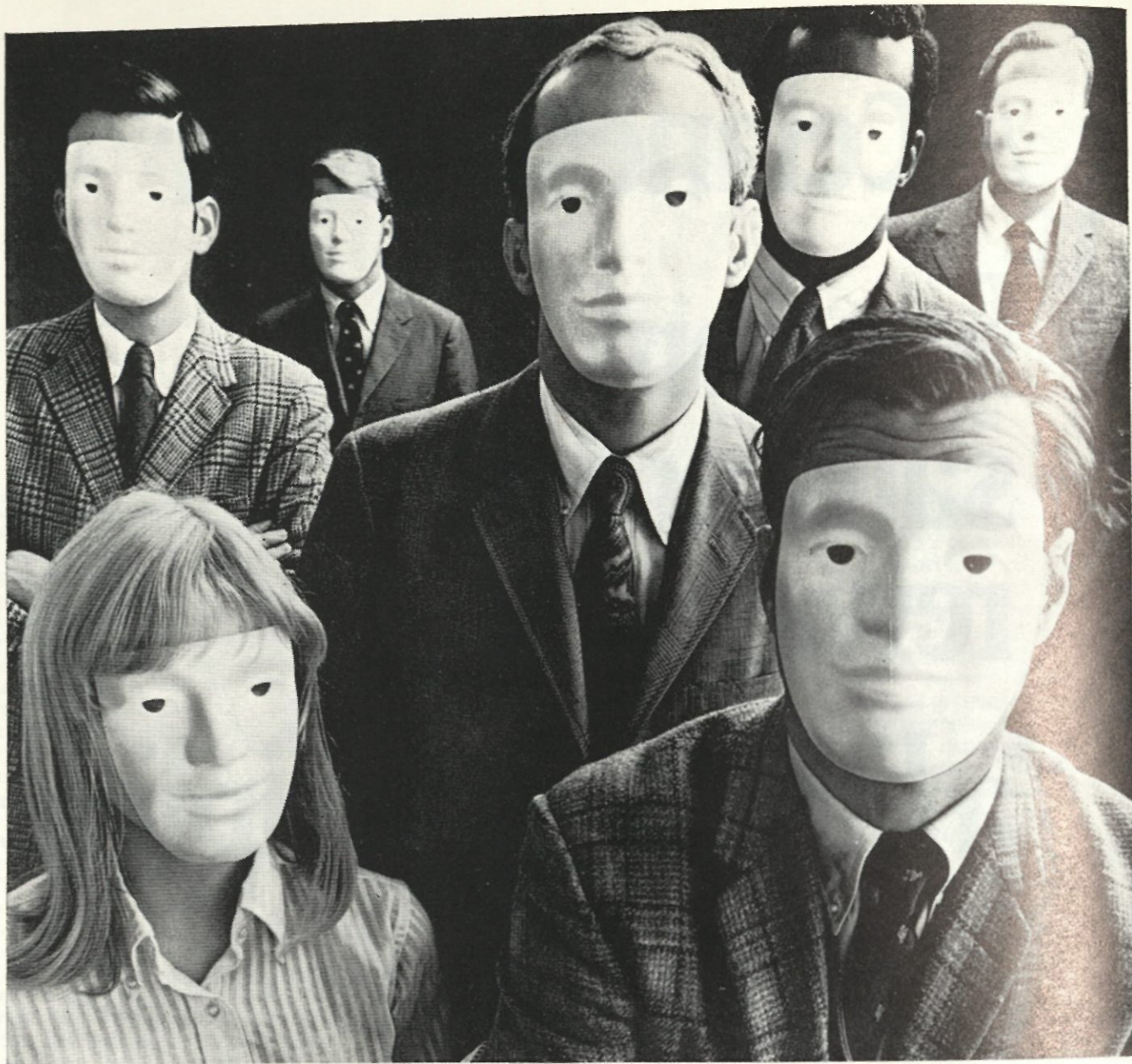
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ANOTHER LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

Did you know that about 60% of the girls in the C.U. dormitory system don't have a date on any given weekend? So when the guys frequently find themselves empty-handed (!) on weekends, the standard excuse of a female shortage just doesn't hold water. Of course, some girls just might not be interested, if that's possible, some may be waiting for Sir Lancelot to come winging back from the rice paddies, and a handful may even be studying. However, there's no way that a healthy percentage couldn't be somewhat wishful that the current situation would improve. Same for the guys, many of whom are equally idle on weekends.

