

Make the Best of It

By Bernard Chertow

Someone once said the world is too much with us. If he meant what I think he did then he probably was right. This phrase is brought to mind by the trouble I had to go through in order to get the column ready for this week. An entire vacation was available during which to prepare some half-way decent stuff (for a change) and I had intended to make a sincere effort to do just that. So on Sunday, Jan. 4, I dug up a neat poem by the beloved Walt Whitman that sounds just like it was written the day after Pearl Harbor, and was going to insert it herein with appropriate comments. To fill in the rest of the column I would have gossiped along or even used some quotes from famous Americans that would fit the occasion, and all in all the column would seem learned and maybe even profound.

Apparently, the fates were against all this, because the first thing that happened after school began was that the jolly editor of this esteemed publication got the feeling that the world was too much with him. The rest is obvious. Tom buttonholed me and said, "If you are going to spout gibberish this week, Bern, try to keep it away from the war and everything." That settled my well-planned hash and all the preparations of yesteryear went to —. I had to agree with Tom because if he is willing to brave the wrath of the entire student body by printing my column, then the least I could do is to stay away from the

DR. GRINTER ANNOUNCES NEW IIT WAR PROGRAM

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tual operation at IIT, many of the students will be faced with the difficult problem of raising the necessary funds to pay the regular four years' tuition during a three year period. In reply to this question, Dr. Grinter says, "Students in financial difficulties will undoubtedly be aided by loans or grants." Henry Heald, president of IIT, and Linton Grinter, vice-president, hope that it will be possible through the aid of federal agencies to provide funds for those students who really need money to pay their tuitions.

Dr. Grinter feels that the new program will have no effect which will lower the standards of IIT's curriculum. All educational values will be retained and the new program is only intended to eliminate wasted time spent during lengthy examination weeks and long vacation periods.

In response to a question as to the possibility of our government establishing an officer's training unit here at IIT, Dr. Grinter referred to a meeting of college presidents in Baltimore last week. At this meeting, the general opinion of the representatives was that it would not be of any use in colleges today.

Instead, it was strongly recommended that engineering students stay in their classes and obtain their degrees. The extreme shortage of engineers in this country makes it essential that every possible engineer be trained for the production of airplanes, tanks, and other defense construction work and we know that IIT will make every possible effort in this direction.

war for at least one week (this is a warning about the following weeks, Tom).

However, I was mildly riled, because that Whitman poem is really so apropos, and I did WORK to dig it up and write it down and memorize it. Besides, I'm left out on a limb; for what shall I discuss? The weather is out, not only because there is nothing we can do about it, but also because the government advises silence. Ah! here's something that really can be joshed: the divine obtuseness displayed by King Carol when he suggests that he come to America to start a free Roumania movement. Ooops, but that's about the war—must not discuss.

I'll just let my mind wander and see what comes. . . . Man, I sure had fun on my birthday. . . . What a gal. . . . Wonder what MacArthur is. . . . uh-uh that's out. . . . Robeson's is a wonderful voice. . . . Boy, did Louis take Baer. . . . What did the poet once say?

Long, too long America,

Traveling roads all even and peaceful you learn'd from joys and prosperity only,

But now, ah now, to learn from crises of anguish, advancing, grappling with direst fate and recoiling not,

And now to conceive and show to the world what your children enmasse really are,

Oh! my God, but that's Walt Whitman's poem and I was supposed to leave that out. See what a wandering mind will do!

(Ed's note: What mind? Schlemiel!)

VAGTBORG ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO ARMOUR RESEARCH FOUNDATION STAFF

Harold Vagtborg, Director of the Armour Research Foundation, at Illinois Institute of Technology announced five new appointees to the research staff and the promotion of a sixth to care for expanded industrial research projects in the midwest. Three of these appointments are in the metallurgy section of the Foundation, and will coordinate work in chemistry and metallurgy under the recently announced \$250,000 expansion program of this section. The other three appointments are in the rapidly growing chemical engineering section.

Late in October, Mr. Vagtborg announced the letting of a contract for the construction and equipping of a new metallurgical research unit to supplement existing facilities for work in this field. This work includes research in dolomites, heat treatment of steels, foundry molding materials, wire alloys and drawing, to mention only a few, for such companies as American Steel Foundries, Inland Steel Company, Wehr Steel Company, Revere Copper & Brass Company, and the Pfanstiehl Chemical Company.

To direct the activities of the metallurgical research section Mr. Vagtborg announced the promotion of Dr. R. G. Spencer, research physicist of the Foundation to the position of Chairman of Metallurgical Research.

Assisting in the metallurgical section will be two new appointees who are: Dr. W. H. Earhart, a graduate of Ohio State university, and George Stern, a graduate of the College of the City of New York and the University of Michi-

IIT COOPERATING WITH J. A. OF C. IN LECTURE PLANS

The Junior Association of Commerce with the cooperation of IIT will begin a series of meetings of great interest to younger executives of the city. The plan is to consist of thirty-two meetings, each of which will be addressed by a guest speaker well-versed on his subject. The main goal is to present to the executives such information as he needs in a position of responsibility. The lecturers will include public speaking, process analysis, time study, organization, budgeting, scheduling, marketing, and industrial and public relations.

This is the third section launched in this plan, two others having been under way for some time, the first directed by B. E. Goetz, and the second by James McClintock. These sections meet on Mondays and Thursdays at the Hotel Sherman, while the one about to begin will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays at the same place.

