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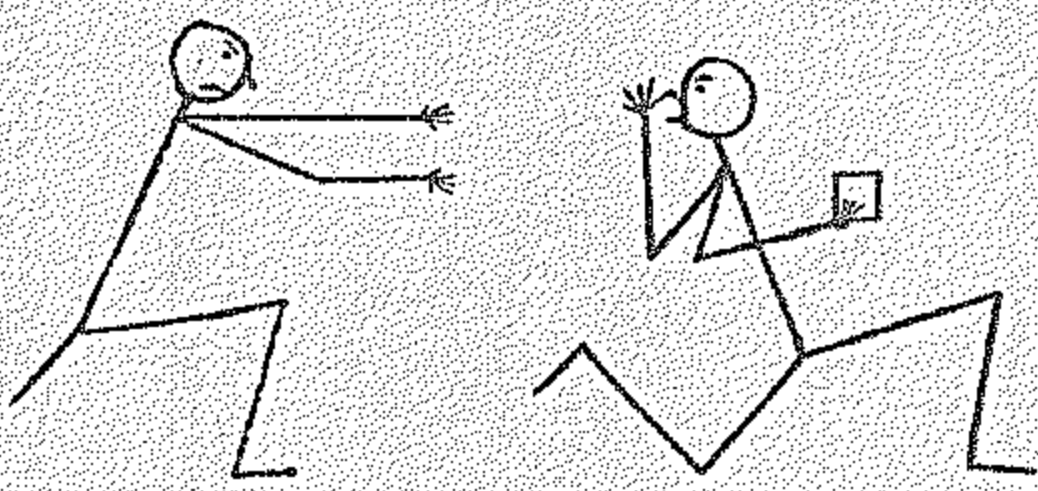
TECHNOLOGY NEWS of October 14, 1941, informed us that machinery had been set in motion to produce the much-needed Lewis Lounge. Since then no one has told us anything. As fatigue is not being rationed, we feel that we are justified in opening old wounds by bringing the subject to your attention.

We made inquiries of the people we felt should know the answers. Bud Carlson, chairman of the student committee, was quite frank to the tune of "Do you know any more jokes?" The other members just didn't know anything about it, and hadn't for three months. The members of the faculty committee were just as uninformed, but very cooperative, having presented the matter despite the chairman's recent lack of action.

Doctor Ruth Cowan Clouse, faculty chairman, was universally vague. She felt that the committee's report, submitted to the administration last year, fulfilled her obligation, and she shifted all responsibility to the administration. We do not hold Dr. Clouse responsible for the delay (the explanation of this will appear in the news columns next week), but only for not having seen to it that the members of her committee and the student committee were kept informed on the situation.

We feel that Dr. Clouse should be especially militant in this matter since card players, smokers, and talkers have nearly crowded eaters out of the cafeteria which is also under her jurisdiction. This, however, does not surprise us since Dr. Clouse has never been over-cooperative with the students, as is evidenced by the following: (1) She only has one office hour per day, 11-12, at which time approximately 35 per cent of the students have class every day. (2) She has to date refused the sororities the use of the sorority apartments and restricted their use of the tea room. (3) Last Wednesday she differed from the rest of the faculty in being very reluctant to allow girls to leave class for year book photographs.

We admire Dr. Clouse as a national leader in the field of home economics, but we don't think much of her as a director of a cafeteria, or as chairman of a committee on student affairs. —WALTER



Letters to the editors

•There are people in America who complain bitterly about the tire shortage, who feel imposed upon when told that their sugar supply will have to be rationed, but the truth is that the average American has not even begun to feel the pinch of war.

•As college students, we study, dance, date and go about our business with very little interruption of our normal peacetime routine.

•As a patriotic gesture which would impress us with the seriousness of war as well as contribute to national defense, why not introduce a plan which we might call "Dating for Defense?" Briefly the plan would consist of making a date, figuring the probable expenses for the evening, then spending the evening at home, and purchasing defense stamps with the difference. The stamps could be split between

two books, one for the fellow and one for the girl. These two started books would serve as an incentive for the purchase of more stamps to fill them up.

•Another beneficial aspect of this plan is the saving it would effect on tires and transportation facilities.

•Of course, it's pleasant to dress up and go out frequently, but, if not every time, an occasional "Defense Date" would not be asking too much of the average fellow or girl. Consider the potentialities of the plan. Some of the really popular girls could probably salt away a bond or two every week and the Casanovas among the fellows could probably do almost as well. Again, the type of entertainment found on a parlor couch is often better than that costing a great deal more in a movie or night club.

—Seymour Zweigron.

Schommer's advice to students in draft . . .

This open letter from John J. Schommer, head of the placement department of IIT, gives specific advice to all students of engineering, chemistry, physics and medicine. The letter should be of importance to all students who hope to obtain deferment on the basis of studies. To the students of IIT:

•The placement office has been besieged for many past months by our lads in college regarding information of what to do regarding the selective draft. In order to avoid future confusion and future endless questioning, let me quote the procedure.

•When you receive your questionnaire:

1. Council with your dean or his representative.

2. Fill out the questionnaire and return it to your local board.

3. Have the dean or his representative write to the local board that class II-A is warranted and request from them 42-A. This is then executed by the dean or his representative and returned to your local board.