Why, then, can't these people get together? Maybe they're just afraid to "let their hair down", to become open and honest with people. Take a typical example: not having a weekend date lined up by Friday, Harry tries his luck at F.A.C. The first thing he may notice is that there aren't enough girls for everybody. One possible reason: a good many of those dateless girls would rather die than they would admit to some strange guy that they're hard up. And besides, suppose some of Mary's friends see her at F.A.C.? Suppose the word gets around that she really *doesn't* have several guys wrapped around her little finger, scrambling for a chance to take her out?

They guys are just as bad. Harry tries to hustle one of the best-looking girls in the crowd, mostly to lift his own ego and to show the other guys what a stud he is. Of course, the girl surmises (correctly or otherwise) that Harry is out to see how much he can get, and her opinion of guys in general is consequently lowered.

The whole ordeal, originally an opportunity for people to become genuinely acquainted, becomes one big snow job. Society's conventions have prevailed. And in a complex, technological age in which people need, more than ever, to know and understand one another, many are hiding behind masks. You can probably snow your friends for quite a while. But for how long can you prostitute yourself to somebody else's standards?

Clint Davis

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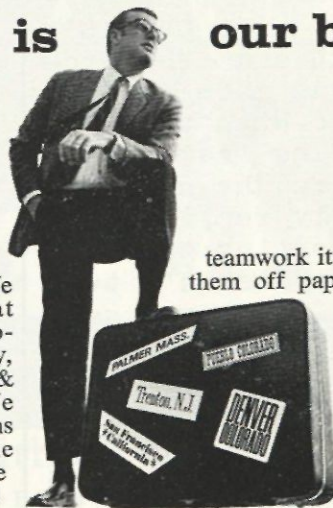
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Sorority girl: What makes me so popular with the boys? Is it my looks?

EE: No.

SG: Is it my personality?

EE: No.

SG: I give up.

EE: That's it!

Why did the Aero cross the road? (Mail or bring your answer to OT1-7.)

Sex Life of an Electron

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He placed her at ground potential, raised her frequency, and lowered her resistance. Pulling out his high voltage probe, he inserted it into her socket, connecting them in series. He began to short-circuit her shunt. Fully excited, Milli Amp started to saturate.

With his exciter operating at maximum efficiency and her coil operating from his current flow, she soon got her shunt hot and released some electrons. They fluxed all night trying various connections and sockets until his bar magnet lost all its fluid strength and disintegrated into a soft iron core. Afterwards, Milli Amp tried self-induction and damaged her solenoid. With his battery fully discharged, Micro Farad was unable to excite her transformer so they

ended the night by reversing polarity and blowing each others' fuses.

The mob was having financial problems expanding its number of houses of ill repute. They didn't want to spend the money to buy a truck to transport building material from the shipping dock to the building location. They figured that if they crossed a prostitute with an elephant, they'd get a two-ton pickup; instead, they got a whore that worked for peanuts and went broke.

Not only is it proper to hold an Aero's hand in the dark; it's usually necessary.

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BOULDER'S RESPONSE TO FLOOD DANGER

*From a paper by James J. Murray entitled
"a Reasonable Response to a Flood
Hazard."*

Edited by John Leahy

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"And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills that were under the whole heaven were covered." (Genesis)

The City of Boulder has had major and minor floods in its history, and certainly can expect to have more. But just now the expense of controlling prospective floods with special structures appears prohibitive; the alternatives still remaining are for the city to adapt itself to the existing flood-plains and water courses through flood-plain zoning, evacuation and warning procedures, flood insurance, and by not using land subject to flooding. Boulder has, in fact, studied several of these approaches — especially zoning laws. No regulations have yet been passed for zoning the flood plain, but when the Boulder officials do enact laws their legality when tested, should interest many cities across the nation. Such laws would also place Boulder among the few cities to have them in the arid West.