JOINT ASME AND SAM MEETING FRIDAY, JAN. 16

A joint meeting of the ASME and SAM will take place in Science Hall this coming Friday morning at 10 a. m. Professor Yellot will introduce a gentleman connected with the EDT program. The meeting will deal primarily with a demonstration of the program now in process. Job-instructional training will also be discussed.

Movies which were scheduled to be shown at this joint meeting are not available at present, but they will be shown at a future date.

Cuba Libre! Neckin'! Nite Clubbin'! Peckin'! Not For 'Ol' Hap's' Gal

By D. W. (Happy) Cannon

The following feature story is reprinted from the student journal of the federal prison at Atlanta, Georgia.

(With Apologies to Winchell)

The only time she stays up all night is when she has a toothache. . . . marriage in her opinion is something sacred. . . . If she wasn't true to the guy she cared about she would never sleep. . . . When she sees a girl snubbing others she doesn't consider it being sophisticated, but downright rude. . . . She is familiar with all the latest styles, but cannot afford them.

You never see her sitting in some "joint" drinking and trying to appear interested in a man old enough to be her father. . . . If you see her at six in the morning, she isn't on her way to some hot-spot, she's on her way to mass. . . . She thinks a sweater is something you wear at a football game, not to a night club. . . . When she goes to the theatre, it is to see and hear, not to be seen and heard.

The only Daddy she knows is the one who married her mother. . . . She never did the rumba and her name's never been in a Broadway column. . . . Photogs have never tried to get her picture with her dress to her hips; that would be a waste of time. . . . She doesn't like to be called a "dame". . . . Two highballs are enough for her. . . . She always goes home with the fellow who brought her.

She thinks phony eyelashes look exactly like phony eyelashes. . . . She never bothers people for their autograph. . . . Nobody from the fashion pages ever writes up what she wore at the opening night, and anyway they'd never see her because she sits in the balcony. . . . She smells sweet, not because of any perfume, but because she washes her neck. . . . And here's something: when she says she loves you it comes from the heart, not from a Cuba Libre.

Her vocabulary of cuss words is limited. . . . She reads the best books and understands them, not just an occasional True Story.

No. She's definitely not in the Social Register. . . . She does not like double-talkers, double-crossers, and double Scotches. . . . To her, "going on the wagon" means a hay-ride with the boy friend and the gang. . . . You won't find her father rated in Dun & Bradstreet's, either; in fact, she may not be listed in the phone directory.

Her fingernails never grow to claw-length because they'd get mixed up in the typewriter keys. . . . When someone says "heels", she thinks you mean parts of shoes. . . . She doesn't go slumming on "Second Avenue", she lives there, and, in conclusion, I merely wish to add this: She's alive and waiting for "Old Happy."

FACULTY GIVES TO COMMUNITY FUND

IIT's faculty and employees gave the sum of \$1,001.98 in response to the recent Community Fund drive. Another generous contribution is effected for the Red Cross. This generosity of IIT's staff will really help those in need.

Changes In Rules For Enlisting In Navy Announced

College Sophomores May Enlist In Aviation

Two significant changes in the rules for enlistment in Naval Reserve aviation were announced recently by the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board. Both changes are designed to help cadet selection boards meet the Navy's demand for 2,500 pilot-training recruits per month.

College sophomores, juniors, and seniors may enlist now for pilot training, but may be deferred from active duty until completion of their current college year. A second ruling provides that applicants for pilot training may now receive transportation at the Navy's expense from any recruiting substation to the nearest cadet selection board.

Substations which will provide transportation to the Chicago board are located in Aurora, Rockford, and Rock Island, Ill.; Indianapolis, Lafayette, South Bend, and Kokomo, Ind.; Green Bay, Milwaukee, and Oshkosh, Wis.; Escanaba and Marquette, Mich.; and Cedar Rapids, Davenport, and Dubuque, Iowa. Applicants will be given preliminary examinations at these stations. Other cadet selection boards—also served by numerous recruiting substations—are located in Minneapolis, Kansas City (Mo.), St. Louis, and Detroit.

Under the rule affecting college students, sophomores in accredited colleges may now be enlisted by cadet selection boards provided they have "every reasonable expectation" of completing the 2-year college requirement for naval aviation. If after enlistment they fail to meet the prescribed educational requirement, they will be transferred to another class in the Naval Reserve.

Candidates for pilot training are chosen from applicants between the ages of 20 and 27 who are unmarried and in good health. They must complete two years of college work before beginning the 10-month pilot training program. Upon completion of training, aviation cadets are commissioned as ensigns in the Naval Reserve.

Dr. Hayakawa's Book Scores Hit In Nation

It is of great interest to find that Dr. S. I. Hayakawa of the English department, has made quite an impression in the field of literature. At present about 200,000 copies of his book, "Language in Action", have been sold. The volume has been extensively reviewed in newspapers and magazines throughout the nation, including the New York Times, P. M. and the Chicago Tribune. Samuel Grafton of the New York Post has reviewed it in his nationally syndicated column.

In the Financial Weekly Dr. Hayakawa's book was highly recommended in the "Books for the Business Man" column. The book has been the feature in the Saturday Review of Literature. The manuscript must be really of great value—even the freshmen are said to appreciate it.

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