

SIDELINES

The Draft

By A. Student

It has always been my opinion, that any columnist should, at regular intervals, state his policies and general views on those subjects he discusses. With this in mind, I wish to introduce this first column of Side lines.

Let me first state, that I am not a political expert nor do I profess to be one. In general, any political observations I might make are purely the results of rather limited observations and reading. Any interpretations that may be presented will necessarily be of the same nature. At times these observations may be entirely opposite to those of people who are, perhaps, more qualified to make them than I am. However, in such instances I will attempt to justify my conclusions.

This column will, however, not be entirely political in nature. I will attempt to bring to attention interesting developments in the contemporary literature. This coupled with such other items which might be of interest to the college student will be the subject of this column.

Perhaps, the most disturbing issue confronting the younger generation is the selective service draft. Distributing as this statute may be, I will not attempt to discuss its effects upon the lives of the nation's young men. This has and is being discussed by men who are much more competent and informed than I am. I wish, however, to discuss some of the talks which has resulted from the

passage of the draft bill.

It is indeed discouraging to hear from men who are eligible for the draft and from those who are not, that they believe that the primary purpose of the bill is to prepare us for an offensive war. The strange thing that accompanies this statement is that they believe that war for the U. S. is inevitable regardless of which party will be in power after the elections. This to me seems to represent a rather unstable condition in the thinking apparatus of those who express and believe these opinions. Such thinking and the accompanying reactions of helplessness and hopelessness are just the frame of mind which is most fertile and conducive for war. The majority of these young men do not wish to participate in any offensive war—they are, for the most part, willing to sacrifice everything in order to make this country safe and keep it so—yet their attitude does not reflect this. They feel that they will be forced into it and that they can not help themselves.

To my mind the draft measure does not represent preparations for offensive war, but rather for much needed defense. I firmly believe that those men who will be drafted will not be pushed into an offensive war as long as they are firmly decided that they will not participate in one. The sooner they adopt this view, the sooner they will receive that sense of security and pride that goes with the feeling that you are doing something worthwhile.

Students Urged To Make Use of Library's Books

by Joseph Hind

Miss Nell Steele, head librarian of the Armour College of Engineering Library, wishes to remind all freshmen and new students to register for a library card at the maindesk in the library if they have not already done so. The library card is valid for the entire period of the student's enrollment in this college; thus it is unnecessary to renew registration with the library at the beginning of each new year.

Benefits Students

"All students," Miss Steele pointed out, "require the continual use of a library in practically every one of their courses, so it is to the benefit of all if they register and become acquainted with the library as soon as possible."

The Library is open from eight in the morning until nine at night every day except Wednesday when it closes at five and Saturday when the doors close at noon.

New Books Received

The Library personnel remains exactly the same this semester with the exception of new student assistants. In addition to receiving a new coat of paint, the Library has also obtained many new and interesting works in engineering. The subjects of these range from X-rays to soil mechanics. A list of these technical works as well as a list of newly received fiction publications may be obtained at the desk.

Open to Public

The Armour Library is, of course, open to all students of Illinois Tech, including those study-

Spears to Conduct Course in Highway Engineering Field

A course in highway administration and finance, open to seniors and graduate students in the civil engineering department, is being given for the first time at the Armour college. It is intended to extend this semester the scope of the regular undergraduate highway course in city and highway planning. These courses will equip the civil engineering graduates to enter more readily into the fields of city management and traffic engineering as well as the usual highway engineering departments.

Spears to Teach

Professor S. M. Spears, who will teach the new course, is well qualified, having taken his doctorate work at the University of Michigan in the field of highway engineering.

Graduate courses in highway transportation, terminal design, and highway soil mechanics are planned for the civil engineering department and will be offered as soon as laboratory facilities are completed.

With the development of these highway courses, Illinois Institute will have excellent coverage of this important field of civil engineering.

ing at the Lewis campus. As in the past, the general public may utilize the various reference volumes although, naturally, there is no provision for loaning books to the public.

McCARTHY, '37 TO STUDY AT YALE BUREAU

By Hugh Story

According to the **Engineering News-Record**, Carroll J. McCarthy, an Armour civil engineering graduate of 1937, has a one-year leave of absence from the traffic engineering department of the Illinois Division of Highways to study at the Yale Bureau for Street Traffic Research. Mr. McCarthy is the first Armour graduate to take the training course at Yale and is also the first Armour man too chose the new field of traffic engineering as a career.

Established in 1926

The Bureau for Street Traffic Research was established in 1926 by Albert Erskine, then president of the Studebaker Corporation, and is now supported by the Automotive Safety Foundation, and other national organizations, interested in street and highway safety. Its functions is to give an intensive one year course in traffic engineering to employees of state and municipal highway department. These men return to their positions for immediate application of the newest development in traffic control methods. The instructional staff of the bureau is headed by Dr. Miller McClintock, and includes some of the most prominent traffic engineers in the United States.

The students of the Bureau are almost all on fellowships from the supporting organizations. Most highway departments grant the men on leave their salaries, in addition.

OTHER CAMPUSES

Since students at Iowa State College have been prohibited from drinking beer under an interpretation of the college rules, they have been singing this song to the tune of "John Brown's Body."

Oh, they've taken away our whiskey
And they've taken away our gin,
Our cigarettes are next, so they say;
But we thank the Lord above us
That we still have to love us
All the coeds of Iowa.

Hartford, Connecticut the home of 44 of the largest insurance companies in the United States has started the first degree-granting graduate school devoted entirely to insurance. This school is a sister school to the Hartford College of Law and offers courses in life, marine, casualty, fidelity and fire insurance.