Most of the history of flooding in Boulder concerns Boulder Creek. The worst flood recorded for that stream happened in May, 1894, when all the bridges were swept away and the water rose to the window sills of the Colorado and Southern Railroad Depot, not the bus depot on Fourteenth Street. Many homes were also destroyed in that flood. Thirty years earlier there was an equally devastating rising of the waters, but no reliable data survives. Bad flooding occurred in 1914, and nearly as bad in 1921. Lesser floods are recorded for 1919, 1923, 1938, 1941, and 1951. Recently, Boulder escaped serious



Increased land development in the upper reaches of a drainage area can create higher run off as shown by this small stream during the May 1969 Boulder Flood.
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Flood damage to railroad tracks at Lyons, Colo. Damage resulted from the same May 1969 flood that hit Boulder, Colo.
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flooding, in the spring of 1965, when Denver suffered destruction along the South Platt because the heavy rains did not reach Boulder. Nor have the smaller streams in the area behaved: Sunshine, Gregory, Two-Mile, Four Mile, Skunk, and Bear Creeks — all have flooded. Boulder, history shows, is decidedly vulnerable to flooding. This being so, the need for flood-protection programs seems apparent, indeed it seemed so to some people at the turn of the century. Precise engineering data is required, especially regarding rain-fall density patterns to calculate flooding potential.

Various hydrologic investigations have been made in Boulder; the first was by the Corps of Engineers in 1945, who recommended channel straightening for Boulder Creek, some revetment, removal of one bridge, and rebuilding several more, two new bridges, removal or relocating of fifty houses or commercial buildings, and construction of a levee. None of these was done, and by 1957 new buildings made these plans impossible. The U.S. Geological Survey has also made an extensive study of Boulder Creek, but in spite of a History of voluminous engineering and economic studies, encroachment on the Boulder flood plains and channel areas has continued. A few items: Colorado University built fifty-four quonset huts and eighteen barracks for "temporary" housing; the city built a municipal building, a library, a field house, and an annex to Boulder High — all hard by Boulder Creek. These and other buildings would raise the damage of another flood like 1894 to over two million dollars. There is, in short, no curb on flood-plain building; so matters are clearly growing more hazardous all the time. Some of the attitudes that seem to blind the facts given by the studies are interesting.

A canvass has shown two predominant attitudes about persistent development of the flood-plain: (1) that the hazard of flooding once existed but no longer does, and (2) the risk is economically feasible. Often the first view is simply uninformed. For example, many Boulder people feel that the Boulder Reservoir has removed any chance of another disaster like the 1894 flood. But those rains were concentrated below Barker dam. Another frequent opinion is that since almost all mining operations upstream have ended the run-off and debris reduction precludes another old style flood. Wrong again: the building of homes, highways, and parking areas more than offsets the mine closings.

Flood-plain zoning is logical for many reasons, not the least of which is the government's responsibility to protect the life and health of citizens. People have drowned in area floods, and with the rapid growth in population more people will drown. Another responsibility is to forbid land development that increases



Debris piled under bridges was a major problem during the May 1969 Boulder Flood. Channel improvements required by Boulder's Flood-plain Zoning would help alleviate this type of damage. DAILY CAMERA PHOTO



Photograph looking west from 28th St. bridge in Boulder Colo. shows the extensive damage to a nearby bridge. The bridge was removed a few weeks later. Note that the corner of the building in the background was undercut by flood waters. Photograph was taken a few days after the May 1969 Boulder Flood. DAILY CAMERA PHOTO

flood hazard such as the parking lots mentioned above. And the public needs to be made aware of many risks in simply occupying a flood-plain. The federal government in 1966 declared that federal agencies will not install or finance structures where there is flood hazard.

The Boulder Planning Board has outlined specific goals for the proposed flood-plain zoning laws, in brief: to avoid excessive flooding, damage, or danger to people from major floods (the so-called one-hundred-year frequency), storm flood areas and to zone them; to make

channel improvements through the City's Capital Improvement Program; and to make Boulder's programs meet the interests of the country. To begin doing these things, the Planning Board has proposed an amendment to the city's zoning ordinance. The many regulations proposed would have little effect on land use except in channel districts, and building in the flood plain districts would gradually conform to regulations as they are replaced or remodeled in the future.