4. If the local board places student registrant in class I-A, student should take notice of classification (Form 57) to the dean or his representative or any other officer of Illinois Institute of Technology who may appeal to the board of appeals from class I-A to class II-A.

•When class II-A expires, or for any reason the case is reopened, refer to the dean, his representative or any other officer who may:

1. Review claim for deferment.
2. If the notice of classification (form 57) is received, report that to the dean or any other officer of the college who may appeal to the board of appeals from class I-A to II-A.

•Three basic facts must be kept in mind concerning operation or interpretation of the selective service

laws as passed by Congress. Here they are as told by Brig. General Lewis B. Hershey, national director of the selective service:

1. "No group or class exemption, or deferment, can be made in addition to those exemptions specifically stated in the Act."

2. "A deferment because of occupation can be granted only to an individual by his own local board and all deferments are provisional, subject to withdrawal and given only to serve the National interest—not the registrant's interest."

3. "Three things must be proven by an individual seeking deferment by his local board: (a) That the particular business, industry, or profession in which he is engaged is necessary in the War Production Program or for national health, safety or interest; (b) that the work he, personally, is doing is essential to its functioning, and (c) that there is no supply from which a replacement can be secured."

•"A particular fact to keep in mind when interpreting any memorandum concerning deferments issued by National Selective Service Headquarters, or any announcements by other agencies, group spokesmen, or individuals is that neither the Director nor anyone else in the Selective Service System, except a local board, can grant deferment even to an individual and that no group or class exemptions can be made except by Congress."

•The only exemptions of groups or classes of registrants, General Hershey pointed out, are specifically provided in the Selective Training and Service Act and apply to certain members of the Diplomatic

Corps and certain of their alien attaches and employees, and ministers and theological students of established religions.

•"Any other registrant seeking deferment from military service," he asserted, "must apply for it through his local board. Also no deferment because of occupation can be made for longer than six months, when it must be reviewed, and each local board is charged with the duty of keeping constant scrutiny of each registrant it has deferred, and of reclassifying him at any time the reason for his deferment ceases to exist."

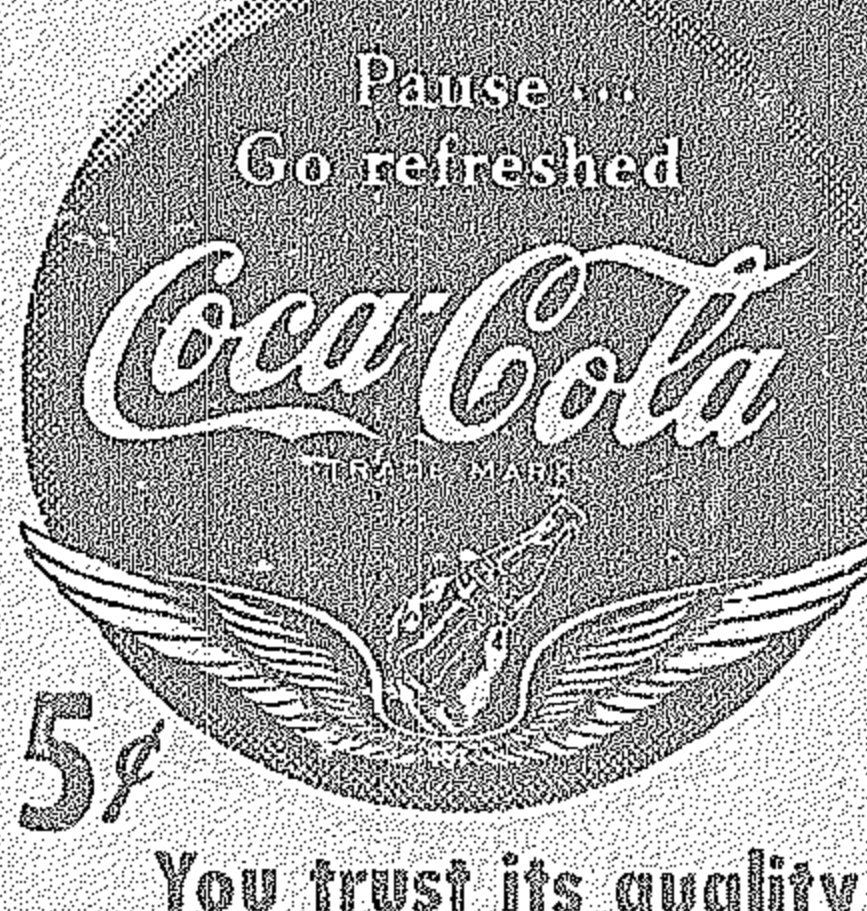
•Your local board is composed of volunteers. These men work three and four nights a week and on Sundays, without any compensation whatsoever. Don't make their job more difficult than necessary! Act like college gentlemen, and don't tell the members of the board what a power you are in the community and that you will bring pressure of political influence on them if you are not deferred. It is always better to have your dad, mother or relatives at home, unless their presence is requested by the board. Keep your board informed of your progress.

•Your case will receive every consideration if you are pursuing a course in which you are a candidate for a degree in engineering, chemistry, medicine, or any other profession that is important to the national defense. Furthermore, the better students will receive more consideration from the boards than the less studious, or those on probation.

John J. Schommer

Dean J. C. Peebles announced recently that IIT's freshman scholarship examinations will be held on Saturday, April 18, an earlier date than has been customary.

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