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More improvements grace the Armour campus as spring comes closer.

LETTER FROM JOHN SCHOMMER

•Students and any of our alumni that were turned away when applying for the chance to become a candidate for the Marine corps officers commission class because Illinois Institute of Technology was not on their accredited list may now go back to the recruiting stations without again being embarrassed. We now are on their accredited list. Our not being listed was a mistake that is now rectified. See the letter posted on the bulletin board.

•Applications are in the placement office for Marine corps officers' commissions.

•Please remember that my advice to you students relative to service to your country is not actuated by anything but the desire to see you placed where your training in college will best serve your country in the present emergency.

•If your urge prompts you to join the fighting forces, do so. **But first get your sheep skin.** Then try for an officers commission or try to put your services to work in a defense industries. Equipment for fighting is the essential need now and will be for several years.

•When a defense industry hires you, have it inform your local draft board to that effect three or four days before you graduate, and have

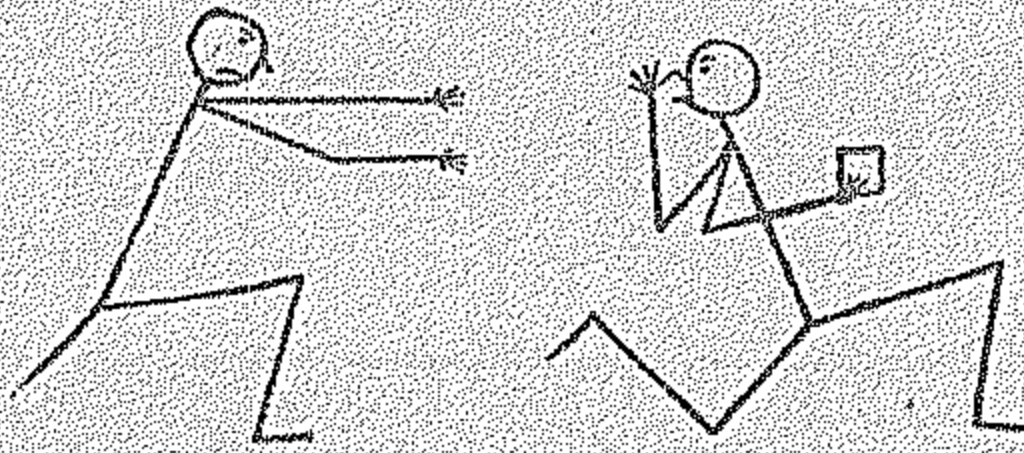
your employer request a form 42-A in your behalf at the same time. This form should then be immediately answered and sent to your local draft board requesting your deferment. If after that you are placed in class 1-A, your employer must appeal your case for reclassification to 2-B. When your employer sends in the appeal to the appeal board, mail me a copy and I'll be on the lookout for your interests.

(signed)  
 John J. Schommer

INDUSTRY BESIEGES GRADS WITH OFFERS

•Increasingly popular with private industry and with the army, Illinois Tech seniors are besieged with offers of employment.

•Lieutenant V. L. Schroven of Rochester, N. Y. interviewed seniors here recently for the United States Army. He addressed the entire senior mechanical group required to go to school this summer. The Placement Office will be extremely active in helping them find employment. However, Mrs. Carroll will not accept any applications for summer employment until it is known when the coming semester will start.



To the managing board of TECHNOLOGY NEWS:

•The lounge committee has followed with extreme interest the editorials, letters and news stories in TECHNOLOGY NEWS concerning the proposed student lounge on the west campus. We wish to thank TECHNOLOGY NEWS for presenting the case to the entire school.

•The committee has been inactive since before Christmas because we believed that, since the place had been selected (the second floor lobby) and Mr. Mell of the architecture department was instructed to draw up the plans, no further action was necessary.

•After several conferences with Mr. Mell, the committee sent him a letter expressing their views on his proposals. Since that time we have heard nothing except from outside sources and rumor. We learned that Dr. Clouse, in her capacity as chairman of the faculty advisory committee for the lounge, had submitted a report concerning the matter. The student committee never saw the report nor did we hear what action was taken upon it. We were informed indirectly that the report recommended that the second floor be entirely remodeled. Mr. Parduhn said that such a job as proposed would cost four to five times as much as the finished lounge would cost!

•We do not know why the faculty committee submitted such plans or what effect it has had on administrative action on the lounge. We do know that no action has been taken toward the actual construction of the lounge.

STUDENT LOUNGE COMMITTEE  
 by Bud Carlson, Chairman

TARDINESS ALIBI GETS THE BELL

•In the past few weeks numerous students on the Lewis campus came late to class not through fault of their own doing but rather by the inconsistencies of the device that timed the ringings of the class bells. Dr. M. Alden Countryman, assistant professor of physics, decided that it was getting to be an annoying and needless situation and felt that it was within his ability to correct this undesirable situation.

•Enlisting the aid of Mr. Emil Richter, instrument maker, Dr. Countryman designed a completely new unit and built an automatic time clock in keeping with the needs of the school. The type of design of the clock enhances several features that lends to accuracy and the dependability of movement and the signals to be transmitted. It consists mainly of a large drum and fourteen smaller drums all of which are equipped with switches and are geared and synchronized in such a manner that they will each ring the two passing signals needed for each class. This automatic device which was installed in Room 437 on March 7 is of such design and construction that the shortcomings that were present in the old unit are virtually eliminated.

Howls from the populace . . . .

Dear Editor:

•Recently in your column "Letters to the Editors," I read a letter to the editor from Seymour Zweigoron. In this article, the students were advised to purchase defense stamps and bonds with their recreation money.