If Boulder's proposed regulations for the flood plain become law, opposition

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will have to come through the courts. At present the state favors a gradual elimination policy similar to Boulder's proposals for the flood plain, over any abrupt change of land use — such as Boulder's proposed regulations for channel regulations. (One obvious problem is that owners cannot summarily be deprived of their land.) But Boulder, is a home-rule city, and could supersede state statutes. Moreover, precedent is lacking, for Colorado has had no court cases concerning flood-plain zoning and would have to look to other kinds of zoning problems for direction.

Flood-plain zoning will never aim to remove all people from the danger area, so one obvious problem is to devise a good warning and evacuation procedure. Such a plan exists, thanks to the Boulder Civil Defense Unit, and it outlines methods for warning the public, rescuing and evacuating victims, providing shelter and care, and establishing headquarters and communications. Still another method of dealing with the prospects of flooding is flood insurance, but it is only a prospect — Theory is more like it. The Department of Housing and Urban Development is one agency now investigating the possibilities for insurance against flood.

Too many proposals have been made to list them here, but one more interesting one appears in a Washington report: to place workers about the city which show how high the waters rose in earlier floods. That, presumably, would help counter normal human euphoria and lower the risk, over the years, of another Johnstown, Pa.

Many a year ago there were warning voices that Boulder would some day have encroachment on city water courses, and it would be too late to act. Now the city, too late in a sense, is trying the only means possible in attempting flood-plain zoning. No other just means is available. Boulder's record is a familiar story: Some people foresaw the problems, and prohibitive expense of "some day" trying to cure them, and those people were ignored. The situation is now that nothing dramatic can be done, nor done quickly; and the city plans to avoid seeing conditions worsen and to hope for gradual elimination of the obvious hazards in the flood plain. It is not altogether too late, but it is late.

The article was written during the summer of 1968. On August 19, 1969, floodplain zoning regulations were adopted by the Boulder City Council. In the final form there are several changes from the proposed regulations described in the article. The Channel Districts are now referred to as Floodway Districts and Floodplain Districts are referred to as Flood Storage Districts. The legal problem of the very restrictive land use in Floodway Districts was unraveled in the following manner. The allowable land uses are still just as restrictive but one exception is made. Existing uses

(buildings, etc.) may remain unaltered so long as they conform to the land use laws that were in effect prior to August 19, 1969, and that they contain no buoyant, flammable, poisonous, or explosive materials or any other materials that would be harmful to human beings during a flood. Repairs may be made to structures due to normal wear and tear. However, repairs necessitated by explosions, fires, or acts of God must meet certain floodproofing requirements. If the building is to be completely rebuilt, it must be moved so as to cause the least damage during a flood. It must also be floodproofed. After eighteen months of

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Violation of these regulations may result in a fine of three hundred dollars or ninety days in jail or both. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.

Boulder endured a flood resulting from between a 10 to 25 year storm during May of 1969. It vividly revealed the need for decisive action. In Boulder County the total damage costs were 1.2 million dollars. Conclusion: The author now believes his article to be conservative.