Little known is the fact that New York's group of skyscrapers known as Rockefeller Center, and the twelve acres of land which they occupy, is owned by Columbia University. This plot of land is rented from the university at more than \$3,000,000 annually until the year 2015. At that date the site and all its buildings will revert to the university. A short street, three blocks long, cuts Rockefeller Center in half, and every year this private avenue, on which the Center pays \$60,000 a year taxes, is blocked off for a period of twelve hours to retain the university's property right. Otherwise, the street would become a public thoroughfare owned by the city. This street was last blocked on July 21 of this year—the sixth time since it was opened in 1935.

The University of Kansas is giving lessons in square dancing. Evidently they consider it a good form of exercise because they are given by the Physical Education Department.

Phi Kappa Tau fraternity at Ohio State University bars its brothers from all contact with women from all week-end a year. No dates, hair cuts, shaves, shirts, pressed trousees, telephone calls to girls, or letters

to or from the female sex are allowed.

Massachusetts State College has a continuous moving picture history record of student and faculty activities at the college.

Among the things that freshmen at Clarkson College of Technology are required to do are: At all times carry matches for Upper Classmen, sit in the front seats of the main floor at all student convocations, not go bare-headed on the streets, wear the official green tie and cap, salute all Sophmores when they meet them on the street, not wear bow-ties or mustaches, use the main walks only, assist in all Junior and Senior class functions, be seen and not heard, and remember at all times that he is the lowest form of "animal" and that he can be cocky with no one except another freshman.

Lawrence Institute of Technology owns a sailplane which is flown at different air shows throughout the country.

In one year the University of Cincinnati had 38,000 columns of news printed about it in newspapers of this country.

A very pleasant place to spend Hallowe'en would be the University of Kentucky archeological museum. Why? Therein are 2,100 Indian Skeletons.

Don't open your eyes too wide, but Harvard University's \$143,000,000 endowment makes it America's richest educational institution. Incidentally, the cost of an education at Harvard has increased 280 percent in the last century.

By the shades of Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck, the mechanic students at N.Y.U. are certainly enjoying their classes lately. Instead of toiling through a heavy lecture, Mickey and Donald cavort about a screen, while the tyros observe the principles and mechanical theories that Walt Disney so deftly employs.

Blitzkrieg--

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"Killer" Dick Barnes is going out for boxing, so they say. I guess his class is paper-weight . . . Some of Pat Arns' Armour friends were over the other day to help her with her homework and look for beautiful but dumb girls. I didn't know we had any at Lewis. (dumb, I mean!) . . . Those red-tipped Marlboroughs that Gordon Walter is smoking certainly are too, too divine! . . . Welcome home Jack Dzierz. I see Myrtle has been well taken care of . . . Say, how about that coke machine that the lunch room was going to put in? I could do with a nice convenient place to wet my whistle. . . . I am told that one of the local glamour boys who was mentioned in this column last week is pretty hot under the collar about it. C'mon fella, it's all in fun . . . And now Happy Birthday to Eileen Robinson and "Vita-Fresh" Knapp who shared last Thursday . . . So now as the little dog said as he bit his tail, "This is the end."

Lovingly yours,
THE SIXTH COLUMNIST

Juicer's Jackpot--

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You'll like my daughter."
COPPER: "I'm sure I will; she's a joule of a girl."
(They arrive at the court-house.)
JUDGE: "What is your full name?"
VOLT: "Benjamin Franklin E.M.F. Volt."
JUDGE: "What is your nationality?"
VOLT: "I am a Pole."
JUDGE: "Are you positive?"
VOLT: "No, gauss again."
JUDGE: "What is your occupation?"
VOLT: "I am a conductor."
JUDGE: "Do you want to die?"
VOLT: "Oh, no, judge. I died once, and I don't want to dynamo."
JUDGE: "What are you charged with?"
VOLT: "Assault and battery."
JUDGE: "Do you promise not to fight again?"
VOLT: "I promise I shunt."
JUDGE: "All right, bailiff, put him in a dry cell; maybe that'll coulomb off a bit."

The Greeks--

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Beta Omega Nu held their first meeting of the year last Wednesday nite. After the necessary tests of fluid capacity, it was decided to pledge Al Garnier and Lou Phillips of the Deltas, Herb Curry and Jim Clark of Triangle, and handsome Burkholz of the Phi Kap house. Alpha Sig and Pi Kaps were not represented and are urged to send thirsty prospects off to the legion on Wednesday, October 15.

The Interfraternity Council met Thursday in Sonny Weissman's office. The football schedule was made up, and there was an open discussion on rushing rules, and also on the matter of the selection of the I.F.T. colors. The majority favored gray and scarlet.

The Phi Kap, Delt football game should be a bloody mess when the finalist in last years tourney tangle and mangle themselves for the sake of a cup now on the Phi Kap fireplace.

Sigma Alpha Mu held a house party last Saturday, Oct. 5th welcoming its new pledges. Those pledges were really feted, now they've got 'em dancing the dishes. Well! Well! We hear Bob Rapport, Eta Chapter, Syracuse is in town managing the Loop Show "Meet the People" at the Grand Opera Theatre. Looks asthough our lucky lads are going to meet the people if Bob does the introducing.

Galloping Poll--

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those who voted for Willkie, most of the reasons given were not to support him, but rather because they disliked the present setup under the New Deal. Of those giving their opinion of Willkie the majority thought he would handle our foreign policy with more success than F. D. R. has done. Then too there were those who claimed a third term "two" too many.

Next Weeks Poll

Be prepared this week, ladies and gentlemen with your opinions on the DRAFT BILL and one of the students will contact you this week. So here's hoping we are able to greet "ye all" with a smile of approval on the coming Tuesday. See you next week.