•Advising the students to buy defense bonds is a fine thing, but isn't that the job of our elders? Few of us have little more income than is needed for necessities. It's our job first as engineers to make the defense program a success. **Our one and only job right now is to study!** By depriving ourselves of an occasional movie, we hurt ourselves more than we aid the national defense effort. What little recreation we have time for is certainly due to us.

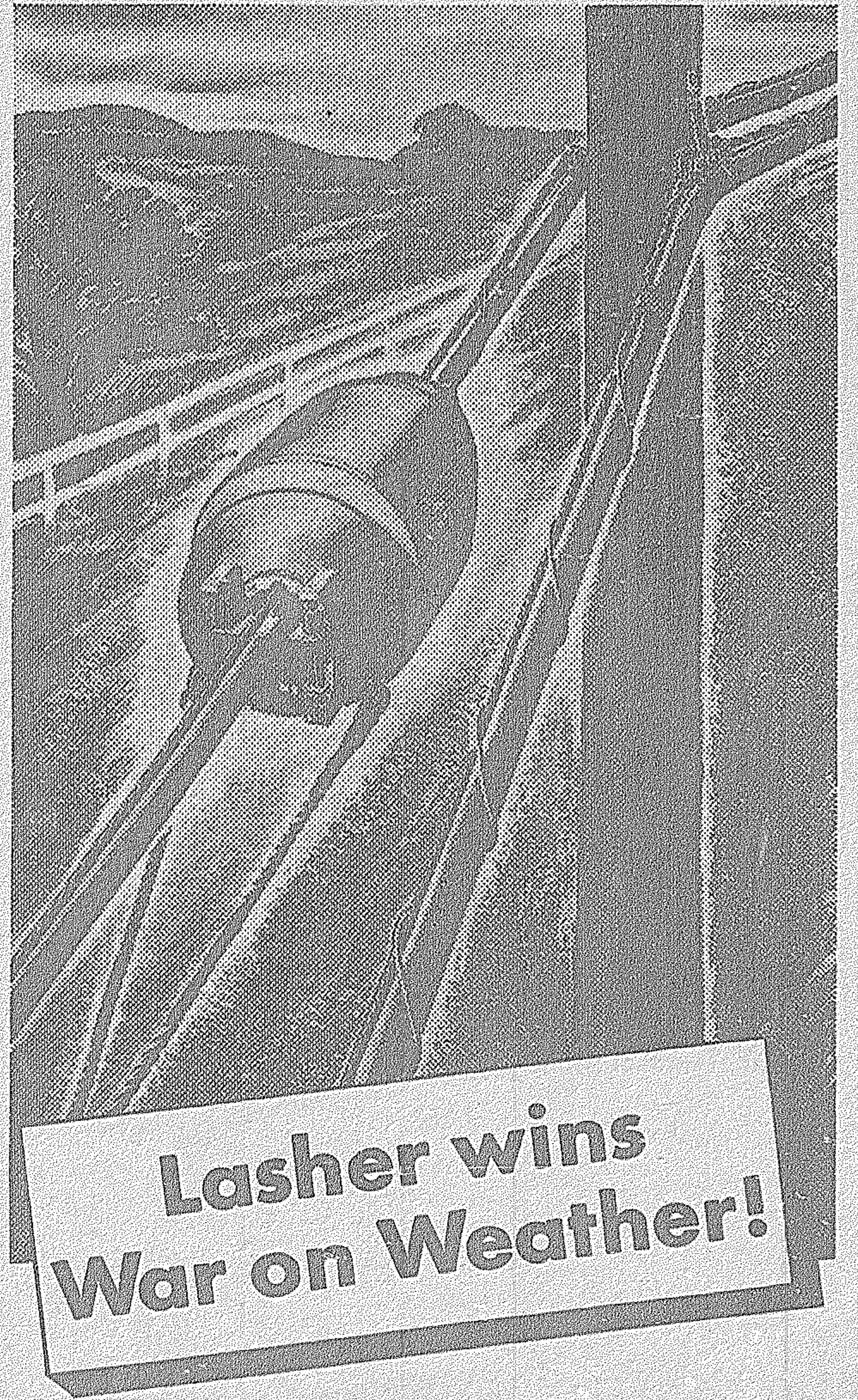
•The sacrifice we are called upon for is to stop wasting time as individuals and to dig into those books.

Indeed, that is a task far smaller than that being made today by other college men in the south Pacific.

•Our complacency today is not in the purchase of defense bonds (although this helps) or in the attitude with which we visualize our fellows dying, but rather in our reluctance to study. The war has caused more horseplay here at IIT and less studying. Let's cut out the talk and do our job.

•We are not alone in our situation. High schools and colleges all over the country are having trouble with juniors and seniors who won't study and are going slap-happy with big ideas of duty and patriotism. The situation as I see it is this . . . IF YOU ARE GOING TO FIGHT . . . FIGHT! BUT IF YOU ARE GOING TO STUDY . . . STUDY!

Stephen Mark.



Lasher wins War on Weather!

For years, telephone cable has been hung by stiff wire rings from its supporting strand. But repeated expansion and contraction caused by temperature changes sometimes proved too much for even the best cable sheath. Fatigue cracks developed near the poles—this meant leaks—possible service interruptions—expensive repairs.

Recently, men of the Bell System developed a machine that lashes the cable and strand together in such a way that the concentration of strains near the poles is minimized. The Cable Lasher has also proved a great aid in the speedy installation of some of the new cables needed for airfields, camps, bases and war factories.

There are many opportunities in the Bell System for men with the urge—and the ability—to do a job better than it has ever been done before.