Boulder, Colorado, Sept. 19, 1969



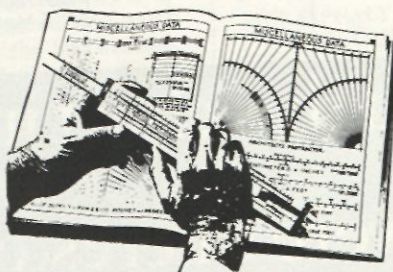
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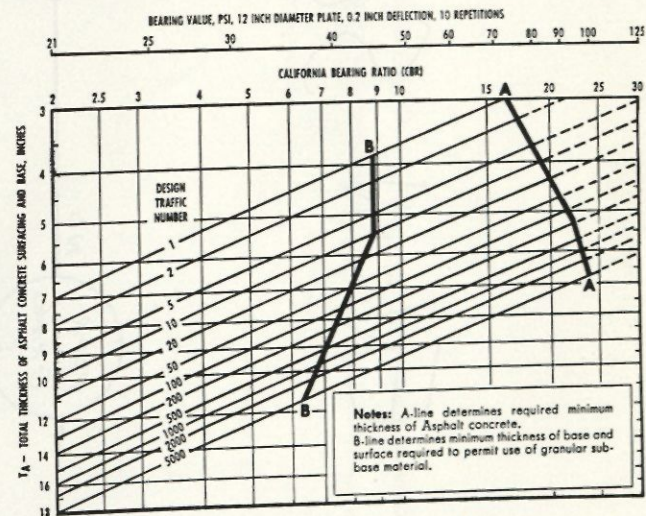
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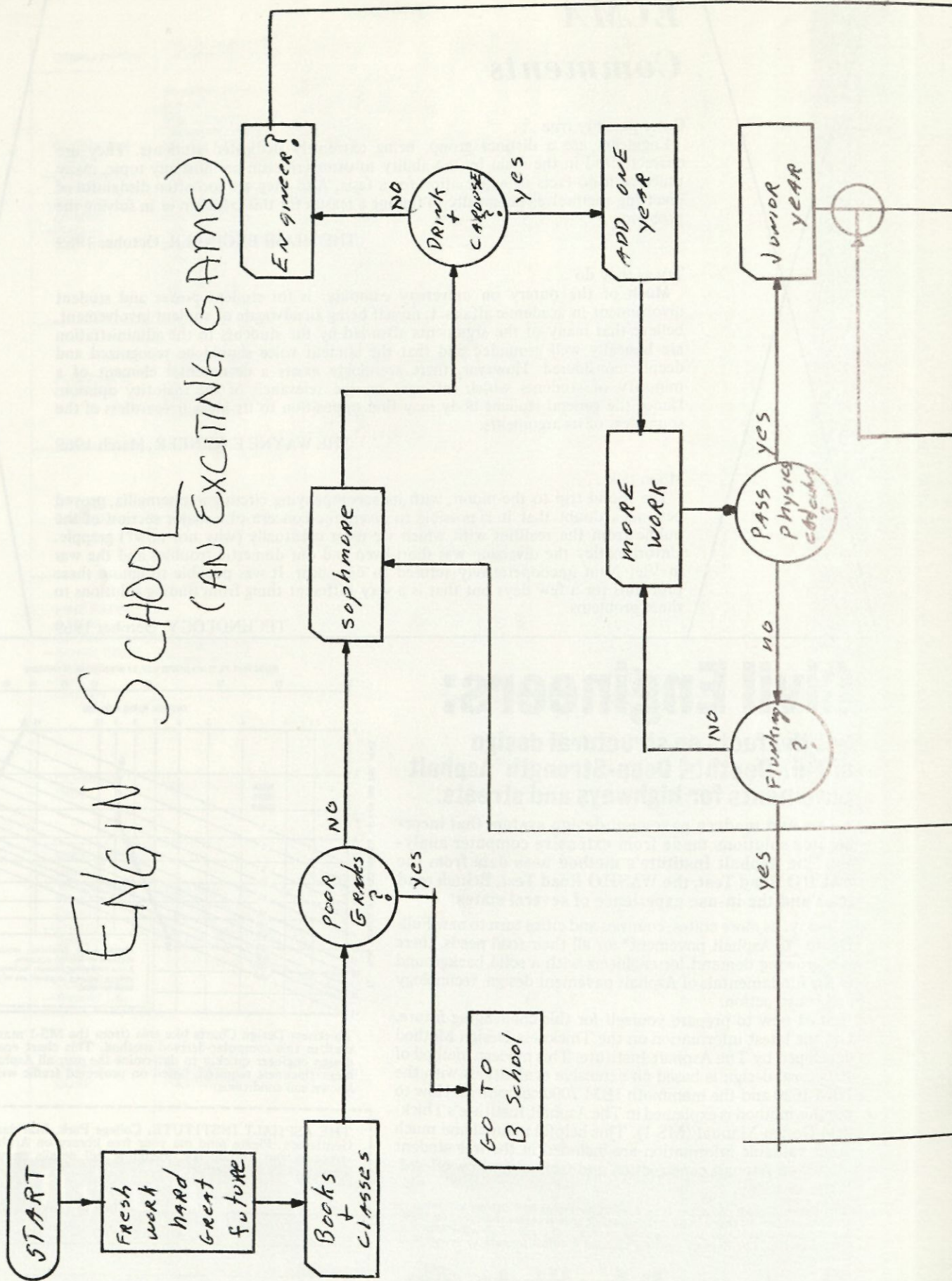


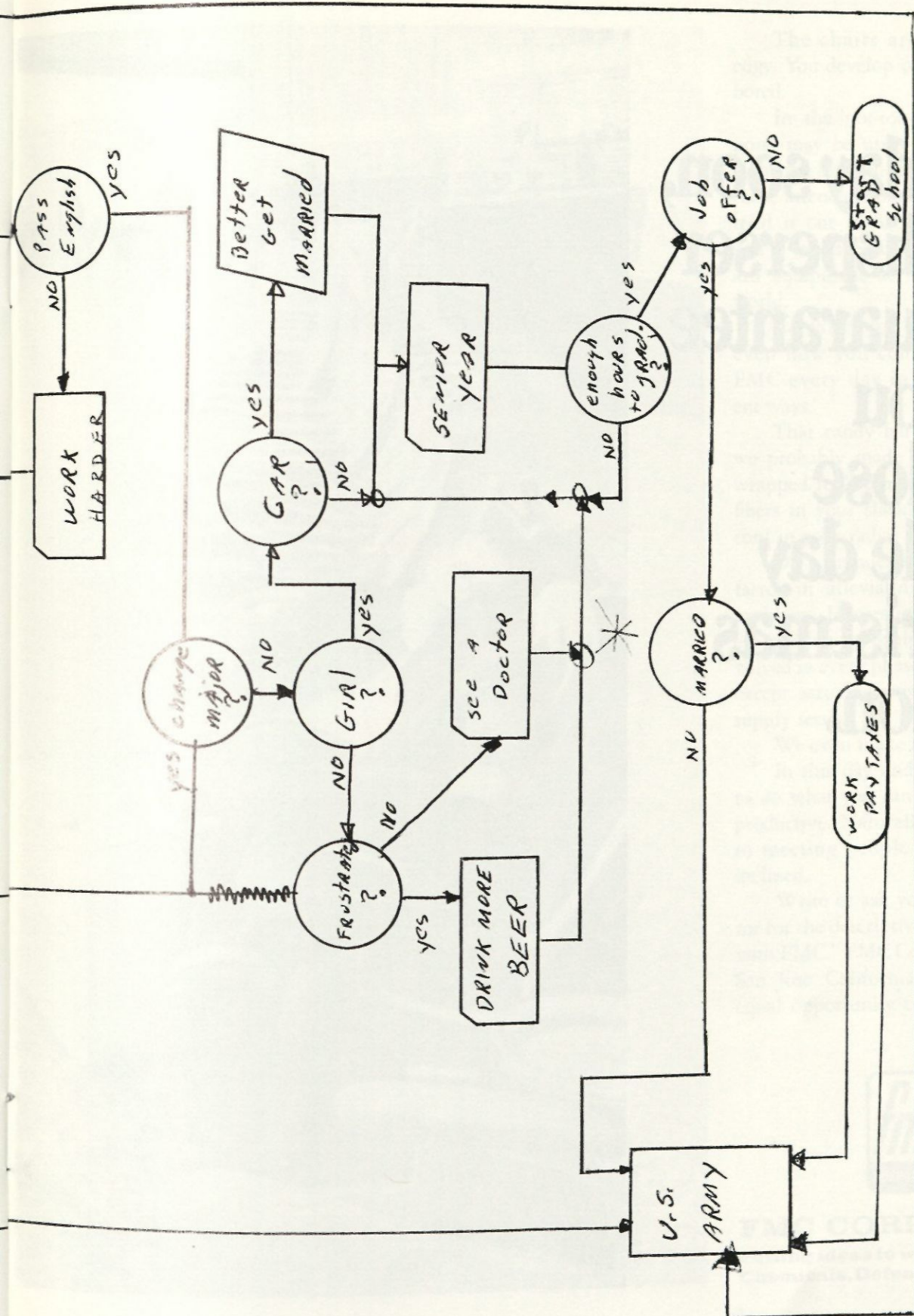
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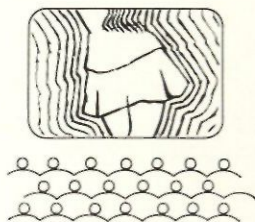
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